"HOLIDAY GREETINGS": FROM THE BRIGHTON ARGUS, 1898

MORE FROM A BOOK OF POEMS BY FRED A. BUSH

Caleb K. Collett
Roofing, etc.

If you want a roof that's lasting
And a roof that's water tight,
C. K. Collett will supply you.
With a roof that is all right.

In steel or iron or galvanized,
In copper or in tin,
He'll put a roof on your buildings
So that water can't get in.

And paint it with steel roofing paint
That lasts until it's burned.
He does all kinds of wood work
In fancy scroll or turned.

Located on Grand River Street,
You will find his place with ease,
And he will give your work attention
And guarantee to please.

C. H. Williams
Jeweler & Optician

If there's any piece of jewelry
That you would like to buy,
Or up-to-date engraving,
There's one place you should try.

For C. H. Williams does it right,
In his Grand River store,
He'll make you what you're wishing,
If you'll look his factory over.

He is a good watch maker,
And fixes watch or clock,
And fits your eyes with glasses,
At prices down to rock.

Just go and visit Williams
For anything in his line,
And you will have your work done
In a style that's genuine.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 6, 7 P.M. LIVINGSTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, LDS Church, 1091 W. Grand River, Howell. "LET'S CHECK THE INTERNET"
12, 2-5 P.M. 3rd Feb. 1-5 P.M. GENEALOGICAL HELP AT THE LIBRARY.
13, 1-5 P.M. WORK IN ARCHIVES. COME.
14, 7:30 P.M. BOARD MEETING.
27, 7:30 P.M. HISTORY BOOK COMMITTEE.
Mar 3, 7 P.M. GENERAL MEETING AND COURTHOUSE TOUR.
6, 7 P.M. LEGS. TOWN COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE. "AVAILABLE RECORDS AND HOW TO USE." 227-1760.
16, 7 P.M. LEGS. TOWN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING. MICHIGAN HISTORICAL CENTER, LANSING. JOIN THEM.
229-6402 OR 486-9115.
"OLD TOWN HALL: 202 W. MAIN, WELCOM.
"SEE ITEM THIS PAGE. PUBLIC WELCOME.

LIVESTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE TOUR

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 7:30 P.M.

HOLDING THE FIRST TERM OF COURT IN THE NEW COURTHOUSE IN THE FALL OF 1856 IS REGARDED AS A STEP IN THE FIRM ESTABLISHMENT OF HOWELL (LIVINGSTON CENTER) AS THE COUNTY SEAT (INSTEAD OF ORE CREEK [BRIGHTON]). THE ARRIVAL AND SETTLING OF THE FIRST ATTORNEY IN THE COUNTY ALSO CONFIRMED HOWELL'S CLAIM.

WITH INCREASING DIFFICULTY AND INCONVENIENCE THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS MET IN TEMPORARY QUARTERS FOR THE NEXT 12 YEARS. ELECTIONS TO RAISE TAXES TO CONSTRUCT A COUNTY BUILDING WERE REGULARLY DEFEATED BY THE BRIGHTON AREA VOTERS. THIS FIRST COURTHOUSE WAS REPLACED WITH THE RICHARDSONIAN ROMANESQUE STRUCTURE IN 1889 WHICH STILL STANDS. AGAIN IT WAS SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE THE VOTERS IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTY WERE DEFEATED IN THE BALLOTING FOR IT TO BE BUILT IN HOWELL.

IT WAS 1975 WHEN CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO POSSIBLE PRESERVATION/CONSERVATION OF THE POORLY MAINTAINED COURTHOUSE. THIS TIME THE REFERENDUM WON ON THE FIRST BALLOT; ADDEDELY BY THE BAREST OF MARGINS. 142 VOTES. THE END RESULTS OF THE RESTORATION ARE SPECTACULAR, INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR.

THE GUIDED TOUR, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, WILL CONFIRM THE PRIDE ONE FEELS IN THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE BUILDING. THIS TIME THE PRESERVATIONISTS WON AND HAVE BEEN VINDICATED.

NEED A RIDE? 810/229-6402 MARIANNA.