





Clara Barton House

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The Clara Barton House and its surrounding 9-acre landscape are the former home of Clara Barton, an American teacher, nurse, and philanthropist known for her work on the Civil War battlefields, for founding the Office of Correspondence with the Friends of the Missing Men after the Civil War, and for the founding of the American Red Cross.

The Clara Barton House was constructed by Barton and her associate and long-time companion Dr. Julian B. Hubbell in 1891 on the grounds of Chautauqua Park at Glen Echo, Maryland. The large frame construction of the building resembles two Red Cross hotels that had been constructed in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, used to house the victims of the 1889 Johnstown flood, and may have incorporated some of the lumber from the disassembled hotels. The structure was constructed as the residence of Barton and Hubbell. It functioned primarily as a Red Cross warehouse from 1891 to 1897. From 1897 to 1904 the structure served as the national headquarters of the American Red Cross, of which she was president and Dr. Hubbell was Chief Field Agent.

The structure was remodeled by Clara Barton in 1897 as her country home, where she lived with Hubbell, until her death in 1912 at the age of 91. Dr. Hubbell occupied the house until his death in 1929, except during a period from 1920-1925. Other than the house, no associated buildings and few if any landscape features of the Barton homestead remain extant....

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SERVICES PERFORMED

Historic Finishes Investigation Investigation, Testing & Analysis Microscopy & Material ID

PROJECT DETAILS

Architect

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