



Clinton County Historical Society

P. O. Box 174

Saint Johns, Michigan 48879

THE CLINTON INDEPENDENT

January 1987

Watertown

group attempts to save old school bell

A group of Watertown Township citizens seek to save and relocate the bell and cupola from the Watertown Center School. It is approved by the township and sanctioned by the Clinton County Sesquicentennial Agency.

Before voters approved the sale of the vacated brick schoolhouse last fall, an effort to preserve the bell for future generations had begun. Plans are to place it in the Township Complex.

"Bells are a symbol of liberty and education for old and young" said Pam Porterfield, chairperson. She said the bell was a "late-day survivor of the vanishing country school" and it deserves to go on ringing.

On the committee is Herman Openlander, a former student there.

A Sesquicentennial Resolution passed last September sets Sept. 7, 1987 as the date for dedicating the bell to past, present and future children of the community. Meanwhile, teachers, former students and residents are asked to share old photographs for reproduction; to record their memories on tape.

Chairperson is Pam Porterfield at 14640 Airport Road, Lansing, 48906. Call her at (517) 323-3655.

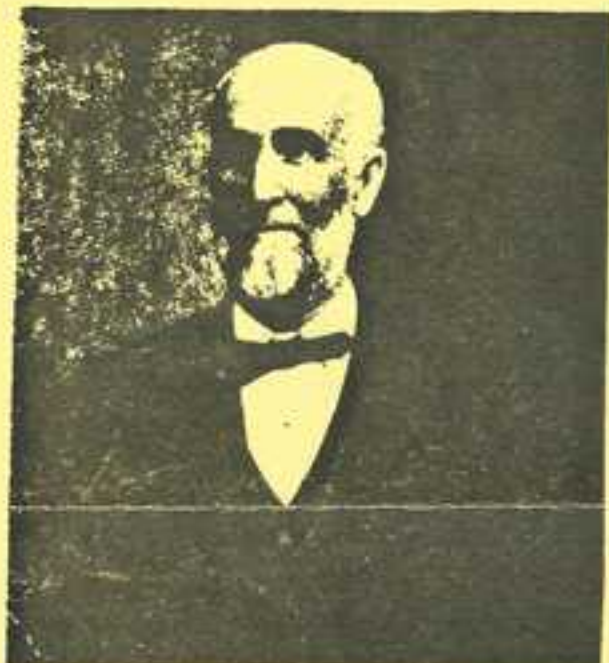
Obituary

ST. JOHNS - Leo W. Corkin, 71, a retired circuit court judge, died in December, 1986 after a long illness.

He was appointed judge of the 29th Judicial Circuit (Clinton and Gratiot) Court in 1963 by then-Gov. George Romney; and later was elected to the post. He retired in 1978.

THE
CLINTON COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As a Sesquicentennial project, The Clinton County Historical Society proudly presents a reprint of the beautiful *PAST AND PRESENT OF CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN* originally published in 1906. This book also includes extensive biographical information about the families of Clinton County.



S. B. Daboll

This pictorial book was written by Judge S. B. Daboll. He was assisted by local attorney D. W. Kelley.

Robert H. Perrin

PRESENTS



INDEX ADDED

In addition to the original text, Clinton County Historical Society Archives Librarian, Wilma Sowles, has compiled an extensive index of the book making this an even more desirable book to own.

This book is being offered by the Historical Society at a pre-publication price of \$30.00 including tax. Publication is set for March 1, 1987. After that time it will be offered for \$40.00.



D. W. Kelley

"This book will be of interest to genealogists, local history buffs, and those who want to complete their set of County History Books begun by CCHS in 1974 with the reprint of "History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan." This is a worthy companion of that book and "The History of Clinton County, Michigan" published by the Society in 1980.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GENEALOGY DIVISION

- Jan. 5: Meet to discuss goals, etc. Capitol Savings/Loan, St. Johns at 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 2 Family history tapes by Janet Tiedt. Capitol Federal Savings, St. Johns at 7:30 p.m.
- March 2 Mich. History by Arlene Lounds, Capitol Federal, St. Johns at 7:30 p.m.
- April 6 Election of officers and Janet Snyder presents "Gazateer & Directory." At Archives, DeWitt Township Hall, 7:30 p.m.

ARCHIVES: At DeWitt Township Hall, Brook Rd., DeWitt (one block SE of US 27 & State) Hours: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays through Wednesdays

CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- Jan. 15 CCHS membership meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Capitol Federal in St. Johns. Almo Cressman presents History of Clinton County Government.

CCHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Jan. 8 Board meets at PGS Museum at 7 p.m.

PAINE GILLAM SCOTT MUSEUM

Christmas programs and exhibits continue on Jan. 3 (Saturday); Jan. 4, (Sunday) and Jan. 7 (Wednesday). Hours 1-5 on Sunday and 2-8 p.m. on Wednesday. PGS will be closed for the winter starting Jan. 8. Watch future issues of the Independent for spring opening date.

Gold discovered in California January 24, 1848.



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