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CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

COMPILATION OF SCHOOL MATERIALS FINISHED

A compilation of public school related materials at the Archives of the Clinton County Historical Society has been completed recently. Two large sets of statistical reports, listing teachers and school board members have been indexed. All the school photos in the archive's possession have been mounted in acid-free sleeves, identified when possible, and indexed. School related news clippings and memorabilia have been sorted, indexed and when desirable and practical, encapsulated in acid-free material for preservation.

As a result of the compilation project, a long list of Clinton County rural schools and their location has been developed. This should be helpful to researchers pressed for time and short on clues who are trying to pinpoint a particular school community.

Approximately 140 rural school names are listed. It was interesting to note that three schools named "Grove" existed in the county, in Essex, Victor and Watertown townships. There were two "Sage" schools, one in Bingham and one in Dallas; two "Brown" schools, one in Eagle and one in Olive; two "Allen" schools, one in Lebanon and one in Watertown; two "Clark" schools, one in Bath and one in Watertown. There also existed "Brick" and "Little Brick"; "Red School House" and "Old Red".

Ever alert, Wilma Soule spotted the following regarding Union School in St. Johns in the microfilmed newspapers: CLINTON REPUBLICAN - 8 June, 1866 -page 3, Column 1: "Baby Cribs" Would it not be advisable for the school board of this village to procure a number of baby cribs and nurses for the junior department

of the Union School? If the room was supplied with these conveniences, it would be a greater inducement for the parents to sent their infants to the institution in order that they may have them nursed and properly cared for at the expense of the district! The average daily attendance in this department is about 75 children, whose ages range from 3 to 8 years--all under the immediate charge of one teacher! If the board concludes to get a supply of baby cribs for the department, we shall announce the fact through these columns in order that parents may govern their action accordingly.

Myrna Van Epps

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SEMINAR, OCT. 6,7,8

The 1988 Michigan Genealogical Council Seminar will be held at the Muskegon Harbor Hilton Hotel, October 6, 7 and 8, 1988. Titled "ANCESTORS: WHERE IN THE WEST DID THEY GO?" The Seminar will have three tracks.

Track 1: Beginning genealogy and researching Lake Michigan shoreline counties including not only records, but other material such as lighthouse and shipwreck logs.

Track 2: Computers and Genealogy: A complete update.

Track 3: Genealogical research from the Atlantic to west of Lake Michigan via New York. Special attention will be given to the Michigan Upper Peninsula, upper Wisconsin, upper Minnesota and on to Montana.

Speakers will include: Dr. George Sweitzer, well known author of many books and one of the recognized authorities on the Civil War Genealogy, both Union and Confederate.

Dr. Russell M. Magnaghi, Professor of History at Northern Michigan University.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GENEALOGY MEETING --April 4th meeting of the Genealogists will feature Friends Helping Friends. Bring any problems you have in your Family Search and the Genealogists will help you.

CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL MEETING -- At this time the meeting of the Society may be on the County Normal in St. Johns or the Marsh in Greenbush Township. Come and learn which program will be this month. This will be April 21 at the Capitol Federal Savings and Loan Bank.

If you expect a written answer in the mail, don't forget to send a SASE (self addressed stamped envelope).

A lot of good could be accomplished in this world if nobody cared who got the credit. (from the Mercer County Chapter of O.G. S.)

QUERIES

MALONE, WILLIAM WEBSTER - Born ca. 1862 in Portland, Ionia County, son of Thomas and Mary MALONE? May have had connections with JOSLIN and GROGER families. Wm. removed to Montana ca. 1880. Any information on these three families appreciated.

GROGER, CARRIE E. - Adopted by Frederick M. and Caroline (McCRUMB) GROGER by 1860. Born in Lansing 1852. Were her parents David S. and Martha JOSLIN? Married c. 1873 Mr.?. Married 1877 in Portland, Ionia County, William ORVIS. Need proof she was born to JOSLIN.

Please call Janet Snyder if you have any information on these requests, 1 224 4315 or write Joyce A. Liepins, 326 Lansing RD., Rt. 7, Charlotte, Michigan, 48815.

HOW DO YOU DO?

Have you paid your dues to the Clinton County Historical Society? We need you, your input, time and interest. Some pay their dues on time, some never do, how do you do?



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