



**HUBBARDSTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
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**COMING EVENTS**

**Sunday, Aug. 8, 12:00-3:00 p.m.**

Charter Member Dr. John Lattimer, Columbia University, N.Y. - Lecture and Slide Show on "Lindberg"

American Legion Post 182 at 3:00 PM  
Chicken Barbecue-serving from Noon

**Thursday, August 26, 6:00 p.m.**

Antique Clothing - Fall Social Potluck Dinner  
Masonic Tuscan Lodge - Public Welcome

**Thursday, September 23, 7:00 p.m.**

"Barns of Bloomer"-Tom Haradine  
Celtic Path @ 7:00PM

**Thursday, October 28, 7:00 p.m.**

Ruth Brooks-"Doll Repair"  
Celtic Path @ 7:00PM

**Thursday, November 18, 7:00p.m.**

"Tonsorial Delight" Barber Al Kelly  
Straight Razor Demo on Volunteers  
Celtic Path @ 7:00 PM

**December**

Holiday Break-No meetings

**Thursday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.**

"Burr Smith" Greenville Daily News  
Hubbardston History  
Celtic Path @ 7:00PM

**Thursday, February 24, 7:00 p.m.**

Show and Tell  
Celtic Path @ 7:00 PM

**Thursday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.**

Mary Caris - "Colonial Recipes"  
Board of Directors Nominations  
Celtic Path @ 7:00PM

**Thursday, April 28, 7:00 p.m.**

Dept. of Michigan State-Schafer Heating  
Board of Directors Candidates Roster  
Celtic Path @ 7:00PM

**Saturday, May 26, 11:30-3:00 p.m.**

Third Annual HAHS Meeting, Social,  
Membership Drive and Election  
St. John the Baptist Parish Hall

**Remember-as of June 1, 2004, it's time to renew your membership to keep your newsletters coming. 1 year-\$15; 5 years-\$60, 1 year free!**

**Second Annual Meeting**

**The Year 2003-2004 in Review**

Approximately 125 persons gathered on the beautiful sunshiny morning of May 29<sup>th</sup> to greet friends, enjoy Irish Stew, view the fabulous Hubbardston Irish Dancers and hear our own Alyssa Schafer sing "Danny Boy." What a talent! She is a soloist and an Irish dancer also!

Phil McKenna and Julianne Burns McKenna brought us up to date on the year's achievements and gave credit to the wonderful cooperation evident in the community enabling HAHS to grow so amazingly in such a short time with such enthusiasm.

Handouts were available for all to collect for their personal files, while co-chair Julianne listed the events of the year in concise form, recounting the successes of our fledgling organization.

Nine General Meetings were held with fantastic speakers, close to 300 members accounted for, a fund-raiser-the Andy Cooney Irish Band from New York was a smash success, four newsletters were enjoyed by all, and \$8000 was deposited into our treasury from all of these sources. After expenditures, we are in great shape to start the new fiscal year, June 1, 2004. Jennifer Churchill explained the "First Families of the Four Corners," eligible to all members who can document a direct descendant living in this area prior to December 31, 1880. (More details at the August 26th Social)

Bud Howard gave an update on the search for a permanent site for HAHS. Pat Baese has been wonderful to us, but she just doesn't have the room to spare for our needs as a research and display center. Guest speaker, Gerald Benedict from Sand Point, Idaho (formerly of Lebanon Township in his youth) gave us a preview of his new book, I Had the Right to Remain Silent, which details his early life in the Hubbardston area and his lifetime career as Special Agent for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in the "Hills of Appalachia."

Joanne Howard and Pete Burns gave a presentation on their new book, Hubbardston Genealogy 1780-

**An older Jewish gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery when he asked to see his son, a renowned surgeon who was performing the operation. "Yes dad, what is it?"**

**"Don't be nervous, son; do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me...your mother is going to come home and live with you and your wife..."**

1930, plus “A Bit of History” and “A Bit of Blarney, Too” which has been selling beyond expectations.

Board Members elected were: Julianne Burns McKenna, Phil McKenna, Marie Sweet, Duane Fahey, Jack Fahey and Pat Baese. (Jack Stoddard tied with Pat, but withdrew his name to avoid a run-off)

Phil McKenna adjourned the meeting with a summation of the opportunities presented by these meetings to unite old friends, applaud Julianne Burns for the leadership of our organization, and recognize the motivating forces for their efforts: Russ and Cindy Howard for the great dinner, Allen and Janet Kelly and their crew for set-up and clean-up, Pat Baese for her ‘dancers’ and ‘on the scene’ contributions, and all of our faithful membership for their attendance and support.

