

# 2019 Crocker House Events

**The World of Music in 1869 Tea**  
Sunday, November 4, 1 p.m.

**Tea Talk: The Metz Fire of 1908**  
Tuesday, November 12, 2 p.m.

**Christmas Afternoon Tea**  
Sunday, December 1, 1 p.m.

**Mount Clemens Jingle Journey**  
Sunday, December 8, Noon - 5 p.m.

**Hanukkah Celebration - *Member's Only Event***  
Sunday, December 15, 1 p.m.

**Please join us in our Great Victorian Read book club. Be sure to RSVP.**

Third Wednesdays of the month at 4 p.m. at the Crocker House Museum.  
October 16: Venus in Furs: *Leopold Von Sacher - Masoch*  
November 20: War and Peace: *Leo Tolstoy*  
No meeting in December

## Sneak-peek at some 2020 Calendar of Events

**Kiwanis Winter-fest:** Thursday, February 13, 6 - 10 p.m.

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

**Pottery Luncheon:** Saturday, April 4, 11 a.m.

**Garden Walk:** Saturday, June 27, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Victorian Porch Party:** Sunday, August 1, 1 - 4 p.m.

**Cemetery Walk:** Saturday, October 3

*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**  
15 Union Street, Mount Clemens, MI  
48043

# Crocker House Cemetery Walk



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



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*October 5, 2019*

## 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
• <i>Free admission to museum</i>	Family	\$30
• <i>Discounts to events and special programs</i>	Contributing	\$50
• <i>Quarterly newsletter</i>	Century	\$100
• <i>An annual Members Meeting</i>	Corporate	\$200
	Benefactor	\$500
	Conservator	\$1,000

***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.



## Ruth Slush Stubbs

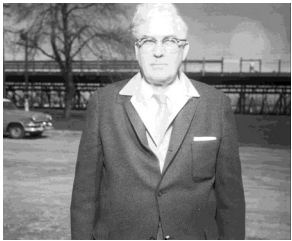
*portrayed by Stella Woitulewicz*

b. July 12, 1905, d. February 7, 1978

Buried in Section C, Lot 6, Space 10

Ruth Slush was the daughter of lumber baron, Mathew Slush, who came from Hastings County, Ontario. He moved to Michigan in 1872 to work in the lumbering business in Bay City and Saginaw. He then went into buying and selling timber. He was also well known for establishing an electric streetcar line from Mount Clemens to Lake St. Clair. In 1902 he built a mansion in Mount Clemens known as Whitehall. Ruth lived in this home until it was destroyed by fire in 1963.

Ruth was an only child. She studied at Mount Ida College in Boston and received an honorary degree as an outstanding student of her graduating class.



She married Dr. Clayton T. Stubbs in 1926. He was an ear, nose and throat specialist. For sport he raced cars and shared his wife's passion for hunting. Together they traveled the world to hunt big game. They hunted leopards in China, tigers on Bali, moose in the Wyoming Tetons and various other animals throughout Asia.

Ruth traveled the world a total of six times. Dr. Clayton Stubbs traveled around the world a total of ten times due to being a ship's surgeon on a luxury liner during the 1930s and 40s. Together they enjoyed vacationing at the famed Garden of Allah in Hollywood, California where they mingled with famous movie stars Garbo, Gable and Errol Flynn.

Ruth earned numerous trophies as a stunt-pilot. She was the first woman in Michigan to receive naval aviator wings.

The couple is best known for having established the Mount Clemens Race Track. They purchased the old horse race track in the 1950s for the purpose of hunting pheasants. A group of race car drivers asked them to allow them to race there. This is what prompted them to open it to the public. The track included an adjacent picnic and playground area to help attract families.

Sadly, Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs never received grave markers. A big thank you goes out to all who donated to help give them a marker. There are two empty plots that were given to Dr. Stubbs' nephew, but he is not buried here.

