



# THE CLINTON INDEPENDENT 1982

## CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

### QUIZ

In 1889 many streets in St. Johns which was then a village, had different names. Can you match the current name to the original?

### CURRENT

- 1 Cass
- 2 Baldwin
- 3 McConnell
- 4 Clinton
- 5 Park
- 6 State
- 7 Gibbs
- 8 Giles
- 9 Townsend
- 10 Church

### 1889 NAMES

- A Stout
- B Ionia
- C Gibbs
- D Breckenridge
- E South
- F Stewart
- G Trowbridge
- H Rogers
- I Clinton
- J Dibble

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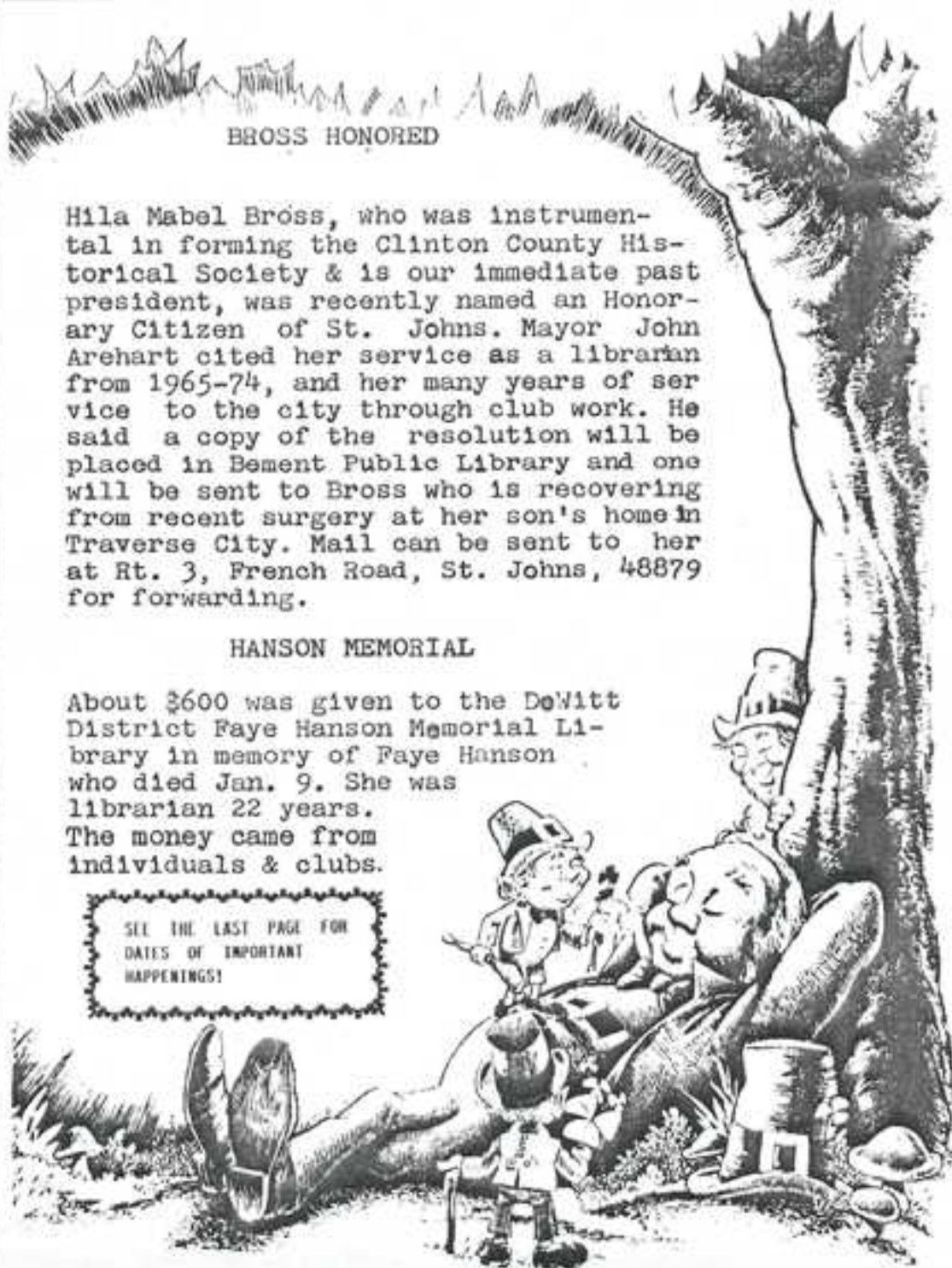
### BROSS HONORED

Hila Mabel Bross, who was instrumental in forming the Clinton County Historical Society & is our immediate past president, was recently named an Honorary Citizen of St. Johns. Mayor John Arehart cited her service as a librarian from 1965-74, and her many years of service to the city through club work. He said a copy of the resolution will be placed in Bement Public Library and one will be sent to Bross who is recovering from recent surgery at her son's home in Traverse City. Mail can be sent to her at Rt. 3, French Road, St. Johns, 48879 for forwarding.

