



Canton Historical Society News

Canton Historical Society Newsletter No X

JULY-AUGUST 2000

MUSEUM HOURS

Tuesday 1 pm to 4 pm

Saturday 1 pm to 4 pm

Calendar of Events

July

17th Board Meeting 7:00 PM

August

12th Flea Market at Cherry Hill School

21st Board Meeting 7:00 PM

September

18th Board Meeting 7:00 PM

October

7th DuMouchelle Appraisals

Liberty Fest Merchant Donors

*Farmer Jack
Old Country Buffet
Meijer
Kroger*

Viola Duthoo



Mother of Society board member
Marie Gentz, passed away in
May.

Our condolences to the Gentz
family

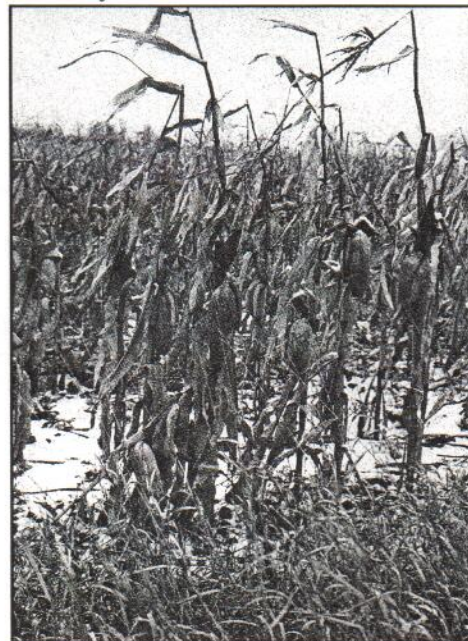
"Sweet Corn Capital of Michigan". My, How Things Are Changing.

Yes, all the old timers here in Canton can remember when this was the sweet corn capital. Field corn was also grown here, along with other cash crops, for our farming community. It was the way of life for the farmers here. You could make a living on the farm but not a great living. Most farmers had other jobs that paid a wage to help ends meet.

We still have some farming here and occasionally you can see big tractors going down two lane roads with their plows folded behind them.

Early this spring, my grandson, Michael and I had the pleasure of following a tractor to a field to be plowed. What an enjoyable sight for me to watch this tractor work the field. It wasn't only my eyes that gave me pleasure watching, but my ears that heard the sound of the tractor. It was a powerful sound as it scraped the earth with a constant speed. I remember the powerful sound of race cars at quarter mile drag strips and it made you want to cover your ears. But the sound of this solo tractor in the field seemed like music as it

echoed off the trees along the property line. The powerful sound grew fainter at the far end of the field and seemed to have even more power when it circled in front of us. I realized how powerful the tractor sound was, when I noticed Michael pulling on my arm. We returned to my truck where he felt safe and I could still enjoy a sight that will soon be gone in Canton, never to return. I hope some day Michael will also remember the sights and sounds of that day.



Cornfield along Cherry Hill Rd. near Ridge Rd. about 1980.

100 Years Ago

Plymouth Mail - June 15, 1900

Canton Center ***

W. P. Dick's Team became frightened at a load of straw which he was taking to town and tipped the load over on him. He was unable to extricate himself until help arrived. Mr. Dick was not badly hurt.

The Sunday School room curtains are missing. Somebody wanted some window curtains badly.

Arthur Huston, wife and daughter made a trip to Ypsilanti Tuesday.

Fred D. Schrader comes home every night now.

Plymouth Mail - June 22, 1900

The Union Sunday School at the Truesdell School-House is in flourishing condition, with Chas. Morton Superintendent.

There will be a ball game between the Superior Juniors and the East Canton team, on the latter's ground across the road from J.C. Knapp's Saturday afternoon, June 23.

"Pop Goodell, of Canton, candidate for the Republican nomination for the state senate, was in town yesterday. He claims to have rounded up the delegations from five townships, giving him already half the votes necessary to nominate.

76 Years Ago

Plymouth Mail - June 13, 1924

Cherry Hill ***

Mr. and Mrs. James Burrell and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Otha Daly of Detroit.

