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CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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In 1845
many Irish people
began migrating to
America.

Why?
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MUSEUM MUSINGS

Paine-Gillam-Scott may have been closed for the winter but PGS staff have been busy. The museum opens March 13. Also upcoming is PGS's annual TRASH AND TREASURE SALE May 7 at 11 a.m. in the museum yard.

"I can sell anything, even false teeth" says Auctioneer Dixie Kosloski. Lets make her prove it by donating some really nice items for the event. PGS staff say items that go well include antiques, glassware, dishes, office furniture, recreation equipment, lawn furniture and tools. No clothes as that does not sell. Items worthy of special mention on advance

sale bill should be phoned in to Dixie at 224-3852.

A bake sale preceeds the auction at 10. Bring items to PGS about that time day of sale.

"Contact" people for each township who will accept items are:

Bath Township - Charlene Robertson (641-4269)
Bengal Township - Marie DePond (834-2641) Catherine Runbaugh (224-7402)
Bingham Township - Roma Hamer (224-7726)
DeWitt Township - Alta Reed (487-3081)
Eagle Township - Dorothy Van Driesen (627-6343)
Dallas Township - Janet Tiedt (593-2207) Rita Wieber (593-3654)
Duplain Township - Betty Schwark (834-5406)
Essex Township - Shirley Craner (682-4444)
Greenbush Township - Helen Post (224-3761)
Lebanon Township - Nellie Nobis (593-2592) Wava Nesser (593-3431)
Olive Township - Dorothy & Earl Day (224-7216)
Riley Township - Alberta Huhn (626-6174)
Ovid Township - Christine Maron (834-2737) Marie DePond (834-2641)
Viola Township - Dorothy Parker (651-5435) Ann Giffels (551-5578)
Watertown Township - Margaret Noble (626-6492)
Westphalia Township - Evelyn Wieland (587-6839)

Coming Soon

CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
March 17, 7:30 p.m. Capitol
Savings & Loan, St. Johns
Surveying - an interview with
an "old time" surveyor enacted
by Janet Snyder.

GENEALOGY DIVISION

March meeting cancelled because Genealogists present a program to general membership. See previous paragraph.

Election of officers will be held at our April meeting.

HOURS AT OUR COLLECTION
CENTER in DeWitt Township
Hall, 4700 Brook Road, are:
Tuesdays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Wednesdays, 1 to 9 p.m.

PAINE-GILLAM-SCOTT MUSEUM:

Closed until March 13
Re-opens Mar. 15, 7:30 p.m.



MAGNOLIA WEEK

PGS celebrates
Magnolia Week at
PGS May 1 - 7. More
information next month
after plans are firmed.

INDIAN ARTIFACTS ON DISPLAY when
PGS reopens March 13. And Bengal

"SEE YOU AT PGS"

For more information call Marie DePond 834-2641 or Catherine Rum -
baugh 224-7402. They said last year's event was "super" and promise
this will be "just as much fun."

POLLY MATHESON'S "MONTEREY FONDUE BAKE"

(Editors Note; No need for alarm. We are not going to start printing a recipe column. But
many members have asked for the recipe for a dish Polly Matheson sent to our meeting last
fall on cooking with grains so because of popular request - we are printing it.)

6 slices whole wheat bread - buttered on one side and cut into cubes
4 beaten eggs
2 1/2 cups milk
1 tsp. salt
Several dashes hot pepper sauce
1 1/2 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
1 12-ounce can Mexican style corn
1 4-ounce can chopped green chillies

Combine eggs, milk, hot pepper sauce; stir in bread cubes, cheese,
corn, chillies and salt. Pour into an 8x8x2 baking dish and let stand
one hour at room temperature. Bake at 350 degrees for 60 minutes or
until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

"Try It - You'll Like It"



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I want to remember the PAINÉ -
GILLAN - SCOTT MUSEUM. Enclosed
is my Friends of the Museum
donation.

\$5 \$10 \$25 OTHER _____

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Society, Box 174, St.
Johns, Mi. 48879

Name:
Address:



CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Membership Form

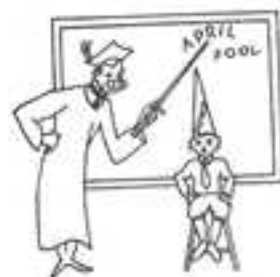
NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

CHECK ONE: I want to support the society but don't buy
me to work _____. I'll be active so call on
me to help _____.

CHECK ONE: Single member, \$4 _____; family, \$7 _____
Age 18 or under, \$2 _____.

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GENEALOGY GAZETTE



No
Foolin'

Our Genealogy Division is growing in all directions....

OBITUARIES, OBITs - Joan Bancroft's collection has been cop-

ied & is ready for use. It includes Fowler & Maple Rapids areas.

The Norma Ellison collection also provides obituaries of many Clinton and Gratiot residents & is available for use.

Anyone with collections of obits to give, or who will let us copy, should call Joan Bancroft or Wilma Sowle or write Box 23, St. Johns, Mi. 48879.

Our Scrapbook Collection is growing...we have nearly 30 books of Clinton history and families. We are always on the lookout for donations of diaries, letters and family histories. DON'T THROW THEM OUT-GIVE THE GENEALOGISTS A CALL.

