

Canton Historical Society News

Canton Historical Society Newsletter VI

November - December 1999

MUSEUM OPEN
TUESDAYS 1 TO 3PM
SATURDAYS 1 TO 4PM

Calendar of Events

November

6th Pot Luck Harvest Dinner and
Pound Auction.

5:00 pm

15th Board Meeting & Election
Results.

7 pm

December

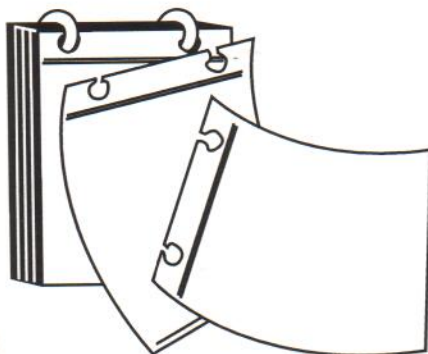
11th Bake Sale and Christmas Tree
Trimming. At the museum.

January

Museum Closed

February

Museum Closed



Pot Luck Harvest Dinner and Pound Auction is Nov. 6th, Plan to Attend

It's time again for our Pot Luck Harvest dinner and Pound Auction. A harvest dinner was a tradition in the farming communities like Canton. It was a time to celebrate the end of the growing season with friends and neighbors. For all of us who are not farmers, it will be one of the last gettogethers before winter sets in.

If you have not attended this event before, it will be a special evening for you. It's a gathering of friends and neighbors without a

television to stare at. A time to relax and enjoy a dinner in the company of the people we live with all year, but haven't had time to talk or visit with.

We ask you to bring a few things. First a pot luck dish to pass. If your last name starts with an A thru H, bring a salad, I thru Q a side dish, R thru Z a dessert. Next, bring a gift wrapped real fancy that weighs about a pound. After dinner we auction your

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The former Sheldon Market at the corner of Sheldon and Michigan. This photo was courtesy of Joan Norricks of the Canton Community Foundation, who received it from Mr. & Mrs. Howard Medaugh.

See photo of current building page 2.

Harvest dinner

package to the highest bidder as a fund raiser. Last, don't forget a table setting (plate, knife, fork and spoon).

Meat, bread and drinks will be furnished by the Historical Society. This will be a fun and enjoyable evening for all. Bring a friend or relative.

Hosting the event this year will be Carol and Gerry Bodenmiller, with the help of our volunteers.

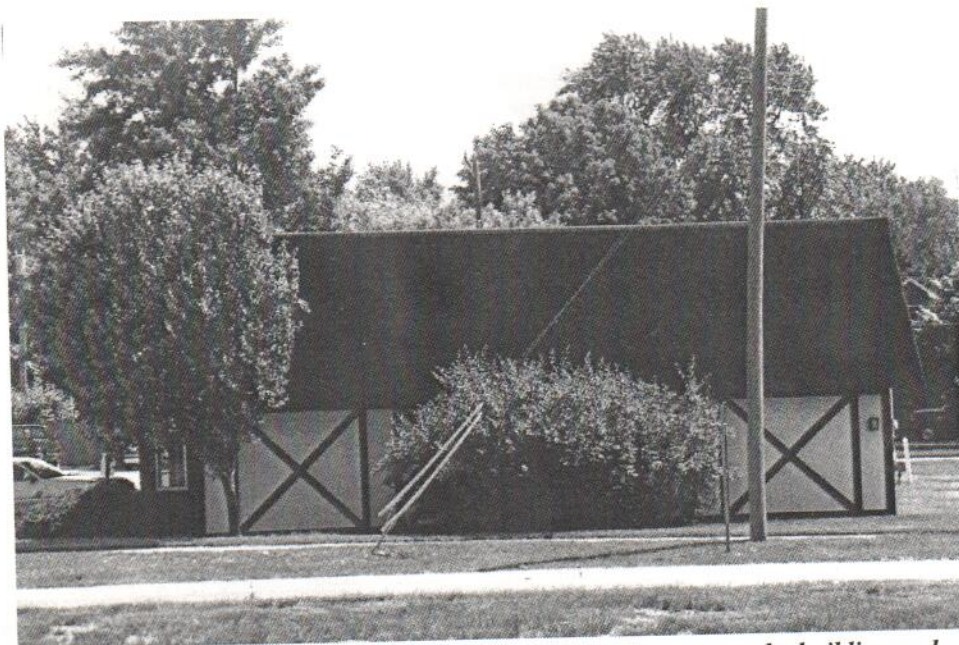
The Harvest dinner will start at 4 pm in the Cherry Hill School at the

corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge Rds.

