

THE LEDGER

EATON COUNTY'S MUSEUM AT COURTHOUSE SQUARE
&
THE EATON COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Civil War Sesquicentennial at Courthouse Square

150 years ago, the American Civil War concluded with the fall of Richmond Virginia and the surrender of Confederate armies. To commemorate the occasion this Spring, Courthouse has been holding Civil War themed events and displaying number of artifacts from the period. During April, Shirley Hodges gave a lecture on the role of Women during the Civil War. In May, Dave Smith gave a lecture on the role of Michigan in the American Civil War.



Charlotte soldiers in the Second Michigan Volunteer Cavalry Regiment — 1864

Eaton County Civil War Statistics

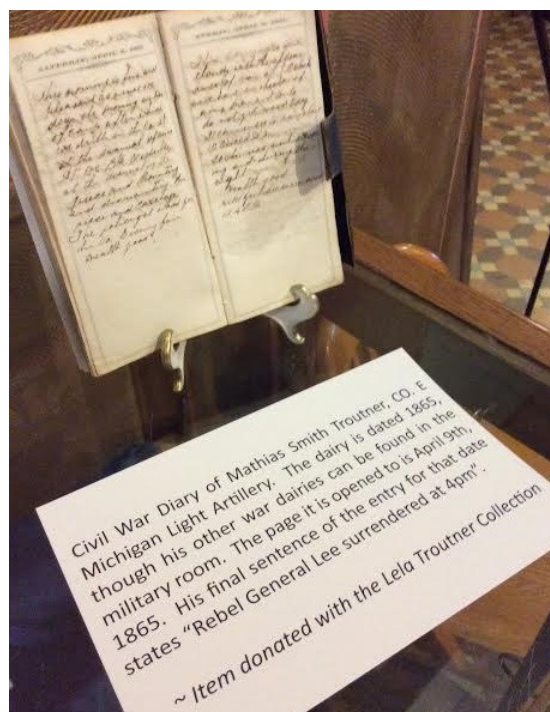
1,741 men from Eaton County served in the Union Army

16,000 people lived in Eaton County during 1860

4,200 men between age 15 and 50 lived in Eaton County during 1860

260 soldiers from Eaton County are estimated to have died in the Civil War.

1 Marine Sergeant from Eaton County was issued the medal of Honor for service at the Battle of Mobile Bay in 1864.



Civil War Diary of Mathias Smith Troutner, CO. E Michigan Light Artillery. The diary is dated 1865, though his other war dairies can be found in the military room. The page it is opened to is April 9th, 1865. His final sentence of the entry for that date states "Rebel General Lee surrendered at Appomattox".
~ Item donated with the Lela Troutner Collection

A Volunteers view

Coming from the UK, where rich history is around every corner, the love of all things old and interesting seems natural to me.

Being a relative newcomer to Charlotte and living a stones throw away from the courthouse, the transition to become a volunteer here seemed a natural one.

So what do I do here at the courthouse? I sweep, I clean the glass display cabinets, I paint, I help wherever I can, I get to talk and work with some really interesting and knowledgeable people and I love it.

Thankfully, I seem to have passed the love of history on to my daughter who I also enlisted to come and help out at the courthouse a couple of times a week after school.

I'm sure to some of you reading this will think that sounds terribly dull but I get to be part of the history of this beautiful building, I get to handle (carefully) the artifacts that you only get to see behind a glass case, I get to say "I helped with that room" or "that's my display" and I feel extremely privileged.

Lisa Bedder



Coming Soon to Courthouse Square

ANDROMEDA
COMMUNITY THEATRE
Proudly Presents Harper Lee's

To Kill A Mockingbird

Dramatized by Christopher Sergel
Directed by Heather Hipkiss

All performances in the courtroom
of the historic Courthouse Museum
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June 4, 5, 7, 12-14, 2015
7pm Thursday & Friday
2pm & 7pm Saturday
2pm Sunday

By special arrangement with the
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Tickets
Online now: Students \$8, Adults \$10
At the Door: Students \$10, Adults \$12

www.AndromedaPlayers.org
(269) 262-1943

Recent Donation to the Museum:

A crown top soda
bottle from the
Charlotte Bottling
Works—circa 1910s



Celebrate Charlotte — June 17th-21st 2015

Eaton County's Museum at Courthouse Square will be holding tours on Saturday June 20th during the Celebrate Charlotte festival. Visitors will be able to enjoy our two floors of exhibits and will be afforded the rare opportunity to see the museum's artifact and archival collection vaults. On Saturday, an antique show will also be occurring on site at the museum.