**There are three orders of saints:**

**Those who are a glory on the mountaintops;**

**Those who are gleams on the sides of the hills,**

**And those who are just a few faint lights down in the valleys. (St. Patrick) And what is more warming than the faint lights in the valleys welcoming us home.**

**HAHS Officers for 2004-2005**

**Co-Chairs:** Julianne Burns and Phil McKenna

**Vice-Chair:** Jack Fahey

**Treasurer:** Mark Stoddard

**Secretary:** Marie Sweet

**Standing Committees for 2004-2005**

Each individual named will appoint their own committee members to assist them. Each committee may engage as few or as many volunteers as needed including non-members if necessary for expertise on special projects or activities.

**Newsletter:** Joanne Howard

**Genealogy:** Pete Burns

**Collections/Artifacts:** Helen Hoskins

**Legal:** Mark Stoddard

**Media:** Jennifer Churchill

**Communications/Web:** Duane Fahey

**Memorial Weekend Booth:** Jack Fahey

**Calendar of Events:** Allen Kelly

**Membership:** Joanne Howard

**August Meeting:** Allen Kelly

**Nominations Committee:** Bud Howard

**Committee for Preservation of Data:** Pete Burns

**Site Selection Committee:** Jack Stoddard/Bud Howard

**HAHS Message Display Case:** Jack Stoddard

Eleven people, ten men and one woman, were hanging on a rope under a helicopter which was not strong enough to carry them all, so they decided one would have to leave or they would all die. They weren't able to name that person until the lone woman gave a very touching speech. She said she would voluntarily let go of the rope because as a woman she was used to giving up things for her husband and kids, or for people in general and was used to making sacrifices with little in return. As soon as she finished her speech, all the men started clapping their hands...

**It Really Is In The Genes!**

In Music, the ancient Irish were highly celebrated. It is stated in the latter end of the 11<sup>th</sup> century about AD 1098, Griffith ap Conan, Prince of Wales who had resided a long time in Ireland, brought with him to Wales, “diverse cunning musicians, who devised in manner all the

instrumental music upon the Harp and Crowth that is there used, and made laws of minstrelsy to retain the musicians in due order.” It appears that the famous Welsh bards were indebted for their knowledge of the harp, chiefly to the Irish. Giraldus Cambrensis, the Sec. of King John, who came to Ireland with the Anglo-Normans in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, was a Welshman, and a learned ecclesiastic; he extols the skill of the Irish in music, and says that in his time they excelled in music and minstrelsy over all the European nations.

**Ah, being young is beautiful, but being older is comfortable!**

**Facts about the Irish and the White House**

It is approaching the time when we have to make a decision on the leadership of our country. The Scotch and Irish haven't done too badly through history.

For the purposes of their search for ancestral presidential homesteads, the Ulster-Scot Historical Foundation accepted only those of direct Scotch-Irish descent. The number amounts to ten. In all they occupied the White House for 56 of the 92 years between the start of Andrew Jackson's term of office and the finish of Woodrow Wilson's. However, it must be noted that Harry Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower both claim Scotch-Irish bloodlines. President Richard Millhouse Nixon was also descended from a Millhouse ancestor who was born in Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim. And Ronald Reagan claims Co. Tipperary as his ancestral homestead.

The list becomes all the more impressive when it is realized that three of the ten, President Jackson, Buchanan and Arthur were first generation Americans, i.e., presidents whose fathers were born in Ulster. Andrew Jackson left it on record that he only just made it since he was born on the ship in New York Harbor as it sailed from Ulster.

**Andrew Jackson-President 1829-1837**

About one mile north from the 13<sup>th</sup> century Norman castle in Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, lies the village of Boneybefore where the future president father and mother Andrew and Elizabeth lived before setting sail for America in 1765. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century their home at Boneybefore was pulled down to make way for the railroad from Belfast to Larne.

**James Polk –President 1845-1849**

James Knox Polk was descended from an Ulster family settled in the Londonderry area. His great- great- great-grandfather settled in America in 1680.

James Buchanan – President 1857-1861

James Buchanan, senior, father of the future president, who immigrated to Philadelphia, was descended from George Buchanan of Blairlisk, Scotland, who settled in Deroran, near Omagh, County Tyrone in 1674. One of George's descendants moved to Donegal and the latter's grandson was the father of the president.

**Andrew Johnson- President 1865-1869**

is reputed to have come from a family in humble circumstance who lived in the neighborhood of Larne, Co. Antrim, until the president's grandfather. Andrew Johnson immigrated to America about 1750.

### **Ulysses Simpson Grant – President 1869-1877**

Federal Commander in the Civil War was of Scotch-Irish extraction through his mother, Hannah Simpson, who came from a Dungannon, Co. Tyrone family.

