



At

Raven Hill Discovery Center

Where Science, **History** and Art Connect.

Summer 2017 Newsletter
Volume 13 Number 3

4737 Fuller Road – East Jordan, Michigan
www.MiRavenHill.org



161st Anniversary of Miller Arrival Topic of November Program

The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society, in collaboration with the Boyne District Library, is pleased to present another installment in our 2017 History Speaker Series Programming. "The Millers: Boyne's First Permanent Settlers" will take place on Saturday, November 11th, 2017 at 1:00 PM in the Boyne District Library's Lower Level Community Room, 201 East Main Street in Boyne City, Michigan.

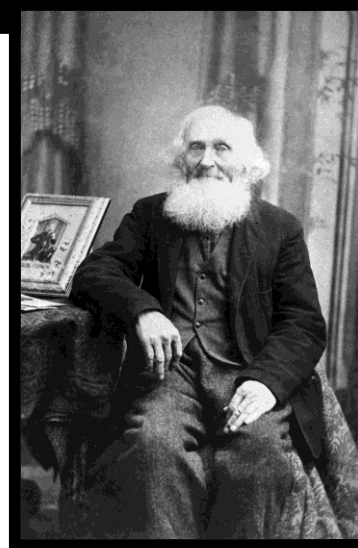
It will be 161 years ago this coming November 14th, 2017, when a man and his wife beached a fishing boat on the shores of north Boyne. After walking up the hill they found a dilapidated shelter - their dream cabin - which they immediately claimed as their home. And thus began a residency that marked the beginning of the history of Boyne. These hardy pioneers were John and Harriet Miller and why they came to Boyne is one of the most remarkable stories in Charlevoix County history.

Shortly after settling in their home, John Miller and his two sons, James and Hugh, explored the swampy shoreline on Pine Lake [now Lake Charlevoix]. Soon they came upon a scenic stream that reminded John of the one he had lived near in Ireland. He promptly christened it the Boyne River. And so, because of these two pioneers, a determined woman who wanted to find the cabin in her dream and a gentle but nostalgic man, that the community of Boyne was founded and named.

Please plan on joining us on November 11th, 2017 and take an amazing journey through time to celebrate the 161st Anniversary of the arrival of Boyne City's first settlers, as only historian Bob Morgridge can deliver. His program, complimented by an amazing array of early photographs, will outline how Boyne City came to be, 161 years ago!

We are also very excited to offer for preview and sale our first hard cover book: Boyne City's Old Town Clock Tells Again presented by both Bob Morgridge and the CCHPS. Don't miss out on this first opportunity to purchase the book and to have it signed by the author!

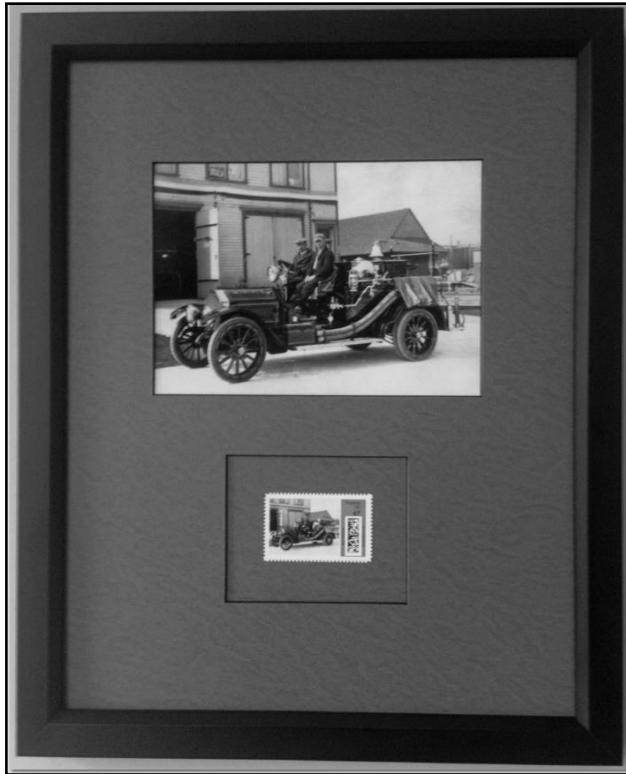
This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information please call Georganna at 231-883-9867 or Monica at the Boyne District Library at 231-582-7861.



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

Limited Edition of Twenty - \$100.00 each.

Reserve yours today!
More than half are already spoken for!



