



# CLINTON COUNTY TRAILS



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## Fred Hay, Arsonist

By Wayne Summers

So, who was Fred Hay? A 48 year-old **Fred Hay** claimed in a court deposition in 1936 he had spent most of his life in the Ovid area. That he had obtained a 4<sup>th</sup> grade education and had no living relatives. Yet, the name **Fred Hay** is missing from any available record until 1930 when the census lists him as a farm hand for **Orson and Alma Devereaux** in Ovid. While there were Hay families in the area, none had a son named Fred. If he lived in Clinton County prior to 1930, it may have been under a different name. While his background is uncertain, his fascination with fire is not. As Fred moved around working various manual labor jobs in the Ovid area, mysterious fires seemed to follow. While some suspected him of setting them, there wasn't enough proof to turn him over to the authorities. Their suspicions, however, proved to be correct, and he later confessed in 1936 to setting **Elfrus Dulock's** barn on fire a year or so earlier. (Elfrus rebuilt the barn only to have it destroyed by fire once again in 1937. This time, however, the culprit was lightning.)

By April of 1967 Fred Hay had taken a room in the Farmer's Hotel in St. Johns where he had arrived a couple of months earlier to work on a ditch job north of town. Built in 1876, the hotel had originally been called the Hotel American. It had been renamed the Farmer's Hotel when it was purchased by Jacob L. Ring, who ran it as a successful business until selling it in the 1890's. The Farmer's Hotel had then been owned by **Charles S. Pate** and most recently by **James Rule** of Lansing. Over the years the place had fallen into disrepair and was mostly unoccupied

On the fateful Holy Saturday of April 11, 1936, **Fred Hay** began drinking beer and hard cider that morning and continued well into the afternoon. After being filled with the spirits he decided to celebrate the day after Good Friday with a good fire. At about a quarter to six he gathered some papers in a room on the first floor and lit them on fire. Fred then rushed across the street to the Roosevelt Gas Station and reported there was a fire in the hotel. The fire department was notified and Fred along with **Ira Harper**, a fellow roomer at the hotel, went over and worked to contain

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the fire until the fire department arrived and quickly extinguished it. Since there was little damage, no one chose to investigate its cause or suspect it may have been deliberately started. After all, they all wanted to get home to prepare for Easter the next morning.

With the fire out, Fred had supper in a nearby restaurant and then returned to the hotel a little after 7 determined to start a new, bigger fire. He gathered some newspapers, soaked them in kerosene, and lit them near the top of the second-floor stairway. He then returned to the restaurant and waited. Hearing the fire alarm, Fred rushed over and attempted to help extinguish the fire. This new second fire, propelled by the kerosene, quickly spread engulfing the building. When the fire department arrived about 7:20 p.m. **Fred Hay** came out of the hotel and said, "There's an old man in there."

As **Elmer Comer** stumbled out after trying to save some of his belongings, the firefighters assumed he was the man Fred had been referring to and made no attempt to search for anyone else. But, even if they had known there was another person in the building, they would have had no way to reach him. The stairway was the only way to get to the second floor and it was engulfed in flames.

Upstairs asleep in his room in the stucco wing when the fire started was 65-year-old **Charles L. Wilson**. Wilson was a traveling craftsman who made his living by sharpening knives and shears. Trapped in the upper hall by smoke and flames, Charles had no means of escape and died of smoke inhalation. His body was later found slumped on a settee at the end of a blind hall still holding his shoes in one hand. Having no family other than three brothers living in Perry, **Charles Wilson's** funeral took place in St. Johns and he was buried in Mt. Rest Cemetery.

**Fred Hay** quickly became the prime suspect and he was arrested and questioned shortly thereafter. The following Tuesday he made a full confession of the crime in which he blamed alcohol as the cause of his misdeeds.

Justice moved quickly in the 1930's. On Thursday Fred waived examination and was tried Saturday morning April 18<sup>th</sup> before Judge **Kelly S. Searl** where he plead guilty. He was then immediately sentenced to 10-20 years in prison. In less than a week Fred Hay had been arrested, convicted, sentenced, and placed behind bars.

