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Interurban topic of February meeting

All Clinton County Historical Society members and friends should mark Thursday, February 21 on their calendars and plan to attend the 7:30 p.m. meeting at the Capitol Savings and Loan Community room. Alta Reed is in charge of the program on the historic Interurban which ran between Lansing and St. Johns taking people to work or play in the city. Children traveled on it to music lessons and groups took it in for evening theater events.

January's program on the railroad was very informative. Our appreciation goes to Bill Patton for the use of the community room.

The society's financial situation was reviewed at the January meeting and members moved to raise the dues to \$4.00 a person or \$7.00 a couple. A special \$2.00 membership will be available to young people under 18.

History Book deadline nears

The absolute deadline for submitting material to the 1980 History Book Committee is March 15. Family histories should be written in 600 words or less. All families now living in the county are eligible and should be included. Forms for these and business histories can be obtained at any library in the county.

The history committee is still searching for pictures to copy for the publication. Especially needed are pictures of the Depression and the years since then. Call Jean Martin, 224-3660 or Betty Minsky, 224-4410.

The Genealogists have located two old family documents that should be of interest to a Clinton County family. One is an 1865 diary of LEVI W. SIBLEY, who entered the war from Peru, Clinton Co., N.Y. and served in Company "C" of the 96th N.Y. His family later came to DeWitt, MI. The other is the family bible of the AUGUST KEMPF family that should be of interest to someone related to this old Wacou area family.

They are now owned by Dorothy Ely of 3943 Herbison Rd., DeWitt who would like to sell them. Her number is 669-9048.

WANTED for the 1980 History Book: I need a picture of the old Slater Church which stood at the southwest corner of Airport and Price Roads. Ken Coin, 109 N. Scott Rd., DeWitt. Or call Jean Martin at 224-3660 or Betty Jane Minsky at 224-4410 and they will arrange to make a copy.

Valentines at museum

Celebrate February by visiting the Paine-Gillam Scott Museum to see fascinating and beautiful old valentines dating back to the turn of the century. Riley Twp. is upstairs as well as a gun and sword collection. Have you seen the continuing restoration of the kitchen?

Items needed for the museum include candles and a permanent rug for the diningroom. Save all your longer candle stubs because the museum staff can make good use of them. Many were burned at Christmas. The rug in the diningroom is on loan from Ken Coin who will be needing it soon. Do you know of one that could be given as a permanent gift for this room?



More burials

Here continues the listing of tombstone readings for the first 20 years of burials in Mt. Rest Cemetery, St. Johns.

1873

OSGOOD, WILLIE son of J.S. & S.S. Osgood Died Jan 10, age 2 months
 McLARY, ALEXANDER Died July 6, age 30 years.
 STELLBERGER, JENNIE daughter of D. & C. Stellberger Died Apr 2, age 2 years.
 VANDUYNE, MILTON F. son of J. N. & A. Vanduyne Died Mar 18, age 1 year.
 WISE, CORA I. daughter of J. G. & E. L. Wise Died July 23, age 1 year.

1874

BARNES, DEACON GILES Died May 28, age 82 years
 WITTENBERG, JOHN Died June 4, age 59 years.
 CUTLER, MARY E. wife of B.F. Cutler Died Mar 19, age 32 years.
 ROBARDS, FREDDIE son of J & K. Robards Died July 27, age 4 years.
 BETTS, NANCY wife of Uriak Betts Died Jan 3, age 92 years.
 HARRIS, WILLIE F. Died May 5, age 7 years.
 WHITTLESAY, CHARLES Died Oct 10, age 3 years.
 SHEPARD, MATILDA Wife of B. M. Shepard Died Aug 17, age 54 years.
 SHOOK, MARY wife of George Shook Died Jan 30, age 43 years.
 ABNER, GEORGE P. Died Nov 22, age 60 years.
 PULFREY, SUSAN A. wife of Alexander Pulfrey Died Sept 19, age 50 years.
 SNOW, FRANKIE son of R. E. & C. A. Snow Died Oct 22, age 1 year.
 ARAY, ESTELLA daughter of Eglon & Alice Aray Died June 20, age 1 year.
 WATKIN, SARAH J. wife of William E. Watkin Died Dec 6, age 51 years.

1875

WALLACE, NANCY A. wife of G. A. Wallace Died May 16, age 42 years.
 JONES, ORLAND Died Mar 12, age 24 years.
 HATHAWAY, ASHER Died Nov 24, age 76 years.
 BUNDAY, JENNIE E. wife of Warner Bunday Died Mar 6, age 20 years.
 FLINT, WILLIAM P. Died Apr 10, age 32 years.
 CRULL, AURA NETTIE daughter of H. A. & M. Crull Died Mar 22, age 6 years.
 YORK, LAURA A. Died Dec 24, age 2 years.
 HUFTON, infant daughter of John & Julia A. Hufton Born and died Nov. 28
 ARAY, ALICE E. wife of Eglon Aray Died June 3, age 28 years.

1876

RAYMOND, LUELLA M. wife of F. J. Raymond Died Aug 2, age 30 years.
 DOWNER, JOHN M. Died Oct 16, age 37 years.

