



# "The Clinton Independent"

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CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

THANKS



Last month we reported that come March 1 we would have to take a hard-nosed No Dues-No News policy and trim from our newsletter roster anyone who had not paid their 1984 dues which were due Jan. 1. We are happy to report that brought in a number of memberships...and we give special thanks to everyone whos sent along a little bit extra to help pay costs of operating our museum, archives and mailing this letter. The high cost of printing and postage means we can no longer afford to keep people on our mailing list whose dues are not paid. And our records revealed that some people had not paid their dues for the past two or three years. Betty Moore, our president, said we are "writing the old dues off" - all we are concerned about now is the 1984 membership dues.

So, if you haven't sent your dues yet please do so at once. Otherwise the March newsletter will be the last one you may receive.

Lets all do our part to start 1984 with our CCHS memberships paid up. Your editor got hers in the mail today. How about sending yours along right now - and help us make 1984 a record year - a first - with all dues in by March 1.

THOSE WHO PAY EARLY WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUY A MAP - A REPRINT OF THE 1881 BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF ST. JOHNS. REPRINTED ON BUFF COLORED PAPER, THE MAP IS SUITABLE FOR FRAMING AND WE WILL SELL THEM FOR \$1 TO ANYONE WHO PAYS THEIR DUES NOW. THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY PAID CAN SEND ALONG THEIR EXTRA DOLLAR AND THEY WILL ALSO RECEIVE A MAP. IF THE MAP IS TO BE MAILED, send \$1.50 extra (TOTAL OF \$2.50) WITH THE EXTRA MONEY TO COVER HANDLING. PAID-UP MEMBERS WILL BE ALDLOWED TO PURCHASE ONLY ONE MAP AT THAT LOW PRICE. ADDITIONAL MAPS COST \$3 EACH. TO AVOID PAYING POSTAGE-HANDLING OF \$1.50 YOU MAY PAY YOUR DUES AND PICK UP YOUR MAP AT OUR FEBRUARY MEETING: OR FROM TREASURER RANDY PHELPS AT HIS HOME: OR, AT OUR ARCHIVES IN DEWITT.

Our 10th anniversary party will continue with a celebration planned for the February meeting. President Moore promises a "short business meeting" followed by a presentation by Dr. Ford Caesar, noted Mid-Michigan historian, on the history of our Society. The meeting is Feb. 16 at the Municipal Building in St. Johns at 7:30 p.m. and then all paid-up members will be asked to sign the Pioneer Book. That was the original book kept by members of the Pioneer Society which formed in Clinton in 1874. When CCHS formed in 1974 - on the 100th birthday of our predecessor society - all charter members signed the Pioneer Book.

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PLAN TO ATTEND

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"This is an opportunity for all of our members to sign their John Henry's in the book in which the early founders of our county signed 100 years ago," Moore said.

Our Dr. Caesar will be instructing a History of Clinton County with three sessions on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. starting Feb. 7 through Feb. 21. Sponsored by the St. Johns Community Education Department of the St. Johns Public Schools, the fee is \$10 for the three weeks. Classes meet at Theresa Merrill School on E. M-21 in St. Johns. Although registration has passed, Moore said anyone interested can register at the first class. From the county's earliest history to the present day, the course will present the Indians, early inhabitants, transportation, industries and agriculture. The "forgotten communities" social activities and changes will be included. Or, call 224-9341 to register before then.

Valentine's Day falls on the feast day of two different Christian martyrs named Valentine. But the customs connected with the day have nothing to do with the lives of the saints. Instead, Valentines Day is believed to stem from an ancient Roman festival called \_\_\_\_\_ which took place every Feb. 15. It honored Juno, the Roman goddess of women and marriage, and Pan, the god of nature. Answer on next side.

HELP!

HAVE BUYERS FOR THREE 1980 CLINTON COUNTY HISTORY BOOKS. DO WE HAVE ANY SELLERS IN OUR MIDST? IF YOU NO LONGER HAVE ANY USE FOR YOUR 1980 HISTORY BOOK AND WOULD LIKE 100% PLUS RETURN. PLEASE CALL JANET M. SNYDER CORR. SEC. AT 517-224-4315.

BRING A FRIEND!

