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The President's Report for the year 2002-2003

The first organizational meeting of the Hubbardston Area Historical Society took place on **January 29, 2002**, with meetings held every month following except for December, June and July. The member volunteers hosted 14 meetings over the past sixteen months. These meetings featured several speakers, a voluntarily catered dinner at the Tuscan Lodge with 50 attendees, a holiday dinner party for members at the Oakwood Lounge and we were lucky enough to have HAHS featured in five area newspapers. During the time period, HAHS elected officers and appointed over 15 different sub-committees to conduct HAHS business.

HAHS published 13 formal sets of minutes and 5 newsletters which were mailed out to members and prospective members all over the United States to approximately 300 people. HAHS developed a mission statement; a name for the organization; a map of service area; Society By-Laws; and filed for incorporation with the State of Michigan.

HAHS is also filing for their non-profit 501© (3) status with the Federal Government, which requires a legal process to complete. Copies of all Historical Society Records were placed on file at the Celtic Path; the Carson City Public Library; and the Ionia Public Library. **HAHS membership in this first year of organizing reached 162 members** who reside throughout the United States. **HAHS Treasury topped out at over \$3000**, accumulated through income derived from membership fees and donations.

The members developed a society logo and a membership card.

One of the most successful accomplishments has been the **Hubbardston Area Historical Society's web page:** www.hubbardston.org The organization set up a checking account; developed financial reporting; and rented our own post office box: Box 183, Hubbardston, Mi. 48845. Our purchases have consisted of a fire-proof file cabinet for our records and genealogy records. Acquired for research for patrons are books from the Ionia County Genealogical Society and Joanne Burns Howard. Purchases were made of archival supplies for categorizing the hundreds of donated photographs; and hundreds of dollars were spent on postage and office supplies.

Donations to the Hubbardston Area Historical Society have consisted of not only cash, but we received a return address stamp; hundreds of dollars worth of office supplies and postage; the web page; creative and design time for the web page, the flyer, the brochure, the logo, the membership card; three folding tables; three computers; and six office panels; food and paper supplies for our dinners; genealogy records on area families; community calendar display case, just to name a few of the donated items...**and finally, hundreds if not thousands of volunteer hours towards the Hubbardston Area Historical Society. A Thank You to all of you!** (Julianne Kanouse Burns, Co-Chairman)



Alyssa Schafer (her Grandmother is Jean Ann Burns Schafer) prepares to sing for the HAHS First Annual May Meeting.

Jesus loves me this I know, though my hair is white as snow. Though my sight is growing dim, still he bids me trust in him. (Deb Simon)

First Annual Memorial Weekend Meeting

At 11:30 AM guests began arriving, signed in (about 100), made donation for dinner (\$400), and paid membership dues to Pete Burns (about 80). Bud Howard handed them a ballot – they marked 11 names, folded it and placed it in a bowl for tabulation. **The 2003-2004 Board of Directors elected are: Julianne Burns, Peter Burns, Jennifer Churchill, Quinten Cusack, Duane Fahey, Jack Fahey, Joanne Howard, Phil McKenna, Randy Riley, Mark Stoddard, Marie Sweet.**

People then viewed two tables of memorabilia manned by Duane Fahey, Jennifer Churchill and Shirley Rinckey. Duane had our new HAHS banner on display also. Mary Caris and Marie Sweet served coffee, punch and ice water. Agnes Cusack, Beth O'Grady and Joanne Howard prepared and monitored the food table which was bountiful and beautiful. Shaun O'Grady led the Blessing before meals. All enjoyed a lovely dinner of Irish Stew and all the trimmings. Donations by all members made the quality and quantity abundant.

At 1:00PM Chairman Philip McKenna called the meeting to order.

He gave a welcome, thanked the cooks (Cindy Clark, Joanne Howard and Marie Sweet), thanked those who set up (Bud and Russ Howard and a crew of SALS), those busy selling memberships (Pete Burns), recording ballots and voting activities (Bud Howard). He gave a brief history of goals and queried Pete and Joanne about the timing of publication of their book on **Genealogy and First Families of North Plains**. Phil suggested that we aim for the book to be in circulation by **May 2004** at the latest.

