



the **CHRONICLE**

The Almost Monthly Publication of
the Ionia County Historical Society



A Message from the ICHS President, Kathleen Cook

Dear Members and Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well and I hope that you were able to get vaccinated. I received my first dose during Spring Break. I am already worried about classroom coverage on the day that I get my second shot. The schools have a difficult time finding substitute teachers during a “normal” school year. During a pandemic, it is nearly impossible. What will we remember most about this epidemic? Will it be the toilet paper shortage? When the epidemic first hit, I felt nervous about the uncertainty but I also welcomed the break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. I am grateful that I live in a small town where I could still go outside for walks. I can’t imagine being in a large city and locked up in a small studio apartment for weeks on end. If you are going to have to endure a pandemic, Ionia is a great place to be!

The relaxing break ended when I was asked to develop and teach a special education program at Emerson Elementary. This type of classroom has been needed for a long time but for many reasons, it hadn’t launched. Needless to say, this year of teaching has been like no other! Teachers and staff started working in August but we didn’t start teaching until September 21, a month later than usual. The reason for the delay was because we simply were not ready. At a moment’s notice, we needed to be ready to teach virtually. Many of our students didn’t have the necessary electronics and internet connection to learn on-line. IPS would give each child the necessary equipment but we were still waiting (like many other schools around the world) for the items to be shipped.

Once school started, I created time in the day when students were required to log into their chrome books and go into various sights for learning. I needed them to be ready because the possibility of teaching virtual was likely. Just before Halloween we received notice that we would be shutting down. I am so thankful that my students knew what to do!

Teaching virtually is difficult for teachers and students but parents seemed to struggle the most. At first, many of the parents would call on the phone because they couldn’t figure out how to log in for their child. They always seemed very surprised when I asked them to hand the chrome book to the student because they knew what to do. I am always amazed by what we can learn from children.

I am not sure if I should laugh or cry about some of the

things I witnessed while teaching on-line. I taught a lot of students while they wore their pajamas and ate their breakfast. I met family members and it wasn’t unusual to have siblings join in on classroom discussions. I usually taught from my classroom at Emerson but occasionally from home. There are too many distractions at home, the phone rings, people drop by and when it rains on the tin roof, I cannot hear. However, my students enjoyed getting a virtual tour of my house, meeting Greg, my mom, the girls and their dogs. One day I stopped in the middle of my lesson and we went outside and watched Jeff Porta flush fire hydrants. Afterward, I showed them where I keep my bee hives and the creek between the Blanchard House and my house.

Building and Grounds

Speaking of the creek, we are making great progress with the clean-up. A couple of weeks ago we lost a large limb on one of the trees. Mike Herrington, our neighbor across the street, offered to clean up the tree in exchange of using my dad’s (Dave Cook) lift to take down one of his trees. Since then, Mike has taken down another medium size tree along the creek bank, cut off a few funky looking branches on other trees and cleaned up a lot of the debris in the yard. Mike cut down all the brush so we can stand on Main Street and see Adams Street. The last person to clean that area was our dear friend, Hank Knoop.



With the lift, Greg Cook went up and cleaned out all the eaves, caulked joints where they once leaked and replaced missing brackets that must have fallen off from snow sliding off the roof. Steve Reiger arranged for a donation of dirt so that I can fill in some of the holes in the yard and other needed areas. It is truly the nicest top soil that I have ever seen. Thank you Steve!

John Clack, Kim Grant, Steve Reiger and I have been busy weeding the bank and around the house. Steve has introduced

YES!

**there will be a
YARD SALE!**

Saturday, May 29 & Sunday May 30
(Memorial Day Weekend) on the lawn of the
Blanchard House, 231 East Main Street.

**PROCEEDS to support
the Historical Society**

me to several people in several daylily societies and some are eager to help with our project. First we need to get the bank cleaned up and secondly, we need to devise a plan. I am working with a couple members from the Grand Valley Daylily Society on a design so that we will have continuous bloom from Main Street to Adams. Next year I am hoping that the plants are established enough to have a "Blessing of the Creek" during peak season when many of the lilies are in full bloom.

