



# THE CLINTON INDEPENDENT 1982

## CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

AT PAINE-GILLAM-SCOTT MUSEUM

TREVA MERRILL SMITH - "A FRIEND OF THE MUSEUM"

GREATLY MISSED BUT LONG REMEMBERED .....

Treva Merrill Smith, a much loved and avid supporter of the Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum, passed away Sept. 10.



Through the generosity of her California heirs, Herbert Streit and John Robertson, nephew and grand nephew, the value of the donations is another \$1,000 Memorial Board entry in Treva's name. Items donated by her heirs included paintings, oil and water color; linens, a knitted bedspread, baskets, walnut spool and thimble holder, silver candle lamps with shades and history books.

The focal point of the new Doctor's Office at PGS is an exhibit including a primitive oil of Treva's grandfather, Dr. Oliver Chase Joslen, painted upon graduation from the Eclectical College of Cincinnati, Ohio in 1851. Other doctor related items are his medical case with bottles, Clinton and Gratiot map, beakers and eye cups.

Dr. Joslen was one of Clinton County's early doctors, living four years in Rochester Colony before moving to St. Johns. He nursed wounded Civil War soldiers in his home and treated Michigan Indians from as far away as 200 miles north, when they came to St. Johns for medical care. He made his own medicines from garden grown herbs.

Though three doctors lived in the Museum house - Gillam, Scott and Russell - the exhibit is to honor all doctors of Clinton County and many items on exhibit are from other doctors.

Treva's desire to work at the Museum wasn't feasible, but her moral support was most welcomed. Her donations of antiques and money when the Museum first came to be aided in the impact of making PGS a viable museum.

Treva Merrill Smith, a "friend of the Museum", will be greatly missed but long remembered by all who visit PGS in years to come.

John and Catherine Rumbaugh  
PGS co-directors

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President George Washington issued a general proclamation for a day of thanks in 1789. But for many years no regular national Thanksgiving Day was celebrated. A woman, (name) editor of Godey's Lady's Book, worked for 30 years to promote the idea of a national Thanksgiving holiday, sending out pleas through her editorial columns and writing letters to presidents, until President Lincoln issued a proclamation setting aside the last Thursday of November. Later, in 1939, President Roosevelt proclaimed it would be celebrated one week earlier. WHY. Answers to both questions on page 2.

REGISTER OF ELECTORS FOR GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MI., continued, 1863

NAME	DATE OF REG.	PARTY	RESIDENCE	REMARKS
JONES, CHARLES	6 Nov	"		
JEFFREY, WILLIAM	4 Apr	1863		
JEFFREY, WILLIAM 2.	" "	"		
KIMBELL, ABEL	4 Apr	1859	Sec. 14	8 years in town
KING, NICHOLAS	" "	"	Sec. 29	4 years in town
KERBY, JAMES			SW $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$ , Sec. 2	
KERBY, WILLIAM			At Greenbush Village	
KERBY, EMIT			Sec. 12	
KERBY, THOMPSON	31 Mar	1860	Sec. 15	
KINNICUTT, JAMES H.	2 Oct	"		
KNOWLES, CHESTER	5 Apr	1862	Sec. 33	
KNOWLES, LORANOUS C.	" "	"	Sec. 33	
KNOWLES, CYREMUS	" "	"	Sec. 33	
KINNEY, ALPHENES	1 Nov	1862		
KNOWLES, FRANCIS	4 Apr	1863		
LAXBERT, ASHER	4 Apr	1859	(R)	
LINALEY, WILLIAM	27 Apr	1859	Sec. 17	
LYON, AUGUSTUS	3 Nov	1859	(R)	Sec. 10
LIVESAY, CHARLES	28 Mar	1861	(R)	Sec. 12
LYON, S. AUGUSTUS	5 Apr	1862	(R)	
LIVESAY, CHARLES	6 Apr	1863		
MATTOON, GERSHOM P.	4 Apr	1859	Sec. 30	3 years in town
McKINSTRY, SAMUEL	" "	"	Sec. 16	5 years in town
MILLS, JASON N.	" "	"	Sec. 32	4 years in town
MOORE, HORACE R.	" "	"	Sec. 14	5 years in town
MULL, WILLIAM	" "	"	(R) Sec. 15	1 year in town

GENEALOGY GAZETTE



RECENT ADDITIONS: To the genealogist's collection include a copy of Edward T. Miller's "Diary of Ovid Area" given by Marchan Miller Kilgore of Eagle, Mi.; "Downriver Genealogical Directory" given by Janet M. Snyder, our past chairperson; and Michigan Centennial Farms Directory" published in 1972 and donated by the genealogists.

CLOSED: Because of illness the Hila Bross home can no longer be used as an archives. Until a new location is decided on the archives will be closed.

To forget one's ancestors is to be like a brook without a source or a tree with out roots.....source unknown.

