

Hadley Township Historical Society

Hadley Mill Museum
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Remembered

Longtime member, Jim Jessop, passed away August 27, 2022. He and his wife, Lorraine, were avid members of our Society. They not only enjoyed visiting the museum but made it a point to attend the evening programs.

Another longtime member, Celia Himebauch passed away November 26 at the age of 103. She was always interested in what was happening at the museum and will be missed.

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Here we are, wrapping up our 2022 summer schedule. For the last twenty years or so we have tried several different ideas as to when to have the mill open. We have tried being open during the week, on Sundays and then every other Saturday afternoon. We would get a few visitors but not enough for the volunteers that showed up to assist. Last year we decided to try “event days” Our first one of three was “A Grand Old Day in Hadley” and it went over well. We had vendors, displays and exhibits. This year we scheduled three again (June, August, and September) plus the Fourth of July. We added “Cars and Quilts” and closed out the season with “Pork and Plaid” along with the “Farm Hop.” Because the map of the various places on the Hop was so interesting, we decided to include it with this issue. Our three evening programs were enjoyed by all and included two with “Mrs. Lincoln” and one on the history of the one-room schoolhouse. This coming year we will plan on three more excellent programs. For the past several years we have had an antique automobile or truck on display in the Turbine Room with the Stall Automobile Museum providing the cars. They have a much larger collection to choose from than the Sloan Museum in Flint and have a greater variety of manufacturers where Sloan’s are past and present General Motors brands.

The Hartwig Legacy

Who would have thought, twenty years ago that we would have a 3-floor museum, well over 100 members in an enterprise that brings interesting programs to Hadley, has hundreds of visitors on the 4th of July and has been host to a network of like museums. Hartwig Memorial Park is the site for the Hadley Mill Museum and we would like to explore the family of Hartwig's.

It all began with Robert who came to America from Germany in 1876 and Esther Hartwig who began their life just west of the Hartwig

home on Brigham Road. Then along came Ernest (b1886) and Ruth Hartwig. They began their farming career on what we know as the "Hartwig Farm". Ernest and Ruth had five children.

Bob came along first. We know Bob as a Flint school teacher who resided in Flint but all of us remember him best as a photographer. If it was not for Bob and June, we would not have the memories we have of Hadley. He took photos of Hadley's events, Hadley's weddings, and Hadley faces.

Adelma was also a school teacher and reading specialist. She married Frank Sherman who was in the well drilling business.

Ralph was another teacher but we know him as a partner with ~~AL~~ Corey of Corey and Hartwig Company. They were in heavy construction such as roads, sewers and they developed Lake Metamora and Lake Lapeer. It was Ralph and Marie Hartwig that donated the land and the renovated Hadley Mill to Hadley Township. "We will donate the mill but Hadley needs a museum." The township accepted the land and mill; the Hadley Township Historical Society was formed in 2002.

Vivian followed in the footsteps of her brothers and was also a teacher in a local one-room schoolhouse. Along the way she and Adrian TenBrink had seven children.

And then there was **Gene**. Gene and Beverly lived on the Hartwig homestead and loved to farm and raised cattle for beef. Most will remember Gene as spending more time in his "machine shop" than farming. Around 1971 way he obtained the 1917 Model T Ford in its "original condition" and ever since it has been present in Hadley's Fourth of July parade. It is noted for "California or Bust-probably bust" hand lettered on an old piece of wood nailed to the side of the "T" with a hillbilly theme.



A note from our President

What a great year for our community and a big thank you for any members that participated in supporting the HTHS through donations, volunteering or attending one of the programs or events to make 2022 a very successful year. Without volunteers, these events would not take place.

The HTHS is already working on 2023 events. Our Evening Programs start in August and are on the first Thursday of the month and held at the Hadley Township Offices on Pratt Road. More details will be in upcoming newsletters.

Brenda Reamer

Hadley Holiday Shopping

The Hadley Mill was open for the first time for holiday shopping on November 26. Although the Museum has been closed for the season since September, Carol Witulski and Mary Newland wanted to give locals a chance to pick up Hadley themed gifts for the holidays and did a great job of decorating the entry to the Museum. They tempted shoppers with cookies, member discounts and free holiday mugs. Carol was pleased with the turn out for a first-time event and recommends doing it again next year. Also, Carol wants to thank Deanna and Eva Nass and Keith Williams for donating and delivering racks for displaying clothing items. As the merchandise selection has expanded, we had grown out of our older display racks.



Mrs. Lincoln's White Almond Cake

1 C butter
2 C sugar
3 C flour
2 tsp baking powder

1 C milk
1 tsp vanilla
1 tsp almond extract

1 C chopped blanched almonds
6 egg whites
¼ tsp salt



Chop almonds in food processor. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Sift together flour and baking powder, remove 2 TBS and set aside. Add sifted ingredients, alternating with milk to creamed mixture. Combine almonds with reserved flour and add to batter.

Beat egg whites until stiff, add salt. Fold into batter. Pour into greased and floured tube pan. Bake 375° about 55 min. Cool 10 min and remove from pan. Sprinkle with powdered sugar and sliced almonds or make a glaze.

Free History Lectures On-Line



As a member of the HTHS you are eligible to participate in the on-line "History Hounds" lectures offered by the *Historical Society of Michigan* for no cost. Find a link to the History Hounds lecture series at

<https://www.hsmichigan.org/learn/programs/history-hounds> . Scroll

down that page to see a list of upcoming programs. To sign up for free when registering, use the button "A member of an HSM member organization". The name of your member organization is "Hadley Township Historical Society".

Here are some of the future lectures:

Lake Superior Losses: Marquette Shipwrecks

Tue. Dec 6 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Bones to Pick: The History of Dentistry

Wed. Dec. 14 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Mosquitos, Malaria, and Michigan - Oh My!

Tue. Dec 20 12:00 – 1:00 pm