



Canton Historical Society News

Canton Historical Society Newsletter V

September - October 1999

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

Calendar of Events

September

9th Guest speaker *Pamela Yockey*
on "Gowns of the Civil War".

7:00 pm

11th DuMouchelle Antique

Appraisal Clinic

20th Board Meeting

7:00 pm

October

14th Show and Tell. Bring
something of interest.

18th Board Meeting

Election of Officers

November

6th Pot Luck Harvest Dinner and
Pound Auction.

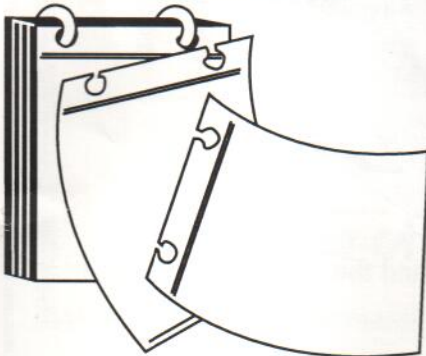
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15th Board Meeting & election
results.

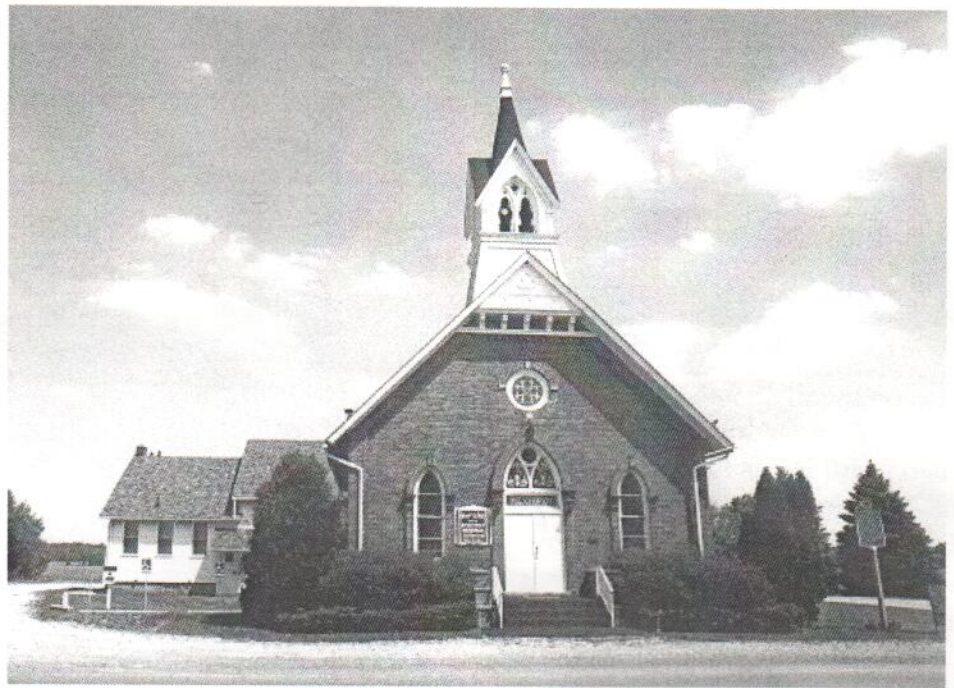
7 pm

December

11th Bake Sale and Christmas tree
trimming. At the museum.



Oh My, Cherry Hill What Will Happen When You Grow ?



Cherry Hill Methodist Church Est. 1834

Cherry Hill Village has always been known as a small community surrounded by farms. It has always been proud of its rural roots. Even today along Ridge Road, the Methodist Church, along with the Cherry Hill Cemetery, tells of a village steeped in history. This village still has some of the remaining farms left in Canton Township. It really is a beautiful rural area, one that Henry Ford often visited. He provided jobs for disabled

veterans in his village industries. In 1943 he bought the Wilson dairy along with some acreage. Mr. Ford thought this was an ideal spot for this type of veteran rehabilitation away from the city and also a very pleasant setting.

The Cherry Hill School still stands majestically on the corner of North Ridge and Cherry Hill Rds. It has been in this location since 1875. The school was remodeled and acquired an addition, paid for by Henry Ford, in the summer of

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1943. The last graduating class was in 1954-55 when the Canton school district merged with the Plymouth schools.

The Cherry Hill School has been used for many different activities since it no longer has students. It still serves as a valuable asset to



Cherry Hill School as it is today.

the community.

Located on the south side of Cherry Hill Rd. is the Cherry Hill Inn (also known as the Cherry Hill House) built in the mid 1860's by Abner Hitchcock. The inn was not very successful at that time because Cherry Hill Village did not have enough traffic to warrant an establishment of that size. The inn became known as "Hitchcock's

Folly". It changed owners quite a few times until the late 1980's, when James and Catherine (Katie) Gunn transformed the Inn into a general store and remodeled the second floor into a huge maple dance floor. It was said that 100 horses could be stabled in the basement while people attended the dances.

In 1920 William and Louisa West bought the Gunn's General Store. The upper floor was used for dances once a week and also for other functions and was known as "West's Hall". Some people can still recall the sound of the shoes hitting the dance floor in unison.

Arthur (Jake) West, son of William and Louisa, bought the

store in 1938 after his father had passed away. He converted the upper dance hall floor into apartments because of the lack of housing in the area.

Jake sold the store in 1976 to James Sutton and he, in turn, sold the building to Vernon Stephanski

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This edition of the
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News

was put together by C.D. Mott and edited by smart people and very little help of a computer.

