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## Nov. 15 meeting to explore 'Main Road North'

"The Main Road North" is the topic for the November meeting, Thursday the 15th at 7:30 p.m. at the Memorial Building in DeWitt. The program is part of the Early Transportation series of the 1979 monthly meetings. Also on the agenda is a slide presentation on DeWitt put together by a Michigan history teacher from that community. Faye Hansen is in charge.

The monthly meetings have been moved up a half hour so that the Society's board can meet afterwards. This will save board members some time and travel expense.

### Museum notes

In December members will be treated to a special Christmas party at our Paine-Gillam-Scott museum, Thursday the 20th at 7:30 p.m. Everyone's to bring a few cookies for the refreshments and come and enjoy a Victorian holiday.

Director Catherine Rumbaugh said Christmas is coming to the museum, Nov. 25th. Special musical activities are slated for each Wednesday evening Candlelight Tour, through Jan. 6. The first program, Nov. 28 will feature music boxes from the collection of Al Parrish of Lansing.

Watertown Township is on display now at the museum. The collection includes pictures and treasures from the village of Wacousta and the surrounding area. Look for a unique candleholder made with both a spike and hook for hanging, unusual silverware and salt dish, a foot stool with iron-work legs, a little lard pail, souvenir of the 1876 centennial. The exhibit was arranged by Margaret Noble, Mable Ingalls, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Starling.

### Depression era glass

Virginia Willyoung, local authority on Depression Era Glass, will be present for consultation and identification, Sunday, Nov. 18 from 12 to 4 p.m. This will be the last day to see the Willyoungs' exhibit of Candy Dishes and Depression Era Glass in the dining room display case.

### Paine-Gillam-Scott Winter Hours

Wednesdays, 2 - 8 p.m.

Sundays - 12 - 4 p.m.

Not open on Fridays or legal holidays

## Genealogists' notes

The Genealogists will now have someone on duty in the Genealogy Room at the museum the last Sunday of each month during regular hours. People may drop in for help with genealogical problems. They also welcome anything that people have to contribute to enhance the collection. They would like to copy old Bibles.

The Genealogy Room has been given a copy of the newly released "1859 Map of Ingham & Livingston Co's", by Geil, Harley & Sivard. This atlas was given by Hila Bross, in memory of her late husband, Dr. H. Manning Bross.

The Genealogists invite everyone to meet with them at 7:30 p.m., the first Monday of the month. Regular meetings are held in the basement of the Bement Library, St. Johns.

QUERY: Would like correspondence with anyone knowing anything at all about the family of LUTHER & VIOLETTA (HIERS) WEITHERBEE, who are buried in the Old Elsie Cemetery. Want to learn more about their ancestors and also contact their descendents. Also collecting all information about any WETHERBEES in the central Mich. area.

Thank you: Mrs. Gerald Klich, 2740 N. Center Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603

QUERY: Need contact with the family of BEN-JAMIN & LAURA M. (WILKINSON) HICKS who lived in the Ovid/Elsie area. She died in 1853, and he in 1900. I believe that my WILKINSONS might tie into this family's genealogy. Thank you: Arlynn Gantz, P.O. Box 535, DeWitt, MI 48820.

### MORE TOMBSTONE READINGS

On the next 2 pages continues the listing of tombstone readings for the first 20 years burials in Mt Rest Cemetery, St. Johns. There will be more again next month.

1861

REED, ELIZABETH wife of A. Teschout Died Nov 25, age 30 yrs.  
VANSICE, HARRIET A. daughter of J.N. & L.L. Vansice Age 8 yrs.  
GASKILL, RACHEL A. wife of Hannibal Gaskill Died July 19, age 28 yrs.  
GREEN, WILLIAM Died Sept 28, age 57 yrs.  
HUDSON, PHEBE wife of H.W. Hudson Died Jan 19, age 50 yrs.  
CONN, WILLIAM H. Died Oct 20, age 38 yrs.  
NEWTON, ELLEN infant daughter of James F. & Philena Newton Died Sept 7.  
WILKINSON, RANSOM Died Feb 22, age 56 yrs.  
HALSTEAD, BENJAMIN Died Feb 28, age 42 yrs.  
THAYER, NELLIE A. daughter of William W. & D.A. Thayer Died Dec 27, age 1 mon.

1862

CARTER, JANETTE wife of A.B. Carter Died Aug 3, age 30 yrs.  
BAUGHN, JOSEPH Died Sept 30, age 48 yrs.  
PLUMSTEAD, LIZZIE E. daughter of R. & H.B. Plumstead Died Jan 23, age 5 yrs.  
DUNHAM, LAVINA E. daughter of W.L. & M.R. Dunham Died Aug 20, age 3 yrs.  
WARREN, SUSAN wife of Reuben F. Warren Died Feb 29, age 77 yrs.  
SANFORD, CHARLES W. Co M, 1st N.Y. Artillery Died July 7, age 17 yrs.  
WATKIN, JOSEPH W. son of William E. & S.J. Watkin Died Nov 11, age 8 yrs.  
MEAD, JOHN M. son of Peter & Angeline Mead Died May 15, age 7 months.  
LAMB, ALVIRA A. wife of Rev. C.A. Lamb Died Aug 31, age 58 yrs.  
HENDERSON, JANE M. wife of John Henderson Died Mar 1, age 40 yrs.  
EMMONS, ELIZABETH A. daughter of Philenone & S. Emmons Died Apr 3, age 9 yrs.  
WEBBER, LEONARD A. Died Nov 6, age 36 yrs.  
BRAINARD, WILLIE infant son of W.W. & H.S. Brainard Died Mar 28.

