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BATH — One-room schoolhouse days are coming back to Bath to help teach history.

A 19th century schoolhouse on Jason Road in Victor Township will be moved to the Bath Elementary School on Webster Road by June.

Elementary Principal James Hixson said the one-room building will be placed adjacent to the School Museum now in the elementary building. The old school then will be part of the museum and classes will be brought in for history lessons, he said.

The 24- by 30-foot building will be refurbished, Hixson said, and much of the work will be done by volunteers.

"We are still trying to find people to help us," he said. "We've got a lot of work ahead of us. It has some historical value and it seems a shame to lose something that has been there a long time."

The school board agreed to buy the building for \$1 this month

from Bruce Shaw, who had planned to burn it down.

Hixson said the school district had been looking at another one-room school house on Watson Road, but the arrangements fell through.

The Victor Township school, which is in the Laingsburg district, may have been built in the 1840s, Hixson said. It was taken out of service as a school about 1945 and has been used for storage since.

Hixson is still researching the early history. "The school was established in 1840," he said. Phoebe Laing became the first teacher on Jan. 23, 1840. The property was leased to the school by James Blood for 12.5 cents, so the school became known as the Blood School.

His research has led him to the Bernard Green family, Hixson said, which says that three generations attended school in that same building. Green has mapped out the inside of the building, lo-

Bath turns back the clock

cating the stove and desks.

"It is a very old building," Hixson said. "I'm certain it is over 100 years old." It has cedar shakes, five-inch boards on the side, vertical wainscoting that extends about four feet from the floor and then plastered walls to the ceiling.

Parts of the original black-

board, which was a real board painted black, remain, as well as some pieces of double desks. The roof must be replaced, Hixson said, but the walls are in good condition.

The building has no plumbing and is so weathered it is impossible to tell what color it was originally.

Story and photo courtesy of
Lansing State Journal.



Lansing State Journal/GREG DeRUITER

One room schoolhouse at Jason and Hollister roads in Victor Township.

GENEALOGY

Meet the people

Who Came To Clinton County . . .



GRATIOT COUNTY
MAY 11, 1891

OFF TO JERUSALEM

A number from Gratiot County will found a Colony. There to await the second advent. (From the St. Louis Gratiot County Republic Leader of May 5th.)

Wednesday evening a party of Bethany people, 19 in number, consisting of Thomas Harrington, wife and 6 children; James Emery and wife and 3 children, M.W. Dickinson and wife, Mrs. Harriet Dickinson and 2 unmarried sons William and Roy, and James Nichols left the city, bound for Jerusalem, Palestine where they expect to make their future home. These people are undertaking this project in response to no crusade preached by some sect. So far as known, no pamphlet or tract has been issued advocating such a venture. Rather the movement is spontaneous & bodies of colonists are leaving from several states.

An interview was obtained with several of the party by a Republican Leader reporter who learned from them that they called themselves "Zionists" and professed to be an offshoot of the Adventists. They believe in the near coming of Christ but do not profess to set a date. They keep Saturday as the Sabbath, have no church organization and no pastors.

There is no leader to this party; they conceived the idea of establishing an agricultural colony and mission school at Jerusalem, over a year ago, and have since, been quietly getting things in shape. They have sold their farms and other property and go fairly well prepared financially. When asked what they proposed to do to support themselves, Mr. Harrington said they would farm and raise such crops as climate and soil would permit. No goods or tools will be taken with them from here, but after they reach New York, if prices are right, they may buy what they need. They propose to establish a school for the education of the children, which shall not be under denominational control of any kind and the work, with that of getting a living in a strange country will keep them busy until the second advent which they firmly believe is not far distant. The party was sold through tickets to Jaffa by W. S. Greenwood of the Wabash Line, at the low rate of \$67 a piece for full ticket. They go to Detroit, then to New York via Buffalo where they take the Hamburg-Bremen Steamship steerage passage to Naples and on to Jaffa, touching at Malta.

(Abstracted by Wilma Sowle)

GAZETTE

THE FAMILY TREE



Each piece in the puzzle that makes you helps solve a mystery interesting and new To be someone so unique you must have your family to make you complete.

If your hair is red and your eyes are blue you might look like your parents, but you are you.

If you collect each piece in the puzzle you'll see how much like your family you will be.

When all of them become all of we We fit together on a family tree.

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COLONIAL OCCUPATIONS

Colporteur
Stuffgownsmen
Docker
Pettifogger
Leech/Sawbones
Dowser
Almoner

Glazier
Hooper

Boniface
Hostler

Chandler
Wharfinger
Manciple
Vulcan
Shrieve
Gaoler
Plumbum Worker
Tipstaff
Whitewing
Peregrinator

Peddler of books
Junior Barrister
Stevedore
Shyster Lawyer
Physician
Water finder
Giver of charity
to the needy

Window glassman
Made hoops for
casks

Keeper of an inn
Groom who cared
for horses

Candlemaker
Owner of a wharf
Steward
Blacksmith
Sheriff
Jailer
Plumber
Policeman
Street sweeper
Itinerant
wanderer

Duffer
Peruker
Chiffonier
Bluestocking
Burgonmaster
Mintmaster

Rattlewatch
Crownier
Tide waiter

Scrutineer
Fuller

Fletcher
Webster
Sorter
Hatcheler

Snobscat
Costermonger

Cordwainer
Amanuensis

Peddler
Wigmaker
Rag Picker
Female writer
Mayor
Issued local
currency
Town watchman
Coroner
Customs
inspector
Election Judge
Cleaned and
finished cloth
Made bows/arrows
Operated looms
Tailor
Combed out or
carded flax
Repaired shoes
Peddlar of fruit
and vegetables
Made shoes
Secretary or
stenographer

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CCHS MONTHLY MEETING: At Capital
Jan. 16 Savings & Loan, St.
Johns. Program not
decided at press-
time. 7:30 p.m.

CCHS BOARD MEETING: Jan. 9
Jan. 9 7:30 p.m.

GENEALOGY 7:30 p.m. at Capital
Jan. 6 Savings & Loan, St.
Johns. Workshop to
fill out your Mich.
surname index cards.
Bring family inf. &
we will provide
assistance.

ARCHIVES: DeWitt Township Hall
4700 Brook Road
Mon. - Wed. 8 a.m. -
3 p.m.

PAINÉ-GILLAM-SCOTT MUSEUM: Closed
for winter from
Jan. 6 until reopens
Wed. April 2.

Old Genealogists never die.....
They just lose their census.

History of Westphalia produced

Orders are being taken
for "Of Pilgrimage,
Prayer and Promise - A
Story of St. Mary's,
Westphalia."

The book, produced by
the Westphalia Historical
Society, will include many
names and pictures of peo-
ple and their contributions
to the Westphalia area.

Also included in the book
will be a current family
registry of the people of
Westphalia, pictures of
both old and new
Westphalia and stories of
the "first families" of
Westphalia.

Pre-sale price of the
book is \$15.60 and is good
now until Feb. 15, 1986.
After that date, the price
will be \$18.72. Publication
date is planned for May 24,
1986. Gift certificates are
also available for the 200
page, hardbound book.
Orders may be phoned to
Marie Bengel, 587-6612.



A REUNION WITH HALLEY'S COMET

*When beggars die, there are no comets
seen.*

*The heavens themselves blaze forth
the death of princes.*

Shakespeare



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AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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