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Genealogists plan November program

The Genealogists of The Clinton County Historical Society will present the November 20 meeting of the society, a special program on "Clinton County's Forgotten Vital Records."

The program will be given at the regular monthly meeting of the society, Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Capitol Savings and Loan building, downtown St. Johns.

The Genealogists are interested in learning the whereabouts of other vital records of Clinton County pioneers, other than those at the courthouse. The program will focus on school records, church records, family records, including Bibles, cemetery records, censuses, old scrap books, old area newspapers, Centennial farms, special biographies of Soldiers of 1812 who lived in Clinton County and other important sources of vital information. Also worth mention are tax records. The Genealogists will also make known an inventory recently made by them of the libraries in Clinton County. If a member or friend or neighbor has any old records as those mentioned above, they are urged to bring them to this interesting and important meeting. The public is also invited to attend.

Museum staff keeps busy

There's so much going on at the museum that it's hard to know what to start with. DeWitt is on display in the Township Room and will remain through November 16. Faye Hansen and Ken Coin put this together. It represents only the city of DeWitt and is the first non-township to be represented in the room. Of special interest is a beautiful township desk. After the 16th the room will be used for a special Christmas display.

The Museum staff is already getting ready for Christmas. They have been painting woodwork and are striving to have the kitchen in shape by the holidays.

The week of Thanksgiving, museum workers will start making cedar roping and putting up displays. They still need cedar and would appreciate a call if you have some to share so that it can be counted on.

The museum has received many nice gifts lately including a Victorian doll bed that will be placed under the Christmas tree. A large Victorian shelf from an early St. Johns family is another special gift. The staff reported that while the museum has received one large

donation that has kept things going this summer, small donations are not coming in as they had earlier. They want to remind supporters that even \$1 and \$2 are very helpful.

Another favorite gift is a Rogers statuary called "Neighboring pews". A plaster of paris statuary by John Rogers, the piece is 24 inches high. Rogers was the Norman Rockwell of the Victorian era. He made both humorous and historical pieces that sold at the time for around \$15. His efforts were towards making pieces of art the common man could afford. Today his works are worth from \$200 - \$1,000.

Also worth mentioning again is the paint donations that the museum has received. Between Dean's Hardware and Mark Barber, the museum has not had to buy a single gallon of paint. Barber's gift of 200 gallons has also enabled the museum staff to earn a little extra money. There is still paint available to those interested for the bargain price of \$4 a gallon. There is just about every color and a large amount of wood stain.

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NOTE - The following is a list of the Clinton County men who were drafted into the Union Army just prior to this publication. The names that are preceded by an (*) indicates that they were "draft exempt". Townships that had already filled their quota were...
DALLAS, EAGLE, LEBANON, OVID and VICTOR.

BATH TOWNSHIP

JOHN BELL
PERES N. GALLUP
(*) HIRAM SMITH
(*) HARLAN P. TOWER
WASHINGTON G. WILEY

BENGAL TOWNSHIP

ELIJAH BAKER
WILLIAM H. BUCK
PETER H. GARDNER
CHRISTIAN HISER
WILLIAM HOUGHTELLING
WARREN HUNDEY
(*) ANDREW J. ROSE
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JAMES ANSTEY
ELIAS BARNUM
SAMUEL BARTON
(*) IRVING CARRIER
(*) PETER M. FROST
(*) LOUIS C. GARDNER
ROBERT LARKINS
CHARLES PLUMSTEAD
(*) JAMES RICHARDSON
GEO. H. STEPHENSON
WILLIAM W. STILES
JOHNSON H. SUTLIFF
ASHER TEACHOUT
SIMEON TENEICK
LOUIS VONCOUNSANT
(*) JOHN T. WILKS

DEWITT TOWNSHIP

(*) GEORGE BARNUM
JOHN BROWN
HENRY P. CLARK
EDWARD FEVER
(*) ALPHEUS C. FORTTE
JOHN FRY, JR.
STEPHEN T. HEADLEY
(*) SIMEON HEWITT
MORGAN HOLCOMB

DEWITT (con't)

(*) ALBERT LOTT
CHARLES MOON
GEORGE W. SCOTT
ISAAC SMITH, 2nd
HENRY STEVENS
ALMERON STOWELL
CHARLES W. THOMAS
WILLIAM VAIL
(*) CALEB VANDERFORD
JOHN WALLER
(*) SAMUEL WELLINGS
BRADNEY WHITNEY
(*) JOHN WOODWORTH