Summer Sundays for 2021

We have been talking about opening the house for tours this summer. However, **the house is in need of cleaning!** A few student members of the National Honor Society volunteered a few weeks ago but there is still a lot to do. If you are interested in helping please let me know. I also want to thank Stacy Tchorzynski and David Cusack for the donation of cleaning supplies and for a day of cleaning. Your labor and generosity are appreciated!

Keith Bailey is in the process of scanning three large volumes of WW1 veterans from Ionia County. I am so thankful that he has the fortitude to complete such a task. Knowing that we have a digital copy of some of our most treasured items is comforting. Thank you Keith!

I would like to welcome our newest member to the group, Les Bowerman. I ran into him and his lovely wife in the genealogy room at the library. I was able to help them with their research at the Blanchard House and they decided to join. I hope that you can all meet them soon.

Donations and Acquisitions

I have accepted some unique donations. One of the newest items donated to the society is a small rocking chair that was made at the prison. Our first general membership meeting could be a show and tell of all the things that have been given to us in the past year. We have some real treasures.

I am hoping to meet up with Mary Howling soon. She rescued a huge booklet of postcards that were collected by Bob and Pat Boufford. She was afraid that they would be tossed out so she took them once their children took what they wanted from the estate. I am glad that she recognized them as a treasure and not trash!

I want to thank Linda Ciangi for helping locate historical information on Emerson School. Both Jefferson and Emerson Elementary Schools were built in 1922-23. Next year they will be 100 years old! I think we need to have a party and celebrate.

Upon meeting the new principal at Emerson I noticed that the metal plate was taken off the wall and was sitting up against

the wall in her office. I asked why it was taken off the wall. The secretary said that the previous principal had taken it off the wall. So I said, "You know, that is Gertrude Page on the plaque, we need to get that back up on the wall somewhere." Recently, there has been discussion about closing Emerson Elementary. The school is well built and I feel that students are safe there. Last fall I took some pictures of some of the beautiful features and posted them on Facebook. If you haven't looked at them, I urge you to do so.

We have some members who are recovering from significant health issues. My dad, David Cook had a mild stroke after contracting the coronavirus, and Phil Kahl had major heart surgery. As Phil would say, he is happy to be an "upstanding" citizen in the community and I agree! I enjoy listening to his stories and he usually has a joke or two which always makes me chuckle. Best wishes to both gentlemen for a speedy recovery.



Yard Sale in May

Lastly, we are planning another Yard Sale on Memorial Day weekend. Let us know if you would like to help with this event or if you have items to donate. Because other ICHS events have been cancelled, we haven't been able to raise much money over the past year. Our Yard Sales have helped to meet expenses, and we hope this one will, too.

Stay healthy and safe, Kathleen

Meeting Minutes...

The ICHS Board Meeting of March 31, 2021, was called to order by President Kathleen Cook at 7:03 pm at the Blanchard House. Also present were Mary Kimble, Bryan Kimble, David McCord, Barb Ehlert and Linda Ciangi. Due to Covid 19 guidelines and having been exposed to the virus, Stacy Tchorzynski and David Cusack joined the meeting by ZOOM.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Mary Kimble reported little change to our finances since her detailed report at year end for October 2019 through September of 2020. A detailed profit and loss statement appeared in the dinter of 2021 Newsletter. Bryan Kimble raised \$295 in on line donations for his birthday. Thank you, Bryan, (and Happy Birthday).

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Mary also reported receiving an inquiry from Hastings Mutual Ins. Co. who insure the Blanchard House. They asked questions regarding safety procedures when the house is in use for tours and rentals. Mary answered their questions to the best of her ability. Inquiries have not been made for many years, dating back to Hank Knoop as treasurer. Bryan Kimble is a retired public safety officer and he will contact local inspectors to get their advice on current codes for older buildings.

Rentals - Barb Ehlert advised one person has contacted her for a graduation party in June. Mattie Cook and Ian Hildebrandt would like to rent the house on May 23, 20i 2021 for a wedding reception. They would like board approval for alcohol to be served. David McCord made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Bryan Kimble. Motion passed unanimously. These events will proceed according to the latest advice from the Health Department.

