



Pioneers in Early Childhood Education

Our guest speaker for the September meeting was Scott Bultman, founder and president of Froebel USA, and an advocate of early childhood education.

Scott delivered a slide-show and presentation about the history of Kindergarten, beginning with its origin in Germany in the early 1800s. Friedrich Froebel developed pioneering work in the education of young children, and he specifically designed teaching tools and activities to nurture their natural learning processes and curiosity.

Just as Froebel's programs were beginning to take hold, the German government banned the schools because they ignored class and cultural boundaries, which made the aristocrats uncomfortable. But before this happened, Froebel's teaching regimen had caught hold in other countries, and began to be exported overseas to America. Unfortunately, the greatest growth took place after Froebel passed away in 1852.

In America, well-to-do women in the northeast began to see great promise in the Froebel Kindergarten schooling, and established schools and training programs for Kindergarten teachers. In addition to that, German immigrants were bringing the Kindergarten with them to the Midwest as they settled in the frontiers around the Great Lakes.

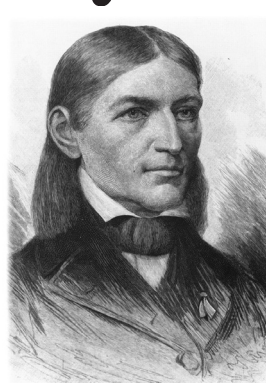
Influential families began to establish Kindergartens in small towns, and a network of teachers began to share Froebel's teachings through conventions and publications. One such publication from the 1870s listed a dozen significant Kindergarten programs in the country, and among those was Ionia, Michigan.

Scott mentioned the names of several prominent (one might say "powerful") women in West Michigan who championed the cause, set up schools and training programs, and imported expertise where there was none.

In 1871, Professor John W. Ewing arrived in Ionia to take the position of Superintendent of Schools. He helped the public schools to grow for five years, then took two years off for health reasons. When he returned in 1878, he stayed on until 1887 when he left to take a professorship at Alma College.

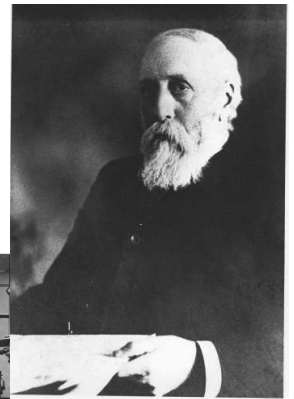
While he was in service to Ionia's educational system, the Kindergarten was established here, and teachers for the program were trained in Grand Rapids at one of the premier Kindergarten centers of the country. Professor

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LEFT: Freidrich Froebel, inventor of the Kindergarten.

RIGHT: Professor John W. Ewing, Superintendent of Ionia Public Schools in the 1870s & 80s, and Director of the Normal School at Alma College thereafter where he established a Kindergarten Training Course.



LEFT: Early Froebel Kindergarten classroom showing some of the many teaching tools he invented.

The Re-Creation of History in Ionia The Mustering-In of the 21st Michigan Infantry



The soldiers began to arrive on Friday afternoon, Sept 7th, with their families and their camping gear. By sundown, the greensward alongside the First United Methodist Church had become a place out of history. 1861, to be exact.

Members of the 21st, 3rd, and 7th Michigan Infantry Regiments gathered in Ionia to reenact the mustering-in of

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Plus Preparation for Autumn Events**

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Kindergarten

Ewing appreciated the great influence that the program could have in preparing young minds for the new industrial age, and became an advocate of the cause himself.

After leaving his post in Ionia, he lost no time in setting up a Kindergarten training program at Alma College (affiliated with the Normal School which trained teachers). Scott shared a copy of the curriculum from that program, which served for many years, and (with the exception of classes in the German language) is still a valid curriculum today.

Scott then continued to relay the influence that the Froebel education had on world culture, citing such famous innovators as Frank Lloyd Wright, R. Buckminster Fuller, Piet Mondrian, Paul Klee, and a long list of other creative persons who learned with Froebel's techniques. It is an education which nurtures imagination, creativity, and experimentation through play, through visual and tactile exercises, through art and music. Milton Bradley (the game publisher) was a great supported of the program, and essentially created America's school supply business to market Froebel teaching aids.

But in the early 20th century, the kindergarten program began to change. Education became an industry, and standards imposed upon the system pushed many of Froebel's most successful learning tools out of the school system. Today's kindergarten is not what he had in mind.

