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The Clinton County Historical Association Awarded Grant Funding for Research and Interpretation of Cliff Haven's 20th Century Catholic Summer School of America

(APRIL 4, 2013) **Plattsburgh, New York** - The Board of Trustees and Staff of the Clinton County Historical Association are pleased to announce the awarding of a \$5,000 grant from the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership. The Clinton County Historical Association will use these funds to support the creation of a digital exhibit that will highlight the history of the Catholic Summer School's presence in Cliff Haven, NY throughout the early twentieth century.

CCHA will partner with Roger Black, a local researcher of the Catholic Summer Schools of America (CSSA), to create a digital exhibit in order to provide a historic interpretation of the CSSA in Cliff Haven, NY. CCHA houses a large collection of photos taken during the Catholic Summer Schools residence in Cliff Haven, NY from throughout the early 20th century.

Melissa Peck, Director / Curator remarks, "The exhibit will treat the public to a touchscreen display, guiding the viewer through the exhibit. It will be interactive and engaging for the audience, and will allow for the display of the large number of images that CCHA houses. This exhibit will not only serve the public but will also be used as a platform for new research."

This research and interpretation will culminate with an exhibit focused on the history of the Catholic Summer School of America. The exhibit will be digitally formatted with an interactive design application. Touchscreen technology will engage visitors, to the museum in a novel way, encouraging participants to interpret the exhibit in a non-traditional format. The exhibit is scheduled to open in the winter of 2013.

This project is funded by an agreement awarded by the United States National Parks Service (NPS) to the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission in partnership with the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership. NEIWPCC manages CVNHP's personnel, contract, grant, and budget tasks and provides input on the program's activities. The viewpoints expressed here do not necessarily represent those of the NEIWPCC, CVNHP, LCBP, or NPS, nor does mention trade names, commercial products, or causes constitute endorsement or recommendation for use.

The Clinton County Historical Association is dedicated to collecting and preserving historical material pertaining to the history of Clinton County and to interpret and celebrate through

exhibits and programs, the county's rich history. CCHA is located at 98 Ohio Avenue on the Old Base in Plattsburgh, New York and is open to the public Wednesday through Saturday, 10 am – 3 pm. For more information please visit www.clintoncountyhistorical.org or find out the latest about CCHA on Facebook.

