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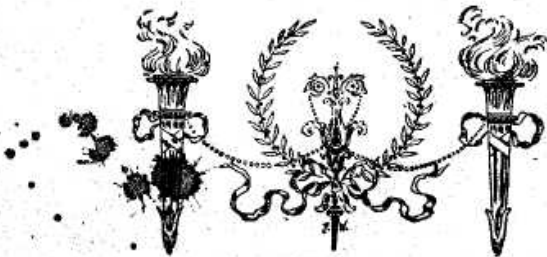
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The first recorded weather reports were furnished monthly to the "Herald" by Miss Leonora Phillips of Whitewater, commencing December, 1858. The next were furnished weekly to the "Herald" commencing December 1, 1859, by John F. Grant.

OLD SETTLERS

A Historical and Chronological Record

TOGETHER WITH PERSONAL EXPERIENCES AND REMINISCENCES OF MEMBERS
OF THE OLD SETTLERS OF THE GRAND TRAVERSE REGION

The "Early Histories" were taken from Page's History of the
Grand Traverse Region and from
Personal Memory

*It would have given us Great Pleasure to have Published in Full all Contributions
sent in but in Order to Keep Within Bounds, have had
to Curtail Some of Them.*

WE HEREBY WISH TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE THANKS TO ALL THOSE
WHO HAVE WILLINGLY AND GENEROUSLY FURNISHED MATERIAL
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TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN

1918

DATES, PRESIDENTS AND PLACES OF MEETING OF OLD SETTLERS' ASSOCIATION

Date	President	Place of Meeting
1884.....	John McDonald.....	Elk Rapids
1885.....	John McDonald.....	Elk Rapids
1886.....	Alexander Campbell.....	Elk Rapids
1887.....	James McLaughlin.....	Elk Rapids
1888.....	No meeting held this year	
1889.....	John McDonald.....	Elk Rapids
1890.....	W. H. Fife.....	Elk Rapids
1891.....	J. O. Bloodgood.....	Elk Rapids
1892.....	J. O. Bloodgood.....	Elk Rapids
1893.....	James McLaughlin.....	Elk Rapids
1894.....	James McLaughlin.....	Elk Rapids
1895.....	James McLaughlin.....	Traverse City
1896.....	Perry Hannah.....	Traverse City
1897.....	E. L. Sprague.....	Traverse City
1898.....	J. J. McLaughlin.....	Elk Rapids
1899.....	J. H. Monroe.....	Traverse City
1900.....	H. K. Brinkman.....	Old Mission
1901.....	T. T. Bates.....	Traverse City
1902.....	J. J. McLaughlin.....	Elk Rapids
1903.....	George A. Craker.....	Northport
1904.....	Major Green.....	Charlevoix
1905.....	H. O. Rose.....	Petoskey
1906.....	J. H. Monroe.....	Traverse City
1907.....	*R. W. Bagot.....	Elk Rapids
1908.....	Dr. W. M. Payne.....	Suttons Bay
1909.....	C. H. Estes.....	Traverse City
1910.....	W. S. Anderson.....	Traverse City
1911.....	Hon. James Greacen.....	Kalkaska
1912.....	A. V. Friedrich.....	Traverse City
1913.....	Hon. W. W. Smith.....	Traverse City
1914.....	Dr. W. M. Payne.....	Suttons Bay
1915.....	Will R. Pratt.....	Old Mission
1916.....	W. L. Case.....	Benzonia
1917.....	W. S. Anderson.....	Traverse City
1918.....	Archibald Buttars.....	Charlevoix

*Was to preside; died before meeting.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

The name of this Association shall be "The Old Settlers' Association of the Grand Traverse Region."

ARTICLE II.

The officers of the Association shall be a President, four Vice Presidents, or one from each organized county within the territory embraced by this Association, a Recording Secretary or Historian at large, four Historians or one from each organized county.

ARTICLE III.

The object of this Association is for the purpose of collecting and preserving historical, biographical or other information in relation to the past, present and future of this territory.

ARTICLE IV.

This Association shall embrace within its limits the territory now within the limits of the organized counties of Antrim, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Charlevoix.

ARTICLE V.

The annual subscription of voting male members of this Association shall not be less than 50 cents nor more than one dollar as may be required by the by-laws.

ARTICLE VI.

Any person who has resided within the limits of said counties of Antrim, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Charlevoix for 20 years may become a member of this Association on subscribing to the articles of said Association and paying the membership fee as prescribed by the by-laws, but no member shall be entitled to vote or hold office unless 21 years of age.

ARTICLE VII.

That all persons living in any township of the territory included in the limits of this organization who have inhabited such township during the first ten years of its settlement may, by payment of the fees and conforming to the rules of this organization, on application become a member of the same.

ARTICLE VIII.

The annual meeting of this Association shall be held at Elk Rapids on the first Tuesday of March in each year, at which time the President, Secretaries and Treasurer shall each present full written reports, officers shall be elected for the ensuing year and general business may be transacted. Special meetings may be called as the by-laws may provide.

ARTICLE IX.

These articles of association may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of all the members present, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been filed in writing with the Recording Secretary and notice thereof given at the last preceding meeting and not less than one month prior to the time when the proposed amendments shall be called up for action. By-laws may be made, altered or amended at any meeting on like conditions as to filing and notice by a majority vote of members present at any regular meeting. By-laws may be temporarily suspended by a unanimous vote of the members present at any meeting.

ARTICLE X.

The working Committee shall be appointed by the Vice Presidents from each county respectively and shall consist of one member from each organized township within the limits of the association. Names and addresses of said committee to be reported to the Recording Secretary at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE XI.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, four Vice Presidents and Recording Secretary.

ARTICLE XII.

Article six of this Constitution is hereby amended so as to read: "Any person who has resided within the limits of said counties of Antrim, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Charlevoix for sixteen years may become a member of this Association on subscribing to the articles of said Association and paying the membership fee as prescribed by the by-laws, but no member shall be entitled to vote or hold office unless 21 years of age."

ARTICLE XIII.

The annual meeting of this Association shall be held on the first Wednesday of June of each year at such place as may be designated by a vote of the members present at the annual meeting the year previous, at which time the President, Secretaries and Treasurer shall each present a full written report. The officers shall be elected for the ensuing year and general business may be transacted. Several meetings may be called as the by-laws provide.