Mrs. Corwin and Hattie spent Wednesday with Mrs. Fred Lyke in Northville.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kelly and family of Ypsilanti, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Kelly.

Mrs. Allen Bordine and Johnnie called on Mrs. Mary Wiest, Friday evening.

Mrs. Lloyd Bordine and son, who have been staying with her parents for some time, spent last weekend at home.

Chicken thieves visited our neigh-

borhood, last week. Mrs. S. Corwin had seventy-five taken from her coop, Wednesday night.

Miss Hattie Corwin and several of the children and parents of the Bartlett School, attended the eighth grade commencement exercise at Elisabeth Park, Trenton, last Saturday.

The Womens's Foreign Missionary Society of this place, was invited to attend the Free Church meeting, Wednesday afternoon. Miss Corpron, a returned missionary, was the chief speaker at this meeting.

This edition of the *Canton* **Historical Society** *News*

was put together by C.D. Mott with the help of many friends.

For corrections, omissions or something to add, please call:
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Membership Application

Yes, I would like to become a member of the Canton Historical Society. Please complete this form and send \$10.00 to: Canton Historical Society, P.O.Box 87362, Canton, MI 48187-0362

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Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

You don't have to be a lifelong resident to join, just an interest in history and the desire to preserve it.

Thank you

Society Photo Page



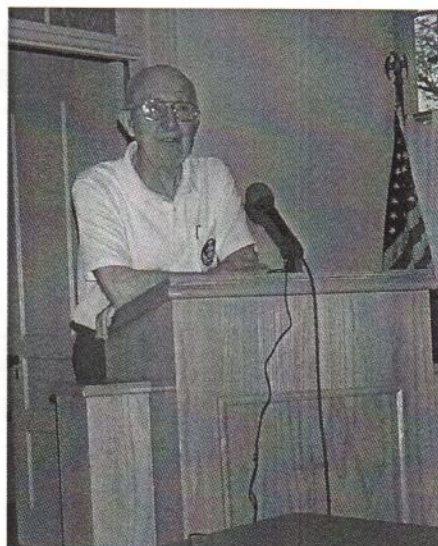
Some of the buildings across from Cherry Hill School. This is what the area looks like today. When the new construction starts in Cherry Hill we will try to document the old and new to see the differences.



This is the group at our last meeting on the building of Willow Run.



Bonnie Berg presented Harold Sherman with our Society's appreciation Certificate.



Harold Sherman from the "Yankee Air Force" gave a wonderful accounting of the building of Willow Run. He has extensive knowledge about this area and showed many slides that complimented the things he told us about.

Thanks Harold for a job well done.



Adopt a Civil War Soldier

I would like to make a **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** contribution to obtain the pension records of:
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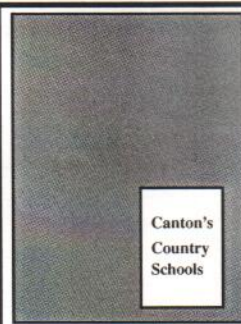
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Canton's Country Schools

Compiled by Joan Cavell Palmer

Sold at the Museum on Canton Center Rd. This 445 page historical collection of photos and information dates back to the last century. This exciting book tells how the schools merged into the present school systems. Did you know Canton had the last operating one room school in Wayne County? Buy this book, you won't be disappointed.

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Can you guess where this roof is in Canton?

Thanks to Ronni Curtis for coming up with this idea for our newsletter. The answer is on the next page.

Have you ever watched an old movie on television and wondered if the actor or actress was still alive. Here is a few names and you can guess if they are still around.

