

THE CLINTON INDEPENDENT

December 1987

CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

HISTORY OF GRANGE IN 1914

Clinton County had nine branches of the Grange in 1914. Officers of the groups were as follows:

Banner	Levi Greenwood, St. Johns Aneta Smith, St. Johns Lillie Ridenour, St. Johns
Bengel	Vern Padgett, St. Johns, Rt. 3 Merle Plowman, St. Johns, Rt. 3 Flossie Hill, St. Johns, Rt. 3
Bingham	Earny Wright, St. Johns Mrs. Mate Marsh, St. Johns Charles Munger, St. Johns
DeWitt	Daniel Ellwanger, DeWitt Mabel Zeeb, Bath R. E. Lorenz, DeWitt
Essex	Cora Sowle, St. Johns Bertha Winsor, Maple Rapids Cleo Sowle, St. Johns
Olive	W. Loy Phillips, Merle Beach, Rt. 13 Mrs. L. Huguelot, Merle Beach, Rt. 13 Mr. V. Huguelot, Merle Beach, Rt. 13
Ovid	Edward Wilson, Ovid, RFD Mrs. Anna Balcom, Ovid, RFD Fred C. Fink, Ovid
South Riley	M. D. Cutler, DeWitt, Rt. 27 Maude Cutler, DeWitt, Rt. 27 J. W. Hitchcock, DeWitt, Rt. 27
Wacousta	John Espie, Eagle, Rt. 3 Miss Katie Shirts, DeWitt, Rt. 28 Edwin A. Winegar, Wacousta

In talking to Almond Cressman, I find that there are two branches of the Grange still in existence in Clinton County. Lloyd Atkinson is the Master of the Bingham branch and Almond Cressman is Master of the Olive branch. Also, Almond is the Master of the Pomona, which is the 5th step in the Grange progression. Meetings of the Olive branch are held at the Wheel Inn with 12 to 15 members still active.

## COMING EVENTS

The Clinton County Genealogy Society meeting will be held Monday, December 7th at 6:30 pm, with a pot-luck dinner at the home of Jerrine Meade. (Go East of St. Johns on M21 to Shepardsville Road. Turn North and go 5 miles. Second house past Meade Road on left side.) Bring a dish to pass, own table service, and a \$1.00 gift for gift exchange, and something for the Archives; money, toilet paper, paper towels, rubber bands, etc. Jerrine's phone number is 862-5447.

December 17th at 7:30 pm the Christmas meeting of the Clinton County Historical Society will be held at the Payne-Gillam-Scott Museum. The program will be given by Kitty Donaho and Pasqua Warstler. This should be a Memorable occasion. Please come and bring a friend. Also cookies for a cookie exchange.

## PAST EVENTS

The Genealogists enjoyed hearing about our Mayflower Ancestors at their November meeting. Janet Snyder and Maralyse B... presented many interesting facts. Society members viewed the China Trip of the Lions Michigan Band. Just planning the logistics of the trip was an overwhelming experience. The interaction of the two cultures was beautiful to watch.

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## WANTED

New members needed to continue to have a strong historical society. Single memberships, \$4.00, family memberships, \$7.00. Dues haven't been raised for many years. If every member now would pledge to bring in a new member we could double our size. We are making history. There are still those living who can tell of the first time they saw a car on the road or an airplane overhead. This generation can tell of their first experience with a computer, for better or worse!



# Clinton County Historical Society

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Sundays, 1-5p.m. Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Jan. 3rd

Wednesdays, 2-9p.m. Dec. 9, 16, 23 & 30th

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arrange a tour. Ph:(517)224-2894 or 224-7402

## A FAMILY TREAT

Visit a Christmas Past

Clinton County Historical  
Society

### Wednesday Evening Schedule

- Dec. 9th - 1st Congregational BELL CHOIR  
Dec. 16th - STRING QUARTET St. Johns High School  
Dec. 23rd - Ernie Block MOUNTAIN DULCIMER  
Dec. 30th - MUSIC OF STRINGS C. Beagle & D. Kusenda