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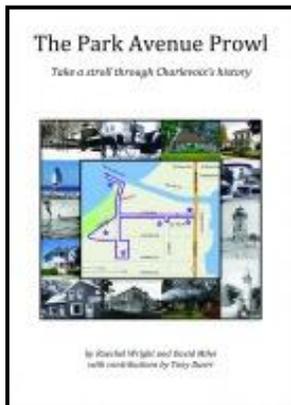
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND OUR UPCOMING EVENTS!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2011 – 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

"Oral History & Genealogy Fair"

Exhibits, activities, displays for all ages
Charlevoix Public Library
220 Clinton Street, Charlevoix, MI

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 7:00 PM

"Almost Famous: History of the Foster Boat Company"

By Geoffrey D. Reynolds
Charlevoix Depot Museum
307 Chicago Ave., Charlevoix

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 7:00 PM

"Beaver Island: Evolving Economics Of Survival"

By Seamus Mullin-Norgaard
Boyne District Library Community Room
201 East Main Street, Boyne City, MI

Mark your calendar for our "Holiday Dinner & Program"

Sunday, November 6, 5:30 PM till ???

More information forthcoming in the
Autumn Newsletter & on our Website

These meetings are free unless otherwise noted, and are open to the public.

Member of the Historical Society of Michigan
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From The President's Pen...



Dear CCHPS Members & Friends,

2011, another great year for CCHPS! The opening of the Undine Exhibit at the Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum was a great success. If you have an interest in the history of Charlevoix County you won't want to miss this exhibit! The Speaker Series has gone exceptionally well, with the Oral History and Genealogy Fair, Foster Boat Works and Beaver Island still to come.

The board members and volunteers are hard at work planning the Holiday Dinner, next year's speaker series, future newsletters, website changes and continued progress on existing CCHPS projects. It is certainly my pleasure to serve as president this year, and work with a board made up of such selfless and dedicated individuals.

We certainly hope you enjoy this newsletter! Georganna and Sue have outdone themselves as usual!

Respectfully,

Mark Postma

Organizational Details...

At our annual meeting on July 25th, director Tony Duerr was re-elected to fill one of four open positions on the Board of Directors. At our August meeting of the Board of Directors, officers were elected. Officers for the 2011-2012 fiscal year are: Mark Postma, President, Georganna Monk, Vice President, Tony Duerr, Secretary, and Jane Prebble, Treasurer.

Reachel Wright and Patrick McCleary have resigned from the CCHPS Board of Directors due to work and family obligations. They will continue to be active and supportive members of CCHPS. Their service on the board has been exemplary and while we are saddened by their resignations, we certainly understand and wish them well in their endeavors.

Our Congrats Go Out To... **CCHPS members:** George Lasater, winner of the prestigious Gov. John B. Swainson Award by the Michigan Historical Commission during a ceremony in the state Capitol building in Lansing, and David Miles, who was honored as the 2011 Margaret Duerr Award recipient. Way to go George and David!

Our Thanks Go Out To...

EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE OUR UNDINE EVENT SO SUCCESSFUL!

The Undine team (Patrick McCleary, Georganna Monk, and Jerry Hummel) would like to recognize the following people and organizations for their contributions to the Undine Exhibit, and for helping to lay the groundwork for the publication planned for 2012 release. Please let us know if we inadvertently left anyone out!

The **Charlevoix Historical Society**, for inviting us to collaborate on this exhibit and for providing the venue and public visibility, which we hope will result in additional information and research leads.

Mike and Rhea Dow, for generously underwriting the Opening Reception for the exhibit.

Monarch Garden and Floral Design of Petoskey, for providing floral arrangements for the Opening Reception.

Raechel Wright, for creating the Undine postcards, and working with our on-line publishers.

Rob Maxwell for the fantastic photo documentation the night of the event.

Mark Postma, for the large sign advertising the exhibit opening.

Karen Walker, photographic artist and owner of the Karen Walker Studio in East Jordan, for repairing and restoring several of the photographs to be used in the exhibit.

Pam at A Step Above Copies in Petoskey, for her assistance in printing the exhibit images.

Our **twenty online volunteers from around the world** for transcribing material to be used in the Undine publication. We would especially like to recognize **Jennifer, Julienne, Diane, Lisa, and Sarah**, who transcribed more than 5000 words each!

Lynn Maxwell and **Raechel Wright** for fully transcribing the various Halsted family documents.

Murray and JoAnn Follette of Boyne City, for their generous loan of the original Undine schoolhouse bell, a focal point of our exhibit.

