

JHA FOOTNOTES



JHA Update

Our historian, Ken Williams has been working on a timeline that shows the history of the Georgetown Township and Jenison areas. Once completed, we had the challenge of how to display this information. It was decided, with the help of several members, to display near the display discussing the stump fence on the front porch. So, Mike Timmer went to work building and mounting this display under the window on the porch.

This display is very informative, be sure to stop by and take a look during your next visit.



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Are you a Jenison Historical Association Member?

Our membership dues are only \$10 per year to support the association.

Come to any meeting of the Association or Open House, or contact any member. Times and dates of events are listed at the end of this newsletter.

Flag Project

Researched by Ken and Yvonne Williams

In the fall of 2016, a couple of the historical members were cleaning out our small office in the back of the Jenison Historical Association Museum. There was a small box marked 'Flags' that we took off a shelf to inspect. Even though it appeared that the top flag had evidence of disrepair, we carefully took the flags out of the box. In the bottom of the box, were two flags. One flag had 42 stars and the other 46 stars.

In researching these flags, it came to light that these flags could be the catalyst for a display this year at the Museum. Below is some of that research findings on 2 of the most significant flags.

42 Star Flag

Size: 9'6" X 5'4"

Stars: Hand Sewn

Condition: Very good



Date: 1889 – 38 stars were official until November of 1889. North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Washington State were all added the month of November bringing the state count to 42. For 243 days the count remained at 42. On July 3, 1890, one day before the 42 stars would become official, the state of Idaho was added. As a result, the 42 star flag never became official although flag manufacturers may have continued to produce and sell the current flag regardless of the official count. *Information from Web page Rare Flags*

President during the time of the 42 star flag was Benjamin Harrison (In office March 4, 1889 to Mar. 4 1893)

46 Star Flag

Size: 10'10" X 8'

Date: 1908 July 4, 1908-July 3, 1912

Stars: hand sewn, called 'dancing' stars

Condition: good but has some holes, etc.

Identifying information: V. A. Wallin printed on flag margin

You can see both flags and others (like the smaller 46 star flag shown above) from our collection during all open house's during the months of May, June and July.



The Jenison Historical Association would like to give a special thanks to the Campau-Lyon Questers who generously contributed toward the flag display, purchase of 2 large archival flag boxes and large acid free tissue paper used in the display and storage of these historical flags.

Grape Arbor

[Reprinted from JHA Newsletter, October 2003. Submitted at that time by Virginia Timmer]

The pictures below are of the grape arbor at the Jenison Museum. Spring is the perfect time to check out this structure that is original to the house..



The Picture above is dated October, 1911. Ladies standing in front are Mrs. Margaret Husband her daughter Bessie Husband-Hanchet.

The picture below is of Mitch Timmer (brother to Mike Timmer) standing under the grape arbor. Trinity Church is in the background. This is dated March 12, 1972.



In the news

EGG NOG Plenty of the Raw Material Spilled on Campau Place. A team belonging to Mr. Jenison, of Jenisonville, ran away on Canal st. about noon yesterday stirring things up pretty well. Guy Moody was driving them and had just alighted to deliver some eggs. The horses startled and ran like deers. At the corner of Pearl st. and Cherry st., a car happened to be in the way and a great collision occurred. The car wasn't hurt much but the wagon was smashed up in great shape and fresh eggs were at a discount. The team broke away with the tongue dragging, leaving the wagon in front of Spring & Company's. The team ran around into the Eagle barn and were stopped. No one was hurt.

—*Telegram-Herald, Grand Rapids, Mich., August 16, 1891, Sunday Edition., pg.1*

Upcoming Open Houses

It's a Grand Ole Flag,

In this theme, we are researching some of the flags found in our collection.

May 2 (10 A.M. to noon)

May 20 (1-4 P.M.)

June 6 (10 A.M. to noon)

June 17 (1 to 4 PM)

July 15 (1 to 4 PM)

August 1 (10 A.M. to noon)

If you would like to schedule a private tour, please call Ken Williams (see Trustee list for phone)

Jenison Museum Souvenir's

Check out our Gift Shop for many Jenison History items and help support the Association.

Ornaments are \$15 each or buy both for \$25. These make great gifts,

Other items include pictures, stationary, pencils, Bend in the River Books, etc.



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Organization Membership

Historical Society of Michigan

Find us on the registry of the Historical Society of Michigan

www.hsmichigan.org

2016 Association Schedule

Museum Open House Schedule

It's a Grand Ole Flag:

May 2 - 10 AM to Noon

May 20 - 1 to 4 PM

June 6 - 10 AM to Noon

June 17 - 1 to 4 PM

July 15 - 1 to 4 PM

August 1 - 10 AM to Noon

Working & Cruising on the River

September 5 - 10 AM to Noon

September 16 - 1 to 4 PM

October 3 - 10 AM to Noon

October 21 - 1 to 4 PM

Grand Lady Riverboat Ride (watch for ticket availability)

October 14 - Noon to 2 PM

Check out the web site for the entire 2017 schedule

Meeting Schedule

Meetings are all open to the public and held on the **3rd Thursday** of the month at **6:45 PM** at the Georgetown Library, unless noted. Dates of the 2017 year are:

January 19

February 16

March 16

April 20

May 18 (location Rosewood Reformed Church)

June 15 (location Rosewood Reformed Church)

July 20

August 17

September 21

October 19

November 16

>> No meeting in December

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