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ORAL HISTORY TO BE EXPLORED AT FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting of the Clinton County Historical Society will bring members and guests a look at the Oral History effort being made by the society, as Libbie Spoelma of DeWitt outlines its importance in saving the present for the future. Libbie is chairman of the society's oral history committee and is always looking for members who would like to assist in her task.

This committee is making tape recordings of older members of the county community, saving their memories and voices on tape. The tapes are transcribed for reference which is one of the biggest jobs.

The society will meet Thursday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the community room of the Capitol Savings and Loan, downtown St. Johns.

1980 BOOK IS AN IMPRESSIVE PROJECT

The 1980 History of Clinton County arrived and was distributed the last week of the year, bringing county residents an impressive historical picture of organizations, communities and residents. The 1,400 page book was compiled by a hardworking 10 person committee, Betty Moore, Hila Bross, Shirley Karber, Betty Jane Minsky, Jean Martin, Ken Coin, Alice Jumper, Joan Bancroft, Helen Crum and Bertha Light. Their efforts resulted in the updated story of Clinton County that covers up to June 25, 1980. It includes 435 family histories; histories of local governments, churches, schools and organizations; pictures and a year-by-year synopsis of what's been happening here since 1880. The book also includes an account of life in Clinton County from 1826 to 1880.

GENEALOGISTS SPONSOR LEARNING SESSION, MONDAY, MARCH 2

The Genealogists of the Clinton County Historical Society will share their knowledge with other society members and the public in a special learning session, Monday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m.

The program has been planned on demand of interested community members who want to learn how to start their "family tree." The Genealogists will show how and where to find information and teach how to record it. They will start you on your search for ancestors, sharing their knowledge and special hints.

All meetings of this committee are held the first Monday of the month. In the winter they meet at the Central National Bank Community Room across from the library in St. Johns.

Queries

Need info on WILLIAM H. STEWART, born late 1800's and adopted by LORIN MINOR. He married CATHERINE SCHIARF. Would like to learn more about all the above.

Thank you: MRS. MARTIN BANDT, 4125 Rainbow Lake Rd., Perrinton, Mich. 48871.

Need help with a Maple Rapids area family....Would like to know the names of the parents of CHARLES STEAD, their birthdates and place of burial. Charles married LAURA M. OBER, and their sons were ARTHUR, IRVIN H., AND ELMER. Also, who is MRS. GEORGE STEAD?

Thank you: MRS. ARTHUR ANDREWS, 3435 Inverary, Lansing, Mich. 48910.

ISAAC & SARAH (SUTHERLAND) GLYMER appear on the 1850 census in Greenbush Township before removing to Gratiot County. Their were 11 children including daughters who married to HAWKINS, ROWLAND AND DOTY. Also need help with THOMAS, STILES, MOUSER, KNOWLES, GROVE and CASTLE.

Thank you: CLARA B. MOORE, P.O. Box 2322, Livonia, Mich. 48151.

Info needed on children of WARREN & AMANDA (SMITH) THORP who came to St. Johns, Mich. from Erie County, New York. THOMAS PADLEY and wife ANNA SMITH. GALE family of JAMES, MANLEY, AMELIA, MINA, SAMUEL, and his wife CYNTHIA.

Thank you: DALE A. LADD, 756 N. Chevrolet Ave., Flint, Mich. 48504.

Need marriage dates, death dates, and places of burial of HORTON & MAHALA (WHITCOMB) WARREN, LATHROP J. & ABBIE (WARREN) BRIGGS, RUFUS & SARAH A. (PIERCE) BRIGGS (Sarah 2nd married to CHARLES YOUNG. RUTH A. BRIGGS married step-brother CHARLES O. YOUNG.

Thank you: MRS. ORVILLE VORE, 2278 Evadna St., Pontiac, Mich. 48054.

My maternal grandmother was LILLIAN ABAGAIL ST. JOHNS. We believe she was 2nd married to a man named WARREN and 3rd to ALBERT EDWARD ARMSTRONG. Need info about any of these people. Thank you: LILLIAN MUDGETT, 9956 84th Street North, Seminole, Fla. 33543. Telephone (813) 393-8185.