DOLLARS FOR NATIONAL ARCHIVES: Genealogists throughout the US are being asked to donate \$1 or more to an Archives Gift Fund to be used to create genealogical finding aids at the National Archives for which no government funding is available. Make your check payable to the Archives Gift Fund. It is tax deductible and your cancelled check is your receipt. When sufficient funds are received the treasurer of the local group should make a check - or the checks - to the Federation of Genealogical Societies, Box 220, Da( port, Ia. 52805.

MANCHESTER, JOHN	" " "		Sec. 23	16 years in town
MOORE, STEPHEN	" " "		Sec. 20	6 years in town
MATHEWS, NATHANIEL	" " "		Sec. 10	4 years in town
McKINSTRY, PHILIP	" " "			
MILLER, WILLIAM	" " "			
MOORE, GEORGE W.	" " "			
MORSE, HIRAM	" " "		Sec. 20	
MURPHY, THOMAS	" " "	(D)		
MATTONS, GEORGE P.	31 Mar 1860		Sec. 30	
MATHEWS, JOHN A.	" " "		Sec. 10	
MORRISON, JAMES H.	" " "	(R)	Sec. 2	
MORTON, CHAUNCEY	" " "		Sec. 5	
MILLER, ANDREW J.	" " "	(R)	Sec. 2	
MATHEWS, OLIVER H.	2 Apr "	(R)	Sec. 1	
MORTEN, LUCIUS	3 Nov "			
MORTEN, LEWIS	" " "			
MARSHALL, SCHUYLER	1 Apr 1861			
MILLER, GEORGE L.	5 Apr 1862			
MIX, HIRAM	" " "		Greenbush Village	
DWEN, ALVIN	4 Apr 1859	(R)	Sec. 12	8 years in town
ODELL, JAMES	" " "		Sec. 1	5½ years in town
DWEN, DANIEL C.		(R)		
DWEN, JESSE		(R)	Sec. 12	8 years in town
DWEN, EZRA		(R)		
DWEN, JEDEDIAH				
DWEN, JEPHTA				
ODELL, JOHN	30 Oct 1860	(R)		
DLMSTEAD, FRANCIS C.		(R)		

Individual gifts of \$100 or more can be sent directly to the federation.

NEW ARCHIVES PUBLICATIONS DUE: Several new National Archives publications will be available this fall including the "Guide to Genealogical Records in the National Archives" in both hard and softbound editions. Also scheduled for release soon is a new catalog of all Archives microfilm publications and a series of subject area microfilm catalogs. The latter will include American Indian, Black studies, genealogy, military service records and State Department.

ARLENE SCHRADER, vice chairperson, moved up to chairperson after Janet Snyder resigned recently because of a heavy schedule at work. Thanks to Snyder for a job well done and we are happy to hear she plans to continue contributing items for our newsletter.

NOVEMBER GENEALOGY MEETING: Nov. 1 at Capital Savings & Loan, 7:30 p.m. with program on Mayflower descendants.

DEC. meeting, Capital Savings & Loan, 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 6.

QUIZ ANSWER: Sarah Josepha Hale. The celebration was moved up a week because Pres. Roosevelt wanted to help businessmen by making the shopping time between Thanksgiving & Christmas longer. In 1941 Congress ruled it would be the fourth Thursday of November.



HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING DAY

**PRESIDENTIAL POTPOURRI** The CCHS Board of Directors will decide Nov. 11 on a new location for the archives. We are grateful to Hila Bross for allowing the archives the use of her home in the past. Several other locations have been offered and as soon as a decision is made the media will be notified and hours will be announced in our December newsletter.

Our next meeting will be Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Capital Savings and Loan with a program by Betty Jane Minsky and Polly Matheson on cooking and baking with whole grains. They will give tips and hints and answer questions. Anyone who has a favorite recipe using Whole grains should bring it along so it can be shared.

**VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS** will be held at the Museum and this is a reminder for CCHS members to include a trip to our Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum as part of their holiday activities.

Betty Moore, president....

## MUSEUM MUSINGS

**EXHIBITS** include "Come To The Fair", a display of items from Chicago's 1892-93 Columbian Exposition, through Nov. 24.

Our long awaited doctor's office is now open and will be a permanent display. (See related story page 1).

Coming up, **VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS** from Sunday, Dec. 5 through Wed. Jan. 5. Come early when the greens smell and look their freshest.

**CLOSING ANNOUNCED:** Due to the crunch in paying energy costs the Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum and CCHS boards decided the Museum will be closed in mid-winter months. The closing dates start Sunday, Jan. 16 and continue until Sunday, March 13, 1983.

**REMINDER:** A membership in the Clinton County Historical Society is a great Christmas Gift, and the cost is low: Single members, \$4; family, \$7; Age 18 or under, \$2. Mail your check and the name of the person who is to receive the membership to: CCHS, Box 174, St. Johns, Michigan, 48879. You will receive a membership card to give as your gift.



**CLASSIFIED:** Can you give a few hours time to work at the museum. Call Catherine or John Rumbaugh at 224-7402.

**NEWS AND NOTES** of what our members are doing, especially historically-related items should be sent to Betty Jane Minsky, Rt. 3, St. Johns, 48879 for publication in our newsletter.

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