A new and updated Rental Agreement with a copy for the renter has been designed. S & K printing gave a cost of \$24 for the first printing of 50 copies. Bryan Kimble made a motion to approve the expenditure, Kathleen Cook seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Mary K. asked to review the form once more before it goes to press regarding the wording about access to the house based on some of the concerns expressed by the insurance company in her recent conversation.

Museum Projects - Concerning the basement museum area, Linda Ciangi advised she will be removing the Coca Cola sign from Room 2. It has been on loan and an updated display will be forth coming as the weather warms up.

Concerning the Carriage House (*see photo above*), David McCord and Bryan Kimble have been sorting and inventorying the tools, including the Joe McCord collection, tools acquired from other Tri-River museums, and others. Dave Meyers has also been of assistance. Bryan donated a tool bench to the project and David is considering shelving for storage in the upstairs area. Everyone is excited to have the restored Carriage House available for tours and exhibits.

Grants — Richard Brown, former owner of Brown Corp. in Ionia, would like to commemorate the long-standing local business with a Historical Marker. He has made a donation to the ICHS for that purpose. Stacy T. advised that historic markers are \$3,750. for same lettering on both sides and \$3,990. for two different sides. This includes shipping from the State of Michigan.

Stacy continues to be on the lookout for grants including for a Gazebo for the Blanchard House lawn. Depending on size and frills, we have set a limit of under \$10,000. Greg Cook is willing to donate his time and expertise to build the Gazebo and make it a

showpiece for the yard, with lights and electric power if possible.

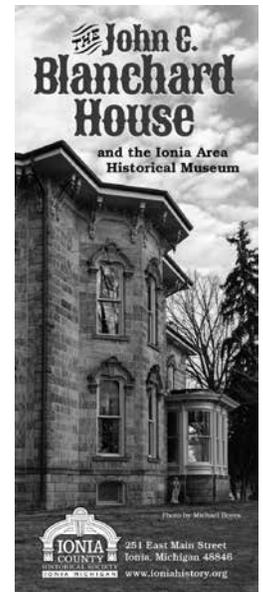
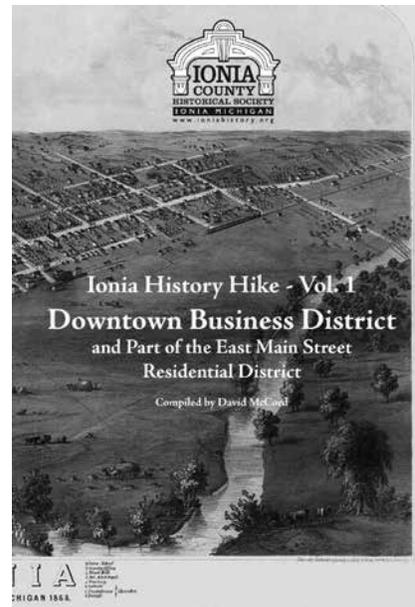
Also, Stacy has signed us up for membership in the Michigan Museum Association and The American Association of State and Local Histories and she has donated the cost of memberships. Thank you, Stacy.

Concerning Sentinel storage and the cost of same, Barb Ehlert questioned if the Society could assist Linda Ciangi with storage rental of \$4,800 a year. Mary Kimble advised with a lack of fund raising during 2020 it would be difficult but she would add to her reports that a donation in said amount is being made.

David McCord made a motion to award Linda Ciangi with a life membership in the Society to show the board's appreciation. Bryan Kimble seconded the motion that passed unanimously. The Sentinel building owners are hoping to sell the building and lease it back from the new owners with no disruption in the present situation.

Events - The Upstairs Downtown Tour is being postponed again for this year. We hope to have a Yard Sale on Memorial Weekend and Kathleen will line up volunteers to work various shifts. Considerable hours of house cleaning will be in order this spring. The Ionia High School National Honor Society has already been assisting with this project. We have a tentative bus tour of visitors coming in June to visit the house depending again on Covid 19 updates. General Sunday tours will be held in June, July and August if possible.