Today, the most successful students in the world are in countries that have Froebel educational programs. This does not include the United States. As an example, Finland has had Froebel education from the beginning, and remains one of the highest-ranking countries in education. Korea has embraced Froebel education, and their success has far surpassed the United States, which ranks quite low in the list.

Through international conferences, publication of books and pamphlets, plus manufacturing and selling the Froebel "gifts" (educational toys), Scott continues to promote the virtues of Froebel's original Kindergarten concepts. He hopes that more educators will realize the value in the original techniques and revive the successful Froebel programs here in the United States.

Thanks, Scott, for a spirited and enlightening presentation, and the realize that Ionia was among the early communities to establish Kindergarten in America!



Genevieve "Gene" Louise Werdehoff, 86, of Ionia, formerly of Crystal, passed away Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012 at Heartland Health Care Center in Ionia. Gene was a long-time member and supporter of the Historical Society, serving tirelessly on many committees and at many events. Our condolences to her family and friends.

MINUTES of the September 5th General Meeting

The September 5th meeting of the Historical Society was called to order shortly after 7:00 p.m. by President Stephanie VanderMolen at the Blanchard House.

The first order of business was a report of past events and activities. The Post Office Birthday Party was a big success, with as many as 50 people in attendance. Many thanks to Linda Ciangi for pulling this together and arranging an impressive display of USPS history. These displays - some of which are on loan from the Post Office - will remain on display through the end of the year for more folks to share and enjoy. Thanks to Barb Ehlert and Kathleen Cook and Carol Gallagher for their help with this event.

Thanks to all the volunteers who staffed the Blanchard House for our Summer Sundays. Many visitors and a fair amount of donations help the ICHS to fulfill our mission in the community. President Stephanie reminds members that the holiday season will also include a series of Sunday open

houses, so please check your calendars to see when you might be able to help hosting at the house.

The coming weekend, Sept. 7, 8, and 9 will be the encampment of the 21st Michigan and several other Civil War reenactor groups. Their agenda includes visits to the Court House (with thanks to Joe and Joan McCord for hosting there) and to the Blanchard House on Sunday the 9th. All members are invited to welcome these folks to our town! (See more details on this event elsewhere in this issue.)

Hank Knoop reminds members about the annual Duck Race coming soon t the Bertha Brock Park Fall Festival on Sept 15th. Volunteers are always welcomed! The "Dumping of the Ducks" will occur at 3:00 p.m. - tickets will be on sale until that moment (\$1 each or 6 for \$5) and the winners will receive outstanding prizes! Also remember: for every \$20 in donations (up to \$100), the donor will have an entry into the Chamber of Commerce \$750 prize drawing! Hank also asked for help cleaning the waterway at the park in preparation for the race on Tuesday the 11th.

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NEXT MONTH: Annual Meeting!
Be sure your dues are paid!

Reenactors of the 21st, along with members of the 3rd and 7th Michigan, pose alongside the stone marking the site (almost) of Camp Sigel. The stone was originally dedicated in 1912 on the 50th Anniversary of the mustering in, where a few Civil War veterans were in attendance. This was an emotional moment, honoring the hundreds of soldiers of the 21st who did not return home from the war. Over 1,000 volunteers trained at Camp Sigel in Ionia in the summer of 1862, leaving for the front in late September of that year to "see the elephant."





Ionia County Historical Society
presents
Spirits of History Past

Sunday, OCTOBER 21st, 1:00 p.m.
Highland Park Cemetery
Grave Site Tour

East Main Street, Ionia, MI

You will be intrigued by Ionia's rich history
and interesting spirits you will meet along the way.

Tour will commence at cemetery entrance
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Students and Children under 5: \$2.00

Parking and ticket purchases day of event at the park next to Prairie Creek & Highland Park entrance.

Search www.ioniahistory.org for more information.

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NEWS OF THE REBELLION

150 Years Ago This Month:

While our local men were mustering in, the headlines described a series of great and bloody battles in the border states. There was little decisive action in some place, and great victories and defeats in others.

September 5, 1862 Robert E. Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia entered Maryland. Voters in Louisiana who had taken an oath of loyalty to the United States ratified a state constitution abolishing slavery Louisiana. Tennessee Unionists met in Nashville to restart the state government and plan participation in national elections that fall.

