



HUBBARDSTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Business and Activities Calendar HAHS 2004

- Jan. 22** General Membership Meeting 7:00PM
Beth O'Grady- Historical Resources
- Jan. 31** West Michigan Woman's Expo 9:00AM-3:00PM
Greenville Community Center
- Feb. 19** Board of Directors Meeting -Town Hall 7:00 PM
- Feb. 26** General Membership Meeting 7:00PM
"Show and Tell"-Bring a favorite photo,
document, etc. for all to share and discuss.
- Mar. 13** First Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade
Grand Ledge, Mi.-John Dwyer, Pres.
Hubbardston Irish Dancers Perform
- Mar 14** Annual St. Patrick's Day Party 12:00 Noon
Post 182 American Legion Club
Hubbardston Irish Dancers Perform 3:30PM
- Mar. 17** Annual St. Patrick's Day Party
Shiel's Tavern-Michigan's Oldest
Irish Stew-Soda Bread-Green Beer-All Day
Hubbardston Irish Dancers
- Mar.25** General Membership Meeting 7:00PM
Nominations Committee appointed
Peter Burns - Genealogy
- Apr. 22** General Membership Meeting 7:00PM
Slate of Nominations-Board of Directors
Proposed Budget
Joanne Howard - "Parish, People, Puns"
- May 29** Annual Meeting Dinner-Social 11:30-3:00 PM
St. John the Baptist Parish Hall
Board of Directors Election
Hubbardston Irish Dancers

All general membership meetings are held the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Celtic Path in Hubbardston; Board Meetings at the Hubbardston Village Hall at 7:00 PM unless otherwise announced.

The Irish are a fair people; they never speak well of one another.
(Samuel Johnson 1709-1784)

You can always tell when a person is well-informed. He agree with you!

Marriages are all happy. It's having breakfast together that causes all the trouble.

It's no use carrying an umbrella if your shoes are leaking!

March is the month God created to show people who don't drink what a hangover is like. (Garrison Keillor)



Janice McKenna, Reynolds, Katie Burns Cashen, Judy Corey Steele, Rita Cunningham Huhn, Hellen Stoddard Silvernail, Mary Datema Satterlee. St. John the Baptist Class of 1960

Impromptu Class Reunion

When the Historical Society booked Andy Cooney and his Band from New York for November 9, 2003, the St. John the Baptist Class of 1960 didn't realize it, but they would celebrate their 43rd class reunion anniversary. Katie Burns (Robert) Cashen, daughter of Joseph and Eva Welsh Burns, who was an airlines reservations attendant with Northwest Orient Airlines in New York before returning to Hubbardston to marry and raise her three children, detailed the story. Rita Cunningham (Robert) Huhn, daughter of self-educated local historian Harold (Winnie Roach) Cunningham, resides west of Hubbardston where she raised her family. Mary Datema Satterlee, daughter of Francis and Luella Brochieus Datema married Stewart Satterlee, lived in St. Louis, Mo., and returned to their farm west of Hubbardston after her husband's death. Judy Corey Steele, daughter of Art Corey was raised west of Hubbardston, is widowed and lives in Ionia. Janice McKenna Reynolds, daughter of Nick McKenna was raised on McKenna Road west of Hubbardston, became Dean of Students at Mount Pleasant and in the late 1980's became Vice-President of University of Alaska in Fairbanks. She is now retired and lives in Chicago, Ill. She has two children; one in Ann Arbor and one in Fairbanks. Helen Stoddard Silvernail, daughter of Edgar and Julia McKeone Stoddard has three children and lives west of Hubbardston on Borden Road.

Rosemary Burns Blashill daughter of Owen and Berniece Hogan Burns, is a nurse in Sault St. Marie, Mi. and has four children. Tom Sheaffer, son of Phil and Mary Catherine Hogan Sheaffer married Patty Fahey who is deceased, has three sons and lives presently in Florida. Neither Rosemary nor Tom were able to attend in person. Deceased members of this class are Bobby Barker, son of Robert and Mary Cunningham Barker and Jimmy Morey Donahue, son of Larry and Stella Donahue, who in his will very generously donated thousands of dollars to the American Legion Post 380 in Carson City and the Carson City Hubbardston KC council.

