



Pine Grove Carriage House Project Completed

A Michigan Sesquicentennial project during 1987 was to refurbish a part of the state's history at Pine Grove, in Pontiac.

Redecoration of the exterior of the Carriage House at the historic site was completed in August. A fresh coat of old-fashioned barn red, with white trim on the doors and windows, captures the charm of a rural out-building of the 1860's.

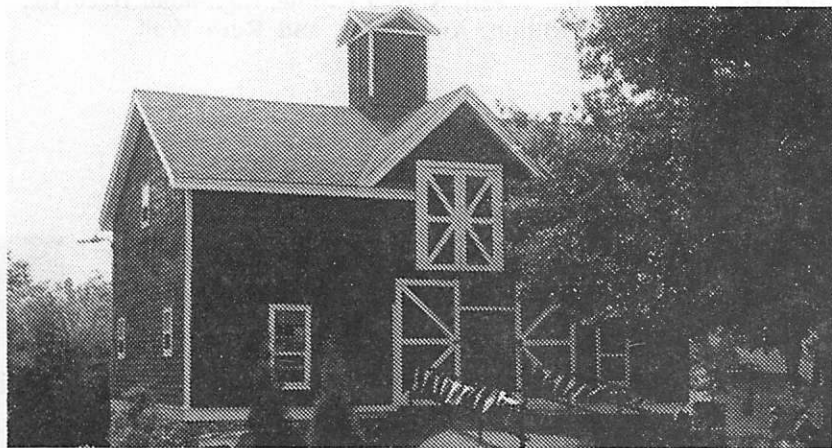
Fieldstones, many gathered from around the historic grounds and others donated by members and visitors, were applied to the foundation.

Finishing touches, including new shrubs and landscaping, were provided by an enthusiastic volunteer "grounds crew."

The entire effort gives new life to the Carriage House, which was part of the farm belonging to Moses Wisner, governor of Michigan from 1859 to 1861.

Pine Grove, at 405 Oakland Ave., just north of Wide Track Drive in Pontiac, includes the Wisner House, Carriage House Schoolhouse and other out-buildings that form a museum important to Michigan history. It was purchased in 1945 from a descendant of the Wisner family as headquarters of the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society.

The Carriage House served on the original Wisner farm as a combination horse barn, feed storage and wagon shelter. Today it houses a farm implement museum, meeting room, antique clothing loft and the Potpourri Shoppe for the sale of our hand-crafted items.



The exterior of the Carriage House at Pine Grove is redecorated as a Michigan Sesquicentennial project.

Stonemason Jerome Lauinger (R) of Port Charlotte, Florida mixes cement for installing fieldstone to the base. Son Mike Lauinger (L).



113th Annual Business Meeting September 16, 1987

President Don Daggy called the meeting to order in the Carriage House. Annual reports of the various committee chairpersons were printed for distribution. President's letter enclosed. Following election of the new members to the Board of Directors, Don and Kitty Daggy hosted the reception for members attending.

Board of Directors 1987-1990 Appointees

Mrs. Donald Adams
Mrs. Edwin Adler
Mr. Howard Caldwell
Mr. Ross Callaway
Mrs. Clarence Clohset
Mr. Donald Daggy
Mrs. Donald Daggy
Mrs. Daniel Foxman
Miss Rosamond Haerberle
Mr. W.E.C. Huthwaite
Ms. Delta Kelly
Mrs. Leslie McIntyre
Mr. Charles Martinez
Mrs. Allen Priestley
Mr. James J. Tedesco, Jr.



The painting crew of contractor Dave Hasse climb the heights to freshen the replica of the historic building.

The Volunteers - O

Guides

To recognize that this Society is blessed with many members who donate their talents and time for our benefit, we present a few of the unsung heroes as Dick Jones puts it in his report. It would be very difficult to staff the many programs we offer to the community without their continued support. Their enthusiasm for the jobs at hand, their time and talents donated so willingly, prove to be an asset beyond measure. We salute our volunteers and thank you all.

Virginia Clohset

Archivist/Manuscript Chairperson

Archives go beyond the "printed word". They are the non-current, unpublished records of, for example, a business, a person, a family, or an organization, Virginia Clohset tells us.

In 1969, Betty Hoard of the Nominating Committee invited Virginia to become a member of the Board of Directors for the Society. Because of academic commitments she was unable to attend until 1970. Our very first, and still current archivist, Virginia, started with us in this capacity in 1974 when asked by then librarian, Connie Lektzian to inventory the records of deceased member, May Howlett, who had left a bequest to preserve her collection. This was done, and then what has followed ever since was the work of inventorying the build up of records on hand since 1945. This has taken a full fourteen years of dedicated effort by volunteer archivist, Virginia, for completion.

She has compiled the indexing of all manuscripts in a manual housed in our Research Library entitled, "Book of Guides, Manuscript Collections", and is open to public viewing.

Highly qualified for her role, Virginia's background has been that of a social worker with several governmental agencies. She holds two graduate degrees from Wayne State U in social work, and library science, with cognates in archives. She has resided in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area since 1949 with her husband Clarence where they have raised their four children.