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Bill Bixby	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raymond Burr	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peggy Cass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Telly Savalas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
George C. Scott	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dinah Shore	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tammy Wynette	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robert Young	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Osceola M. Bagley

By David Curtis

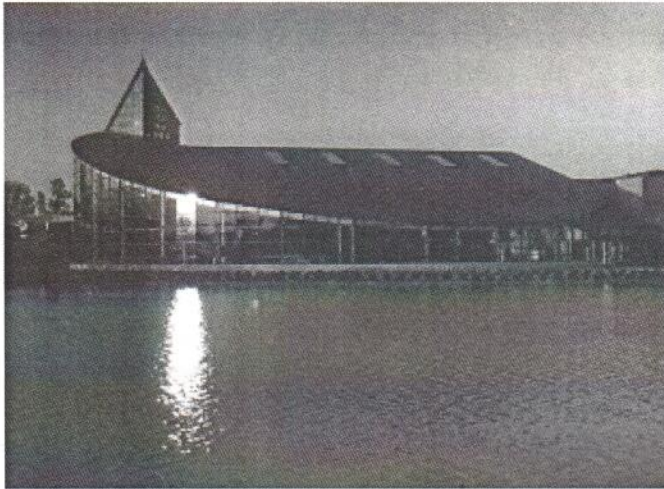
Joined Company C of the 1st Michigan Infantry at Canton on the 10th day of September 1861, to serve 3 years. He was born October 6, 1840 in Superior Township, Washtenaw Co., Michigan. At the time of his enlistment he was 5 feet 5 inches tall with light complexion, hazel eyes and brown hair. His occupation was farmer. Surgeon's certificate dated May 4, 1904 states that his height is 5 feet 10 inches, weight 200 pounds, blond complexion brown eyes and dark gray hair. Half of his teeth are now missing. In a 1923 examination the doctor reported that Osceola was 5 feet 6 inches tall and all of his teeth were missing.

Osceola stated in his pension record; "*He was wounded at the second Bull Run Battle, Virginia on the thirtieth day of August AD 1862 by a musket ball shot from the public enemy which ball passed through the abdomen making a serious wound. Was there taken prisoner on the field and remained a prisoner of war fourteen days and was then brought under a flag of truce to Fairfax Seminary Hospital near Alexandria Virginia. In November 1862 was taken to Convalescent Camp and was there discharged by reason of disability caused by said wound.*" This wound rendered him unfit to perform military services and resulted in his discharge on the 17th day of December 1862. He was again mustered into Co. C, 1st Michigan Infantry as a Sergeant on the 14th day of March 1863. He was transferred to to the Veteran Reserve Corps by General Order No. 394 Adjutant Generals United States at Baltimore, Maryland on the 31st day of July 1865.

In a letter to the Commissioner of Pensions, Osceola wrote that he had lived in the Town of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on his fathers farm from 1850 to 1861. His father Jinks Bagley was born in Luzerne, Pennsylvania and came to Michigan before 1840. A copy of the family bible is in Osceola's pension file. These records indicate the following:

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Answers to questions on page 5



Cantons Summit on the Park roof

Who's here and who's not.

Unfortunately all the people listed on page 5 have passed on.

Osceola from previous page

Parents	Born	Died and where
Jinks C. Bagley Phebe Allen	Aug. 26, 1795 May. 14, 1797	Oct. 3, 1876
Children		
George Bagley	Aug. 14, 1817	May 12, 1851 @ Superior
Richard Bagley	Oct. 8, 1818	Apr. 21, 1842 @ New Orleans
Seneca Bagley	Aug. 21, 1820	Oct. 21, 1902 @ Ypsilanti
Henretta Bagley	Mar. 1, 1822	Jan. 16, 1846
Jackson Bagley	Sept. 30, 1823	Died in California
Matilda Bagley	June 25 1825	Died in Mason, MI
Allen Bagley	April 25, 1827	
Mary Bagley	Jan. 26, 1830	
—, Bagley	Nov. 26, 1831	Dec. 6, 1840 @ Superior
Warldo Bagley	Aug. 30, 1837	Aug. 31, 1837
Jesse Bagley	Apr. 26, 1838	
Osceola Bagley	Oct. 6, 1840	

His sisters included; Mrs. Matilda Morton and Mrs. Mary Culver. His pension record states he was never married. However, there are several letters dated after his death from a grandson Edgar C. Rosston.