**Old age is when former classmates are so gray and wrinkled and bald, they don't recognize you.**

### **Chester Alan Arthur- President 1881-1885**

At Dreen, Co. Antrim, thirty miles from Belfast, stands the farmhouse traditionally associated with the forbears of Chester Alan Arthur. His grandfather emigrated in 1816 with his son William, who became a clergyman and was father of the president.

**Grover Cleveland –President 1885-89 and 1893-97** was of Scotch-Irish descent on his mother's side. She was the daughter of Abner Neal, who immigrated to America from Co. Antrim late in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

### **Benjamin Harrison – President 1889-1893**

Benjamin Harrison's mother was descended from two great-grandfathers from Ulster (James Irwin and William McDowell). The sites of their homesteads have not been traced.

### **William McKinley – President 1897-1901**

was the great-great grandson of James McKinley, who about 1743 immigrated to America from Conagher, near Ballymoney, County Antrim where the family had been settled since about 1669. James McKinley's son David fought in the Revolutionary War and David's grandson, William, was the father of the president. Today in Ireland, the dwelling-house at Conagher close by the River Bush is still known as the McKinley Farm.

### **Woodrow Wilson – President 1913-1921**

was descended from a Scotch-Irish family whose homestead at Dergalt, near Strabane, Co. Tyrone, 80 miles from Belfast, has been acquired for Northern Ireland through the agency of the National Trust. The president's grandfather, who left for America about 1807, married an Ulster woman Annie Adams whom he met on the voyage. Their son, Rev. Joseph Wilson was the president's father. James Wilson is reputed to have served his apprenticeship as a printer in the printing works at Strabane in which James Dunlap, printer of the Declaration of Independence is also said to have learned his trade.

### **Ronald Reagan 1984-1992???**

From Ballyporeen to the White House, "Today I come back to you as a descendant of people who were buried here in pauper's graves." Thus did President Ronald Wilson Regan announce himself when he returned to the Irish village in Ballyporeen, Co. Tipperary in June, 1984. It was perhaps the most explicit statement of his pride in his ethnicity that he made in his career.

The Scotch-Irish were the servants and soldiers of the Revolution. President McKinley wrote of them that "They were the first to proclaim for freedom in these United States." President Theodore Roosevelt described them as "the men who before any other declared for American Independence."

The original Scots were a war-like people from the east coast of Ulster who sailed across the narrow sea to conquer and give their name to Scotland. The Red-Shanks mercenary soldiers from the Scottish Highlands figure constantly in Irish history. There is

an old Scottish tradition that St. Patrick was brought to Ulster from Strathclyde in Scotland. If so, he was one of the first and most distinguished Scotch-Irish. There were many Roman-Catholic immigrants from Scotland notably in North Antrim where they came to share the same way of life and speech.

General Stonewall Jackson immigrated to America in 1748 from the Birches, County Armagh. General Sam Houston was the son of Major Sam Houston whose ancestors left Ballynure, County Antrim in 1735. Davey Crockett of the Alamo came from Londonderry in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Edgar Allan Poe was Scotch-Irish as was Stephen Foster whose great grandfather sailed from Londonderry in 1728. In the 1800's in company with their kin from southern Ireland they began to sail in huge numbers to the New World to form the Irish-American ethnic group. Best known is Archbishop John Hughes from County Tyrone who built St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral in New York. He was succeeded by Archbishop John McClosky of Ulster who became the first American Cardinal in 1875. **(The Scotch-Irish by Eric Montgomery, 1971-submitted by Nick Burns)**

**Mr. Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully, the divorce court judge said, "And I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week."**

**"That's very fair, your honor," the husband said. "And every now and then I'll try to send her a few bucks myself."**

**The following notes indicate just how pleased our members and readers are with the research which has been ongoing with the initiation of the Hubbardston Area Historical Society. Renew your membership for 2004-2005 today to keep your newsletter coming. June 1 starts the fiscal year! HAHS, Box 183 Hubb, 48845 c/o Joanne Howard**

### **Letters from Readers**

Thank you so much for the Hubbardston Genealogy Book. My mother would have loved it. She often spoke of the good times with the Kane girls doing whatever tasks they had. Hubbardston was always a happy place. They were truly like sisters she never had...I'm inspired to get my earlier efforts at family history organized. Would you like some information about James T. Fahey. He married Ellen Madigan who was born July 30, 1862 in Cascade, Mi., on June 24, 1896 at St. James Church in Grand Rapids. Their daughter Norine was born on August 16, 1899 and died May 2, 1990. Her mother died on January 15, 1915. Mother married James Patrick Mulvihill in 1923. They had nine children, 6 boys and 3 girls. Two of my brothers have died as has my sister Ellen. This is probably more than you can ever use...Thank you again for the book, the recipes and the newsletters. **(Maryrita Weiss, Grand Rapids, Mi.)**

Thank you for remembering me and sending the book. I truly do enjoy reading all the "Hubbardston"

stuff. Thank you. (Rosemary Burns Blashill, Sault Ste. Marie, Mi.)

