



THE CLINTON INDEPENDENT 1982

CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

SPOT LIGHTING



The Clinton County Historical Society spotlight will be on Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum this month, with our sprawling old Magnolia tree, Michigan Week, the Revolutionary War and a bunch of whatchamacalits all combined in a celebration that began May 2.

Co-director Catherine Rumbaugh said Denise Gallup, a St. Johns mental health therapist, and her husband participated in a week-long re-enactment of the battle of



Yorktown, Virginia last year. The battle marked the end of the war. Andrew Gallup, a recent graduate of MSU in history and anthropology, plans a career as a historic sites supervisor. He brought together a group of Lansing-area people for the May 2 event at the museum here. Garbed in authentic reproductions of uniforms and clothing of that period the "soldiers" displayed, demonstrated and discussed the equipment used by the 18th century soldier and his lady, with the 1st Virginia Regiment, the Royal Deux Pont Regiment and the Royal Highland Immigrants represented.

The event opened the museum's annual Magnolia Week celebration. Other events this month include the Calico Trash 'n Treasure Sale at the Museum May 8 at 10 a.m. with an auction at 2 p.m.

The museum is cooperating with Community Resource Volunteers for Michigan Week programs and two special items - a table of "What-cha-ma-call-its" and a suitcase-trunk display. Staff and guides will work overtime to give students & groups tours in addition to regular afternoon hours on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Coming up in June will be a slide presentation prepared by Jean Martin of St. Joseph's Catholic Church Altar Society's "Parade of Brides."

For special tours or more information call 224-1894 or 224-7402.

Rumbaugh also reminds that the Museum has an antique organ board on which donors of \$1,000 or more are honored. "We just received our 12th donor, a cash gift as a remembrance for a loved one," she said. Another gift was 100 shares of stock. Some people made the board by contributing many articles with a total value of \$1,000 or a combination of money and gifts. Some came from estates. Records are kept of all donations for an accumulative total per donor. The museum staff said "their names are engraved in brass and on grateful hearts." The staff and CCHS thank everyone - donors and staff - who made our museum a success.

COMING UP May and June meetings, third Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at Capital Savings and Loan at St. Johns. May program a review of our group by Pres. Ford Caesar. June program is on historic building restoration by Ken Coin.

May 15, 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. French-Canadian Genealogical Workshop, Parkwood YMCA, 2306 Haslett Rd., E. Lansing. \$5 pre-registration, \$6 at door. Call 224-4315 for info.

MEMORIAL DAY

MEMORIAL DAY QUIZ

What flower is now associated with Memorial Day?

Answer Page 4.



GENEOLOGY

HOPKINS REUNION AND KEENE PIONEER REMINISCENCES



JOHN T. HOPIINS & ELIZABETH W. HOPKINS

An event long to be remembered by those who participated occurred August 20 at Belding, where the descendants met with Emoline, the only surviving member of the family of John T. Hopkins, who was born in Cataaugus County, N. Y. in 1800; moved to Brantford, Canada, and married Elizabeth Waterhouse in 1832. They came in 1840 to the old home in Keene, now owned by one of the grandsons, Frank Carr. The family consisted of Benjamin, Harlow, Mrs. Alpheus Bowen, Mrs. Solomon Carr, Mrs. W. R. Howe, Joseph, George, Albert, Emoline, Rosetta and Henry.

Benjamin lumbered around Turk lake, Montcalm county, in the seventies and his son George of Greenville now owns the only forty acres of green pine in that county. He also lumbered in Arkansas and Oregon where his widow and two daughters now reside.

Harlow lumbered around Greenville and McBrides where three of his children, Grant, John, and Eliza Neff now live. A daughter Clara lives at Cadillac.

Mrs Alpheus Bowen died in 1888, Mrs. W.R. Howe in 1899, and Mrs. Solomon Carr in 1914.

Joseph and George were in the Twenty-first Mich. Volunteers. Joseph died at Knoxville, Tenn., George died at Indianapolis in 1865 and Albert died in 1866 in Tenn. All were soldiers in the Union army and died before they were twenty-one years old.

John T. Hopkins moved from the farm to Lowell in 1868. Rosetta and his wife passed away there in '71 and '72 and were buried at Fox Corners. Henry was also interned there in '74. John T. visited around with his children and was laid to rest in 1889.

Speaking of hard times-the first winter they lived in Michigan John T. made shoes in Ionia, waking from there with flour and groceries, bought with his week's wages, in a bag on his back, also a bottle. What? Yes, but it was a bottle of New Orleans molasses for grandmother, who was sick. My mother, Sarah Hopkins Bowen, has told me many times she and the other children were allowed to wipe their pancakes around the outside of the bottle but not to near the cork. She and Benjamin picked forty bushels of cranberries in the marshes around their home in water knee deep. Next spring Grandfather sold them in Grand Rapids for \$1.00 per bushel. That helped out. But Aunt Emoline Avery, husband and us grand and great-grand children did not have the bottle at Belding for Ionia County is dry, but we had a spread of good things such as chicken, oranges, celery, "sam-handwiches," pie, cake, etc. They have a good well of water in Riverside park and they told us to make ourselves at home at the pavillion. Thanks, we did. We elected Aunt president of the society and decided to have the next reunion at Grand Ledge in 1916.

