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Restoration committee is April program in DeWitt

The monthly meeting of the Clinton County Historical Society has been postponed until the last Thursday of the month, April 30th, when members will meet at the new Community Church at 505 Webb Road, DeWitt, for a program by the Historic Buildings and Restoration committee.

Chairman Ken Coin refers to his committee as the "old building committee" and they are interested in authentic restorations of the county's historic homes. He said their program will be a chronological presentation of typical buildings, both homes and commercial in the DeWitt area.

Museum donations can mark special events

Included with your newsletter this month is a "Remembrance" envelope that can be used for seven different occasions, memorial, weddings, anniversaries, births, other occasions and "Friends of the Museum" donations. More are available at the museum and they make very nice gifts and help the museum build its collection at the same time.

April exhibits at museum are varied

There are some varied and interesting exhibits at the museum this month. A display of antique cameras has been set up and the St. Johns Camera Club is helping make prints of some very old glass negatives recently donated to the museum. They will be on display by the middle of the month.

The Morning Musicales Club from St. Johns has the diningroom at the museum this month, and they have arranged it with a collection of antique music. They are the sponsoring group for the annual Magnolia Week celebration which starts Sunday, May 3. The museum will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. Tea will be served Wednesday, May 6 from 2 to 5 p.m. and a special slide show of the antique art of area artists featured in last year's Magnolia Week display will be shown in the evening. Magnolia Week coincides with National Music Week.

The museum will be open for special hours on Saturday, May 9, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Victor Township is on display in the township room. Three items from this exhibit have been left to the museum; a beautiful marble top table, a quilt top made by the Reed Cemetery Association and a small spinning wheel.

Of special interest is an exhibit from Holy Trinity Church in Fowler in honor of its 100th anniversary. On loan until the middle of June, when the church plans its centennial celebration, is a carved wooden baptismal font made in 1916.

Members will be interested in another gift recently acquired by the museum which puts its giver on the \$1,000 board. A black walnut secretary made in 1870 for Orin Peck is now in place in the library area. The desk was made in Maple Rapids by the Hewitt Company which specialized in beds and tables. The special piece is signed by the carpenter. Also part of the gift is a most facinating brass student lamp, 20 old books and a chair.

Plans are being made for Michigan Week, which runs the whole month of May at the museum. School groups come through for special tours and clubs are also welcome if they make an appointment. These activities will start after Magnolia Week.

April 27 - May 3 is National Volunteer Week; Many thanks to the volunteers who help staff the museum for regular and special tours. The society is most appreciative of your help.

REGISTER OF ELECTORS FOR GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN - 1863

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF REG.</u>	<u>PARTY</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>REMARKS:</u>
AVERY, ZELDTES	4 Apr 1859	(R)	Sec. 36	19 years in town
ALDRICH, JOSHUA	" " "	(R)	Sec. 25	6 months in town
AVERY, HORACE	" " "		Sec. 31	19 years in town
AVERY, AMOS	" " "		Sec. 32	19 years in town
AUTEN, HENRY			Sec. 4	9 years in town
ADAMS, GEORGE		(R)		
ADAMS, ROBERT				
ADAMS, WILLIAM	30 Sept 1859			
ADOLEMAN, GEORGE	4 Sept			
ACKLES, MOSES D.	5 Apr 1862		Greenbush Village	
ALLEN, JOHN	7 Apr "			
BACHELDER, AARON	4 Apr 1859		Sec. 27	6 years in town
BURROWS, MINARD	" " "		Greenbush Village	2 yrs in town
BANCROFT, WILLIAM J.	" " "		Sec. 31	15 years in town
BANCROFT, SENECA C.	" " "		Sec. 32	1½ years in town
BESLEY, WILLIAM	" " "		Sec. 10	10 years in town
BAKER, BENJAMIN	" " "		Sec. 23	3 years in town
BREWER, HENRY S.	" " "	(R)	Sec. 30	1 year in town
BROWN, BYRON	" " "	(R)	Sec. 13	1 year in town
BREWER, ISAAC W.	" " "		Sec. 19	7 years in town
BAILEY, JOHN W.	" " "		Sec. 36	5 years in town
BUSHNEL, WILLIAM	" " "	(R)	Sec. 23	5 years in town
BESLEY, JAMES W.	" " "		Sec. 10	10 years in town
BOYCE, LYSANDER	" " "		Sec. 21	5 years in town
BOYCE, SAMUEL N.	" " "	(R)	Sec. 29	4 months
BACHELDER, MARSHALL			Sec. 27	6 years in town
BAKER, STEPHEN H.		(R)	Sec. 23	4 years in town
BREWBAKER, JOHN			S½SW¼, Sec. 2	
BARRETT, JAMES	" " "		Sec. 32	
BAKER, SANFORD			Sec. 7	3 years
BAKER, WILLIAM				
BRYANT, JOHN W.			Sec. 6	5 years
BROWN, HENRY		(D)	Sec. 6	
BOTSFORD, WILLIAM C.			E½W½, Sec. 27	
BUTTOLPH, JAMES W.	31 Mar 1860		Sec. 15	
BAKER, GEORGE W.			Sec. 23	
BAKER, SAMUEL D.				