...I do believe the Irish possess ESP. I received the newsletter prior to our trip to Rome, followed by a 10 day cruise. On our return, we unpacked and then repacked for a trip to Lake Burton in Georgia where we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with our children and grandchildren. Thanks to you and Peter Burns, I've found relatives I never knew we had. His mother Lucille Geller Burns was our next door neighbor for many years. Also my mother and one of Ford's sisters (Helen?) were in nursing school together. I should send Ford a picture of the class. Love and God Bless. (Susan Long, my cousin is in Ireland now.) (Shirley Fox, Salinas, California)

Thank you so much for the Hubbardston Genealogy 1780-1930. I will really treasure it, especially since it is signed by you. How thoughtful of you, otherwise look what I would have missed. It is great. I can see you and Bud keep yourselves busy. We are all doing fine...God bless you and Peace! (Margaret Hogan Schineman, Lansing, Mi.)

Jerry sent us a copy of your Hubb Genealogy. It seems that might have been a life's work to get all that together. It may take me the rest of my life to digest it. We celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 6<sup>th</sup>...We had a Mass and a party at the Harbor Grand Hotel in New Buffalo. It was great. Sharon prepared the food and Steve gave us a long toast telling everyone they grew up in a home where there was child abuse; and we violated the child labor laws by making them work whenever there was anything to be done. Helen's brother and wife (he's 90) came from Missouri along with family members. It was a great day. (Bonny and Helen Burns, Michigan City, Indiana)

I like to sit here with no other commitments when I read these things you have written. You have done a great job. Please send a book to my brother Mike and enclosed are HAHS dues for the both of us...Mother and dad always tried to explain relationships to us, but now reading your book, thanks to Pete, I can actually see it. (Betty Burns, St. Johns, Mi.)

Jim and I shared your book. I just want to thank you for all the kind things that you mentioned on my behalf. I am so honored to be part of this HAHS and the community. The book is wonderful. I just loved the stories about the various individuals and families. Some brought tears and some made me laugh out loud...Pete's genealogy is incredible and I've highlighted all the Burns and McKenna's. When my son is ready to consider his Irish roots, there will be much for him to study thanks to all that you and Pete have accomplished... Know that you are certainly appreciated and loved. (Julianne and Jim McKenna, Ionia, Mi.)

Your thoughtfulness has a way of touching lives...of making days a little brighter, hearts a little happier, and problems seem a whole lot smaller. It's people like you who make the difference in this world. And though you may not hear it often, you are appreciated

very much. Thanks to you and Bud for all the hard work you have done about our Irish descendants. (John Dwyer, Grand Ledge, Mi.) *Thanks, John. It warmed our Irish hearts! Ed.*

A very wise man once said, "I don't know. Go ask a woman!" (Joan Schafer)

**Myra Popendick's -"Daily Prayer"**

**Given To Daughter - Marie Harkness**

Good Morning God and thank you for the glory of the sun and thank you for the health I have to get my duties done. I'll devote the hours of this golden day to you by honoring your holy name in everything I do. I shall pursue my daily tasks without complaint or fear, and spend every effort to be friendly and sincere. I know there have been many days that I have wiled away but this is one that I shall try to make your special day. And so once more, Good Morning, God, and please depend on me because I want to lean on you through all eternity. *In memory of lovely and talented Grace Popendick Harkness of Ionia who died on June 4, 2004. I taught with Sue Harkness Edlin for 25 years at Pleasant View School in Lansing. Ed.*

Have certainly enjoyed your book and can appreciate the research that it must have taken. I loved the little tidbits that various people related to you and as I read I remembered folks I had nearly forgotten...Thanks again for some great reading. (Jack and Barbara Billings, Greenville, Mi.)

I don't know enough adjectives to tell you how much I'm enjoying the new book. Can't believe all the treasures in there and wonder how you collected them all – and got them down on paper. What a chore! I'm totally amazed at every page – keep reading names of people in the long distant past. It's a work of love and I know you enjoyed it...Ford's pages are special and I read things about Jerry service that I never knew. Heard from Virginia Hogan's daughter that she stayed up late and got up early to read it, can't put it down, finally finding out about her heritage. We really enjoyed the HAHS Annual Meeting on Saturday...with all our friends who came around to visit. (Julia Burn Esch, Lansing, Mi.)

