



Spirit of Salem

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SAHS EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, March 23rd -- 6:00 PM

-- Annual Election/Dinner
at Salem Township Hall

Presentation on a few Salem Historic Building

WEDNESDAY, April 27th -- 7:30 PM

-- Membership Meeting
at Jarvis Stone School

Presentation on Michigan's effort in the Civil War

WEDNESDAY, May 25th -- 7:30 PM

--- Membership Meeting
At Jarvis Stone School

Presentation on Salem Family History

Our 2010 Annual SAHS Memberships end on March 31, 2011. We would like all of our non-Lifetime members to renew for 2011 and recruit more members. Please see our membership renewal form on Page 6. Use it to renew via mail or at any of our upcoming Meetings. Consider joining as a Lifetime Member

The renovation of the front room of the Jarvis-Stone School continues. The drywall for the interior walls has been hung. We are looking for an experience mudder to do the next step. If you have that talent/skill or know of someone with it, please contact me at Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com.

Lastly, Page 2 is the Obituary Notice for Don Riddering. I know that the SAHS would not be as strong as it is today if it were not for Don's many years of involvement, dedication and leadership. His influence on SAHS will always be felt. He was instrumental in the effort to restore the Jarvis Stone School. He was involved in all aspects of

Message from the SAHS President

SAHS has held four events since the last *Spirit of Salem*. Read a summary of these events on Page 4. There were: Annual Christmas Party, Plymouth Whalers Hockey Game, January Members' Business Meeting and the Annual Dinner / Auction. The SAHS Board thanks all those members who organized and helped with these events.

This issue of the *Spirit of Salem* contains the eleventh article in a series of articles, Cartography. The series gives you information about our past through the maps of the past with one map in each issue. This is the first map on Washtenaw County. See Page 3.

Of the upcoming events, I hope you can attend many if not all of them. These are described on Page 5. Please make a special effort to attend these events and encourage your family members, friends and neighbors to join us. Of special interest is the April meeting on Michigan's effort to support the Union troops during the Civil War.



restoration from fund raising to worker recruiter to doing the work. It pleased him greatly when he was able to use it to teach Latin to a class of home-schooled children on a regular basis. Likewise, the Dickerson Barn Restoration Project would not have started and proceeded without his leadership.

I will always fondly remember Don and be thankful to him for getting me involved in SAHS. May God reward Don for all of his beauty.

Terry Cwik

Don Riddering (1922-2010) Salem Area Historical Society Founding Member



Donald Lee Riddering, 88, died peacefully on December 7, 2010 of ALS (Lou Gehrig's) with Ali, the love of his life by his side. A resident of Ionia MI, formerly of Salem MI, Don was a lifelong teacher and historian, husband, father, and friend.

Born in Marysville MI on February 28, 1922, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, received a degree in Education from Eastern Michigan University and a Master's degree from Columbia University in New York. He studied as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Amsterdam in The Netherlands where he met Ali. They were married in Den Hoorn on the island of Texel in The Netherlands on December 19, 1950. He started teaching in Garden City MI and then taught Latin and was the head of Foreign

Languages at Cooley High School in Detroit MI for over 30 years. Always active in community organizations, he served as Treasurer of the South Lyon MI School Board, Supervisor of Salem Township, served on the Washtenaw County Historic District Commission, and was the President of the Salem Area Historical Society. He is the author of numerous historical monographs and enjoyed researching and documenting family history.

He is survived by his wife Ali (Drijver) Riddering; daughters Martha (Brad) Segura of Breaux Bridge LA, Julie (Dave) Worthington of Portland MI, Emily (Randy) Mattran of Chanhassen MN, and Hannah Riddering of Austin TX; grandchildren Alison Segura, Tim (Katie) Mattran, Kelly Mattran, Kate (Kevin) McCarthy, Andrew (Jen) Tavis; great-grandchildren Ava McCarthy and Maggie Tavis; sister Mary (Chuck) Beyette of Cass City MI; brother Albert Riddering of San Juan PR; sister-in-law Alice Drijver-Kamp of Schoorl The Netherlands, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends both in the U.S. and in The Netherlands.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother and sister-in-law Kirk and Phyllis Riddering, sister-in-law Clarice Riddering, and brother-in-law Dirk Drijver.