After the war Osceola lived in Detroit, Michigan until 1879. He then went to New York City for awhile and in January 1887 he took residence at the Soldiers and Sailors Home in Bath, New York. He died at this home on January 4, 1925 and is buried there.

While Bagley lived in Detroit he became a Detroit Policeman. As indicated in the following article found in the *Detroit Free Press*, June 2, 1867. His gunshot wound in the war would not be his last.

Murderous Attack on Two Policemen

One of them Seriously Wounded

His Recovery Improbable

About one o'clock on Saturday morning a most brutal assault was made on Policeman Bagley and Crossman, which is likely to result in the death of the former. The circumstances of the affair are substantially as follows: Bagley was patrolling his beat, which extends from Woodward Avenue to Wayne St., when he noticed several men whose movements appeared to be somewhat suspicious. He kept a sharp lookout for the men, and followed after them in view, fearing that they meditated some villainous demonstration in the neighborhood. Following along until they reached the corner of Woodbridge and Sixth Streets, the persons whom the policemen were watching disappeared, and it was supposed that they might have availed themselves of the friendly shelter of an old shed, which stood in an alley running from Sixth Streets, between Congress and Woodbridge. The policemen accordingly entered the lane, and were about to examine the shed, when a sudden flash, instantly followed by the report of a pistol, greeted them. Bagley, who was ahead, was shot through the right breast, and Crossman was hit on the right hand, making but a slight wound. In view of the fact that their opponents outnumbered them, and were well armed besides, while they had only their batons with which to defend themselves, the policemen beat a hasty retreat. Bagley soon fell,

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completely exhausted from the great loss of blood he sustained, and was taken to the Cass Hotel. Police Chief Rogers stated every effort will be made to bring the assassins to justice, and no stone will be left unturned that may throw a gleam of light on this most atrocious murder, for it can be called nothing else. The last week has been a very carnival of crime in our city, and it would be well, perhaps, if the police were under less stringent regulations in the line of their duty as guardians of the public weal.

Osceola Bagley certainly led a most interesting and quite long life considering all he had been through.

Liberty Fest was a big success thanks to Kay and Ken Kuck

At one of our earlier board meetings it was discussed and talked about not having our usual water sales at the Liberty Fest. It has been hard to get volunteers and it takes two full days to keep things going by the committee chairs. Kay Hartman-Kuck thought we should at least give it our best effort. It wasn't easy for sure, but she and her husband Ken did a superb job. She telephoned and got volunteers (whom we thank gratefully) and also the merchants listed on the front page who furnished the ice for our two day affair.

This event has given us much needed revenue to fund our projects in the past and this will help us with our projects in the future. Thanks to the Kucks.

Better things are coming for your Society Newsletter

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I took a look at our newsletter and didn't like what I saw, we need to make some improvements. What I think is wrong with our newsletter is not enough variety. Dave Curtis has supplied many articles of interest which has helped provide some of the missing variety. He also came up with the articles for the 100 and 76 years ago in this newsletter.

However you can only get variety from people who look at things in different ways. When I started doing the newsletter I had ideas on what to put in for content. Looking back some ideas were good and some were not so good. Since I was the person doing the newsletter, what I decided, I did. Not really the best way to do things.

Realizing we have to put life back into our newsletter, I decided to ask a few people with writing ability and a different approach then mine to contribute some articles for our newsletter and if we can sit down for an hour or so every other month and decide how to make this a better newsletter with fresher ideas and thoughts, then we will all benefit. If you have some ideas or would like to be involved in making this a better newsletter then please call me.

Charles Mott 734- 397-5495

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<i>Flea Market</i>	Ronni Curtis and David Curtis

Cemetery Book

The Society has a *Cemetery Book* listing the people buried in the older cemeteries of Canton Township. If you are doing genealogy, this book is a must. It can be purchased at Canton Historical Museum. The museum is located at the corner of Canton Center Rd. and Heritage Drive, (next to the new Fire Station No. 1). The hours are Tuesday 1 pm to 3 pm and Saturday from 1 pm until 4 pm.



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