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American Scene



RISING —Steel scaffolding rises around the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor. The framework is in preparation for a \$30 million renovation project.

An Awesome Sight - Symbol of Freedom

One of the things that I am most proud of about 1984 was being a charter contributor to the Statute of Liberty Restoration Fund.

I had not seen that magnificent piece of statuary until one late rainy evening about seven years ago when we were riding by taxi from New York City to Newark, New Jersey. We had been to West Germany and flown out of Luxembourg. The flight was somewhat delayed by a near accident at John F. Kennedy International Airport; hence, our bus had gone and we were stranded.

Mrs. Ceasar, two businessmen and myself engaged a taxi, which cost us about \$32 to get to our motel-hotel in Newark. Prior to our entering the Holland tunnel one of the occupants raised the question as to our ever seeing the National Monument. We looked out of the window and there in a great halo of light - holding her torch aloft - was a most awesome spectacle.

I think now that I have seen the Statue of Liberty I have a greater appreciation of our forefathers and the immigrants who came through the port of New York City and gazed with admiration at that giant symbol of freedom.

Ford Ceasar, president

The Living Museum

A unique idea - a school museum - opened in Bath shortly before Christmas. Then the Bath School District created a museum in the elementary school. Included are records of school board meetings from 1856; construction records of a log school building; class pictures from through the years; and, of course, memorabilia from the Bath School Disaster - the bombing of the Bath Elementary School in 1927 which killed 45 people, mostly students. Included is the flag that flew over the school that day and a five minute film taken that day; a chair a kindergarten child was sitting in that fateful day. Anyone with memorabilia or records to donate can contact Bath officials.

GENEALOGY

Meet the people

Who Came To Clinton County . . .



CHARLES ERNST BEARNDT

Charles Ernst Bearndt was born Feb. 9, 1833 in Mecklenbury, Schwerin, Germany. The son of Lewis F. & Badalena Bearndt. He married Miss. Fredericka Johanna Doretta Ellett of the same place in Germany, Oct. 28, 1859. To this union eleven children were born...Charles, Jr., Theodore, Anna, Lewis, Edmond, Minnie, Frederick, Henry, William C., and May. Six were born in Germany. Theodore & Edmond died in infancy in Germany. The family left Germany Oct. 15, 1865, in a sailing ship. They were on the ocean nearly a week when they had to return back, as the boat had sprung a leak. They then sailed a second time and incountered a very rough voyage. Frederick the youngest was taken sick and died and was buried at sea, at the age of 3 months. After a long voyage they landed in New York, 23rd of January 1866, being 14 weeks on the ocean.

They first settled near Napoleon, MI, later moving to Grass Lake in Jackson Co., MI, where they lived several years. There daughter, Minnie, died at age 6 years. Sometime after 1871 they came to Clinton Co. One son Lewis died 17 April 1906. Mrs. Bearndt passed away Aug. 20, 1907. After his wifes death Mr. Bearndt went to live with his son William (Carl) N.W. of St. Johns, where he remained for 11 years before passing away 26 July 1921. He lived to be 88 years 5mos and 17 days of age. Mr. & Mrs. Bearndt were members of the Lutheran Church of Fowler for many years. At the time of his death five children were living. Charles Jr. of St. Johns (who had the tin shop on N. Clinton Ave.) Anna Seifert and Henry of Bengal Twp., Wm. C. near St. Johns, and May Felton of Crystal MI.

The family plot can be found in the Oak Ridge Cemetery also a daughter Etta D. who died May 11, 1896 at age 11 years 7 mos and 19 days...also Charley M. Bearndt born Feb. 11, 1858 and died Sept. 24, 1929.

The William C. Bearndt farm is still occupied by his widow on N. Dewitt Rd. at the present time.