The group truly enjoyed the day, reminiscing and renewing memorable events. It was a pleasure seeing them enjoying this special event in their lives at an actual parish event. Still waters run deep!



HAHS Members-Mike Burns, Joan Burns Christides, Pete Burns
March 17, 2002

On the eighth day of March it was, some people say,
That St. Patrick at midnight he first saw the day.
While others declare 'twas the ninth he was born,
And t'was all a mistake between midnight and morn.
For mistakes will occur in a hurry and shock,
And some blamed the babby...and some blamed the clock...
Till with all their cross-questions sure no one could know
If the child was too fast or the clock was too slow.
Now the first faction-fight in owld Ireland, they say,
Was all on account of St. Patrick's birthday.
Some fought for the eighth...for the ninth more would die.
And who wouldn't see right, sure they'd blacken his eye!
At last, both the factions so positive grew,
That each kept his birthday, so Pat then had two.
Till Father Mulcahy, who showed them their sins,
Said, "No one could have two birthdays, but a twins."
Says he, "Boys don't be fightin' for eight or for nine,

Don't be always dividin'...but sometimes combine.
Combine eight with nine, and seventeen is the mark.
So let that be his birthday... "Amen," says the clerk.
If he wasn't a twins, sure our hist'ry will show
That, at least, he's worth any two saints that we know!"
Then they all got blind dhrunk...which comploted their bliss,

And we keep up the practice from that day to this.
Samuel Lover (1797-1864), Grandfather of Victor Herbert(1859-1924) composer of light operas and musical comedies

Women's Expo-Sponsored by West Michigan Woman Magazine

Our own Jennifer Churchill grand daughter of Larry and Charlotte Slocum Cunningham and media consultant for the Hubbardston Area Historical Society (along with Duane Fahey-www.hubbardston.org) has her own bi-monthly publication for the women of Ionia and Montcalm counties with a circulation of over 400 per issue, called West Michigan Woman. On Saturday January 31 from 9:00AM-3:00PM at the Greenville Area Community Center, West Michigan Woman will sponsor this Women's Expo. Visit the booths of Contours Express, Jan's Paintings, Maxfield's Restaurant, Michigan History Magazine, Michigan Women's Historical Museum and Hall of Fame, The American Red Cross, Anderson and Girl's Orchards and more. Meet harpist Lorie Peterson of Ionia and chocolatier Judy Johnson of Greenville. A bridal show will be part of the day's events and free Irish dance lessons will be given by Pat McCormick Baese of Hubbardston's Celtic Path Gift Shoppe. The event is in celebration of West Michigan Woman's one-year anniversary and is the kick-off of its new 2004 Bridal Guide. Call 989-506-6716 or visit www.wmwoman.com for more information.

We, in the Hubbardston Area Historical Society organization are so fortunate to have such a talented staff and board with such diverse training and abilities, that it is great pleasure for us to promote our rising young stars in their exciting endeavors. Believe me, Jennifer is one ambitious and talented young lady who readily shares her skills in all aspects of our organization. She is a charter member of HAHS and has a published a book which should be on the market this spring.

Ancient 'Flu' Antidote

**Equal parts-campherated oil, turpentine and lard.
Rub on chest and back of suffering victim.(From the antiquated files of McKeone, Timlin and Roach) Jack Stoddard**

