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CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

MAGNOLIA WEEK at PGS

Paine Gillam Scott Museum's annual Magnolia Week begins with a special exhibit on the court house square May 1 from 1 - 5 p.m., with Mary Rappuhn demonstrating basket weaving.

Mary will repeat her demonstration May 4 from 2 - 6 p.m. when PGS holds its Magnolia Tea in the museum from 2-8

p.m.

May 7 activities will be kicked off with a baked goods sale at 10 a.m. followed by a Trash & Treasure Sale at 11 a.m. Auctioneer Dixie Kosloski says she can sell "anything even false teeth" & promises some spirited bidding with a variety of old and new items including many antiques.

Special displays at PGS include Indian artifacts; wedding dresses from 1873-1915; "Egg Art" with a goose egg fashioned with jewels (only through May 8); and Bengal Township items in the Township Room.

Special thanks to Catherine Rumbaugh, Marie DePond and everyone who helped them organize this fundraising event.



TERESA MERRILL

Teresa Merrill, who once said she never wanted "to do anything but teach" died March 29 the day after her 95th birthday.

Mrs. Merrill taught for many years at East Ward Elementary School on M-21 and the building was named after her in 1976. Now Teresa Merrill School, the sprawling century old building houses the St. Johns School District's community education program and at its recent meeting the board of education approved updating.

Mrs. Merrill helped solicit funds for the building of Clinton Memorial Hospital and the Clinton Area Care Center's Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor nursing home and she was active in historical happenings in the St. Johns area.

QUIZ

"onomatology"
means _____.

Answer on page 4.

GENEALOGY

GAZETTE

DISINTERS BODIES IN OLD CEMETERY
FROM ST. JOHNS CLINTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN NEWS
29th NOVEMBER, 1925

THE REMAINS OF 34 PEOPLE, BURIED IN THE OLD ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CEMETERY, IN THE SOUTH EAST PART OF TOWN, WERE DISINTERRED THIS WEEK UNDER THE DIRECTION OF CLARENCE EBERT, THIRTY BODIES WERE PLACED IN MT REST CEMETERY (ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SECTION)...TWO WERE TAKEN TO WESTPHALIA AND TWO TO LAINGSBURG.

FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS THE PROJECT OF REMOVING THE BODIES FROM THE OLD CEMETERY, WHICH WAS DISCONTINUED AS A PLACE OF BURIAL IN 1900, HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE PARISH. A GREAT DEAL OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH RELATIVES AND OTHER DETAILS HAD TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE ACTUAL WORK COULD BEGIN. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH ASSISTED AND ALL WAS COMPLETED IN 3 DAYS. THE OLD CEMETERY CONSISTED OF 2½ ACRES OF LAND ON LOTS 9 & 10 OF THE WALKER'S SUBD. IT WAS PURCHASED IN 1883 AND ABANDONED LEGALLY IN 1916. THE NEW GRAVES ARE MARKED WITH CROSSES AND BEAR THE NAMES OF THE DECEASED.

FROM CALVARY CEMETERY TO MT. REST CEMETERY NOV. 1925: SEVEN GRAVES LOT 96 SECTION D.
FR. VINCENT HANKARD, PRIEST OF ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ST JOHNS, MI & JOHN F. CAUDY, SR., ALTAR BOY. HELPERS..PETER ANDREWS AND ANDY LUBAWAY.

FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE PERSONS WHO WERE DISINTERRED:
WILLIAM YUKERS, ---MURRAY, (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN), LOUIS BUMGARDNER, MRS. FELIX, PETER McCARTHEY, MARGARET A. SMITH, MIKE McCARTHEY, JAMES McCARTHEY, JAMES McCARTHEY INFANT, FRANK BARNHAR, MARY BARNHAR, FRANK MUESING, BARBER YUNKER, SONER (3 CHILDREN), HENRY HICKEY, PETER FINK, MRS. DEMNS, MARY SHINES, & ANNA WHITE.

TRANSFER DATES WERE NOV. 16, 17 & 20 1925: record books at office of Mt. Rest Cemetery, ST. JOHNS, MI.

GRAVE STONE: MAY THEY REST IN PEACE ... IN MEMORY OF THEM BROUGHT HERE FROM OLD CALVARY CEMETERY.. NOV. 15, 1925.



Quiz Answer

Onomatology is the study of name origins and meanings.

COMING UP

IF YOU COULD SEE YOUR ANCESTORS
ALL STANDING IN A ROW,
WOULD YOU BE PROUD OF THEM OR NOT
OR DON'T YOU REALLY KNOW?

SOME STRANGE DISCOVERIES ARE MADE
IN CLIMBING FAMILY TREES
AND SOME OF THEM, YOU KNOW, DO NOT
PARTICULARLY PLEASE.

IF YOU COULD SEE YOUR ANCESTORS
ALL STANDING IN A ROW
THERE MIGHT BE SOME OF THEM, PERHAPS
YOU WOULDN'T CARE TO KNOW,

BUT HERE'S ANOTHER QUESTION
WHICH REQUIRES A DIFFERENT VIEW
WHEN YOU SHALL MEET YOUR ANCESTORS
WILL THEY BE PROUD OF YOU?

(Conn Nutmegger)

CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING May 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Colony School at Rochester Colony with program on "Rural Teachers in Clinton County."

GENEALOGY DIVISION monthly meeting May 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Capitol Savings & Loan in St. Johns.

PAINZ GILLAM SCOTT MUSEUM has a full week of events to kick off May with separate story including times and events on page 1 of this newsletter.

IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT?

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