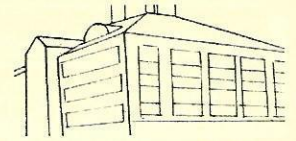




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## DEAR MARY, LET'S DANCE!



DeWayne Baxter, a long-time member of the CCHS, has preserved many letters which were written to his mother, **Mary (Miller) Baxter**, when as a young woman she lived in Maple Rapids, Fowler, and Riley ca 1901-1904. Relatives and friends sent word of sewing projects, illness, gossip, weather, farm animals, and so forth. The most distant message in the collection came from a friend who was working in North Dakota harvesting wheat at \$2 a day in August 1901. These letters illustrate that daily life of the times

was not all drudgery, and the following are edited excerpts which mention entertainment, especially the dances:

Riley, Jan. 14, 1901: Maggie & Mary had a good time New Year. We was visiting in Fowler. We got home at four o'clock in the morning. We was to the Fowler's New Years dance.

Riley, Sept. 2, 1901: I was to the dance two weeks ago Friday night and had a time, and I am going to another one Friday. There are lots of dances here in Riley. I have been to six since the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Riley, Jan 2, 1902: The dance was to Rossow's. When we got home from the dance it was 5 o'clock; went to bed and got up at 8 o'clock.

St. Johns, Apr. 14, 1902: Well Mary, what are you doing now days? Are you dancing the shoes through now? I went to the dance the 25<sup>th</sup> of March. Then I went again April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Riley, May 26, 1902: Have you been to any dances lately? There was a hard time dance in South Riley Grange Hall and they had everyday dress on and so did I. We had a good time.

Riley, July 29, 1902: The 4<sup>th</sup> of July I went in the evening to Forest Hill; had a good time there. Last week Friday, I was to a dance. We danced til 5 o'clock in the morning. Just think, I've been to 10 dances this spring. Don't you wish that you was here with me that we could go together to the dances?

Riley, Aug. 13, 1902: We are going to Detroit on excursion. The price is \$1.15 apiece to go to Detroit and back again. The train leaves Fowler at 6 o'clock in the morning. There are lots of people going from Riley. Mary, when we go to Detroit we take our dinner with us in a shoe box.

Watertown, Aug. 21, 1902: They have the Elk Jubilee at Lansing this week and I went Tuesday and it just about liked to have killed me. My folks went to the carnival today and left me at home alone. I spent 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Grand Ledge. I had a real good time, but they could not use all the island that day. The farmers picnic, grange picnic and Sunday school picnic will be at Grand Ledge the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month. I am going if it don't rain. You had better come too.

Riley, Sept 13, 1902: Fred and I was to Detroit and had a good time there. Fred, he lost his hat going out to Detroit on the train. Mary, you ought to see the people out to Detroit when they come out of the train. There was lots of people on the train.

Merle Beach, Mar. 19, 1903: Last Sunday we were out snowballing the boys for a good time. Last Friday we were out in a sleigh load. We were to Carrie Huhn's. She has got an organ and they played on it. It was just fine, I'll tell you. We never got home till the next morning at 5 o'clock.

Lyons, Mar. 24, 1903: We went to a dance Friday night. We have been to a party every week since Thanksgiving and sometimes two or three. There is going to be a maple sugar party and dance at the grange hall on Maple Corners Friday night Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>. Can't you and Peter or Hardy or both come out?

St. Johns, Apr. 10, 1903: Tonight we were singing us a good one. We sung just two hours and then the clock struck 9. That says bed time.