This is a wonderful opportunity to own a piece of local history as well as commemorate a very special portion of Boyne City history! This archivally framed photograph has been digitally restored from an original image in the personal collection of CCHPS Member, Patrick McCleary. The commemorative stamp was created from this same image and coordinates beautifully with both the frame and matting. Certain to be a collector's item in the future, more than half of this limited edition of 20 have now been spoken for. Don't miss out on the opportunity to own one for yourself, or to give this Christmas!

We Are Very Saddened To Report...

We were very disappointed to learn, only days prior to the event, that the CCHPS would not be allowed to participate in the Boyne City Fire Station and Museum "Sneak Peak" event held during the Antique Car Show on August 10th and 11th at the new Boyne City City Hall. Apparently the Historic Commission felt that our organization and products would be a conflict of interest with their newly decided upon venue. While we fully respect their decision, we regret that we were not given ample notice, or the opportunity to discuss options with them that could have made this a "win-win" situation for us all. We remain hopeful that the new Museum Board of Directors will be more interested in collaborating with the CCHPS, as we do (and have always done) with all of the other historic groups, museums and organizations throughout Charlevoix County.

This was also extremely disappointing news as we had planned our product line around this year's focus on the 100th anniversary of the LaFrance Fire Engine and the restoration of the Boyne City clock tower. Our expenditures too were based on having our group represented at this event. Since Bob Morgridge and the CCHPS newest book, Boyne City's Old Town Clock Tolls Again, was scheduled to arrive from the printer earlier that same day, tying Bob's book signing in with the "sneak peak" at the newly installed clock mechanism seemed logical to us - but apparently not to the powers that be. We regret that we can offer our membership no further details, but to date, we have yet to receive any response to our inquiries as to why the decision to eliminate our CCHPS booth was made, or why we received no official notice that we were not to attend.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU goes out to some very special folks who lent a hand as we scrambled to find a last minute location for our CCHPS booth for the *Stroll the Streets* event on Friday, August 10th: Linda and Chris Christensen, who welcomed us to set up in the front yard of Linda's Real Estate on Water Street; Steve Roote and Rose Newton who assisted in the set-up and sales throughout the evening; Diane Burke, who assisted us that evening and at various times throughout the summer; and to our "locals" and "regulars" who made a point of dropping by to let us know that we could count on their support... no matter where we "set up shop!"

The CCHPS would also like to extend our gratitude to Georganna Monk and Bob Morgridge who were not only present for every night of the CCHPS participation in the Boyne City Stroll the Streets events, but also to Georganna who handled all of the transport of tent and materials. We are greatly indebted to each of them for making this activity a success!



Projects in the Works...

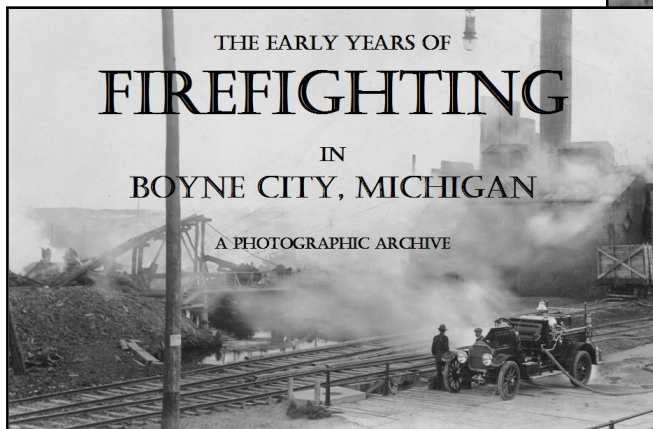
2017 has been an extremely busy and productive year for the CCHPS. We have had the opportunity to collaborate with some remarkable organizations and individuals; have continued to be involved in several on-going historic restoration projects throughout the county; assisted numerous individuals with individual, family and house histories; become a recognized "leader in conservation and preservation of historic materials;" and watched several long-term projects come to fruition.

Can We Count On Your Support?

We hope that we can count on our membership, as well as those who support our efforts and mission, to purchase our CCHPS publications and the historic items that are now available for sale. The proceeds from these sales will be our mainstay to fund and keep the CCHPS dream alive, and allow us to create a new product line (already in the works) for 2018. Each item also provides you with an opportunity to own a piece of Charlevoix County history!