The Irish

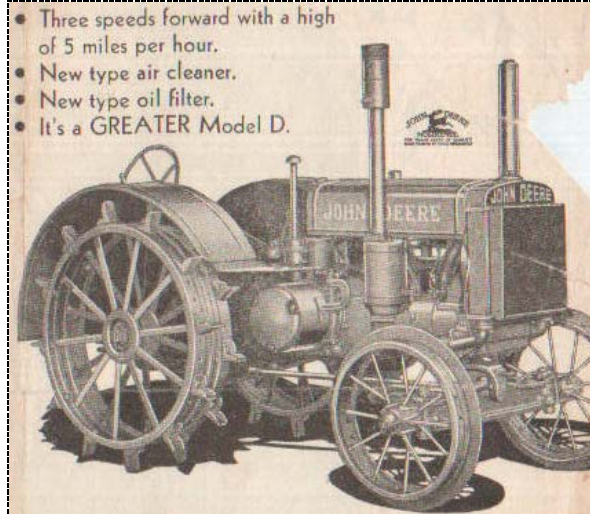
Be they kings, or poets, or farmers,
They're a people of great worth.
They keep company with the angels,
And bring a bit of heaven here to earth

No man ever wore a scarf as warm as his daughter's
arm around his neck.

An Irishman has an abiding sense of tragedy which
sustains him through temporary periods of joy.

If you want to know what God thinks of money, just
look at who He gives it to.

New jazzed up Tractor available 1935!



The Model D

New in speed, economy, performance and value. Three speeds forward with a high of 5 miles per hour, new type air and oil cleaners, more positive lubrication, increases comfort, greater usefulness, a bigger value than ever – that's the new John Deere Model D for 1935. (Thanks to Tom Fitzpatrick for this picture)

Membership News

At this time we have over 200 paid up members. Another 20-30 charter members have not yet renewed. 2003 dues were payable June 1, 2003. Requests for life memberships were discussed at the November Board Meeting. Since we are a young organization, the board decided that life memberships really are not an option at this time. **So we are offering a five year membership for the price of four years if you so desire. The decision is strictly yours –one year at \$15 or five years at \$60.**

Beginning with the 2004 dues which are payable June 1, 2004, those desiring to do so may purchase a 5-year membership card for \$60, the regular cost of four years membership.

Dues and items for the newsletter should be sent to **HAHS, Box 183, Hubbardston, Mi., 48845** c/o Joanne Howard-Membership, Newsletter.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7:00-8:30 p.m. Please use the back door.

The Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10:00.

Mission statement: The purpose of the Hubbardston Area Historical Society shall be to promote the preservation, understanding and appreciation of the historical and cultural heritage of Hubbardston and the surrounding area by: (1) encouraging historical and genealogical study and research, (2) collecting, preserving, interpreting and exhibiting historical and cultural objects, artifacts and sites, (3) encouraging public participation in the activities of the society through publications, programs, and the preservation of archives and historical collections and to encourage the establishment and operation of a local historical museum.

**“Slainthe Is Saul Agat” (slawne-cheh-iss-sole agat)
Health and Life to you! (Gaelic)**

Presenters Applauded

The HAHS members and guests crowded into the Celtic Path on a beautiful October 23 evening seeking a seat in which to listen and view the presentation of Philip McKenna, Mi., co-chairman of the newly formed Hubbardston Area Historical Society and a native son on the history of the village. The Nick McKenna homestead is on McKenna Road west of Hubbardston where Phil and his family lived while attending St. John the Baptist School in Hubbardston. Designing and directing McKenna Associates in Northville, Mi. keeps Philip much busier than he ever planned to be. How he finds the time to scoot up to Hubbardston once or twice a month amazes us, but we are so pleased that he has the inclination to do so. Seeking out the written history of the area, we were transported through graphs, pictures, maps and diagrams outlining the course of immigration that our forefathers patterned. He presented each volume available on the history of the area and charted its purpose. His ‘power-point’ presentation was precise, detailed and complete. Audience participation added to the interest of listeners. How the village has been charted through history was made quite clear. As in all studies, the coming of the railroad was the catalyst necessary for Hubbardston to become the industrial center of its potential. Without a ‘means to market’ our future in water-power, lumber, manufacturing and agriculture was doomed to the mundane. We aren’t the booming industrial city center, with rich natural resources, the early immigrants had envisioned, but we remain a beautiful historically significant and recognized entity, our own segment of Americana with a proud cultural heritage readily evident. Thanks Phil for an informative presentation.