Thank you very much for sending my membership card and my request for your recent book. I am enclosing \$20 as a contribution to the HAHS...I found your latest effort most inspiring and informative. In fact, from it, I was able to fill in some missing links in my own family history. Need I add, I'm very proud of my Irish Hubbardstonian heritage. (Sister Laurentia McMillan, Nazareth, Mi.)

Many, many thanks for sending me a copy of your monumental work. I can only imagine the many hours that you must have put into producing this wonderful keepsake. Please extend my thanks to all of the HAHS people. May God bless and prosper all of you. (Fr. Jim Bozung, Spring Lake, Mi.) *And God Bless you Fr. Jim on your 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary as a priest on June 6, 2004. Ed.*

Thank you so much for the copy of your book. We have enjoying exploring it. We recognize some of the names and find the Irish wit so appropriate. I continue daily to work on my health and enjoy

contact with you and Bud and all of my Cadillac friends. (Bob Arthur, Lansing, Mi.) *Bob and his wife lived on '57 just west of Carson City for the early years of their marriage. He worked 43 years as a lineman for Consumers Power before retiring to Laingsburg and the family farm. Selling Cadillacs was his profitable retirement hobby. In ill health now, Bob visited us in June and told us of his early days in Carson City area. Ed.* Thank you and Peter Burns for your gift "Hubbardston Genealogy 1780-1930" to the Allen County Public Library. It is a welcome addition to our collection of family and local history materials and I am sure it will be of great use to the hundreds of researchers who use the facilities of the Historical Genealogy Department each week. It is through the generosity of people like you two that our department is able to maintain its margin of excellence. (Curt Witcherm Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Ind.)

Mary Caris has been telling me all about your new book and I must have a copy. We have recently found each other as cousins and go way back. My grandfather Clayton Sidney Carter grew up in that area. (Margery Graham, Ada, Mi.)

Thanks for the memories and the year at McBride. (Joie O'Connor Spencer, Muskegon, Mi.)

Enclosed is a check for 5-year membership. Keep the Irish alive! I have been reading your Parish History book cover to cover and highlighted many passages...I talked with Pat Baese at the Celtic Path yesterday and she was delightful and full of information. Thank you for exciting me about my heritage and also helping me to fill the void about my past. I am enjoying your book so very much trying to figure out who my relatives were. I feel like a private detective. I told Tom and Patty Hogan all about you. You are a dear. (Berta Lalomia, Jackson, Mi.) *Alberta Lalomia is Virginia Hogan Nieman's daughter. Virginia died in childbirth and Berta never even knew her mother's birthday. What a joy to finally find her and hear about her life. Ed.*

**If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.** (Joan Schafer)

Well Done My Friend. Well done. And to your patient husband, thank you. I've just begun to read and it is difficult to put it aside. Your research of stained glass windows is so interesting. I see them differently, appreciating the significance, not just the beauty. Through your history and 'Bit of Blarney' I have laughed and cried and sometimes, both at the same time. I'm sure the Good Shepherd of St. John the Baptist is delighted with your endeavor and sends his blessing down upon you and your family. Let me add mine! (Mary Stoddard Caris, Hastings, Mi.) *There is no true friend like a lifelong friend, Mary. Ed.*

Thank you so much for allowing me the pleasure of reading and owning your Hubbardston Genealogy Book. I couldn't put it down. I have so much to share with you, questions to ask, and "do you know," I need to ask. Thanks for the blessing and pleasure of your book. (Charlene Bigelow, Riverdale, Mi.)

I did a quick read of your book and now will go back and consume it. It's like a journey through nostalgia and heritage with humor and pathos along the way. The picture on the cover peaks a sense of longing for what was. Keep a song in your heart. Everyone involved in the project deserves an A+. (Jerry McKenna, Lansing, Mi.)

Your book is a great reference to me. I read the Irishtown article and the letter from Elaine Garlock, my mother's distant cousin on the Luther side. It was nice you included the Irish extended family from our area. Most people don't

know of the connection. Monday evening I'm speaking at the Gratiot Co. Historical Society on Irishtown. It'll be more show than tell! (Dorothy Carroll Mallory, Elwell, Mi.) Thank you so much for your book which my daughter and her brother are enjoying so much. Both are learning of their heritage. I hope it spurs them to do some genealogy on their own. We are planning to head to Florida for the winter and returning to our new home in Montrose, Colorado for the spring and summer. Our dream of 'RVing to Alaska' is still there. Enclosed is my check. You have to be so proud of your masterpiece. Congratulations. Hope to get back to Michigan soon. (Tom and Vicky Cannon, Montrose, Colo.)