(Any additional information regarding this family would be appreciated.....Call J. Snyder 224-4315)

GAZETTE

THREE SCORE AND TEN

THE NOBLE OLD PIONEERS OF CLINTON COUNTY....THOSE WHO HAVE LIVED THE ALLOTTED THREE SCORE AND TEN YEARS MANY WHO ARE LIVING ON "BORROWED TIME" THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE NAMES OF RESIDENTS OF THIS COUNTY WHO HAVE ATTAINED THE AGES OF 70 AND UPWARDS, AS APPEARS FROM THE CENSUS REPORTS...ABSTRACTED FROM CLINTON INDEPENDENT 5th AUGUST 1880 ISSUE.

BATH TOWNSHIP

JOHN CLEMONS	78	ARD R. SMITH	73
EVA A. COVERT	82	LYDIA R. TOBIAS	72
ESTHER FLETCHER	77	ISAAC TOMPKINS	90
JACOB HAVILAND	74	BENJ VanLEUVIN	85
DAVID KILLICUT	79	LOUISA VanOSTRAM	72
MARY McKIBBON	74	PRISCILLA WEBBER	80
HARRIET M. ROBINSON	70	AARON H. WHITMORE	74
MARGARET ROSE	78		

BINGHAM TOWNSHIP

NANCY ALVERS	82	ROXANIA HOLMES	74
HENRY ARMSTRONG	76	CHRISTIAN KREPPS	71
JOHN AVERY	82	MARY LOSEY	74
J. A. BALCOM	71	DUNCAN McRAE	82
WM. BIRD	78	WM. MOORE	73
LYNDS S. CONN	79	PETER MUSSULMAN	72
JOHN COVRSTNER	78	MAHALIA NORRIS	89
MATHIAS CRAMER	76	ALFRED ROGERS	72
FREDERICK CRANSON	84	ZEPHENIAH SHERMAN	70
JACOB DENESING	70	DARIUS SMITH	86
SUSAN EMMONS	85	CAROLINE WARREN	70
ELIZABETH J. HARRIS	70	JULIA WARREN	70
ALONZO HOLMES	75		

BENGAL TOWNSHIP

GEORGE CARLTON	71	BRIDGET POWERS	72
SILAS CHAPMAN	71	ANNA R. RICE	71
JOSHUA DEITS	80	MARTHA SEWELL	85
CHARLES GRANT	85	BENJAMIN STANTON	75
PAULINE HAYES	75	WEALTHY STRICKLAND	77
EDWARD JONES	72	ABRAHAM TENEICK	71
JAMES McFARLAND	77	HENRY TENEICK	74
ADAM McLAUGHLIN	72	JOHN TIPTON	71
MARIA NICHOLS	76	CHARITY TRAVIS	72
MICAH POPE	71		

NOTE:

THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS A EXCELLENT RESEARCH TOOL AS IT GIVES APPROXIMATE YEAR OF BIRTH. PRIOR TO OFFICIAL BIRTH RECORDS IN COUNTY COURT HOUSES. More to follow. J. Snyder



CROSS COUNTRY SKIING was more than just a winter sport in the "olden" days....

No information on any CCHS activities was available at presstime. Persons with information on any CCHS meeting or event are urged to send a note giving details to Betty Jane Minsky, 4958 N. US 27, Rt. 3, St. Johns, Mich. 48879 to arrive by the 10th of the month. If dates and other information is available for meetings two and three months in the future, we would like that too. PLEASE, PLEASE help make your newsletter more meaningful by sending along dates - and programs if available.

MUSEUM CLOSED: PGS Museum closed in January for the winter. Watch future issues for date of re-opening.

Know which President...?

Guess the answers to the following questions about the Presidents?

- Who was the only President whose parents were divorced?
- Who was the only President born on July 4?
- Which President was never married?
- Which President married the same woman twice?
- Which President climbed the Matterhorn?

- Which President had an artificial jaw?
- Which President fed and watered the White House mice?
- Which President was survived by both parents?
- Which President's funeral was never paid for?
- Which was the first President to be paid \$200 thousand a year?

Garfield, and Richard Nixon.
Jackson, John F. Kennedy, James A. Roosevelt, Grover Cleveland, Andrew Buchanan, Andrew Jackson, Theodore

Here are the answers to the quiz

Presidential trivia answers



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