### HANSON MEMORIAL

About \$600 was given to the DeWitt District Faye Hanson Memorial Library in memory of Faye Hanson who died Jan. 9. She was librarian 22 years. The money came from individuals & clubs.

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HAPPENINGS!



# • GENEALOGY •

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS - MICHIGAN

TO ORDER ANY OF THESE PUBLICATIONS, SEND A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO THE ADDRESS LISTED BELOW. WHEN ORDERING BOOKS FROM MICHIGAN ORGANIZATIONS, MICHIGAN RESIDENTS SHOULD ADD 4% SALES TAX TO THE PRICES LISTED.

**Bright Michigan Morning: The Years of Governor Tom Mason.** Harlan L. Hagman. 154 pp. illus., bibliography, index. Hardcover, \$9.95; paper, \$5.50 to Green Oak Press, 3039 Spicer Rd., Brighton, Mich. 48116. A story of Michigan growing from a pioneer frontier territory to a state and the visionary leadership of Mason.

**Alma College Archives Guide.** 72 pp. Index. \$6 to Larry Hall, Kuhlri Bldg., Alma College, Alma, Mich. 48801. Description of holdings to the folder level of notebooks, papers and manuscripts of Alma's former presidents, faculty and students.

**Genealogy—Resources and Services—Materials Available at the Herrick Public Library.** \$1.25 to Ralph Haan, Holland Genealogical Society, Herrick Public Library, 300 River St., Holland, Mich. 49423.

**History of the Bean Creek Valley.** J.J. Hogaboom. Reprint of the 1875 edition. \$13.50 plus \$2 postage to Lenawee County Historical Society, P.O. Box 511, Adrian, Mich. 49221. Earliest book about Lenawee County's history.

**War on the Raisin; A Narrative History of the War of 1812 in the River Raisin Settlement, Michigan Territory.** Dennis Au. 138 pp. For price information contact the Monroe County Historical Commission, 126 S. Monroe, Monroe, Mich. 48161. Research tool on the War of 1812 and for the planning and interpretation of the Battle and Massacre at the River Raisin site.

\* **Broken Ties.** Fran Ewers. 150 pp. Index. \$12 to Fran Ewers, 1801 Oakley Park Rd., Walled Lake, Mich. 48088. Indexed scrapbooks of Bessie Townsend, 1894-1951, contain obituary records from Clinton, Gratiot, Ionia, Kent and Montcalm counties.

FIRST LANDOWNER'S OF OAKLAND CO. PUB. BY OAKLAND CO. GEN. SOC. 2ND PRINTING NOW AVAILABLE. BOOK LISTS NAMES OF 1ST LANDOWNERS LOCATION OF LAND & ACRES PURCHASED & WHERE THEY RESIDED AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE. PRICE 3.00 FOR MEMBERS OF OAKLAND CO. GEN. SOC. & \$10.00 FOR NON-MEMBERS WITH \$1.00 SHIPPING CHG. OAKLAND CO. GEN. SOC. P. O. BOX 1094 BIRMINGHAM, MI 48012.

MIDLAND GEN. SOC. HAS PUBLISHED A CEMETERY RECORD BOOK 8 1/2 x 11 BOOK INCLUDES 25,000 NAMES FROM EVERY KNOWN CEMETERY IN MIDLAND CO. NOT ONLY FROM THE TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS BUT FROM THE SEXTONS RECORDS, AS WELL. IT ALSO CONTAINS A MAP & INFORMATION ABOUT THE CEMETERIES. SOFDBOUND \$19.50 HARD COVER \$24.50. COPIES MAY BE ORDERED POST PAID FROM MIDLAND GEN. SOC. ITEM MC-1 5813 WOODBRIDGE, MIDLAND, MI. 48640.

\*\*\* LAST 3 BOOKS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED FOR THE COLLECTION AT THE ARCHIVES.

IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT ?

### QUIZ ANSWERS

Cass/Rogers; Baldwin/Breckenridge; McConnell/Clinton; Clinton/Stewart; Park/Dibble; State/Ionia; Gibbs/Stout; Giles/Gibbs; Townsend/South; Church/Trowbridge. (Thanks to Diane Edwards, city clerk, for making the names available to us.)



# GAZETTE



(Jim LaLone, geneologist specializing in French - Canadian research, co-founded the French-Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan. He works at Commun-News Center, Lansing, where some of the titles below are available as are forms for research.)

