

March/April 2016

## 'Animals in the Civil War: Beyond Old Abe and Traveller'

**B**eatrice Friedlander, J.D., a former long-serving member of the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum Board of Directors, will present "Animals in the Civil War: Beyond Old Abe and Traveller" at the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum meeting on Tuesday, April 12, at 7:30 PM.

Similar to the personal caring for domestic animals in today's society, animals figured prominently in the lives of people during the Civil War.

The more famously known animals during the Civil War were Old Abe, the 8th Wisconsin's eagle mascot, and Traveller, General Robert E. Lee's horse.

Friedlander's talk will include anecdotes about famous and lesser known individual animals, and the countless unnamed animals who served, suffered and died during the war.

Friedlander will also explore the role of animals in the lives of slaves, and consider whether it was a mere coincidence that the organized animal welfare movement in the United States began just months after the Civil War ended.

As a retired attorney and non-profit manager, Friedlander's presentation will combine two of her passions: history and animals.

She is a graduate of The Ohio State University, with degrees in law and sociology, and has a post-baccalaureate certificate in nonprofit sector studies from Wayne State University.

Friedlander continues to volunteer at the Museum, and is a board member with several animal law, rescue and advocacy organizations.

The event is open to the public and admission is free.



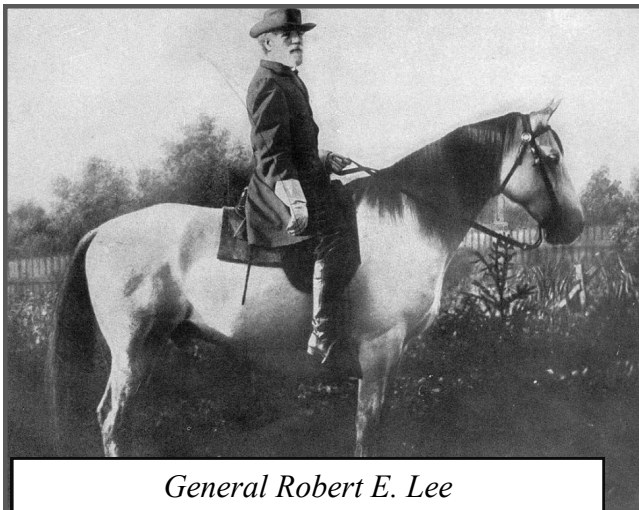
*Featured guest speaker, Beatrice Friedlander, J.D., is a former long-serving member of the Plymouth Historical Museum Board of Directors.*

**Friends of the Plymouth  
Historical Museum  
Meeting**

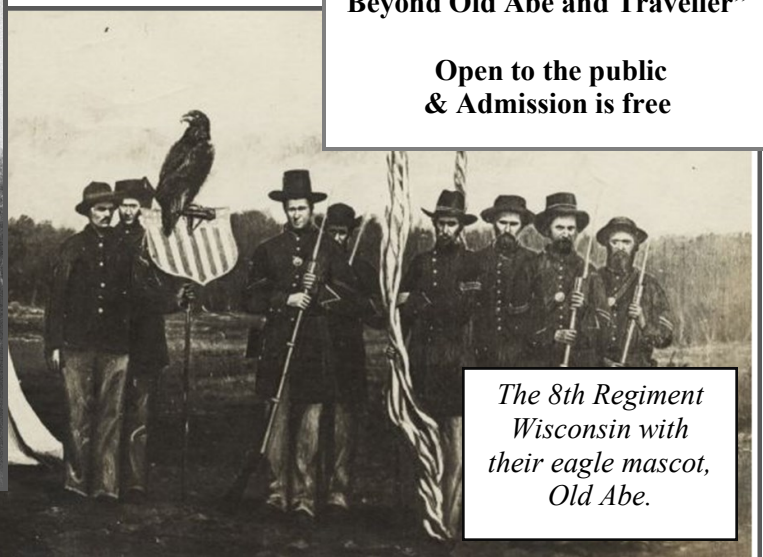
**Tuesday,  
April 12, 7:30 PM**

**Guest Speaker,  
Beatrice Friedlander  
"Animals in the Civil War:  
Beyond Old Abe and Traveller"**

**Open to the public  
& Admission is free**



*General Robert E. Lee  
with his famous war horse Traveller.*



*The 8th Regiment  
Wisconsin with  
their eagle mascot,  
Old Abe.*

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**Monthly Drawing**

Mary Pauline and Barbara Rogers are the winners of the March and April drawings for a \$25 gift certificate.