(Compiled by Arlynn Gantz, more next month)

Queries

QUERY #011-81 Would like correspondence with a descendant of JOHN CARLTON & ELIZA (MUTCHINS) STEARNS, who left Maine about 1876 for Michigan. He was born 1827 in Vermont. Family had letters postmarked from Dewitt until about 1912 from a HELEN (also ABBIE) DILL.

Thank you: DONALD CHRISTIE, Gray, Maine 04039

QUERY #012-81 Need proof that my great grandparents, MICHAEL & MARY McKOECH (also spelled KEOGH/McKOECH), lived in St. Johns sometime between 1850-1880.

Thank you: MRS. DONALD LYON, 31551 Bobrich, Livonia, Michigan 48152

QUERY #013-81 DAVID & SUSAN HONEYWELL lived in the Matherton area about 1850. They were closely associated with ASAPH MATHER, the Ionia county treasurer at that time. I need historical and genealogical data.

Thank you: MRS. JANE WILSON, 9541 Salome Ave., Sepulveda, California 91343

QUERY #014-81 Seeking info about ALICE LORETTA (WETHERBEE) GREEN, born 13 Aug 1858, possibly in Duplain Twp. Need her marriage and death date, as well as the husband's given name. Her father was LUTHER WETHERBEE.

Thank you: MRS. THEO A. KLISCH, 2740 N. Clinton Rd., Saginaw, Michigan 48603

QUERY #015-81 I would like to hear from anyone who could tell me when, where and why my grandparents were divorced, the legal action taking place between 1885-1889? CHARLES H. & MARY ALICE (LONLEY) BANKS are the grandparents, and they had three children, one being my mother. After the divorce Mary Alice worked in a millinery shop in Maple Rapids, and met and married WALTER ROESSER, a pharmacist of that place. The Roessers later moved to Detroit. My grandfather, Charles H. Banks never married again. Please Help!

Thank you: MARGARET EAEGLE, 238 Yorkshire Blvd #216, Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48127

QUERY #016-81 The following is a reprint of a query that appeared in the Clinton Independent in November 1980. Please make a note that the old query did contain some errors. We submit the following... JAMES N. & RACHAEL (SHORT) SMITH came to Bath Twp from Sandusky County, Ohio about 1864. They appear in the Bath census of 1870, but not in 1880. Their daughter, NETTIE, was married to LIBERTY HYDE BAILEY in 1883. Family lore tells 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 not buried in Bath Twp. Any info concerning descendants will be appreciated.

Thank you: ELAINE DAVIS, 4611 Arrowhead, Okemos, Michigan 48864

QUERY #017-81 I am researching the genealogy of our WAITE family. GEORGE W. WAITE, druggist, was in business partnership with his brother-in-law, ROBERT WHEDON, at one time in St. Johns. GEORGE W. WAITE & MARY A. WHEDON were married in Washtenaw County, Michigan 24 Nov 1874. Her brother Robert was a Physician. George also had two sisters, CATHERINE, married ROBERT LYON, and MATTIE married a RICE. Any help will be appreciated.

Thank you: GERDA B. SCHAIRER, 483 Adrianna Lane, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

QUERY #018-81 Consolidating records of the Beach Cemetery in Essex Township. Need info on Civil War Soldier, DANIEL HANDEY, and his family.

Thank you: MRS. JOAN BANCROFT, RFD-1, Box 82, Fowler, Michigan 48835

From the genealogists

The Genealogists have found a home and are in the process of setting up a County Archives at 117 E. Walker St., St. Johns, next to the fire station.

The spot has been donated by Jerry Idle of Owosso and will be used to house and preserve Clinton County's old records.

The new archives will not only serve as a place to store records but will serve as a library and fact finding center for genealogical and historical purposes, according to Arland Gantz. Restoration files, oral history tapes, family histories and records, old photographs, all will be on file there.

Persons with old ledgers, record books, tax records, school records, church and Grange records, are urged to bring them in for storage and safe keeping.

Library hours will be established and a microfilm reader will soon be available for patrons to read old newspapers and other records available on microfilm.

The room is in need of shelving, tables, chairs and other furnishings and the Society is looking for donations.

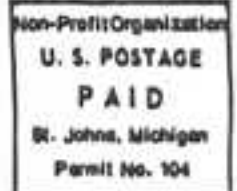
"Genealogy and Photography" will be the subject of the May 4 meeting of the Genealogy meeting at Maple Rapids at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Community Room. Come learn about preserving and identifying your own photo treasures and discover what to look for in your genealogical search. A display of photos from "old" Maple Rapids will be part of the program.

In June the Genealogists will offer a program at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Riley Township on "Church and Cemetery Records." The program starts with a potluck at 6 p.m. Bring a dish to pass, dinnerware and table services will be furnished. A fieldtrip will follow to nearby Boughton Cemetery for demonstrations on "tombstone rubbing."

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NEED A QUERY ? Address letters to ARLYNN G. GANTZ, P.O. Box 535, DeWitt, Michigan 48820. There is no charge for placement at this time.