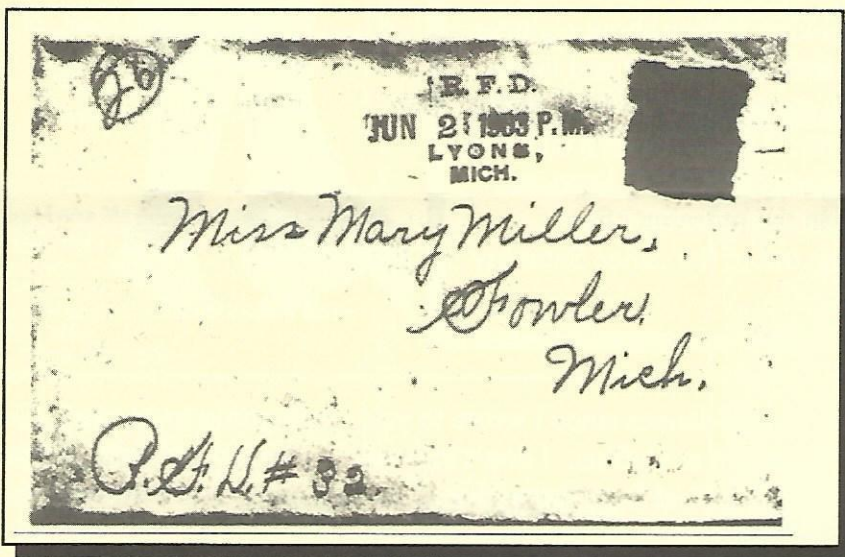
Maple Rapids, May 20, 1903: Mary, I guess I'll leave my fellow because he don't dance. He goes to shows. I'm going to look me up another fellow.

DeWitt, May 24, 1903: I was to a dance week ago yesterday over to Mrs. Sk..., and there is going to be another one next Saturday night. We have lots of fun around here now.

Lyons, May 31, 1903: I presume you had a good time to that party you went to with the "fellow with the new buggy."

Riley, July 23, 1903: What time did you get home the fourth? Maggie and I didn't get home til 2 o'clock in the morning. Mary, I would like to come out to your place but I can't because my fellow comes every Sunday. I would like to have him go too but he says that is too much for the horse. Next month is my birthday. It is the 8<sup>th</sup> of August. I would like you to come to my birthday on Saturday.

DeWitt, Aug. 3, 1903: Where did you go the 4<sup>th</sup> of July? I was to home. They played ball in the afternoon and we had some beer and ice cream and we had a big time. There is going to be a show in Wacousta Aug. 6. I wish you could be here. I went to a big show in Lansing this spring that was fine and we had lots of fun, and I was to a dance two weeks ago to South Riley Hall.



Lyons, Aug. 30, 1903: I went to a play at the Muir Opera House last Friday night. The name of it was, *In Dixie Land*. It was the best show I ever went to. I went to Pewamo last Monday. They laid the cornerstone of the new Catholic Church over there. There was the largest crowd there has ever been in Pewamo. I went to a dance in the grange hall at Maple Corners a week ago last Friday night. I had a great time.

Riley, Sept. 15, 1903: An week ago my fellow and I was to the ball game . All had a good time. Last Saturday night I was to the dance at Forest Hill. There was such a big crowd there so that the boys could not dance no more than two sets apiece. They had supper and ice cream. My fellow and I had two dishes of ice cream apiece.

Lyons, Oct 4, 1903: We are going to have a dance at home here Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, a surprise on papa. It is his birthday. I wish you would come. I know you could if you want to for you have brothers and lots of fellows that could bring you.

Riley, Oct. 10, 1903: We are going to Portland some day this month because we have never been there.

Lyons, Oct 23, 1903: I was invited to two dances tonight. One of them to Ben Hartman's and the other at Lyons. I wanted to go to the one in Lyons awfully, awfully bad but couldn't go to either one of them because mama has gone to Grand Rapids to grandpa's funeral today and papa thought it would not be right for us to go to a dance tonight. I intended to go to a masquerade dance at Lyons next Friday night, but cannot as I intended to get my masquerade suit in town tonight but as I couldn't go I will have to give that up too. I tell you, I feel pretty blue just about now.

Lyons, Nov. 29, 1903: I went to a dance at the Lyons Opera House last Thursday night. **Albert Hopkins'** folks are going to have a dance next Friday night. Can't you come out and go to it? They have a lovely floor to dance on. It is as good as lots of the floors in dance halls. The room is large too.