**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**  
**May Day Princess Magic**


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**Plymouth Historical Museum**

**734.455.8940**

**Sunday, May 1 2-4 pm**

**Tickets are \$12 per person by April 20th (add \$5 after 4/20)**



**Kroger Plus Card Donations**

Thank you to those who have added the Plymouth Historical Society to their **Kroger Plus Card**. The Museum receives a small percentage from any purchases made by those who have an up-to-date registration on their cards.

To participate in the program, visit [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). Click on "Michigan" and click on "Enroll." **You must re-enroll every April, so now's the time!**

You must have a valid online account at Kroger.com to participate. If you need help, give us a call at 734-455-8940 ext. 9. We'll be happy to help you get enrolled.

**New Members—Welcome!**

J.T. Babish, Plymouth  
 Mike Harwood, Plymouth  
 Sandra Long, Plymouth  
 Ellen Oliver Smith, Canton  
 Carol Souchock, Canton  
 Judith Swan, Plymouth

**Plymouth Historical Museum Wish List**

<b>1 Roll Postage Stamps</b>	<b>\$49 per</b>
<b>Adopt a Mannequin</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>1/2 month heating bill</b>	<b>\$375</b>
<b>1/2 month electric bill</b>	<b>\$475</b>
<b>1 month employee's salary</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**To donate online, please visit the Museum website at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/support-us/donate.html>**

# Bits 'N Pieces

By Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, executive director

I'd like to publicly thank all of the volunteers and employees who worked so hard to make the Museum's largest fundraiser, "A Night FOR the Museum," such a smashing success! The net proceeds for this year's gala were 160 percent higher than last year, or more than \$45,000!

An undertaking that successful needs lots of people and organization behind the scenes. Kudos to the following individuals:

## Event Committee

- Mary Ellen King, coordinator
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- Margaret Harris
- Geraldine Kilsdonk
- Kristina Mayer
- Melody McCann
- Heidi Nielsen
- Leslie Ryder

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- Mike Hoggard
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- Jim Salamay
- Mike Siegrist
- Judy Straley
- Mary Thackston
- Jim Vermeulen

*Museum Board Election news:* Absentee and proxy ballots will be available on April 13 at the Museum and on the Museum's website.

The Plymouth Historical Museum presents ...

## Ghosts of Plymouth

### Walk Around Kellogg Park

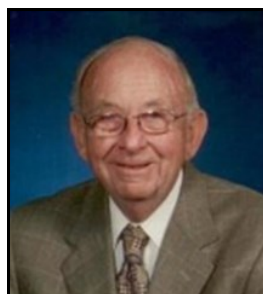
Saturday, April 23  
Walk begins at 5:00 PM\*



\*Walk circles Kellogg Park and lasts about 90 minutes.

Tickets \$10 in advance (\$5 for children under 10); \$15 (\$10 for children under 10) at the park

Purchase tickets at  
Plymouth Historical Museum  
155 S. Main Street  
Plymouth  
734-455-8940 or  
[www.plymouthhistory.org/events.html](http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events.html)

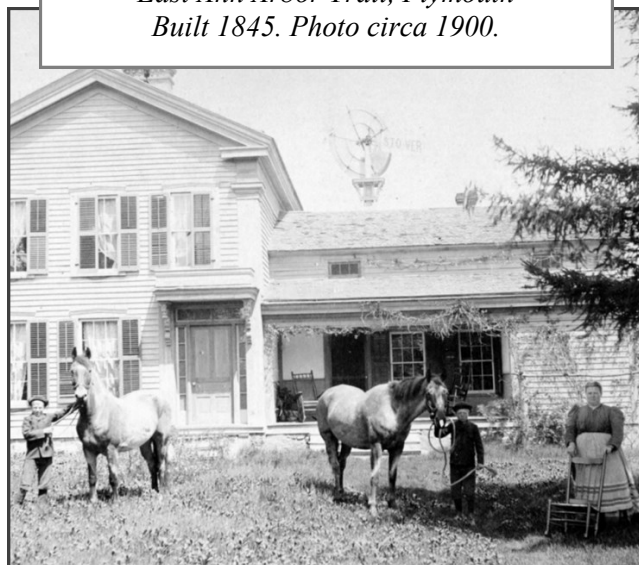


**Sanford Burr**  
July 13, 1926  
February 11, 2016

*Lifelong Plymouth Resident & Plymouth Historical Society President Emeritus*

**S**anford Burr, known for his dedication to the Plymouth Historical Museum and his love for Plymouth history, died on February 11, 2016, following a long illness. He was 89. Burr, who was born in Plymouth in 1926, was a graduate of Adrian College and achieved an esteemed career in education. He proudly served three times as president of the Plymouth Historical Society. In 2008, the city of Plymouth declared July 10 the official commemoration day of Burr for his lifelong contribution to Plymouth. The Sanford Burr Meeting Room at the Museum was named in recognition of Burr. We will always miss you, Sandy!

