

# July 2011

**Upcoming Breakfasts:**  
**August 14th**  
**September 4th**



## Bottle Drive 2011

Once again, the FHCC is having a summer bottle drive. This year proceeds from the bottle drive will help pay for our "new" kitchen.

Bring your deposit cans & bottles to the Center and leave them in the back. Hopefully it will be as successful as last year! Thank you!



## Sweatshirt & TShirt Sale

The FHCC is selling T-Shirts and sweatshirts with the FHCC logo. This year's sweatshirts are pull-over "hoodies". Sweatshirts are \$30-\$35 depending on size. T-shirts are \$10.

Buy them at our breakfasts! Help support the FHCC. Thank you!

## Our New Kitchen

This year, the FHCC is updating its kitchen. A new vent hood and fan have been installed which will cut down on the amount of grease deposited on the walls after a busy breakfast! We also sold our old rusty stove and replaced it with a stainless steel 6 burner stove and an almost new stainless steel 24 inch griddle.



Our old paneled walls have been replaced with fire proof sheet rock, making it a safer kitchen. Paraco gas company hooked up all our "new" appliances this past week.

This is a BIG project, so ALL the profits from our many summer events will go toward the financing of the kitchen. If you would like to donate toward our kitchen fund with money and/or deposit bottles, we would greatly appreciate it!

## Rummage Sale

This year's rummage sale was a success!

There was some concern because donations were slightly less than in past years (perhaps due to the economy).

When Friday, July 8th arrived, the FHCC volunteers had organized all the donations. Clothing was folded, electronics were all in one tent, the Book Nook was filled with boxes of paperbacks, hard covers, CD's and DVD's.

The community, as in years past, gathered at the end of our driveway and rushed in to find one of a kind treasures.

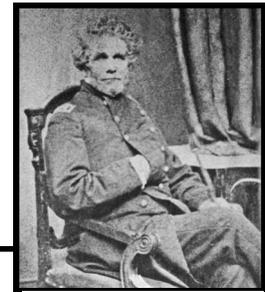
Thanks to the support of all our contributors and buyers, the FHCC was able to raise almost as much money as last year, despite the economy! **THANK YOU!**





# Civil War 1861-1865

This year, our country is remembering the Civil War which began 150 years ago. In 1861, Fish House was a thriving village with many citizens who enlisted on the Union side. The Echoes, this summer, will feature articles about these citizens from Fish House.



Dr. Langdon I. Marvin

## Dr. Langdon Ithiel Marvin 1805-1869

Dr. Marvin came to Fish House with his father, David, when he was just a boy. His father was one of the first settlers of Fish House and also a Revolutionary War veteran. Dr. Marvin studied medicine under Dr. J.A. Mitchell of Northville. Dr. Marvin was the 2nd doctor to practice in Fish House. (The first was Dr. Alvah Wood.)



Marvin House before 1929

The Marvin house, a small cape cod style house, was built in 1815. It was located on the Dyke Road (the road to the covered bridge) (Supposedly on the site where Sir William Johnson had his fish house.). In 1929, the house was moved to a site West on Rte. 110. It fell into disrepair so the fire department burned it in 1996. The historical marker for this house is on Route 110.

During the Civil War, Dr. Marvin was a surgeon in Company F. of the 97th NY Volunteers. He mustered out in 1862 at the age of 57. While on his way to headquarters, somewhere in Virginia, Dr. Marvin came across an abandoned black child sitting on an ash heap. Marvin gave him the name of Ashton (Hodge) and brought him home to Fish House, where he lived and worked for the Marvin family until his death in 1925, at the age of 62. Ashton became the manager of the large Marvin/Sinclair estate. He is buried in the Marvin lot of the Northampton Cemetery.

When Dr. Marvin was 23, (1828) he married Laura Fuller Beecher. They had ten children, (only four of whom made it to adulthood). Two sons, John and Philemon, also served in the Civil War. Philemon is buried in the Northampton Cemetery.

Upon Dr. Marvin's death, he was remembered (in The Gloversville Intelligencer newspaper) as "highly respected by all who knew him and his presence and wise counsel will be missed by the community in which he lived."

Not only was Dr. Marvin connected to the Fullers and Beechers by marriage, but his daughter, Lucy, married Frank Sinclair, a very prominent businessman. The Sinclair brick home, built by Dr. Marvin and given to Lucy, was one of the largest in the village.



## Historical House & Garden Tour 2012

Next year, Fish House, will be 250 years old! In honor of this anniversary, the FHCC

will hold its second Historical House and Garden Tour.

If you have any photos and/or artifacts from Fish House, please contact me, Joanne Blaauboer at 518-424-9025 or email me at this address:

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If you would like to participate as a garden or an historical house, also please contact me. Thank you!

## Fish House History

Fish House, since 1762, was known as Northampton. In 1961, it became known officially as Fish House, in honor of Sir William Johnson who built his camp here.

Last year I became deputy historian of Northampton. My job is to research Fish House.

I have started a new website that includes photos and history of our wonderful little hamlet. Check it out:



[www.northamptonnyhistory.com](http://www.northamptonnyhistory.com)

Joanne Blaauboer