The site of the old hotel was cleared and a bowling alley built on the site.

As for **Fred Hay**, the 1940 census shows him as an inmate in the Jackson State Prison. After that, well like before 1930, no record for someone with that name has been found.

## Clinton County Historical Society ARCHIVES TEMPORARY CLOSURE NOTICE

The CCHS Archives will be closed starting March 17 until schools are reopened. Our policy has been that we are closed when St. Johns and/or DeWitt schools are closed for bad weather but it is time to change the wording to include all abnormal school closings to eliminate confusion.

We thank you for your support in this decision. If you have questions, you can e-mail me at [petersj@msu.edu](mailto:petersj@msu.edu) or [ccgensoc@yahoo.com](mailto:ccgensoc@yahoo.com)

Julie Peters  
Director Clinton County Historical Society ARCHIVES

# Articles are Depression related

Submitted by Myrna VanEpps

## FABRIC & FLOUR

Shipped direct from the mills in Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia, Massachusetts, and North Carolina, some 7,600 yards of cotton cloth is now enroute to this city as Clinton County's quota of the gingham, percale, shirting, prints, outing flannel, and muslin contributed to the needy of the country at large by the federal government through the Red Cross. Under the direction of **Mrs. G.G. Hunter** of St. Johns, chairman of the local chapter, an organization has been effected for the manufacture of the cloth into suitable garments and the distribution of these garments to families in distress.

Through the cooperation of the township supervisors, a list of homes has been prepared in which reside more than 1,000 children who will be benefited by the clothing donation. At least two responsible women in each township will aid in the work and a number of organizations over the county have agreed to keep their sewing machines humming until the big consignment of cloth is ready for distribution.

An additional shipment of flour has also been authorized for Clinton Co. During the next three months 807 barrels or 6,456 sacks, weighing 25 pounds each, will find their way to kitchens that might otherwise be bare. (*Clinton Co. Republican-News*; 13 Oct 1932)

## MORE AID

To relieve the suffering coincident with unemployment and hard times, the Clinton County Red Cross chapter has succeeded in securing 2,223 ready-made garments to help clothe the 380 families listed by the 16 township supervisors as in need of such assistance the coming winter. These garments, consisting of stockings., underwear, overalls, play suits, jumpers, knickers, and trousers, will be received from the government via American Red Cross, in addition to the 7,600 yards of cotton cloth already consigned to this county. ...The yard goods includes 1,461 yards of shirting and arrangements have been made by **Mrs. Hunter** to ship this cloth to Ionia where it will be cut by the prisoners at the Reformatory and then returned to this county to be made up into shirts. ...The supervisors voted an appropriation of \$100 to purchase thread, buttons, and elastic and to pay rent on the Red Cross headquarters the next three months. (*Clinton Co. Republican-News*; 20 Oct 1932)

## HUMAN FLY CLIMBS TO COURTHOUSE CLOCK

A large crowd gathered on the courthouse lawn Saturday evening to witness the "Human Fly" climb the outside of the courthouse with his bare hands. The man performing the feat was **Harry Casey** of Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Casey is one of the best-known steeple jacks in the United States. He began his climb about 8 o'clock and when he reached the top, shook hands with the clock. When the climber reached the projecting ledge near the top he was obliged to catch hold with his hands and sway his body, catching up over the roof with his feet. Mr. Casey said that was the most difficult place he had encountered in the past two years. (*The Clinton Republican*; 3 July 1919)

## APPEAL AGAIN FOR SHELLS AND PITS

Howard W. Fenton, manager central division of the chemical warfare service, has asked Gov. Sleeper to appeal again to the people of Michigan for fruit pits and nut shells to be used in producing carbon of superior quality for use in gas masks. One million pounds of carbon a day are needed and the people are urged to collect pits from peaches, plums, apricots, prunes, and dates, and to gather hickory nuts, walnuts, and butter nuts from the woods. Deliver to **W. R. Osgood**, St. Johns, who will see that they are forwarded to headquarter. (*The Clinton Republican*; 7 Nov 1918)

## SOMETHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

### Alien Women Residents of Clinton Co. take out Naturalization Papers

County Clerk, **John Walker**, says it never happened to him before. Three women appeared before him the other day to take out their first naturalization papers, due, no doubt, to the new law giving the right to vote to women. The three women who made their declaration of intention are sisters, the Misses **Anna Katherine Thelen, Katherine Thelen, and Anna Mary Thelen**. It will be noticed that there is somewhat of a similarity in the given names. Now that women have the right to vote, it will doubtless not be in bad form to refer to ages, so it can be stated that the sisters range from 29 to 33 years, all three were born in Dress [sic], Germany, and came to this country in 1894. They own and work their own farm in Dallas Twp. *The Republican* joins in welcoming them to citizenship and the right to vote. (*The Clinton Republican*; 13 Feb 1919)

Note: An internet search reveals that the three Thelen girls (ages 15, 9, and 7) sailed to Philadelphia from Antwerp with their father, **Anton** (widower), grandmother, **Anna Katharina** (widow), and brother, **Johann**. The ship's manifest states that the group is headed for Pewamo where they have relatives.

## GOVERNOR CLOSED THEATERS, CHURCHES

After a conference with Michigan mayors and health officers last Friday night, Governor Sleeper issued the following proclamation:

“Whereas it is a matter of common knowledge that the state of Michigan, in common with other states of the Union, is facing the serious and imminent danger from the disease commonly known as Spanish Influenza, which is prevalent in practically all communities throughout the state; and

“Whereas said disease is highly contagious and is spread. by personal contact with the persons infected therewith, thus creating the necessity of avoiding, insofar as is possible, all gatherings and meetings whatsoever

“Now, therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as governor of the state, I hereby direct that all churches, theaters, moving picture shows, pool rooms, billiard rooms, lodge rooms, and dance halls shall be and remain closed until further proclamation and that all unnecessary public meetings or gatherings shall be avoided. All health officers and health boards in the various cities, villages, and townships of the state shall take action as is required by law to carry out and insure the careful performance of the terms and conditions hereof.

“In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the state to be affixed at Lansing, Mich., this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 1918.” (*The Clinton Republican*; 24 Oct 1918)

# The 1<sup>st</sup> Clinton County Historical Society Meeting

Submitted by Myrna VanEpps

## CLINTON CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY ORGANIZED IN 1974

“The first meeting of the Clinton Co. Historical Society was held at 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 28, 1974, in the auditorium of the Municipal Building in St. Johns. **Hila Bross**, from Bement Public Library, located in the same building, welcomed the 33 persons assembled and announced that Feb. is both American History Month and American Music Month. She introduced the choral ensemble of the St. Johns Morning Musical who sang three American songs, *Down in the Valley*; *Nelly Bly* by Stephen Foster, and *The Arkansas Traveler*. They were accompanied by Mrs. **Duane Davis**. [**Barbara (Fuerstenau) Davis**]

“Mrs. Bross then presided while **Robert A. Conn** was elected temporary chairman and she was elected temporary secretary. They were nominated by **Mildred Countryman** and **Dale Calder**, respectively... The group was then welcomed officially by Mayor **Robert Wood** of the City of St. Johns who expressed hope for the success of the proposed new organization...

“**Douglas Carpenter** moved that the new organization include all of Clinton Co. in its geographical scope and that its official name be Clinton Co. Historical Society. Motion carried...

“**Derrill Shinabery**, representing the Clinton Co. Board of Commissioners, expressed the hope that the new society will cooperate with the County Bicentennial Committee in planning the local celebration of our country’s 200<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1976...”

Mrs. Bross suggested that an Organizing Committee of five members be elected. **Mildred Countryman** nominated **Adele Jones** who withdrew her name but nominated **Adelbert Whitlock**; **Mary Calder** nominated **Dale Calder**; **Carole Duguay** nominated **Jan Seperic**; **Faye Hanson** nominated **Douglas Carpenter**... [This slate was elected.]