Publicity - The new color brochures of the Blanchard House are ready and beautiful! Thank you to David McCord for sharing his talent. Mary Kimble has sent the brochures to Michigan Welcome Centers as we have in the past.



History Hike #1, a "walking tour" booklet for the business district and near East Main St. area, is completed by David McCord. History Hike #2 on the historic residential section of town is half done. David will get a cost on printing Volume 1 and present it to the board.

David McCord also advised he has a mailing list for the Chronicle but not a membership list. Mary Kimble will prepare a list of paid members.

Building and Grounds - We are blessed that our neighbor, Greg Cook, has agreed to be the Chairman. He has already been at work as a large tree limb fell during a recent wind storm. A neighbor came over and helped cut up the limb. There is a roof

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leak on the west side of the house and Greg will keep track to find out the source of the problem.

Accessions - Mary Kimble also advised the Accessions Committee is working on the Blanchard family history and plans to display items in a showcase with information cards. The public is always curious about items belonging to the original owners of the house. Thank you, Mary, for all your good work documenting our treasures.

Various members shared items found as they have cleared out drawers and closets during their time at home. Linda Ciangi has the information on the repair of the stained glass window salvaged from Dr. Defendorf's house that was torn down

from next to the former Baptist Church. The Dr. was at John Blanchard's bedside when he died. Perhaps we could rething this project with memorial funds.

Motion was made by David McCord and seconded by Bryan Kimble to adjourn and the meeting was thus adjourned at 8:27 pm. Sharing of pictures and stories continued to the delight of all present.

— Respectfully submitted, Linda Ciangi, Secretary.

An Easter Sunday update: Phil Kahl is now at the SKLD Facility on E. Lincoln Ave. where he continues to recover from heart surgery.

In March of this year, David McCord had the priviledge to be part of a presentation on "Little Known Women of Significance in West Michigan History." The presentation was part of the annual conference of the Keutsche Office of Local History at Grand Valley State University. Several speakers were invited to share information about women from their own communities, and David shared the following story (abridged here to fit the page).

Nina Kate Preston (1874 - 1953)

Clark and Sarah Preston moved to Ionia in the late 1850s from New York state, like so many other immigrants of Michigan. They brought with them two young children, and settled on a farmstead near the southern border of the county.

A few years later, the family moved into Ionia village. Returning to Ionia after serving in the Civil War, Mr. Preston became a successful merchant in the town.



Nina Kate Preston was born on April 19, 1874, and was the third of four Preston kids. Shortly after she was born, they moved into this comfortable home at 223 North Jackson Street, where the family lived for many years.

Nina excelled as a scholar, and graduated from Ionia High School in 1890. She went on to higher education at the University of Michigan in 1902-03, and received a Certification from the library department of the Drexell Institute in Philadelphia in 1903.

The same year that Nina earned that professional recognition, a classmate of hers named Marian Hall Fowler donated her father's mansion to the City of Ionia to be used as a public library. Marion was the daughter of Frederick Hall (one of the richest men in the County), and this huge Italianate home remains one of Ionia's proudest landmarks.

At a meeting of the new Library Board on August 14th of 1903, Nina Preston was hired for the position of Librarian for one year at \$50 per month.

Miss Preston took to her new duties with enthusiasm—one might say “with vigor.” Within a few years she became highly involved in the Michigan Library Association, elected Treasurer in 1907, and was described as being “always a pleasing speaker.” She also served as Secretary and for two terms as President of the Michigan Library

Association in 1910 and 1911.

In 1912, Nina Preston proposed to the Library Association that they support and formalize much of the field work she and others had been doing, and this led to the establishment of Library Roundtables, with Miss Preston as Chairman.

In 1915, Miss Preston was granted a year's leave of absence from the Ionia Public Library to fulfill her duties as Michigan's first “Library Visitor” - a full-time traveling speaker for the Michigan State Library Commission.

Under Nina's direction, the Library Commission's “Visitors” provided much needed help to community libraries, school systems, and County Normal schools. Nina was recognized many times over as playing a key role in the progress of libraries throughout Michigan. She continued her regimen of constant travel around the state, visiting in one year 80 different communities.