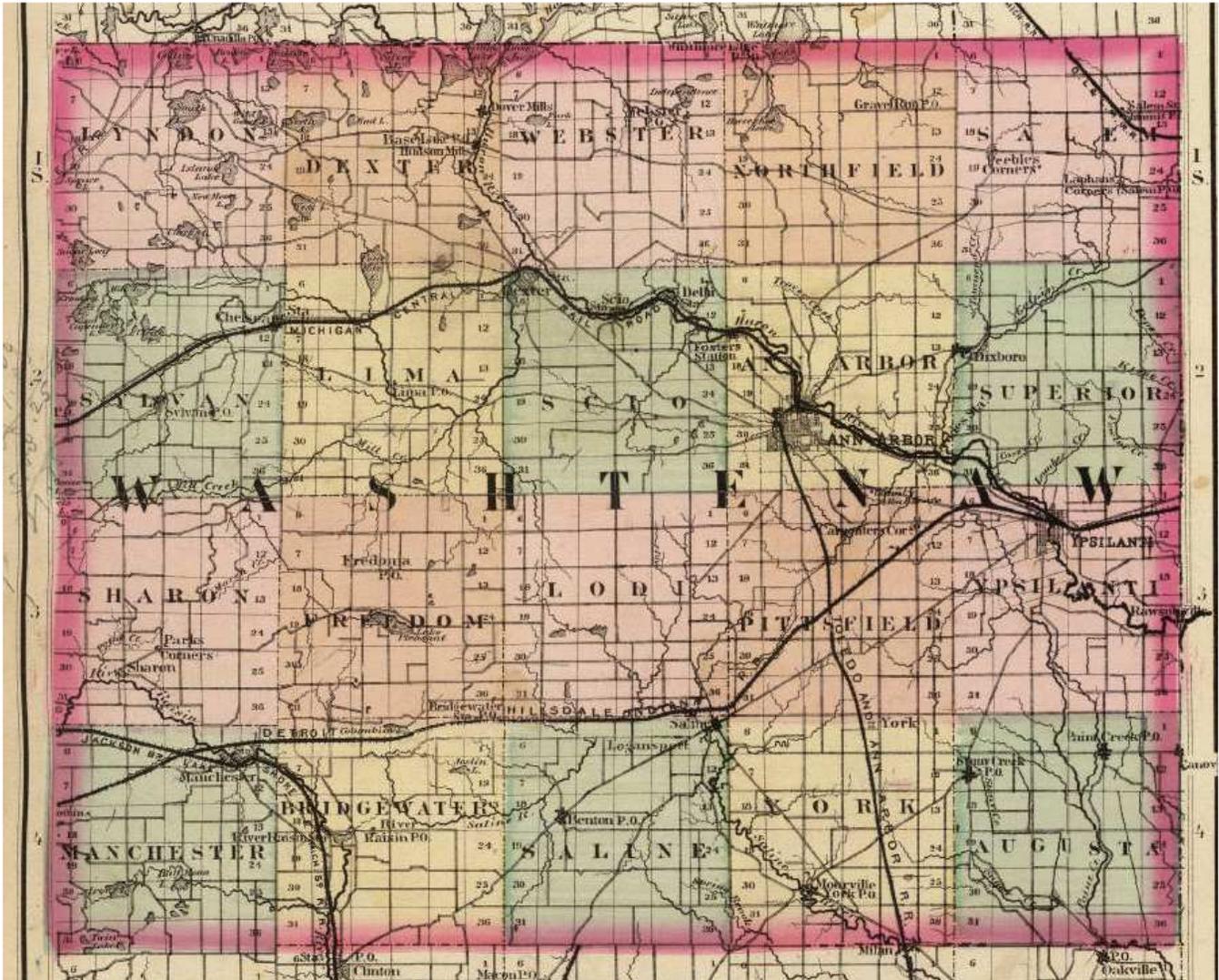
A memorial service will be planned at a later date. Donations in his name may be made to the Salem Area Historical Society, P.O. Box 75011, Salem MI 48175 or Ionia Area Hospice, 601 E. Washington, Ionia MI 48846.

The family would like to thank the staff of Green Acres Assisted Living and Ionia Area Hospice for the loving care they provided during his illness.

Blijf maar jong (stay young)
Dona Nobis Pacem (give us peace)

CARTOGRAPHY - car · tog · ra · phy [kahr-tog-ruh-fee] -noun the production of maps, including construction of projections, design, compilation, drafting, and reproduction.

Washtenaw County



Author: Walling, H.F.

