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CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

A Family Treat

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

Our Paine Gillam Scott Museum will celebrate Victorian Christmas Dec. 5 - Jan. 5 on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. and Wednesdays from 2 - 8 p.m. with special events (see calendar on right) including choral, string quartet, bell choir, recorder and instrumental programs.

Cathryn Rumbaugh, co-director of PGS, said special holiday exhibits include the Victorian Christmas Tree - the traditional cedar which PGS staff hauled from a Rochester Colony swamp. A cedar is used traditionally at PGS because it was the tree most available and used by early Clinton pioneer families. Also on display will be antique toys, fire engine collection, a one horse cutter, antique dolls, toys of the 1930's, a log cabin and a Victorian doll house, a Hansel and Gretel house of candy and cookies, and "cranberry in the snow", a collection of cranberry glass.



MUSEUM MUSINGS

The PGS dining room has a new look. Paul Roof, Bob Walling and John Rumbaugh restored an 1890 bookcase which will be used as an exhibit case.

Marie DePond, Myra Fleming, Margaret Paige & Catherine Rumbaugh catalogued a large collection of clothing from the Bion L. & Wilma Bates estate of Ovid, which included many items of their parents and grandparents. PGS thanks the Bates family for this lovely addition to our museum collection.

PGS staff is also restoring a recent gift from Alice Bottum Wieland, a one-horse cutter, ca. 1890. She donated it in memory of her grandparents, William and Alice Lamb, original owners, and her parents, Charles and Ellen Lamb Bottum. It will be part of the Victorian Christmas display this season.

Vera Bailey recently donated an 1891 book, "Portrait and Biographical Album of Clinton and Shiawassee Counties, another welcome addition to the PGS library.

"The Parade of Brides" slide presentation still being showed -



Preview of upcoming meetings

PAIGN-GILLAM-SCOTT CALENDAR

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS: Museum open Dec. 5 thru Jan. 5, hours, Sun., 1-5 & Wed. 2-8. Special programs include Wed. evening candlelight-with-music from 7-8 p.m. as follows:

- Dec. 8 St. Johns High School Choralairs
- Dec. 15 " " " String quartet
- Dec. 22 1st Cong. Church Bell Choir
- Dec. 29 Recorder quartet
- Jan. 5 Instrumental Trio

DEC. 16 CCHS monthly meeting will be held at PGS at 7:30 p.m. with tour of the museum, music by the high school String Quartet, carols, and a visit with William Zehnder and his wife, Karen, of Frankenmuth. He is associated with the Bavarian Inn there and will speak on Frankenmuth's history. Bring along a few cookies for our annual holiday cookie exchange.

CLOSING: Because of the high cost of fuel PGS will be closed from Jan. 16 until March 13 when it will reopen.

GENEALOGY MEETINGS

Our genealogy division will conduct free instructional classes at their Jan. 10 and Feb. 7 meetings at Capitol Saving & Loan in St. Johns, at 7:30 p.m. Bring problems or questions you have involving genealogical research. Maps, books, magazines & other research tools will be available.

GENEALOGY

GAZETTE

WE'VE GOT A NEW HOME

Sept. 21 was moving day. Our new address is 4700 Brook Road, Lansing. DeWitt Township officials have given us space in their town hall which is in the former Valley Farms School Building. The room where our archives are now located is bright, sunny, and, best of all, the township is making the space available without charge.



To get to the township hall take U.S. 27 to State Road; turn east on State and go one block to Brook. Turn south on Brook and go one-half block to the hall. There is ample parking and we are on the ground floor so access is easy.

Our thanks to all township officials for this generous offer and to CCHS member Alta Catherine Reed, who is a former CCHS president and also serves as DeWitt Township treasurer. She was instrumental in obtaining the space for us. Also, thanks to Hila Bross for the use of her home for the past year. We will announce what hours we will be open later.
(Arlene Schrader, chairperson)

WE 'VE GOT OUR OWN "BOARD"

At our recent meeting genealogists elected a seven-member board to administer the affairs of the genealogy division. Previously we operated with officers only. Our new board includes:
CHAIRPERSON - Arlene Schrader
VICE CHAIR - Paul Roof
TREASURER - Reuben Eirschele
SECRETARY - Wilma Soule
IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR - Janet Snyder
AT LARGE - Joan Bancroft and Randy Phelps.



