



Leonard - McGlone House

Old News

Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society

PO Box 15 Caro MI, 48723

Our 35th year of Preserving Local History

December 2007

Editors, JoAnn Gray & Esther Gorashko - Published by Dave Celani

A letter from our President.

We were successful this year in receiving a grant from the Tuscola County Community Foundation in the amount of \$4500.00 for the purpose of re-roofing the Leonard-McGlone house in Watrousville, MI. The re-roofing project included the removal of the existing shingles and underlayment down to the original roof boards. The chimney on the original section of the house was also removed as it was not economically repairable. The roof was then covered with 7/16 inch OSB, new drip edge installed, ice shield and 15# felt installed, and the roof shingled with Landmark TL Ultimate shingles of a shake design. The total cost of the project was \$6300.00 with the balance coming from the Society's treasury. The materials were all purchased from Vassar Building Center and the contractor performing the work was Chris Speakerman from C&R Construction in Reese.

In 2008 we hope to repair/replace the fascia boards as well as the siding boards that are in need of repair. We intend to repair wherever possible to maintain the historical integrity. We also plan to repair/replace the windows and doors. As of this newsletter we have not found a contractor that will replicate the windows. If anyone knows of someone that would be interested in doing this type of work, even if on a part time basis, please let me know.

Our 35th anniversary Founders Day dinner in September was a huge success with close to 100 people attending. Dr. Frederick W. Roberts, a Dermatologist in Caro, was our guest speaker and presented an excellent historical program on Civil War medicine. A special thanks to Eastham Cleaners and Collins Funeral Home for their generous donation to the Founders Day dinner.

Our Society continues to need members interested in preserving the areas historical past. I welcome all of you to attend our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Juniata Township Hall in Watrousville.

Additionally, I would encourage you to look at our website at www.watrousville.com

On behalf of the officers and board of directors I would like to extend our wishes for a Happy Hanukkah, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cal Jewett, President

2007 marked our 35th year of Preserving Local History. A limited number of Coffee Mugs with the above logo are available from the museum Gift Shop. Contact Esther Gorashko at 823-2360 for further information.

Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society

Officers

President – Cal Jewett

Vice President – Ann Ransford

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A Brief Summary of the Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand 6/12/2007
\$21,089.49
Receipts: **1,682.59**
Disbursements: **-7,455.58**
Balance on Hand 10/09/2007
\$15,316.50

Checking Account **\$9,047.01**
Museum Fund **\$1,974.97**
Memorial Fund **\$4294.52**
TOTAL \$15,316.50

A complete and detailed copy of the current Treasurer's Report is available to any member on request.

JoAnn Gray, Treasurer

Leonard- McGlone House Donations to Date

Monica Adams
Donald J. Kanicki
Don & Marian Strieter
John & Maurine Gornick
Virginia Douglas
Don & Pauline Leonard
Al & Esther Gorashko
Debra Videna Conley
Pauline Leonard Memorials
Ann Ransford
Cheryl Workman
Bob and Shirley Rundress
Tuscola County Comm. Foundation
Caro Lions
Caro V.F.W. Post 4164
United Way
Detroit Edison (Matching Gifts)

The **Watrousville Museum** at
4607 W. Caro Road in
Watrousville, is open
June thru September
on Thursday's from 1-4 pm
and the
1st and 3rd Saturday 1-4 pm
and by appointment

Politics in the 1850s.

The names of many of the politicians of the 1850s are still remembered today for the work they did in shaping our local and federal governments.

Watrousville is an unincorporated community in Juniata Township at the junction of M-81 and Ringle Rd. After the first white settler, Patrick McGlone, arrived in 1851 and opened an inn, the place was known as "McGlone Corners". Aaron Watrous worked with a lumber crew on the Cass River in 1852 and built a mill here in 1853. He platted the village and became the first postmaster in December 1855. The 1850's were busy days in Watrousville, just as they were in Washington DC and the Michigan State Capitol. Millard **Fillmore** was president, Daniel **Webster** was Secretary of State, Thomas **Corwin** was Secretary of Treasury, Charles **Conrad** was Secretary of War, John **Crittenden** was Attorney General, Nathan **Hall** was Postmaster General, William **Graham** was Secretary of the Navy, and Alexander **Stuart** was Secretary of the Interior. John **Barry** was Governor of Michigan and Alpheus **Felch** and Lewis **Cass** were Senators.

Find the BOLD Names in the puzzle below. Solution on back page.

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ABOVE – Norm Daniels and crew prepare the dinner.

ABOVE RIGHT – Dinner music was provided by Dee Dee Tibbits.

RIGHT – Dr. Frederick W. Roberts gave a presentation on Civil War Medicine.

Founders Day Dinner

2007



New Roof for the Leonard House



Chris Speakerman and crew from C&R Construction installed a new roof on the Leonard-McGlone House.



Richard Peter spoke on "Rails To Trails" at our October Meeting.

We now have a presence on the Internet. Our website address is www.watrousville.com - Although the website is still under construction, we will be adding to it as we go. If you have internet access, please check us out and let us know what information we should add.

Dave Celani will be taking care of the web site and can be reached at dave@watrousville.com

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The Historical Society meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month (with a few exceptions) at 7:30 p.m. at the Juniata Township Hall, 1971 S. Ringle Road in Watrousville. The Township Hall is a red brick one-room schoolhouse dating back to the 1890s. The Historical Society has the Museum at 4607 W. Caro Road in Watrousville and is currently restoring the Leonard - McGlone House at 4592 W. Caro Road, also in Watrousville.

Additional information is available from -

**JoAnn Gray, 989-823-3638 or
Esther Gorashko, 989-823-2360**

**We are collecting
cash register receipts
(Community Share Points)
from VG's Supermarket
Be sure to turn them in to Esther.**

**If you have a suggestion
for a speaker at our
monthly meeting, please
contact**

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