On the Courthouse Square, the Charlotte Farmers Market will be happening from 3:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday. On Saturday, a Craft Show and the Kids Fun House on the Square will be ongoing. From 11-1, Impression 5 Science Center will be at the square running activities where kids get to build items. From 1-3, Preuss Pets will have animals on hand for children to interact with.

Also new this year is an **Antiques Show and Sale !!!** It runs June 20th 10-4 on the ground level of the 1885 Courthouse.

Celebrate Charlotte Events

Thursday

Bite of Charlotte 5:00-8:00 Throughout Downtown

Touch a Truck 5:00-8:00 Downtown

Farmers Market 3:00-7:00 Courthouse Square

Charlotte Community Band at United Methodist Church at 7pm Ice Cream Social to follow!

Friday

Car & Motorcycle Cruise In-Downtown Charlotte 5-9pm

Pub and Grub Crawl 8:00-11:00 Throughout downtown. Buy shirts for \$10, starts at Peters Circle

Saturday

Eaton County Museum Tours 10:00-5:00 Court House Square

Antiques Show and Sale 10:00- 4:00 ; Ground Level 1885 Courthouse Square

Craft Show on the Square ALL DAY Court House Square

Golf, Grilling, and Guys Health 9:00-11:00 ALIVE

Kids Fun House on the Square 10:00-7:00 Court House Square
-Kids Fun House

Colors United Color Run- <http://www.ecuw.org/>

Concert on the Square 10:00-3:30 Court House Square

WOW Blues & Brews Concert 5-11:30pm Beach Market

Sunday

Father's Day Fly in Breakfast 7:30-11:00 Fitch H. Beach Airport

Art Walk -Winners Presentation 10:00-10:30 Fitch H. Beach Airport

Freedom Concert and Fireworks at the Fairgrounds 5-9 pm. Free face painting, picnic on the grounds, booths and



The Museum Collection Vaults will be open for tours during Celebrate Charlotte

Preuss



Pets



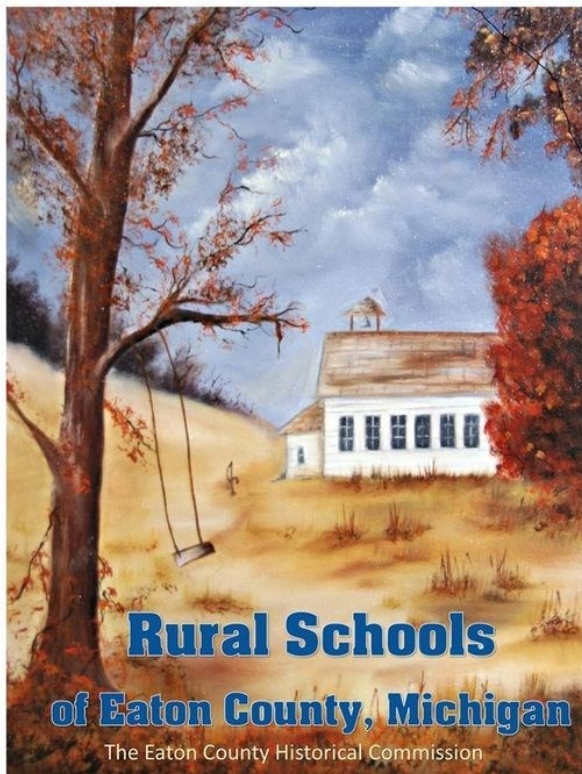
Preuss Pets and Impression 5 will be part of the Kids Fun House on the Square on Saturday June 20th.

EATON COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Eaton County Historical Commission Releases Its Long Awaited Rural School Book

The Eaton County Historical Commission released its long awaited book about local rural schools this past April. Stretching over 350 pages, the book contains research about the 226 rural schools that once dotted the county's landscape. Accompanying the book are dvd discs containing additional photos and information about Eaton County schools.

