

2020 Crocker House Events

Please join us in our Great Victorian Read book club.
Be sure to RSVP.

Third Wednesdays of the month (excluding December) at 4 p.m. via Zoom.

October 21: Frankenstein: *Mary Shelley, 1818*

November 18: Tale of Two Cities: *Charles Dickens, 1859*

Zoom into the Season with Santa: Sunday, December 6, 1 p.m.

Zoom-in Christmas Tea: Sunday, December 13, 2 p.m.

Let's stay connected this Christmas by enjoying tea together via Zoom. All the fixings for this sweet tea will be made for you. You can simply drive by the Crocker House Museum between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the day of the event and we will bring it out to your car. Your boxed tea will include our signature scones with mock Devonshire cream and jam, lemon tart, chocolate and a favor. Cost is \$15. Add a tin of our signature Three Wives Tea for an additional \$12 and we will include a tea strainer.

Sneak-peek at some 2021 Calendar of Events

Pottery Luncheon: Saturday, April 10, 3 p.m.

Garden Walk: Saturday, June 26, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Porch Walk: Saturday, August 21, 1 - 4 p.m.

Cemetery Walk: Saturday, October 2



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& Macomb County Historical Society
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Crocker House Cemetery Walk



Presented by
The Macomb County Historical Society
at Clinton Grove Cemetery

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October 3, 2020

Clinton Grove Cemetery

The Clinton Grove Cemetery Association was established in 1855 on Private Claim #136. It is an Association of lot owners governed by a nine member Board of Trustees that are elected by the association members. When the Cemetery was established some burials were moved here from family cemeteries in the area and from the Mt. Clemens Village Cemetery. Some headstones, therefore, pre-date the 1855 opening of the Park. The oldest headstone is that of Richard Conner which is dated in 1808. The cemetery's first sexton was Henry O. Taylor. Henry Ollrich became superintendent in 1900 and served until 1930 when his son Norman took over the job. The cemetery was under the care of these two men for a period of 63 years. Norman served until his retirement in 1963. All work, including the digging of the graves, was done by hand until 1975. Presently, two full time groundskeepers and a lawn service maintain the beauty of its 55 acres.

Clinton Grove Cemetery is available to persons of all faiths, creeds and nationalities. Along with traditional in-ground burials, Clinton Grove Cemetery offers above ground cremains niches and crypts in both the stately mausoleum erected in 1929, and the garden chapel. They also now have a new outdoor columbarium.

Clinton Grove Cemetery offers a complete line of markers and monuments for that special memorial for you and your loved ones. Private mausoleums are also welcome. A courteous and professional staff is available to help with your selection today.

Please be sure to join the cemetery for a special Wreaths Across America event on Saturday, December 19 at noon.

www.clintongrove.com, Tel: 586-463-0851



A Gift in your WILL.....
ensures that Macomb County
History WILL continue to be told for
generations to come!

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE,
LEAVE A LEGACY.**

Legacy gifts provide a source of on-going support and helps provide stability in uncertain times. Donors can establish lasting legacies in support of education, programs and preservation of local history

***Help Preserve Local History:
Become a Member / Renew Your Membership***

The Crocker House Museum needs your support!

*The Crocker House is self supporting and receives no government support.
We welcome and encourage you to become a member of this very important
educational resource.*

<i>Benefits of all Memberships include:</i>	Individual	\$20
	Family	\$30
	Contributing	\$50
	Century	\$100
	Corporate	\$200
	Benefactor	\$500
	Conservator	\$1,000

- *Free admission to museum*
- *Discounts to events and special programs*
 - *Quarterly newsletter*
- *An annual Members Meeting*

As a Corporate Member you will receive all the benefits of membership PLUS:

- *Business Membership listing on our web-site to show your community support*
- *Two Garden Walk tickets*

As a Benefactor Member you will receive all the benefits of Corporate membership , PLUS:

- *Two additional Garden Walk tickets (=four tickets)*
- *Two Cemetery Walk tickets*

As a Conservator Member you will receive all the benefits of Benefactor membership PLUS:

- *An inscribed memorial garden brick*

Green Burials at Clinton Grove

A new section called Linden Meadow was opened at Clinton Grove Cemetery on Earth day, April 22, 2017. It is the only certified green burial option available in Macomb County.

A row of Linden trees welcomes you to this section. It offers a hybrid burial option that minimizes any harmful effects to the environment. Non-toxic, biodegradable burial containers or burial shrouds are used. No embalming fluids, burial vaults or lawn chemicals are used in this section. Flush markers or a memorial engraving upon a double sided monument are available options for memorializing your loved one. For more information about this section please contact Clinton Grove Cemetery at 586-463-0851.

