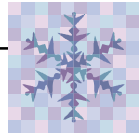




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Oakland County, Michigan

Historic Resources Committee formed

The OTHS board members became aware of some historic resources in our township that may be threatened and disappear. The Society board acted to form an OTHS Historic Resources Committee last November to learn more about some properties that are for sale including former farmsteads, sites on the OTHS Barn Survey and a 2012 property acquisition by the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC). The Committee has gathered information available to the public on these resources.

Also the Committee members were invited by the PRC to attend meetings with their representatives to give input to the PRC plans for the 5 acre parcel at 3340 E. Clarkston Road. This is the farm house site of the Smalley—Best/Elliott family dating back to 1831.

Can you help with more info?
Watch for more news on this!

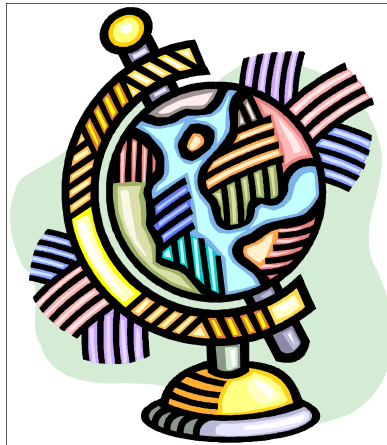
Donations...YES,

Save your *Oakland Township* family heirlooms, documents, photographs, artifacts, ephemera and donate them to OTHS!

We are interested!!!

Whatever defines the Township.

Call Diana Borrusch at 248-693-8660, or email dianaoths74@comcast.net.



Coming up next *Our next membership meeting, Wednesday March 6.*

There have been concerns and sleepless nights regarding the end-of-the world scares throughout history. Remember our recent scare predicted by deceased scholars and ancient civilizations for December 21, 2012? But here in our own area in the 1800's people heard similar warnings. *Join us on Wednesday, March 6, 7:00pm* as local historian and writer, Maureen Thalmann presents her program **"The Millerites and a Private Second Coming."** Learn how an upstate New York farmer and amateur student of the Bible, William Miller, set-off our nation's larg-

est mass delusion (at that time), when he predicted the world would end on October 22, 1844. Astute public relations transformed *Millerism* from an obscure regional movement to a national campaign.

In Michigan's Avon Township, a local farmer's story highlight's the movement's reach and effect, creating a scandal that shook the area. Was there a church here?

Open to the public.

No charge for admission.

CLF Main House, 7p.m.

The following membership meeting is set for Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.

A movie, **"Michigan in the Civil War"** by Al and Dave Eicher, will be shown at Cranberry Lake Farm, Main House. Enjoy a night out at the movies with popcorn!

See page 4 for our meeting schedule information.

Visit our website or call 248-693-8660 for more information.

See you there!

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Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District..... news

The Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District is located at 384 W. Predmore Road just west of Rochester Road and is 16 acres of the township's Cranberry Lake Park.

The Parks and Recreation Commissioners and Historic District Commissioners have finalized an agreement with the Board of Trustees on managing the CLF Historic District. OTHS will continue to run their office and museum at the Caretaker House. OTHS also has set up OTHS Archives in the Main House on the second floor.

Enjoy this premier heritage site

with all its attractions, both natural and historic.

Watch the HDC complete the silo roof restoration this winter... we are waiting for some good weather to TOP OFF the silo!

Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District is listed in the *National Register of Historic Places* for its importance to our local history and has a Michigan Historical Marker onsite as well.

Cranberry Lake Park is open daily from dawn to dusk, but events open the buildings for the *full experience*.

It's our History.....

Updated and new OTHS Note Cards for Sale

Our devoted artist Lyn Sieffert has created some additions to our note card line that offer more of the township's historic resources! 16 of them!

Send a note and promote Oakland Township historic resources at the same time!

\$1.25 each with matching envelope. Shipping by mail extra. Order by emailing your detailed request to othsmember@comcast.net or call Sue Fox at 248-693-9646. *Thank you!*

1879 Flumerfelt Barn featured at the MBPN 2013 Conference in Lansing...

Michigan Barn Preservation Network annual conference on March 8, 2013 in Lansing will feature traditional barns owned by communities. That's right, Michigan has many barns that cities, townships and their departments own and use for various purposes. Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission is just one of them. Orion Township, Northville Township, Scio Township, the City of Rochester Hills, City of Livonia are barn owners! And there are more around the state.

The Conference has a session for attendees that will feature Orion Township's Porritt Barn in Friendship Park, Oakland Township's 1879 Flumerfelt Barn at CLF and Meridian

Township's Unruh Barn near Lansing. We are pleased that our barn will be presented by Colleen Barkham in her role as a township Parks and Recreation Commissioner.

The Conference is set for Sat. March 9 at MSU Kellogg Conference Center in East Lansing. All day Barn bus tour on Friday March 8! Let's all attend and support the preservation of traditional Michigan barns with some unique uses and owned by our own citizens!