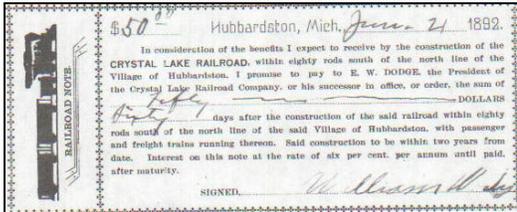
Julianne Burns then gave the President's Report (on page one). She then called for a list of candidates and Bud Howard, chairman of the nominations committee read off twelve names. Jack Stoddard made a motion to accept the list as read and Duane Fahey seconded the motion. MCU Julianne then called for a show of hands of members who had not cast their ballot. Pete and Bud responded to the raised hands by handing out ballots and then collecting them when completed. Julianne thanked the voters and called for a motion to seal the election. Jack Stoddard made the motion and Mary Caris seconded it. MCU. **Julianne adjourned the business portion of the meeting and turned the program over to Joanne Howard for the entertainment portion of the afternoon.** The combined Hubbardston-Carson City Children's Choir presented a 30 minute program followed by a brilliant performance by the Hubbardston Irish Dancers-Pat Baese, director. The unanimous applause for both groups was heart warming and deeply appreciated. To conclude the program, Joanne called both groups to remain together, asked the audience to stand and join in singing, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." The atmosphere throughout the hall was positive and enthusiastic. Who could ask for more. For your encouragement and support-Thanks to all!

HAHS Proposed Budget -2002-2003	2003-2004
August Social\$ 90	\$100
Memorial Day Dinner.....\$ 457	\$500
Office Furniture.....\$ 300 (file cabinet)	-0-
Advertising.....\$ 272	\$300
Utilities.....\$ 100 (Celtic Path)	\$100
Legal.....\$ 20 (incorporation fee)	-0-
Election.....\$ 288 (printing/postage)	\$300
Printing/postage.....\$ 636	\$700
Membership Expenses.....\$ 127	\$230
Research Materials.....\$ 375	\$200
Miscellaneous.....\$ 125	\$125
TOTALS\$2812
	\$2555



Helen Burns-fishing (she loved it) at Crystal Lake, Mi.

According to today's health' none of us born between the 30's and the 70's should have survived. Our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead -based paint. We drank water from a garden hose. We left home in the morning, played all day, came home when the street lights came on and no one could reach us all day. Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected. These generations have produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers, inventors, etc. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility - and we learned how to deal with it. Congratulations! You're one of them!



Did you have faith in the railroad? In 1892, William Wily paid \$50 for this promissory note for the railroad, proposed to be built 80 rods south of the north line of Hubbardston village within two years of issue of this note. Tom Shiels sent this to us from the Terry Shiels collection of memorabilia. This note is 111 years old. The railroad was destined to remain unfulfilled.

How much is a Billion?

If a man had a spare billion and told his wife to spend it at the rate of \$1000 a day, he would not see her for 2,739 years. (Rep. Melvin Laird, Wisconsin, State Journal, 1968)

Special thanks for recent donations from Lewie McKenna (picture), Ken O'Grady (1886 Diary), Jerry Benedict (Family Tree), Marilyn Fitzpatrick (1800's Scrapbook), Tom Fitzpatrick (The Fitzpatrick Story), and so many treasures from everyone. You make our days a 'serendipity'! We love it! So do our visitors!

Remember Perfect Attendance Awards?

Philip Fletcher, a 2003 graduate of Ionia High School has never been absent or tardy in his past 12 years of school. He is among the 'top twenty' of his class, won the Presidential Academic Fitness award and the Mid-Michigan Scholar athlete award. Philip's parents are Philip and Linda Fletcher of rural Muir. Right on, Philip!

My mother taught me 'logic.' "Because I said so, that's why!" My mother taught me about 'hypocrisy.' "If I've told you once, I've told you a million times - Don't Exaggerate!!!"

People, people everywhere,
 Who's the oldest way out there?
 Helen Burns - I know - near 97.
 Hale and hearty - blessed, by heaven!
 Know any others we should feature?
 Pen's always handy with this teacher.

Living now at 1821 N East Street, Woodlawn Meadows, Hastings, Mi. 49058, Helen Burns, would appreciate hearing from her friends as she approaches another milestone in her many years. She loves the newsletter according to her sister, Frances and has her membership paid through 2004. The daughter of James and Belle Henley Burns, Helen was a nurse in Ann Arbor for years before she retired to Lake Odessa with sisters, Francis Hybarger and Lucille McCormick. The family has been blessed with longevity. Helen outshines at 97; Frances follows at 94 and Ford, a very pert-young 91. Those Irish genes and 'Log Cabin' chores have proven a boon if you hope to endure and enjoy a good long life. Elder years in rare good health are no easy accomplishment. God love them all!

