



Leonard - McGlone House

Old News

Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society

PO Box 15 Caro MI, 48723

Our 37th year of Preserving Local History

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A Letter from our President.

In the summer of 2008, we contracted with D.W. Nicol from Cass City to build and install five new windows for the front of the Leonard-McGlone house. The new windows will replicate the existing windows including installation of period glass. We were limited to replacing only five windows at this time due to our funds. We have also applied for a grant from the Tuscola County Community Foundation (TCCF) to complete the remaining nine windows on the first floor of the house. In addition to replacing the first floor windows, we hope to be able to replace the three entry doors in the near future.

For those of you that are not familiar with the Leonard-McGlone house it is located at 4592 W. Caro Rd. in Watrousville. You may have a personalized tour of the house by calling any of the society's officers.

The Society's June meeting is always dedicated to the veterans buried at the Watrousville cemetery. The Caro VFW Post #4164 and the Caro American Legion Post #7 conducted this years event. After the ceremonies, refreshments were had at the Society's Museum in Watrousville.

Our 36th anniversary Founders Day dinner was held on September 9th, 2008 with 89 attendees. Jim Haywood, a meteorologist from the State of Michigan, was our guest speaker who presented "Ghosts of Civil War Battlefields"

The Tuscola County Community Foundation (TCCF) has been very generous to the Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society and is the major source of our grant funding. Donations to the TCCF may be made with the stipulation that the funds be dedicated to the preservation of historical buildings in Tuscola County.

Donations made are charitable and are deductible from federal income tax and provide a Michigan income tax credit up to \$200 (for a donation of \$400).

Our Society continues to need members interested in preserving the areas historical past. I invite 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. We have a short business meeting followed by a guest speaker presenting historical or contemporary programs. We then enjoy refreshments provided by the ladies of the society.

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

Cal Jewett

CARO LIBRARY DISPLAY



This June, we had a display at the Caro Area District Library of "Baby Clothes from Early Watrousville"

Watrousville-Caro Area Historical Society

Officers

President – Cal Jewett

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A Brief Summary of the Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand 6/13/2008
\$15,906.20
Receipts: **1361.99**
Disbursements: **-3,401.24**
Balance on Hand 11/11/2008
\$13,866.92

Checking Account **\$8,369.90**
Museum Fund **\$3,126.68**
Memorial Fund **\$2,370.34**
TOTAL \$13,866.92

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 by appointment

TUSCOLA COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Tuscola County was organized in 1850, but the first term of the Circuit Court was not held until May 25, 1852. There being no business to transact, the court was adjourned.

The second term of the circuit court was held in Vassar in May of 1854. A grand jury was ordered and two indictments found. One against Milton Whitney, a justice of the peace in Arbela Township, the other against Mary E. McFarland for murder. She gave bail for her appearance for trial at the next term of court, in the sum of \$1000.

A year later, on May 22, 1855, Mary E. McFarland was tried and acquitted of murder.

This was the first jury case in the circuit court. The jury was composed of DeWit **NORTON**, Milo **GATES**, Dennis **SPOONER**, John D. **JOSLIN**, David G. **SLATER**, Alfred **HOLMES**, Elliot **BURNET**, Joshua D. **SMITH**, John **BAKER**, Oliver **DICKENSON**, Charles **ANTHONY**, and David H. **ANDREWS**

Find the names in BOLD in the puzzle below-Answer on back page.

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Records of the Watrousville cemetery list:
McFarland, Mary, b. 9 Nov 1830, d. 24 Nov 1908, wife



Founders'
Day
Dinner

2008



Henry Sugden lighting candles for the deceased members at the dinner

Seated Left to Right at the dinner:
George and Sue Pryor,
Marsha and Cal Jewett,
and speaker, James G. Haywood



LEFT: Weldon Petz, PHD - Lincoln Lecturer Scholar
and Al Gorashko with the 35 star Flag



RIGHT: Marsha Jewett holding the 35 star flag at
the Watrousville Museum



Juniata Township Cemetery celebration
on June 10, 2008

For June 2009, the Historical Society will have
a display at the Caro Library on
"Doctors and Medicine in early Watrousville."

Al Gorashko has compiled
an interesting History of Watrousville
for our website at

www.watrousville.com

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Glenn Eastham

Ann Ransford

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
Esther Gorashko,
989-823-2360**

