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Attend the Home Tour

The Clinton County Historical Society's Home Tour Festival offers an opportunity to visit not only large and interesting homes in St. Johns, but also the chance to visit The Rochester Colony, Saturday, Sept. 15.

The tour is the largest money making project of the CCHS and needs member support. If every member buys a ticket and sells a ticket we will be a third of the way to meeting our goal. Millie Brown has tickets if you need some in advance.

At the colony visitors will tour an old school built in 1866 and the Duplain Methodist Church built in 1855.

Two old homes will be opened, an 1856 Plank Cabin now owned by Don and Jeanne Temple and the other an 1867 Italianate farmhouse owned by the Royal Risleys.

At the Risleys you'll see examples of Ethel's self-taught art and more than 200 quilts. You'll be intrigued by a peek into Mrs. Temple's mother's trailer home parked in the backyard under a mulberry tree and furnished with family antiques.

In downtown St. Johns are more homes to be seen including the Paine-Gillam-Scott museum. The old Hicks' Mansion is still a private home and one of the county's proudest landmarks. It will be shown again this year by owners, Jack and Marta Giesecke.

An 1867 Gothic style home and an 1890 Greek Revival home, both recently renovated by young people with small children, are fine examples of the rewards received when people choose to restore rather than remodel.

Also on tour in town is the handsome 1925 Georgian home of the tour's chairman, Mrs. Thomas Teare, impeccably furnished with antiques and lovely reproductions.

An array of free activities also take place including a Flea Market and Quilt show both at the junior high school. A street fair, parade and antique auto show are also planned.

Exhibit at Museum

There's a new and interesting exhibit with cosmopolitan flavor at the Paine-Gillam-Scott museum; it's part of the extensive collection of gifts given to Ralph Lynam and his wife last year as he served as International President of Lions.

What you'll see at the museum is only part of the Lynam's extensive collection but is expansive in range and flavor. You'll see a beautiful kimono, dancing shoes and sterling silver from Japan; a silver tray from Old Celyon; jam jars from Hong Kong; bead work from India; rare shells from the British West Indies; Haviland china from France; Eskimo art from Iceland and Alaska; lead crystal from Singapore and a Picasso print from Italy.

There are items from Brazil, Germany, Uruguay, the Scandinavian countries; Pakistan, Ireland and the Republic of China.

The Lynams traveled extensively for the past eight years as he moved through the top offices of the organization. He is now immediate past-president and the couple will see places in South America, New Zealand, Australia and perhaps India this year. Where ever they travel they are presented with gifts representative of that country. On display at the museum is part of that treasure.

Genealogists offer help

The "Genealogists of the Clinton County Historical Society" have offered to help society members with data needed for the new 1980 Clinton County History.

If you are stuck with a genealogical problem, or need help with how to write-up a history about your Clinton County ancestors, then that committee will be able to serve you.

The Genealogists will be meeting again twice before the final deadline for the upcoming 1980 publication. Advisors will be at the meetings to give advice and offer a helping hand with genealogical dilemma.

Plan to attend the Sept. 10 meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Moore, 3623 West Chadwich Road, DeWitt, Mich. (northwest of DeWitt).

The Oct. 1 meeting will be in the basement of the Bement Library in St. Johns next to the City Police Dept. Both meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS ! The 4-H genealogy member of the "Olive 4-H Project Club", Miss Loretta Huhn received a blue ribbon on her exhibit at the Clinton County 4-H Fair this year.

WELCOME ABOARD
genealogy members.

Ruthe Hodge, Joyce Martin and Lisa Hull have joined as new

QUERY JAMES SHAW entered land in Duplain Township in 1845, and settled in section 26. In about 1850 he married ESTHER CARTER WATSON, the widow of TRUMAN WATSON whom she had married in Duplain in 1839. Esther died in 1864 and was buried in the Duplain Cemetery.

Her children were: EDWIN, ALBERT, and MELINDA WATSON and JEROME, IRA A., JENET and NORA SHAW. JAMES and ESTHER SHAW appear on the 1850 census and the 1860 census, but JAMES is missing on the 1870 census. ALBERT WATSON and JEROME and IRA SHAW later lived in Bath Township. NORA married _____ COYKENDAL, and was the mother of FRANK COYKENDAL. Need any information please. Ruthe Hodge, 310 East McConnell, St. Johns, Mi. 48879

DON'T FORGET to get your tickets for the CCHS drawing to be held in conjunction with the 1979 Home Tour Festival. Tickets can be picked up at the Town and Country Peddler Shop next to the Clinton Theater in St. Johns where prizes are on display. They include two oil paintings and a crocheted afghan. Tickets are 3 for \$1. The drawing will be made the day of the tour. Carol Klein is chairman.

Search on for 1812 soldiers

Contained here is a list of soldiers that served in the War of 1812, and lived in Clinton County. Can you tell us where any of them are buried?

PORTER BRIGGS Drew bounty land in Gratiot County and lived in DeWitt Twp.

ROBERT DUTTON Westphalia

REUBEN FERRIS Born ca 1793. From New York State. Lived in Clinton County in 1857 when he drew pension.

DANIEL FERGUSON, JR. (1794-1864) Born New York State. Died in Olive Twp. where he applied for pension in 1858.

JAMES HISCOCK (1797 - 1884) From New York State to Michigan in 1833. Died in Greenbush Twp.

SETH MORTON (1796 - 1881) Born Vermont. Died in DeWitt. Applied for pension in 1858 when living in Bengal Twp.

DAVID MURPHY Born about 1795. Served in New York State. Applied for pension in 1859 when living in Bengal Twp.

DENNIS PARKS Clinton County.

ISAAC PHILLIPS Born about 1781. Served in New York State. Applied for pension in 1857. His residence was Eagle Twp.

LEVI PRICHARD Born about 1784. Served in New York State. Lived in Clinton County, Michigan when applying for pension in 1858.

We also have a list of seven Soldier's widows who drew pension while living in Clinton County. Do you know where any of these ladies are buried?

S^ARAH DOTY, MARION R. FARMAN, CATHERINE FINCH, MARGARET HARRIS,

RELIEF ROBBINS, SUSAN SARGENT, and S^ARAH W^ATKINS.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! The "Genealogists of the CCHS" are now compiling a listing of all soldiers who served in the War of 1812, and at one time lived in Clinton County, Mich. If you have a War of 1812 Soldier in your ancestry, or have information regarding other 1812 Soldiers that passed this way, we would be happy to hear from you. We have thus far collected a total of 70 Clinton County 1812 Soldiers, most of them coming here from New York State. Above you see a listing of the pioneer 1812 Soldiers that we need to locate graves. If you can identify any of the above please contact: Arlynn G. Gantz, P.O. Box 535, DeWitt, Mich. 48820

Included here is a membership coupon as a reminder to members who have not paid their 1979 dues. The \$2 membership fee just about covers the cost of this newsletter so if you haven't contributed, please send in the coupon and your check as soon as possible. If you would like to receive a membership card, enclose a self-stamped envelope.

You may also become a "Friends of the Museum" contributor with a donation of \$5 or more. These fees are needed to continue the work of the Museum.

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