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**Adolescence: The period when a teenager feels he will never be as dumb as his parents.**

### **Ionia - Hubbardston Religious Chronology**

**In Ionia** the First Congregational Church on Main Street was organized in 1842 with 17 members. In 1852 St., John the Baptist Parish was organized with seven families-14 members. In 1864, the first meeting of the Hubbardston Methodist/Episcopal Congregation of Goolthrites, Townsends and Lattimers in the 'front room' of Almon and Chloe Townsend's home on Jones Rd.

**In 1856** Rev. RM Landis became the Ionia Congregational pastor and the church was dedicated on August 12, 1857. In 1855, Fr. Godez from Westphalia organized and registered the Hubbardston Catholic church as a parish in the diocese of Detroit.

**In Hubbardston in 1868**, John Cowman's enlarged and improved sheep-shed used as a temporary house of worship was swamped with 70 families attending and as a result, the largest building in Ionia County was erected by ship-builders to house the anticipated parish growth of 400-500 people. In 1868 both the Methodist (by the East side cemetery) and the Catholic Church ("On the Hill" near Fish Creek) in Hubbardston had major building projects completed.

**Homer and Hubbard** donated the land for the Methodist and Congregational Churches in Hubbardston as well as the park in the center of town.

**Both Hubbardston churches** lost their towering steeples (SJB built in 1885) due to lightning strikes. St. John the Baptist Catholic Church steeple was lost in the summer of 1918 and the Methodists in 1925. The Methodist Church was destroyed by this fire. They were able to immediately use Library Hall, formerly the Congregational Church on Washington Avenue, just one week after their devastating fire. Within the year they purchased the property and rededicated it as the Methodist Church. St. John the Baptist parishioners Jack Burke and Jim Cunningham along with Mill proprietor, Hank Slocum were able to pull down the burning steeple and save their church building. On June 28, 1908, fire destroyed the Ionia church and a new building was completed on March 13, 1910.

**The Methodist Church Parsonage** was built in 1920 by Myron Goolthrite and crew. This era was the heyday of the

**'Camp Meetings' at Long Lake** with Rev. Nathan Barnes, a colorful preacher who had been an Indian Scout in the American West, serving with Gen. Custer. He perhaps felt his religious calling when he was on duty **away** from the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry on that fateful day of the 'Battle of the Little Big Horn.' He built a merry-go-round on the parsonage lawn and had his own uniformed 'Boy's Fife and Drum' corps.

**In 1969** a new Sunday school and office was added to the Ionia church. In Hubbardston, interior renovations, new altars, new Shansky pipe organ and pews were added in the late 1950-1960's and a new Parish Family Center was added in 1977. In the Congregational Church in Ionia the sanctuary and Memorial Room were renovated, and elevators, bathrooms and heating system were installed in 1992. St. John the Baptist added a covered entrance, a digital piano, sound system, redecorated the interior and added a new heating system and air-conditioning in the late 1980-1990's.

**Today Rev. Judith Shaver** of California is the lady pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Ionia. St. John the Baptist today has a lady administrator, Ms. Nancy Woodcock of Ionia and Howard City, Mi. and the pastor, the Rev. Fr. Bill Reitz is recuperating at St. Ann's Nursing Home in Grand Rapids from hip-replacement surgery and prostate cancer. The future looks troubling at present. The Methodist Church of Hubbardston is now the Tuscan Masonic Lodge and the congregation has joined with the Carson City Methodist Church under a dynamic young pastor, Rev. Nash. The irony here is that when the two churches united, a substantial stock investment of the Hubbardston Methodists was given as an asset to the Carson Church. Last year (2003) when the multi-million dollar renovation and addition onto the Carson Church was underway, it was discovered that that modest donation of stock had multiplied to a spectacular degree and the Hubbardston congregation could feel justly proud of their generous contribution to the beautiful new Methodist Church in the town center of Carson City. Times change and the future becomes the past. **(For the complete story by Evan Lattimer see pages 207-208 of Hubbardston Genealogy 1780-1930.)**

#### **Ponderings!**

**Only in America do banks leave both doors open and chain the ink-pens to the counter... Do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections? And...why is the slowest traffic of the day called rush hour?... Ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery?"**

Dr. John Kingsley Lattimer, a charter member of HAHS will be in town from New York the first week of August. He is an internationally renowned surgeon, Chairman at Columbia University-Presbyterian Medical Center. **Make an effort to attend his lecture at Post 182 Hubbardston on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. Arrive at noon and enjoy the "best chicken barbecue dinner in the country."**

**The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket (Joan Schafer)**

#### **A Look Back-Cunningham's State Titles - 1994**

Battle Creek. "Happy days are here again." Only this time there is no Fonz. The Cunninghams, Ryan and Casey) of Fulton, not Richie and Joanie of Milwaukee, completed a season-long dream by becoming Class C-D state individual wrestling champions at Battle Creek Field House Saturday.

