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A group image from the Shiloh event, April 6-9. General Bob Minton, center front, along with Union Army headquarters staff, and the Engineers Unit attached to headquarters. Also shown are the civilians and cooks attached to the Engineers Unit. They are, L to R, second row: Hope Eddleman, Sheila Porter, Patti House, Kathy Tuschhoff and on the front row far right: Rhonda Wessel. The dog is called Bear, and according to his owner, Mel (holding leash), he was a rescue dog and is "deaf as a doorknob." Photo submitted by our own Tom Emerick, standing at far left, second row.

Upcoming May Events:

Sat. May 6 – "Michigan Day" - Michigan Historical Center, Lansing, MI

Sat., May 20 – Grosvenor House Museum, Jonesville, MI

May 27, 28, 29 (Sat.-Mon) – Greenfield Village Civil War Days

May 26, 27, 28 (Fri-Sun) – Coldwater Civil War Days, Coldwater, MI



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Newsletter Submission Guidelines:

Thanks to all who submitted

information for this month's issue.

Deadline date for submissions is the 25th

of each month. Please have all reports,

articles, notices, etc. in print-ready form.

I am able to accept documents in most of the
usual word processing programs or formats.

If accompanying maps or images are
needed, **please** include them (in jpg
format), if possible. Be sure to ascertain
that any items coming from another source
are properly credited, or have obtained
reprint permission.

Personal news items are welcomed and
encouraged, or photos of special
events. Original articles (800-1000 word
limit) pertaining to the Civil War or
reenacting are also desired.

Email submissions to me at:

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Thank-you.

Ellyn
Ellyn Painter, Editor

"Michigan Day" at the Michigan History Center



702 W. Kalamazoo St.

Lansing, MI 48915

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Saturday, May 6 from 10am to 4pm.

There will be a lot of activities going on throughout the day. We will
have a place outside by the front entrance to set up tents, etc.
Unless the weather doesn't cooperate, then we can move inside.

They will be providing water and lunch.

This is a great opportunity to recruit new people who might not
otherwise get to see us and what we're all about.

If you are able to make it please contact Dave Downing

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President's Report

It was so much fun at our annual 'live shoot' event.
It's grown to be more than a shoot for the guys. Way
back when we used to have these in the middle of
winter and most of the time was spent trying to keep
from freezing. April is still pretty cool, but at least we
didn't have to thaw our fingers every 20 minutes.



Congratulations to Jim Kirschensteiner, our crack shot. He not only took
first in the annual competition shoot, but he volunteered to test out the
sharpshooter qualifying we did, and qualified! He put 5 out of 5 shots in
the target at 100 yards. Also qualifying was Steve Church, who also hit the
target 5 out of 5 times. Thanks to everyone who gave it a try. This helped
in setting what we'll do in future qualifying shoots. Those that qualify will
have something to show their expertise on the rifle range as a 7th
Michigan marksman (and should one of the ladies qualify,
"markswoman"). I think we'll use that term rather than sharpshooter since
that term is used to describe a branch of the army during the Civil War.
While the shooting was going on there was quite a lot of activity in the
cabin as there was material, sewing machines and all sorts of work going
on with work on a quilt and other projects.

Thank you to Sue and everyone who put on the breakfast and lunch for
everyone, and to Don for getting us the use of the Conservation Club for
the day. It's things like this where we get together doing things other than
just at events that has brought us all together and kept this organization
going for over 30 years. This year looks like it will be another fun one.

Dave Downing

155th Shiloh – was April 6-9



Photo of 7th MI men at the Battle of Shiloh commemorative reenactment, shared by Doug McComas on Facebook. The event was held in Hardin and McNairy Counties, TN, on land including the area known as Fallen Timbers. This area is part of the original battlefield recently preserved by the Civil War Preservation Trust.



Military Report

Shiloh After Action Report

Despite the old stories when leaving Michigan in the snow, and rain through Indiana and Kentucky, Shiloh was beautiful! 60's to 80's and sunny the entire weekend. We joined up with Steve Church and brevet first Sgt. Jim MacKinnon on Thursday evening with plenty of daylight for setup and spent a fairly chilly (36 degrees) evening at camp.