September 12, the train carrying the 21st Michigan south out of Detroit crashed, causing no injuries but delaying the unit's arrival at the Kentucky battle front by 24 hours.

September 15, forces under Confederate General Stonewall Jackson take 12,000 Federals prisoner. The following day, George McClellan's men find a copy of Lee's Special Orders No. 191 issued on September 9, detailing deployment of Confederate troops during the initial phase of their invasion of Maryland.

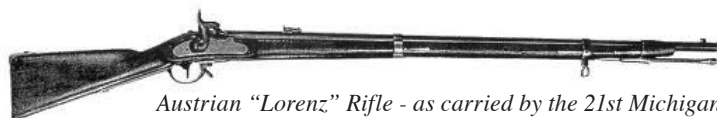
September 17, the Army of the Potomac under McClellan [US] defeats the Army of Northern Virginia under Lee [CS], resulting in the bloodiest day in American history. 2,600 lost their lives that day at Antietam.

September 20, General Braxton Bragg [CS] tries to split General William Rosecrans [US] forces as they try to return to the safety of Chattanooga. Several Michigan units were under the command of Rosecrans.

September 22, 1862 Following the preemptive strike at Antietam President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing slaves in states or portions of states still in rebellion on January 1, 1863.

September 27, 1862 The first all-black regiment in United States history is formed in Union-controlled New Orleans from "free Negroes." While their technical name is the First Regiment Louisiana Native Guard they call themselves "Chasseurs d'Afrique". The name translates to "Hunters of Africa."

October 1, Union forces under General Don Carlos Buell headed south from Louisville, KY, to engage the Confederates under General Braxton Bragg. The 21st Michigan undoubtedly "saw the elephant" at the Battle of Perryville on October 8th.



Austrian "Lorenz" Rifle - as carried by the 21st Michigan Volunteer Infantry at the start of the War Between the States.

Upcoming Programs and Events

Wednesday, October 3rd, 7:00 p.m.
Annual Meeting & Election of Officers
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Wednesday, October 17th, 7:00 p.m.
Business Meeting at the Blanchard House

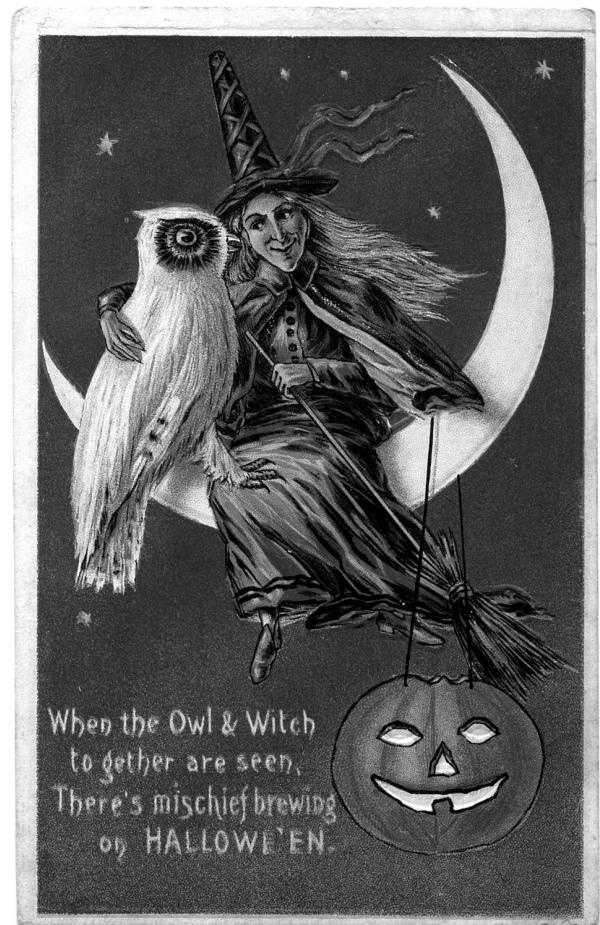
SUNDAY OCTOBER 21st
"Spirits of Ionia's Past" Cemetery Tour
Highland Park Cemetery - see ad in this issue!

Wednesday, November 7th, 7:00 p.m.
Public Meeting at the Blanchard House.

Saturday, November 10 - all day!
BUS TRIP to CHICAGO - see ad in this issue!