He stressed the importance of using research materials available in Michigan before going to Canada. He recommended: "The Genealogical Periodical Annual Index" - "The Directory of Genealogical Periodicals" - "Index to American Genealogies" - "The Index to Genealogical Research in the U. S." - "Index to Genealogical Publications" and "Canadian Genealogical Handbook."

Subscribe to periodicals from the area your ancestors came from. Most genealogical society newsletters accept queries. Some of your family lines may already have been researched and published or others may have information.

"The Canadian Genealogist" covers all of Canada. "Families" covers the Ontario area. "Lost in Canada" is also recommended. Civil records were not required in Canada prior to 1869 but church records (baptisms, confirmations, marriages and deaths) are often complete, but you must know where your ancestors resided and their religion which may have been different from yours. Quebec notary records often contained marriages & the names of the couple's parents. There is a check-list of Canadian church registers on micro-film and the "Report of the Archivists of Quebec" at our state library.

Write LaLone at: The French-Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan, Box 15134, Lansing, Mi. 48901. (This report by Arlene Lounds)

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QUERRIES: #023-81 Thomas Reisz, 2645 Buckingham, Birmingham, Mi, 48008 . wants info on Ira W. Kellogg, Ovid furniture store owner and miller. His wife, Esther, was buried in Maple Grove Cemetary in 1862. Last known record of Ira in Ovid area was 1873.

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#024-81 Alex Seymour, 4016 Goodfellow, Dallas, Tx 75229 seeks info on the Dietz family of Dallas Twp. (1840-1880) & the Seymour family of Westphalia about the same time.

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#025-81 Avis Perry Sandstel, 351 W. Franklin Ave., Reed City, Mi. 49677, seeks info on Abram Perry, died at age 28 March 14, 1860; buried in the Beach Cemetary south of Maple Rapids. Wife Emily "Emma" Guyer later married Barnhart Oberla. Also need info on Ridenour family of Eureka.

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#026-81 Katherine Pauley, 10 St. James Court, Springfield, Il., 62703 seeks info on John Edward Powers, lived in Clinton about 20 years. He died at son Martin's home in Pewamo in 1894. He was a N.Y. Civil War veteran & Riley Twp. farmer. Wife, Kathryn (Mahar) Powers, died in Riley Twp. in 1873. Also info on her brother, Patrick Mahar.

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#027-81 Mrs. Lawrence Stiles, 6235 Creyts Rd., Diamondale, Mi. 48811, seeks info on James & Ora B. Stiles who came to Greenbush Twp. about 1840.

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#028-81 Bob Ashbaugh, 508 E. Higham, St. Johns, Mi., 48879 seeks info on Carl and Flossie Cogswell.

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## COMING UP

At The Paine - Gillam - Scott Museum in St. Johns

- APRIL: Display of old Easter Cards. Fred and Florence Dengler Estate display continues & includes family memorabilia.
- MAY: The first week of May is Magnolia Week at the Museum with special events Sunday, May 2 and Wednesday, May 5. On Saturday, May 8 the Calico Trash & Treasure Sale will be held and items are needed. The April newsletter will include township drop-off sites. Please set aside items to donate for that.



Cornbread, biscuits and maple syrup will be on the menu when the Clinton County Historical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. March 18 at Livingston Farms on ~~St. Johns~~ Road just west of U.S. 27 about three miles north of St. Johns. A Maple Syrup Festival and election of officers will be held.

GENEALOGISTS...meet April 5 for a program on camera use in family research and May 3 for program on cemetery research. Both are at 7:30 p.m., and both are at Central National Bank at St. Johns. The National Genealogical Society meets May 12 at Annapolis, Indiana. For more information call Janet Snyder at 224-4315.

THE THAMES, Channel 23 (PBS) April 7 at 8 p.m. on role the river played in England's history including old time events and sites.

## NEWS and NOTES

Our sympathy to Catherine Rumbaugh whose father, Jacob Schumacher of Bellaire, died recently. He was formerly of Elsie...The late Faye Hanson, who died Jan. 9, was posthumously named Citizen of the Year by DeWitt Charter Township. The DeWitt Public Library was also renamed in her honor.....St. Johns City Clerk Diane Edwards and Fire Chief Clair Maier recently turned over several old ledgers and ordinance books to Betty Jane Minsky which she hauled to the Genealogist's archives. A huge wall map of the city sewer system in the 1800's will be taken to the museum...Information for the newsletter should be sent to Betty Jane Minsky, Rt. 3, St. Johns, MI. 48879. Items will be edited to fit available space.

## LITERATURE

AZTEC, a history novel by Gary Jennings (Avon, \$3.95) is a saga of Mexico in 1529.

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