*Burr Family Farm House  
East Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth  
Built 1845. Photo circa 1900.*



**Donations Received  
February–March 2016  
Thank You!**

The following generous donations were received between February 2016 and March 2016:

**The Dunning (\$2,500 +)**

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Steve Marulis

Helen Mcaskin

Elizabeth Neault

Ian Nicol

Lorna Nitz

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Allison Phillips

Virginia K Schubatis

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Carlyn Theodore

Carol Thostenson

Alan VanKerckhove

**Additional nominations for  
Board of Director candidates  
will be taken from the floor  
at the April 12, 2016 meeting of  
the Friends of the Plymouth  
Historical Museum.**

**According to the bylaws:**

*“Candidates must be members in good standing of the Society on or by the deadline for nominations and maintain their membership throughout their term. Employees and immediate family members of employees and the then acting Directors may not serve as Directors.*”

*“Additional nominations may be made by individual members at the regular meeting at which the report of the Nominating Committee is presented [the regular meeting prior to the annual meeting]. No nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting. Members may not be nominated for office unless they have given their consent and agree to serve if elected.”*

## Candidates for the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum Board



**Jeff Ashton** is a life-long resident of Plymouth, graduating from Plymouth Salem High School, then the University of Michigan Ann Arbor, where he majored in history. Since 1984, he has been the owner of Ashton Agency Inc. and Plymouth Insurance Advisors Agency in downtown Plymouth, providing property and casualty insurance and specializing in commercial business coverage. Ashton is also a member of The Community Foundation of Plymouth, and enjoys spending time at his family's cottage in northern Michigan and playing golf. Ashton currently serves on the Board of Directors.



**Aaron Frank** is a lifelong resident of Plymouth; therefore, Plymouth and our World Class Museum hold a dear place in his heart. He currently serves on the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum's Board of Directors. In addition, Frank works diligently on maintaining and improving the Museum's infrastructure. His educational background includes a BS in Industrial Management (engineering) and an MBA from Lawrence Tech. He has more than 20 years of business experience owning a construction company, and as the director of facilities management at Oakwood Hospital.



**Carol Souchock** has served as the Plymouth District Library director for two and a half years. She previously served as library director at the Adrian Public Library for almost eight years. Carol was a board member of the Lenawee County Historical Society for four years and has been passionate about history her entire life. In her travels across the state and country she loves to visit historical sites and museums. Along with her MLIS degree, she has a bachelor's degree in American History from the University of Michigan - Dearborn, and an archival certificate from Wayne State University.



**Kathy Sullivan** lives in Plymouth Township with her husband and two children. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts, with a major in psychology and minor in anthropology from Wayne State University. Her Master's of Library and Information Science degree, with classes in archival preservation and records management, was also obtained at WSU. An avid history buff and member of the Plymouth Historical Society, Kathy has researched and contributed to the archives at the Plymouth Historical Museum. She is currently at work on her second fictional novel.



**Bryan Cermak** was born in Cleveland and has been married for 35 years to Marlaine. He is the father of two daughters—Kristin and Jenna. Bryan received an undergraduate degree in Biology and English from Baldwin Wallace College in 1977 and obtained his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Toledo College of Law in 1980. He is currently in private practice specializing in business, contract and personal injury law. Bryan is a world traveler, accomplished musician and artist. His interests include U.S. History and mountain climbing.

### Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum

Annual Meeting &  
Election of Board of Directors  
May 10, 2016 6:30 PM

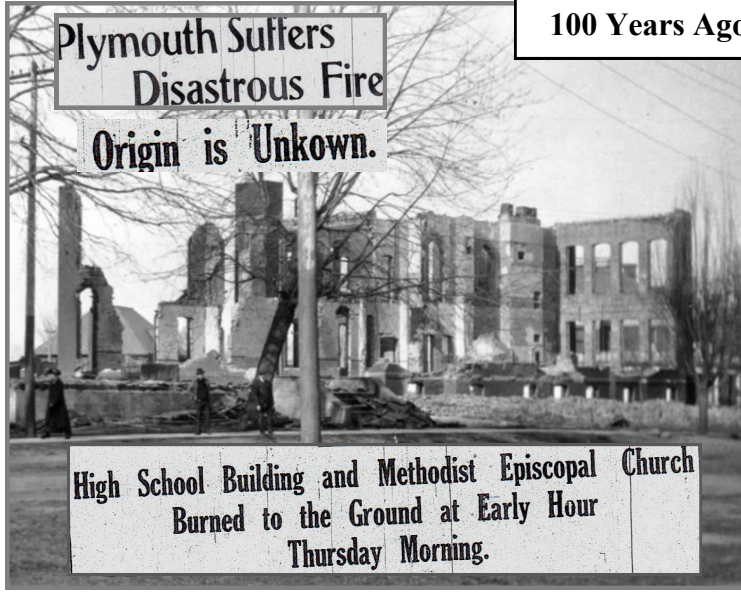
Meeting includes a Potluck Meal

Please bring:

Last names beginning A-H—Side dish  
Last names beginning I-R—Dessert  
Last names beginning S-Z—Main Dish

# Plymouth Days Gone By

Compiled by Gerry Sabatini from the newspaper archives at the Plymouth District Library



**Plymouth Suffers  
Disastrous Fire  
Origin is Unkown.**

**100 Years Ago - March 1916**

**High School Building and Methodist Episcopal Church  
Burned to the Ground at Early Hour  
Thursday Morning.**

**Mrs. G. A. Starkweather  
Passes Away**

**Death of Prominent and Widely Known  
Plymouth Woman. Funeral Held  
Yesterday.**

In the death of Mrs. George A. Starkweather which occurred early Tuesday morning of this week, Plymouth again loses one of her highly honored and most beloved women. Although she had been a sufferer from valvular disease of the heart for several years, yet her sudden demise has cast a cloud of sorrow over the entire village in the loss of this good woman. Practically her whole life has been spent in this community, which she has seen grow from mere farm land to it's present size. She always seemed to cherish a desire to watch and aid our village to grow, and through her willingness to relinquish her holdings on her farm land, Plymouth has developed wonderfully fast.

**50 Years Ago - March 1966**

## ***Ford is welcome***

As the Plymouth Community gets set to welcome the newest member of its industrial community — the Ford Motor Company — it becomes apparent that the nature of Plymouth has changed once and for all.

The colonial architecture, Kellogg Park, our own Community Fund, the Symphony, good schools, will all remain Plymouth's own personal marks of individuality, difference, single-mindedness and small town atmosphere.

If the plant brings in 1,000 workers, they will bring wives and maybe two kids. That's 4,000 people.

The people will earn money which will buy homes, food, clothing, furniture, gas, oil — the list is endless. Much of the money will be spent locally.

Ford urges participation of its workers in local government and that participation will bring new ideas and faces to Round Table discussions, board meetings and club activities.

The announcement of the Ford plant serves notice to Plymouth people that their town is on its way to being one of the biggest, and most respected suburbs of Detroit.

**50 Years Ago -  
April 1966**

**We're twenty years  
and still  
growing,  
says Symphony**

PIANO SOLOIST Barbara Holmquest is a resident of Ann Arbor, making her first



**Barbara Holmquest**

appearance with the Plymouth  
Symphony.

A gala evening concert, followed by an afterglow at Plymouth's Mayflower Meeting House, will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, April 2.

The concert, sixth and last of the current season, will begin at 8 p.m. in the gymnasium of Plymouth High School.

Featured on the program will be Frescobaldi's "Tocatta" and piano soloist Barbara Holmquest, a pianist of international reputation, who will perform Casella's "Scarlattiana."

The group which became the nucleus of the orchestra, first began meeting in the Spring of 1946; Paul Wagner, the Symphony's first conductor joined them that fall. At that time he was on the music staff of the Plymouth Community Schools.

**50 Years Ago - March 1966**



**THE STRINGBENDERS:** Will they replace the Beatles? They may. The Stringbenders won the Battle of the Bands sponsored recently by the YMCA's Chip; a \$50 prize was given. Stringbenders are: from left, Mike Malbouef, Regan Fluckey, Pat Gallagher and Dan Troutman.



**Who's new in Plymouth?**

**JEAN AND BILL NOLING** came to Plymouth with their family of four boys from Albion last November. The boys are, left to right, Patrick, 6, Michael, 5, Douglas, 11, and David, 3. The family lived in Albion for five years before moving to their home at 295 Arthur. Bill Noling is employed by Plymouth Tank and Fabricating Co. as an estimator. Mrs. Noling is a saleswoman for Earl Keim Realty. The couple enjoy modern square dancing and are active with the Plymouth Rockettes, a square dancing group which meets at Farrand School. Bridge is another favorite passtime of the Nolings.



