Civil War Veterans Resting At Old Village Cemetery (Part 21)

Civil War research has made us aware that George W. Rogers served as Capt. of Co.I, 5th Michigan Infantry. He died in 1876 and is buried in the Old Village Cemetery with brothers Henry and Francis D., also veterans, and his parents Horace and Harriet. Horace bought land in Brighton Township, Section 23, W 1/2 SE 1/4 in 1861: Iluno Road 1/2 mile west of Kensington Road. No other information has come to light in our research. It appears he did not return to the area serving; however he is interred here.

This similar scenario appears to hold true also of William H.H. Russell of Green Oak Township in that he is buried with other family members in the Cemetery. One finds his brother, DeWitt C., who died in 1863, serving as a private in Co. I, 5th Michigan Infantry. He died at age 24 from a disease contracted while on duty.

CORRECTION: France D. Rogers, a veteran interred at the Village Cemetery, was 24, not 14 when he enlisted for service in the Civil War.

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CHRISTMAS AT LYON SCHOOL WITH SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS:

Christmas at the 1885 Lyon one-room schoolhouse was extra special on December 9. Santa and Mrs. Claus visited the school and were part of a wonderful Christmas program. Over forty children visited the pretty Mrs. Claus and presented their wishes for holiday gifts to the merry old man dressed in his traditional red suit. Santa and Mrs. Claus were wide awake and in excellent spirits in spite of working long hours preparing for the world-wide delivery of gifts to children that they make every Christmas.

The helpers were very patient dealing with the children that were aged one through eight.

Refreshments and Christmas cookies followed the decorating activities in the museum room. The smell of hot chocolate coupled with the laughter of children created a wonderful afternoon at the schoolhouse.

All children had photos taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus and parents that requested had pictures emailed to their homes. A collage of all the 2012 photos will be ready to greet parents and children when they return next year.

Parents were very grateful and appreciative of the free event sponsored by the BAHS. Many noted in their planners that the 2013 Christmas with Santa will take place on December 8, 2013 at the Lyon Schoolhouse.

A special thanks to all the BAHS members that worked to make this Christmas program an outstanding success! Thank you to the Press-Argus, Brighton Patch and WHMI for helping publicize this wonderful event for children of the area!