Don't forget the Holiday Open Houses
Nov. 25 and Dec. 3, 10, and 17
at the Blanchard House. (Hosts needed!)

For other upcoming events - visit the ICHS website at ioniahistory.org.



HIGHLY RECOMMENDED :: If you would like to learn more about the adventures of the 21st Michigan, find a copy of "Into the Tornado of War" by James Genco. Wonderful! — D.M.

EXCURSION PARTY FOR THE SUNNY SOUTH!

1776 !  **1862 !**

NINE MONTHS' Volunteers Received up to the 14th instant, for the Second and Eighth Michigan Regiments and for a new company of Sharp Shooters.

Don't let the 30th of December find you still EXPOSED TO THE DRAFT!

Go at once to the General Recruiting Office, No. 8 Noble's Block, BATTLE CREEK, and call. Choice of Regiment and Company given as far as practical.

Unless the quota is filled by the 30th, the Draft will certainly be made.

CAPT. C. BYINGTON and LIEUT. J. G. SMITH,
RECRUITING OFFICERS.

No. 8 Noble's Block, Battle Creek, Mich.

Above: One of the more clever recruiting posters for the 1862 call for volunteers. Michigan responded enthusiastically.

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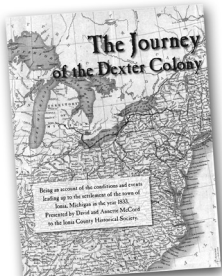
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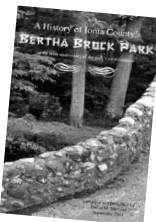
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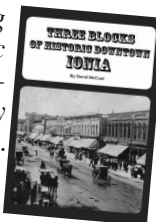
Just a few of the many things available at the
Blanchard House / Ionia Museum Gift Shop.



The Journey of the Dexter Colony
1833, by David and Annette McCord. A detailed history of the settling of Ionia.
\$12 each (\$15 with postage)



A History of Bertha Brock Park
on its 80th "Birthday" by David McCord.
\$6 each



Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Ionia - 40-pages of history by David McCord.
\$5 each

DVD VIDEO SOUVENIRS!

- **'Sno Wonder DVD** — 1936 Ionia County Road Commission + 1940 Bertha Brock Snow Festival
Short films that show us a glimpse of the challenges and the fun of Winters in Ionia County a generation ago.
- **1939 "We're In The Movies"** *A promotional film produced by Ionia businesses and organizations. It's a wonderful look into our town over 70 years ago.*
- **1950s Home Show and Free Fair Movies**
- **1976 U.S. Bicentennial in Ionia**
- **1937 Ionia Airport Inaugural plus Bertha Brock Park's 1940 "Winter Festival"**
- **1973 Ionia Centennial Documentary**
- **"Ionia's First 150 Years" and "Ionia - A Look Back"** - Documentaries by Monroe MacPherson

DVDs are available for \$10 each!

ALSO AVAILABLE:
Reproductions of historic Ionia publications —

- 1887 "Headlight Flashes" Special Edition
- 1907 Ionia Souvenir Book
- 1973 Ionia City Centennial Program Book

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The cemetery tour "Spirits of Ionia" will occur on Sunday, October 21st at Highland Park Cemetery. Most of our presenters have been arranged, and research is beginning in earnest to make this tour as interesting (if not more) than last year. Additional volunteers are welcomed to help at various stages of the event; contact Stephanie if you're interested. (See details elsewhere in this issue.)

The Chicago Bus Trip is ON! For just \$65, anyone can enjoy a bus ride to downtown Chicago and all its attractions. Please pass the word - we have only 46 seats to fill, so hurry. And each ticket will result in three chances to win in the Chamber's \$750 drawing!

Next month will be the Annual Meeting (so no program is being planned). There are two openings on the Board of Directors, and according to the Bylaws, this Sept meeting is the final opportunity for nominations. Patty Simpson-Gokee has agreed to go for a second term, and Ali Cook is interested in the other seat. (Barb Hogan, who was appointed to take Kris Haskin's seat, has also agreed to stay on for the next year to finish the two-year term.) All members are reminded to pay their annual dues by the October meeting — only paid members can vote!

In addition to voting rights, the ICHS needs members! The membership has gone down in recent years, and the Board wants to encourage all members to invite friends, families, and businesses to join and support the Historical Society. And remember that the \$20 annual dues qualifies each member for an entry in the \$750 Chamber drawing!