WANTED: Volumes 6, 7, 22 through 29, 31 & 32 of Michigan Pioneer Collection. A generous donation from the Sexton estate provided us with several volumes of MPC with the above exceptions. The volumes give a historical narrative of the early events of Michigan history up to the 1800's with much genealogical material. It is our goal to complete this set. Contact Arlene Schrader.



ST PATRICK'S DAY WAS CELEBRATED WITH A GRAND FEAST BY BOSTON IRISH AS EARLY AS 1737, BUT IF YOU HAVE IRISH ANCESTRY, THE CHANCES ARE THEY WERE IMMIGRANTS AFTER 1845. IN THAT YEAR A POTATO BLIGHT IN IRELAND CAUSED THAT FOOD STAPLE TO ROT IN THE GROUND, AND THOUSANDS CHOSE AMERICA OVER STARVATION. MANY OF THOSE WHO LEFT WERE SO WEAK THEY DID NOT SURVIVE THE TRIP; IN 1847 ALONE, 15,000 IRISH DIED ABOARD SHIP. NEVERTHELESS, OVER TWO MILLION IRISH, MOSTLY CATHOLICS FROM CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN IRELAND, CAME IN THIRTY YEARS. IN ALL, NEARLY 4.4 MILLION IRISH HAVE COME (AND ARE STILL COMING) TO THIS COUNTRY AS IMMIGRANTS.

THEY CLUSTERED TOGETHER IN EASTERN CITIES AND ALONG THE INDUSTRIALLY DEVELOPING SHORES OF THE GREAT LAKES. ALTHOUGH MOST HAD BEEN FARMERS AT ONE TIME, BECAUSE THE LAND HAD BETRAYED THEM THEY TURNED THEIR BACKS ON IT, PREFERRING TO TRUST THEIR STOMACHS TO WAGES INSTEAD OF CROPS. MANY TOOK TOUGH CONSTRUCTION JOBS FOR 30 CENTS A DAY, AND FEW EARLY CANALS OR RAILROADS WERE BUILT WITHOUT THEIR LABOR.

-J SNYDER

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

(Editors Note: We continue this list as we have space.)

| NAME | DATE OF REG. | PARTY | RESIDENCE | REMARKS: |
|--------------------|--------------|-------|--|---|
| PEARL, STEPHEN | 4 Apr 1859 | | W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 25 | 21 years in county 14 years in town. |
| PIERSON, WALTER S. | " " " | | Sec. 3 | 5 years in town |
| POWER, JOHN E. | " " " | | Sec. 14 | 4 years in town |
| PHELPS, LORENZO D. | | (R) | N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 31 | |
| PIERSON, OLIVER | | | NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 4 | |
| POST, HIRAM L | 31 Mar 1860 | | Sec. 4 | |
| PINGLE, JOSEPH | " " " | (R) | Sec. 36 | |



material. It is our goal to complete this set. Contact Arlene Schrader, DeWitt, 669-3219 with information on the missing issues.

ADDITIONS TO OUR COLLECTION include Xeroxed copies of families of LaMott & Amanda Bates. Also covers names of Doty, Whitney, Lawrence-Cobb, Durfee, Sickles, Bates. Given by the Bates family...

1915 Atlas of Clinton County donated by the Bross family...

QUERY Jerry Brosious of 421 W. Hancock Street, Stillwater, Minn., 55082, wants to correspond with family of "Creasinger". Can anyone in Maple Rapids help?

Seeking info on Jacob Putman who died Mar. 11, 1899, was buried in St. Johns. Also, info on Perley L. Wilber of Ovid. Mrs. Sharon L. Miller, 7610 Hts. Ravenna Rd., Ravenna, Mi. 49451.

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| PINGLE, JOSEPH | " " " | (R) | Sec. 36 | |
| PRAY, ORMAN O. | 25 Oct " | | | |
| PRESTON, IRA | 4 Apr 1863 | | | |
| ROWELL, SAMUEL M. | 4 Apr 1859 | | Spt E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$, Sec. 36 | 21 years a res der |
| RUSSELL, JAMES | " " " | | Sec. 5 | 15 years in to |
| RICHMOND, IRVIN D. | " " " | | Sec. 22 | 20 years in to |
| RICHMOND, GEORGE W., 2nd | " " " | | Sec. 22 | 20 years in to |
| RICHMOND, ALVAH | " " " | (D) | Sec. 22 | 20 years in town |
| ROBB, ANDREW | " " " | | Sec. 31 | 6 months in town |
| RUSSELL, WILLIAM | " " " | | Sec. 17 | 17 years in town |
| RIDDLE, GEORGE R. | " " " | | Sec. 22 | 3 years in town |
| RICHMOND, GEORGE W. | " " " | | Sec. 21 | 5 years in town |
| RICHMOND, ADAM | " " " | | Sec. 29 | 7 years in town |
| RICHMOND, ALONZO H. | " " " | | Sec. 21 | 20 years in town |
| RUSSELL, DAVID T. | " " " | | Sec. 17 | ca 4 years in town |
| RICHMOND, SANFORD L. | | | Sec. 25 | |
| RICHMOND, H. L. | | | | |
| RUSSELL, NATHANIEL | | | Sec. 18 | |
| RICHMOND, DAVID | 31 Mar 1860 | | Sec. 22 | |



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