Miss Preston resigned her position as Visitor in 1920, unable to keep up the demanding pace of the office. Passing along her legacy of field work to others, Miss Preston accepted a position at the University of Michigan Library in Ann Arbor. She quickly became a key member of the staff. She was also a charter member and Secretary of the Ann Arbor Library Club. By 1929, she was a Department Supervisor and “Senior Cataloger” at the U of M Library, where she served until her retirement in 1943.

Miss Preston had been living in Ann Arbor with her widowed sister, Hassie. Hassie died in 1946, and Nina lived on there until February 19, 1953. That's when she died, at the age of 78 while visiting friends in South Haven, and is buried with the Preston family at Highland Park cemetery in Ionia.



Standing, left to right: Mrs. Olive K. McGaughey of Ionia, Miss Nina Preston of Ann Arbor, Miss Adah Keiser of Grand Rapids, representing her mother, Mrs. E. P. Keiser.
Seated, left to right: Mrs. Carrie Loomis of Ionia, Miss Jessie Hutchins of Ann Arbor, Mrs. Hassie Preston Thurston of Ionia.
All are early members of the Women's Literary Club, and are pictured in the old fashioned gowns they wore at the 50th anniversary meeting recently.

Help Wanted!

If you can spare some time, some expertise, or some muscle-power, there are plenty of things you can do to help support our organization.

Please sign up to help whenever you can. If you have suggestions or specific area of interest, please let the Board know also.

The ICHS is for the entire community, and that includes you, too!



WAYBACK



200 Years Ago - April, May & June of 1821

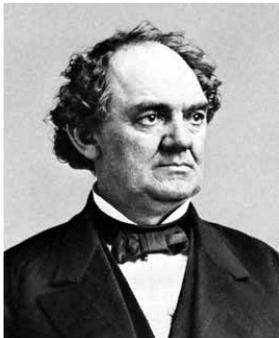
On April 30th of this year, Michigan's Territorial government passed an act changing the name of the Michigan Cathelopostemiad. The name of this institution of higher learning was not only unpronounceable, but had become nothing less than a joke. The name was officially changed to the University of Michigan.

On May 5th, the Emperor Napoleon of France (*right*) died in exile on the island of St. Helena.

On June 24, Simon Bolivar led the people of Venzeuela to independence from Spain. His legacy as a champion of the people in the region would later lead to the naming of the nation of Bolivia in his honor.



150 Years Ago - April, May, & June of 1871



In Brooklyn, New York, Mr. P.T. Barnum opened his ground-breaking attraction - the spectacular three-ring circus, hailing it as "The Greatest Show on Earth".

On April 17th, The Michigan Legislature enacted a law requiring passenger train conductors to announce the next station in all cars "within a reasonable time before arrival."

On March 9th, President U.S. Grant wrote the following to House Speaker James G. Blaine: "There is a deplorable state of affairs existing in some portions of the South demanding the immediate attention of Congress." Grant asked the Congress to devote its spring session "to the single subject of providing means for the protection of life and property in those Sections of the Country."

On April 20, 1871, Grant visited the Capitol to sign the Ku Klux Klan Act. Two weeks later, he declared that the U.S. government had "the duty of

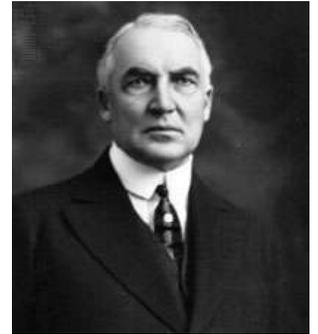


putting forth all its energies for the protection of its citizens of every race and color." Grant ordered troops to "arrest disguised night marauders and break up their bands."

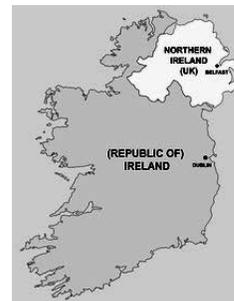
For the taciturn Grant — who "could be silent in several languages," a joke went — the fight against the Klan stirred his passion and resolve.