Now let's take a look back at some other milestones! Was there anyone older than Daisy?

Antoine Rushford-Ionia-106 Years Old in 1925

Until one month ago, Mr. Rushford lived alone on Bayard Street doing his own housework and caring for himself. His eyesight is good, his mind active and keen, is strong and has plenty of pep and vitality. He is slim, his skin like leather and his structure like steel. He walks straight and erect without a cane. He has four children living; Mrs. Anna Ashley-60-Grand Rapids, Mrs. Ettie Conklin-42-Eaton Rapids, Mrs. Margie McNabb-34-Detroit, and

Charles Rushford-38-Bayard Street, Ionia, employee of the Hayes Co. Mr. Rushford was born in Montreal Canada in 1819 and is of French descent. His father was a relative and a staunch advisor to Napoleon Bonaparte and Antoine is a first cousin. He arrived in New York at age 18 and came to Michigan by ox team about 60 years ago. He purchased the Estep Farm near Hubbardston and later purchased 140 acres near Pewamo. Besides being a farmer, he was a carpenter and helped to build many of the farm houses in the vicinity. When Antoine was born, James Monroe was president and the United States was scarcely developed west of the Allegheny Mountains. He remembers seeing the first sailboat go down the St. Lawrence and remembers vividly the first mowing machine that was invented. A strong foundation and out of doors exercise is responsible for his long life, he says. He now lives at the Ionia County farm as he refused to let his children care for him. (State Journal, 1925)

Mr. Rushford died six months later, in July, 1925.
(Marilyn Fitzpatrick-scrapbook)

Candace ‘Daisy’ Yerian Timlin-107 Years Old

was born in 1862 in Jackson County, Ohio. As a young woman her family moved her to Eldora, Colorado to live with her brother because her health was so poor. There she met Bernard Timlin of Hubbardston. They married on December 20, 1898 and settled down in the gold-rush town of Cripple Creek, Colorado where Bernard was a foreman in the gold mines. In 1916 they returned to Hubbardston and Bernard died in 1941. At age 99 she broke her neck and slept in a vertical position for six months in New Horizon’s Nursing Home in Springfield Ohio. She died at age 107 in 1969. She is buried in Section A, Lot 103, Hubbardston Catholic Cemetery. (Howard, St. John the Baptist Parish on Fish Creek). *As a little girl, I was sent by the Sisters every Saturday to Daisy’s house to pick flowers for the altars on Sunday. She had a garden full of perennials and would tell me, “Just pick anything that’s pretty.”*

May every hair on your head turn into a candle to light your way to heaven, and may God and His Holy Mother in their wisdom and love, take the harm of the years away. (Irish Toast)

First White Child-Last G.A.R. Veteran-Dies in Maple Rapids, April 6, 1929 (State Journal)

In the death of James R. Fulton - 82, Maple Rapids lost their last surviving member of the Billy Begole G.A.R. Post; an esteemed and well-beloved resident, and a true pioneer of the community, whose arrival at a backwoods cabin in Fulton Township on July 24, 1847, a mile and a half northwest of Maple Rapids, marked the birth of the first white child in Gratiot County. (Marilyn Fitzpatrick - scrapbook)

A priest and minister from local churches are standing by the side of the road holding up a sign that reads, “The end is near. Turn yourself around now before it is too late.”

“Leave us alone you religious nuts!” yelled the first driver. From around the curve they heard a big Splash!

“Do you think,” said one clergy to the other, “we should just put up a sign that says ‘Bridge Out’ instead?”