**ALL YOU CAN EAT** is what the Farrand School Boy Scout Troop 863 is offering at their Pan Cake supper this Saturday, March 26, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Farrand. Riley Hopson, left, Keith Hollingshead and Benny Bowman display a giant sign posted on the main road leading to Lake Pointe Village, where Farrand School is located. Prices for the dinner include: \$.60 for under 12, \$1.25 for adults, and \$3.75 for a family, regardless of size. The troop is sponsored by the Farrand PTA.

**JC PLATES:** JayCee members this year acquired plates with the initials "JC", standing for the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Club member James Jacka shows off his plates, one of about 35 sets in the club.



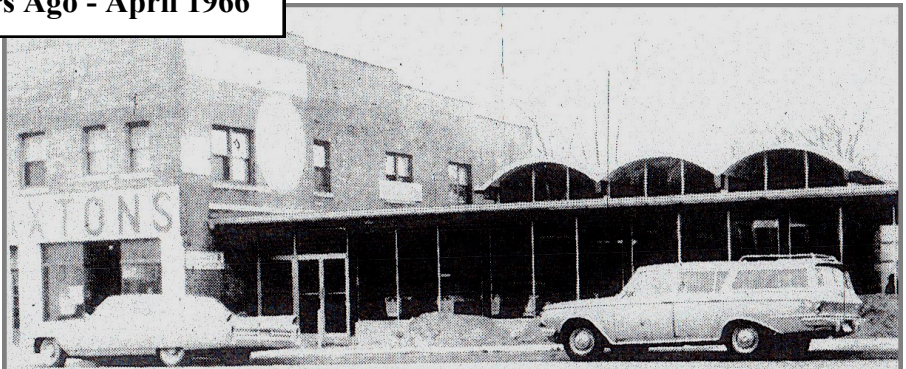
**City parking ban in effect**

**50 Years Ago - April 1966**

The City of Plymouth's overnight parking ban will go into effect 2 a.m., April 19, according to administrative assistant Kenneth Fisher.

A recent ordinance bans overnight parking on any City street from 2 a.m. until 6 a.m. Several temporary permits have been issued in special cases.

The ban grants the right to patrolmen to ticket cars, with fines set at \$3 for each ticket.



**SAXTON'S GARDEN** Center opened their new addition recently, with over 6,000 more square feet of space. The enlargement expanded Saxton's floor space from 5200 square feet to 11,300. Parking and a 20 foot drive back to Maple St. have also been provided.

Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum  
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Plymouth, MI 48170

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## Calendar of Events

For a detailed list of events, visit the Museum website at [www.plymouthhistory.org/events.html](http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events.html).

Special Museum Exhibit, "It's a Downton Abbey Thing",  
Exhibit on display until June 12, 2016.

### April

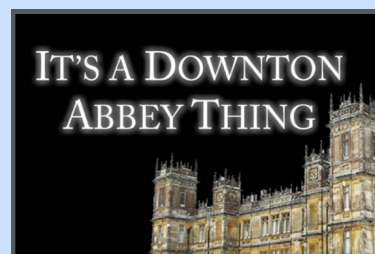
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23—Saturday, Ghosts of Plymouth, Walk Around Kellogg Park. Walks begin at 5 PM and lasts 90 minutes. Tickets are \$10 in advance; \$15 at the park.

### May

1—Sunday, May Day Princess Magic, Plymouth Historical Museum, 2-4 PM, dessert bar, tea, activities, photo ops. Tickets are \$12 per person. Add \$5 to the ticket price after April 20.

10—TUESDAY, Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum, Monthly Meeting, 6:30 PM, Annual Meeting, Potluck Dinner, and Board elections. **The meal and voting begin at 6:30 PM.** Potluck Suggestions: Last names beginning A-H—Side dish, I-R—Dessert, S-Z—Main dish



On exhibit until June 12, 2016

**T**he Plymouth Historical Museum showcases its tremendous collection of historical clothing and artifacts in its special exhibit, "It's a Downton Abbey Thing." The exhibit runs through Sunday, June 12, 2016.

The exhibit looks at the historic events highlighted in the wildly popular PBS television series, "Downton Abbey," in relation to the events in the U.S. and southeast Michigan during the time period 1912–1930.

Characters from the drama are seen in vignettes throughout the exhibit, including Lady Mary Crawley preparing for her wedding to Matthew Crawley and Footman Thomas Barrow serving Violet, the Dowager Countess of Grantham.