100 Years Ago - April, May, & June of 1921

The 18-member legislative committee of American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials met with President Harding and Secretary Wallace on April 14 to discuss their proposal to strengthened Federa aid in support of a national highway system. The committee was pleased to find that President Harding was "very much road-minded."



On May 3rd, the province of Northern Ireland is created within the United Kingdom. On May 24 was the first Northern Ireland general election for the new



Parliament of Northern Ireland, Ulster Unionists win 40 out of 52 seats. On May 25th, The Irish Republican Army occupied and burned The Custom House in Dublin, the centre of local government in Ireland. Five IRA men are killed, and over 80 are captured by the British Army which surrounds the building.

"The Emergency Quota Act" was passed by the United States Congress on May 19, establishing national quotas on immigration. Because this drastically limited immigration from Eastern Europe, Jews emigrating from there begin to prefer Palestine as a destination rather than the U.S.

In the spring of 1921, Michigan's prisoner parole system was revised, and pardoning of prisoners by the Governor of the State was to be managed by a Comissioner of Pardons and Paroles. According to the official record, the government was "very indebted to the Superintendent and Staff of the State Hospital at Ionia" in establishing standards for the new psychiatric process. The new system went into effect on June 1 of 1921.

On May 31 and June 1, the infamous Tulsa Race Massacre (a.k.a. the Greenwood Massacre) took place. Mobs of white residents attack black residents and businesses in Greenwood District of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The official death toll was 36, but later investigations suggest an actual figure between 100 and 300. 1,250 homes were destroyed and roughly 6,000 African Americans imprisoned in one of the worst incidents of mass racial violence in the United States.

On a happier note, 29-year-old Bessie Coleman earned her pilot's license on June 15th and became the first African American to earn an international pilot's license.



50 Years Ago - April, May, and June of 1971

The "space race" continued with the Soviet Union's launch of the Space Station Salyut on April 19. On the 24th, the capsule Soyuz 10 successfully docked with the station. At the end of May, the U.S. launched Mariner 9 towards Mars.

Soyuz 11 was launched a week later to rendezvous with the Soviet Space Station. After a successful



3-week mission aboard Salyut 1, the crew of the Soyuz 11 spacecraft died after their air supply leaked out through a faulty valve.

Multiple murderer Charles Manson was sentenced to death during April of this year. However, in 1972 the sentence for all California Death Row inmates will be commuted to life imprisonment.

In the case of *Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education*, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled unanimously on April 20 that busing of students may be ordered to achieve racial desegregation.



On April 24, an estimated 200,000 people in Washington, D.C. and a further 125,000 in San Francisco marched in protest against

Our calendar of upcoming events?

MAY 29 & 30 — YARD SALE at the Blanchard House. If you would like to donate anything to sell as a fund-raiser for the ICHS, please contact a Board Member (see back page). (Please, no clothing.) If you are available to help for the sale, please contact Kathleen Cook (see back page).

SUMMER SUNDAYS we will be opening the Blanchard House for tours from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. beginning June 6th. We will be requiring face masks and "social distancing" for non-family groups, according to Health Dept. advice. Again, if you'd like to help, please contact a Board Member (see back page).

During the COVID-19 pandemic the Blanchard House remains closed to tours, meetings, and rentals until the month of May, pending any further restrictions that might be imposed.

We are observing current guidelines imposed upon all Michigan museums and event venues to the best of our ability. Please join us in our compliance with those imposed guidelines.

The Board of Directors and Committee Members will be planning for the coming year, hopeful that we will be able to follow through and fulfill our Mission Statement in the coming months.

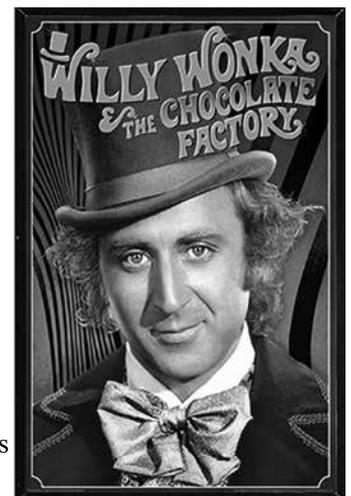
There are plenty of non-public tasks to be done, and if you are at all interested, please contact one of the officers on the back page of this newsletter!

