

# 2018 Crocker House Events

**Queen Victoria Tea:** Sunday, November 4, 1 p.m.

**Tuesday Tea Talks at Two: Macomb County & WWI**

Tuesday, November 13, 2 p.m.

**Children's Etiquette Class:**

Tuesday, November 20, 1 p.m.

**Christmas Wassail & Bazaar:** Saturday, December 1, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., & Sunday, December 2, 1 - 4 p.m.

**Jingle Journey in Mt. Clemens:** Sunday, December 9, 1-4 p.m.

**A German Christmas:** Sunday, December 16, 1 p.m.

## Sneak-peek at some 2019 Calendar of Events

**Kiwanis Winter-fest:** Thursday, March 7, 6 - 10 p.m.

**Children's Etiquette Class:** Sunday, March 3, 1 p.m.

**Mah-Nah-Be-Zee Questers Pottery Luncheon:**

Saturday, April 6, 11 a.m.

*Calendar details may change. Please call the museum for information and reservations.*

*Keep yourself posted on special events by visiting our website at*

**[www.crockerhousemuseum.org](http://www.crockerhousemuseum.org)**



The Crocker House Museum  
& Macomb County Historical Society  
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# Crocker House Cemetery Walk



*Presented by  
The Macomb County Historical Society  
at Clinton Grove Cemetery*

*Generously sponsored by*



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*October 6, 2018*

## Clinton Grove Cemetery

The Clinton Grove Cemetery Association was established in 1855 on Private Claim #136. It is an Association of lot owners governed by a nine member Board of Trustees that are elected by the association members. When the Cemetery was established some burials were moved here from family cemeteries in the area and from the Mt. Clemens Village Cemetery. Some headstones, therefore, pre-date the 1855 opening of the Park. The oldest headstone is that of Richard Conner which is dated in 1808. The cemetery's first sexton was Henry O. Taylor. Henry Ollrich became superintendent in 1900 and served until 1930 when his son Norman took over the job. The cemetery was under the care of these two men for a period of 63 years. Norman served until his retirement in 1963. All work, including the digging of the graves, was done by hand until 1975. Presently, two full time groundskeepers and a lawn service maintain the beauty of its 55 acres.

Clinton Grove Cemetery is available to persons of all faiths, creeds and nationalities. Along with traditional in-ground burials, Clinton Grove Cemetery offers above ground cremains niches and crypts in both the stately mausoleum erected in 1929, and the garden chapel. They also now have a new outdoor columbarium.

Clinton Grove Cemetery offers a complete line of markers and monuments for that special memorial for you and your loved ones. Private mausoleums are also welcome. A courteous and professional staff is available to help with your selection today.

Please be sure to join the cemetery for a special Wreaths Across America event on Saturday, December 15 at noon.

[www.clintongrove.com](http://www.clintongrove.com), Tel: 586-463-0851



**A Gift in your WILL.....**  
ensures that Macomb County  
History WILL continue to be told for  
generations to come!

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE,  
LEAVE A LEGACY.**

Legacy gifts provide a source of on-going support and helps provide stability in uncertain times. Donors can establish lasting legacies in support of education, programs and preservation of local history

***Help Preserve Local History:  
Become a Member / Renew Your Membership***

*The Crocker House Museum needs your support!  
The Crocker House is self supporting and receives no government support.  
We welcome and encourage you to become a member of this very important  
educational resource.*

<b><i>Benefits of all Memberships include:</i></b>	Individual	\$20
	Family	\$30
	Contributing	\$50
	Century	\$100
	Corporate	\$200
	Benefactor	\$500
	Conservator	\$1,000

- *Free admission to museum*
- *Discounts to events and special programs*
  - *Quarterly newsletter*
- *An annual Members Meeting*

***As a Corporate Member you will receive all the benefits of membership PLUS:***

- *Business Membership listing on our web-site to show your community support*
- *Two Garden Walk tickets*

***As a Benefactor Member you will receive all the benefits of Corporate membership, PLUS:***

- *Two additional Garden Walk tickets (=four tickets)*
- *Two Cemetery Walk tickets*

***As a Conservator Member you will receive all the benefits of Benefactor membership PLUS:***

- *An inscribed memorial garden brick*

## **Green Burials at Clinton Grove**

A new section called Linden Meadow was opened at Clinton Grove Cemetery on Earth day, April 22, 2017. It is the only certified green burial option available in Macomb County.