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HUFTON, NELLIE daughter of John & Julia A. Hufton Died Jan 9, age 2 years.
 STEPHENS, B. C. Killed by the cars July 3, age 74 years.
 BENJAMIN, TABOR Died Jan 30, age 42 years.
 CATTERMOLLE, ELLA A. daughter of A.B. & H.M. Cattermole Died Jan 12, age 16 years.
 GIBBONS, HANRY S. Died Mar 21, age 55 years.
 ARAY, EGLON Died Jan 5, age 31 years.
 WELPER, BYRON A. Died Jan 13, age 26 years.
 LOTT, RUFUS H. Died Aug 3, age 28 years.
 WADE, C. M. Died Aug 29, age 84 years.
 WADE, EMILY C. daughter of M & M. Wade Died Feb 7, age 4 months.
 TERRY, HENRIETTA daughter of George & Mary Terry Died Sept 26, age 4 years.

1877

SEIFERT, CATHERINE wife of Jacob Seifert Died Dec 22, age 62 years.
 CATTERMOLLE, SARAH daughter of H.B. & S. Cattermole Died Aug 3, age 19 years.
 CAMP, MARY E. daughter of S. & L. Camp Died Jan 22, age 7 months.
 BEERS, BURTIS H. Died Jan 6, age 55 years.
 AVERY, SARAH ANN wife of John Avery Died Dec 1, age 78 years.

"In addition to the record of graves marked by monuments and headstones, there are in the cemetery enclosure, 123 unmarked graves, making the whole number of interments since the year 1854 in our local burying ground, 337. Among the finest monuments in the cemetery are those erected by Mr. W. Bunday, Dr. D. C. Stewart, Mr. Obadiah Lyon, Mr. Losey, Mt. E. M. Shepard, Gen. O.L. Spaulding, Mr. F. B. Cutler, Mr. John Avery and Mr. A. Pulfrey to the memory of departed relatives; and those which mark the resting places of the lamented B. H. Beers, Asher Hathaway, Mr. and Mrs. Eglon Aray and Mr. Uriah Betts. Besides these, there are many elegant and expensive marble and brown stone monuments of various dimensions, which are both ornaments to the grounds and beautiful tokens of the affections of the living for the dead. Our cemetery is susceptible of becoming one of the most beautiful abodes of death in central Michigan, but we regret to say that the beautifying of the grounds to some portions of it has been sadly neglected. We hope soon to see the beautiful and artistic monuments surrounded by shaded bowers and floral beauties."

Copied by the Genealogists of the Clinton County Historical Society from the St. Johns, Michigan Clinton Independent, edition of Thursday, July 11, 1878, page 4 columns 1 & 2.

Next month we will have the 15 early burials in the Roman Catholic section of the Mt. Rest Cemetery.

QUERY: Need bible record or other assistance of BERTHA TRAVIS, born 13 Oct 1879 in Elsie Mich. She was the daughter of Dr. James & Josephine (Cranen) Travis. He doctored in Elsie for 40 years. Bertha's birth record not at the Clinton County courthouse. Help? Thank you: Mrs. MILTON A. HOPF, 542 Mountain Rd., West Hartford, Conn. 06117

QUERY Need to establish contact with anyone with knowledge of the JENNE family that lived in Essex township 100 years ago. Also need information concerning the WICKES family of Clinton County.

Thank you: HOWARD C. WICKES, P.O. Box 3704, Incline Village, Nevada 89450

QUERY Need death date and burial place of COE S. SWEGLER, born about 1806 in Seneca County, New York. He was a brother of JOHN SWEGLER of St. Johns. He married MARY ANN CORNELL on 2 Oct 1860 in Bingham Twp. Elisted in Civil War at Ovid, address was St. Johns, MI.

Thank you: MRS HARLEY FRANKS, 1927 West Rundle Ave., Lansing, MI 48910.

QUERY Desire information regarding ISREAL & RUHAMAH CARPENTER. He was born in New York 9 Apr 1807, died DeWitt, MI 3 Sept 1856. Ruhamah (?) born 25 Feb 1811, died 25 Oct 1845 Clinton Co. Both are buried in DeWitt.

Thank You: MRS. JAMES BAILEY, 8742 Royce, Sterling Hts. MI 48078.

QUERY Need info about GEORGE & ESSETT (LANNING) GREEN who were early settlers in Victor Twp, Clinton Co. He was born 1817 in England and died in Victor Twp 6 Feb 1883. She was born ca 1816 - 18 in England and died in Victor in 1892.

Thank you: MRS. JAMES BAILEY, 8742 Royce, Sterling Hts. MI 48078.

NEED TRANSLATION Can you read old German script? I need your help for translation of old letters.

Thank you: JOAN BANCROFT, RFD # 1, Box 82, Fowler, MI 48835.

QUERY I would like to correspond or talk with any descendent of HORACE and/or JOHN AVERY who settled in Clinton County from New York and Connecticut.

Thank you: GOLDIE MOORE, 3623 W. Chadwick, DeWitt, MI 48820.

QUERY DAVID MILLER and his wife CATHERINE ANN WESTHOEFER (WESTHAFER) were born in 1844 in Perry Twp, Ashland County, Ohio. They later lived in St. Johns, MI where she died 29 June 1914 and he on 9 Mar 1925. Need correspondence with members of the family.

Thank you: MRS. JAMES BAILEY, 8742 Royce, Sterling Hts., MI 48078.

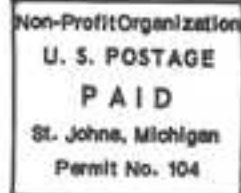
QUERY Desire infor about GILBERT E. CARPENTER, born about 1841 in Michigan, and died 14 Oct 1895 in Victor Twp. Clinton His wife, ELIZABETH JANE GREEN, born 2 Feb 1851 in England, died 12 July 1917 in Victor Twp.

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