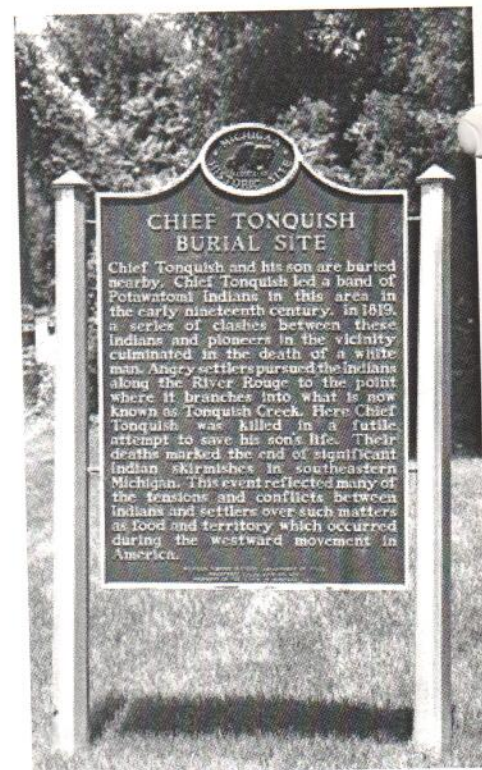
Please RSVP to:
Bonnie Berg at 495-0811 or
Carol Bodenmiller at 397-1561

The Canton Historical Society had a very successful year in 1999 and we look forward to the year 2000 as being even better.

Hope to see all of you at our Harvest dinner.



This was the old Sheldon Market. Canton Township now owns the building and had it remodeled last year. It is now home to Canton Community Services.



This historical marker on Wayne Road and the Middle Rouge River tells the story of Chief Tonquish.

(Hint, You may need your glasses to read this sign.)

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

was put together by C.D. Mott and edited by everyone I can find to help me.

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

734-397-5495

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

Name _____ Phone _____

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.

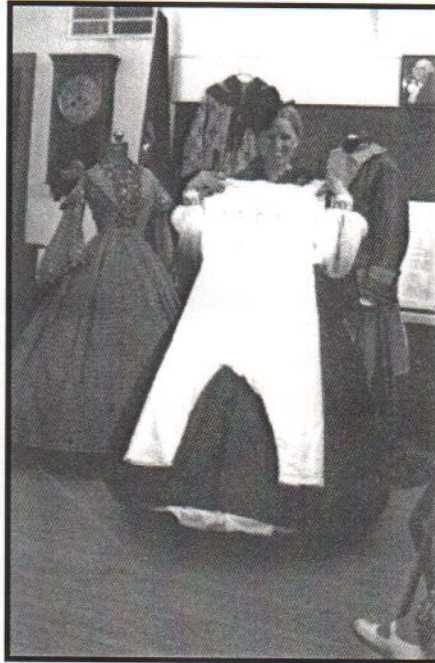
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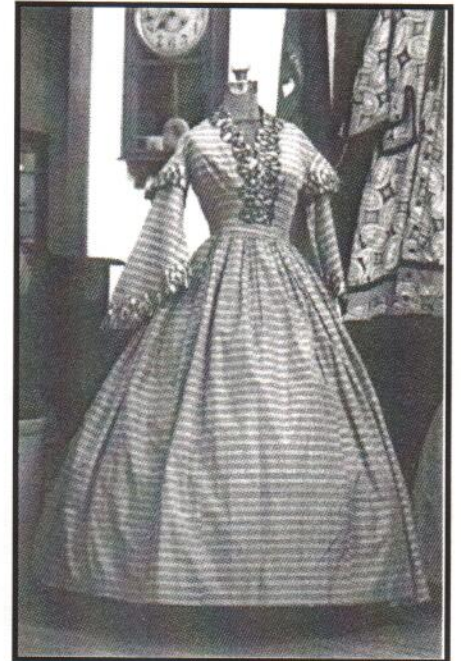
Society Happenings



Pam modeled the bordello dress.



Now we know what was underneath.



One of many gowns Pam brought



Pam told us how the women of the South changed the outcome of the Civil War.



Mr. DuMouchelle during our Antique Appraisal Clinic



Ruth Reilly and son Jim, brought a chinese sculpture to be appraised.



Suzanne, Brittany, and Tricia brought a Ukulele for Ernest DuMouchelle to appraise.

DuMouchelle this year

We had a great turnout. Marie Gentz scheduled appointments this year and it worked really well. We had a few walk ins and they were able to be accommodated as well without a long wait.

Our Historical Society thanks Mr. Ernest DuMouchelle and Ms. Corrine Henzi for an excellent job.