Learn about grave marker symbolism with Crocker House Museum Director, Kim Parr. Refreshment, gift shop items and basket raffle are under the canopy. Restrooms are provided for you inside of the Clinton Grove Cemetery office.

***Cider and donuts are graciously provided by
Harold W. Vick Funeral Home***

Leave a Legacy & Make History

Do you want to make a lasting gift for the benefit of your community? The Crocker House Museum and Macomb County Historical Society's purpose is to collect and preserve our local heritage to instill an appreciation of our community's unique history.

You can help keep this mission alive for generations to come.

Please call the Crocker House Museum at 586-465-2488 to see the many ways you can leave a lasting legacy gift.

Do you have a family story to tell?

The Macomb County Historical Society strives to preserve not only artifacts, but the stories of our local ancestors. If you want to share a family member's history for a future Cemetery Walk please share this information with Kim Parr, director of the Macomb County Historical Society.
info@crockerhousemuseum.org, 586-465-2488.



John Meyer

portrayed by Rick Katon

b. December 4, 1855, d. September 1, 1944

Section K, Lot 65, space 3

John Meyer was born in Bremen, Germany with the name of Johann. He was the 11th child born in the family and was sent to a private school. The school encouraged his life-long love of astronomy.

On November 30, 1872, just a few days before his 17th birthday, he boarded a ship for Ameri-

ca and arrived in New York on New Year's Day of 1873 with only 50 cents in his pocket. Fortunately, he got employment with a tobacconist. A few years later he came to Detroit and rented a room above Theodor Moser's drug store. He became his mentor. For three years John served as an apprentice pharmacist. When Moser moved to Mount Clemens, John came with him and married Moser's daughter, Bertha, on April 14, 1880 at the Zion Evangelical Church. The following year they had Bessie. They had another daughter, but, sadly she did not survive.

The couple loved to travel and lived at 227 Cass Avenue. John researched the compounds of the mineral water here and made the incredible discovery of finding traces of gold. He held his chemical laboratory here for almost 60 years and wrote a 21 page booklet in 1933 that explains the mineral content of our water. He dedicated it to his wife, Bertha.

John outlived his wife by 23 years, never remarried and lived out his senior years with his family at 188 South Gratiot.

On March 7, 1932 the state of Pennsylvania charged him with misbranding his bottled mineral water. John's friend, Charles Stochstrom, who came here for the mineral baths, claimed it saved his life. He credited John for helping to save him. The two of them became dear friends and would take trips to Europe together. John would ship his car over and they would drive from Germany to the top of Norway about every 2 – 3 years. Sometimes, his daughter Bessie, would travel with them. These trips enabled him to visit with his relatives.

Bessie married Harry Rickel, a well-known attorney from Detroit. Together they had one son; John Henry.

John loved to go bowling and was a member of the Germania Bowling Club for over 40 years. John passed away from a heart attack on a Friday night in 1944 in Algonac at the age of 88. His remains were cremated at White Chapel Crematorium in Detroit and laid to rest here with his family.

Edward Clark Gallup

*portrayed by Brad Thomas, current president of
Clinton Grove Cemetery*

b. May 14, 1808, d. August 28, 1877

Section A, Lot 155

Edward Clark Gallup was born in Connecticut. At the age of twenty he worked for the Governor of Connecticut where he held a responsible position in Providence, Rhode Island.

He left for Mount Clemens in the 1830s with his friend Henry Terry. Here he formed a partnership with Robert Eastman and engaged in the dry good business. After this five year partnership he became a wool buyer.

Edward became friends with town founder Christian Clemens and married his daughter Elizabeth (Eliza) Keturah (Hawkins) Clemens in 1838. Eliza had been married before, but lost her husband, Sydney Hawkins, just a little more than a year after they married. She also lost a baby girl just prior to her first husband's death.

In 1853 Edward was elected village president. He also became the moderator for the Mount Clemens School District in 1850 which only had three pupils at that time.

Edward and Eliza had two daughters; Clara was born in 1843 and Martha in 1849. Sadly, Clara died at the young age of 8.

Martha, otherwise known as Mattie, married Frank Crittenden, but sadly died at the age of 38.

Edward helped create the Clinton Grove Cemetery 165 years ago. The planning started in 1855 when the need for a larger burial ground became apparent. The Clinton Grove Cemetery Association first met on March 30, 1855 with a total of nine board members. Edward was elected president. The present site at first included only five acres and was purchased at a price of \$500. On May 5th the name of Clinton Grove and the price for lots was established. By September 14th they took deed of the property in their own names. They posted a notice in two public places that a meeting was called for on Oct 29, 1855 of said persons wishing to become incorporated. Edward Clark Gallup was elected President, George V. VanEps, Treasurer, Henry O. Taylor, Sexton, and Benjamin Robertson, Secretary. As soon as the cemetery was ready for use, early settlers bought lots and eventually the old small burying ground, that was closer to town, fell into disuse.