Members of the Lockwood family visited the house recently, and while there, they identified many of their family members in a large group photo.

McCords received a donation of paper straws! What makes this significant is that the wrappers are imprinted with "Joppes Dairy" - a long-time Ionia business for many decades. Bob Bennett found the straws at the Berlin Town Hall.

Hank Knoop delivered his Treasurer's Report, noting that the expenses exceeded income during the past month by approximately \$150. The coming months will bring a few fund-raising activities that will hopefully make up for that. A few small bills have come in for payment, and additional donations too recent to make it into this report - they will appear on next month's summary.

Finally, Linda Ciangi reported that the Downtown Merchants Association is planning an event for October 4th - more information when it becomes available.

Stephanie V. then passed the podium over to our guest speaker (see story - page one) at approximately 7:45 p.m.

MINUTES of the September 19th Board Meeting

The Board gathered at the Blanchard House on Sept 19 - three Directors present (Stephanie V., Barb H. and Carol G.) plus David McCord, Hank Knoop, Linda Ciangi, and Barb Ehler.

The meeting opened with a report on the VERY successful Duck Race. Hank reported record support and \$427 income generated. The winners of the race: Patty Simpson-Gokee (1st), Mike Nelson (2nd), and Allissa Smith (3rd). The big surprise was the popularity of the \$20-per-bag sales, which also gained the donor an entry in the big Chamber drawing. Suggestions for next year: hand-outs with upcoming ICHS activities and a couple more people to handle sales and questions.

The Board was also please to report that the Civil War Reenactment on Sept 8th was also a great success, and all reports have been positive so far. More public participation would have been nice, but what's to be done? Approximately 70 people toured the Blanchard House that Sunday! Hoping for a follow-up meeting soon with Pastor Brown and the committee.

Sales of tickets for the Chicago Bus Trip have begun, and publicity efforts need to be ramped up to let everyone know. Stephanie is working on ideas for activities on the bus, and is open to suggestions to make it FUN! Some discussion ensued about paying for an ad in the Sentinel-Standard, but the board decided to table that idea until they see how sales picks up. Linda C. will pursue the idea of writing a story for the Sentinel to help publicize the trip. The money is due to the bus company on Oct 23 (approx. \$1200) unless we cancel before that (we lose only a \$140 deposit).

"Spirits of Ionia" Cemetery Tour is coming on October 21st, and details are still being formulated. Most of the actors are lined up for the graveside presentations, but non-acting volunteers are still needed. It's research time! The eight personal stories on the tour need to be prepared. Anyone interested in help with PUBLICITY please let Stephanie know.

October 3rd will bring the Annual Meeting of the Historical Society, and annual DUES ARE DUE! Only paid members can participate in the voting. This year we have 2 openings for the Board; Ali Cook and Patty Simpson-Gokee are on the ballot for the positions. Stephanie is preparing a letter to be sent to members, and another to our "Business Buddies", to entice them to support the ICHS with their dues, but with other contributions as well. Hank Knoop is helping with this effort.

An opportunity to advertise in a booklet that advertises the Ionia area has come to us. Stephanie did not have the details at the meeting, so the Board will discuss this further off-line.

The Blanchard House will be open for Winter Sunday guests, and volunteers are needed. As an added attraction (to the usual decoration displays), the November 25th afternoon will include a craft sale. This is still to be arranged in detail, but Stephanie was asking if we could organize a "craft night" to get some things together for sale. More to come.

Regarding items for sale, David M. reported that the "Snow" DVDs will be ready soon. A copy was given to Linda C. to test. Also, the "Historic Business District" booklets are ready for production as soon as the cost estimates can be shared with the Board and voted upon.

Regarding videos at the Blanchard House, nothing new regarding the efforts of Aaron Russman after the scheduling faux-pas last month. Joshua Pardon's video on the State Hospital is still in pre-production (David M. exchanged eMails with him) and work progresses well including an interview with an author about the Traverse City and Kalamazoo State Hospitals.

October 8 the Blanchard House will be visited by a tour group from Grand Rapids called the "Questors" which Hank K. will host.

David and Annette McCord have agreed to host trick-or-treaters at the Blanchard House (in costume, of course) if the Board would like to arrange candy and front-porch decorations.

