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**BOYNE CITY:**  
 THE HISTORY OF A LUMBER BOOMTOWN

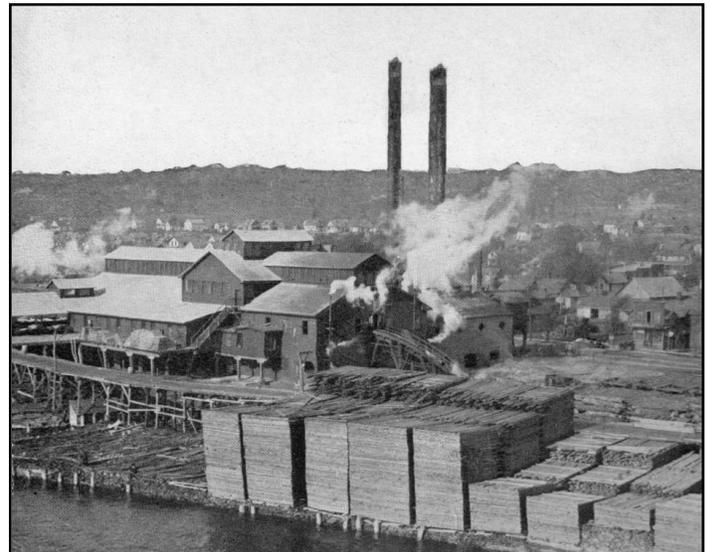
∞ The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society, in collaboration with the Boyne District Library, will present its June 2017 History Speaker Series Program: "BOYNE CITY: THE HISTORY OF A LUMBER BOOMTOWN." Presented by guest speaker, Bob Morgridge, the program will take place on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Boyne District Library's Lower Level Community Room, 201 East Main Street in Boyne City, MI.

From the mid 1880's into the 1920's, Boyne City was known as the lumber capital of Northwestern Michigan. Its population grew as people traveled to where jobs could be found. Shanty boys, now known as lumberjacks, migrated to the Boyne area in droves during the 1880's, and the lumbering boom that followed thrust Boyne City from its quiet beginnings into a bustling, industrial center.



The driving force behind Boyne City's lumbering industry was William H. White. The Ontario native came to the Jordan Valley in 1881 to manage a small sawmill. That business failed, leaving White out \$600 in wages. He

obtained \$450 in merchandise in lieu of payment and in January of 1883 shipped his goods into Boyne on a sleigh in over four feet of snow. He then borrowed \$2.00 to pay for his room and board and began a journey toward becoming one of the region's wealthiest and most influential lumber barons.



↑ The W.H. White & Company's Mill #1, located near where Veteran's Memorial Park is today.

← The fully loaded vessel *Three Brothers*, owned by W.H. White & Company, Boyne City, MI.  
 [Photographs courtesy of the White Family Collection.]

Bob has dedicated this presentation to the late Ray Garlinghouse, Lenwood Price, George Everest, and Herb Schneider whose vast knowledge of the railroads and lumbering operations in Boyne have been recorded and will be shared throughout the program. Please plan on joining us on June 7th as we welcome several White Family descendants and take an amazing journey through time, as only historian Bob Morgridge can deliver! This event is free and open to the public. For more information please call Georganna at 231-883-9867 or Monica at the Boyne District Library at 231-582-7861.

## Projects in the Works...

It has been a busy winter and we're now looking forward to several great projects coming to fruition in 2017. Once done, we hope that you will support our efforts as we create publications and historic items and make them available for sale. The proceeds obtained will be our mainstay to fund and keep the CCHPS dream alive. Each item will also provide you with an opportunity to own a piece of Charlevoix County history!

