



Canton Historical Society News

Canton Historical Society Newsletter VIII

March - April 2000

**MUSEUM CLOSED
JANUARY AND
FEBRUARY**

Calendar of Events

March

8th Special Guest Speaker, Lucy Keas.

Speaking about the "Paranormal"
At Cherry Hill School 7:00 PM

28th Board meeting 7:00 PM

April

17th Board meeting 7:00 PM

19th Society Meeting 7:00 PM
guest to be announced

May

15th Board Meeting 7:00 PM

17th Society Meeting 7:00 PM
guest to be announced

June

19th Board Meeting 7:00 PM

Liberty Fest

Our Historical Society is looking for someone for society treasurer, or possibly could do the society newsletter. We will assist anyone interested until they feel comfortable with the job.

Founder of the "The Michigan Ghost Hunters Society" Will Speak at Our March 8th Meeting at Cherry Hill School

Lucy Keas the founder of the "The Michigan Ghost Hunters Society" will be at our March 8th Meeting at 7:00 PM to speak about the paranormal. She looks for sites that may have paranormal activity. Lucy uses recording equipment and cameras to help document her findings for her hobby. She believes that ghosts do exist and that they have the same personality they did in real life.

Lucy was a Canton resident and she may have information about

the surrounding area.

As our members know, we had a meeting a few years ago to discuss this very topic.

To our surprise, many people had a lot to say about the subject. This started people thinking about writing these things down, and eventually Virginia Bailey Parker wrote the *Ghost Stories and Other Tales from Canton* our Historical Society's latest book. This is a fascinating



subject and I hope we have a good turnout. As always our meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome.

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About photo

If you are wondering about the photograph on the front page, it is a photo of the Walker house on Sheldon Rd. south of Michigan Ave. I recently took this photo before the house was torn down. The image of the women in the photo is Nellie Frantz holding her son. This is not a ghost but an insert from an old photo of my wife's Grandmother. Her image was lightened to make her appear transparent.

Museum Fix Up

At the present time the Canton Historical Museum is getting some very needed repairs. To accomplish the repairs, almost everything had to be removed. This required almost everything to be taken down and packed up to be moved to a storage site. No small job. If you have moved recently and didn't realize how many things you accumulated over the years you can appreciate our situation.

Thanks to Bob Boyer. He sent over Andy Little and Mike Boyer, two strong young boys that could pick up the heavy things, that we were not able to handle ourselves. I'm not saying we are getting old, even if we are.

The Township had a new cedar shake roof and a cupola installed last summer. The Padgett family donated the school bell. At present we are having the plaster repaired, new paint and the floor resurfaced.

A new sign will be placed in front of the building that will look like the other township signs.

Census 2000

April 1, 2000 is "Census Day". It is very important to our community of Canton that we have a complete count. It means money coming back to us from the Federal Government and the State Government. It could also affect our representatives in Washington and Lansing.

A long or short form will be sent to you around March 15th. Please return your completed form as soon as possible.

People are also needed to work the Census Canton. Paid training, \$13.75 per hour, 31 cents a mile, with flexible hours. They ask anyone who works to work at least 20 hours a week. These jobs will start in April. Testing for the jobs is done at Canton Township Hall, lower level, every Thursday morning at 10 am. Call Cathy Johnson for testing in the evening. Her phone number is 734-981-5225

Bill Sprengle Elected to Board

Nancy Nelson retired from our Board of Directors. She had filled a one year term left vacant by another retiring member. Nancy said she would continue to help if called upon. For this we are thankful. We have many members in our historical society and not many workers. About 10 percent of our members do most of the work. If you can volunteer for some of our projects we would really appreciate your efforts.

Bill Sprengle a long time member of our society was elected to a three year term on the board. If you had your child or grandchild's picture taken on the horse at last years Liberty Fest, it was Bill that took the photograph.

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

was put together by C.D. Mott
I keep trying to do a good Job,
but lack of talent still shows.

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.

Thank you

Society Photo Page



Packed up and ready for the move.



The repairs have started.



Photo of the Cherry Hill Inn and the Gunn family who owned the building at the time. (late 1880's)



Carrie E. Place, Walker School teacher.



Sheldon School, now being repaired as well as our museum.



Adopt a Civil War Soldier

I would like to make a **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** contribution to obtain the pension records of:
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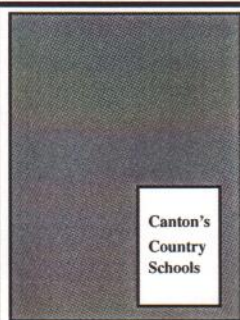
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\$_____ \$25_____ \$_____

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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 this book, you won't be disappointed.

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The new Comerica Park



The construction of the new ball park is being completed for this baseball season. The bull pens for the home and away teams are in the foreground. The new park doesn't seem to have a bad seat, or a beam to cause obstructive viewing. Most people had a sentimental attachment to Tiger Stadium, but this park will make you want to return. Lots of entertaining things to do.

Ghost Stories and Other Tales from Canton

By Virginia Bailey Parker

Our best selling book. So don't be left without one.

To order by mail, fill out the form below and mail to:
Canton Historical Society, P.O. Box 87362, Canton, MI 48187-0362

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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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