Virginia encourages us to preserve family and business records for the benefit of future research. She also offers us this quote, "Don't let an indifferent heir make a bonfire of the family papers." Our thanks to Virginia for the beautiful job she has done!



L to R, Kitty Daggy, Lenna McIntyre, Pearl Stricklin, Muriel Crossman, Marjorie Ruslander, Margaret Greer, Connie Owens, Mirium Foxman, Fay Donelson, Connie Lektzian.

Not Pictured: Rita Gregory, Connie Ewalt, Norma Fauble, Rosamond Haeberle, Betty Rose, Dorcus Wolf, Jean Milton, Ann Irwin, and Ruth Wall.

Crafters & Potpourri Shoppe



Connie Owens

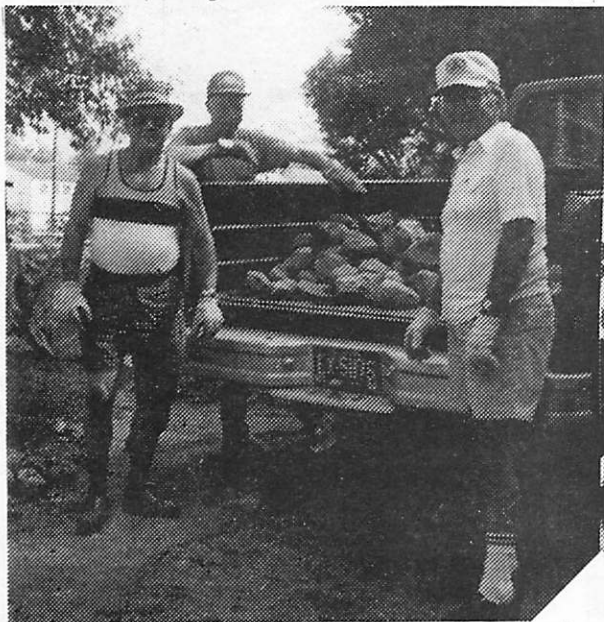


Ruth Hoffman Pauline Harrison

The Crafters, that total ten, meet every Wednesday morning in the Wisner Carriage House to craft, to talk, and to enjoy! Co-chairpersons, Connie and Pauline, also help to staff the Potpourri Shoppe along with Crafter Ruth Hoffman. Margaret Greer, pictured above, chairs the Shoppe, where the craft items are sold. New Crafters and Shoppe people are always welcome!

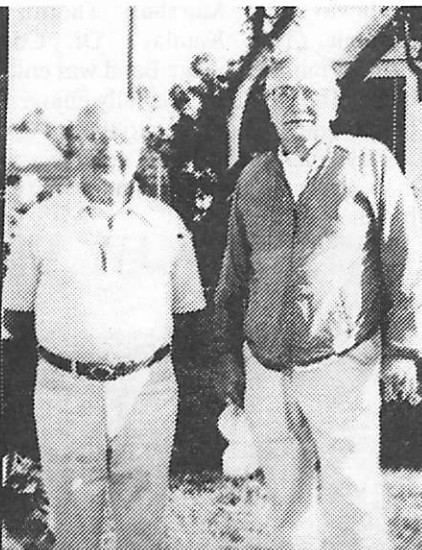
ur Greatest Asset

"Honey-Do" Men (Maintenance)



Charlie Williams Don Daggy
Gaylor Forman & Truck

Working the "Rock Pile" at the carriage house.



Frank Pietrzak & Don
The grasscutter crew



"Jim the Trim"

Jim Tedesco, retired attorney from Birmingham, and colleague of Dick Jones, our Executive Secretary was invited to say "Hello" over at the Wisner House last May. He has been saying "Hello" regularly ever since as he comes in as part of our volunteer grounds maintenance crew assisting Clarke Kimball in keeping us beautiful. His particular forte is trimming our trees, thus the name, "Jim the Trim".

Jim served as a Flight Instructor in WW II, graduated from U of D Law School and became Airport Attorney for the Wayne County Road Commission in 1967. He and his wife Jo have four children and two grandchildren.

We welcome Board member Jim and his wife Jo as new members of our Society.

Historic Clothing



Lottie Hudson, our collector chairperson with "friend."

Assessments



Rex Lamoreaux
Chairperson

Special Projects



Ed Adler
Resident Agent

Gretchen Adler
Chairperson

"Behind The Scenes" Committees

EDUCATION: Muriel Crossman MASTER PLAN: Betty Adams MEMBERSHIP: Marion Roush ORAL HISTORY: Connie Lektzian PUBLICITY: Clark Clarke Kimball HISTORY LADY: Miriam Foxman, Jo Gray POLICY & PROCEDURE: Gretchen Adler HOUSE: Susan Metzendorf LIBRARY: Lillian Paull MEMBERSHIP: Marion Roush NOMINATING: Ruth Priestley ORAL HISTORY: Connie Lektzian SCHOOL HOUSE: Gaylor Forman.