A ‘young lady’ celebrating her 80th birthday in our midst is Rose Cunningham Clark. (Fr. Tom Beahan and Fr. Bud Schafer)

A birthday celebration in her honor was held, June 8, 2003 at the church hall. Rose thanked her kids and families, neighbors, Father Reitz, the choir and all involved. “But most of all, thank you for just thinking of me. What a wonderful feeling. And I thank God for my health, that I was able to enjoy the day so much.” On the way out the door, she said to Bud Howard, “I’m all ready to do the polka. Where’s the music?” I think we need whatever vitamin she takes! Rose still runs a nursing home in Hubbardston, drives her clients to their appointments and to church, sings in the choir, is upbeat all the time and is a fashion plate in dress, ‘high heels’ and all! **There are eight HAHS members in her immediate family.**

The Irish Dance Feis (“fesh”)

Three of our local children are carrying on the tradition to perfection. The recent Detroit Feis had 2000 dancers competing. **Rachelle Ewalt** (Grandfather -Pat McGinn) took a gold medal for her ‘slip jig.’ **Emily Baese** (Pat Baese-Celtic Path) won a gold medal for her ‘hardshoe treble reel,’ and **Ian Baese** took silver for his ‘hardshoe hornpipe and bronze for his ‘jig’ and ‘hardshoe treble reel.’ In early June, the Hubbardston Irish Dancers took first place at the talent show in Carson for all three categories, and Emily Baese won the individual talent performance. Pat Baese as their instructor does a terrific job of promoting Celtic Dance.

The **‘leaving from Ireland’** in emmigration and famine days was tied in closely to the final dance between father and son. **“T’would coax a tear out of a stone.”**
(McManus)

Letters to the Editor:

Thank you for starting the newsletters. We are hoping to meet with someone personally to compare our Slocum information. (Dorman and Doris Robinson, Charlevoix, Mi.)

My husband worked with Jim Ward a great many years at the prison. It’s nice to read about all the people. Thank you. (Arlene Blundy Stanton, Ionia, Mi.)

We sure enjoy the Hubbardston Newsletter. What fun, you are certainly a talented writer. It’s like getting a letter from home even though it is not exactly home....sure wish we could make the May meeting. Our next reservation is to help with our 8th grandchild in Plano, Texas. Keep in touch and enjoy the lovely Hubbardston summer. (Vicki Cannon, Plano, Texas) **Vicki visited me last year from Colorado. Her grandmother was a sister to Jenny Fox)**

Helen really enjoys getting the newsletter. I’m sending you our dues for next year. If there is any change, let me know. Hubbardston would be a dead town without people and organizations like yours. (Frannie Hybarger, Lake Odessa, Mi.)

Thanks so much for sending me a copy of the Hubbardston Area Newsletter. We are happy to add it to our growing

collection of items of interest from around the Diocese. May God Bless you all and all your fellow citizens and parishioners. (Fr. Dennis Morrow, Historian, Grand Rapids Diocese, Grand Rapids, Mi.)

Please note my change of address. I have many great memories of visiting my great uncle Ray Cowman, many years ago, when he owned the store in Hubbardston. (Dave Cowman, Caldwell, Idaho)

Thanks for the articles, very interesting. We really enjoyed last Sunday at Rose's party. No group knows better how to throw a party than that parish. (Julia Burns Esch, Lansing, Mi.)

Sorry I could not attend your Memorial Weekend Meeting, but will try to make one this summer or fall. Enclosed is an 1892 Railroad Note— when there were plans to build a railroad from Crystal Lake to Hubbardston, for your museum. Also enclosed is my membership check. Best of everything to all of you. (Tom Shiels, Lansing, Mi.)

Just a quick note to let everyone know living in Hubbardston is a dream of mine. I also feel lucky to have a little part of Hubbardston in me. I just wanted to let my second cousin Duane Fahey know how much I look forward to the newsletter. Great job on the web-page Duane. It keeps me in touch even though I live 2000 miles away. My mother, Rose Herald Dyke is 93 and lives in Flint. A special hello and kiss to my aunt Billie Cunningham. Have a great Memorial Day. Wish I could be there. (Dennis Dyke, Peoria, Arizona)

Enclosed is a check for my membership. Thanks so much and keep up the good work. I look forward to each newsletter. (Alice Churchill, Hubbardston, Mi.)