Lyons, Dec. 6, 1903: I was sorry you did not come out here to go to the party at Mr. Hopkins. We had a lovely time. There were sixty-two people there. I met a good-looking fellow about eighteen years of age, danced about every other set with him, sat and talked with him all the time I was not dancing, ate supper with him, and got his dance ticket to keep for a souvenir. I am going to a dance at the Maple Corner Grange Hall next Saturday if nothing happens. We did not get home until five o'clock in the morning after Hopkins' dance. I wish you would come out to the dance Saturday night.



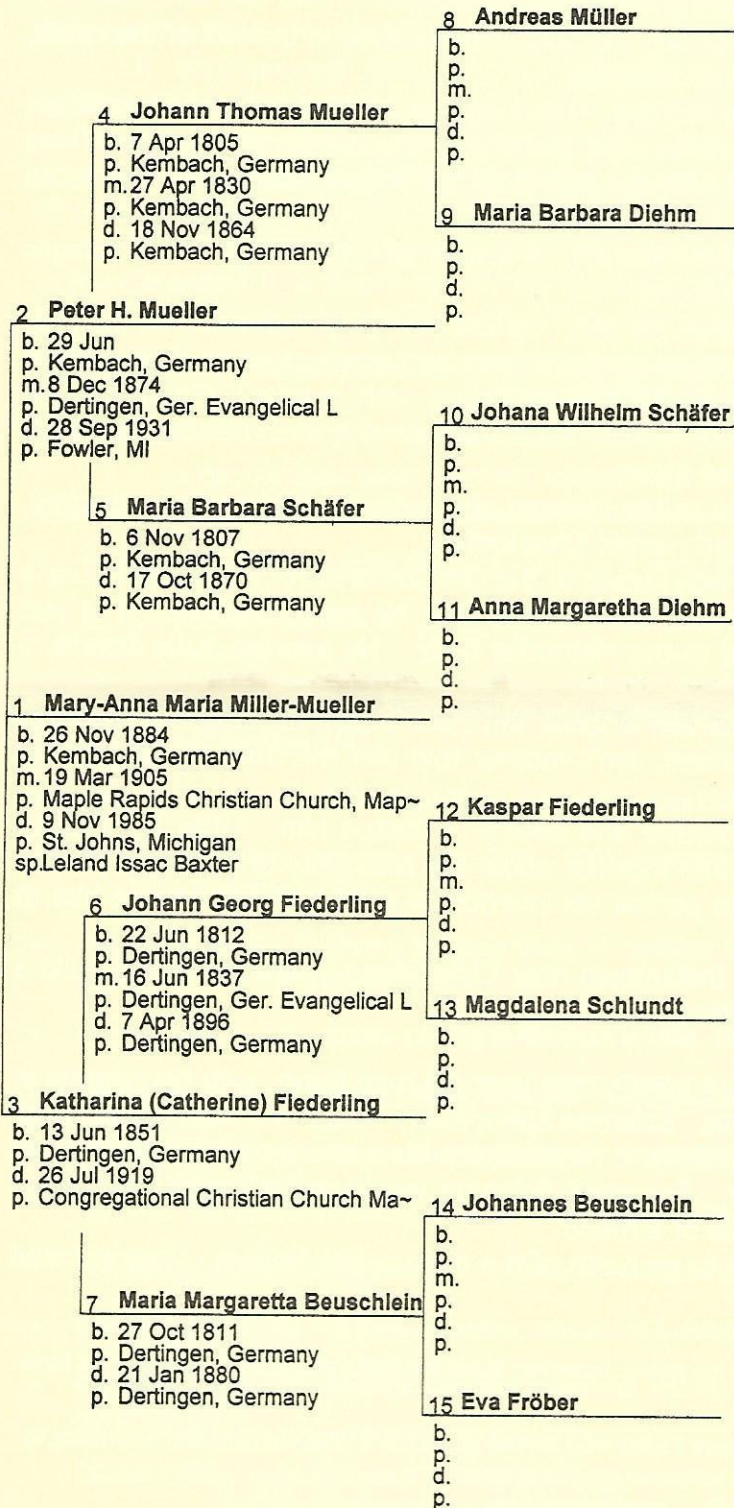
Lyons, Jan. 8, 1904: I have been to four or five dances since I wrote to you. I am going to one in Lyons next Wednesday night and one next Friday night at Collins. I don't know how many in between. What did you do New Years Day? Leonard and I went out for a cutter ride in the afternoon and then went to a dance in the evening.