Thanks for your continued support through memberships, donations, and social media.

the Vietnam War. The Harris Poll claimed that 60% of Americans are against the undeclared war. In the May Day Protests, anti-war militants attempted to disrupt government business in Washington, D.C. Police and military units arrested as many as 12,000 people, most of whom were later released.

President Richard Nixon declared the U.S. War on Drugs on June 17th.

The classic musical fantasy film "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory", based on the novel "Charlie & the Chocolate Factory" was released on June 30th.



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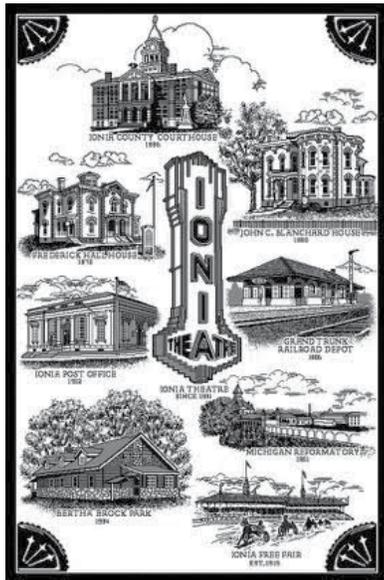
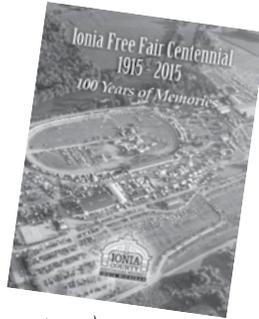
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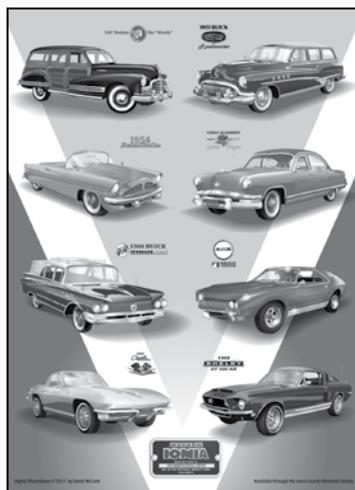
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- 1887 "Headlight Flashes" Special Ionia Edition
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- 1973 Ionia City Centennial Program Book
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Exclusive to the ICHS Gift Shoppe, the 18x24-inch poster on heavy gloss paper sells for \$15, and the packet of NINE "Made in Ionia" automobile postcards are just \$10. (Artwork by David McCord; proceeds go to the ICHS.)

Historic DVD Videos

'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

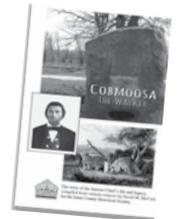
1937 Ionia Airport Inaugural plus Bertha Brock Park's 1940 "Winter Festival"

1973 Ionia Centennial Documentary

"Ionia's First 150 Years" and "Ionia - A Look Back" - Films by Monroe MacPherson

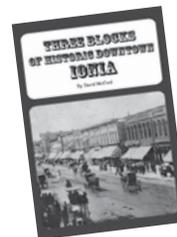
DVDs are available for \$10 each!

Cobmoosa: The Great Walker — A biography of the last Great Chief of the Grand River Indians. by David McCord. \$6 each



Who Was John C. Blanchard? A biography of one of Ionia's leading businessmen. by David McCord. \$6 each

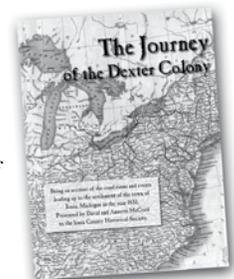
A History of Bertha Brock Park on its 80th "Birthday" by David McCord. \$6 each



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

The Journey of the Dexter Colony, 1833, by David and Annette McCord. A detailed history of the settling of Ionia, fully illustrated.

\$12 each (\$15 with postage)





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