Enclosed find membership for me and Sister. Laurentia. I noted with interest your article on the Carson City Hospital. I was the scullery maid. I did around 22 sheets, rung them out in a ringer, hung them on the line, then ironed them. This was in the old original house. Memories! (Florence Behen, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida)

Enclosed is a check for membership in the HAHS. Your first annual meeting sounds like a great time. I am sorry to miss it. My father Thomas Long, parents Mary and Joe, and siblings Bob and Jean lived in Hubbardston when my father was young. They moved to Eaton Rapids, but I am not sure of the year. Dad and his siblings have all passed on. Dad's first cousin was Helen Cusack. Her writings have been referred to in your newsletters. I hope her notes have been preserved, I was so happy to see her name mentioned. I look forward to next year's membership meeting and will do my best to attend. I have enjoyed the newsletters. Keep up the great work. (Susan Long, Washington, Mi.) *Susan, you may purchase a copy of Helen's book, Hubbardston, Yesterday and Today 1968, by writing to the Celtic Path, 214 E. Main, Hubbardston, Mi. 48845. The books are \$17 each including postage)*

Thank you for the interesting article on Green View Point Park (May 2003 issue). I also enjoyed seeing the picture of Ford and Lucille Geller Burns and their family. Lucille was a next door neighbor in Pewamo. I always enjoyed her mom dropping in for morning coffee with my mom, Ann Davarn. The family members were all such good neighbors. We also visited Ford Burns and his family on Sunday afternoons in Hubbardston. I believe his sister Helen was a nurse. Your newsletter brings back so many memories. We are leaving for Europe but will be back for

the Pewamo Reunion on June 22. Hope to see you then. Sincerely, (Shirley Fox, Salinas, California)

In regard to the First Communion picture (HAHS Feb.-Mar. issue) Catherine Donahue Andrew says that Larry Cunningham (deceased) is in the picture (standing behind her). Catherine Andrew is widowed and lives in Fenton, Mi. Dorothy Dwyer Bliss is widowed and resides in Fenwick, Mi. She has an ice-cream shoppe on M-66 just south of M-57.

Sister John Dominic is now Sr. Margaret and resides in Racine, Wis. (Agnes Donahue McKenna, Carson City, Mi.)



Rosie Cusack, daughter of Quint and Agnes.

Long years ago Thomas and Ann Keenan Cusack immigrated to North Plains Township and with the rest of our early ancestors, met the challenges, raised a large family and prospered. Quint (grandson of Thomas) and Agnes McGrath Cusack, married in Houghton Hancock, Mi., made their home on the family homestead and raised ten children of their own. Now, fifty years later, they are relishing the joys and accomplishments of their children. (By the way—the entertainment for their 50th, under the biggest tent I've ever seen—was a constant tirade of 'roasts' by the siblings. Move over Bill Cosby and Jay Leno. This 'one-up-man-ship' was unbelievably funny.)

Now, take daughter Rosie, a modern day frontierswoman - number six in the line - who is delighting her family, her clientele and her ever present 'guest' friends from home in her location in 'the west.'

A softball pitcher from Carson City Crystal High School – a sports scholarship sent her on to Jackson Community College. There a 'scout' observed her and a scholarship to Mesa College in Grand Junction, Colorado

ensued. *(Talk about ingenuity? Rosie loves to ski. While living in Aspen, she held three jobs so she could ski everyday:*

(1) Health Club - access for workouts.

(2) Filming Ski Videos - free ski passes.

(3) Limo Company - transportation to the slopes)

For Rosie, teaching skiing at Powderhorn in Mesa was her dream job while she dabbled in real estate. *(It's hard to believe isn't it? Her father was the local agent who alerted hundreds in our area of 'land' too good to pass up.)* Eventually, full time real estate in Aspen became her career. With help of brother, Paul, she transformed a walk-in basement garage into a dream residence – designing it herself. Now with “Resort Quest, Exclusive Vacation Luxury Properties” (since 1992) in Telluride, Colorado, she resides on Colorado Avenue which is the main street of this historic little city (population 10,000-50,000 depending on the season). Being historically designated, these lovely old homes are “grand-fathered,” in that their exterior design cannot be altered, painted, or in any way changed. The exterior stays the same. The colors, shades of ochre, remain. The resort community nearby - it is a nature lover's dream – remains ‘only a dream’ for most with real estate quotes in the realm of a million or so per structure. Remarkably successful, Rosie misses home and family terribly. Agnes, her mom, says, “Oh we see her four or five times a year; she's here-we're there, and her home town friends drop in on a regular basis.” The secret to her success, according to mom, “Perseverance, pride in accomplishment, long hours and being a delightful ‘people’ person.”

