

Quincy Library

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Wednesday - 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday - 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Branch Manager's Message

Ah, April, Spring here we come.

April is a great month around libraries. Help us celebrate National Library Week with our visit from the Nationally Famous Stevens Puppets, who will be here Tuesday April 14th. With over 75 years of World Class marionette shows, we are pleased the Stevens Puppets will bring the timeless tale of "The Wizard of Oz" to our library. This program is free of charge and will enchant kids and parents alike!

Be sure to visit the library, May 22 for our Open House. We will remain open for visitors after our 5:00 p.m. closing time until 7:00 p.m. Our Grand Army of the Republic Civil War era flag, has been returned to us, beautifully restored, mounted and framed, and is hanging in the entry of our library. We would be pleased for the community to stop by and see this beautiful piece of local history.

That same Friday evening features President Lincoln at the Quincy Park. He will give remarks, be serenaded by a band and will then board the train, bound for festivities in Coldwater.

In looking to the year of 2009 and all that is ahead, it will interest the community to note that a festival weekend will take place again this August 22nd and 23rd, as was this past fall to commemorate Quincy's 150th birthday. The village will keep the community abreast of it's happenings!

The following is an excerpt from an article from The Courier of Coldwater, Michigan, October 6, 1883: "In thinking about the history of Quincy, it is necessary to go back a few years of the first settlement. In 1807, at Detroit, by treaty, the Indians ceded to the United States that part of now Michigan, which lies between the lakes on the east and a line running due north from a point twenty miles west of the most western point of Lake Erie. In 1817, at the Rapids of the Maumee, General Cass negotiated a treaty by which the Indians conveyed to

the United States large tracts of land located in North-western Ohio and North-eastern Indiana. In 1818, through General Cass, the Pottawatomies transferred the fertile valleys of the Wabash and Tippecanoe to our National Government.

In 1821 General Cass negotiated what is known as the treaty of Chicago. In which the Pottawatomies and their allies, the Ottawas and Chippewas, or certain monied considerations, ceded to the United States the following tract of land; viz. beginning at a point on the river a few miles above St. Joe, thence south to a line running east from the most southern point of Lake Michigan, thence east to a line designated by the treaty of Detroit, thence west to the source and down the north bank of the Grand River to its mouth, thence south along the shore of Lake Michigan to the St. Joe, thence up the river to the point beginning, except the designated reservations of which, six miles square, was located on the Mik-ke-saw-bee known as the "Coldwater Reservation," within what was afterwards Branch County. (Continued on Next Page)

Friends of the Quincy Branch Manager's Library Cookbook Message (Continued)

With graduations upon us shortly, below is a cocktail meatball recipe that may help in planning your menu. This recipe is one of many in the Appetizers & Beverages section of the cookbook. The cookbook highlights the favorite recipes of Jane Baldwin, and can be purchased from the Quincy Library for \$10.00.

Pat's Cocktail Meatballs

2 lb ground chuck
1/2 cup Parsley flakes
2 tsp. Minced onion
1 cup Corn Flake crumbs
2 eggs
1/2 tsp. Garlic powder

Mix together and form into walnut sized meatballs. Place in a 13 X 9 baking dish.

Sauce

1 can Cranberry sauce
1 bottle Chile sauce
2 Tbl. Brown sugar
1 Tbl. Lemon juice

Mix ingredients in a saucepan and simmer about 10 minutes. Bake at 350 F. for about 45-50 minutes. Keep warm in a crock pot.

- Renee Hardy

MEATBALLS



Thus this tract of country embracing nearly all of Southern Michigan, by this act, was conveyed, to the government, and this treaty is the basis of the legal right by which each of you hold your land. When you read your deed remember General Cass and the treaty of Chicago, August 29th, 1821."

If you enjoy history, genealogy or just a good story, be sure to stop in the library for a visit. We can help you find a good read!

- Lisa Wood, Branch Manager



Upcoming 2009 Events

Story Hour - April 17 @ 10:00 a.m. - main level

Annual Friends of the Library Gathering - April 21 @ 6:00 p.m. - lower level

Story Hour - April 24 @ 10:00 a.m. - main level

Friends of the Library Meeting - April 28 @ 4:00 p.m. - lower level

Story Hour - May 1 @ 10:00 a.m. - main level

Story Hour - May 8 @ 10:00 a.m. - main level

Children's Book Week - May 12-16

Advisory Board Meeting - May 13 @ 9:00 a.m. - main level

Story Hour - May 15 @ 10:00 a.m. - main level

Open House - May 22 @ 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Friends of the Library Meeting - May 26 @ 4:00 p.m. - lower level

Friends Book Sale - June 5 & 6 during library hours - lower level

Advisory Board Meeting - June 10 @ 9:00 a.m. - main level

Summer Reading Program Sign Up - June 16 during library hours

Kalamazoo Nature Center Program - June 23 @ 2:00 p.m. - lower level

Library Closed - July 4

Friends of the Library Pic Sale - July 4 @ Union Church

Advisory Board Meeting - July 8 @ 9:00 a.m. - main level

Storyteller Jenifer Strauss - July 8 @ 12:00 p.m. - lower level

Pet Parade - July 8 @ 10:00 a.m. - front lawn

Rain Date for Pet Parade - July 17 @ 10:00 a.m. - front lawn

Cool Chemistry for all ages - July 23 @ 3:00 p.m. - lower level

Summer Reading Program ends - July 25

Friends of the Library Meeting - July 28 @ 4:00 p.m. - lower level

Winter Blahs Contest Winner... Carolyn VanRiper!