A row of Linden trees welcomes you to this section. It offers a hybrid burial option that minimizes any harmful effects to the environment. Non-toxic, biodegradable burial containers or burial shrouds are used. No embalming fluids, burial vaults or lawn chemicals are used in this section. Flush markers or a memorial engraving upon a double sided monument are available options for memorializing your loved one. For more information about this section please contact Clinton Grove Cemetery at 586-463-0851.

Learn about Victorian Mourning and  
Funeral Customs in the downstairs meeting room of the  
Crocker House Museum with Director, Kim Parr. Refresh-  
ment, rest-rooms and a gift shop are provided for you  
downstairs inside the Crocker House Museum.  
***Cider and donuts are graciously provided by  
Harold W. Vick Funeral Home***

## **Leave a Legacy & Make History**

Do you want to make a lasting gift for the benefit of your community? The Crocker House Museum and Macomb County Historical Society's purpose is to collect and preserve our local heritage to instill an appreciation of our community's unique history.

You can help keep this mission alive for generations to come. Please call the Crocker House Museum at 586-465-2488 to see the many ways you can leave a lasting legacy gift.

### **Do you have a family story to tell?**

The Macomb County Historical Society strives to preserve not only artifacts, but the stories of our local ancestors. If you want to share a family member's history for a future Cemetery Walk please share this information with Kim Parr, director of the Macomb County Historical Society.  
info@crockerhousemuseum.org, 586-465-2488.

## Alma Peck Little

*portrayed by Julie Brown*

b. 1855, d. 1943  
Section H, Lot 105

Alma Peck was born and raised in Macomb County. Her grandfather was William Tucker; an early settler who was abducted by the local tribe along with his older brother. Their father was murdered by the tribe during a raid while they were harvesting wheat in Virginia. His story is an interesting one. A copy of the land deed given to him by the tribe is on display inside the Crocker House Museum.

Alma's mother, Ruth Antionette Suppore, was a native of New York. Her father worked as a mason and then became a contractor and builder in Saginaw where Alma was reared and educated. There she married Frederick Peck in 1880. They had two children together; Catherine and Frederick. Sadly, her husband died.

Alma later married William Little on July 18, 1893. William was born on March 29, 1833 and was 22 years older than Alma. He was previously married to Margaret Fox. In 1890 He lost his first wife and 8 year-old daughter, Sadie.

As a young man William was a carpenter and traveled extensively with his trade. His work took him to Omaha, Denver, Mexico, Montana, and the Red River Valley. While out west he also mined for gold. He later returned to Michigan to farm his father's old homestead.

His grandfather, Robert Little, Sr., was a native of Virginia who moved to Mount Clemens before there were many settlers in the area. His farm stood where the old county court house once stood in the downtown of Mount Clemens. Robert Little, Sr. married Margaret Dunlap who was a native of Glasgow, Scotland. They settled here in 1832. Robert Little, Jr, the father of Alma's husband, William, is noted to have been born on Harrison's Island (*which we believe was meant to be written as Harsen's Island*) in March of 1803. His property, that was later farmed by Alma's husband, was along the north branch of the Clinton River. The street along the western edge of Clinton Grove Cemetery is named after him; Little Road.