Being reared on a farm in a rural community with Gini, Kevin, Tim, Dan, Paul, Rita, Ann (now deceased), Ted and Marty – and with “community people” like Quint and Agnes for parents, how could she not be – ‘personality plus!’ And the spirit of adventure continues on through the generations. (Conovitch, The Fast Track, “Telluride Style Magazine,” June, 2003)

Have you stopped in on Thursday mornings at the “BS Coffee Shop” (Brothers and Sisters), at the Methodist Church in Carson City? Their new multi-million dollar expansion is a delight to behold. The design, spaciousness, stainless steel kitchen (every cook's dream) and landscaping is absolutely beautiful. But they have a secret weapon we'd all like to inherit – Rev. Nash! This young man at 29 is the greatest motivator and most devout young man you can imagine. His impact on the Methodist Church, the community and the growth in membership is nothing short of phenomenal. To hear his message is sobering. His ability to convey God's word straight to your heart is powerful. God speed, Rev. Nash. *(J. Howard)*

The origin of the Carson City Methodist Church dates back to 1954 when Elder Wilsey conducted classes at the Anderson Miner home. By 1970, the class was part of the Crystal charge under Rev. E. Hayes.

In 1879 a church was built at Bloomer Center at a cost of \$1700 and included the stained glass windows in the present Carson City Methodist Church. William Brice, an Englishman, organized a Methodist Church in North Shade Township, at this same time. Carson City was beginning to grow in 1867, so Mr. and Mrs. Gaius Lulham and Rev. and Mrs. Charles Chick organized a similar class there. Rev. Chick, the grandfather of Charles Coryell of North Shade was ordained in England and again in Ionia after coming to Carson City. Joined by Mr. and Mrs. John Irish, their first meetings were in a log school near Fish Creek. The three ‘classes’ were designated as the Bloomer Center Circuit of the Ionia Methodist District and Rev. Hayes was appointed pastor at a salary of \$600.

In 1874 the name was changed to Carson City Charge by the Michigan Methodist Conference. The Carson City church built in 1882, on land

donated by Robert Abbott was located at the corner of First and Elm Streets. It was destroyed by fire October 11, 1939.

The present church (remodeled in 2003), was built on the original site in 1940 by moving the Bloomer Center Church and Wesley Hall (former Baptist Church) from the corner of Elm and Mercantile to the burned out site. The east portion is Wesley Hall and the west portion is the Bloomer Center church.

It was this building (Wesley Hall), built in 1877 by the Baptists, with money loaned from Methodists John LaDue (founder of Carson City) and George Thayer, with the understanding that both congregations would use the building until the Methodists could build their own, that became the foundation of the new modern complex. The Methodists actually purchased this building, then known as Wesley Hall in 1912. (Carson City Gazette, 1967)

Today, the impressive structure graces city center and is vibrant under the guidance of young Rev. Nash and a strongly supportive congregation.

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less....But, take the time to remember to say I love you and mean it, to hold hands and cherish the moment and to give a warm hug. For that is the only treasure you can give with your heart, and it's free. (George Carlin)



**Mark Daniels-Vietnam Victim-1969
A Veteran's Vigil – 34 years-1969-2003**

Deep in the Vietnam War in 1969, two young soldiers from Michigan made a pact with each other. If something should happen to either, the other would take his personal belongings back to his parents and tell them of their friendship. Sgt. Mark Daniels was shot down in an ambush near Kon Tum, Vietnam on March 18, 1969. Funeral arrangements were arranged by Dodge Funeral Home in Perrinton. His death was the ninth war fatality from Gratiot County. He was 22 years old. His friend, Chris Scalise kept his word. Not only did he visit Mark's family in Perrinton, he became close friends with them. He travels from his home in Detroit to the Carson City Cemetery – where Mark is buried – every Memorial Day - and stands guard by his friend's grave. He has done this for 34 years now.

“I had gotten wounded and was sent to a hospital in Japan where I wrote to Mark's mother. I told her I had some things of Mark's to give her and that I had been with him when he was killed,” related Scalise. He went to see them and sat with the family, tried to explain what had happened and as a result, the families became close friends. Both men were in the 4th infantry and met while on a break from the war. When they discovered both were from Michigan, they started swapping stories and returned to battle as buddies. “We knew we were headed for some pretty rough fighting and we decided that we would keep our pact to each other and picked Memorial Weekend as a time frame.” Two months later, Mark was killed along with 37 others of the 118 men in the company. The date was March 18, 1969. “He was a good guy, took everything seriously, but always had a smile on his face,” remembered Scalise.