The **many people from across the country**, who have shared their stories, photographs, family history information and other memorabilia pertaining to the Undine Settlement and its residents. It is only with their generosity and willingness to assist that we could ever have undertaken a project of this magnitude.

Would You Like To Help With the Undine Project?

Purchase keepsake postcards featuring photographs from the exhibit, at the Harsha House Museum and Pine River Books in Charlevoix, at all CCHPS events, and on our website. The address side of each postcard includes a caption that explains the historic picture on the front.

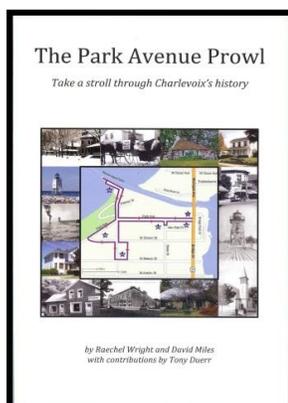
Our signature image, below left, can be purchased as a postcard for \$1. A set of six postcards, below right, each featuring a striking photograph from the exhibit, can be purchased for \$5. For more information, call Georganna at 231-582-5326.

Proceeds from the sale of postcards will be used to publish the Undine book in 2012.



What's New With...

THE PARK AVENUE PROWL



A little more than two years ago the Park Avenue Prowl website was launched. Since then, people have visited it more than 25,000 times, and many have taken the walk to see Charlevoix's oldest buildings and historic sites. In response to many requests for a printed version of the walk, the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society (CCHPS) has published ***The Park Avenue Prowl: A Stroll Through Charlevoix's History*** written by CCHPS members Raechel Wright, David Miles, and Tony Duerr.

You can purchase the 76-page book at all CCHPS events and at two stops on the Prowl: Pine River Books, LLC at 104 Park Avenue and the Harsha House Museum at 103 State Street. The proceeds from the sale of the book support the programs and services of the CCHPS and CHS.

What's New With...**THE 1910 WATER WORKS BUILDING**

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley and former State Representative Kevin Elsenheimer, along with officials from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), came to Boyne City Wednesday July 20, 2011 for the ribbon cutting ceremony at the 1910 Water Works Building. Calley attended because state grants helped improve the city water system and restore the 100-year-old building which is located at the intersection of Park and Division Streets. They joined many city officials, residents and CCHPS members for the celebration. CCHPS member Candy Brennen braved the heat and took pictures of the event for CCHPS. Candy is also a member of Questers Petoskey Chapter who recently chose to contribute to CCHPS, in support of its efforts to construct a historical display inside the Water Works Building.

The Water Works Building in Boyne City was built in 1910 and is the oldest building the city owns. For more than 30 years, the building sat vacant and wasn't being used, but it has received a facelift, and Wednesday the ribbon was cut. Boyne City City Manager Michael Cain said "The suggestion came up from our waste water superintendent how about restoring it to part of our active water system, and through that, we were able to get some grants, put in a lot of city money in regards to it, also some private donations, and what we have today is a success of all of these efforts,"

The Water Works Building will now have public restrooms for passersby on the multi-use path and will soon be the new home of a historical interpretation center. For more information on how you can help, go to www.cchps.info.

**Upcoming Program Particulars ...****"ORAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGY FAIR" Saturday, August 27, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Charlevoix Public Library.**

The **Charlevoix County History Preservation Society** and the **Charlevoix Public Library** will be sponsoring the Oral History & Genealogy Fair for adults and youth curious about local history, interested in recording their own oral histories or those of family members and neighbors, or considering researching their family genealogy. The Charlevoix Public Library will host the fair, from 10 am to 2 pm. The event is free, and open to the public, with activities for all ages. A total of nine area organizations will be participating. We wish to thank **Susan Galbraith and Dr. and Mrs. John Tanton** for their generous donations to the assist with Fair expenses.

Raven Hill Discovery Center will bring its "History To Go!" program, featuring hands-on history activities from pioneer times. Adults and youth can experience life in the 1800s with a variety of interactive memorabilia. Families will actively explore pioneer life – food, clothing, toys, and school.

Real People Media will show several films from its Digital Arts Storytelling program, including a recording of a story told by Odawa elder, Veronica Medicine, with stop-motion animation by local teens. The exhibit will also have information about the group's Folklore to Film project, which seeks to preserve local history and culture. At 11:00, Executive Director and filmmaker Rebecca Glotfelty will give a 30-minute talk entitled "Move from Information Gathering to Storytelling: Establish a Connection."