## Frederick G. Kendrick

*portrayed by Mike Robertson*

b. May 14, 1836, d. August 16, 1913

Buried in Section A, Lot 100

Frederick G. Kendrick was born in Schlothheim, Schwarzburg, Germany. He was only eight years of age when his family moved to Michigan. They first moved to Belvidere, then to Mount Clemens and then to Marine City. Most of his education was from work experience. He moved to Erin Township when he was a young man to work as a stock dealer. He filled several offices of trust in his township. In 1868 he was elected to the state legislature. Two years later he was elected as sheriff of Macomb County and held that position for two terms. This is when he moved to Mount Clemens. Afterward he started a hardware business and then began the manufacture of sashes, doors and blinds. He also operated a mill on Hubbard Avenue near the Grand Trunk crossing. In 1875 he purchased a saw-mill in Saginaw county and began taking building contracts in the manufacture of lumber. When the Original Bath House burned many gave him credit that his encouragement to rebuild helped save the bath industry and spur the Bath Era. He became a manager of interest in the North & Johnson and Hotel property and managed the Mount Clemens Bitter Water Company. For many years he served as Vice President of the Mount Clemens Savings Bank and was stockholder in three state banks. He was also president of the J.M. Bour Company of Toledo, Ohio. In 1885 President Cleveland appointed him as postmaster of Mount Clemens. He served in the city council here as well. Frederick married, German born, Henrietta Elsey on May 5, 1862. Together they had ten children; only one son!

Kendrick Street was named after Frederick. It is just west of North Avenue and North of Cass Avenue. His home there was the first in town to have had an indoor toilet. His daughter had the house torn down because she did not want anyone else to live in it!

## Major Edgar H. Shook

*portrayed by Dan Woitulewicz*

b. 1838, d. September 1915

Section A, Lot 253, space 4

Edgar H. Shook was born in New York state and was the son of a surveyor who brought his family to Mount Clemens when he was just a young boy. Edgar was educated in the common schools here and held various jobs. He became Postmaster shortly before the Civil War broke out. He helped to organize a company for the war as First Lieutenant and mustered out on August 28, 1861. He became captain the following year and was later commissioned as Major. He remained as major until July 5, 1865. His "Fighting Fifth" started off with 900 men and returned with only 177 after participating in a total of 22 battles that included Gettysburg and Fredericksburg. He was injured in the Battle of the Wilderness on May 6, 1864. Edgar was fortunate to survive and marry his sweetheart Mary.

After the Civil War Senator McMillan secured him a position at the post office as inspector of stock. He remained in service until his passing, serving in different states, including Washington and lastly in Detroit.

His wife passed away three years before him. She died at her daughters home in Youngstown, New York in 1912. Edgar lived with one of his daughters and before he passed away.

Edgar H. Shook has a street named after him in Macomb County in the vicinity of where he platted the city of Liverpool. This town was platted on February 21, 1856 and consisted of 49 lots. A dock stretched out many hundred feet into the lake. The purpose was to make this city a lake port to connect it with Mount Clemens by a plank road. A large hotel was constructed there. A boat ran regular trips between Liverpool and Detroit. Shook Road crossed the river into Mount Clemens on the farm which was owned by George M. Crocker. Shook Road is east of Harper, west of Jefferson and just north of 15 Mile in Harrison Township.



## Emogene G. Dwyer Canfield

*portrayed by Linda Paton*

b. 1858, d. August 27, 1924

Section F, Lot 31

Emogene (Emma) Dwyer was the adopted daughter of Dr. Dwyer who moved to Mount Clemens from Maine. Emma married Arthur Lewis Canfield in 1880. Arthur's mother was Anne Clemens, the daughter of our town founder Christian Clemens. His father, William Canfield, moved here in 1830 from Connecticut. He originally worked in merchandising and then went into farming. His father also was a state senator, sheriff of Macomb County, collector of internal revenue and a brigadier general of state troops.

Arthur Canfield was born in 1844 and had four brothers. He was educated here and at the Normal School in Ypsilanti. He was admitted to the bar in 1866 and at various times served as circuit court commissioner, city attorney, circuit judge and member of the state commission for the compilation of laws. He was a member of the Masons and other various social organizations. He was well educated, well read, and a Republican. He did not believe in religion, but followed the principles of Christianity. He believed that his intellectual independence would be lessened by subscribing to the doctrines of any denomination.