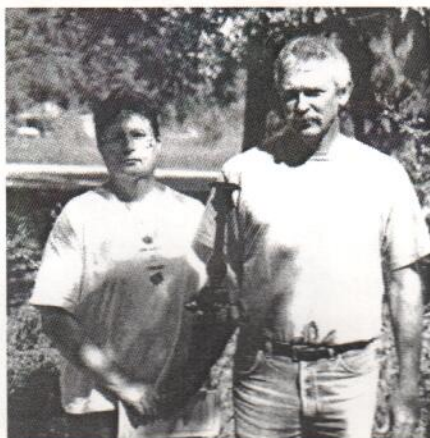
Again this year, we had a wide range of items. It really takes experts to get the true value of these treasures. When I saw items that looked valuable to me, I was surprised to find that they were of little value. By the same method when some items looked of little value, they were in fact quite valuable.

One woman had just come from a garage sale and brought in a painting. The painting had minimal value, however, the frame was worth a lot of money. That's why we leave it all up to the experts.

Next year be sure and get your treasured items appraised you may well be surprised at how valuable they really are.



Ken Kuck brought three items to be appraised. The one he is holding had a special interest to him.



Tom and Caroline Phelps brought a candleholder for appraisal.

Please Adopt Me.



Amzi Moore

by Dave Curtis

The National Archives has informed us they have approximately 200 pages of pension records concerning Amzi Moore for an additional cost.

Amzi was born in Canton on December 14, 1841. He was the son of Alfred and Lousia (Rose) Moore. They lived on Warren Rd. west of Ridge Rd. The house they lived in is still standing.

Prior to and for a few years after the Civil War Amzi worked on his father's farm. September 25, 1861 he enlisted in Company D, Third Michigan Cavalry as a Corporal. He mustered out February 12, 1866 at San Antonio, Texas. He returned to Canton after the war and around 1879 he moved to Livingston Co., Michigan and later to Belding in Ionia Co., Michigan where he was a finish carpenter and cabinetmaker. He is buried in Belding.

Your Society hopes someone will adopt Amzi so we can add his pension records to the Museum's Archives. This would be beneficial for our visitors who use our archives to learn more about their relatives. It also helps us meet the Societies objectives to collect and preserve the history of Canton Township.



George Washington Watson and his Wagon which reads "Geo. Watson and Sons Dairy and Fruit Farm."

George was born in Canton in February of 1845, and Martha in July of the same year in Denton. They were married in Nankin in Nov. of 1865 and had five children. Their sons George, Frank and Edd attended the Palmer School at Geddes and Beck Rds. George operated his business out of Detroit on 16th Street.

This information comes from Diane Charnawskas' Web site.



