



Canton Historical Society News

Canton Historical Society Newsletter II

March-April 1999

MUSEUM OPEN
MARCH 2

Calendar of Events

March

2nd Museum Opens

11th Society Meeting, guest speaker
Dave Washburn, *The Spanish
American War*, 7:00 PM

15th Board Meeting

31st Newsletter Deadline

April

8th Society Meeting, guest speaker
Ralph Welton, *Historic Restoration
and the Truesdell Family*, 7:00 PM

15th Board Meeting

May

13th Society Meeting, event to be
announced.

17th Board Meeting

31st Newsletter Deadline

June

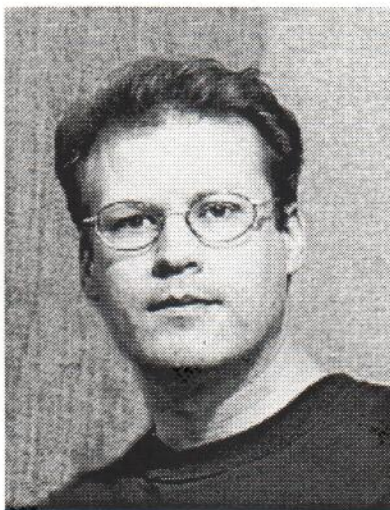
10th Society Meeting, event to be
announced.

Liberty Fest 99 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th
21st Board Meeting

Dorothy West

Charter member of Canton Historical Society and past president, died early in February. She lived in the historic district of Cherry Hill and was one of the original Historic District Commissioners. A founder and dedicated member of this society, she will be missed by our members.

Special Guest Speaker Dave Washburn on the Spanish-American War at March 11th Meeting



You will not want to miss David Washburn at our general meeting March 11th at 7 pm. This meeting will be at our museum on Canton Center Rd., corner of Heritage Drive.

Many of the events of the Spanish-American War took place about one hundred years ago. To commemorate this event Dave has consented to speak to our historical society. All guests are welcome and refreshments will be served.

Dave has extensive knowledge and many artifacts of our country's history of this era. The Declaration of War was April 21, 1898 and the

Peace Protocol was signed Dec. 10, 1898. The Protocol was adopted in January of 1899. Michigan's five volunteer regiments were 31 through 35. The numbering of these volunteer regiments was a continuation from the Civil War. Three of the regiments were actively involved in the War. The 33rd and 34th regiments saw action while the 31st was involved in the occupation of Cuba. Some states had as many as ten regiments and none saw action during the actual five months of war. Michigan had three men killed in the conflict. One man from Port Huron, Alfred Polond, received the Medal of Honor. He was with the 10th U.S. Infantry. The Michigan volunteers fought in Cuba along with other volunteers from New York, Massachusetts and the regulars of the 5th U.S. Army Corps.

Mr. Washburn has an extensive uniform collection, which includes Spanish uniforms as well as U.S. uniforms.

Please plan to attend this special event hosted by your Canton Historical Society.

See photos on page 2



U.S. Army wool uniform.



Two styles of U.S. Army uniforms.



Dave Washburn with Army issue canteen.



Spanish Uniforms made of cotton.

December 5th Christmas Bake Sale Well Attended

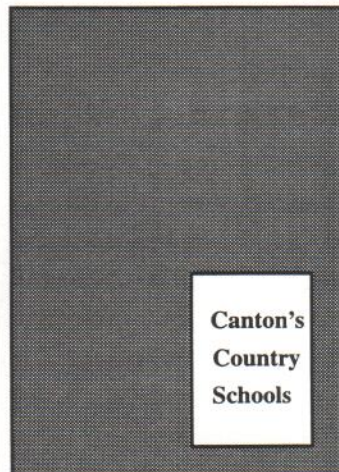
The Christmas bake sale was hosted by Bonnie Berg with help from Society member volunteers Ronni Curtis, Marie Gentz, Phyllis Patterson, Nancy Nelson and Charles Mott. There were brisk sales of baked goods up until the 5 o'clock closing hour. Virginia Bailey Parker was on hand to autograph *Ghost Stories and Other Tales from Canton*, which sold as well as the baked goods. Bonnie Berg and Kelly Wheatley opened the museum Monday night for the sale of bake goods at the tree lighting ceremony held behind the museum. Good idea Bonnie!

As a special treat for our Christmas event, Robert Nelson had some of his toy collection on display. This collection occupied one complete showcase and incorporated many different types and eras.

The outside of the museum really looked great. The township had the museum decorated beautifully with icicle lights along the eaves.

Have you noticed the new sidewalk from the parking lot to the front of the building?