Potpourri

Arlene Lounds has started a newsletter called LOWE NEWS IS GOOD NEWS to assist all persons researching the LOWE name, any spelling. Contact her at (517) 224-7507 or at 1887 Yallup Rd., St. Johns, Mich. 48879

ADDITIONS TO THE GENEALOGY COLLECTION AT THE ARCHIVES INCLUDE: Two rolls of micro film donated by the family of Lynn J. & Reika (Wilkinson) Gantz in memory of Mazi (Coon) Wilkinson, 1886-1982. Also two rolls of micro film donated by Arlynn G. Gantz, DeWitt, and Betty Moore, St. Johns, in memory of Ethelyn L. (Salisbury) Rossow-Martin, 1891-1982.

The records of the late Rev. Guilford S. Northrup, a 50-page book titled "The Records of the Rev. Guilford S. Northrup, complete with index, can be purchased at PGS Museum in St. Johns (on Maple Street across from the courthouse or by mail from the genealogy division of CCHS, Box 23, St. Johns, Mi. 48879. The cost by mail is \$5 plus \$1 for postage. The book contains baptisms and marriages performed and over 40 years of funeral records and other vital statistics. Northrup was born in 1853, died in 1939. He was married to Belle Mead in 1876. His granddaughter, Hila M. Bross, a former CCHS president, made the old records available. The project is especially meaningful as this is the 100th anniversary of his ordination.

Adele Jones, CCHS member and well known historian who speaks at many area events, recently gave a program on the history of Maple Rapids at the Women's Club. She noted two old churches built in the 1870's still stand in the village. Other points of interest include a CCHS marker designating where a trading post once stood along the river. Still to be seen is the old railroad grade west of town which was laid for a railroad that never came. She said about 2,000 Indians lived along the river and an Indian was the first person to be buried in Beech Cemetery. The cemetery was named for Ransom Beech, not a tree.

"It was an Indian princess and she was buried with all her possessions," Adele said.

added several new and pretty designs in background scenes, prominent among which is one illustrating the joys in mid-winter, wrought by a horse, cutter, robes, etc., in which the subject is pleasingly represented as gliding away at a 2:40 gait. It is just delightful-pleasant quarters and pleasing result. Call on Thornton and secure a lasting sleigh-ride.

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(This is a recap of an article written by GRS member Arlene Lounds who passed on tips passed on by Florin and Phyllis Preece, publishers, who spoke at a Shiawassee County event.)
- Booklets needed for research should include "Where to Write for Birth and Death Records," "Where to Write for Marriage Records" and "Where to Write for Divorce Records" available for a small fee from the Supt. of Documents, U. S. Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.
- In Europe most records are kept by churches. In the U.S. most vital records are kept by civil officials but church records sometimes supplement those. Prior to 1867 vital records were not required to be kept in Mich. Catholic Churches have kept records since 1541.

QUIZ ANSWERS: 1) DeWitt; 2) Lebanon; 3) Duplain; 4) Bath
5) Gratiot and 6) Maple Rapids

One class was "a bold freshman class," she said, and they end up dunking the sophomores. Later the seniors felt the tradition should not be broken so they dunked the freshmen. Her husband was a senior, she said.



QUERIES: #003-82 Need death date and location of Wm. W. William who was born Dec. 15, 1856; married Nov. 29, 1875, and also need name of parents of above. Father may have been Asa A. Williams. He married Sarah Crandell. Also need inf. on her. Also seek to correspond with ancestors of Charlotte Wright born about 1857, daughter of Alford Wright and Mary A. Dutche both born about 1830. Leroy Tissue, 485 W. Burr Oak St., Centerville, Mi. 49032.

#004-82 Info. on Chas. Teets about 1880. May have been related to Mary Diddaugh who married John Tinkpaugh. Mary born Sept. 1860, Midland Co., Mi. Contact Patricia L. Yott, 212 E. Corunna Ave., Corunna, Mi. 48817.

#002-82 Vean (Vene) Tinklepaugh, born about 1892-1896 to Lewis P. Tinklepaugh & 1st wife, Maude Esther Vreeland. 1900 census of Clinton lists family. Vean may have been raised by Holmes family. Patricia L. Yott, 212 E. Corunna Ave., Corunna, Mi. 48817.



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