1863

LUTTS, JOHN Died Apr 19, age 33 yrs.  
VANDYNE, JAMES W. son of J.N. & A. Vandyne Died Nov 9, age 10 months  
HICKS, LOUISA daughter of W.L. & Susan Hicks Died Dec 21, age 23 yrs.

1864

AUSTIN, C. (soldier) Died Dec 2, age 29 yrs.  
ANDREWS, JOSEPH G. son of Charles B. & W.L. Andrews Died Sept 26, age 1 month  
ANDREWS, HATTIE M. daughter of Chas. B. & W.L. Andrews Died Sept 3, age 5 yrs.  
CONN, LYND S. H. son of J.H. & C.A. Conn Died Sept 27, age 1 year.  
FASQUELLE, MARY A. wife of L.W. Fasquelle Died Nov 8, age 33 yrs.

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GIBBS, CLARA D. daughter of S.W. & Clarinda Gibbs Died Feb 2, age 3 years.  
EMMONS, MARY J. wife of George W. Emmons Died July 27, age 31 yrs.  
SWAIN, JOHN A. son of Orlando B. & Harriet E. Swain Died Nov 11, age 1 year  
BEERS, MARGARET A. daughter of S.A. & M. Beers Died May 24, age 7 yrs.  
STURGIS, DAVID Died Feb 28, age 52 years.  
WELTON, PRECILLA A. wife of H.P. Welton Died May 10, age 26 yrs.  
GREEN, WILLIAM B. son of B.F. & R. Green Died Sept, age 6 months  
LAMB, RACHEL wife of Rev. C.A. Lamb Died Jan 29, age 57 yrs.  
HUGGETT, GEORGE F. son of W.C. & R.A. Huggett Died Mar 7, age 4 yrs.  
BAKER, MAHALA wife of George W. Baker Died Jan 11, age 32 yrs.

1865

STILLWELL, FRANKLIN B. (soldier) Died May 12, age 25 yrs.  
STILLWELL, LILLY Died May 24, age 7 months  
SHIFFER, ELLA daughter of F.S. & M.E. Shiffer Died Jan 24, age 1 year  
HATHAWAY, JOHN G. son of Asher & D.E. Hathaway Age 25 yrs.  
SPAULDING, EDWARD CECIL son of D.L. & M.C. Spaulding Died Dec 12, age 5 mos.  
PLUMSTEAD, LOUIE daughter of C. & A.J. Plumstead Died Mar 17, age 6 yrs.  
BLOSS, SUSAN wife of John Bloss Died Dec 18, age 28 yrs.  
BASSETT, MATTIE infant daughter of William M. & H.V. Bassett Died Feb 22.

1866

PRATT, LUTHER B. Died July, age 44 yrs.  
MORTON, MARY M. wife of Joseph Morton Died Aug 26, age 26 yrs.  
CONARD, CHARLES C. Died Sept 1, age 27 yrs.  
TRANCHELL, MARY E. daughter of Chas. J. & M. Tranchell Died Dec 21, age 2 yrs.  
TRANCHELL, AUGUSTUS S. son of Chas. J. & M. Tranchell Died Nov 6, age 9 yrs.  
ROSE, MARY L. daughter of H.A. & Zada A. Rose Died Oct 26, age 6 yrs.  
HALL, LORENZO D. son of Lorenzo & Eveline Hall Died Sept 1, age 14 yrs.  
EMMONS, ELLA daughter of G.W. & M.J. Emmons Died Mar 10, age 13 yrs.  
WHEELER, ABNER Died Apr 22, age 10 yrs.  
PAINE, PHEBE wife of Phillip Paine Died Sept 13, age 82 yrs.  
STELLE, MRS. NELLIE Died Sept 8, age 81 yrs.  
STELLE, NELLIA daughter of Rev. S. & A.R. Stelle Died Oct 20, age 17 yrs.  
CAMPBELL, GEORGE ERNEST infant son of R.A. & E. Campbell Died May 12.

# Historical Commission Day, Nov 16

The Michigan Historical Commission and the Michigan History Division of the Department of State will present the "2nd Annual Commission Day Seminar", Friday, Nov. 16 at Kellogg Center MSU, East Lansing.

This year's theme is "the Local Historical Museum in Michigan, Planning, Funding and the Future." The cost is \$11 and includes Friday lunch. DEADLINE to register is NOV.9.

The sessions are informative and include home tour, museum and gift shop operations as topics as well as grant writing. Catherine Rumbaugh has additional information if you are interested. To REGISTER call Kellogg Center at MSU or send \$11 and your name, address and phone number to: Continuing Education Service, The Kellogg Center, MSU, East Lansing, Mi.

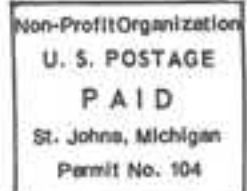
## Society sells refinishing products

The Clinton County Historical Society has the outlet to sell two items used in the restoration of their Paine-Cillam-Scott House Museum. Kut Kote, a paint remover, at \$10 a gallon and Finish Feeder at \$3.75. Finish Feeder puts life back into your furniture and is excellent for restoring antique furniture, frequently eliminating refinishing. Remember these items, buy them and promote them among your friends. They may be purchased during regular hours at the museum or by calling: 224-7402.

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Donations needed: The museum staff needs a bushel of bright red apples, cedar and pine branches and a cedar Christmas tree to decorate the museum for the holidays.