As celebrations unfold in Boyne City to unveil and dedicate the new City Hall facility; the fully restored clock and clock tower; and as the city bell will again hang above the 1917 LaFrance Fire Engine's new, prominent display space, we proudly make the following available for sale:

1.  
*The Story of the Old Town  
Clock - Boyne City  
A Photographic Archive*

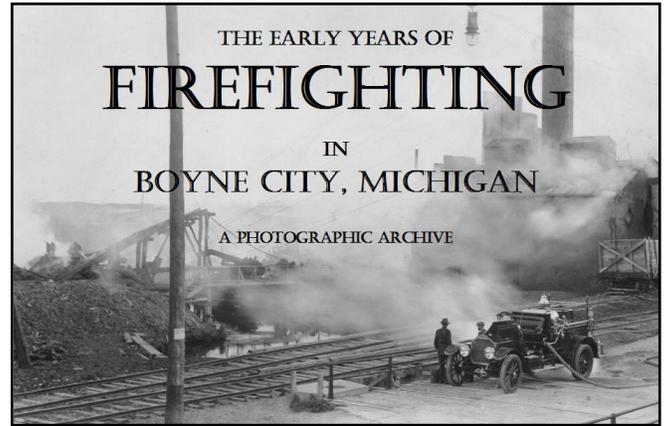
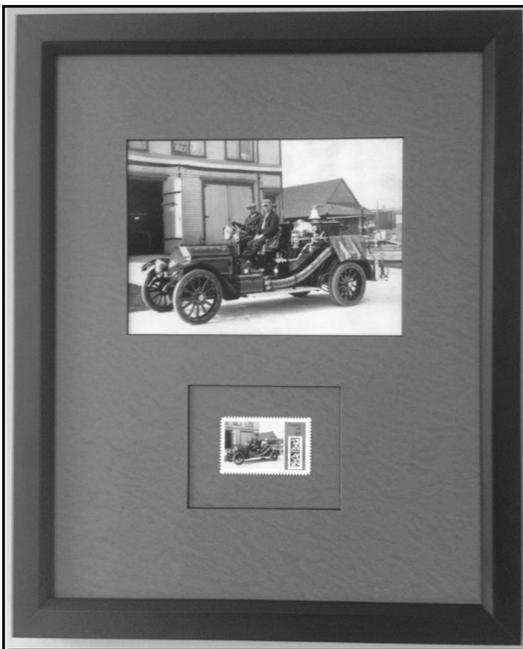
Presented by Robert Morgridge, in collaboration with the CCHPS, this book presents text and photographs that outline the rise and fall of this remarkable historic landmark- from its conception by village forefathers to its days of neglect and deterioration. This is also a tale of the thoughtful preservation provided by some in order to make today's restoration a reality.



2.  
*Boyne City's 1917 LaFrance Fire Engine  
Framed Photograph and Stamp*

**Limited Edition** - \$100.00 each.

Reserve yours today. Several are already spoken for!

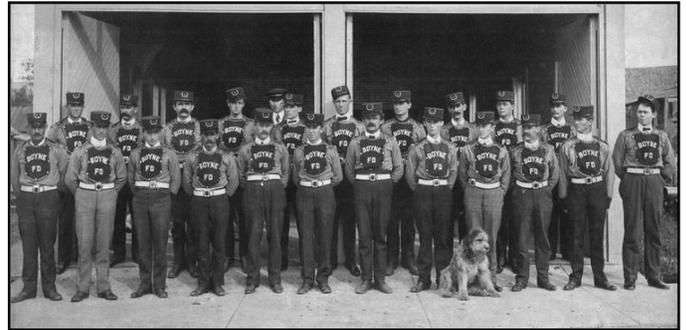


3.  
*The Early Years of Firefighter in Boyne City, MI  
A Photographic Archive*

Presented by Patrick McCleary, in collaboration with the CCHPS, the book takes an in-depth look at the early fires, fire fighters and the various apparatus used by the early fire teams to successfully keep the town safe. The publication also outlines the many tragic tales of death and loss, particularly in the early years.

4.  
*Historic Postcard Series #1 - Set of 8 Images  
Historic Postcard Series #2 - Set of 8 Images*

For this venture, the CCHPS has collaborated with the Boyne District Library (BDL) to create two remarkable sets of images that have never before been available for sale! We are proud to have the BDL working with us to preserve this aspect of Charlevoix County history!



5.  
*Settlers to Sidewalks*  
A recently reprinted publication by Robert Morgridge.

6.  
*The Park Avenue Prowl*  
A recent reprinting of this 2011 CCHPS Publication.

WATCH FOR THE CCHPS BOOTH  
DOWNTOWN BOYNE CITY  
Beginning on Opening Night of  
**Stroll the Streets • June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

(Continuing every other Friday night throughout the season.)