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# PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT



## Rules

1. Solve the limerick clues
2. Visit each location indicated in the clues
3. Snap a photo (have some fun with it, best photo wins!)
4. Submit photos via QR code or at [cortlandhistory.org/events/](https://cortlandhistory.org/events/)



TWO LADIES OUT OF SIGHT,  
ONE AN ARTIST, ONE, A WIFE OF AN ASTRONOMER,  
BOTH SEEN ON A WALL,  
BOTH ATTENDING SCHOOL AT THE BEACON ON A HILL.

IN BICENTENNIAL CHEER THEY REVEALED,  
A BRONZE BIT OF LOCAL APPEAL  
BY TOWN HALL IT STAYS,  
RECALLING KINGMAN DAYS  
WHERE A METHODIST SITE WAS FORMALLY SEALED

THE COMMUNITY HOPED TO BE THE COUNTY SEAT  
BUT SUCH AN IDEA WENT DOWN IN DEFEAT.  
A TALL BUILDING WAS RAISED WAY UP HIGH  
WITH TWELVE CHIMNEYS TOUCHING THE SKY  
ATTACHED TO A FURNACE TO GIVE THE PLACE HEAT

FROM PULPIT TO LETTERS TO CLASS,  
THROUGH DECADES ITS FUNCTIONS WOULD PASS.  
NOW BY LOVELL FIELD'S GREEN,  
IT KEEPS LOCAL PAST SEEN,  
AS A MUSEUM WHERE MEMORIES AMASS.

KNOWN FOR ENTERTAINING CHILDREN  
HE TOO WAS A WWII SERVICEMAN  
HIS EPITAPH READS:  
DOESN'T KNOW IF HE'S  
GOING UP OR DOWN  
ONLY KNOWS HE HAS TO LEAVE TOWN



**Submit PHOTOS HERE!**



**MORE CLUES ON BACK**





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**Need help deciphering a clue?**

**Consider reaching out to your local historian for help!**

A list of Cortland County Historians is available at [cortlandhistory.org/historians/](http://cortlandhistory.org/historians/)

## SOLVE - EXPLORE - SNAP!

THERE'S A STONE ON A HILL QUITE RENOWNED,  
WHERE RED DRAGONS GATHER AROUND,  
THIRD-YEAR STUDENTS HELD DEAR  
THIS TRADITION EACH YEAR—  
THIS LANDMARK WHERE STUDENT MEMORIES ABOUND

IN THE OLD, FIRST PUBLIC CEMETERY  
WHERE SILENCE PREVAILS  
SOME VANDALS CAME  
WITH MISCHIEVOUS GOALS  
THEY SHOT THE STONES  
AND LEFT THEIR HOLES

THIS TOWN BEARS A COMMODORE'S FAME,  
THE VILLAGE ALSO DULY NAMED.  
THE SCHOOL RANG WITH CHEER,  
NOW MAIL MOVES THROUGH HERE  
AND TOWN MEETINGS ARE PART OF ITS CLAIM.



THE BRAVES SHOT NO ARROWS HERE  
BUT BATTLES WAGED, AND SOME DID JEER.  
A DIAMOND SYMBOL MARKED THE GROUND,  
AND GRIGGS WAS KNOWN TO SCOUT AROUND  
AS SOME RAN FOR HOME AS FAST AS DEER.

\* IN 1931 THEIR DRILLS FOUND SALT, NOT GAS.  
BUT THEY DID NOT LET THE OPPORTUNITY PASS.  
THEY USED WATER TO CREATE A CAVE.  
FOR PROPANE WHICH THEY WOULD SAVE.  
AND THE PROPANE THAT THEY STORE  
KEEPS THE THE TRAIN ROLLING BACK FOR MORE.

\* Please take your photo from the road  
and remember not to trespass on  
private property.