There was no mass removal of graves, but gradually families moved the remains of their loved ones here to Clinton Grove. As the town grew so did the need for more plots and the cemetery grew to 55 acres.



Edwin
Egnew
portrayed by
Dan Hogan

b. March 4, 1841, d. May 18, 1914: Section C, Lot 60, Space 6

Edwin Egnew was a native of Butler, Indiana, was educated in the public schools and attended Duff's Commercial College at Pittsburg. He was then retained as an instructor in penmanship and later served as superintendent of Lancaster Mercantile College until he contracted typhoid fever. He recovered in Mackinaw and became the proprietor of the Mackinaw House where he was staying. He then engaged in the grocery business in Detroit and later returned to Mackinac where he leased the John Jacob Astor House for the purpose of housing guests. He fluctuated between many jobs and hotels thereafter. On May 3, 1881 he was stricken with debilitating rheumatism which forced him to dispose of the Brunswick Hotel which he owned in Detroit. He sent for some Mount Clemens mineral water which rendered good results. This caused him to check in for a series of baths at the Avery House. He arrived upon a stretcher and Dorr Kellogg supervised his bath regimen. His pain left and he was entirely cured. On the 15th of January in 1884 he took care of the Avery Hotel and Original Spring Bathhouse. He was at the hotel for about ten years and three years with the bathhouse.

In July of 1891 he acquired a natural surface spring where he built the Pagoda. Its water was bottled and sold under the name of "Little Pody". The Michigan Central Railroad served 900 bottles weekly in the year of 1893. The Pagoda became a gathering place for entertainment that included games and its own musical band.

Mr. Egnew then had a steamer yacht built to conduct pleasure tours of the river and lake. Unfortunately, it caught fire in 1900 and sank.

In 1895 he erected The Egnew Hotel which was directly connected to the Original Bath House by a heated passageway. Al Jolson and Eddie Cantor numbered among the more prominent entertainers to visit. He conducted the Egnew until November 5, 1898 and then became the manager of the Colonial Hotel in Mount Clemens.

The Egnew's name changed several times; The Park Annex, Riverside Hotel, and later yet Clinton Gables.

Edwin was married three times. He is buried next to his third wife, Ella M. Morgan of Mount Clemens. On May 16, 1914 at the age of 73, while he was living at 290 Front Street, Edwin passed away from a stomach ailment. Sadly he was never given a grave marker.



Nellie Metler Murphy
portrayed by Lynn Anderson

b. April 23, 1862, d. May 2, 1926

Buried in Section K, Lot 41, Space 10

She was born in Haldimand County, Ontario and was the daughter of Moses and Eliza (Halyburton) Metler. Nellie came to Mount Clemens while on a visit with a family from Alpena, Michigan. She traveled with them while being in charge of taking care of their children. She sought and found employment in the newly-opened Clementine Bath House. She sold the first bath ticket ever sold at the Clementine. In

1904 Mr. Coursin sold the Clementine to John R. Murphy of Allegheny, Pa. for \$65,550. After John Murphy purchased the Bath House he built the Clementine Hotel behind it on North Walnut. This small hotel was connected to the bath house by a covered passage-way. In 1911, after the death of his first wife, Mr. Murphy married Nellie D. Metler.

Murphy built a new home at 167 Cass Avenue shortly after they were married. It was designed by Mr. Van Damme. Mr. Murphy had a cottage on the North River Road called Allegheny Villa. Before the bridge was built, it was accessible only by boat.

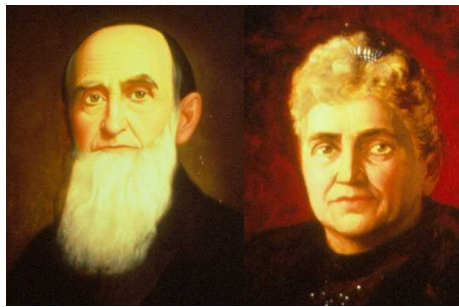
Nellie Metler's mother, Eliza Burton Metler, came to live with her some years after her husband, Moses, died. At one time they lived in a house behind the bath house on Walnut Street. Later, Eliza operated a rooming house on Cass Avenue west of Miller Street, known as Metler Cottage. This was later the Altman Hotel.

Lena Metler, came to Mount Clemens from her home in Fort Erie, Ontario about 1913 to assist her aunt in the management of the bath house and the new Clementine Hotel. In 1917 she married Thomas G. Longstaff, a Mount Clemens native.

