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The Board of Directors wish to give a special "*Thank You*" to the following people for their assistance

- *Jack Teifer donated a framed picture of the Village of Trenton department heads for the years 1928-1929.*
- *Patricia Miller --donated periodicals from the Detroit Genealogical Society.*
- *Elsie Booth donated miscellaneous issues of the Trenton Times along with issues of the American Banker magazine highlighting Trenton banks.*
- *Bill Jasman for his assistance in the selections and purchase of our copier.*
- *Sharleen Stack donated old yearbooks and memorabilia from family members.*
- *Michelle Allen -- 1884 minutes from the Trenton High School Lyceum. These were found in the attic of her home.*
- *Bill Teifer donated an undated picture of what appears to be a shooting club which included men and women . Paul Teifer Sr. is the only person identified so far. We have included a copy in the newsletter to see if anyone can identify others.*
- *Nancy(Reaume) Worlen donated warranty deeds, tax receipts from early 1900's and abstracts from her home located on the southeast corner of St. Joseph and third. She also donated a box of professional high school photographs that her parents(David and Marge Huff Reaume) put together for a class reunion they worked on.*
- *Rob Imes for his wonderful photos of Owen School which are on our website.*
- *Paul Gallagher for his work on our website and archiving of some of our records. Without him, we would not have ventured into the information age.*
- *Dr. Savel and the Board of Education for the Owen School memorabilia.*
- *Dan and Joyce Brown Gillespie for two abstracts and several scrapbooks.*
- *Linda Murdock and the Trenton Historical Commission for the aerial photos of Trenton and miscellaneous newspapers.*
- *Dick Rushlow and Dawn and Mike Shoemaker for the loan of original Sanborn Fire Maps for Trenton covering the period late 1800's through 1930.*
- *A special "Thank You" to Jay Tocco owner of Lasting Images Photography studio for the use of his studio, equipment, and his expertise in photographing pictures and other historical*

documents that were donated or loaned to the Historical Society.

The Historical Society would like give our congratulations and Thank You to David Zebarah on earning the rank of Eagle Scout . His eagle scout project was transcribing the headstones of the 3 cemeteries in Trenton and entering them into a online searchable database. Since the database has been put online we have had over 10000 people accessing the site and most are accessing the database.



Jennifer, Evelyn and Carol attended the eagle scout ceremony during which some of the people who knew David got up and told stories about their memories . The one that stuck in my head was one of his troop mates got up and told the story that he and another troop mate were in one of the old cemeteries and when David asked them to straighten up the head stone the wind picked up; they then knocked it over and the wind stopped . This happened about three other times.

The City of Trenton is turning the big 50!!!!

The Trenton Historical Society would like to thank the Trenton Civic Commission for building our float for the Memorial Day Parade. Our float celebrated the 50th birthday of Trenton being a City. Stop and visit us , see our float, and help celebrate the City's 50th birthday at the Mid-Summer Festival which will be held July 13, 14, and 15, 2007. We will be at the corner of Third Street and West Road by the Pavillion.

The Trenton Historical Society would like to thank Amy Mullins for her service to the society as a member of the Board of Directors. She is a lifelong resident of Trenton, and is familiar with a lot of Trenton history. She found something closer to her heart when she was appointed to the City Planning Commission. We wish her the best and know the she will be a valuable member of the Commission.

The Trenton Historical Society would like to welcome a new board member Jennifer Trzcienski. Jennifer is an employee of the Trenton Veterans Memorial Library and brings a youthful. Computer savvy person to our board. She also brings skills as a genealogist to us which is important as we are doing more genealogy research at the local history room of the Trenton Library . We are happy to have here her aboard.

Come to hear our October Speaker on Sunday, October 28,2007.
Eric Hurley will give a presentation about WWI and WWII at 2p.m. at
the Westfield Center.



Eric is the one on the far right in the front row
It will surely be informative.

Board Members

Pauline Arthurs

Evelyn Chekan

Dorothy Gay

Carol Hendricks

J. Edward Meharg, dec'd

Bill Olson

Sharleen Stack

Jennifer Trzcienski

Mary Ellen Wiber

H. Virginia Blair 1920-2007

May 2, 2007 marked the loss of another long time Trenton resident. Virginia came to Trenton as the bride of life long resident Morris Blair. Married during World War II they settled in the Blair home on Rosewood. Here they raised 5 children, became very active in the First Methodist Church and supported the Trenton Public Schools. Morrie served on the school board for many years. Virginia was a wonderful and gracious woman who will be missed by many in the community.

In June of 2006, Trenton Historical Society started its first initiative onto the internet. Since that time with a modest site of only a few pages, Trenton has received over 10,000 visitors and ranks #2 on Google when searching for Trenton Historical Society! Every month nearly a thousand guests visit the historical website, and statistics show the content that interests our visitors most include our searchable databases and descriptions of collections, followed by information on Trenton's History, and our events calendar.

Our continued mission is to develop www.trentonhistoricalsociety.org into a model of technological excellence for a local history society. To create an online virtual historical society with complete collections and exhibits, including galleries of original photos, eBooks, searchable indexes and biographies.

Wanted

- Do you have any old pictures of Trenton people or places? If so can we make a copy of them and return the originals to you.
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- Stories-short or long of your memories of Trenton.
- Trenton School Memorabilia.
- Abstracts of Trenton homes and business
- Old Trenton Business memorabilia , letterhead, receipts, log books etc.

Our collection of the High School yearbooks is nearly complete and can be examined at the local history Room at the Trenton Veterans Memorial Library. There is an abundance of resource materials at the library.

Come Visit the Trenton Veterans Memorial Library
www.trenton.lib.mi.us

Need Help with genealogy???

We are at your service at the Trenton Veterans Memorial Library in the Local history room.
First Tuesday of the month 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. and the fourth Saturday of the month.
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Volunteers Needed

Need volunteers to go and take photos at cemeteries that we have on our website so we can put them on the website.
Please contact
Pauline 676-3589 Or Carol 676-4375

2007 calendars available for \$8 at commissions office and The Framery
Also by mail for \$10. Just
Contact a board member

Snug Harbor books are
also available for \$15

J. Edward Meharg

September 6, 1928- May 6, 2007

Edward Meharg was born in Yale, Michigan on a dairy farm. He came to Detroit to live with his mother and attended Cass Technical High School. He attended MSU and majored in industrial arts education. Edward met Betsy Dahlquist. They were married in 1950 when Ed was a Senior. Ed and Betsy were stationed in the Philippines during the Korean War. Ed was employed as a woodshop, drafting and driver training teacher in Wyandotte. In 1957 the family moved to Trenton. Ed was elected to the school board and served 12 years. He was active in the Church, republican party and enjoyed playing bridge. Summers were spent camping and traveling throughout the United States. Ed loved camping by the Pine River surrounded by the pine trees. In his later years, after Betsy passed away Ed was active in the Trenton Historical Society, enjoyed genealogy research, Sudoku puzzles, keeping in touch with grandchildren through email, and making greeting cards on the computer. Being involved with his family gave Edward his greatest pleasures.