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George Washington Watson

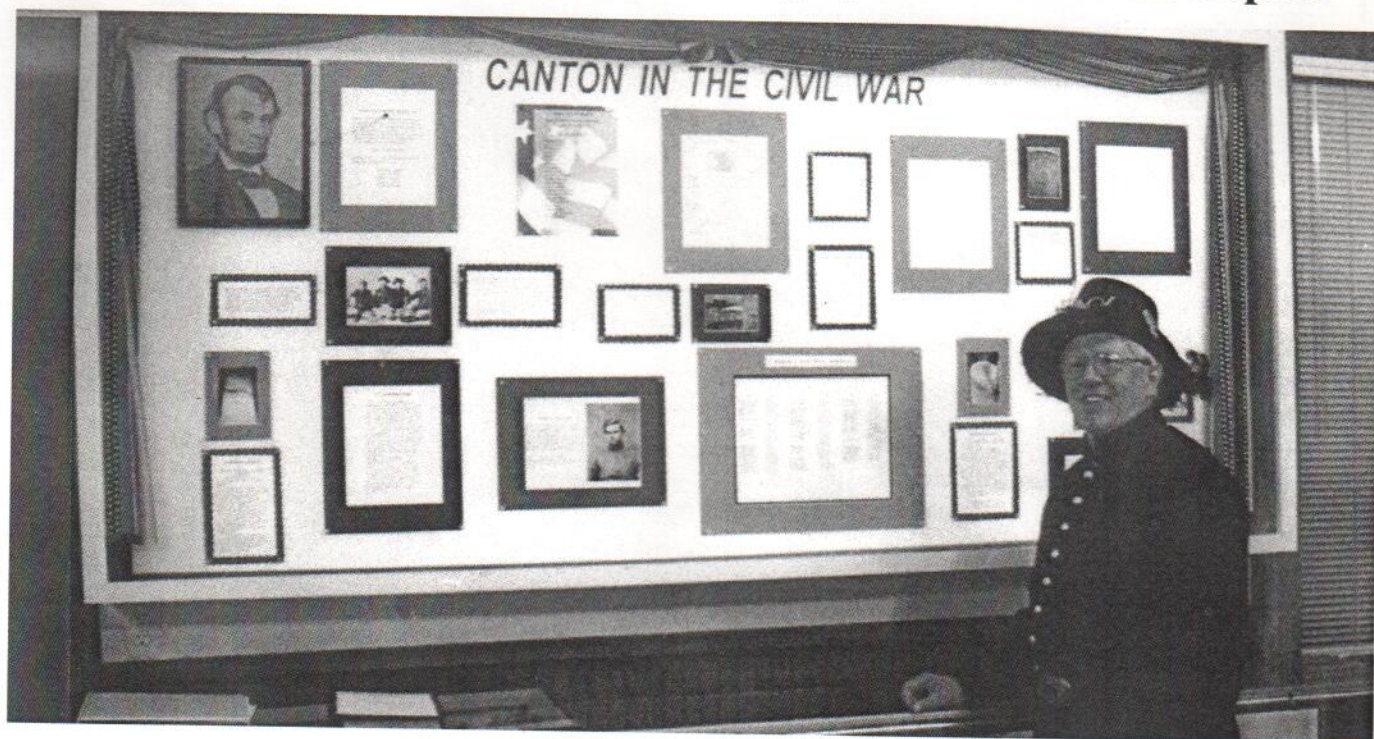


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Martha Elizabeth (Burrell) Watson

Museum is getting some new changes, come in and sit a spell.



Dave Curtis in full uniform with the new Civil War Display at the Museum.



New List



Adopt a Civil War Soldier

I would like to make a **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** contribution to obtain the pension records of:
(Please Check One)

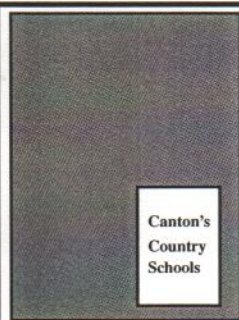
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hough, Ira Albert | 1st MI Inf. | <input type="checkbox"/> Walker, Henry | 6th MI Inf. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Huston, Almon | 11th MI Inf. | <input type="checkbox"/> Moore, Amzi | 3rd MI Cav. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Huston, Dwight | 16th MI Inf. | <input type="checkbox"/> No Preference | |

Amount of **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** donation:

\$_____ \$25_____ \$_____

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Mail this slip and check to: Canton Historical Society, PO Box 87362, Canton, Michigan 48187-0362

Thank you for your support



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 the book, you won't be disappointed.

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John M. Amrhine

By David Curtis

John M. Amrhine was born July 18, 1825 in Pennsylvania. On December 29, 1847 he married Marietta Watson, the daughter of George W. and Rebecca Watson. Marietta was born June 27, 1830 in East Bloomfield, New York.

On March 19, 1849 John purchased 15 acres of land south of Geddes Rd. and east of Barr Rd. from Charles Carpenter. Then on February 25, 1856 he purchased forty acres on the north side of Saltz Rd., east of Ridge Rd. from John Hutchinson Jr. The 1870 and 1893 plat maps for Canton Township, shows he owned eighty acres north side of Geddes Rd., west of Barr Rd. John can be found in the 1850 and 1860 census as living in Canton Township. He is found in the 1870 census in Van Buren Township with his wife Marietta and children Sarah, Emma, Claudine and Ernest.

October 6, 1861 John answered President Lincoln's call for more men. He enlisted at Canton in Company C, First Michigan Infantry as a Corporal. John was 35 years of age, 5 feet 5 1/2 inches tall, he was of medium complexion, blue eyes and brown hair. His occupation was shown as a carpenter.

In an affidavit of George Comer a resident of Canton who served with John stated; "On or about July 2, 1862 at Harrison's Landing, VA John while in the line of duty was taken sick and was under surgeons care." John stated that on the 30th day of August 1862 at the second Battle of Bull Run he was wounded in the right

ankle and middle finger of the right hand. He laid wounded on the battle field for ten days. John was discharged for disability March 27, 1863 at Camp Banks, Alexandria, VA.

A surgeons report in 1882 states that John has a slight deformity of the lower portion of the right leg, the result of a fracture of the fibula as a result of a shell wound that leaves him slightly lame. The report continues that he complains of rheumatism pains in damp weather.

As a result of the exposure during the Civil War and the wound he received, John collected a pension of \$2.00 per month. After the war he suffered greatly from asthma and bronchial infection.

Marietta died February 23, 1890. John died August 24, 1892.

The above information on John Amrhine was obtained thanks to the "Adopt a Civil War Soldier" program. From his pension records we were lead to other resources such as land and census records.

Additional information

Pat Morbach gave our society a binder with additional information about the Amrhines and Watsons.

John and Marietta had 10 children, Harriet "Hattie", Mary Elizabeth, Sarah "Sadie", Estelle, Emma Jane, Grant, Claudia M., Minnie Mae, Ernest Stanley and Charlotte Virginia. All, except Minnie Mae are buried at Denton Cemetery.

Diane Charnawskas also has a Web site at;
www.panova.com/dyane/watson.
with more information and photos about the Watsons.

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By Virginia Bailey Parker

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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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