Those who signed a paper as attending this meeting were:

**Clyde Anderson**

**Joan Bancroft**

**Dale Calder**

**Robert A. Conn**

**Adelle Jones**

**Catherine Rumbaugh**

**Derrill M. Shinabery**

**Morris Apple**

**Judd Bancroft**

**Douglas Carpenter**

**Faye Hanson, DeWitt Librarian**

**Goldie Moore**

**John Rumbaugh**

**Laura Shinabery**

# Harlow School

By Wayne Summers

As I was writing the book *Clinton County Schools: A brief history of the schools of Clinton County, Michigan*, information on some of the over 100 schools that once operated in the county remained elusive. One of those was the Harlow School.

I was recently contacted by a person looking for more information on this school. That encouraged me to dig a bit deeper into the history of this school and turn up a few interesting tidbits.

The Harlow School (Watertown District 4 and 4f) was located on the northeast corner of Grove and Herbison Roads just west of DeWitt. By 1957 it had closed and merged with the DeWitt School District, and in July of 1957 DeWitt voters approved the sale of the old Harlow School property. Today the location is covered with trees and brush with no sign of its earlier history.

The Harlow District was closely aligned with the Allen and Hurd schools in the early 1900's. The three districts held combined reunion picnics at various locations in the Lansing area including Moores and Potter parks for several years.

A partial list of teachers at the school were: **Mary Bedane, Kate L. Pierce. F. B. Jarvis, Mrs. Patterson, Treva Chant, Deone Jones, and Irene Volz.**

An interested incident occurred at the Harlow School in February of 1924. **Myrtle Biedersteadt**, daughter and only living child of **Henry and Martha Biedersteadt**, was 11 at the time with long braided hair which she had been unsuccessfully trying to convince her parents to cut.

On the morning of Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, when she arrived at school her braids were gone having been crudely cut off. She reported to her teacher that on her walk to school she had been attacked by a man who cut off her braids with a knife, stuffed them in her pocket, and then pulled a gun and told her to go to school.

**Deputy Sheriff Charles Wilcox** was contacted. He quickly arrived and questioned Myrtle who described her attacker as about 30, with a blue suit, brown scarf, and tan hat. Deputy Wilcox gathered a posse of about 50 men and boys who set out to search for the assailant. When the posse arrived at the location where Myrtle said the attack had occurred, mysteriously, the only footprints found in the snow were hers. By noon the search was abandoned.

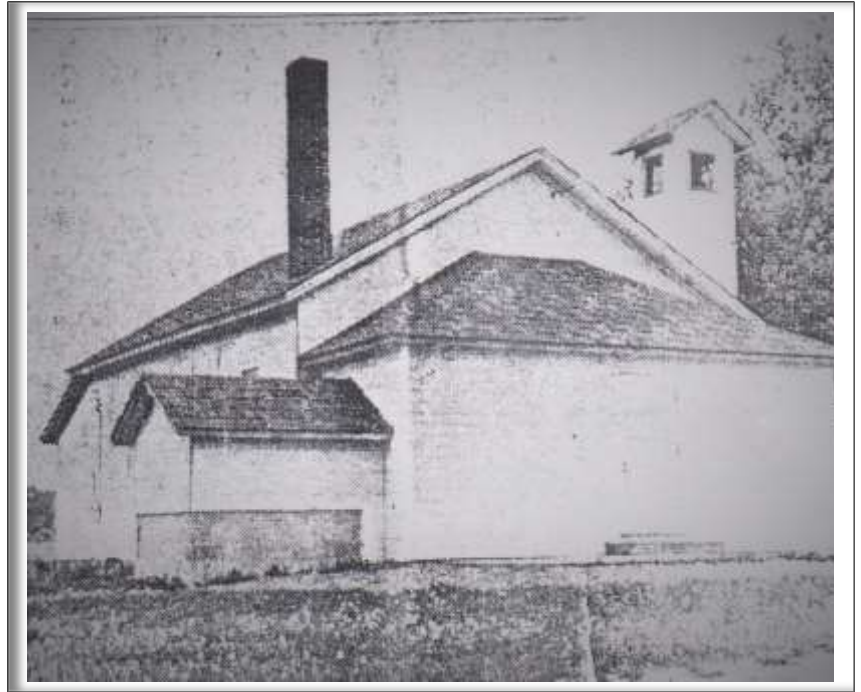
Deputy Wilcox said he didn't want to make fun of Myrtle, but felt they had been following the wrong clues that morning.