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

734-397-5495



Cherry Hill Inn

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

Guest Speaker

Pamela Yockey

Gowns of the Civil War
and
How they affected the war

Models will be
in Gowns

Everyone is
welcome



Thursday Sept 9, 1999

7pm at the Canton Historical Society Museum
Corner of Canton Center Rd. & Heritage Dr.

Historical Society Flea Market was the Event to be at in Cherry Hill

This year's flea market was more of a Cherry Hill event than our usual flea market. The Cherry Hill Methodist Church and some of the close neighbors also had things for sale. The Society had a very successful flea market, with about a 25% increase over last year.

The flea market was hosted by Ronni Curtis and Jeannie Siefert, along with a host of volunteers. During the flea market Marie Gentz took care of the kitchen. Helping in the kitchen with Marie were Marie Hauer, Pam Heinowski, Kay Kuck, Ginny Mott, Lois Zilka, Phyllis Patterson, and Nancy Nelson. Marie Gentz also did a great job with publicity, Cherry Hill Village was lined with cars from one end to the other. Patti Nelson made great menu signs for the kitchen and also a sponsors sign. Virginia Bailey Parker was on hand to sign her ghost stories book and Ruth Wiles brought over books and corn series items from the museum to sell. Besides working all day Friday with Ronni and David Curtis, Jerry and Carol Bodenmiller also worked in the school flea market with Jeannie Seifert, Bonnie Berg, Phyllis Patterson, Charlene Kenny, Cathy Johnson, Mary Sidick and Bill Sprengel. We started to be concerned when Phyllis Patterson bought more than she sold, but we were soon relieved when Bruce drove up in a Brink's truck.

The flea market didn't just happen on Saturday. It took a lot of hours planning, prep work and recruiting vendors. We appreciate all the work everyone did in making the flea market the success that it was.

Thanks for the generous donations from these businesses:

The Bagel Express

on North Canton Center Rd.

Dunkin Donuts

on Ford Road and Michigan Ave at Sheldon

Boyers Meat Processing

on Barr Road, south of Geddes Road



Roswell Root, Civil War Veteran

Roswell is feeling lonely and would love to be adopted

Most people came early, which was good because we had a little rain late in the day. Fortunately, by that time most people had finished their shopping.

There also was an auto accident on the corner that put a little damper on things. However, all things considered this event was very successful.



Pamela Yockey's Confederate wedding gown. This gown was on the 1976 Freedom Train.

Happenings at the Historical Society Flea Market



Lots of Shoppers for our annual Flea Market at Cherry Hill School.



Many donated items for sale.



Good volunteer help for the kitchen.



Cars and trucks lined the street.



A cool umbrella makes for a relaxed setting.



I think she wants this one.



Looking for bargains is what it's all about.

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"/> 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. |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baker, George W. | 1st MI Inf. | <input type="checkbox"/> Pooler, Nelson | 24th MI Inf. |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Huston, Benjamin W. | 23rd MI Inf. | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leonard, Heil | 101st PA Inf. | | |

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.

Canton's
Country
Schools

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in 1986. At present the building is sitting vacant and its future is unknown. This building could very well be the jewel of Cherry Hill Village. Let's hope the wisdom of the developers can see a useful purpose for this truly historic building.

Further north on Ridge Road is the partially restored Bartlett-Travis house. The outside is restored, and when you travel by this home you can't help but be impressed by its presence.

Within a few years this will not be a rural community; it will be surrounded by 1,300 new residences. Cherry Hill Village will expand to meet the westward growth of Canton Township and will become a part of the Canton community instead of a separate area of the township. Cherry Hill Village will only be recognized by signs telling us so. East will meet West. We will look at this community and remember

what was and how it has changed. I, for one, will miss the rural setting of Cherry Hill, although we can't stop progress and we can't stop people from building on their own property. The slight tweaking and molding of this community won't change the fact that Cherry Hill will have grown as the settlers expected but, 100 years later. Back then they needed growth and wanted it. Today we cherish the rural areas. It's like having your child grow up. You still love them but your control and dreams for them is not in your hands anymore. We will still love Cherry Hill, but Cherry Hill will grow up whether we like it or not. We only have very limited control.

The *DuMouchelle* antique appraisal is coming up on September 11th

The antique appraisal this year will be by appointment. The appraisals will start at 10 am and end at 5 pm, so schedule early for the best times. Hopefully, this will eliminate the long waiting. Remember, the limit is three hand-carried items.

The appraisals will be at the Cherry Hill School on the corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads. If you plan to insure your antique, most insurance companies will want a written appraisal. If you just want to find out what your antique is worth then an oral appraisal will be in order.

If you would like to schedule an appointment please call: **Marie Gentz at 734-453-5297**

Make your appointment now; don't be left out.



Bartlett-Travis House

Ghost Stories and Other Tales from Canton

By Virginia Bailey Parker

Our best selling book. Almost sold out, so don't miss out on this important book.

**To order by mail, fill out the form below and mail to:
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Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please make a check for \$14.95 (Includes \$3.00 shipping and handling) Payable to:

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<i>Dec. bake sale</i>	Bonnie Berg and Nancy Nelson
<i>Harvest Dinner</i>	Bonnie Berg and Ronni Curtis
<i>DuMouchelle</i>	Marie Gentz and Phyllis Patterson
<i>Liberty fest.</i>	Carol Bodenmiller and Robert Boyer
<i>Flea Market</i>	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). The hours are Tuesday 1 pm to 3 pm and Saturday from 1 pm until 4 pm.



Canton Center School

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