Norwood Area Historical Society will have photos, books, and other historical materials about Norwood, the small community with a fascinating history. The organization will sell raffle tickets for its 2011 quilt "Norwood Nines," and offer various items for sale, including Nancy Ritema's book *Norwood: A Legacy of North Woods Living*.

Job Winslow Chapter, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, will show short videos about the Daughters of the American Revolution and the DAR Library in Washington, D.C., offer materials about the Constitution, provide its family bible preservation service (digitize and preserve the family information in your Bible), and have a drawing for ten hours of free genealogical research.

Emmet County Genealogy Society will provide various resources and talk with people interested in genealogy. They'll also be selling its cookbooks and digital and printed copies of past newsletters.

Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will provide free resources and assistance for those embarking upon family genealogy projects. They'll also be offering original and area history publications and a number of original vintage photographic prints for sale, and fee-based one-on-one genealogy research on the day of the fair. Jump-start your family genealogy project!

Charlevoix Public Library exhibit will showcase library resources and will feature Charlevoix Oral Traditions, a set of 20 DVD recordings of local patrons telling their stories of Charlevoix. Ancestry.com will be available on library computers.

Charlevoix Historical Society will showcase various services and resources available to those researching local families and history, including a collection of 15,000 historic photos, their oral history collection, reference materials, and several publications. They'll also offer various items for sale.

Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will have two teams of interviewers recording the oral histories of long-time area residents during the fair. They'll be available to talk with you about recording your oral history, and will schedule an interview if you are interested. CCHPS will also display information about its Undine project, the subject of its year-long exhibit at the Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum. Visitors will be invited to help CCHPS identify people from the lost lumber settlement in historic photos, and share their family stories about Undine. Local history gift items, including Undine souvenir postcards and the recently-published Park Avenue Prowl book, will be offered for sale.

A complete schedule of events, brochure, and list of exhibitors are available for download on the CCHPS website, www.cchps.info. Please bring your family and friends! This event is free and open to the public.

"ALMOST FAMOUS: FOSTER BOAT COMPANY" Monday, September 26, at 7:00 PM at the Charlevoix Depot Museum

Geoffrey D. Reynolds, archivist and noted history expert and editor, will present his program, "Almost Famous: History of the Foster Boat Company" using his research and images gathered over the years. Charlevoix, Michigan has been the home for many successful ship and pleasure boat builders since the middle of the 19th century. The Foster Boat Company made its mark on the pleasure craft industry, military establishment and growing recreational consumer base. This company provided a boat-hungry middle class an affordable, light, speedy, yet sturdy pleasure craft for their families. During their short history, they played host to a few well-known personalities from Charlevoix, Michigan and elsewhere, like Harry G. Foster.

Geoffrey D. Reynolds has been the Director of the Joint Archives of Holland at Hope College since July 2001. Previous to that he served as the collections archivist since January 1997. He graduated from Wayne State University with a Masters in Library and Information Science (MLIS) and an Archival Administration Certificate in 1995.

He has worked at various times for Infoflo as a records management specialist, Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, General Motors Media Archives and Little Caesar's Enterprises on its Detroit Tiger baseball club archival materials. He currently serves as the treasurer of the Dutch-American Historical Commission, membership chairperson for the Association for the Advancement of Dutch American Studies, webmaster of the Michigan Oral History Association, Executive Director of the Holland Area Historical Society, newsletter and yearbook editor of the Water Wonderland Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, and member of the History Advisory Council for Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park.

His research and writing interests include the pleasure boat building industry of Holland and vintage race boat history. Don't miss this exciting event at the Charlevoix Depot Museum, 307 Chicago Ave, Charlevoix.

"BEAVER ISLAND: EVOLVING ECONOMICS OF SURVIVAL" Monday, October 24th, at 7:00 PM in the Boyne District Library Community Room

Join the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society on Monday, October 24th, at 7:00 PM in the Boyne District Library Community Room for a historic and evolutionary sketch of one the Great Lakes' island's nature-based means of survival. Featuring clips from first-person video interviews conducted for the Beaver Island Historical Society, this presentation will offer moving personal accounts of both the pride and rigors of fishing and logging for a living. Expect to hear some inspiring stories and gain personal insights into some of Beaver Island's historic nature-based means of sustenance.



Presenter Seamus Norgaard, a history and environment professor and interviewer for the Beaver Island Historical Society, will offer an environmental perspective of how Beaver Island is transitioning from a past dependence on resource extraction, toward a future based on the technologies of information, research, history, and environmental appreciation.

Past Program Highlights...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RAVEN HILL!

