

# "The Clinton Independent"



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CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## St. Johns mint festival

The first annual mint festival held Aug. 8-10 at St. Johns is history. It was a success & plans are already under way for next year's event.

Your CCHS participated in numerous ways. Mint farmer members hosted tours; some members worked on the 100th birthday of Central School (St. Johns) which was dedicated during the festival. Jean Martin authored a brief history of the school which sold well.

PGS had special old time mint displays.

Mint was started in Michigan in the 1920's and became a leading Clinton County crop

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## In Memoriam

Wade Olin passed away in Lakeland, Fla. recently. He was born Sept. 11, 1898. CCHS placed \$5 in our Memorial Fund in his memory. The Olin family has given us a Wolcott History in honor of Mildred Olin; and Janet Snyder purchased an 1890 microfiche in memory of Wade and Mildred Olin.

## News Spotlights

### Tub races



Bath tubs were mounted on wheels and raced - where else but at Bath last month. But mud-wrestling participants also proved to be a popular attraction with contestants paying \$2 to wallow in the mud much to the enjoyment of spectators who paid 50 cents to watch - and get splashed. "Messy but fun," was a comment often heard. Tub racing, begun five years ago, has become an annual event at Bath.

### I-69

A 7.7 mile stretch of I-69 from U. S. 27 west was dedicated which officials say will spark development in DeWitt & Watertown Townships. In a separate ceremony a "connector" link from DeWitt city was dedicated which officials said makes the city a "window" to the world.

# Meet the people

## Who Came To Clinton County . . .



### THREE SCORE AND TEN

THE NOBLE OLD PIONEERS OF CLINTON COUNTY....THOSE WHO HAVE LIVED THE ALLOTTED THREE SCORE AND TEN YEARS 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.

### OVID

Horace Burt	75	Lucina Lounsbury	70
David S. Coats	71	Huldah F. Ludlum	80
Wm. Castner	74	George Merrill	78
Sally Dunkle	76	Lucy Miller	77
Esther Fenton	82	Cornelius Marsten	71
Wm. Fenton	76	Jonathan Nicholds	80
Ann Faragher	70	Elsie Perkins	83
Oren Garfield	74	Betsey Stone	74
Maria Gilbert	75	Chaney Stone	81
John Haire	74	Sibney Starkweather	71
Philip Hedmyer	72	Maria Sutfin	73
John Jameson	78	George Stubbs	75
Martha Jameson	71	Nathan Warren	72
Henry Lyvere	77	Hannah Warren	70
Allen Lounsbury	77	Betsey Yarigher	83

### 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.

# GENEALOGY

# GAZETTE

## Pot-pourri

POT POURRI (From Dorothy Cressman, CHS  
CCHS recording secretary)

The Maple Rapids Historical Commission will make available pictures and slides taken during its Sesquicentennial last month for future programs, etc. and some will be given to the Archives for preservation.

### THIS TIME THE SOUTH BEAT THE NORTH

At our August 5 potluck at the home of Al and Ariene Lounds the South beat the North in a program planned by Arlynn Gantz. Each team had to find the state when a description of the exact geographical center of the state was given.

Arlynn Gantz reports he found an old chest of drawers at Almo, Michigan in Kalamazoo County containing old letters dating to 1837. Some were written by the then-Bath Township supervisor and others detail the great tornado in N. Lansing. Arlynn said the letters will be put on microfilm for the Archives.

### NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES:

New material includes items we have abstracted from throughout the county. Watch future issues of the "Independent" as we will begin excerpting this material.

Out-county cemetery records are being added to our shelves and we have received numerous family records and books.

The Archives is happy to accept records, data, histories, etc. which we will preserve for research use.

(Wilma Sowle, librarian)

## Mark your calendar

ARCHIVES: DeWitt Township Hall,  
8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on  
Mondays - Wednesdays.

GENEALOGY: Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m. at  
Lowe Church adjacent  
to E. Essex School  
about 8 miles north-  
west of St. Johns. Come  
early & visit the  
nearby Lowe Cemetery.  
(Take U.S. 27 north  
of St. Johns to French  
Rd, about four miles.  
Turn west on French.)

CCHS: Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m. at Bath  
Elementary School on Webster  
Road, one-fourth mile north  
of Clark Road. We will tour  
the Bath School Museum with  
our monthly business meeting  
to be held in the school  
following the tour.

Oct. 17. This will be a busi-  
ness meeting only as the Oct.  
16 program by Martha Weather-  
by will be in lieu of a pro-  
gram at our regular meeting.

SPECIAL EVENT: Oct. 16, Martha Weather-  
by will demonstrate Shaker  
basket-making at Smith Hall  
in St. Johns at 7 p.m. She is  
the resident basketmaker at  
Shaker Museum, Canterbury,  
N.H. Sponsored by Clinton Co.  
Arts Council and CCHS this  
will be in lieu of a program  
at our regular meeting Oct.  
17 (business meeting only.)

Order tickets now - \$3 with  
SASE from PGS Museum, Box 174  
St. Johns, Mi. 48879. For  
more information call (517)  
224-2894 or 224-7402.

## ... Querries ...

We have a contact who seeks  
information on the "Brown"  
family from the Ovid area.  
Anyone with information  
should call Arlene Lounds,  
(517) 224-7807.

If your newsletter has a  
red X here your dues are  
past due. To retain your  
CCHS membership send \$4  
for individual or \$7 for  
couples; \$2 for those  
under age-18, to: CCHS,  
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