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CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE FORMED

The first meeting of the New Archives Committee was held January 12th at the archives with about a dozen interested persons in attendance. The informal meeting was chaired by the director, Kenneth Coin, and numerous concerns, goals and proposed projects were discussed.

Heading the list of concerns for the Society's Archives: A manual of procedures and guidelines for the staff and committee. Microfilming of the newspaper collection. Extended hours of operation. Procuring a copy machine. (The one on hand is no longer working and it is an obsolete machine.) More volunteer staff. Purchasing need census and newspaper microfilm.

If you are interested in joining the committee watch this newsletter for notices of future meetings or contact Ken Coin (669-9448 evenings or week-ends).

DOES THIS HELP YOU?

In a box of books purchased at an auction comes this bit of information carefully written down in long hand.

Ann B. Miller was born December 16, 1831.
Died June 23, 1906 at 75 years.

David T. Lyon was born September 22, 1824.
Died September 5, 1902 at 78 years.

Amanda M. Lyon was born July 15, 1851.
Died August 21, 1874.

James Enoch M. Lyon was born April 13, 1853.

Ann B. Miller and David T. Lyon were married September 5, 1850.

MATERIAL AT ARCHIVES

Following is a list of material at the Archives ready to use:

Maple Rapids deaths, 1885.

Various death records from the County, 1950-1985.

Gratiot County Civil War veterans.

Clinton County WWI veterans.

Assessment Roll for Duplain, 1851,
Greenbush, 1881, Riley, 1881.

Clinton County Platbooks indexed, 1936-1940.

Gratiot County Platbooks indexed, 1955.

Teachers Personnel records, 1935-1953.

SESQUICENTENNIAL FOR CLINTON COUNTY

1989 will be the Sesquicentennial year for Clinton County. The Society will be making plans for celebrating this event, so put on your thinking cap and bring to the next meeting ideas for marking our 150th year.

FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Plans for programs for the Genealogy Group February 1 and the Historical Meeting on February 18 are not jelled at this time. Come and be surprised. Both meetings are at the Capitol Federal Bank building at 7:30pm.

The Paine-Gillam-Scott MUSEUM has closed for the winter months, reopening Wednesday, April 6th. One of the special exhibits being planned for the spring pertains to the County Normal School which was operated in St. Johns. Anyone with memorabilia or information of interest, notify Jeanne Temple, Dorothy Cressman or Lucille Ernst.

CLINTON COUNTY FLAG. Plans have finally come to fruition to reproduce the Clinton County Flag, which the Paine-Gillam-Scott MUSEUM will be selling.

This 3' x 5' is a reproduction of the original 5' by 8', which hangs in the Museum, a donation from the County last February.

The original was one of 83 flags, one for each of Michigan's counties, created by the J. L. Hudson Company in 1940. Each county's flag was designed with the name of the county and an emblem representing an industrial activity, famous landmark, natural resource, recreational facility, historic event or a civic project. Our Clinton County flag contains a beautiful branch of mint in green, the word Clinton in royal blue both on white which is bordered with a $\frac{1}{4}$ and 3 quarters inch of spanish yellow. A most attractive flag.

The discovery of the flag was most opportune, as Clinton County will be in their Sesquicentennial year in 1989. To help with the promotion of this upcoming event, the Historical Commission of the County has purchased flags for each township.

The Museum has 12 flags for immediate sale, then orders will be taken. The sale price is \$40.00 and if an order is to be shipped, and additional \$2.00. The flag is well constructed of nylon by the Color Guard Co. and most suited to "flying". Let's "fly" our Clinton flag. Contact until April, Paul Roof, phone 224-3542, then 224-2894 or 224-7402.



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NOTICE OF IMPORTANT MEETING!

The Clinton County Historical Society has been asked to join together with the Clinton County Arts Council, the Bement Public Library and Citizens Resource Volunteers (C.R.V.) for the purpose of establishing the proposed Clinton Center for the Humanities.

"What's in it for us?": If agreed to, the Clinton County Historical Society is to be given ample operating space within the new facility for the Archives.

An outline of the proposal is to be presented to the membership at the Society meeting this Thursday, Feb. 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the capitol Federal Bank building in St. Johns.

All members of the Society, both active and supportive, are urged to attend.



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