The third of the CCHPS 2011 speaker and event program was a celebration of the Raven Hill Discovery Center. Founders Tim and Cheri Leach have established a unique, exciting location where children and adults can appreciate science, history and the arts with hands-on activities and explorations. On the evening of May 23, 2011 Cheri Leach described the establishment, mission, history, and growth of Raven Hill in the Center's newly built Warren Loranger Great Room.

Which Birthday was it? It depends on whether one dates the Center from its incorporation, first structure, or public opening. But the opening in May 1992 is a good place from which to date its beginning. Cheri Leach illustrated the growth of the Center with projected photos. Every year of its existence has seen the addition or expansion of structures, displays, activities, pavilions, trails, and exhibits. The Center has seen remarkable growth – a testament to the vision and energy of its founders and the value placed on it by appreciative visitors.

It's still a work in progress but starting from a small museum the Center now includes an outdoor Stone Labyrinth, One Room Schoolhouse, an 1895 Caboose, Tree House, Print Shop, the Ancient World, and an Alternative Energy House. That's just a taste of what is there. Displays and activities exist in mind boggling profusion such as a Jurassic Park, Earth Tones Music Garden, Taxonomic Trail, Smallville, a Rock Wall, a lighted Periodic Table, Animal Room, Magnetic Table, Display Boxes, etc.

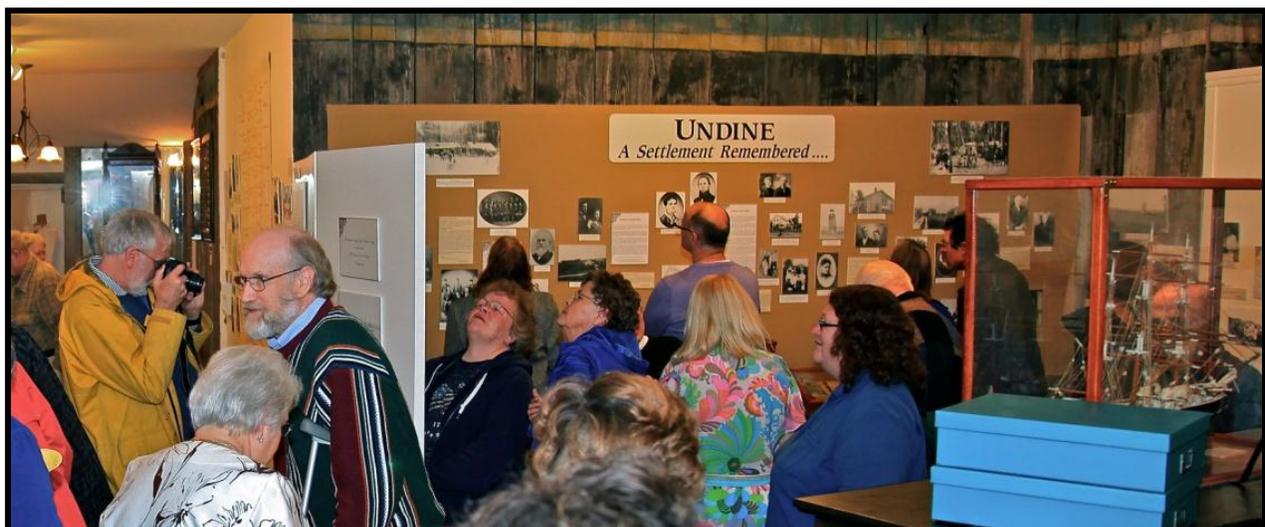


If you haven't been there....go. Take a young visitor and be prepared for delight. The Raven Hill Discovery Center is located at 4737 Fuller Road between East Jordan and Boyne City, just off C-48 at Pearsall Road and within Mile 15 of the Breezeway.

UNDINE- A SETTLEMENT REMEMBERED...EXHIBIT OPENING & WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION

The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society's exhibit of photographs, documents, and artifacts documenting the now ghost town settlement of Undine was launched at an Opening Reception held on the evening of June 24 at the Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum. More than 150 persons attended the event, making it the largest such affair ever held at the museum. Sponsored in part by CCHPS members Mark and Rhea Dow, the wine and cheese reception provided an opportunity to showcase a portion of the impressive collection assembled and organized mainly through the efforts of CCHPS members Patrick McCleary, Jerry Hummel, and Georganna Monk.

Located in Charlevoix County's Hayes Township, the settlement of Undine flourished as a lumbering, sawmill, and farming community from the 1870s into the early 1900s. Named for a mythical water nymph, the community of Undine found its place on the map in 1880 with the establishment of the Undine Post Office. But by the mid 1890s the nearby forests had been depleted and the mill operation was moved to Charlevoix. Little remains to mark the location of the settlement today but motorists on the Charlevoix-Boyne City Road can easily see the Undine Cemetery and the relocated Undine schoolhouse.