Carolyn read 3,053 pages from February 1st through February 28th and received a basket of assorted items, a mug, dish towel, Starbucks chocolates and goodies.

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about the Names of our
Quincy Streets? Arnold
Street? Broughton Street?
Clizbe Road? Berry Street?
Hmm. Read on...

Quincy Firsts

First Settler: In 1830, Horris Willson purchased 320 acres, located in section 12, 13 and 14. He first put up a little hut on the north-east corner of section 14 and broke up and planted a small prairie to corn. In the same summer he built a log house.

He purchased the first land, built the first house, plowed the first furrow, planted the first corn, sowed the first oats and kept the first tavern in the township of Quincy.

First Fire: The spring of 1834, found Mr. John Cornish busy preparing timber for his new house, and as soon as the material was ready, he raised a frame on the site of Clarks Hotel. When it was roofed, floored and sided, he moved into it and opened a tavern. This building with all its contents burnt in 1843, the first fire in Quincy.

First Marriage: Early in the spring of 1835, two young men came from the East seeking lands and their fortunes. One of them, Walter Loomis, bought 80 acres now owned by the Gregory's and put up a frame on the north side of the road just east of Mr. Gregory's house. The other, Daniel Bagley, bought an acre of ground from Mr. Cornish now the VanCamp property, and put up a frame on the north side of the road and a blacksmith shop on the south side. His house is a part of VanCamp's old house which was moved away this summer. This is the oldest building in Quincy. These two young men boarded with Mr. Corbus and fell in love with the landlord's

two daughters; and the daughters fell in love with them. The result was a double wedding in the fall of 1835. These two young men have the honor of being the first to "pop the question" within the limits of Quincy. This is the first marriage and the first marriage was a double wedding. Their bridal tour was from their home, one to her new home at now VanCamp's and the other to where Mr. Gregory now lives.

First ballot cast: The first ballot was cast by John Broughton, though living out of the township; I presume it was permitted in anticipation of his making this his immediate and permanent home.

First roads: During the summer of (August) of 1836, five roads were located in the township, one of which is Main Street of the village. It was brushed out north as far as Mr. Adam's house on the hill, and south to Mr. Craters saw mill in Algansee, but was not opened up and prepared for public travel till a later day.

First preacher: During the winter of 1886 and 1837, a Methodist class was organized in the house of Mr. John Broughton, consisting of Mr. Broughton and wife, Mr. Hewitt and wife, Father Clizbe and wife and Dr. Berry. The first person that preached in Quincy, to the best of my information, was Peter Sabin, or perhaps Rowel Parker.

First shoe shop: Thomas Valier, a shoemaker, who came from England in 1835 or 1836 and located first in Coldwater, came into Quincy, living one says in a Cornish house, another in the Bagley house, but certainly and finally in the little shanty built by Hamilton on the Wilson lot, owned then by Broughton, and opened up a shoe shop, wherever he lived, the first in Quincy. He said to one of our townsmen that "a certain man would

hoe his corn because he hewed him." I am informed that his sister, now Mrs. Harger (widow), was an attendant for Queen Victoria and was present at her coronation.

First Schoolteacher: The first to teach the children of Quincy was Mrs. Peter Newberry. The school was in her own house, the winter of 1837-38. The first school in the village was in Mr. Broughton's house and was taught by Miss Anna Roberts in the summer of 1838. In the fall, a log school house was built near where the depot now stands.

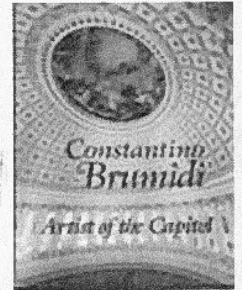
In 1846, the log was superseded by a frame structure on the same lot. In 1850, it was moved to the corner opposite the M.E. church; in 1854 was again moved to the Mudge (now Pope) property. In 1856, it was abandoned for a brick on the corner of Fulton and Jefferson Streets, its present location. In 1869, it was enlarged and remodeled and in 1883 reseated and the furnace replaced by a steam heating apparatus of the latest improvement, a building of which we may justly be proud. The efficiency of the school under its present principal, Professor Jackson, is attested by the presence of the largest number of foreign scholars ever in attendance at one time.

First religious affiliation: Nearly all of the first settlers were Methodist. The M.E. Church was organized in 1837 with seven members only one of whom, Mrs. Broughton, is now living. The house of worship was built in 1854. Its present pastor is Reverend N.L. Bray.

