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Clinton House State Historical Site
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Main Street & North White Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12062

Hours: The *Clinton House* is open by appointment only Tuesday-Friday 10AM-3PM, the *Library* is open by appointment only (Closed on holidays)

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Historical Description:

The vernacular stone house, now known as the Clinton House, was built in 1765. The foundations of the house are two feet thick and the walls are rough fieldstone with gabled ends made of wood. The house acted as a center of activity from 1777-1783, during which time Poughkeepsie acted as the state capital of New York. In 1783 a fire broke out and General George Washington ordered carpenters to rebuild this structure. At that time, the present stairway was constructed and the house was also enlarged. The house was later named in honor of George Clinton, the first governor of New York State who lived in Poughkeepsie for twenty-one years.

The Site:

The Clinton House is now the site of archives and a library available for local history research. The library is open by appointment only. There is an \$8 fee to use the library. The site also offers a gift shop and brochures.

Directions:

From US Route 9: Take Route 44/55 east (arterial) to South White Street. Turn left onto South White. Proceed one block to Main Street. Site is on the corner of Main Street and North White Street. Parking is available in the rear, off North White Street.

Taconic Parkway: Take Route 44 or Route 55 west to Poughkeepsie. Stay on Route 44/55 west (arterial). Turn left onto North White Street. Site is on the corner of Main Street and North White. Parking is available in the rear, off North White Street.