

Crawford County Historical Society

HISTORIC ANTIQUE ITEMS

PRESENTED TO MUSEUM

- 2011
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COME AND VISIT

The Crawford County Historical Museum is **ADMISSION FREE**. We operate on a donation basis and our docents are all volunteers. The museum is available for private tours by pre-arranged appointments for any size group or school class. Call 989-348-4461

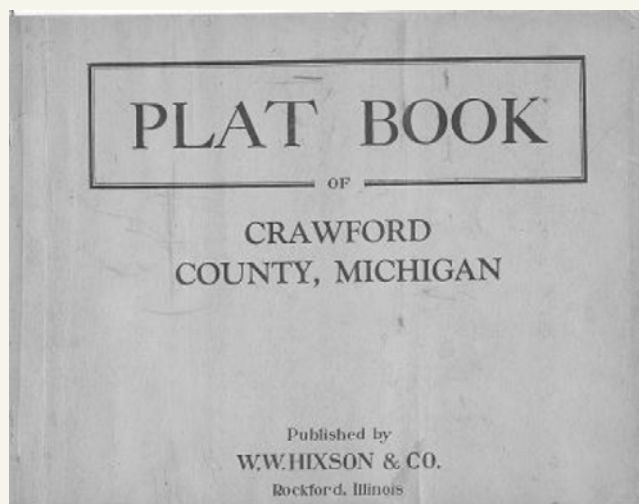
Lifelong area resident Larry Larson and his sister Patricia Larson Brighton of Lansing presented their father Alex Larson's Grayling Fire Fighters badge and initialed antique pocket watch to the museum this winter. Alex Larson passed away in 1937 at the age of 35 after helping his wife nurse his children Larry and Patricia, who were both very ill with typhoid fever. He in return contracted the disease, fought it bravely and succumbed.

The children were only six and seven when they lost their father so Mr. Larson's badge and pocket watch are very precious to them. Due to the fact they both have many children and



grandchildren they felt our museum would be the best place for these items to be displayed so all the future Larsons and others could appreciate them. Alex Larson was born in Grayling in 1902, attended school here and worked for at the Kerry and Hanson Company as well as serving as a member of the City Fire Dept. He is laid to rest in Elmwood Cemetery.

In honor of their grandfather Mr. Peter W. Larson Larry and Pat have made a gift of a very unique antique miniature model of an old logging sled. The sled was brought to the attention of Joe Duran when he was visiting the Larsons. Joe has been restoring the life size sled that was pulled from Lake Margrethe and noted the small sled is exactly like the large one. It has not been determined whether the small sled is a toy or a salesman's sample. You will be able to view both sleds at the unveiling of the restored large log sled at the museum this spring. Thank you to the Larson family.



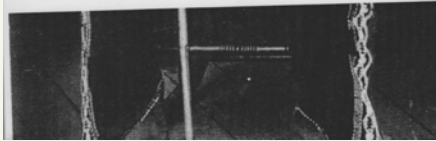
We now have photo copies of the original 1920 Plat Book of Crawford County, Michigan for sale in our gift shop. You can purchase the entire book or a single page that could help your search in local family history. The most current plat book can be purchased at the Avalanche Newspaper office for \$25, but for this piece of historical memorabilia you need to make a visit to the museum gift shop in May.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO READ THIS NEWSLETTER AND PAST ISSUES
AND ENJOY A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE MUSEUM

GRAYLING-AREA.COM/MUSEUM



DAVID SHOPPENAGON
& THE PLACE
BETWEEN THE RIVERS
W. E. TUDOR



David Shoppenagon was a well known figure in the early pioneer days of Crawford County.

Read about the history of "Chief" David Shoppenagon and the northern surrounding area in this fascinating well researched book.

2011 is the 100th Anniversary of the death of Shoppenagon. He passed away on Christmas Day, December 25th 1911. His wife had predeceased him by only a few months.

The book also talks of the early Native Americans before the white man arrived, the trapping, logging and the coming of the trains to the north. If you want a good summer read, this could be it.

Stop by the museum when we are open on Wednesday through Saturday from 10-4, starting Memorial Day week and pick up your copy for only \$20.00 plus tax.

We also carry "History of Grayling - First 100 years" at \$15.00

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Your 2011 dues are good through April 2012

Membership:

\$5.00 Senior Citizen

\$10.00 Single Individual

\$25.00 Family

\$50.00 Supporting Member

\$100.00 Lifetime Member

The printing and postage for this issue of the newsletter was paid for through the generosity of a Crawford County resident who believes in the importance of the preservation of history. The CCHS wishes to thank this anonymous donor.

\$100 Memorial Plaque
(one or two names can be inscribed) and is displayed in museum lobby. The memorial can be done in memory of a loved one or as a special occasion gift or with your own name.

Please make checks payable to:

CC Historical Society
P. O. Box 218
Grayling, MI. 49738

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