-W. R. Bowen, One of the grandsons.

(copied verbatim from newspaper article from Helen Ream July 1981)

Anyone who wishes to have any of their family stories printed please contact Janet Snyder, Chairman P. O. Box 23, St. Johns, MI. or 224-4315.

GAZETTE

Genealogists are accepting donations for the purpose of purchasing Census records on Microfilm. The film at present costs \$15.00 per roll. This contribution makes a lasting memorial for a deceased family member or friend. Send to Genealogists of the Clinton County Historical Society P. O. Box 23, St. Johns, MI. 48879

Recent Additions to the Archive Collection:

Mich. 1830 Census Index Donor: Genealogists in memory of Ruth Hodge
Mich. 1840 Census Index Donor: Genealogists in memory of Bertha Light
First Land Owners of Oakland Co., Mich. Donor: Barbara Stein of
Victorville, Calif. in memory of her Chadwick & Carpenter
families of Olive Twp.
Bible Records of Pratt & Roof Families Donor: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Roof

Genealogists April meeting was postponed due to a late winter snow storm and has been re-scheduled for the September meeting.

June 7 Meeting to be held at Central National Bank at St. Johns,
7:30 p. m. Program "Soldiers in War of 1812" Bring a Friend.....

GENEALOGISTS OF THE CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS HAPPY TO
ACCEPT ANY AND ALL MANUSCRIPTS, DIARIES, PICTURES, FAMILY HISTORIES
AND OTHER MATERIAL OF GENEALOGICAL OR HISTORICAL VALUE.

PLEASE CONTACT JANET M. SNYDER, CHAIRMAN, 224-4315 EVENINGS OR P.O.
BOX 23, ST. JOHNS, MI. 48879



QUERIES:

- #034-81 Information on the Carleton family especially Aaron Carleton who is belived to have lived in the Laingsburg area. Carleton L. Fuhrman, 13455 25 Mile Rd. Utica, MI 48087
- #035-81 Wants to correspond with people with names Brinker(h)-off, Eugene & Sarah E. Jersey, Ed. & Helen Turley, Helen married a Hill, latter a John Crumb. Mandaline Montague 340 Charlotte Rd., Portland, Mi 48875
- #036-81 Searching names & wish to correspond with families of following names Andrew Annis, Francis W. & Eunice Redfern, Margaret Warren, Nina Silvernail. Eleanor Annis Box 54, Lutsen, Minn. 55612

NEWS and NOTES

Gary and Diane Durrow of Wooden Skate Antiques in Okemos have built an addition which includes the staircase from a Bay City lumber mansion, the IRON AND MARBLE STAIRCASE FROM THE STEEL HOTEL, A ST. JOHNS LANDMARK DESTROYED BY FIRE ABOUT A DECADE AGO and a tin ceiling from a 100-year old church.

The Bath School Board recently learned a memorial fund had been set up to provide student loans by a man whose wife was killed in the Bath school disaster. Blanche Harte died 55 years ago May 18 when Andrew Kehoe bombed the school.

Her husband, Roscoe, never forgot. He died in March and his wife of 36 years, Irene, wrote school officials that Harte had set up a memorial fund with money he received in a workman's compensation settlement from the schools.

He got \$3,951 and spent about \$951 on funeral expenses for Blanche, a teacher and one of 45 killed in the dynamite explosion. He put the remaining money in a bank and spent only the interest in the intervening 55 years.

His wife said it was Harte's intent to donate the \$3,000 to the district to be invested and the interest loaned to graduates to continue their education.

China is a long ways from Clinton and Marco Polo is but a name we recall seeing in elementary history books. But both played important roles in history and NBC-TV will bring both into our living rooms May 16-19 when its 10-hour presentation "Marco Polo" airs. Filmed on location in Italy, Morocco and China, it the first drama produced with Chinese cooperation since the founding of the People's Republic in 1949. Famous sites included are the Great Wall, Ming Tombs, the Forbidden City and Summer Palace in Peking.

ALERT

BEATRICE BAYLEY OF STERLING PA. HAS SURFACED AGAIN ALONG WITH SHARON TAYLOR OF COPLEY, OHIO & AGRI THE AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE. BE ALERT!!!

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NEWSLETTER



QUIZ ANSWER

The Poppy.

Since the end of World War I ex-servicemen have sold small red artificial Poppies to help disabled veterans, and they are also used to decorate graves.



IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT ?

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