Carson City-Crystal's Trent Ward and Leslie's Joe Barratt also had happy days. Ward and Barratt became state champions at 119 and 152 pounds.

The 145 pound Casey entered his championship match with a 47-0 record. His opponent, Ken Sirignano of Goodrich, was 53-0. But Coach Randy Maier knew Casey would be ready. Casey who hasn't lost since his sophomore year (93 wins in a row) will take his skills to Central Michigan next year. While Casey moves on Coach Maier will have Ryan for two more years and two more chances at state titles.

Ryan battled New Lothrop's Heath Dankert. "This was my toughest match ever," said Ryan, who finished with a 52-0 record. "I didn't plan on it being that tough. At that point, I knew I had to get him on his back somehow." And somehow he did. In the overtime, a drained Ryan scored a takedown 51 seconds into the period for the state title. (As a freshman Ryan had finished second in the state at 152.) "I had a feeling it might have been over, but I wanted it so bad. And in the overtime, it became a mental game because we were both so tired. Sometimes your head can take you farther than your body." And with his mind Ryan helped his brother fulfill a dream.

"I don't know who I'm happier for," Casey said. "But I've wanted this more than anything."

And more than anything Carson City-Crystal's Trent Ward wanted a state title. The school's first four-time state medallist, Ward never left any doubt about the match. "Before the match I was really pumped. Coach told me to settle down. I could have ripped down this building." With one second remaining in the first period, Ward scored a two-point takedown on Burton-Bentley's Mike Yanta. "It's a relief," said Ward, "but I wish it wasn't the end of my career." And what a career it was. Ward finished fifth in the state as a freshman at 103 pounds, second as a sophomore at 112 pounds, and third as a junior at 119. "He's up there on the list with the best of them," said Coach Mike Karazinski. **(Warren Kent, Lansing State Journal)**

Today, Casey who graduated from Central Michigan at Big Rapids, Mi. in 2001 is creating champions of his own at his alma mater, having participated in the Olympic pre-trials in 1996, 2000 and 2004. This year he will accompany his Olympic champion wife (Gold Medalist in weight-lifting at Sydney, Australia in 2000), Tara Nott (from Kansas) as she competes for more glories in Greece this August, 2004 in the 'Home of the Olympics'. They were interviewed by Matt Lauer on the "Today Show" in May while she and Casey were going through pre-Olympic competition trials in New York.

Trent Ward is married and living in Palo, Mi with his wife Michelle (Tasker) and two youngsters; a boy and a girl. He assists as time permits, with the coaching of the wrestling team at his alma mater while keeping the inmates in line as a Corrections Officer at Ionia's maximum security facility.

Ryan graduated from CMU in 2002 and is now with the United States Marine Corps stationed in California since returning from an assignment in Japan. On July 5<sup>th</sup> he celebrated his first wedding anniversary, having been with his young bride only five months out of the first year.

Thanks to Dan, Tim, and Jamie Dailey Ward for the details on Trent and the Olympic data.

Also, many thanks to Corey Cunningham for bringing us up to date on these young champions as they continue to make us revel in the pride of their accomplishments. Their stars will continue to shine long into the future!

Corey, who graduates in April from CMU, will teach in Carson City this fall. She is the daughter of Rusty and

Carolyn Cunningham and grand daughter of Bill and Virginia Russell Cunningham and Cliff and Vera O'Connell O'Grady. Can't get better Irish genes than that! Good luck and continued success to these young citizens and to all of our outstanding young athletes and scholars. There will always be a Hubbardston, thanks to you!

**No one notices what I do until I don't do it!**

**Historical Society Fall Social**

Do you have a keepsake from years gone by? Our August 26<sup>th</sup> Social at the Tuscan Masonic Lodge (Methodist Church) is a 6:00 p.m. "Potluck Dinner" followed by a "Fashion Show of Yesteryear." If you can attend and bring an item (small or large), (under or outer) of clothing from the past, e-mail me at [mjh655@pathwaynet.com](mailto:mjh655@pathwaynet.com) or call 989-584-3803 and we will make a two-minute spot on the program for you to "talk about and show" your item. Everyone is welcome

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**There comes a time when you should stop expecting people to make a big deal about your birthday...around age 11.**

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**Always remember you are unique, just like everyone else!**

**The Ultimate Play on Words! Enjoy!**

At New York's Kennedy Airport today a man, later discovered to be a teacher was arrested trying to board a flight while in the possession of a ruler, protractor, a setsquare, a slide rule and a calculator. Attorney General John Ashcroft believes the man is a member of the notorious Al - Gebra movement. The man is being charged with carrying weapons of math instruction. "Al - Gebra is a fearsome cult, indeed," Ashcroft said. "They seek solutions to their so-called problems by means of extremes and go off on tangents in search of absolute values. They are shadowy figures with names like "x" and "y," frequently referred to as unknowns." We know they belong to a common denominator and are part of a medieval axis with coordinates in every country. As the great Greek philanderer, Isosceles said, "There are three sides to every triangle." When asked to comment on this recent arrest, President Bush said, "If God had wanted us to have better weapons of math instruction, He would have given us more fingers and toes." (Jack Billings)

**Charleston's Coconut "The Minister Is Calling" Pie**

My mother always told me that there was no excuse for not having a nice dessert when the minister calls. This one is delicious and forms its own crust.

