



Notes from our President...

by Kelen Gailey, DMHS President

We want to thank everyone for another wonderful year. This past year our membership continued to grow, our meeting attendance increased, we held our first annual cemetery tour with nearly fifty people in attendance, and we put out our third DMHS calendar. We truly appreciate all of the support we have received and are excited to announce some news for 2020.

In 2020 we plan to begin sharing out the society's growing collection of items by displaying items at the Village Hall. Through our website members can access many of the photo/paper items we currently have, but we now have some space to display some of the larger items we have collected. The display case will be up year round and changed out every so often. We hope to be able to do more throughout the year, but are still working on the logistics.

If you have any interest in becoming a member of the society please fill out the form within this newsletter or take it off the back of your 2020 calendar and send it in to the address on the bottom of the form. Thank you for your support and we wish you all a happy holiday season.

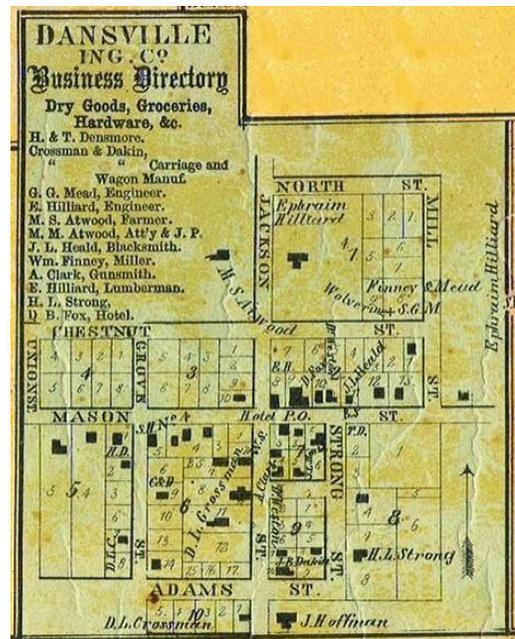
Chance to win a prize!



Somewhere within the village limits of Dansville this house once stood. The owner healed your coughs and aches, whether you came to him or he to you. The first person to tell us where this house was located and who the doctor was will receive their choice of a 2020 calendar or an Individual year long membership to the society. To share your answer you will need to email president@dansvillemihistor.org.

Dansville, 160 years ago

Imagine a trip back in time to Dansville even before the Civil War. The land being cleared, trees being turned into lumber at the local mill to build the growing downtown and homes popping up in the recently platted out village. A carriage and wagon shop to help you in your everyday travels, an attorney to help settle those early pioneer issues, a blacksmith, a lumberman, or even a gunsmith. Over time businesses have come and gone, by choice or disaster, but the people remain loyal to their little village. If you have questions or knowledge about your home and would like to ask or share please reach out. Who knows you may be living in the old gunsmith's shop, in a house built next to the saw mill, or simply in one of the oldest homes in Dansville and not even realize it.



Help capture the lost faces of Dansville Schools



The first high school graduate of Dansville Schools was Mina Rice in 1883. With 137 years of graduations one can imagine there is a lot of history that has passed through the halls throughout the years. The society is attempting to put together a complete collection of not only the names of those graduates, but the photos as well. All of the years from 1925 to present have been accounted for in the class composites that have hung on the walls in the school. The struggle has been from 1883 - 1924. In total only five graduation photos have been uncovered, with one of them being a copy from a book.

The above copy is from the class of 1921. The original image was allowed to be scanned and a digital donation was given to the society by one of our members. The nice part about this is that member was able to keep their family photo, but share an invaluable piece of Dansville history with not only the society, but Dansville as a whole.

Our hope in sharing this image and story with all of you is that we are able to find some of these photos that have been lost to time and put them together in one collection. If you have an image and are will to either donate the physical photo or let us scan it to add to our digital collection please email president@dansvillemihistory.org.

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Membership Start Date: ___/___/___

Dansville Michigan Historical Society

Membership/Donation/Volunteer Form

Please return to: P.O. Box 182 Dansville, MI 48819

___ I/my family would like to be an Annual Member of DMHS (\$10 ind. / \$15 family). Membership is from January 1st - December 31st.

___ I/my family/my group would like to be an Annual Sustaining Member of DMHS (\$25). Membership is from January 1st - December 31st.

___ I would like to be a LIFE MEMBER of DMHS (\$200 one-time dues payment).

___ I/my family would like to SPONSOR society events or publications (\$50 for one year of sponsorship. Multiple years can sponsored at \$50 for each year. Funds go into separate account earmarked for events, publications, and fundraising purposes.) Sponsorship is from January 1st - December 31st.

Enclosed is cash for the amount of \$ _____ to support the society in the areas designated above.

Enclosed is a check, check # _____ dated _____ for the amount of \$ _____ (payable to DMHS), to support the society in the areas designated above.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____
Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

*To keep apprised of society news and events, all members receive the DMHS newsletter and other communications via email. Please note we will not share your contact info/email.

Other Ways You Can Be A Partner In Preserving Dansville History

*Please indicate area(s) of volunteer interest below and a DMHS Representative will contact you.

___ Museum Docent: Volunteer 2 hours per month to staff the museum.

___ Program Speaker: Present a 20-30 minute program at a monthly meeting.

___ Baker: Provide baked goods for special events/meetings and fundraisers.

___ Researcher: Help to fill our files on areas of Dansville history that interest you.