In the exhibit, photographs, excerpts from historic documents, heirloom items from pioneer families, and artifacts are organized to introduce visitors to the individuals, families, events, and activities that transformed a portion of Charlevoix County wilderness into a thriving lumber based community. "Undine ... A Settlement Remembered" will remain on display at the Harsha House Museum through June 2012.

THE HISTORY OF THE GAR AND SUVCW

The 2011 CCHPS speaker series continued on July 25, 2011 at the Boyne District Library Community Room. Speakers Dale Aurand, Tom Jenkins, and Gerald Grieve discussed the history of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. All three are active in Robert Finch Camp No. 14 of the SUVCW in Traverse City, Michigan.

Named for the Grand Army that marched in Washington D. C. after the end of the Civil War, the GAR was formed by Union veterans in 1866. It was one of the first advocacy groups in American politics and lobbied for pensions for Civil War veterans and widows. At one time it had more than 400,000 members. The GAR was dissolved in 1956 when its last members had died. The Sons of Veterans of the United States of America was founded by the GAR in 1881. Its name was changed in 1925 to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). Legislation signed into law by President Eisenhower granted a federal charter to the SUVCW which became heir to and representative of the GAR.

As explained by the speakers the SUVCW perpetuates honor to Civil War veterans by caring for Civil War memorials and graves. The Robert Finch Camp No. 14 has 11 north central and north west Michigan counties in its jurisdiction and is working on a data base of



Civil War veteran graves. It participates in patriotic ceremonies and in cooperation with descendants of Civil War veterans and the Veteran's Administration assists in obtaining grave markers. Recently stones were obtained for two unmarked graves of 1st Michigan Sharpshooter Company K veterans John Jacko and William Isaac. These Native American veterans are buried in Boyne City's Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Following their talk, the speakers presented a video of a rededication ceremony at the grave of Civil War veteran John Sinclair who had been buried in 1913 in an unmarked grave in the GAR section of a cemetery in Traverse City. The ceremony included rituals used by the Gar and SUVCW since 1914.



The Past Finder...

If you have been following along with the suggestions being presented within this column over the past few issues, I hope that you have by now, had some success in documenting your own family's history. Having done so, you may also have run into your first experiences with what genealogists refer to as "brick walls." Don't let these get you down... they are simply part of the challenge of researching one's past. Following are some "hints" that I have shared with some of my workshop participants over the years. These are not meant to be diehard "rules." Instead, they reflect noticeable "trends" among our early ancestors. Perhaps these will give you some insight into some of the more commonplace "brick walls" that you may encounter as you continue or begin your journey into your heritage.

- Average age for women to marry was 20, rarely before 16.
- Average age for men to marry was 24, rarely before 16.
- There are approximately three generations per century.
- First marriages were usually between couples near the same age. Women generally outlived their husbands, but older widowers frequently married much younger women who had never been married before.
- Births generally occurred at two year intervals. Frequently the first child was born a year after marriage. As a woman aged the intervals between births grew slightly. Child bearing generally ended around age 45.
- Families and neighbors usually migrated together from their previous location. Women rarely traveled alone.
- Men usually married from within their neighborhood, but if a seemingly "strange" woman turns up, check the man's former home for that name and surname. Men often returned to their prior residence to find a wife.
- If you can't find an old parent, chances are he/she "went west" with a son.
- If you have a male ancestor born around 1840, strongly consider Civil War service.
- If your ancestor has a "virtue name" (e.g., Patience, Charity, Silence) consider a New England heritage.
- Children were often named for grandparents, both male and female.
- Frequently, middle names and even first names were the mother's or grandmother's name or surname, especially if the name was repeated through several related families. An odd name or an odd spelling of a name can sometimes indicate that a surname is being repeated in a subsequent generation (e.g. A man named Lawrence, whose name is spelled Lorenz or Lowerance.)

A Special Invitation...

The Mission of the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society is to promote understanding and appreciation of the heritage of the people of Charlevoix County and its townships by searching out, collecting, preserving, and interpreting artifacts of historical and cultural significance. Membership in the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society is open to anyone interested in furthering the mission, objectives, and purposes of the society. Would you or someone you know be interested in helping us to preserve our county's history? You can participate in a variety of ways... but it begins with the first step. Won't you please take that step and join us?

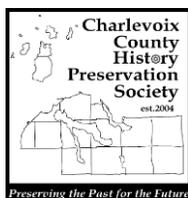
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