



Clinton County Historical Society

Museum & Archives



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CCHS Annual Meeting

Meet the Volunteers

Mary Donald

Mary Donald was born and raised in St. Johns, a 1980 graduate, and retired from SJHS after 42 years of service.

Mary and her husband Pete have two adult children and 3 grandchildren that keep them very busy.

They enjoy spending time with family and friends, camping, sporting events, and visiting the Upper Peninsula any chance they get. They recently attended the 50th Edmund Fitzgerald memorial service at Whitefish Point.

They are both active in their church, assist the American Legion with the Mt. Rest flag display, and are members of the St. Johns High School car show committee.

Mary helps with scanning yearbooks for the Archives and is a member of the CCHS Executive Board.



The CCHS Annual Meeting potluck luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 10th at the DeWitt Community Center at 16101 Brook Road, Lansing, from noon to 2.

The meeting will feature a RBW High School graduates panel discussion and an update on the Wilson Center renovation by Chad Gamble.

There will also be games, prizes, updates, and election of board members. Lynne Gregory, Gayla Phillips, and Jim Parr are running for reelection to the board.

Table service, beverages, and cake will be provided. In order to help us plan, we'd appreciate an RSVP by December 3rd to petersj@msu.edu or text to 989-501-0599.

Christmas at the Museum

Enjoy an old-fashioned Victorian Christmas at the Clinton County Historical Museum.

The museum will be open during the season on Saturdays 12/6, and 12/13 from 10-2 and on Wednesdays 12/3, 12/10, and 12/17 from 2-5.

Please plan to join us during this special time of year at the museum and make it part of your holiday tradition.



Reunion Memories?

The editors of *Clinton Co. Trails* are looking for reunion memories of Clinton County families. Did your family meet in a special place? Did family musicians entertain? Did your long-lost uncle show up? Was there a favorite food? Does your family still have them?

Please submit your story to cchsmichigan.org.

New Website

We recently launched cchsmichigan.org as our new website. Check this site regularly for all the latest information. A big thank you goes to Jim Parr for creating our new site. The old CCHS website will continue to be used by the archives.



ACQUISITIONS FOR OCTOBER 2025

Meeting: Nov. 12, 2025

ABSTRACTS:

--Block 9, Lot 10, 105 N. Oakland St., St. Johns

COMPACT DISCS:

--001: St. Johns Schools 1941
--002: Perrin Marsh CCHS; Meeting 19May 1988; Audio Files; Photos
--003: History of Fowler; St. Joseph Parish
--004: Memorial Day 1988; Mint Parade 1988
--005: Shepardsville Football; Traditional Toys; Pearl Harbor; Clem Sohn
--006: May to Remember Downtown St. Johns
--007: Clinton Bank Mint; Crosby Mint; Clyde Anderson Mint; Field to Flavor

ORGANIZATIONS:

--Niles Cemetery Society Program Booklets; 1895 - 1995

PLAT BOOK:

-- Binder w/ 1864, 1873, 1896, 1915 Plat Books + Index

PHOTOS:

-- Eureka School House; 1910; Post Card
-- Eureka High School, Sept. 26, 1922; E. E. Kinley, Teacher; 7th grade: William Hopkins, Victor LaRue, Robert Cleveland, Ruth Dunlap, Frances XXX, Norman Whitford, Martha Brewbaker; 8th Grade: Paul Brewbaker, Maxine Parks, Lillian Bristol, Flossie Hulse, Dorothy Rininger, Ilene Kellogg; 9th Grade: Darold Shinaberry, Asa Kellogg, Ida Yodder, Thelma Rilley; 10th Grade: Edna Burk, Moreen Pickett, Frances Hankey, Marian Beck, Harold Stevens
--Carrie Travis [X - 81]
--Class of 1929 65th Reunion; Front row: Mary Schlarf, Lois Woodbury, Ivahn Stevens, Glennis Peterson, Frances Martin, Doris Shinaberry, Orpha VerPlanck; Back row: Dennis Summer, Frances Eberly, Gertrude Boyles, Irene Speck, Al Scoggins, Mildred Boron, Lucile Wade, Dorthea Rosekrans & Marjorie Valyer
--Doris Myrtle Harvey 1929
--Edith Josephine Kathe 1929
- Al Scoggins
--Mary Schlarf, Mildred Boron, Orpha (Drake) VerPlanck
--Irene Speck 1929
--1929 Alumni Reunion Banquet Program
--Richard Goddard Post & wife
--Alfred S. Fildew
--Albert Detloff & wife Maud
--Stephen Ministers, 1990; Laura Armontrout, Veary Ann Ellickson, Marilyn Newman, Diantha Witterseen; Jim Armantrout, Jim Ellickson, Cayle Beagle, Gary Larsen
--Stephen Ministers Leaders; 1990; Rev. Dr. Jay Terbush, Dorothy Sousley, Howard Sousley

--Bobby Phillips
--Dr. Wilcox & Billy; 1956
--Jane Huey Class of 1927
--Class of 1945; 60th reunion; Lois ?, Isabel Cleland, Donna Kripula, Mary Lou Graham, Freida Houser; Gerri Woodhams Wyble, Mary Lou Spotford, Mildred Shavey, Mable Shavey, Mary Lou Bond, Dorothy Ballentine, Mary Ellen Stammersky, Phyllis Sously Anderson; Hidden guy ?, Lois ?, Freida ?, Francis Woodbury, Deyne Heuer; Jack Burnhart, Dick Culver, Bob Bishop, Duane Davis, LaVern Silm, Edgar Conley

SCHOOLS:

--The Union News: 10Mar1925 & 30Apr 1926
--St. Johns High School: The Torch; 4May1979
--St. Johns High School: The Torch Feb, Mar & May. 2003
--MEMORIES BOOK, Melva Waggoner
--BARBARA FUERSTENAU 1945 DeWitt High School Diploma
--BARBARA FUERSTENAU MSC Diploma 1946 Home Economics Short Course
--BARBARA FUERSTENAU Pi Rho Zeta Sorority initiation certificate, 1946
--BARBARA FUERSTENAU 1945 MSC Letter of select. for scholarship delegate in "Clothing Project."
--BARBARA FUERSTENAU Photo of Summer Costume/Clinton County; 1940
--BARBARA FUERSTENAU Certificate of Honor; MSC; 1945; "Clothing Project" scholarship

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

JULIE PETERS, DIRECTOR
CCHS ARCHIVES