“He looked out for his younger brothers and we looked up to him. He was athletic, outgoing and everyone seemed to like him. He was in college when he was drafted, but he had no qualms about doing his duty to his country,” said Gregg, his brother who lives today in Greenville, Mi. Gregg’s twin, Grant, lives in Perrinton. They join Chris each Memorial Day morning at the cemetery and then they meet at one of their homes later to exchange family news. Chris Scalise has been faithful to the pact he made with his friend for these 34 years and Mark’s brothers think it is just amazing. (Gazette, 2003) Bill and Frances Daniels, Mark’s parents were good friends of my mother and dad, Joseph and Eva (Welsh) Burns of Hubbardston. They were regular visitors to the Burns home for Sunday evening Euchre games and when Mark was called into service, they were well aware of the grave situation which was to greet him overseas. Their worry was constant. When the ‘word’ came, it was devastating as for all of those who have lost someone in war. Chris Scalise had to be the anchor that held their hearts together through the tragedy. In his honor, the VFW Post, in Perrinton, is named in memory of the young and vibrant hero, Mark Daniels.



Co-Editor-Mary Stoddard Caris at the Lyons Hist. Soc. Library

“...if national history is worth recording, so – in its own sphere – is local history, and so, too, the history of the families that form the texture of local history.” (McGee, *The Passing of the Gael*, 1975)

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join, check out our website, our newsletter, our local historians and genealogists. Our membership, now nationwide, is hovering about 225 and our donated collections are presently housed at The Celtic Path for your viewing and use in research. **For your treasures, you will receive a certificate recording your contribution of books, letters, pictures, etc. And of course monetary donations are always welcome to help us with supplies and with our mounting legal fees associated with obtaining our “501c3 tax free status.”** Join us on this fascinating adventure as we continue our search through the annals of the generations past!
2003-2004 membership renewals are due as of June 1, 2003 for the coming year. We look forward to a great year with history and memories shared.

Those interested in Membership in the H.A.H.S. should complete the form below and send it with \$15 annual membership fee made payable to Hubbardston Area Historical Society. Send to: H.A.H.S., Box 183, Hubbardston, Mi., 48845. **Memberships run June through May.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZipCode: _____ -

HomeTelephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

List surnames you are researching: _____

NOTE: All information may be published in upcoming newsletters unless you indicate in writing otherwise.

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At a nursing home a group of seniors were sitting around talking about their ailments. “My arms are so weak I can hardly drink this coffee,” said one.

My cataracts are so bad I can’t even see my coffee,” said another. “My blood pressure pills make me so dizzy I can’t walk,” said a third. “I forget where I am and where I’m going ,” said an elderly gentleman.

“That’s the price we pay for getting old,” winced an old man.

“Well count your blessings,” said one woman cheerfully. “Thank God we can still drive.”

Business and Activities Calendar HAHS 2003-2004

- Aug. 21 – Board of Directors Meeting-Township Hall
- Aug. 28 – General Membership Meeting
Pot Luck Dinner-Tuscan Lodge-6:00PM
 BYO service and dish to pass
 Guest speakers-**Family Histories- Genealogy**
- Sept. 25 – General Membership Meeting
Randy Riley-Special Collections- Library of Mi.
- Oct. 23 – General Membership Meeting
Phil McKenna-History of the Village
- Nov.20 – General Membership Meeting
 Guest- Michigan Historical Society
- Dec. 4 – Christmas Buffet Dinner
Oakwood Restaurant-Pewamo
 Reservations-Cost each member
- Jan. 22 – General Membership Meeting
Beth O’Grady- Historical Resources
- Feb. 19 – Board of Directors Meeting
- Feb. 26 – General Membership Meeting
 “Show and Tell”-Bring a favorite photo, document for all to share and discuss.
- Mar. 25 – General membership Meeting
 Nominations Committee appointed
Peter Burns – Genealogy
- Apr. 22 – General Membership Meeting
 Slate of Nominations-Board of Directors
 Proposed Budget
Joanne Howard – “Parish, People and Puns”

All meetings are held the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Celtic Path in Hubbardston unless notified otherwise. (Allen and Janet Kelley, Marie Sweet, Mary Caris and Julianne Burns-committee)