**If you have any photos or other information on this school please let us know.**

# PAGE SCHOOL

Dist. #3 Frl., Clinton & Gratiot Counties

**Jackson Page** donated the land and gave his name to the Page School in section 6 of Duplain Twp. He was born and educated in Delaware Co., Ohio. At an early age he came to Michigan and bought acreage in Gratiot Co. where he cleared land and built a cabin. He enlisted in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Michigan Cavalry in 1861 at Eureka and fought in many battles, being wounded once. He was discharged in 1866. When his brother, **George Page**, died in the Civil War, Jackson acquired his property in Duplain Twp.



Jackson returned to his Duplain property after his discharge and married **Mary (Kean) Dague** on Sept. 23, 1866. He proceeded to clear this land, plant an orchard, and build a house and barn. He farmed there the rest of his life. Jackson (1832-1916) and Mary Page (1838-1909) are buried in the Eureka Cemetery.

The school building was located on the southeast corner of Willowbrook and Chandler Roads. After the district was annexed by the St. Johns School District ca 1961, the building and ½ acre of land was sold in 1966 for \$1,100 and the building was demolished.

In 1961 about 400 former students and teachers gathered to celebrate the centennial of the district. During the ceremonies, fourth and fifth generation families who attended Page were honored. They were: **Roy and Leon Halteman, Allan Oberlin, Orpha Landis, Howard and Marion (Landis) Aldrich.**

Sources: *Past & Present of Clinton County, Michigan*; Daboll; 1906; p182-3. *Clinton Co. Republican-News*, June 8, 1961 & 15 June 15, 1961. *Clinton Co. Schools, A brief history of the schools of Clinton Co., Michigan*; Summers, 2017. Page School file at Archives of CCHS. [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org)

# School Census Sept. 1, 1902

## Persons age 5-19 eligible for school

<u>Duplain</u>	<u>Greenbush</u>	<u>Washington</u>
Orbie Albro	Howard Beck	Rena Angles
Anna Betzer	Anna Cordray	James Anspaugh
Artie Brubaker	Charles Cordray	Lee Brewbaker
Carl Brubaker	Jessie Cordray	Ina Criner
Gladdys Brubaker	May Cordray	Iva Criner
May Brubaker	Virgil Cordray	Harry Geisenhaver
Vermard Brubaker	Neva Gilson	Mearl Geisenhaver
Ethel Clark	Alta Rininger	Leon Halterman
Clarence Daggett	Ules Rininger	Leroy Halterman
Robert Daggett	Jay Whiting	Mary Hawkins
Ersa Dill		Edgar Haywood
Lewis Fenner		Ellenor Haywood
Ernest Hardy		Hazel Haywood
Minnie Hess		Joseph Haywood
Roy Hulse	<u>Elba</u>	Roy Haywood
Eva Liby	Willie Oberlin	Ernest Heinlen
Leland Liby		Anna Lindsay
Luella Liby		Andrew Ridenauer
Jessie Perkins		Blanch Ridenauer
Ernest Wright		Flossie Ridenauer
		Gretta Ridenauer
		Howard Ridenauer
		Gladdys Weaver
		Nellie Weaver

### PAGE SCHOOL TEACHERS

Viola (Buttolph) McDaid	1874
Leon Tyler	1877
Juanita Sebring	1919-20
F. Pearl Rowley	1920-21
Doris (Jeffers) Morrison	1921-23
Gary Page	1923-24
Velma Coon	1924-26
Hazel Bancroft	1926-29
Gertrude Umstatt	1929-30
Veda Henderson	1930-31
Hilda Moore	1931-32
Emery Ingersol	1932-33
Pauline Lewis	1933-34
Nellie (Peck) Flegal	1934-38
Phyllis (Horr) Moss	1938-39
Alice Jumper	1939-49
Cleva Summer	1949-51
Reva Kristin	1951-53
Florence Miller	1953-55
Helen Post	1955-61
Wilma Smith	1961-63
Roscoe Spencer	1963-64
Janet Longnecker	1964-65
Nora Beebee	
Maud (Gilson) Bair	
Anna (Teare) Beck	
Blanche Holbrook	
Wilbur Morrison	
Doris Jeffers	
Velma Coon	