Riley, Jan. 20, 1904: Last night we was out sleigh riding. There was ten of us that went all for a good time and enjoy themselves. We had a good time to the Rapids New Years Eve. We was to the dance Friday night at the Forest Hill.

Merle Beach, Feb. 12, 1904: Today is Friday and there is a dance to Forest Hill tonight, and we are going to the dance. Is there going to be a masquerade dance to the Rapids the 22<sup>nd</sup> of Feb. or not?

# Pedigree Chart for Mary-Anna Maria Miller-Mueller

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 1 on chart no. 1



Lyons, March 13, 1904: I have not been to a party since Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. That night eight of us, four boys and four girls, went over north of Muir to a dance at the grange hall. It is ten miles over there. The snow banks were higher than the horses and after we left Muir, it began to rain. Well, this is Monday morning and it is snowing so hard that we can hardly see to the road. I guess they will have to put their buggies away and get out the cutters again. As soon as papa gets his chores done, we are going to play cards. We most always play seven-up all day when it snows. Mr. & Mrs. Hartman and Ben were here Saturday night. They played cards until twelve o'clock.

Lansing, June 3, 1904: The 6<sup>th</sup> of June is a show here in town. I can see the parade right from the house. The girls were dressed in red, white, and blue and had stars in their hair, and the band played all day, and the Industrial School boys marched all day in town. It was just grand.

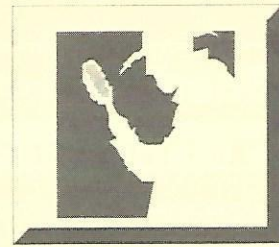


Mary-Anna Maria (Miller) Baxter &  
Her Brothers  
Hardie, Peter & William

# Clinton County Murders

(Fourth in a series) By Wayne Summers

## The Indians Did It



**Silas L. Parks** along with his wife, **Betsey Elizabeth**, and family moved to Clinton County in 1836 and became one of the early members of the Rochester Colony. After arriving, the Parks family built a log cabin in northern Bingham Township on an Indian trail leading up to the Colony.

In 1839 Mrs. Parks left the cabin to visit a sick neighbor. As Silas was sleeping in the loft of the cabin, three-year old **Peter** was left in the care of his older brother **William**.

Upon her return it was discovered that Peter was missing. Thinking that he had attempted to follow his mother up the trail a search was conducted. Peter's tracks were found near a small stream, but there was no sign of the young boy. Neighbors arrived and helped with the search of the stream and woods, but to no avail. The boy seemed to have vanished.

Silas began to say that Indians must have carried his son off. A search of neighboring Indian villages was conducted, but no blue-eyed, brown haired child was found.

Some began to suggest that Silas had probably killed his son. Others said they had heard he beat his children and had probably gone a bit too far with Peter. Besides, there were no known cases of child stealing by Natives living in this area of the state. Could Silas Parks have gotten away with murder? Claims that he murdered young Peter haunted him the remaining years of his life, even after moving to the Chesaning area. Neither Silas, nor Betsey Elizabeth would ever see their son again.

In the early 1850's Old Chief **Jim Fischer**<sup>1</sup> moved to the Owosso area with his wife and two children, a boy named **Shon-e-kay-zhick, or Little Jim**, and a girl named **Charlotte**<sup>2</sup>.

Little Jim had blue-eyes and brown hair and was well known in the Owosso area for his ability to use a bow. He would sell bows and arrows to the local boys and amaze them with his marksmanship. It is said Little Jim later attended school in Canada and converted to the Methodist faith<sup>3</sup>. He married **Julia David**, a Chippewa, and had several children.