Copies of the book are available with cash or check at Courthouse Square for \$25. Please make checks payable to the Eaton County Historical Commission.



Heritage Award

The Eaton County Heritage Award 2015, was awarded to Jan Sedore. Joe Ann Nehmer Nominated Jan for the award due to her timeless donation of hours in the preservation to history. She states that Jan has "Displayed her passion for history of Eaton County and has spent endless hours on the Eaton county Rural schools book.

Congratulations Jan!

Grant Awarded

The Eaton County genealogical society has succeeded in gaining a grant from the Eaton County Historical Commission.

They intend to purchase a document scanner that will scan documents and books up to A3 size. This will enable them to scan entire books and will eliminate the wear and tear of trying to copy large books for research purposes.

Cemetery tour

The Eaton County Maple Hill Cemetery Tour will be held October 4 and will feature Eaton County teachers. Contact the Courthouse Square museum for more details

1885 Eaton Courthouse Complex Tenant Spotlight

Support from our great tenants directly maintains and cares for our historic buildings



Located on the first floor of the 1885 Courthouse



Located on the second floor of the Sheriffs residence

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- ◆ Ongoing The One Room Schoolhouses of Eaton County temporary exhibit will be open at the museum.
- ◆ June 4-5, 7, 12-14 Andromeda Community Theater Presents "To Kill a Mockingbird" at 1885 Courthouse (see advertisement for ticket details)
- ◆ June 18-21: Celebrate Charlotte Festival. Events at the Courthouse will occur Friday and Saturday.
- ◆ July 11th: Courthouse Square Association's annual golf outing at Centennial Acres Golf and Banquet Center.
- ◆ September 10-14 Charlotte Frontier Days Festival.
- ◆ October 4 Maple Hill Cemetery Tour (details to follow)
- ◆ October 17 Heritage Conference

2015 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Levels of Annual Giving

Individuals		Businesses	
Docent	\$25-99	Scholar (1)	\$250-499
Archivist	\$100-499	Historian (2)	\$500-999
Curator	\$500-999	Conservator I (3)	\$1,000-2,499
Director	\$1,000+	Conservator II (4)	\$2,500+

(Number in parentheses indicates quantity of 1/4 page ads in The Ledger)

I would like to ensure the future of Courthouse Square by becoming a member of Courthouse Square Association at the _____ level of giving. I agree to make a contribution of \$_____ and in return I will receive all the benefits of membership at that level.

Check here for an additional \$5 donation to the children's summer camp scholarship fund _____

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

Sign _____ Date _____

_____ I would like to receive The Ledger, invitations to events and exhibits, membership reminders, and other notifications via e-mail.

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Courthouse Square Association, Inc.
PO Box 411, Charlotte, MI 48813*

Sign up for E-mail Correspondence

Would you like to receive this newsletter electronically? How about invitations to exhibits and events? Or a reminder that your membership is due? Help us conserve the environment by saving paper! Send your e-mail address to us at csamuseum@yahoo.com to begin! Don't worry, we won't share your contact information with any outside parties.



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Courthouse Square**
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Charlotte, MI 48813

WWW.CSAMUSEUM.NET

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Courthouse Square Association is open Monday—Thursday from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Other times can be arranged for special events and by appointment. The museum is handicap accessible.

Museum admission:

- \$1/person
- Children age 12 and under free
- CSA members free
- Group and family rates available

We would be happy to make special arrangements with sufficient notice. Please call the museum office at (517) 543-6999 for special assistance or for more information. You can always email us at csamuseum@yahoo.com, too.

The Eaton County Genealogical Society is also located in the 1885 Courthouse and is open Tuesday—Thursday from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Call ECGS at (517) 543-8792 for more information.

Other organizations/businesses located in the 1885 Courthouse include Alpha Video & Computer Services and Ann Prater: Attorney & Counselor at Law. The Charlotte Chamber of Commerce is located in the 1873 Sheriff's Residence, adjacent to the courthouse, along with Pottersville Applied Technology.

Remember to bring your family and friends to your favorite museum!

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*Keeping History Alive
on The Square!*