*Photographs from the Mount Clemens Public Library.*

## Richard Butler

*portrayed by Rick Katon*

b. April 1, 1797, d. November 12, 1887

Section A, Lot 154

Richard Butler was born on Grosse Island, just below Detroit. His family removed to Gosfield, Canada. His father died in 1802 when Richard was just five years of age. His mother apprenticed him to a Pennsylvania Dutch farmer most likely because she could not afford to raise him by herself. His employer required him to labor upon his farmstead which, in turn, denied him any chance of receiving an education. At the age of 24 Richard entered upon a course of self instruction and moved to Detroit that same year in 1821. He taught school in Detroit and helped educate the children of General Cass and of many other prominent citizens of Detroit. He then went into the mercantile business

before finally coming to Mount Clemens in 1828. General Cass commissioned him as County Clerk in 1829. He was then appointed Justice of the Peace and held this position for four years. He was subsequently appointed Register of the United States Land Office at Sault Saint Marie. He studied law on his own and was admitted to the Bar of Macomb County in 1834. He worked successfully in the practice of law up until 1865. In 1837 he inaugurated the Macomb Statesman newspaper and held the office of Prosecuting Attorney before being admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States at Washington. He was also elected as a member of the State Legislature.

He married Miss Abigail Hayes in August of 1827 and had four children. His son Milton took over his old homestead just south of Mount Clemens.

Richard had poor hearing due to a horrible fall in 1865. He was also known to remain in a fit condition in his elderly years due to the daily walk he took into town.

**Note: Brent Chartier will be portraying Joshua B. Dickinson, the first mayor of Mount Clemens, in front of the Crocker House Museum in honor of building this home 150 years ago.**

## Mary Dickinson Hatch

*portrayed by Elizabeth McQuillen*

B. 1804, d. November 29, 1842

Section A, Lot 245

Mary Dickinson Hatch is the half-sister of the first mayor of Mount Clemens, Joshua B. Dickinson. Her parents were Joshua Dickinson (1786 – 1856) and Prudence Dickinson (unknown – 1856). She moved to Mount Clemens from Vermont with her family in 1836.

She came here with her husband Frederick Hatch who held the position of Justice of Peace for many years. Together they had five daughters. Two daughters, Martha and Louisa, never married. One daughter married Adolph Guerber who was involved in the enterprise of making a lake port town at L'Anse Creuse Bay. They eventually moved back to his home-town of Brooklyn, New York. Another daughter, Jennette, became the mother of Judge James Tucker. And another daughter married Mr. Fraser, but sadly died at the age of 20.

Mary had four sisters who also had moved to Mount Clemens. Mrs. Henry M. Dodge's husband was a merchant in Mount Clemens, but eventually moved to Minneapolis. Another sister married Mr. P.B. Thurston. Her sister, Mrs. E.R. Blackwell, was married to a skillful constructor of dams and was largely interested in the work of the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal. Her other sister married Mr. Porter Kibbee. His family owned the Kibbee Mill in the town of Frederick that became a successful shipping point in Macomb County.

Sadly, Mary died not quite six years after she moved to Mount Clemens at the young age of 38. She was originally buried in the old graveyard close to town and was moved to this cemetery after it opened in 1855.

## Brigadier General Dwight Henry Terry



*portrayed by Dan Woitulewicz*

b. March 16, 1812, d. June 22, 1869

Section C, Lot 130, space 11

Dwight Henry Terry was born in Hartford, Connecticut just three months before the War of 1812 began.

Dwight was an attorney out east and moved to Michigan due to the opportunities that were growing here. He was admitted to the bar here in 1833. He served as Township Clerk in 1839 and as State Representative in 1844 and 1847.

He was Marshal of the Day for the commencement celebration of the Clinton & Kalamazoo Canal in the summer of 1838.

