



*Governor Moses Wisner Mansion (ca. 1845)*

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## SPECIAL EDITION

**Welcome to all the volunteers for Habitat for Humanity! We want you to enjoy our grounds and gardens, the Wisner Mansion, one-room schoolhouse, summer kitchen, carriage house, library and farm museum. We have games planned for the children, and two 20-minute lectures for adults.**

**All our facilities are open for you to see. There is a spinner and weaver on the front porch of the house. The gift shop in the Wisner Mansion will be open for your shopping time. Cider and donuts are available.**

**Enjoy your afternoon – you have earned it.**

### FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

We are privileged to open our facilities to the Habitat for Humanity community. The Wisner House was built in 1845 – and there have been times we could have used the talents of your builders! Everyone and everything that is 160 years old is constantly in need of repair. We have kept the “old girl” going and trust you will enjoy strolling through the house which has many of its original furnishings. The Wisner family lived here until 1945 when they sold the property to the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical

Society. Don't miss the summer kitchen – it is a treasure. Take a peek at the root cellar and privy – you don't see many of these any more. Go to the carriage house and visit the farm museum on the lower level. Don't forget to explore the one-room schoolhouse.

Thank you to all of you for your dedication to the housing programs of your organization. Your sense of community and service is an inspiration to all of us.

Thank you for coming.

### FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY...

Habitat wanted a place in Oakland County where families could enjoy the day together and Pine Grove Historical Museum was the perfect choice. Your staff dedicated many hours preparing special family activities, organizing games for children, scheduling historical talks and placing volunteer docents at every site. Thank you, Pine Grove, for giving us such a magnificent place, so many dedicated people to work with us, and all these fun, family activities. Because you provided all this, we truly show our amazing volunteers how much they are appreciated.

Gwen Joseph – Director of Corporate Relations and Special Events  
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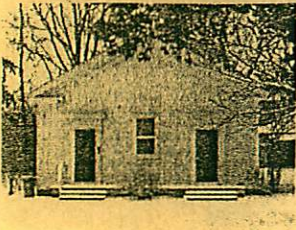
## OAKLAND COUNTY PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### WHO WE ARE

We are an organization dedicated to the maintenance and preservation of the Moses Wisner Home and grounds. Researching and preserving the heritage of the pre-Civil War era is an important part of our endeavors. We have an extensive library of research materials and archival collections of pioneer papers and artifacts. In addition to the Wisner Home, we maintain a one-room schoolhouse, root cellar, and carriage house which holds our library and historic farm museum.

### WHAT WE DO

We have adult tours available for outside organizations. Church fellowship groups, senior center residents, social and service clubs are welcome to tour our facilities. Meetings for small groups can be held in the schoolhouse – we do have chairs that fit adults!



The Drayton Plains one-room schoolhouse was moved here in 1967 and is used as a classroom for students. Every year, approximately 300 grade-school children are brought here by their teachers for a taste of history and a day of experiencing life and study in a one-room schoolhouse. We have slates, and McGuffey readers for an authentic taste of school in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