DUPLAIN TOWNSHIP

HENRY BAKER
THOMAS BEBEE
ELIAS H. CORPE
(*) JACOB CREGO
JOHN CURTIS
CHARLES M. FERDON
JOHN E. GLEASON
(*) LEVI HALL
(*) JOHN N. HAWKINS
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ALBERT D. LINMAN
JOHN C. PELTON
JOHN RICHARDS
CHARLES SEXTON
DERICK R. SUTFIN
FRANKLIN WARNER
DANIEL C. YOUNG

ESSEX TOWNSHIP

JEREMIAH BLACKMAR
JACOB BLAKESLEE
OSCAR F. BRISTOL
SANFORD CROWNER
NAPOLEON DE LONG
(*) JOSIAH F. FRINK
MARQUIS D. L. LEWIS
AARON D. LYON
WARREN L. PEET
GEORGE W. ROLF
(*) FREDERICK WILLARD

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP

CLARK GRAY
JOHN L. HAMIEL
JAMES E. HISCOCK
(*) WILLIAM C. JEFFREY
CHARLES LIVESAY
STEPHEN A. ROWELL
ELI TINKLEPAUGH
(*) NATHAN TRAIL

OLIVE TOWNSHIP

(*) GEORGE BROKAW
CHARLES FERGUSON
(*) DAVID R. HOLLY
(*) WILLIAM F. REED

RILEY TOWNSHIP

(*) LESTER K. BOND
CHRISTOPHER T. CHANT
CHARLES E. DAYTON
(*) DANIEL DILLEBAUGH
(*) ANDREW J. JONES
SEPTEMUS MILLER
(*) NORMAN T. MOORE
(*) JAMES POST

WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP

MARTIN CORBAN
LYMAN J. DANIELS
ISAAC H. ELLIOTT
CHARLES S. HARMAN
AMESLEY H. HUNT
JACOB MYERS
JOSEPHUS J. NEWBRO
EZRA O. NICHOLS
DELOS NILES
ALMERON PIERCE
BENJAMIN F. TIFT
CALVIN THROUP

WESTPHALIA TOWNSHIP

JOSEPH BUCHEL
ALMER KELLY
CHARLES KELLY
JACOB KLECKNER
PAUL PUNG
CASPER RADEMACHER
WILLIAM SCHULER

Queries

QUERY: WILLIAM & EMMA (BAKER) DE LAMARTER came to Victor Township from Stanwood, Michigan about 1887, with their two sons, Harry B. and Fred. They lived west of Round Lake about a mile. Emma died Aug. 20, 1895, and William, Sept. 25, 1896. Would appreciate any knowledge about this family that anyone has.

Thank you: Mrs. Eric J. DeLamarter, 7160 Cutler Road, RFD #2, Bath, Michigan 48808.

QUERY: JAMES N. & RACHAEL (SHORT) SMITH came to Bath Township from Sandusky County, Ohio about 1864. They appear on the Bath census of 1870 but not in 1880, however, their daughter Nettie to LIBERTY HYDE BAILEY at her parents home in 1883. Family lore tells us about a "story" that James N. Smith and son went west to purchase land for speculation, were trapped in a snowstorm, and the son survived while the father died. James N. Smith and wife are buried in Bath Township. Any information concerning descendents will be appreciated, or more about James N. Smith.

Thank you: Elaine Davis, 4611 Arrowhead, Okemos, Michigan 48864.

QUERY: I am interested in contacting anyone who knows of the Eagle Township pioneer, JOSEPH EDDY, and his family. His daughter PHEBE married to ISAAC PHILLIPS.

Thank you: Geneva Wiskeman, 5580 W. State Rd., RFD #4, Lansing, Michigan 48906.

Mary Jane Trout here in December

The Genealogists are happy to announce that Mary Jane Trout of the Michigan State Library will be the guest speaker at their December 1st meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Central National Bank building, across from the Bement Library in St. Johns.

The popular Mrs. Trout, will speak about "The Restoration and Preservation of old books and family records." This will cover a variety of things including the repairing of torn papers and pages, repairing cloth and leather bindings, cellulose tape removal, cleaning pages and bindings, mildew and water damage, etc. The program will be a perfect follow up to the Genealogists presentation at the November meeting of the society, Nov. 20 which is to be on "Preservation of Clinton County's forgotten vital records.

The public is invited to attend.

Committee looking at depot renovation

Plans are underway in St. Johns to approach the railroad for partial use of the depot to be used for Chamber of Commerce offices. The committee involved plan to make their request soon, offering to restore the building inside and out and take proper care of the large lawn area. Also part of their proposal is an offer to establish a railroad museum or display in the building as part of the Chamber room decor.



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