To these important "DOERS" Our many thanks!

Recent Assessions

Our sincere thanks to the following persons who have donated significant items to our Society.

Clothing

Marge Ruslander	Purses and Shoes
Gladys Cheal	Baby clothes
Edna Burke	Umbrella with Rosewood handle
Betty Adams	Ladies hat and judges robe
P. Warden	Children's clothing
Jeanne Voorhees	Sunbonnets
Mrs. C. Harroun	Hat
Evelyn Shadley	Women's blouses and baby clothes
Eleanor Lockman	Baby clothes and umbrella from Botsford family

Books

Faye Donelson	DAR Arts of Independence
Betty Adams	Books and pamphlets
Gladys Cheal	Scrapbook
Jean Service	Magazine
Rex Lamoreaux	Stimson Family genealogy
Seymour Voorhees	Antique magazines
D. Nakkula	The Autobiography of David Ward
G. Witfield	Photographs
Betty Hoard	Naval books
Eleanor Lockman	Photo E.L. Waite, Mr. Lockman and delivery wagon
K. Kirchoff	Books
F. Liimatta	WWI photo of 1918 parade

Miscellaneous

M. Coddington	Starr cowbell
Clarke Kimball	Tashmoo Cane
Harold Caldwell	School pictures
Pearl Strickland	One horse plow
Susan Metzdorf	Tablecloth
Betty Adams	Ice tongs, jugs and toys
Claude Harroun	30 postcards
D. Nakkula	Picture frames
H. Kjolhede	Fruit presses and 45 star flag
T. Cole	Pontiac Centennial trays

Helen Pickering	Dressed Victorian Doll
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Recent Additions to the Reference Library

Southfield United-Presbyterian Church-Early Records Naturalization Records for Oakland County Michigan.

(1827-1906)

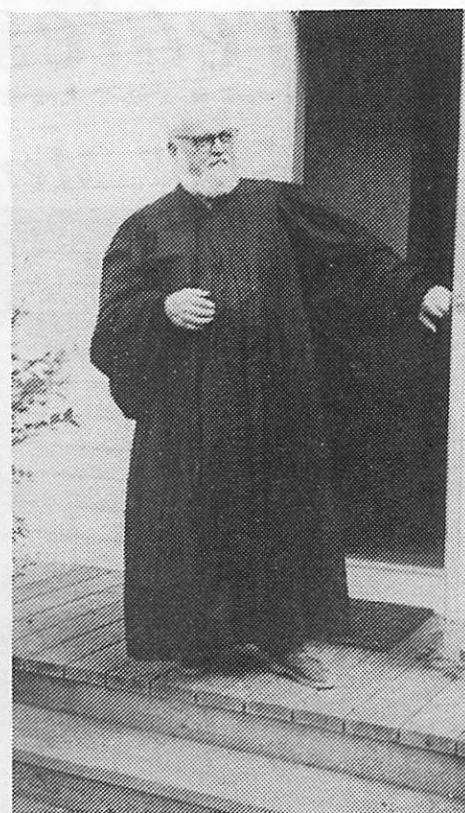
Publications by Oakland County Genealogical Society Michigan Genealogy Sources & Resources (1987) by Carol McGinnis

Ice Cream Social Highlights

Thunderstorms were predicted for Sunday, August 2nd, but nary a drop of rain - sunny, hot 96 degrees with a beautiful breeze for our 600 guests. Having Jerry Lauinger laying stone was a great attraction. The mock misdemeanor court in the Schoolhouse was fun with Judge Ross Callaway and Marshall Theron W. Barbour (Tom Kamlay). Dr. Conrad Lam's Franklin Village Band was enjoyed by all. The children especially enjoyed the puppet show. Thank you to the Ice Cream Social Committee and the volunteers who made it a very successful fundraising event for the Society.



Puppetmobile



"Judge", Ross Callaway



Edna Burke - White Elephant Sale

Calendar of Coming Events

Oct. 21	Board Meeting and Election of New Officers.
Nov. 18	Board Meeting.
Dec. 6	Victorian Christmas Open House.

Editorial Staff

Ross Callaway, Pauline Harrison, Dick Jones and Marion Roush.
Photography credit to Jack Moore, Bob Reynolds and Harry Harrison.

New Members

Welcome to the following new members. We do appreciate their support.

Mr. John Breen
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Dick
Jeffery Dorchock Family
Leon Grogg Family
Mr. James W. Groves
Mr. & Mrs. Seymour Kraus
Ms. Delta Kelly
Miss Carla Sue Lauinger
Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Lauinger
Miss Mary Eleanor Lockman
Mr. & Mrs. James J. Tedesco, Jr.

In Memoriam

Mr. Robert C. Boelio
Mr. Stanley M. Elbling
Dr. Harold A. Furlong
Mr. Calvin E. Patterson
Mrs. Gelston V. Poole
Mrs. Margaret H. Scott
Mrs. H.M. Simpson
Mrs. Grace L. Stricker