There are only three kinds of Irish men who can’t understand women – young men, old men and men of middle age. (Island Ireland.com)

On November 20, 2003, Don Bryant of the Michigan Genealogy Society was the featured speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Hubbardston Area Historical Society. He enlightened us about the materials readily available at the Grand Rapids Public Library. He gave each person present a detailed and organized set of outlines of all services available to help a budding genealogist from the Ionia County area. Forms were given to chart our own family lines and the directions to do it. Many questions were generated and Don capably addressed all of them. We listened as this descendant of the early Townsend family (early residents of the area) told his story and related his experiences. We were gathered around the wood-burner in comfy chairs in the cozy atmosphere of the Celtic Path Gift Shoppe, with a full sized sleigh - glistening in lights, ribbons and gifts for the Christmas season – holding center stage of this historic old building. Celtic music on harp and dulcimer by Michigan artists completed the holiday scene. We listened, learned and enjoyed a very pleasant evening. We are so fortunate that those whose ancestors settled this area are interested still and care enough to spend time exchanging materials and stories with us as we seek to develop our own research and resource center. Thank you Don Bryant.

What is the True Test of Globalization?

Princess Diana's Death

How Come?

An English princess with an Egyptian boyfriend crashes in a French tunnel, driving a German car with a Dutch engine, driven by a Belgian who was drunk on Scottish whiskey,(check the bottle before you change the spelling) followed closely by Italian Papparazzi, on Japanese motorcycles; treated by an American doctor, using Brazilian medicines.(sent by Don Bryant on request)

Letters to the editor: Please use this donation for Evan and me and the balance in memory of Harvey Allen. Keep up the great work. **Dr. John Lattimer, New York, NY.**

Greetings from the north Burns's. We received our newsletter-enjoyed! Ford is working on his memoirs, has one tape done and half of another so you will get them soon. We are both as well as a couple of old poops can be. Ford was 92 on Nov. 15 and I'm just a kid at 84. Keep the faith! **Lucille Geller Burns, Big Rapids, Mi.**

Please express my sincere thanks to all responsible for bringing Pat Woods and Andy Cooney to our

area. I cannot begin to mention names as I would miss some. It was the best entertainment I have had the pleasure to attend in the many years I have lived in the vicinity. Thanks a million for all of the hard work and effort. Sincerely, **Helen Tait, Hubbardston, Mi.**

An Irish Prayer. May those who love us, love us; and those who don't love us, may God turn their hearts. And if doesn't turn their hearts, may he turn their ankles, so we will know them by their limping. **Catherine Bohan, Carson City, Mi.**

To all concerned: Great job! Keep up the great effort. **Norm Burns, Oxford, Mi.**

Peter Jennings-Lattimer ABC special on Kennedy aired November 20, 2003

Thank you for your nice card. We are certainly lucky to have you organize the historical side of the community, for the benefit of all of us. Evan is digging into the Vermont ancestors, including old Ethan Allen, and his number one fighter whose descendants moved to Michigan after their successes in New England. We have Ethan Allen's sword among our treasures and lend it to Fort Ticonderoga Museum as well as the Smithsonian and the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art, when they need something especially good. Evan said that you had not settled on a lifetime membership fee as yet, but we would be interested in that, since it would relieve us of the worry of missing the annual dues payment, as is so easy to do.

In our collection we also have the silver hilted dress sword of Samuel Langdon who was the first Governor of Vermont. And was the first to sign the Declaration of Independence because they signed in order to how far north their state was, and his was the first. Every President has a museum and we lend things to a lot of them, because they learn from each other who has things to illustrate various topics, so that they know who will come across with something of interest for each year. This keeps us busy with shipping companies and the tremendous insurance problems that go with all of this sort of thing. We are all delighted with the energy and interest you are pouring into this work on behalf of all of us.

