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CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Michigan's History in Brief

1792 The first election was held in Michigan.

1798 The Michigan Territory acquired sufficient population to entitle it to representation in the General Assembly of the Northwest Territory.

1805 Michigan became a separate territory with Detroit as the seat of government. William Hull was appointed Governor.

1813 Lewis Cass of Ohio was appointed military and civil Governor of the Michigan Territory.

1817 The University of Michigan was established. It was the nation's first state university.

1828 The Territorial Capital was established at Detroit.

1835 The "Toledo War" erupted over the Michigan-Ohio boundary line. Michigan was refused admission to the Union because it would not give up its claim to the "Toledo Strip". Michigan finally surrendered its claim in exchange for the western part of the Upper Peninsula.

1837 Michigan was admitted to the Union as the 26th state.

1848 The State Legislature met for the first time in the Capitol in Lansing.

1854 The nation's first Republican Party State Convention was held in Jackson, Michigan.

1855 The Sault Ste. Marie ship canal was opened.

The Michigan Agricultural College (Now called Michigan State University) was founded by legislative act and became the

" nation's first land-grant college.

1870 Women students were admitted to the University of Michigan.

1872 A compulsory school attendance law was enacted in Michigan.

1896 The first automobile appeared in Detroit.

1899 R. E. Olds built first auto factory.

1902 Michigan recorded its first auto death.

1926 The nation's first regularly scheduled air passenger service was started with daily round trips between Detroit and Grand Rapids.

1929 The Ambassador Bridge was opened.

1930 The Detroit-Windsor tunnel was opened.

1941 Michigan's giant auto industry converted to war production.

1957 The five mile long Mackinac Bridge was opened Nov. 1, having taken three years to build.

1969 Dr. Clifton R. Wharton, Jr., became the first Black to be selected as President of Michigan State University and the first member of his race to head a major U. S. university.

1974 Gerald R. Ford was elevated to the Presidency of the United States upon the resignation of President Nixon. Ford thus became the first Michiganiaan to serve as President.

Largest city. Detroit.

State Flag. Designed by Allen Smith, Jr. in 1865, modified in 1911, shows the state coat of arms on a navy blue background.

Size of the state. Ranks as 10th largest of the 50 states- includes 57,022 square miles of land, 1,194 square miles of inland water and 38,575 square miles of Great Lakes water. Length 456 miles, width, 386 miles.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING:

October 15 The regular meeting of the Society will be held at the Hurd School with Mrs Linda Williams telling about Teaching School in the 1800's. The Hurd School is about 3 miles South of DeWitt on DeWitt Road. Bring some cookies in a brown bag and we'll exchange our bags for lunch. 7:30 pm.

GENEALOGY MEETING

October 5 The regular meeting of the Genealogists will be at Capitol Savings and Loan Bank at 7:30 pm. There will be a round table discussion on solving problems.

Caption on Old newspaper reads as follows,
"All the news that's fit to print".

Program on TITANIC interesting

The National Geographic film on the sinking and now the rediscovery of the Titanic was enjoyed by a large group. A poll of those present thought it was all right to bring up some objects from the wrecksite provided they were placed in a museum and never sold. A copy of the book published after the sinking and a newspaper published at the time of the accident brought the tragedy more realism.

For those wishing to help with the Archives, Kenneth Coin will chair a committee to work with the needs of the Archives. Please let Kenneth or Randy Phelps know if you would like to help.

For those who have names for the Surname Index project, the dead line is October 31. Arlene Lounds has more information of this project if you need it.



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