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**The Clinton County Historical Association Announces New Touchscreen Exhibit,  
“Summer Sojourns: A History of the Catholic Summer School in Cliff Haven, NY”  
Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.**

**Plattsburgh** – Join the Clinton County Historical Association as we celebrate the opening of the Museum’s first ever touchscreen exhibit, “Summer Sojourns: A History of the Catholic Summer School in Cliff Haven, NY,” on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Museum.

The Catholic Summer School of America was both a vacation and religious destination for Catholics throughout New England during the early to mid-twentieth century. Establishing a permanent home on the shores of Cliff Haven in 1896, during its hey-day, the School had over 14 camps and accommodated more than 1,500 people during their busiest summer seasons. Weekly lectures by renowned papal authorities and university instructors drew in an even wider daily audience with figures up to 5,000 attendees per session. Ending in 1941, when the School was fully developed, it boasted its own railroad and trolley stations, a dock large enough to accommodate steamers, a golf course, a post office, and much more, making the School a Town within itself.

This unique history is represented in the many photographs and hours of research devoted to the new exhibit at the Museum. The touchscreen display allows for a unique presentation of this history, encouraging novel forms of learning and visitor engagement.

On opening day, visitors to the Museum can enjoy free admission, in addition to a 12:00 p.m. presentation and exhibit walkthrough with Exhibit Designer and Co-Curator, Roger Black.

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