Visit www.mibarn.net for registration or call Vera Wiltse at 989-465-1216. Tell us you are going and maybe driving can be arranged! Colleen and I are going! - *Janine Saputo*

Depression Glass Event at CLF

What is Depression Glass and what is not? Learn more about this interesting glassware from Sue Kane, an expert from the *Blue Water Depression Glass Club* here in Michigan. The Oakland Township HDC will hold a Depression Glass display and presentation on Friday evening February 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the CLF Main House. Bring your pieces to show.

Open to the public, no charge.

OTHs will host refreshments and information about CLF, the historic host site. 248-608-6807.

Society News and Information.....



Our Society...celebrates

Winter, Collins Road, Goodison, Paint Creek UM Church, an old photo.
Notice the old steeple on the church and the significant trees as compared to today.



Society Board members posed with our own local Santa Claus at historic Paint Creek Church at our December 2012 program and party in Goodison. This photo was front page on our web-site during the holidays.

Happy New Year 2013!

EVAN WILLIAMS
Died in 2012 in California
OTHS lifetime member
Son of Helen Southgate Williams.
Both resided at the Caretaker House at Cranberry Lake Farm.
Evan donated important CLF photographs from the 1930s.

Leadership, but do we need You!!!

Board of Directors: 2012-2013
Co-Presidents: Colleen Barkham,
Janine Saputo
Vice-President: JoAnn Kelly Bourez
Treasurer: Bill Kroger
Recording Secretary: Sue Fox
Corresponding Secretary: Jeanne Phillips
Board Members:
Tom Asmus, Diane Bennett
Dave Phillips, Mary Tischler and
Christina Wolf
Past President: Diana Borrusch

Established in 1974.

OTHS Membership....Join Us!

Monthly Membership Meetings are the first Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
Monthly Board Meetings are the fourth Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Please complete this form and mail with payment for dues made to: OTHS,
Oakland Township Historical Society, 384 W. Predmore Road, Oakland, MI 48363
Information at 248-693-8660, www.oaklandtownshiphistoricalsociety.org
Annual Dues: Individual-\$18.00, Family-.\$25.00, Patron-\$50.00, Business- \$100.
Note: Dues cover the fiscal year from July 1 to June 30.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number (s): _____ email: _____

Looking for Oakland Township History?

The Civil War era?

The Society held a very successful Civil War bus tour of the township in September 2012.. The resulting tour booklet has become a noteworthy driving tour we all can enjoy. OTHS is updating this booklet to sell copies promoting our township Civil War heritage. Watch for it soon!

Twin Lake Mansion?

Tom Asmus and Doug Caruso's old maps have uncovered the location of the *Twin Lakes Mansion* in Section 14 off E. Buell Rd. It burned down (1970s?) but if you know more, contact us!

Dutton Family, 1800's.

We could use some information.

Our rural history...

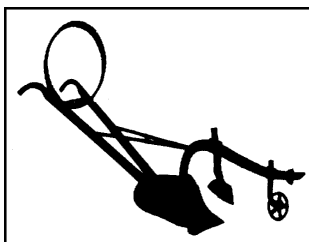
Visit 1879 Flumerfelt Barn to see the collection of local agricultural artifacts your ancestors used here.

Barn on the Move DVD. The story of our 1879 Flumerfelt barn, restored. \$10. Buy it at our events!

Support OTHS!

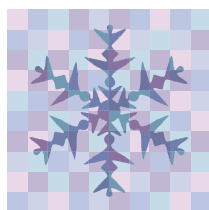
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Save time and expense!



Oakland Township Historical Society

384 West Predmore Road
Oakland, Michigan 48363



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Recycle!

Programs and Events, *make a note of them.*

March 3/6/2013	<i>The Millerites and the Second Coming</i> , Presentation by Maureen Thalmann of Oakland Township.	Membership meeting CLF Main House, 384 W. Predmore 7:00 p.m.
April 4/3/2013	<i>Michigan in the Civil War</i> , movie by Al and Dave Eicher, with popcorn!	Membership Meeting CLF Main House, 384 W. Predmore 7:00 p.m.
May 5/1/2013	<i>Chestnut Hollow</i> , walking tour Vintage collections in unique country setting.	Bruce Township, Macomb County. 2:00p.m. Dinner out after.
June 6/6/2013	<i>CLF Remembered</i> , Annual meeting, elections, Potluck dinner.	CLF 1879 Barn, 384 W. Predmore 6:00 p.m.

Join us!

Donations accepted.

CLF MAIN HOUSE, is *Cranberry Lake Farm Main House and 1879 barn* at 384 W. Predmore Road, Oakland. On Predmore Road, just one quarter mile west of Rochester Road in northern Oakland Township, northern Oakland County, Michigan. Michigan Historical Marker site.

Rochester School closings for weather force rescheduling.
Membership meeting are free and open to the public.

Mission Statement: OTHS is dedicated to gathering, interpreting and preserving the history of Oakland Township.

It's your memory, it's our history, it's worth preserving!