

Lost on the Lakes: Shipwrecks of Berrien County.

From schooners to steamers, the remains of scores of ships litter the bottom of Lake Michigan off Berrien County's shore. Discover the dramatic history of these ships, the communities they served, and their tragic fates.



The May Graham: Steamboats on the St. Joseph River.

The sternwheeler *May Graham* operated from 1879 to 1908, linking Berrien Springs with the harbor at St. Joseph. Take an engaging visual tour of the river aboard one of the last steamboats to ply its waters.

Pioneers of the Sky. Discover the early history of flight from the experiments of Hiram Maxim and Clement Ader to Samuel Langley and the Wright Brothers. Find out how Augustus Herring of St. Joseph flew an airplane on Silver Beach - in 1898!

Berrien Springs in Pictures. Founded in 1831, Berrien Springs is one of southwest Michigan's oldest communities. Photographs taken between 1870 and 1930 provide a travelogue of the town's people, parks, and commercial and residential architecture.

The Flag of Michigan. Why does our state flag bear the images of a moose and an elk? What does the word "Tuebor" mean? Find out about the fascinating and funny stories behind the symbolism of our familiar state banner.



The Worst Colonel I Ever Saw: Francis Quinn and the 12th Michigan Infantry. Success in the Civil War brought fame to many Americans - and ruin to others. Col. Francis Quinn, a prominent Niles businessman, won command of the 12th Michigan but his disastrous debut at the Battle of Shiloh destroyed his life. Photographs follow Quinn and his command through one of the war's bloodiest battles.

My Old House: Researching Your Home's History.

Have you ever said of your house, "If these walls could

talk?" Ever wondered who built your house, and when? Asked yourself about the lives of the people who lived there? *My Old House* show you how to use property deeds, tax rolls, plat maps and other sources to research the story of your house.

America's Architect: Frank Lloyd Wright. From his Chicago office, this visionary architect designed some of the most artful, innovative houses the country has ever seen. Kristen Patzer Umphrey's program examines the art of Frank Lloyd Wright's houses, with a special emphasis on his designs built in Berrien County.

Lincoln's Family Ties. Although famous as a remarkably homely man, Abraham Lincoln used the newfangled art of photography to full advantage. This program explores the 16th president's domestic life with dozens of photographs of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln, their children and other family members.

Courthouse Square: The Center of History. Discover the story behind the Courthouse Square in Berrien Springs, our county's "center of history." This National Register of Historic Places site features Michigan's oldest extant county courthouse, other historic buildings, and an archive of Berrien County history.

Theodore Roosevelt: An Honorable Name. This program explores the multi-dimensional life of a wildly energetic American icon. An author, politician, historian, soldier, naturalist and explorer, Roosevelt declared that, "The one thing I want to leave my children is an honorable name."

Scheduling a Program

Outreach programs are available for either day or evening presentations, depending on staff availability. To schedule a program for your organization, call the Berrien County Historical Association at (269) 471-1202, or email us at bcha@berrienhistory.org.

Program fees: Outreach programs are \$60 each. Multiple programs on the same day and location are \$60 for the first program and \$30 for each additional program. Mileage is charged for programs presented at locations outside of Berrien County.

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