Need to make contact with anyone who knows of JOSEPH A. & MATILDA (TOWNSEND) DUTCHER who were early residents of Duplain Township ca. 1871-1880. Had son Sanford Norman DUTCHER.

Thank you DIANE FRASER, Rt. 2, Box 103, Montgomery, Minn. 56069.

Would like to exchange information about the family of JOHN & MARY SINCLAIR or (ST. CLAIR), that had settled in Victor Township by 1855.

Thank you: DIAN GUSTAFSON, 6635 Buckingham Dr., Gladstone, Oregon 97027.

There was a LEONARD COATS family that lived in Essex Township at an early date.

Also CRATZENBURG. Please help.

Thank you: FREEMAN COATS, 1023 North Harrison, Saginaw, Mich. 48602.

I have an old newspaper clipping about a reunion write-up for my WILKINSON family of Gratiot County. The notice tells of a MARY SCHAFFER and son HERMAN of St. Johns, who were in attendance. I need help in contacting members of this SCHAFFER family.

Thank you: ARLYNN G. GANTZ, P.O. Box 535, DeWitt, Mich. 48820

From the Genealogists

CLINTON COUNTY NEWSPAPERS AVAILABLE ON MICROFILM

Michigan State Library, Lansing, Michigan

MAPLE RAPIDS (1885-1895)

Maple Rapids Dispatch (July 17, 1885 - Sept 26, 1895)

OVID (1869-1871), (1885-1890), (1893-1967)

*Microfilm also at Ovid-Elsie High School

Ovid Register (June 17, 1869 - Sept 7, 1871)

(Oct 2, 1885 - Nov 26, 1886)

Ovid Register Union (Dec 3, 1886 - Sept 5, 1890)

(Sept 7, 1893 - June 25, 1967)

ST JOHNS (1863 - 1940)

Clinton County Republican (July 24, 1863 - June 4, 1869)

(Feb 25, 1881 - Apr 24, 1924)

Clinton County Republican News (May 1, 1924 - Dec 26, 1940)

Clinton Independent (Aug 20, 1866 - Apr 7, 1881)

(Feb 23, 1882 - Jan 3, 1884)

St. Johns News (Sept 6, 1889 - July 26, 1923)

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC - CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

G.A.R. POST NO.	NAME OF POST	POST OFFICE	DATE OF ORGANIZATION	DATE OF DISBANDMENT
58	GEORGE W. ANDERSON	DEWITT	1882	1909
104	GEORGE A WINANS	OVID	1883	1910
127	BILLY BECOLE	MAPLE RAPIDS	1883	1925
129	R. G. HUTCHINSON	FOWLER	1883	1916
156	CHARLES E. GRISSON	ST. JOHNS	1883	1936
167	MAJOR LUSK	ELSIE	1883	1925
217	J. WAGAR	EUREKA	1884	1901
248	JOSEPH MASON	WACOUSTA	1884	1923
355	WILLIAM SHOWERMAN	BATH	1891	1901

NOTE - The original records of the above G.A.R. Posts can be viewed in the State of Michigan Archives, Lansing, Michigan.

January marked the new year for the CCHS and 1981 dues are now due. Memberships are \$4. a person; \$7. a couple; \$2. for members under 18. Pay dues to Millie Brown, treasurer, either at monthly meetings or by mail. If you wish to receive a membership card, enclose a self-stamped envelope with your membership check.

Friends of the Museum gifts can also be made at this time and any time during the year to help maintain the museum.

MEMBERSHIP COUPON

Name _____ Address _____

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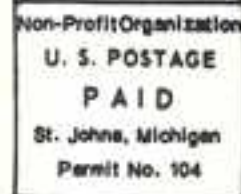
Individual \$4 _____ Couple \$7 _____ Youth \$2 _____ Zip _____

I also enclose a Friends of the Museum contribution _____ \$20 _____ \$10 _____ \$5 _____

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Cyrus Waldron
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Fowler, MI 48835

There will be a special renovation seminar at the Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum, Sunday, Feb. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. entitled "The Kitchen Talks" and featuring the museum's 1860 kitchen.