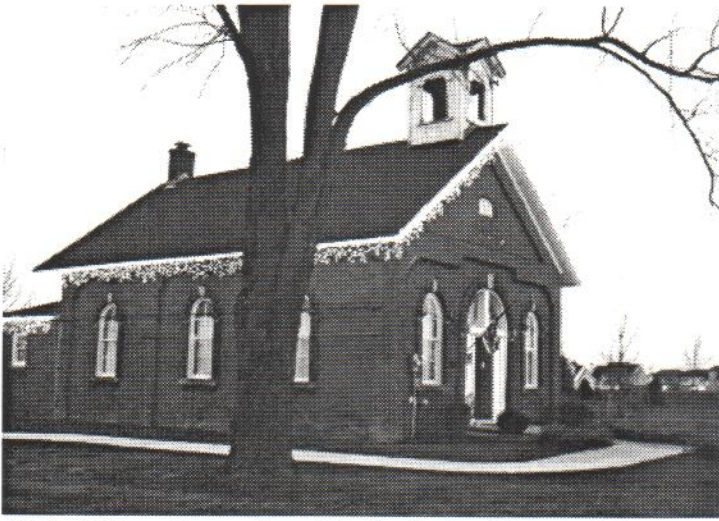
See photos page 3



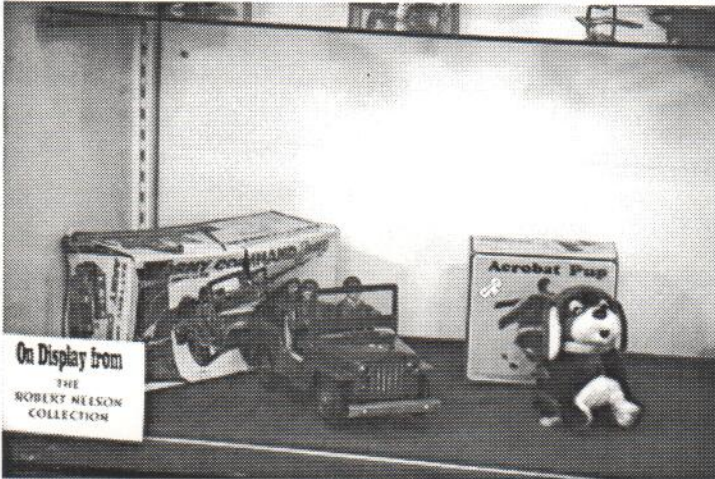
Canton's Country Schools

Compiled by Joan Cavell Palmer

This book is sold at the Museum on Canton Center Rd. This 445 page historical collection of photos and information dating 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 will not be disappointed.



Icicle lights and new sidewalk to the Canton Historical Museum.



Some of the toys displayed by Robert Nelson for Christmas.



Museum decorated for the Holidays

Thanks members, for the wonderful bake goods donated to our Dec. Open House & Bake Sale.

Marta McCabe receives Society Service Award



Marta receiving Society Award from Phyllis Patterson.

Marta has given many hours of service to the Canton Historical Society. In the past, Marta has served many Society positions, the latest being museum director. She also provides education to school groups, while serving as membership chair and doing our special mailings. Without this dedication by our members, the Society couldn't exist as it does today.

Bonnie Berg and Ruth Wiles Speak at Two Senior Groups

The Canton Historical Society was asked to provide a speaker for the St. Michael's Senior Group and the Royal Seniors Club. I can't think of two people more qualified to speak than Bonnie Berg and Ruth Wiles, who volunteered to be our Historical Society ambassadors. With our new book *Ghost Stories and Other Tales from Canton* by Virginia Bailey Parker and other projects the Society has been doing, I'm sure they had plenty to talk about. These two ambassadors can answer almost any question about Canton or its people. Thanks for doing a great job.