Date: 1873

Short Title: Map of Washtenaw County

Publisher: Detroit: R.M. & S.T. Tackabury

Type: Atlas Map

Obj Height cm: 39

Obj Width cm: 28

Scale: 1: 190,080

Full Title: (Map of Washtenaw County, Michigan. Drawn, compiled, and edited by H.F. Walling, C.E. ... Published by R.M. & S.T. Tackabury, Detroit, Mich. Entered ... 1873, by H.F. Walling ... Washington. The Claremont Manufacturing Company, Claremont, N.H., Book Manufacturers)

Pub Title: Atlas of the State of Michigan, including statistics and descriptions of its topography, hydrology, climate, natural and civil history, railways, educational institutions, material resources, etc. By Alexander Winchell, LL.D. ... Hon. C.I. Walker, Oramel Hosford, Esq., Henry M. Utley, Esq., and Ray Haddock, Esq. Drawn, compiled, and edited by H.F. Walling, C.E. ... Published by R.M. & S.T. Tackabury, Detroit, Mich. (on verso) Entered ... 1873, by H.F. Walling ... Washington. The Claremont Manufacturing Company, Claremont, N.H., Book Manufacturers.

Pub Note: The first Michigan State atlas. Full color. Bound in half leather brown cloth covers with title reading "Atlas of the State of Michigan" stamped in gold on the front and blind stamped on the back.

Recap of Recent SAHS Events

SAHS 2010 Christmas Party

On December 5th, the Salem Area Historical Society held its annual Christmas Party at the home of members, Cindy and Mike Brautigam. The honoree was Don Riddering, who unfortunately was unable to attend. A good afternoon of fellowship was enjoyed by all present.



SAHS Attends Plymouth Whaler Hockey

Members and Friends of SAHS attended the Plymouth Whalers Hockey Game on Saturday, Jan. 8th, which was a 4-2 defeat for the Whalers. SAHS ran the 50/50 contest at the game and netted \$278 for its general fund.

SAHS January Meeting

SAHS held its January meeting on Wednesday, January 26th at the Salem Township Hall. The 2010 SAHS Financial Statement and the 2011 SAHS Budget were presented and discussed. This was followed by a video presentation entitled "The Hudson's Building".

2010 Annual Dinner / Auction



Salem Area Historical Society held its annual DINNER/AUCTION on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at the Fox Hill's Golden Fox Clubhouse. There were 74 attendees who enjoyed a wonderful buffet banquet, which was followed by a short business meeting. The election slate of offices for 2011 was presented and accepted. A silent auction was followed by a live auction.



The auction committee did a great job in gathering the donations. We had 118 Auction Items from over 70 donors. Please support our sponsors who are listed below as well as on our Website at www.sahshistory.org. The silent auction of 50 items was a great success. This was followed by a lively auction with lots of participation. When adding up the funds generated from the banquet, auction, 50/50 and donations, we raised over \$3,900.

This year's Dinner / Auction set records for the most donors, the most items for auction, the highest value of items for auction, and the largest 50/50. Thanks to all who helped make this Salem Area Historical Society event such a success!!!!

Local Area Upcoming Events

Electric Trolley of Washtenaw County

Sunday, February 20th, 2-4 PM
Chelsea Retirement Community Theater
734-662-9092

Dexter Pioneer Arts Fair

Saturday, March 19th, 10 AM to 4 PM
Creekside Intermediate School in Dexter
www.hvcn.org/info/dextermuseum
Admission - \$3.

Historical Society of Michigan

Michigan in Perspective: The Local History Conf.
March 25 and 26, all day 17th
MSU Management Center, Troy
www.hsmichigan.org (800) 692-1828

SAHS – Upcoming Events

SAHS – March Meeting

SAHS will hold its March Meeting at the Salem Township Hall at 6 PM on Wednesday, March 23rd. This is the SAHS's annual pot-luck dinner and election meeting. All members are encouraged to attend. Memberships will be accepted at the event. Please bring a dish to pass, your own plates and flatware and your drink. Coffee and tea will be available. After the election, there will be a presentation and discussion on some historical properties in Salem.

SAHS – April Meeting

On Wednesday, April 27th, SAHS will hold its April Meeting at the Jarvis Stone School at 7:30 PM. After a short business meeting, there will be a presentation on the Civil War. Our presenter will be John Gibney, who is the Director of Monroe Historical Museums. In that capacity, he manages three historic sites as well as the River Raisin Battlefield, Michigan's only major battlefield in the War of 1812.