Friday morning several of the lads and myself toured the battlefield and treated ourselves to an amazing lunch at the "Catfish Hotel" before heading back for the afternoon battle on the Fallen Timbers battleground.

Our battalion was to be the first in and despite my anxiety of my first national command I volunteered our company's first platoon to act as skirmishers which meant we were the first of any troops to engage the enemy for the weekend. A theme, however, for the weekend was the slowness and timidness of the rebs who were supposed to chase us out of our position, but even with 10-plus cav never did. Nonetheless, after a bit the action became hot and heavy and we were eventually pushed as an army back to our camps.

Saturday had us on the march at 6 am and again found the rebs slow to engage but eventually we were able to have them push us to high ground where we held for a bit and eventually exited the field.

The pm battle was delayed due to the large amount of spectators streaming in and once again our rebel brethren who should have pushed us hard seemed slow to approach, but by the end, after a valiant stand, we were again driven off the field.

Sunday was our turn and we drove the greybacks off the field with charge after charge and pushed them from well-held positions into the woods.

The 7th was in the 1st Brigade, 2nd Battallion, 3rd Company. We were all Michigan with ourselves, the 1st Michigan and 15th Michigan. The boys were fabulous with some of the crispest volleys on the field and earning the praise from Major Berlucchi, Colonel Walker and Colonel Van. Despite our mixed nature we worked well as a company with NCOs from all 3 groups and Idare say won the respect of all who saw us on the field. The event was the first for the GAR and Atlanta campaign and while there were a few growing pains it was well run and well executed. We were told that the next venture would likely be

Military Report, concluded...

Chickamauga next season. The boys from the 1st requested to fall in with us at Hastings and we readily accepted and look forward to continued work with them and all of our reenacting partners in the future.

May Events

Attend those school events if you can!

Jonesville-- May 20 Grosvenor House

A single day event where we can recruit interact with the public and drill. Come on down if you can.

Greenfield Village, Memorial Day weekend

At this writing we have 17 military signed up. I am anticipating 3-4 from the Irish boys to join us and will, at full strength, field a company of 20+ . I will send out word about the possibility of a company mess for some meals at a future date so please check your email over the next week or so. The overall military commander will once again be Will Eichler and we will have plenty of time for drill and campfire lies and tales.

As always I remain;

Your most obedient Servant

Captain McComas



from Sandra McCarrick - this salad of hers went over really well at the Live Shoot potluck on Saturday, the 29th. When I (the Editor) went up to get a second helping, it was practically all gone! That unusual ingredient really spiked up the flavor. If you enjoyed it, here's the recipe:

Pineapple Pretzel Salad

Cream together:

8 oz cream cheese softened

1/2 cup sugar

Add to cream cheese:

8 oz cool whip

1 20 oz can crushed pineapple well drained.

Melt 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter

and 1/2 cup sugar together

Pour over

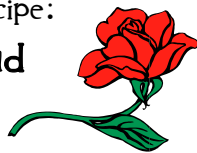
2 cups crushed pretzels and coat well

Spread pretzel mixture on cookie sheet and bake at 425 degrees for 5 minutes.

Remove and let cool.

Add crushed pretzel mixture to the cream cheese mixture just before serving.

Mix only the amount you feel will be eaten as pretzels will become soggy after a few hours.



Civilian Report

Hi Everyone:

Thank You to all that came out for the Annual shooting contest..

A big Thank you to Don and Julie Everett. You were so much help putting it on.



I would to Thank everyone that came out to help us set up and clean up .. Could not have done it with out you..

In the coming months we have a few activities coming up. May we have Greenfield Village or Coldwater.

June 17&18 is Turkeyvillie .

July 1 is Mederian Historical Village 11-4 with a small battle at 4 pm. With the July 1st event. There will be no fall festival.

There was discussion about event in August..

There was also discussion about the ladies getting together to work on the quilt .. More information coming...

Sue Colegrove, Civilian Coordinator

"A copy of the minutes of previous club meetings is available upon request to all members in good standing."