It was obvious to many that Little Jim was not the son of Chief Jim<sup>4</sup>, but whose son was he? His true parentage was a mystery until 1875, when on her deathbed, Jim's mother told him the truth about his past and that she had stolen him from a family near St. Johns.

Word of the revelation spread and Little Jim's brother and sisters contacted him. Little Jim Fischer visited his brother William who was living near Corunna and inquired about the possibility of gaining a portion of his father's estate. However, Little Jim decided not to pursue his inheritance since it would require him to give up his Indian heritage and name.

Jim Fischer spent most of his remaining days in Indiantown near Chesaning. There he helped build a small Methodist church and died in 1901 surrounded by his Indian friends.

The year was 1870 and **Solomon D. Keck**<sup>5</sup> was a twenty-one year old man living with his parents in a log cabin near the Maple River in the Union Home area. Solomon spent many hours in a boat on the river fishing and hunting game to help provide food for the family. He occupied his spare time by studying and imitating the calls of the Natives living along the river. For sport Solomon would make Indian calls when passing wigwams to fool them into thinking it was the call of a friend.

On September 23, 1870, the Keck family decided to go north of the river to pick berries. This entailed

<sup>1</sup> Some give the name as Fitcher or Fisher.

<sup>2</sup> Charlotte was also a stolen white child. Jim had believed her to be his sister, however, since the Parks lost only a son she must have been stolen from a different family.

<sup>3</sup> There are also claims he served in the Civil War. However, the James Fisher who served in the Civil War died in 1888 according to pension papers.

<sup>4</sup> Old Chief Jim's wife was Chippewa and he was said to be half English and half Indian.

<sup>5</sup> Most of this story is based on oral family history told to Lydia Oyer by John Strause (or Strauser) in the 1930's. Dates are taken from cemetery markers.

a wagon ride over rough roads to the east until they came to a bridge that crossed the river. Not wanting to endure the bumpy wagon ride, Solomon chose to row his boat upriver and meet the family at the bridge.

After picking berries, they parted at the bridge heading home the same way they had come. When the family arrived back home they were surprised to find Solomon had not arrived even though the river was a much faster route.

The next day the river was searched and his empty boat was found. The local Native Americans were questioned, but they said they knew nothing of Solomon's whereabouts. After more searching, Solomon's body was found in the river wrapped with a wire line from his boat. The search party had difficulty removing the wire that had been intricately wound around his body. It was obvious to those who found the body that Solomon had been murdered.

It also seemed that one or more Native Americans were responsible for the murder. Adding confirmation to the suspicion, within a few days the local Natives had abandoned their homes and moved out of the area taking any possible suspects with them. So what would have been a motive for them to murder Solomon? The only reasonable explanation seemed to be his imitation of Indian calls. Could some have taken offense at being made sport of and decided to put a stop to it permanently?

The community met at the church for the funeral service. Afterward Solomon was buried in the Union Home Cemetery in a grave dug by his best friend **John Strauser**. John understandably described it as the hardest task he ever had to perform. Three months later John died and was laid to rest near his friend.

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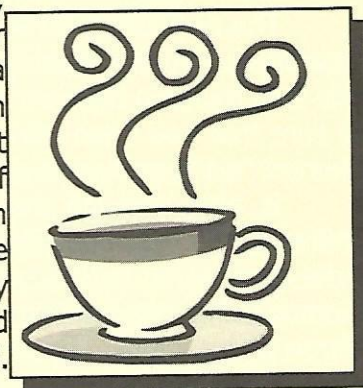
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## ***News from the Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum***

"A Sip of Yesterday" was the theme of the Silver Anniversary High Tea at the Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum on Saturday, September 25th. Forty Friends of the Museum celebrated with great elegance in the parlors and dining room of the Museum. Tables were set with fine linen, crystal, silver, and china and serving trays were decorated with fresh ivy and silver ribbons. Delicious scones, Savories, and Sweet Dainties were served by the Tea Committee: Diane Carlson, Elaine Rise, Catherine Rumbaugh, Gerri Wyble, Lynn Gregory, and Suzanne Chiunti. Catherine Rumbaugh talked with the ladies about morals and manners of yesterday. Catherine was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her 25 years of dedicated leadership and service. Museum Cookbooks were presented to those at the Tea, along with tussie-mussies. The Tea kicked off the Friends of the Museum Membership Drive and successfully raised \$1,700 toward this year's operating expenses. Sixty donors and participants at the Tea received a membership card good through August 2005. The Tea was a special event, a special day, and the first of an annual event!



