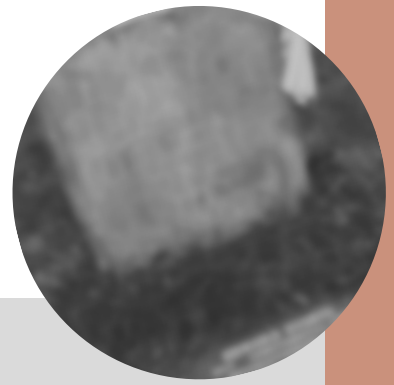




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A CHALLENGE BY THE
CORTLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Rules

1. Solve the 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/
5. Entries due by 11:59pm on **October 31st**



IN OUR HAMLET GREEN STANDS A SENTINEL STONE,
WHERE PATRIOTS AND PIONEERS ARE KNOWN:
WITH A ROMAN'S NAME'S CARE,
THEIR BRAVE MEMORIES REST THERE—
SEEK OUT THE PLACE WHERE THEIR LEGACY IS SHOWN.

BELOW A "SIDEWALK" OF FLATTENED STONES
RESTS MANY AN EARLY PIONEER'S BONES
REINTERRED FROM BEHIND THE GREEN
UP IN A GROWN-OVER CORNER RARELY SEEN

A HESSIAN WAS I WHEN I STARTED,
A PATRIOT 'ERE I DEPARTED.
I LIVED OUT MY DAYS
(A MARKER RELAYS)
AT OWEGO AND BABCOCK, FULL-HEARTED.

FOR THE REVOLUTION HE GAVE A HAND,
AND IN EXCHANGE WAS GIVEN SOME LAND.
NEAR CHICKEN POINT WAS HIS HOME.
AND IN HARFORD CEMETERY HE WAS BURIED IN THE LOAM.
A MARKER COMMEMORATING THIS FIGHTER IS THERE
AND HIS TOMBSTONE, STILL LEGIBLE, DOES STAND.



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/

SOLVE - EXPLORE - SNAP!

THERE ONCE WAS A REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERAN
NAMED LAWRENCE WHITE.
HE PUT UP A COURAGEOUS FIGHT
TRUTH BE TOLD
OUR VETERAN WAS BOLD
HIS WAR BANNER NOW FLIES IN THE NIGHT

A DOCTOR WHO MARCHED WITH THE BRAVE,
THEN NORTH BY CANOE HE CAME,
NOW MARATHON'S EARTH
HOLDS THE MAN OF SUCH WORTH—
SEEK HIS NAME ON A STONE BY HIS GRAVE.

BRITS HELD A MAN CAPTIVE FOR THREE LONG YEARS,
BUT HIS SON TOOK LOT 11 IN THE TRACT.
THEN A DETECTIVE GRANDSON ALLAYED LINCOLN'S FEARS:
A MARKER NEAR A CEMETERY SAYS IT'S A FACT,
WHERE PATRIOT ALVORD BUILT HIS HOME.
THE MARKER IN QUESTION IS NOT ALONE.



AT BUNKER HILL THIS VETERAN DID FARE,
A HORN MARKED "NB" SITS PRESERVED
IN THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S CARE.
BUT I'M NOT ASKING THAT—
I WANT STONE, CARVED AND FLAT,
WHERE BLODGETT NOW TAKES HIS LAST REST.

POLLARD AND TURCK LIE IN STATE,
WITH HOPKINS, AND PARKER THEIR MATE,
AND KINGSBURY TOO,
OF THE REVOLUTION'S CREW—
A FOUNDATION'S PLAQUE MARKS THEIR FATE.