<b>PAGE SCHOOL</b>	Frank Karek
1928-1929 – Souvenir Booklet	Mildred Karek
Hazel Bancroft, Teacher	George Kridner
George W. Kridner, Director	Glendon Kridner
W. A. Oberlin, Moderator	Leonard Loop
Artie Henry, Treasurer	August Lyons
	Ilene Lyons
<u>Pupils</u>	Bessie Podolak
Alexander Bohil	Mary Podolak
John Bohil	Milo Podolak
Arlington Brewbaker	Donald Richard
Lionel Brewbaker	Billy Roof
Onalee Brewbaker	Oliver Roof
Gerald Carroll	Paul Roof
Robert Clark	Benny Zamarron
Wilma Dobias	Dan Zammarron
Esther Henry	Jennie Zamarron
Ross Henry	Louise Zamarron



# WELCOME SPRING

## Back through the Years



Osgood Quart Milk Bottle from St. Johns, Michigan. It is believed to be the only one to exist. Any help or information on where this dairy was located or who owned it would be greatly appreciated. If you know anything about this, can you email Kim Sperry at [kwsperry@aol.com](mailto:kwsperry@aol.com). Thank you.

Picture submitted by Jack Myers



812 E. State Street, St. Johns, MI ca 1940's

Photo submitted by Wayne Hettler

Now Jiffy Muffler

Does anyone remember when East M-21 was called "Gasoline Alley" and why? Were there 10 gas stations between Whittemore Street and Scott Road and if so what were their names?

Any info email Kim Sperry at [kwsperry@aol.com](mailto:kwsperry@aol.com).

## 2019 DECEMBER-2020 FEBRUARY:

### DIRECTORIES - CITY:

- 2007 *Polk City Directory*, St. Johns-Clinton County, MI; 8 1/2 x 11"; 126 pp

### DIRECTORIES - TELEPHONE:

- ▣ Nov 1988; *GTE for St. Johns, Fowler-Pewamo, Maple Rapids, Muir-Lyons*; 6 x 9"; 124 pp (Copy 1)
- ▣ June 2008; *Verizon for St. Johns, Fowler-Pewamo, Maple Rapids, Muir-Lyons, & Ionia*; 6 x 9" (Copy 1)

### GENEALOGIES:

- ▣ **HUHN FAMILY HISTORY**; White 3 ring binder; 11 x 11 1/2"
- ▣ The George **Hill** and Charlotte (**Marshall**) Hill Family; Kathleen (**McCune**) **White** & Joan Lorraine **Mulder**, 2005; spiral bound; 8 1/2 x 11"; 130 p

### NEWSLETTER:

- ▣ *Michigan Genealogical Council Newsletters*; Fall 2019 -; Stapled; 8 1/2 x 11"

### VITAL RECORDS:

- ▣ Vital Records of Victor Township Clinton County Michigan, Births-Deaths-Burials; 1901 - 1991; spiral bound; 8 1/2 x 11"; 29 pp