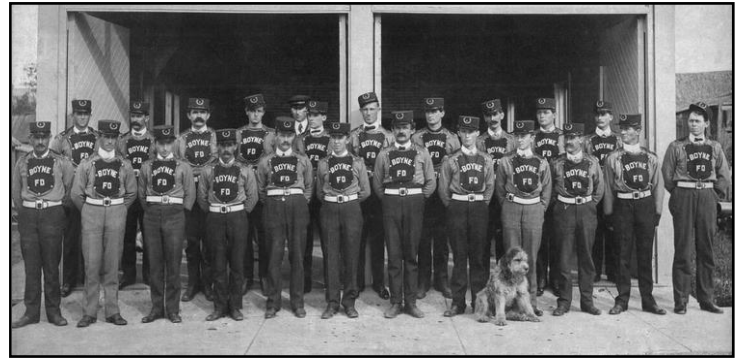
1. Boyne City's Old Town Clock Tolls Again
A Photographic Archive
\$30.00

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. The Early Years of Firefighter in Boyne City, MI
A Photographic Archive
\$35.00

*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. *~*~ Now Taking Reservations. ~*~**



3.

Historic Postcard Series #1 - Set of 8 Images

Historic Postcard Series #2 - Set of 8 Images

\$5.00 (Each 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 Boyne District Library working with us to preserve this aspect of Charlevoix County history!

4.

Settlers to Sidewalks - \$ 20.00

A recently reprinted edition of this landmark publication by Robert Morgridge.

5.

The Park Avenue Prowl - \$ 10.00

A recent reprinting of this 2010 CCHPS best-selling Publication. A documented history of downtown Charlevoix's Park Avenue, complete with early photographs provided by the Charlevoix Historical Society, this book is a fine example of the documentation and preservation of a portion of a community's historic past.

"TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT"

An important part of the CCHPS mission is to not only "preserve and protect" original documents, photographs and other historic materials, but to also research and allow for "further study" of the items within our collection. In this way, we assure that items entrusted into our care are never just shelved or boxes and allowed to lie dormant and unused. This is also why we strive to use information and images from our collection (and those of our members) so that local history can be something that we all can take part in and enjoy.

We are very fortunate to have two, very avid historic researchers within our membership, Bob Morgridge and Patrick McCleary, who tireless strive to promote the gathering of historic "facts" and help put to rest the many historic "fictions" which seem to always persist.

Those not already following Patrick McCleary on FACEBOOK will find his posts of early images and the subsequent commentary by local residents who assist in identifying them, quite interesting. Watch for additional "Mystery's Solved" in upcoming newsletter editions!

ANOTHER MYSTERY SOLVED!

37th Annual Picnic of the Old Settler's Association of Grand Traverse County

R.C. Leavenworth, Boyne City



Many years ago, a large, panorama photograph was brought to the attention of the CCHPS by one of our members. While there was no date on the image, it was easy to place its having been taken around the turn of the last century. The "clue" lay in the notation by the photographer that this represented the 37th Annual gathering of this group. Where was the event held? Photographer Russell C. Leavenworth's studio was located in Boyne City, MI, but did that location concur with where the group was photographed?

Confirmation of this was finally found in articles printed in both the Charlevoix County Herald (East Jordan, MI) and the Charlevoix Sentinel newspapers in June 1918. While the latter article served as a sort of "save the date" announcement, the following comes from the East Jordan publication:

The Charlevoix County Herald
Friday, June 21, 1918
Page 5 Column 1

The 37th annual meeting and picnic of the Old Settler's Association of Grand Traverse Region will be held at Charlevoix, next Wednesday, June 29th. A big time is anticipated.

~ Thus, another mystery solved!



NEWS FLASH! MAJOR ACQUISITION TO THE CCHPS ARCHIVE

Just as we were going to press with this issue of our newsletter, something very exciting took place that we want to share with our membership.

We were recently contacted by the Boyne District Library in regard to the continued preservation of a very major collection of historical material. Not only does this acquisition pertain to Boyne City but also has major connections to nearly all of the townships located within Charlevoix County! The CCHPS immediately (and gratefully) agreed to accept this donation and went to work making plans for the relocation and housing of these items. To do so, it was imperative that we secure a large, environmentally-controlled location. Through the generosity of CCHPS Member, Robert Grove, this was done within 24 hours of the library's initial contact! We are greatly indebted to him for his generous use of both office space and office furniture.

Special thanks to the following for their assistance in hauling and moving: Bob and Rafina Grove; Georganna and Chris Monk; Bob Morgridge and Patrick McCleary. What could have taken many trips was all done in one, and as they say, "many hands make light work!" Of course we are forever indebted to the Boyne District Library for entrusting this important collection into our care.

WATCH FOR FURTHER UPDATES!!

In addition to cataloging this large collection of material-spanning more than 130 years of local history, we will also access what needs to be done to slow down the ravages of time. Wondering what exactly it was that we received? Please watch for more detailed information and updates in the next issue of our newsletter!