On October 2nd a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the restored Carriage House at the West end of the Museum Complex. The restored Carriage House contains agricultural and industrial exhibits from the 1850's and includes a 1855 fanning mill and milk safe made by Davies Manufacturing, as well as pumps from the Post Pump Works of Clinton County; an exhibit featuring dairy testing instruments, milking machines, milk processing, and butter churns; old time transportation exhibits including bicycles; a mint still model; an extensive carpenter tool collection; a sleigh, carriage and much more. Bill McCarthy was Master of Ceremonies and Mary Rademacher, Sue Kiley-White, and Catherine Rumbaugh cut the ribbon so touring could begin.



Mary Rademacher represented Clinton County, who deeded the Museum Complex property to the Clinton County Historical Society in 2001. Sue Kiley-White represented the St. Johns Rotary Club who was the largest of over 230 contributors to the Capital Campaign 2000. Catherine Rumbaugh represented the hundreds of volunteers who have made the Museum Complex a success for over 25 years. Special recognition went to Bill McCarthy, Elmer Upton, Catherine Rumbaugh, Sharon Worrall, Corky

Chamberlain, and the General Motors PEP Project Employees for their work in the restoration.

The Endowment Fund is growing thanks to all those who contributed to the Capital Campaign 2000. The Campaign was not as successful as hoped, but we are continuing our efforts to build the Endowment Fund to provide financial security for the continued operation of the Museum. Please consider a contribution to the Clinton County Historical Society Museum when you prepare your will, plan your annual charitable contributions, make your Christmas list and think about giving memorials in honor of your loved ones. You can designate your gift as a contribution to the Endowment Fund or to operating expenses. One elderly gentleman in Clinton County instructed his family to give money to the Museum in his honor instead of giving him birthday gifts. An Honor indeed, this has added up to be a generous donation to the Museum!!

Volunteers are now planning Christmas exhibits and program and house decoration. On November 20th the Museum will be decked out for the Holiday's. **Holiday hours through December 22nd are Wednesday's 2 to 7 p.m. And Saturday and Sundays 1-4:00 p.m. Special programs will be held on Wednesday evening during December. See You At the Museum!!**

## ***MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR***





## New Firm Will be Here Soon

After 27 years, George H. Chapman is nearing the close of his career as a retail merchant in St. Johns. Since leasing his dry goods store building on Clinton Avenue to the J. C. Penney Company early in the year, he has been conducting a sale to close out his large stock. In this issue of the Republican-News he is announcing the final days of the sale which will be followed by an extensive remodeling of the building to fit the requirements of the Penney Company. Blueprints for the new interior did not arrive as soon as was expected and the delay has given Mr. Chapman additional time in which to complete his merchandising. In speaking of his departure from the retail business, Mr. Chapman has expressed his gratitude to the public for their patronage and good will. He regrets leaving Clinton Avenue, but feels that he should devote his entire time to his portable building business. (*Clinton Co. Republican-News; Centennial Edition, 24 Apr. 1927*)

The archives has acquired the bookkeeping ledgers of the two companies which were owned by George H. Chapman. They show each daily expense no matter how minor and many other interesting details. For the St. Johns Portable Building Company the ledgers cover 1914-1926; for the Chapman Department Store, 1916-1926. On each payday the employee's pay is listed beside his name and a total given of the payroll as depicted in the examples below.

