

THE CLINTON INDEPENDENT

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CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

TAKING A TRIP IN 1911

In 1911, the Scarborough Company issued a travel book of how to get from here to there throughout Michigan. This contained detailed descriptions of all trips by the number of miles to be traveled.

Trip No. 136 is listed From St. Johns To Lansing - 21.1 miles

0.0 Leave Court House, corner of Maple and State, going West on State St. "Indpt Telephone."

0.2 Turn left

1.0 Paralleling trolley - trolley line on left

1.2 Straight ahead - very sandy roads

2.2 Turn right

2.6 School on left

3.2 Turn left - good clay roads

3.6 Bridge

4.2 Straight ahead

4.8 Bridge and school on left

5.2 Turn right

5.5 Turn left - sandy roads

6.2 Bridge

6.4 Straight ahead

7.3 School on left

7.6 Bridge - turn right - very sandy roads

8.6 Straight ahead

9.3 Cemetery on left

10.6 Straight ahead - sandy roads

11.7 Turn right

11.9 Turn left

12.0 Paralleling trolley line - trolley on left

12.8 DEWITT - straight ahead

13.2 Bridge - straight ahead

13.3 Turn right - good clay roads

15.0 Straight ahead

15.9 School on right - cemetery - very sandy roads

16.0 Turn left

16.2 Turn right

17.6 Straight ahead

19.7 R.R. crossing - very sandy roads

13.9 Turn left - R.R. Crossing - good gravel roads

19.4 R.R. Crossing

19.7 Turn right

19.9 Bridge

20.0 Turn left

20.2 Turn right - trolley crossing going South on Capitol Street

21.1 LANSING, State House, corner of Michigan and Capitol Streets, going South on Capitol Street, good gravel roads. "Indpt Telephone".

Lansing Garage Co.

L. M. Hengeshaugh, Vulcanizing

Evidently all speedometers could be started at 0 for each trip. I would imagine that mother followed the route as dad did the driving.

HOW TO POINTERS

Cavole Callard from the Library of Michigan has the following pointers for beginning genealogists:

Read how to books about genealogy.

Gather an oral history from family members.

Collect information that you have in your home - such things as newspaper obituaries and data entered on pages in your family bible.

Obtain pedigree charts and family group sheets to record information.

Go to the library and begin your research

We are very fortunate to have the Archives at the DeWitt Charter Township Hall. This should be the first stop for those who might be just starting their search.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HURD SCHOOL ENJOYED

CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MONTHLY MEETING

November 19 The regular meeting of the Society will be held at the Capitol Savings and Loan Bank at 7:30 pm. The program will consist of a VCR on the Lions Club trip to China and narrated by Bob Koger, drama coach in the St. Johns schools.

November 2 The Clinton County Genealogy Society will meet Monday, November 2, at 7:30 pm, at the Capitol Savings and Loan Bank. Program will be on the "Mayflower Society".

Janet Tiedt is accepting 1988 dues at this time. Dues are \$4.00 single and \$7.00 a couple.

Mrs Landa Williams, dressed authentically as Miss Dolly Loomis, a schoolteacher in the 1860's, gave an interesting talk, at the October meeting in the Old Hurd School. She told of addressing children about her 1860 school and then having the children tell her about 1987. She said they learn to relate to history in this manner and also learn to like history.

CHRISTMAS GREENS NEEDED

Catherine Pumbaugh is requesting that anyone who has or knows who has a cedar tree that could be used for the Victorian Christmas at the Museum, please contact her. Also cedar boughs for decoration is needed.



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