He is an adjunct Instructor in the Graduate Historic Preservation Program at Eastern Michigan University, and Civil War Instructor at Washtenaw Community College. He has given over 6,000 living history programs to schools and historical organizations.

His presentation will be about Michigan's participation in the Civil War with special attention to the 24th Michigan Infantry.

The 24th Michigan Infantry was organized at Detroit into Federal service on August 15, 1862. A part of the famous Iron Brigade in the Army of the Potomac, it was noted for suffering the most casualties of any Union Army regiment in the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. The 24th Michigan went into action with 496 officers and men. Their total casualties were 363 of which 89 were killed & mortally wounded and otherwise wounded were 218 and captured were 56. The regiment was selected as escort at funeral of President Abraham Lincoln. The regiment was mustered out on June 30, 1865.

SAHS - May Meeting

The Salem Area Historical Society's May Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 25th, at the Jarvis Stone School at 7:30 PM. After a short business meeting, there will be a presentation by Chris Ropeta about his research on his family in Salem Township. His Grandmother was Mary Mager, William Mager's daughter. William was a stone mason who helped build the Old Stone School at Packard and Eisenhower and he was murdered by his son, Harold. Another branch of his family is the Kingsley family, who had land in Section 7 of Salem Township in 1850.

Request from the SAHS Board

The Salem Area Historical Society's Board is looking for Society Members to volunteer to be Refreshment Committee Chairperson or member, a Membership Committee member, a Jarvis Stone School Subcommittee member, a Dickerson Barn Subcommittee member and/or a Archival Subcommittee member. If you want to be any of these, please contact a current SAHS Board Member or email Salem_Area_HS@yahoo.com.

SAHS Annual Dinner and Auction Donors

Aleko's	Detroit Pistons	Lyon Grill	Ruby Tuesday
Alexander's	Detroit Red Wings	Market Place Pet Supplies	Rusty Bucket Restaurant
Angel Dawn	Disney World	Muirhead Farms	Salem Hills Golf Club
Anne Wessel	Dixboro General Store	Numerous SAHS Members	Seyfried Jewelers
Applebee's	Downing Farms Golf Course	Pampered Chef by Kimmel	Skin Essentials
Arbor Healing Massage	Elmer Wessel	Pat Hatala Photography	South Lyon Herald
Baseball Hall of Fame	Entertainment Express	Pat's Field of Flowers	South Lyon Hotel
Big Boy Restaurant	Fox Hills Golf Center	People's Food Coop AA	St. John's ELC Sewing Guild
Blackwell Ford	Grand Hotel	Pinz Bowling Center	State Theater
Bo-Kaye's Flowers	Grand Trunke Home	Plymouth SuperCenter	Sun Moon Yoga
Busch's	Hands on Center for PT	Plymouth Whalers Hockey	Superior Feed Co.
Certified Massage Therapy	Indoor Comfort	Purple Rose Theatre	The Bobberdown Grill
CJ's Brewing Company	JKM Soy Candles	Random Games	The Henry Ford
Dairy Queen	John Stosick Woodworking	Rock Shoppe on Gotfredson	Trader Joe's
Decadent Delight	Kaplin Chiropractor	Rosseta Manufacturing	Ultra Unlimited Services
Detroit Lions	Karl's Cabin		Veolia Environmental

Please use the form below to join us as a member of the Salem Area Historical Society for 2011.

SAHS Annual Memberships can be paid starting in December and this year's membership will last until March 31, 2012. Consider becoming a SAHS Lifetime Member. Your Lifetime Membership will help bring stability to our organization. SAHS is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and contributions to it may be tax deductible.

You can also use this form to send your tax-deductible donation to the Salem Area Historical Society.

You are encouraged to make copies and distribute this form to your family and friends. Additional forms can also be printed from our Website: www.sahshistory.org

SAHS Membership Application

Make check payable to: Salem Area Historical Society

Mail to: SAHS, P. O. Box 75011, Salem, MI 48175

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **email ID:** _____

Membership Fee: _____

Membership Type:

+ Donation: _____

\$10 per Senior ___ \$15 per Individual ___

Amount Enclosed: _____

\$25 per Family ___

\$50 per Business/Organization ___ and

Member Since _____

\$300 Lifetime Membership per Couple ___

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