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Beat together 4 beaten eggs, \_ cup self rising flour, 1 and 1/3 cups sugar, \_ stick melted butter or margarine, 2 cups milk, 1 teaspoon vanilla and an 8 ounce package of flaked coconut. Pour into a greased 10 inch pie dish and bake for 45 minutes, no longer! Refrigerate and the filling will settle without spoiling its creamy consistency. (Elaine Boone, Bowman, S.C.)

**Alton Stoddard, Elmer Cunningham and Jerry Burns 1942 - World War II Heroes. Allen died very young of a burst appendix and Elmer died peacefully in 2003. Jerry will be 85 on December 18, 2004.**



**Remember to renew your HAHS Membership. June 1, 2004 starts the new fiscal year. Don't miss a newsletter! 1 year-\$15. 5 years-\$60, 1 year free.**

### Ford Burns and Mike Schnepf - 1966



Know these two handsome young men? On December 31, 1966 Ford Burns signed the final papers making Burns Funeral Home the Mike Schnepf Funeral Home in Carson City. Ford had worked with his dad Jim Burns since the late 1920's and the "on call 24 hours" life style didn't suit the younger generation even though Tim and Mike Burns were both certified morticians as a second career choice. Mike Schnepf would later be succeeded by Mike Mills of the Lux-Schnepf Funeral Home Family firm managing the Carson City facility. Today, there is no permanent resident mortician in that busy facility. The Mills family moved in 2003 to the Bath, Mi. area with an established Lansing Funeral Directors Association. **But we miss them!**

### The Time is Now

If you are ever going to love me,  
Love me now, while I can know  
The sweet and tender feelings  
Which from true affection flow.  
Love me now while I am living.  
Do not wait till I am gone,  
And then have it chiseled in marble,  
Sweet words on an ice cold stone.  
If you have tender thoughts of me  
Please tell me now.  
If you wait till I am sleeping,  
Never to awaken,  
There will be death between us,  
And I might not hear you then.  
So if you love me, even a little bit,  
Let me know it while I am living,  
So I can treasure it. (Ancient poem sent to Ann Landers)



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### Recipe with an Irish History

#### Irish Oat Cakes

In the 1860's a 17-year-old girl left County Armagh, Ireland for the Ottawa, Canada with her younger brother in tow. Earlier Irish immigrant friends in Ottawa sheltered her until she found a "position in service" – as was said of housemaids in those days. At about the same time, a young lad from a neighboring Irish County packed his carpentry tools in a sturdy chest and set sail for Canada, also ending up with friends and making his home in Ottawa. The young girl, Annie Moore and the young lad, James Walker met, courted and married. The fifth child in their subsequent family of seven was my father, George Walker. My grandparents played a big roll in my upbringing and this recipe was a favorite of the household. They are great with fresh fruit, jams and jellies, splendid with aged cheese and they keep well. (Incidentally, James's tool chest does yeoman service as a coffee table in his great grandson's family room.)

Cream 1 cup of butter (margarine) and    cup of sugar. Mix in 3 cups of oatmeal. Sift    cup of flour and    teaspoon of salt, adding to creamed mixture alternately with    teaspoon soda dissolved in    cup of hot water. Roll thin, cut and bake at 350 degrees for 7-10 minutes till lightly browned. Or simply spread mixture in bottom of a (greased) large pie plate or round cookie sheet. If mixture seems too thin to work with, add a bit more oats. (Natalie M. Stewart, St. Bruno, Quebec)

**May your casket be made from a 100-year-old oak tree which I shall plant tomorrow? (Irish Prayer)**

#### A Bit of Irish Blarney – A Visionary Irish Omen

To know the name of the person you are destined to marry, put a snail on a plate of flour-cover it over and leave it all night; in the morning the initial letter of the name will be found traced on the flour by the snail. Should the snail be quite within his house when you take him up, your lover will be rich; but should the snail almost be out of his shell, then your future husband will be poor and probably have no home to take you to when you are wed. (Lady Wilde, mother of author Oscar Wilde)