Doug McComas, Club Secretary



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Some "Shots" from the Live Shoot on April 29...



This year's trophy winner:
Jim Kirschensteiner



Photos above, and below, by Sue Colegrove



Photo by Dan Malick



Photos above, and below by Ellyn Painter



Photo by Ellyn Painter



Upcoming Event: Grosvenor House Museum Living History Event Jonesville, MI --Sat. May 20

<https://www.facebook.com/Grosvenor-House-Museum-173753109317849/>

GROSVENOR HOUSE MUSEUM 2017 LIVING HISTORY EVENT
SATURDAY, May 20, 2017 (During Jonesville Riverfest Weekend)

When: Saturday, May 20th from 10 am to 5 pm
Cost: \$5.00 per adult or \$10.00 per family.

SCHEDULE:

Fri. May 19th (in the afternoon) the Civil War Re-enactors will be setting up camp on the side lawn on Liberty Street. Public welcome to watch and ask questions.

Sat. May 20th - The Museum will be open from 10 am to 5 pm with tour guides to answer questions.

The basement will be open for viewing.

Very old hand made quilts will be on display thru out the Museum.

NEW this year, Jonesville's Past Band Director, Richard (Dick) Kloko's Music Collection will be on display.

Sat. May 20th - Outside all day the LIVING HISTORY EVENT will come alive as

The 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry Company B and the Son's of Union Veterans of the Civil War Austin Blair Camp out of Jackson. Will be demonstrating camp cooking over an open fire.

Dog tents will be set up with solders personal items on display.

In the past we have had a Bugler, Drill demonstrations, gun firing demonstrations, and a Sutler Wagon.

The re-enactor's will be answering questions about life in a civil war camp

Sat. May 20th - Early American Frontiersmen Rendezvous, displaying flintlocks and knives.

- a Blacksmith tent and a tent with homemade lotions for sale.

- an 1870's Straight Arrow Chuck Wagon will be on display, giving everyone free Cowboy coffee.

Sat. May 20th - 1 pm to 4 pm - Live "Old Time" Dulcimer Music by the Back Porch String Band.

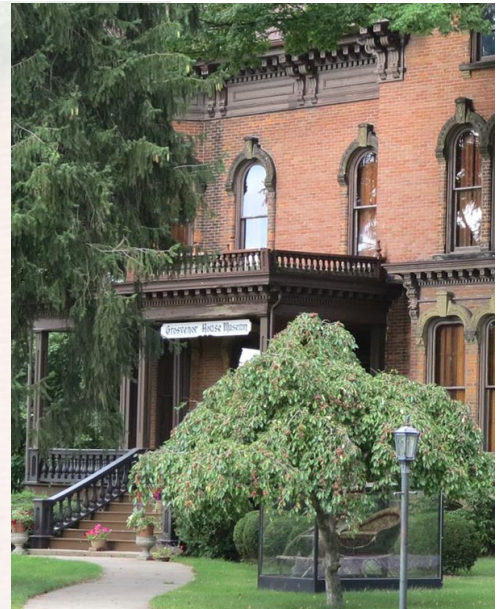


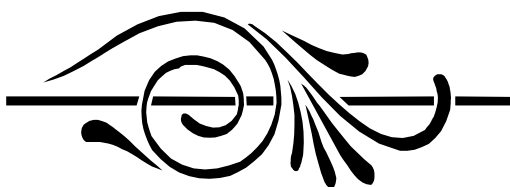
Photo from the Grosvenor House website



Ebenezer O. Grosvenor



*The house as it looked in the 1870's.
Photos from wikipedia*



The E.O. Grosvenor House was built in 1874 for Grosvenor,, a politician who served in the Michigan Senate, one term as Lieutenant Governor of Michigan, and two terms as the State Treasurer of Michigan. He lived in Jonesville from 1840, until his death in 1910. The Italianate style mansion is considered one of the most magnificent residences in Michigan. After Grosvenor's death, four generations of Grosvenors lived in the house, after which it became a rooming house. In 1960, the house was purchased by the Gamble family, and in 1977 was sold to the Jonesvilled Heritage Association. It is now a museum.
Source: Wikipedia

Events Schedule for 2017

Here's some updated information about events the membership has chosen to support for the coming season. I'm not going to list detailed information on each of these events, since most of them are familiar to us. Instead, those that are considered "Key Events" for the Club have a "Coordinator" listed for them. If you need additional information about an event or want to volunteer to perform recruiting, call or email the Coordinator(s). Providing information and insuring that we have a recruiting presence are the primary jobs of the Coordinators.