The Baptist Church was organized August, 20, 1846, with 20 members, eight of whom are still living. Their house was built in 1854 and dedicated a few weeks after the M.E. Church. The present pastor is Reverend G.H. Starring. (continued on page 5)

Did you know...

- No animal, once frozen solid (i.e. water solidifies and turns to ice) survives when thawed, because the ice crystals formed inside cells would break open the cell membranes. However, there are certain frogs that can survive the experience of being frozen. These frogs make special proteins which prevent the formation of ice (or at least keep the crystals from becoming very large), so that they actually never freeze even though their body temperature is below zero Celsius. The water in them remain liquid: a phenomenon known as "supercooling". If you disturb one of these frogs (just touching them even), the water in them quickly freezes solid and they die.
- Other than humans, black lemurs are the only primates that may have blue eyes.
- The United States has never lost a war in which mules were used.
- Artist Constantino Brumidi fell from the dome of the U.S. Capitol while painting a mural around the rim. He died four months later.
- Since 1896, the beginning of the modern Olympics, only Greece and Australia have participated in each of the games.
- February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.
- Sunbeams that shine down through the clouds are called crepuscular rays.
- Very small clouds that look like they have been broken off of bigger clouds are called Scuds
- A-1 Steak Sauce contains both orange peel and raisins.



Flag Preservation Fund Drive

The Quincy Library Advisory Board invites you to join us in our endeavor to restore and preserve our precious collection. Please complete the below information, enclose a check payable to the Quincy Library Foundation and either send it to the library or to Teddy Sinclair at 490 Clarendon Rd., Quincy, MI 49082. Your consideration and generosity is greatly appreciated. You may choose to give your gift "in honor", "in memory of" or other, just circle below.

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In Memory of...

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In Honor...

John F. Burlew

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Flag Preservation Fund:

Sue Webb - Pleasant
Street Daycare
Elizabeth McLaughlin

Thank You:

Carol Kahaian for the donation of Beany Babies for our Story Hour and Summer Reading children's prizes and give-a-ways.

Gale & Patty Cutcher

To Kim Brown and Dave Hardy for their help and scaffolding in the hanging of our re-furbished GAR Civil War era flag.

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The Presbyterian Church was organized February 27, 1857, with seven members, one of whom, Mrs. Chapin, is now living. The house of worship was built in 1869, a chapel added in 1980 and re-carpeted and frescoed in 1882. The present minister is Reverend J. Emory Fisher. In 1882, John's Mission Chapel was dedicated, Reverend H.J. Cook, rector of St. Mark's, Coldwater, ministering to them. In 1867, the Church of Christ was organized with 10 members, and in 1871 purchased the house in which they worship. During the summer of 1871, the Seventh Day Adventists organized their Church with 15 members, and the same year erected a brick church.

Around Town...

William P. Arnold, believing there would be a town here at no distant day sold his property in Coldwater and bought in Quincy and built the house where he now lives. He has been identified largely with the development of our village. Most of the facts in this history were gathered in conversation with him.

Excerpts from "The Courier", Coldwater, Michigan, October 6, 1883

Quincy Historical Society

The Quincy Historical Society was formally incorporated in 2008. It is the purpose of the Society to foster the collection and preservation of significant information and locally relevant historical artifacts, provide and maintain a museum to house those artifacts, and to serve as an educational resource for all members of our community. The group's immediate goals and efforts are focused on readying the museum building.

Last fall, members of the Historical Society began the work of cleaning and repairing the museum building at 10 E. Jefferson Street, the old Seventh Day Adventist church. This spring, the groups efforts will focus on continued wallpaper removal, window repairs and painting to reverse the damage of neglect, weather and vandalism. Grounds improvement will also begin this spring.

Master Gardeners have volunteered their skills to create landscaping plans for a brick walk and seating area complemented with vintage plantings. Donated plants and garden seating recycled from the former part fountain allow the grounds improvements to go forward on a minimal budget and volunteer efforts. The brick walk is a fundraising project which will be installed in stages.

Membership is not required to participate in the museum work bees, nor is attendance mandatory for members. Quincy Historical Society meetings are open to all community members and are tentatively scheduled for the third Thursday of each month, at 6:30 p.m at the Village Hall. Individuals or groups interested in the museum project or the Quincy Historical Society may call Patricia Gardon at 517-795-7053. Membership and brick walk information is available at the library and the village office.

Annual Friends of the Library Membership Drive

The Friends of the Library invites you to renew or begin your membership. The membership begins January 2009. Please complete the below information, enclose a check payable to the Friends of the Library and either send it to the library or to Teddy Sinclair at 490 Clarendon Rd., Quincy, MI 49082. The Friends of the Library are responsible for the continuance of the newsletter and assisting with many of the library's programs.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Membership: \$5.00

I am interested in contributing an additional \$ _____ for the continuance of this newsletter.

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