He married town-founder Christian Clemens' daughter Louisa in February of 1845. (Her sister, Harriet, is featured during this Cemetery Walk.) They had three children together; Dwight, Henry and Julia. None of their children remained in Macomb County.

Dwight took command of the Fifth Michigan Infantry at Fort Wayne on August 28, 1861 and mustered out with a total of 900 men and officers. Sadly, he returned with only twenty percent of his men after being involved in the battles at Pohick Creek, the siege of Yorktown, Williamsburg, Peach Orchard, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wapping Heights, Kelly's Ford, Locust Grove, and Mine Run. Those that survived continued the battle with various ailments which is what inevitably killed Dwight Henry Terry.



## Horace Harvey Cady

*portrayed by Dan Hogan*

b. February 21, 1801,

d. October 29, 1886

Section A, Lot 235

Horace H. Cady arrived in Michigan in 1820 from Otsego County, New York. His father was originally from Windham, Connecticut and died while on his way home from a land exploratory expedition in 1807.

Horace was apprenticed out to a farmer for three years with his brother due to his mother's inability to support all of her children on her own. Most of his youth was spent in labor upon this farm. He had very little formal education. He was able to move back home to his mother when she married a hotel owner named Thomas Ashley in 1810. In 1820 the family moved to Michigan.

Horace traveled with his step-brother, Alfred Ashley, aboard the famous first Great Lakes steamship called Walk in the Water.

Horace helped clear land for farming, built a dam on the Clinton River in Clinton Township and erected a saw-mill that eventually acquired a grist-stone for milling grain. This mill was called Ashley's Mill, and later named Haskin's Mill and then Denewith Mill. Horace ran the mill between the years of 1821 and 1822.

In 1831 he was appointed as one of the commissioners to lay out a highway from Mount Clemens all the way up to Sault Saint Marie by way of Romeo, Lapeer and Saginaw.

He helped his step-father manage the hotel between the years of 1831 and 1837. He purchased and farmed 100 acres of land in Macomb Township. He served as Supervisor for the Township for fifteen years, Justice of the Peace for one term, County Treasurer for two years and was a member of the House of Representatives in Detroit in 1865.

Horace married Susan Ernest Conner of Detroit and had five children together; Henry, Celia, John, Cornelia, and Fannie.

Horace and his brother Chauncey helped to dig the very first grave at Clemens Park. This became the local cemetery before Clinton Grove was established in 1855. Most burials were removed from Clemens Park and placed in Clinton Grove Cemetery.



## Harriet Clemens Lee

*portrayed by Linda Paton*

b. 1806, d. 1887

Section A, Lot 274

Harriet Clemens was the oldest daughter of Christian Clemens of whom Mount Clemens is named after. Her mother, Elizabeth, was married first to Dr. Deodat Allen who was believed to have been murdered by British agents. They had two children together; James C. and Mary Allen. When Harriet's mother married Christian Clemens they had four daughters together; Harriet, Ann, Elizabeth and Louise. Louis's husband, Brigadier General Henry Dwight Terry, is featured in this year's Cemetery Walk.

Harriet married Dr. George Lee on March 11, 1828. Dr. Lee was the first physician to make his home in Mount Clemens. Dr. Lee was originally from Ontario County, New York and arrived here in 1823 when there was a cholera epidemic.

Dr. Lee built a large home at the corner of Market and Walnut Streets. Their oldest daughter, Catherine, married Joshua B. Dickinson who became the first mayor of Mount Clemens. Their only surviving child, Katherine Lee Dickinson, married George Crocker, who became the second mayor of Mount Clemens. They were married in the Lee home.

Harriet and Dr. George Lee also had two sons who were both active members of the journalistic profession. Walter T. Lee was connected with the Monitor and other Mount Clemens papers. Talmadge Lee worked in the printing business.

Harriet's father, Christian Clemens, had a boat built in her name. "The Harriet" was the first boat built in Mount Clemens and was built by Isaac Russ between the years of 1820-22.