### St. Johns Portable Building Co.

#### May 13, 1928

Henry McKinstry	\$28.60
E. B. Bensinger	\$26.60
Theo. Pasch.	\$22.40
Rollie Price	\$30.25
Frank LeClear	\$22.40
Henry Barrett	\$17.58
Earl Pratt	\$19.60
O.L. Richmond	\$22.40
Harold Barnaby	\$28.00
Harry Fields	\$26.00
Dennis Parks	\$22.00
Joe Michaels	\$20.80
Leo Martin	\$25.20
H. Woodhams	\$19.00
Walter Hawkins	\$23.75
Fred Britten	\$33.60
Fred Kathe	\$30.80
Chas. Andrus	\$28.00
R.C. McCluer	\$22.40
Edw. Martin	\$19.00

### Chapman Dept. Store

#### Dec. 20, 1924

Clare Whaley	\$25.00
Myrle Slater	\$12.00
Mrs. Alberts	\$16.00
Mrs. Hattie Georgia	\$16.00
G. Van Brunt	\$15.00
Flora Johnson	\$15.00
Doris Alberts	\$10.00
Mrs. A. Weatherby	\$12.00
Jean Corkin	\$ 6.00
Wm. J. Warner	\$ 6.00
Etta Krepps	<u>\$26.00</u>
	\$159.00



Archives will be closed,  
December 20, 2004  
through January 3, 2004,  
for the holidays.

**It's Membership Renewal Time!!**

## RECENT ACQUISITIONS

- 📖 *Triennial Farmers Atlas, Clinton Co., MI; 1967*
- 📖 *St. Peter Lutheran Church; 2004 directory*
- 📖 *Flynn family history*
- 📖 **Michigan History Pamphlets:**  
*A Short History of Michigan*  
*The US Constitution at 200 Yrs, A View from Michigan...*  
*Black Women in the Middle West, The Michigan Experience*  
*Michigan's Monumental Tributes to A. Lincoln*  
*Mackinac's Grand Hotel, The Early Years*
- 📖 *Ridgelawn Cemetery Burial Records, Breckenridge, MI*
- 📖 *Early Michigan Settlements, Vol 1. (includes Westphalia)*
- 📖 *GAR, Dept. of Illinois, Transcription of death rolls 1879-1947 (includes 341 vets from Michigan)*
- 📖 *Genealogical Classification...; by C.R. Stewart (includes genealogy of John Stewart; Flora McMaster; Wm. Sarles; Wm. Sharrard; Wm. Bentley; David Shippee; Martinas Badgerow, et al;*

- 📖 CCHS taped program regarding early railroads in the area with Ford Ceasar, et al
- 📖 CCHS taped program regarding stagecoaches in the area
- 📖 CCHS taped program regarding County Normal School
- 📖 CCHS taped program regarding WWI vets
- 📖 Taped Interview of Ida L. (Davis) Williston regarding County Normal School
- 📖 Taped interview of Frank Bishop regarding County Normal School
- 📖 *St. Johns Morning Musicales handbook 1994-5*
- 📖 *The Grand Haven Area, 1860-1960*
- 📖 *Hubbardston Genealogy 1780-1930*
- 📖 *Revolutionary War Period; Vol. 3. (records gleaned from pension applications )*
- 📖 *Drostes in America: The Progeny of Johann Theodore Droste & Maria Theresia Knape, 1842-2003*

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➤ **The Genealogists of the CCHS** meet the first Monday of each month at 1:00 pm November through March or 7:30 pm April through October in the Firstbank community room, located downtown St. Johns. E-mail address: [ccgensoc@yahoo.com](mailto:ccgensoc@yahoo.com). The **Historical Society meetings** are held 30 minutes prior to the Genealogist's meetings at Firstbank, the first Monday of January, April, July & October.

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### LIST 5 NAMES YOU ARE RESEARCHING

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Don't hesitate to volunteer to help  
at the Archives. Just give them a  
call or stop by and check it out!!

Did your ancestors arrive in Clinton County  
before the 1870's....if they did, then be on the  
lookout for information in the next  
newsletter about  
"Early Settler Certificates"

