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Green Oak Township Historical Society Holiday Luncheon

Sunday, December 11, 2016

1:00 pm

Bar None Restaurant

11600 Grand River

Brighton, MI 48116

Please RSVP to Marilyn Harrington

by December 1, 2016

(248)446-0789

Merry Christmas



Thanks to Wanda Marentay we have a phone at GOTHS similar to this one.

Please note our next newsletter will have the "Recognition of Major Donor's". This would be a good time to make an extra donation to GOTHS. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Check out our website:
greenoaktownshiphistoricalsociety.org

GOTHS Mission Statement:

The Society's purpose is to bring together those people interested in history, particularly the history of Green Oak Township, and to promote a better understanding and appreciation of our American heritage.

**Green Oak Township
Historical Society Board for
2016**

**The Board meets the second
Wednesday each month,
except December, at 6:30
pm. All are welcome to
attend.**

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**The Thompsons – From
Scotland to Green Oak**

The first Thompson, Archibald, landed in Amboy, New Jersey from Scotland in 1718. Several generations later John Thompson, b. June 2, 1819, New York, was a farm laborer earning \$12.00 per month. He used these funds to take an “academical” course at Nunda Academy in Nunda, New York. As a teacher, he could add to his farm laboring income. By twenty-five years of age, John came to Michigan in 1844, teaching in Lima Township, Washtenaw County for 14 months. His teaching took him from Minnesota to Mississippi, always on the lookout for a place to settle. However, in February 1853, he’d returned to Michigan and purchased 230 acres the east half of Section One of Green Oak Township, on the Grand River Trail.

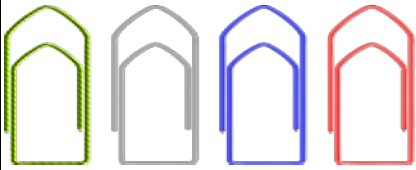
The Huron River brought fresh, flowing water. Kensington Road was a half mile west. The 1859 plat map indicates a structure (assuming it was a home site) on the north side of Grand River Trail, just east of the curve around the hill. He, and 26-year-old Annie E. Glover, whom he’d married October 9, 1851, settled on their farm and raised a family of six. The eldest, Philip, graduated from Michigan State Normal School (EMU) and became a farmer in ‘Dakota’. Sarah and Mary G. both graduated from Oberlin College. Mary G. then graduated from Michigan State Normal, and became a doctor at Michigan University (U of M), later taking her practice to Boulder, Colorado. Gaylord graduated from State Agricultural College (MSU) becoming a “...prosperous attorney in West Superior, Wisconsin.” John Jr., became a pharmacist in Adrian after receiving his degree at the University (U of M). Baby Eunice, graduated from Ann Arbor High School c. 1880, with more education most likely planned. Evidenced by the fact that they educated their daughters as well as their sons. John and Annie well knew the value of “...a thorough and comprehensive education.” Green Oak residents of today do well to continue the example they set. The 1870 census notes the value of John’s acreage at \$11,500. By 1890, John had 312 acres upon which he raised a fine flock of sheep, along with grain and stock. John and Annie died within four days of each other. John, February 22, 1893, 75 years and Annie, February 16, 1893, 68 years. They are buried in the Old Kensington Cemetery (south side of Grand River) not far from their home on Grand River Trail.

This cemetery is in Lyon Township in Oakland County. Visiting the cemetery one finds the sign which the Green Oak Historical Society provided several years ago. Among several upright markers are those which have fallen and are being obliterated with woodland debris. It should be noted; a caring person has placed the American flag in holders by veterans’ markers recently. It seems proper that a transcription of this cemetery, with Green Oak Township settlers interred, should be seriously considered. (Compiled by Marieanna Bair from Atlas and census records; Old Kensington Cemetery records; 1891 Portrait and Biographical Album; “Early Land Owners and Settlers of Livingston County” by Milton Charboneau. Additions/corrections requested: 810-229-6402)

**Page Four Celebrating 35
Years of Trail Tales History
Columns Published by
the Brighton Area
Historical Society and
written by our own
Marieanna Bair.**

Marieanna has written columns for the BAHS for over 35 years. In this book the reader will encounter a glimpse of the merchants that plied their trade. The reader will also meet the farmers and residents who walked the streets, worked the farms, worshiped in the local churches, and recreated along the plentiful Brighton area lakes for the past 150 years.

It is available for \$20.00 by calling Marieanna Bair at 810-229-6402. Proceeds benefit the BAHS.



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The Mission of the Green

Oak Township Historical Society Museum is to collect and preserve artifacts and publications with relationship to Green Oak Township and to build an awareness and appreciation of the history of Green Oak Township including the history of the people who settled here.

The Society is selling Rada Knives. If you would like a catalog, please call Antoinette "T" Shelvey. 248-342-0978. All proceeds benefit the Green Oak Township Historical Society

Please check your mailing label if it doesn't say "life" or "2016" please send in your dues. The Society relies of the generosity of its members and friends to remain viable.

The Society's historic 1856 Hall with warming kitchen is available for rent for small groups (maximum capacity is 50 people). The rent is \$200.00 paid at least two weeks prior to your event. \$100.00 will be returned to you one week after your event if everything was maintained as before your event. Please call Marilyn Harrington at (248) 446-0789 if you wish to rent the Society's 1856 Hall.

Thank you to all who contributed to, assisted with, purchased items or advertised the GOTHS Holiday Sale. The Society thanks Antoinette "T" Shelvey, Vice-President, for chairing this event.



- 1 box Zatarain's Jambalaya Rice
- 2 links hot Italian sausage (about ½ Pound)
- ½ pound raw shrimp – peeled and deveined and cut in half
- 2 or 3 garlic cloves – sliced
- 2 cups beef or chicken stock
- Dash cayenne pepper to taste
- 1 jalapeno pepper-seeded and chopped fine
- Fresh ground pepper
- Salt to taste

1 tablespoon dried cilantro

Cook rice per package instructions and set aside. Brown sausage links in large skillet and set aside. Add garlic in same skillet and cook until soft – about 10 or 15 seconds. Add beef stock to skillet with garlic. Bring to slow simmer. Add sausage links to stock and cook until done. Remove and cool sausages on cutting board. Slice sausages into ¼ inch rounds and add back to skillet. Add cayenne pepper, ground pepper, jalapeno, cilantro and salt to skillet.

Stir in shrimp and cook until pink - about 5 minutes

Stir in cooked rice and simmer until warmed.

Serve hot in small bowls with Garlic Bread.

Note: You can use a 12 oz. can of beer and ½ cup of water to simmer the sausage in, instead of using the 2 cups of chicken or beef stock.

Mike Shelvey - South Lyon



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