Linda noted that some of the Christmas Tree lights that are used for the big tree in the parlor have burned out. She has found a source to purchase some replacements (they are unique) and the membership will be asked for donations to that purchase at the next meeting.

A report on the recent Tri-River Museums meeting was delivered on paper from Joan McCord. The Tri-River meeting in November at the Blanchard House is scheduled for the 13th. The Tri-River members asked that the meeting be less of an event this time (not a "Tea" as in years past). The activities of other area Museums were also included in the report. The Tri-River brochure/booklet is being updated, and the ICHS Board voted to not have an ad in this edition. Joe & Joan McCord have offered to pay for the ad, and Stephanie will contact Joan regarding the content for that ad. (Thanks, McCords!)

Some months ago, Celia Jackson donated several paintings to the ICHS by local artists, with the intention that they be put on display at the Blanchard House. The Board determined that they were not compatible with the Victorian décor, and should be returned. Barb Ehler will locate those paintings and ensure that they are returned.

Hank reported that we have two spots again for the Mrs. Claus Bizarre at the Middle School on December 1st where we can sell souvenirs and donated crafts and publicize our events.

Linda C. noted that dates are

being set for winter events around town, including the Mardi Gras and Buckaroo Ball. The ICHS gave away a free rental of the Blanchard House at the past Buckaroo Ball, and Linda asked if we'd do the same this time - but no action was taken on the subject. The idea of hosting a Bridal Show at the Blanchard House has been discussed, and it sounds like we may have a potential partner to make that happen as well. Linda will continue to pursue the idea and report back to the Board.

David McCord reported that the website has been updated, including the addition of over 80 more historical images in the photo gallery. The Google Calendar has not been kept up to date, and David will test the access to the Calendar and make sure that Stephanie has the right procedure to keep it updated. He also reported that the submission to the "TechSoup.com" website (which offers discounts and donations of technology for non-profits) has been completed and we're awaiting confirmation.

Patty Simpson-Gokee has agreed to chair the Quilt Raffle for net year. She and Hank need to get together to arrange the Raffle License and discuss the schedule for ticket sales and the final drawing.

Linda C. also showed the Board the Post Office notebook that she put together, including many newspapers clippings, photos, and documents reproduced for historical documentation and display. A monumental effort, and wonderful results, Linda extended thanks to Mary Kimble and Tyler Basler at S&K Printing for their help.

Linda also noted that a new book has been published entitled "Josephine: from Washington Working Girl to Fisherman's Wife" which was written by a former Ionia resident, Josephine Lehman Thomas.

The closing discussion was about the possible availability of the Grand Trunk Caboose that is in the parking lot at Gregory's Tavern. No real proposals or arrangements were talked about, but to acknowledge that it would be a good idea to preserve it if possible.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 9:00 pm.



MEMBERS!
If you can donate some store-bought candy, we plan to welcome Trick-Or-Treaters to the Blanchard House on Hallowe'en this year. - THANKS!

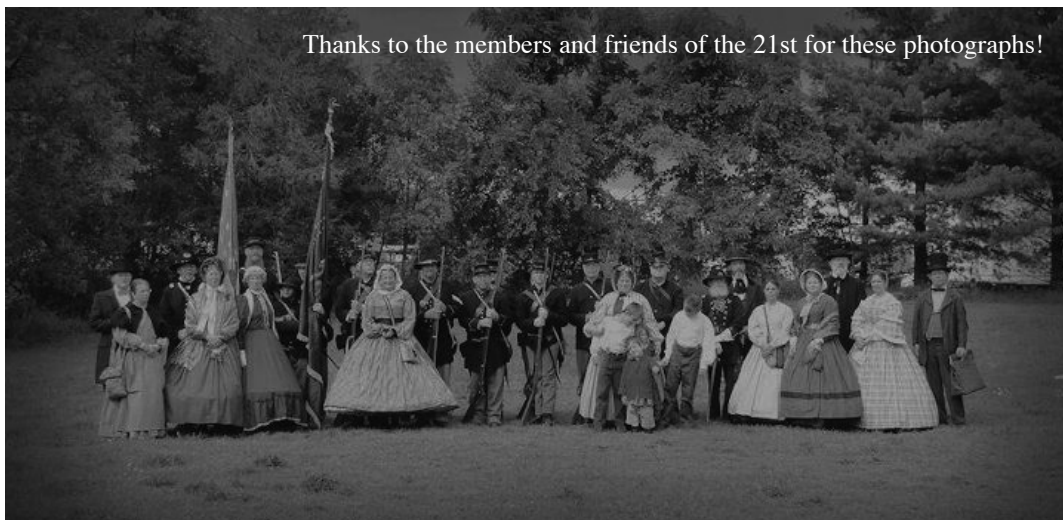
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The 21st Michigan Prepares to Preserve the Union