Since this is the 40th anniversary of the shooting of President Kennedy we will be participating in a lot of television shows about that. One of them will be on this evening, about 9:00PM or so, under the Peter Jennings Show heading. They will show some of the experiments which we performed on our farm, to answer some of the questions that came up about the assassination. Let me say again how

grateful we are for your interest and hard work on behalf of the historical side of Hubbardston. **(Warmest regards, John Lattimer, M.D.,Sc.D., Columbia University, New York.)** *You can imagine my surprise when I arrived home from the HAHS November meeting and turned on the television to see Dr. Lattimer talking about the method Oswald has used to aim and fire his gun three times at the Kennedy motorcade. John was sought out by the Warren Commission to study the ballistics and forensics of the assassination and the results of his lengthy testing done out on the Lattimer homestead on Jones Road west of Hubbardston were used to determine that indeed Oswald had acted alone and yes, it was the same bullet that penetrated Kennedy and Connelly prior to the fatal devastating shot. Last summer at Post 182 in Hubbardston, John related this whole research study, had the original gun owned and used by Oswald and presented detailed graphs of the actual murder as it played out. A terrific speaker, John is avid in his love of his Hubbardston roots and makes the supreme effort to return each year from New York and speak to our local American Legion audience. He has been so gracious about giving me time each year for lengthy interviews about his family history and his many amazing experiences in the field of medicine, teaching, war experiences on the beaches at Normandy and as Goering's doctor at the Nuremberg Trials. A fascinating man, we are honored to have him as a special friend, a member of HAHS and a member of Walter T. Roach American Legion Post 182. Thanks again, John for everything you have done for us. Your support is so graciously appreciated. Editor.*

A Delve Into the Past

P.R. Cleary, College Head, Dies at 90

Ypsilanti Daily Press, November 23, 1948

Patrick Roger Cleary, president emeritus of Cleary College, died at his home here of a cerebral hemorrhage at 8:30 Monday evening. A well-known figure in educational circles, Mr. Cleary had been active until recent months preparing an English text book and a history of Cleary College.

Born in Nenagh, Ireland, County of Tipperary, on August 14, 1858, the son of Roger and Julia Costello Cleary, Mr. Cleary arrived in this country at the age of ten years and lived with relatives at **Hubbardston, Michigan**. After graduation from Valparaiso University and Sheridan High School, he was a teacher of penmanship throughout the state until he founded Cleary College in 1888. The first building of the college in 1889 was destroyed by a cyclone in 1898 and rebuilt with the aid of a corporation. It has the distinction of being the first college in Michigan to train commercial teachers. In 1922, Mr. Cleary acquired the outstanding stock in the college owned by the corporation set up to finance the rebuilding of the school after the disastrous windstorm of 1898.

In 1938, Mr. Cleary made a gift of the physical assets of the College to a Board of Trustees and the

College was incorporated as a non-profit Class A college.

In 1940, Mr. Cleary stepped down as president and was replaced by his son, Dr. Owen Cleary, now chairman of the State Liquor Control Commission.

When his son was called to service in 1942, Mr. Cleary again resumed active control of the institution which he retained until 1946.

Mr. Cleary was author of the Cleary System of Bookkeeping in schools and colleges which was extensively used between the years 1915 and 1930. He was also author of a book, How To Figure Profit which was one of the earliest books used in business circles as a guide by merchants and corporations.

From 1915 to 1925, Mr. Cleary served as a business systems expert aiding many new and old businesses in establishing an adequate system of records.

He was married in 1887 to Helen Jenks of St. Clair. Mrs. Cleary died December 18, 1938.

There are four children, Charles B. Cleary, Riverside, California, Mrs. C.A. McKenny, Detroit, Mi., Ruth M. Cleary, Riverside, Ill., and Owen Cleary, Ypsilanti. There are seven grandchildren.