In 1914, Mr. Murphy added two stories to the original hotel and bath house. The hotel section was leased to George C. Fenton and for some years was known as the Hotel Fenton.

Mr. Murphy died in 1917. Shortly after his death, Nellie Metler Murphy purchased the Eastman Hotel and renamed it the John R. Murphy Hotel. It was located on the south side of Cass in the block between Gratiot and South Walnut. On July 20, 1918. Mrs. Murphy sponsored a patriotic event in tribute to her late husband. A crowd of nearly 1,500 people attended.

In 1926, Nellie D. Murphy died of stomach cancer and left her home and business to her niece, Lena Metler Longstaff.



Dr. Abner Hayward

*portrayed by Charlie
McQuillen*

b. September 26, 1829,
d. October 23, 1916

Dr. Alice J. Smith Hayward

*portrayed by Elizabeth
McQuillen*

b. May 7, 1835
d. June 10, 1926

Section I, Lot 25

Abner Hayward was born in Rhode Island and was one of six children of Robert and Eliza Hayward. His early education was at Hillsdale College. He continued his studies in Leoni, Michigan at Michigan Union College. This is where he met Alice who had been teaching at this college.

Abner taught school for several years and held the office of school inspector in Ingham County. Afterward he served as Justice of Peace in Jackson County. His study of medicine began in 1860.

Alice was born in New York State and was one of eleven children born of John and Elizabeth *Patterson* Smith.

Abner and Alice married on August 12, 1856.

After Abner graduated from the Homeopathic College of Cleveland in 1866 he established a practice in Romeo, Michigan. He specialized in surgery and diseases of the rectum. When they heard about Dorr Kellogg's success in curing his eczema with the mineral water from Mount Clemens they decided to set up practice here. In 1871 they were the first homeopathic physicians to prescribe the mineral water as medicine.

Alice was associated with her husband for eleven years before she studied at the Detroit Homeopathic College and became Chair for Diseases of Women and Children in the Hahnemann Society.

They made their home where they had acquired a natural spring at 99 Cass Avenue (SE corner of Cass and S.B. Gratiot). They referred to their home as Athenian Cottage and the springs as Athenian Springs.

Abner and Alice had two children together; Maud and Franklin Harold. Both children were encouraged in the arts. Maud was born in 1864 and specialized in music. Sadly, she became afflicted with creeping paralysis which grew worse over the years, leaving her almost helpless. Franklin studied painting in Europe and became the most prominent artist to have come out of Macomb County Michigan.



Ernst Friedrich Hagen

*portrayed by
Dan Woitulewicz*

b. October 18, 1823, d. May 7, 1900
Section C, Lot 38, Space 4

Ernst Hagen was born in Prussia and was the son of John and Christina (Ronge) Hagen. He was educated in a religious school. He served in the Schleswig-Holstein War of 1847 and was a soldier in the Prussian army for 2 ½ years. Ernst Married Wilhelmina Hanna Sophia Hench on August 3, 1847. They had 10 children; seven of them lived to adulthood: Rudolph, Emily, August, Wilhelmina, Ernestine, Annie and Paulene. Ernst came to the US in 1854 and first lived in New Baltimore. In 1856 he moved to Sterling Township and in 1859 he moved to Clinton Township. The 1860 census shows that Ernst is living in Macomb Township, is 35 years of age and a farmer. Minnie is 34, Rudoff is 12, Amelia is 6, and all kids were born in Prussia.

In 1861 he moved to Mount Clemens where he stayed for 6 months, then moved to Wyandotte for 6 months.

He returned to Clinton Township and took up residence on his farm of 170 acres, which he cleared and brought under cultivation. His farm was located on the NW corner of 16 mile road and Groesbeck. Neither of those streets existed at that time. According to Plat maps, he had this farm until around 1875. His sons, Rudolph and August also had farms in that area. August took over his father's farm somewhere between 1882 and 1895.

Ernst held the position of school director for 2 ½ years.

He moved to his home on Clinton Street in Mount Clemens in April 1882 after retiring from farming.

He built the Hagen House which was later called the Crystal House around 1890. It was on the NW corner of Gratiot and Clinton Street with a Gratiot address. His home was right behind the Crystal House at 64 Clinton Street. He operated the hotel for a while before leasing out the building. Perhaps the new business owners changed the name of the house to Crystal House. Ernst worked for the new owners as a baker.

Ernst died at his home on Clinton Street at the age of 76. His family sold the Crystal House building and its contents by 1901.

Sadly, a fire at the Fountain Hotel on New Year's Eve, 1924, also damaged the Crystal House, which was called the white Star Hotel by then.