Tom Wilson  
Miriam Foxman  
Larry Pate

*Our fear-some school-marm  
and 2 of her unruly students*



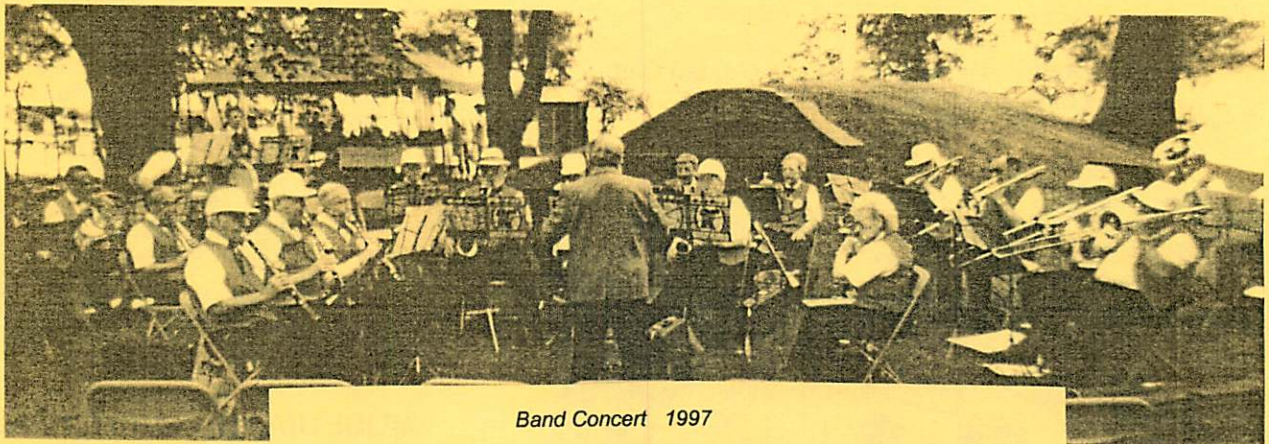
## OAKLAND COUNTY PIONEER AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We are privileged to co-sponsor some events, such as *Oakland County Archaeology Day*. This will be held on our grounds, Saturday, October 8, 2005, 9 AM until Noon, under the direction of Richard Stamps, Ph. D. The public is invited and there is no charge. For more information call 248.370.2434

Our Society will hold a ***Victorian Christmas Open House***, Sunday, December 11, 2005 on our grounds. Hanging of the Greens will be Thursday, December 8, 10 am to 2 pm, and Dehanging of Greens will be Friday, December 16, also 10 am to 2 pm, in the Wisner Mansion. Schoolchildren will decorate the schoolhouse on Dec 8. The Wisner House and schoolhouse will be open for tours, by reservation, from December 13 to 15. Join us at this unique holiday celebration. Flyers are available in the carriage house. Sponsorships are available.

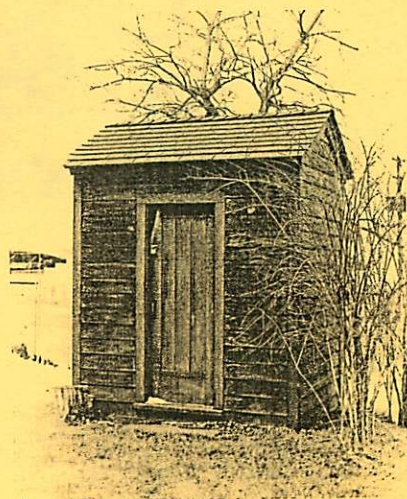
We have long-range plans to enlarge our facilities to provide more space for various activities and events, as well as additional public accommodations. We are growing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century while keeping alive the spirit of the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century.

Thank you for your interest.



*Band Concert 1997*

*Do you know what this is?*





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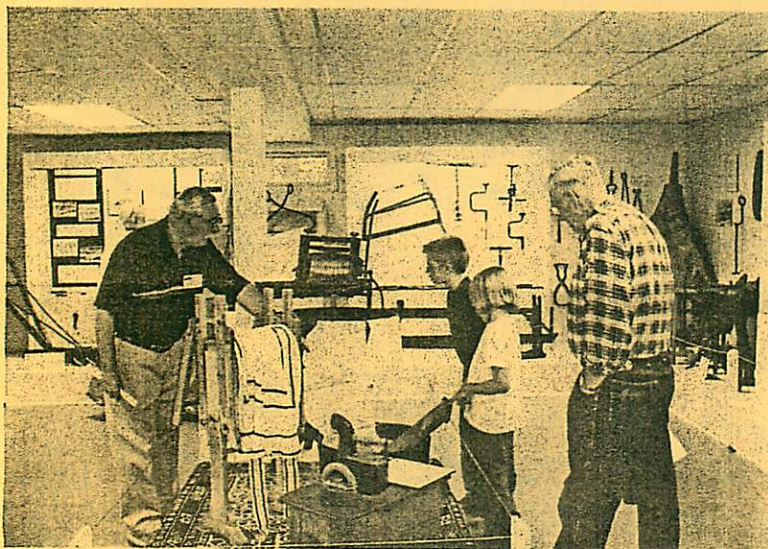
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Rodger Zeller & guests in  
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