He was known as an honest and good Judge. Clients were attracted to him as he patiently investigated each case.

Arthur and Emma lived on his father's old homestead just outside of the city and later moved into a lovely home on South Gratiot Avenue. A street in Mount Clemens was named after him; Canfield Street. It is just north of Cass Avenue and west of Gratiot Avenue.

*Sadly, we have no photograph of Emogene. Her husband Arthur was photographed and painted by Franklin Harold Hayward while gambling with other well known locals.*





## Martin Crocker

*portrayed by Brent Chartier*

b. February 7, 1858,  
d. December 1, 1938

Section A, Lot 110

Martin Crocker was the son of Thomas Martin Crocker who was the uncle of George Crocker of the Crocker House Museum. Both Martin and George

studied law under Thomas M. Crocker and all three of them were mayors of Mount Clemens at different points in time. George Crocker was the second mayor of Mount Clemens, and the first from the Crocker family, from June 1879 to April 1881. Thomas M. Crocker was mayor from 1889 - 1891, and Martin was mayor from 1902 to 1903. Most people assume that Crocker Boulevard is named after George, but it was named after Martin. The city asked Martin to donate the land he owned at the edge of the river for a bridge to connect to the other side. He agreed under the condition that his road be named after him.

Martin's mother's name was Fandira Emory Crocker. He lost three siblings, but his sister Mary Louise lived a long life. She married Harry Burns Hutchins who was the president of the University of Michigan. This is the school that Martin graduated from.

Martin was elected alderman of the first ward, served as city attorney, was elected to the house of representative of the state legislature, served in the state senate and practiced law in Mount Clemens. He also was elected to be the nominee for Congressman in the 7th Michigan District. President Wilson appointed him as Postmaster of Mount Clemens in 1914.

Martin married Emily Sabin of Memphis, Michigan. They lived at 168 Cass Avenue where the First Presbyterian Church now stands. They had one son who they named Sabin; named after his mother. He served in World War I and was the last close relative of the Crocker family to have had a real connection with the Crocker House Museum. He donated the family genealogy collection and the funds to start the museum's library collection. This library is named after him.



## Robert P. Eldredge

*portrayed by Rick Katon*

b. 1808,  
d. November 25, 1884  
Section A, lot 93, space 6

Robert P. Eldredge was born in Greenwich, New York in 1808. He was one of eight children who were all separated after the death of his mother when he was 16 years of age. He studied at Hamilton Academy in New York and then studied law at a law firm in Madison County called Stowe & Girdly.

In the spring of 1826, after school let out, he headed out to the Territory of Michigan with \$20 in hand. He traveled by stage, then by canal, and then by steamer before reaching Detroit. He acquired a job teaching in the debtor's room of the Detroit Jail and then went to Pontiac to teach and work at recording deeds in the register's office. He moved to Mount Clemens in 1827 and was admitted to the bar in 1828. Robert was the first lawyer to set up shop in Macomb County. Prospects were grim until the town started to grow. He became active in politics and served as town clerk in 1828. In 1837 he was elected Representative and two years later was elected Senator. He was also later appointed Secretary of State. He was again elected to the senate in 1846. When his term was up he returned to practice law in Mount Clemens. He was appointed to the Bar of Macomb County in 1882.

In 1831 he married Miss Louise Crittenden and had three children with her: Catherine, James B., and Carrie. Sadly, his wife passed away. He later married Miss Jane A. Leonard and together they had a daughter named Emma.

His son James was elected Judge of Probate for Macomb County. His daughter Carrie married Judson Farrar who was elected Register of Deeds and was mayor of Mount Clemens from April 1883 to April 1885.

Robert was the man who gave a speech to the Cavalry in 1863 before the troop headed off to battle. He was also part of the ceremony that celebrated the groundbreaking of the Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal.

He was also a mason and served as recorder and later as high priest.

Eldredge Street was named after him and it is situated west of Gratiot and north of Cass Avenue in Mount Clemens.