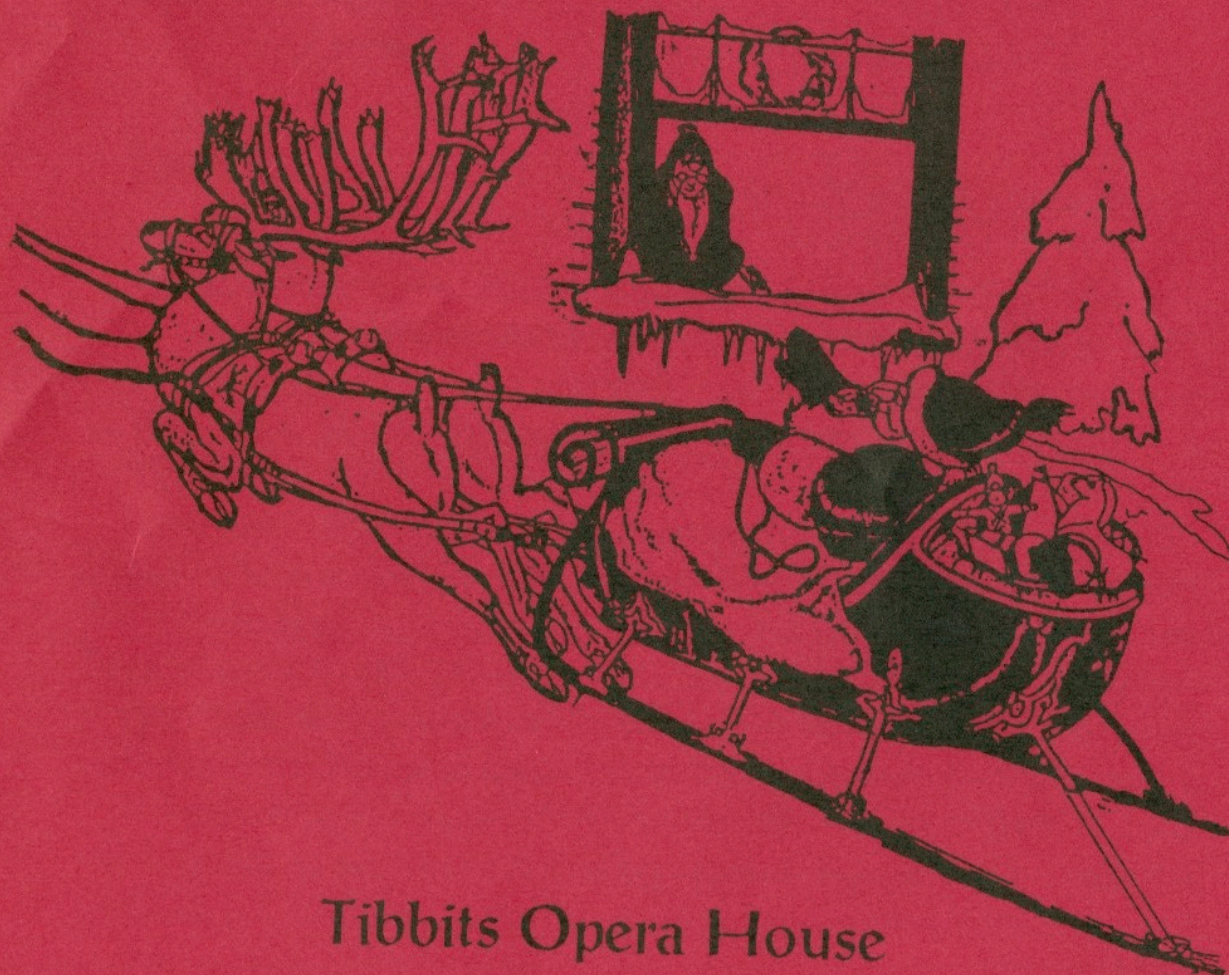


Branch County Community Theatre
Presents

"TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS"

By Lowell Swortzell

The Story of Clement Clarke Moore's Poem



Tibbits Opera House

December 12, 13, 14, 2002

Place: The Moore Homestead, Manhattan, New York

Time: Late Christmas Eve, 1892
And early the next morning

Cast

Clement Clarke Moore.....Allen Cockrell
Margaret Moore.....Kelsey Palchak
Charity Moore.....Katie Hicks
Benjamin Moore.....Sterling Sobeske
Harriet Butler.....Kellie Hicks
Alice Moore.....Kimberlyn Palchak
Voice.....Mitch Rice

Notes on the Moore Family

The Moore family lived on an estate located three miles from City Hall on a tract of land that had been in the family for several generations. Moore was thirty-four when he married a beautiful English girl of nineteen. Over the next ten years, she gave birth to six daughters and three sons. Moore wrote *A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS* for the entertainment of his own children and never intended the poem to be published. A visiting cousin sent a copy to her local newspaper in Troy, New York, where it was printed anonymously on December 23, 1823. Not until 1844 when Moore published his collection of poetry did the poem appear under his name. Countless editions and translations have followed ever since including several illustrated by the major artist, Arthur Rackam. After his wife's death, Moore retired from teaching and lived in virtual solitude in Newport, Rhode Island until his death in 1863.

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Production Staff

Director.....William J. Butdorf
Producer/Stage Manager.....Irene Grimes-Butdorf
Costumer.....Diane Epps & Patti Kavalas
Lights.....Susan Merrill
Props.....Therese Provot & Melanie Sobeske
Program.....Nancy Mahle
Tickets.....Carolyn Stewert
Stage Crew.....Phillip Rice

House Managers/Box Office.....
J. Richard & Jennifer Colbeck
Kay Riegel, Erland Gleason

Ushers.....

Carl Rifenburg, Vickie Legg, Joan Spaulding,
Marisue Taylor, Laurie & Michael Rowe, Kenny Morris,
Carolyn Stewert, Tom & Diane Harmon

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May 8, 9, 10, 2003 "Guys and Dolls"

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