Mr. Cleary had one of the longest records of college administration of any educator in the United States covering the years 1886-1946. He was a great friend of J. L. Hudson, owner of the J. L. Hudson Department Store, Detroit, and in years past used to make frequent trips to Detroit on the old interurban trolley to discuss with Mr. Hudson the business problems and methods of figuring profit.

Mr. Cleary received an honorary Master's Degree in Education from Michigan State College in 1922.

Internment will be in Highlands Cemetery. (Sent by Pete Burns, Lansing, Michigan)



Need Help? HAHS Members Pat and Janet Riley Burns-always ready, always willing to help, and always there with a smile!

Andy Cooney Fund Raiser, November 9, 2003

Let me tell you a little story of how the Irish from 'the four corners' celebrated on November 9, 2003 at St. John the Baptist Parish Hall in Hubbardston. A lovely talented lady who teaches Irish Dance to about forty area children happened to be performing in Chicago where the Andy Cooney Band was scheduled. A 'bit of Blarney' took place and some 'typical Irish persuasion' and the Hubbardston Area Historical Society had an Irish Band from New York booked for a fund-raiser.

In typical fashion, the cooperation among communities was perfection and fifty people volunteered to make the day a success. Pat and Janet Burns, Allen and Janet Kelley, Pete Burns, Helen Tait, Marie Sweet, Mary Caris, Pat and Don Baese, Shaun and Beth O'Grady, Ginny, Russ and Cindy Howard and Jack Fahey were instrumental in all aspects of the fund-raiser.

Guests began arriving about 11:30 AM Sunday for hot cinnamon rolls, coffee, and the best seats. At 1:00 PM a priceless performance by the Hubbardston Irish Dancers and beautiful Irish melodies by vocalist Alyssa Schafer brought tears to our eyes and set the stage for a beautiful afternoon. Traditional Irish stew was served with all the trimmings to about 200 people.

The highly anticipated Andy Cooney entertained from 3-6 PM to an enthusiastic, thrilled and highly responsive audience. They listened, they sang, they danced, they ate, they enjoyed a spectacular Sunday afternoon experience in the true Irish tradition. Silent Auction, door prizes, and treats kept the atmosphere lively and were great fun.

So many thanks to so many people are due. Please know that we appreciate everyone who had a part in this perfect day. The Hubbardston Market and Shiels Tavern were most generous in their cooperation with our committees resulting in a 'gross' of over \$4100. The final tally of profit far exceeded our expectations. Thank you, special friends and neighbors, from the 'four corners' (Ionia, Montcalm, Clinton and Gratiot Counties) and beyond, who support and are members of our fledgling historical society. (Carson City Gazette, Nov. 16, 2003)

Door prize winners:

Margaret Schafer, Bev Cantwell, Arthur Bos, Sandy Stoddard, Phil McKenna, Janie Dailey.

50/50 Winners:

Katie Cashen won \$133 and donated it back to HAHS = \$266 profit. Janie Dailey won \$103 and donated it back to HAHS = \$206 profit. Are we fortunate people? We know we are!

Bud and Joanne Howard, Chairmen of the fund-raiser



Can you find your favorite baseball player?

In the 1950's Ford Burns coached a St. Mary's team with a lot of heart. Ford himself had been from his youth an avid follower of the local teams. With his move to Carson City from Hubbardston and five sons of his own, he took on a job he dearly loved, coaching talented young baseball fans. Pictured left to right-back row: Jack McCrackin, --Gallagher, Larry Egan, Paddy Kavanagh, Leon Camp, Jim Kelly. Front row: Jim Heil, Roman Peiffer, Don Smith, Joey Van Sickle, Roy Copp, Jay O'Connor, 'Senor' Ford Burns.

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Andy Cooney in Concert Sunday Nov. 9, 2003 HAHS Benefit

May flowers always line your path
And sunshine light your way.
May songbirds serenade you
Every step along your way.
May a rainbow run beside you
In a sky that's always blue.
And may happiness fill your heart
Each day your whole life through. (An Irish Prayer)