May...

- 19th & 20th...Grosvenor House Event, Jonesboro, MI
- 26th, 27th & 28th...Coldwater Civil War Days...Coldwater, MI. There was an article about this event in the last newsletter and considerable interest has been shown by those who normally modern camp at Greenfield Villiage, The club has at least a dozen members who are planning to attend. The event is Friday, Saturday & Sunday, but you can set up on Thursday if you wish. Dogs OK in modern camp and at the "Dog Park" on the property. Due to their familiarity with the event, Lorrie and Anson Roland have agreed to be the Coordinators.
- 27th, 28th & 29th...The Henry Ford (aka Greenfield Village) Civil War Muster. Reminder...no modern camping this year and, as for the last few years, no dogs allowed. Dave Downing, Coordinator.

June...

- 17th & 18th...The Battle of Turkeyville Event. Bob Smith, Coordinator

July...

- 1st...Meridian Village Township Sesquicentennial Event. 10 am to 4 pm. Living history with a skirmish. Sue Colgrove and Doug McComas Coordinators
- 15th & 16th...Charleton Park Village, Hastings, MI. We are co-sponsors and are working registration as a club. Don Everett, Coordinator.

August...

- 26th & 27th...Jackson Civil War Muster. Not designated as a Key Event, but still of interest to some.
- 26th..."Play in the Park", Delta Township. Living history from 1 - 4 pm. Jim Kirschensteiner, Coordinator

September...

- 9th...Charlotte Parade.
- 16th & 17th...Sponsored by our friends of the 3rd Mi. Al Baerren, Coordinator

October...

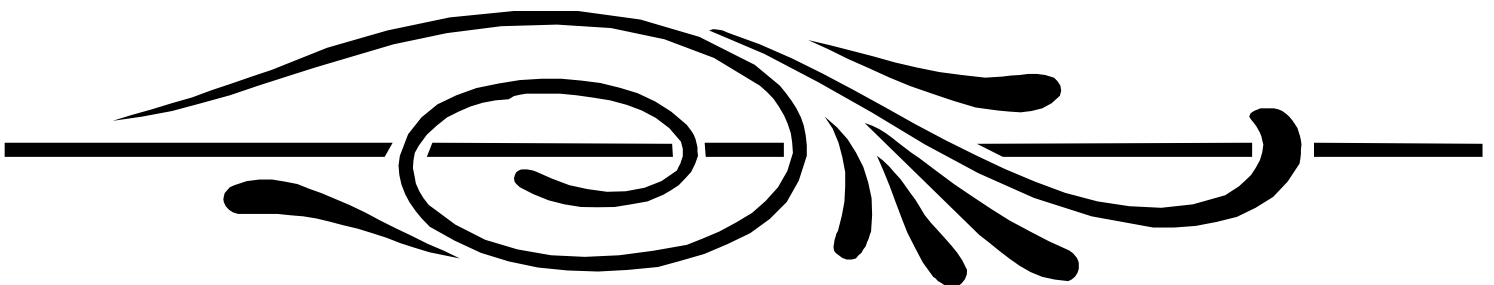
- 14th...Harvest Ball, sponsored by the 7th. Gordon and Cindi Carlson, Coordinators

Other events that have been mentioned as possible, but about which we still lack details include: One-day living history in Holt, MI sometime in mid-August; Woldumar Fall Heritage Event in late Sept or early Oct and the Williamston History Day Event (we've attended the past 2 years) in early October. Jim Kirschensteiner is pursuing the Williamston Event and will coordinate if it occurs.

Hope to see folks out in good numbers for the above.

Bob Smith

Event Strategy Committee, Chairman



Grosvenor House
Living History
May 20