Adopt a Civil War Soldier

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

- | | | | |
|---|---------------|--|-------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adams, David Leroy | 24th MI Inf. | <input type="checkbox"/> Moore, Amzi H. | 3rd MI Cav. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anderson, George B. | 1st MI Inf. | <input type="checkbox"/> Newton, Stephen | 3rd MI Cav. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Artley, John H. | 24th MI Inf. | <input type="checkbox"/> Packard, Winslow | 4th MI Inf. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bagley, Osceola | 1st MI Inf. | <input type="checkbox"/> Passage, John | 24th MI Inf. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baker, George W. | 1st MI Inf. | <input type="checkbox"/> Pooler, Nelson | 24th MI Inf. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baker, Murray S. | 1st MI Inf. | <input type="checkbox"/> Reinhart, Robert | 1st MI Lt. Art. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baker, Thomas J. | 4th MI Cav. | <input type="checkbox"/> Root, Roswell | 24th MI Inf. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Berdan, Dixon | 5th MI Inf. | <input type="checkbox"/> Safford, Joseph | 24th MI Inf. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronson, Edwin | 4th MI Inf. | <input type="checkbox"/> Stevens, Newell | 24th MI Inf. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collier, Ortha | 100th OH Inf. | <input type="checkbox"/> Stoll, Jerome | 24th OH Inf. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coykendale, Alfred | 3rd MI Cav. | <input type="checkbox"/> Suggitt, George | Western Shrpshtrs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Derby, Ezra E. | 24th MI Inf. | <input type="checkbox"/> Taylor, Simeon | 24th MI Inf. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Duntley, Sylvanus R. | 3rd MI Inf. | <input type="checkbox"/> Thayer, William | 11th MI Cav. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eddy, Willard | 2nd MI Inf. | <input type="checkbox"/> Truesdell, Ephraim | 4th MI Cav. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eldred, George | Eng. & Mech. | <input type="checkbox"/> Truesdell, Horace | 16th MI Inf. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairman, Sebre | 24th MI Inf. | <input type="checkbox"/> Truesdell, Lewis B. | 1st MI Cav. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardner, William | 9th MI Inf. | <input type="checkbox"/> Westfall, Orson | 24th MI Inf. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gillespie, James | 24th MI Inf. | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hughs, Hiram | 24th MI Inf. | <input type="checkbox"/> No Preference | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Huston, Benjamin W. | 23rd MI Inf. | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leonard, Heil | 101st PA Inf. | | |

Amount of **TAX DEDUCTIBLE** donation:

\$_____ \$25_____ \$_____

Please return this slip with you donation and make the check payable to: **Canton Historical Society**
Mail this slip and check to: Canton Historical Society, PO Box 87362, Canton Michigan 48187-0362

Thank you for your support

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 _____

Ralph Welton to Speak at the April 8th Meeting on Historic Restoration and Truesdell Family

Come visit with Ralph Welton who has been involved with historic restoration in the Detroit and Canton area. One of his restoration projects includes the home of Civil War Veteran Ephraim Truesdell where Ralph and his family now reside. He has a degree in history and is working on his masters degree in English at Eastern Michigan University. Ralph is also a member of the Canton Historic District Commission.

After acquiring the Ephraim Truesdell home, Ralph learned about the Truesdells through his research and strong interest in history. With all his knowledge of the Truesdell family, this will be a very interesting meeting. So, mark your calendar for 7 PM, April 8th at the Canton Historical Society Museum, located on the corner of Canton Center Rd. and Heritage Drive. All guests are welcome and refreshments will be served.

Without giving away too much, Ralph has told me about one of the Truesdells who has a grave marker in the Sheldon Cemetery, but is not actually buried in the cemetery. Where is he buried? How did this come about? You'll have to come to the meeting to find out. See you there!



Sebre Fairman, Civil War Soldier. He was a bachelor and would like to be adopted.

This edition of the **Canton Historical News** was put together by C.D. Mott and edited by the educated who paid attention in school.

For corrections, omissions or something to add, please call 734 397-5495

Ghost Stories and Other Tales from Canton

By Virginia Bailey Parker

Our best selling book. We only bought 1,000 copies so don't delay they are going FAST.

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

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please make a check for \$14.95 (Includes shipping and handling) Payable to:
CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY



© 1998

Board of Directors

President: Robert Boyer
Vice President: Bonnie Berg
Secretary: David Curtis
Treasurer: Charles Mott
Trustees: Ronni Curtis
Marie Gentz
Nancy Nelson
Phyllis Patterson
Jeanne Seifert

Committee Chairs

Program: Bonnie Berg and Charles Mott
Membership: Marta McCabe and Phyllis Patterson
Museum Displays: Staff
Education: Marta McCabe
Publicity: Marie Gentz
Vital Statistics: Ruth Wiles
Historic Dist, Comm. Rep: Virginia Bailey Parker
Dec. Bake Sale: Bonnie Berg and Nancy Nelson
Harvest Dinner: Bonnie Berg and Ronni Curtis
DuMouchelle: Marie Gentz and Phyllis Patterson
Liberty Fest: Carol Bodenmiller and Robert Boyer
Flea Market: Ronni Curtis and Jeannie Seifert

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)



Canton Center School

Canton Historical Society
P. O. Box 87362
Canton, MI 48187-0362
(734) 397-0088