

HISTORY CORNER

TRAMP AND TRAIL CLUB AT ORISKANY MONUMENT



Half a dozen members of the Tramp and Trail Club went to the Oriskany Monument on the afternoon of September 18, 1921.

They listened to a very interesting and informative account of how General Herkimer and his neighbors from the Mohawk Valley met and defeated the British invaders and Indians on August 6, 1777 during the Battle of Oriskany. This was one of the bloodiest battles of the American Revolutionary War, in which Herkimer was mortally wounded. The Oriskany Battlefield monument was built in 1884. At the monument, they studied the inscriptions to find the name of Miss Meta Schachtel's ancestor who fought in the battle. Miss Schachtel is one of the original members of the club. After the presentation the party tramped over much of the ground on which the battle is said to have been fought, and then returned to Oriskany where they took cars for home.

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