### NAMES RESEARCHED:

**Able, Hazel/Hazle, Hart, Hammond, Hehl, Irrer, Knapp, Lake, Scott, Seibel, VanDonson.**

Also researched: **1920 Tornado** and **Page School.**

## SCHOOLS:

- ▣ Music Program for **CLINTON COUNTY RURAL SCHOOLS 1957-1958**; Sponsored by Clinton Co Board of **Ed and Carl S. Bates**, County Superintendent of Schools; 8 1/2 x 11"; copies; 3 stapled; 19 pp
- ▣ Certificates for "Neither Tardy or Absent" for **Mary McCrumb, Eagle School**, Dist. #8, Years: 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1925; "Punctual and Regular/Perfect Attendance" for Years: 1918, 1920, 1921, 1922; **Eagle School**, Dist. #8. 8th Grade Diploma; 1925
- ▣ Certificates for "Neither Tardy or Absent" for **Helen McCrumb, Eagle School**, Dist. #8, Years: 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1920, 1921; "Punctual and Regular/Perfect Attendance" for Years: 1915, 1916, 1918, 1920, 1921, 1922; 9 1/2" x 12" or 14 x 16 1/2"
- ▣ **RBW Wilson Torch**; Dates: Sep 29, 1967; Jan 26, 1968; Feb 23, 1968; Mar 8, '68; Mar 22, '68; Apr 10, '68; May 24, '68; Sep 20, '68; Oct 3, '68; Oct 18, '68; Dec 6, '68; Dec 19, '68; Jan 17, '69; Jan 31, '69; Feb 14, '69; Feb 28, '69; Mar 28, '69; Apr 18, '69; May 2, '69; May 16, '69; Jun 3, '69; 8 1/2 x 14"; 21 editions; 12-14 pp each
- ▣ **Bath School Alumni Day 1953** Dedication of New Elementary School booklet; stapled; 11 x 8 1/2"; 27 pp
- ▣ Teacher's Daily Attendance & Monthly Scholarship Record/Teacher's Class Attendance Summary Record; **Richmond School**, Greenbush Township, 1927-1928; 11 1/2 x 14"
- ▣ Classification, Gradation and Close Supervision Record and Reports; 1891, 1892-93, 1893-94, 1894-95, 1895-96, 1896-97; **Greenbush Twp.**; 8 1/2 x 13 1/2"
- ▣ **Earl Whitlock**, Director, Greenbush Twp. Schools, Meeting Minutes 1939-42
- ▣ Teacher's Attendance & Scholarship Records & Reports; 1950-1951; **Greenbush Twp.** Dist. 1; 17 x 10 1/2"



We are now on Facebook. Follow us at CCHSMichigan to keep up to date on all of the latest happenings. It's also a great place to share your photos and memories!



## DUES TIME

It is time for Clinton County Historical Society 2020 Membership Dues.

### Dues Clarification for 2020

CCHS 2020 Membership Dues will be \$20 starting this year. We are eliminating the different "Single" and "Family amounts. The one \$20 membership fee will cover all residents at a single address as listed on the membership form or renewal form. We hope this gives you clarification. If not, don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to having you in the CCHS family.

The **Archives of the Clinton County Historical Society** is located at 16101 Brook Road in Dewitt Township Community Center. Volunteers are there to give research assistance from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday. Phone: 517-482-5117 Ext. 2. E-mail: [ccgensoc@yahoo.com](mailto:ccgensoc@yahoo.com) Web page: [dewittlibrary.org/CCHS](http://dewittlibrary.org/CCHS). CCHS members have free usage of the Archives, non-member cost \$5.00 donation per day.

The **Historical Society** meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 1:00 pm Nov. through March and at 7:00 p.m. Apr. through Oct. at the Redeemer Church – St. Johns Campus on State Street, at the northeast corner of the courthouse square in St. Johns, with entry through the south backdoors. Regular meetings are not held in June & December.

The **Clinton County Historical Museum** complex is located on the west side of the courthouse square in St. Johns. [pgsmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:pgsmuseum@gmail.com). To join the Friends of the Museum and make a donation of \$25, contact them at: [www.pgsmuseum.com](http://www.pgsmuseum.com); or PGS Museum, P.O. Box 174, St. Johns, MI 48879.

### HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Mr./Mrs./Miss \_\_\_\_\_

List 5 Names you are Researching: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

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**Annual Dues to join both the Clinton County Historical Society and the Genealogy Committee are \$20.00 per household.** Membership is based on the calendar year and includes a subscription to the quarterly newsletter, *Clinton County Trails*. Checks should be made payable to the Clinton County Historical Society and mailed to **P.O. Box 174**, St. Johns, MI 48879.

Save the Date!

for the

*5<sup>th</sup> Annual CCHS Program*

June 18, 2020

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