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the 21st which took place on the courthouse lawn 150 years ago. over 1,000 men and boys from west-central Michigan took their oaths and answered the call of President Lincoln to preserve the United States and to put down the rebellion.

Documentation of the adventures of those soldiers is told elsewhere, but these 21st-century citizens took great pride in honoring the members of that unit so many years before. On Saturday, the members of the infantry, in full period uniforms and accompanied by ladies and civilians also dressed for the part, gathered on the Ionia Courthouse steps. Through re-created speeches and a narrative prepared



Community Band, playing "military favorites" for those assembled, followed by Civil-War period dances on Main Street. After the ball, the soldiers and their families settled in for a relaxing night in camp. Sunday morning, there was an 1860's-style church service, and the Blanchard House was opened for tours.

We're happy to report that the Civil War reenactors had a wonderful weekend in Ionia, and we hope very much that they will find an opportunity to return for more history and more good times in our town. And thanks to these dedicated folks for keeping the memory of those patriots of old alive in our time.

For more information on the 21st Michigan and other Michigan Civil War units, here are some websites to visit:

<http://www.twentyfirstmichigan.org/>
<http://www.micw150.us/>
<http://passionforthepast.blogspot.com/>

Below: From the Sentinel-Standard c. 1912 on the 50th Anniversary of the Mustering-In when veterans first dedicated the Camp Sigel stone.

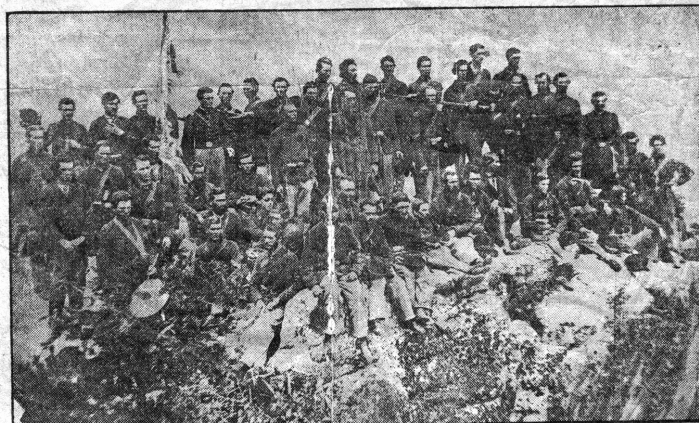


for the public, the mustering-in ceremony took place under a beautiful September sky. The visitors enjoyed seeing the regimental colors of the 21st, on display still on the Courthouse wall, and the modern-day folks that were there to watch gained a better understanding of the significance of the ceremony performed so long ago.

After the speeches and presentations, the soldiers formed up and marched along Main Street to the east where, near Prairie Creek in 1861, the original recruits were trained at Camp Sigel. This training camp was commemorated 100 years ago by veterans of the Civil War with a stone and plaque on the site. That monument, now moved to Green Park near the Creek, was their next stop. There, the soldiers fired a 15-gun salute, took photos, and honored the brave souls that contributed to the Union cause.

Back in Ionia, the visitors were entertained by the

THE BOYS OF 61-65 WHOM WE HONOR TODAY



This picture was taken on Lookout mountain in the summer of 1864 after the men had gone through many trying battles. In the original photograph the gaunt faces of the soldiers show plainly the effect of the privations which the fighters experienced. Capt. Charles E. Belknap of this regiment says about half the men shown in the picture died before the close of the war, either from wounds or illness. The men in the picture were members of Company H, Twenty-first Michigan Infantry.



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September 27 — Jerusalem

October 4 — Barn Red

October 11 — New Zealand

October 18 — Alaska's Gold Rush Train

October 25 — San Francisco, Maui, and Australia

November 1 — Copper Canyon

November 8 — From Venice to the Nile

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