# QUIZ

Book Notes

CMP AND MAIL, WITH YOUR CHECK, TO: Clinton County Historical Society, Box 174, St. Johns, Mi. 48879

Check one -

- ( ) Enclosed is my dues, \$4, for 1984. (For individual members)
- ( ) Enclosed is our dues, \$7, for 1984. (For couples)
- ( ) Enclosed is 1984 dues \_\_\_\_\_ (\$4 for individual or \$7 for couple) plus a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Use the extra money: (Check one) As you see fit \_\_\_\_\_ \$1 for map \_\_\_\_\_  
 For PGS Museum \_\_\_\_\_ Plus \$1.50 for mailing \_\_\_\_\_  
 For the Archives \_\_\_\_\_



( ) I got courtesy copies. Thanks a lot but I'd like to be a dues-paying member. Here's my check.

NAME:  
Street, city, state (and don't forget your zip-code):

# GENEALOGY

# GAZETTE

## Meet the people

REGISTER OF  
ELECTORS FOR GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COL. 1863 continued;



Name	Date of Reg.	Party	Residence
Whitlock, Orange	4 Apr 1859	W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 27	
		(REMARKS: 21 yrs in state; 13 yrs in co.)	
Wilcox, Luman	4 Apr 1859	N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 36	
		(REMARKS: 10 yrs in town)	
Wagner, Jacob	4 Apr 1859	Sec. 12	
		(REMARKS: 5 yrs in town)	
Wilcox, Earl	4 Apr 1859	Sec. 36	
		(REMARKS: 10 yrs in town)	
Wyman, William W.	4 Apr 1859	(R) Sec. 8	
		(REMARKS: 5 yrs in town)	
Westbrook, William	4 Apr 1859	(R) Sec. 9	
		(REMARKS: 6 yrs in town)	
Wilcox, Joel C.	4 Apr 1859	(R) Sec. 15	
		(REMARKS: 8 mos in town)	
Whitney, George H.	4 Apr 1859	Sec. 22	
		(REMARKS: 5 yrs in town)	
Westbrook, James	4 Apr 1859	Sec. 8	
		(REMARKS: 6 yrs in town)	
Wagner, John	4 Apr 1859	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec 11	
		(REMARKS: 8 yrs in town)	
Wager, Aaron	4 Apr 1859	S $\frac{3}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 31	
Wilkinson, Samuel	4 Apr 1859	(R) W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 3	
Wyman, Soloman	31 Mar 1860	(R)	
Wilkinson, Samuel, Jr.	31 Mar 1860	(R) Sec. 15	
Wyman, William W.	19 Oct 1860	Sec 8	
Wetherby, Peter	24 Oct 1860	Sec 11	
Woodruff, James H.	29 Mar 1861	(R)	
Washington, John W.	5 Apr 1862	Sec 1	
Whitford, Philetus	5 Apr 1862		
Wright, Jared	4 Apr 1863		

## COMING UP

PAINE-GILLAM-SCOTT MUSEUM Closed until March 10. Reopens March 11. But PGS seeks trash-n-treasure for its May 12 auction. Call 224-7402.

CCHS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Feb. 16 Anniversary Celebration (see story other side) 7:30 p.m. at Municipal Bldg., St. Johns.

CCHS annual meeting is March 15, 7:30 p.m. Capitol Savings & Loan, St. Johns.

GENEALOGISTS: Feb. 6, 7:30 p.m., Capitol Savings & Loan, St. Johns. March 5, same time & place. Programs for both meetings undecided at press time.

ARCHIVES in DeWitt Township Hall open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

NEWSLETTER CUT-OFF DATE...The March newsletter will be the last one you will receive if dues are not paid by then. See story page 1.

CLINTON COUNTY HISTORY CLASS starts Feb. 7. See story page 1.

## Quiz Answer

Whittier, Philetus 5 Apr 1862  
Wright, Jared 4 Apr 1863

Young, Joshua 4 Apr 1863

(I here ) certify that the foregoing, to the best ) my knowledge and belief, is a true copy of the Register of Electors for Greenbush Clinton County, April 17, 1863 (signed) M. Avery Chappell, Twp. Clk.

(NOTE: The above transcription (and all the pages that preceeded this page in the previous year) was copied from the original for the Genealogists of the Clinton County Historical Society by Arlynn G. Gantz, DWEitt, MI. in 1981.)

## Quiz Answer

The Roman festival was called Lupercalia. It was a lovers' festival for young people. Young men & women chose festival partners by drawing names. They exchanged gifts and many continued to enjoy one another's company long after the festival ended.

Happy VALENTINE'S Day



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