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Dear Colleagues:

Thanks to all of you who were able to attend the "Joint Conference". I hope you had a worthwhile experience and thanked the folks who worked so hard to put the program together. If you have any comments about Tim Skubick's Sat. luncheon comments, I would be very interested in hearing your thoughts. (jam1776@sbcglobal.net)

The Michigan War of 1812 Commission's program, "After Tippecanoe" Symposium at the Detroit Historical Museum was a wonderful experience. Annette and I especially enjoyed the opportunity to spend the evening before and after the program at the Inn on Ferry Street, a collection of historic homes converted into a restful bed-and-breakfast lodging. One block north of the DIA and across the street from the Detroit Historical Museum, you should consider a stay there on your next visit to Detroit. (Details at <http://innonferrystreetdetroit.com>)

The MCHE E-Notes will continue to offer updates on the War of 1812 Bicentennial, the Civil War Sesquicentennial, as well as other historic events and resources. Please let me know if you have any items for inclusion and feel free to share any of this info with your colleagues.

For more than you ever wanted to know, this item is from "The History News Network" e-news that I usually include in the closing item in MCHE E-Notes. *Thanksgiving <http://hnn.us/articles/16808.html> Check it out!

Dr. Jim McConnell, Editor, MCHE E-Notes

Attachments:

NOTE: The pdf attachment contains the same content as the message below. It is sent for those of you whose machines mess up the text of the E Notes. I hope this is helpful.

Check out the recent postings at www.michiganhistoryed.org. Be sure to follow developments in History Education in Michigan on MCHE's website: <http://www.michiganhistoryed.org>!

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1. MCHC, Michigan War of 1812 Commission offer Student Essay Contest

Working with the Michigan War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, MCHC will be offering an essay contest for students in 3rd through 12th grade during the 2011-2012 school year. Student entries will be judged in three grade level groups: elementary, middle, and senior high. The theme is "Why is the War of 1812 important for Michigan?" Details are posted at www.michiganhistoryed.org or www.michigan.gov/war1812. We urge you to encourage your students to enter this unique contest.

2. History News Network seeks Interns, Donations

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY'S HISTORY NEWS NETWORK

Because the Past is the Present, and Future Too <http://hnn.us> Get a free annual subscription to American Heritage with every donation of \$60 or more to HNN. HNN is looking for interns! If you know any students who might want to enroll in our program please have them contact us. If you can make an announcement about our program in your classes we would appreciate it! Interns should send inquiries to David A. Walsh at editor@hnn.us.

3. MDE appoints retired Saline educator Jim Cameron as new Social Studies Consultant

MCHC is pleased to announce that its Executive Director Jim Cameron has just been selected by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan as the new Social Studies Consultant for MDE, filling the position left vacant after the retirement of Karen R. Todorov a few years ago. Along with serving as MCHC Executive Director, Jim has been active as a TAH Consultant in school districts across the United States and as a leader in the Saline history community. He is a Board member of the Historical Society of Michigan. If you have questions about the status of Michigan social studies, please contact Jim at CameronJ3@michigan.gov

4. Position Openings for New Outreach to Minority and Underserved Communities in Michigan: The Historical Society of Michigan is pleased to announce that it is hiring to fill two new positions at its Lansing headquarters: (1) Assistant Director for Diversity and Outreach & (2) Education and Conference Coordinator. The positions are made possible by a major grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. For detailed info on these opportunities visit <http://www.hsmichigan.org/about/job-opportunities>.

5. MeL now offers "Michigana: Sources in U.S. History" Online

This subscription database is taken from the Sabin Americana collection giving teachers access to early American published accounts by the people who lived the events they wrote about! "Michigana" includes "130 works totaling over seventeen thousand pages of text that cover the history of the land that would become the State of Michigan in 1835". It also has contextual essays written by historians/librarians on the different aspects of Michigan history including one on using Primary resources in the classroom. You can find "Michigana" in the MeL databases at <http://mel.org/databases> or in MeL Michigana, <http://mel.org/michigana>, our digital Michigan history portal. Thanks so much! Deb Biggs Thomas, Michigan eLibrary & Library Outreach Coordinator Michigan Department of Education, Library of Michigan 702 W. Kalamazoo St. Lansing, MI 48909

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6. The Civil War Trust: Teacher Resources

Visit the Civil War Preservation Trust for a Civil War curriculum, lesson plans, and teacher events. There are also primary source materials and activities for students. Click on: <http://www.civilwar.org/education/> (from David Hales, wayne RESA Social studies Consultant)

7. The Civil War Project

This site was created to give a day-by-day account of the American Civil War, 150 years later, in "real time." Daily blogs are provided to give a summary of the days' events, along with links providing additional topic information. <http://thecivilwarproject.com/> by McGovern, Social Studies Teacher, Stevenson Middle School.

8. National Geographic "Hands-on Explorer Challenge" contest deadline: January 7, 2012

Students age 9-14 write an original personal essay, in English, of no more than 300 words telling us how you explore your world, and what it is about exploration that inspires and excites you. Take a photograph of what, where, or how you explore the subject of your essay. You must be the photographer. The Essay and the Photograph must each be a single work of original material created by the contest entrant. Fifteen Grand Prize Winners will be awarded, consisting of a 7-10-day Expedition to Montana, provided by Montana Office of Tourism, Department of Commerce, for each winner and his/her parent or guardian, and a digital camera. For contest rules see: <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/contests/explorer-trip-2012/>

9. Thursday, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library in Ann Arbor
America's Senator: "The Unexpected Odyssey of Arthur H. Vandenberg" is a documentary film produced by M. W. Grass Strategic Communications in joint venture with the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, and based in part on the forthcoming book by Hendrik Meijer. This newly-released documentary examines the life and statecraft of a forgotten giant in American history, who served as a Republican Senator from Michigan for 23 years until his death in 1951.
Come spend an evening at the Gerald Ford Presidential Library in Ann Arbor to view highlights of this documentary, with live commentary by Vandenberg biographer Hank Meijer, writer/producer Mike Grass and Gleaves Whitney, Director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at Grand Valley State University. Program held at Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library 1000 Beal Avenue Ann Arbor, MI (734) 205-0555 www.fordlibrarymuseum.gov Free Parking. Free Admission. Reception follows program.
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10. Thurs., Feb. 9, 2012 date set for "Mulling Over Michigan" in Monroe
"Mulling Over Michigan 2012" is now set for Thursday, February 9th at the Monroe ISD. This outstanding program was begun many years ago by the late Mel Miller and has been offered by the Historical Society of Michigan for many years. Highly recommended for all educators interested in Michigan history, and especially for 3rd and 4th grade teachers. Details will be posted, when available, at www.hsmichigan.org

11. NEH Summer Programs for Teachers
The National Endowment for the Humanities supports tuition-free professional development programs each summer for American school teachers. Participants receive stipends to help cover travel and living expenses. NEH Summer Seminars and Institutes last two to five weeks. A wide variety of subjects offered for school teachers in 2012. For a complete list, along with eligibility requirements and contact information, visit <http://www.neh.gov/projects/si-school.html> Two I wish I could attend are: (1) American Frontiers in Global Perspective, Grand Rapids, MI: June 24-July 14 (3 weeks) Information: <http://www.calvin.edu/academic/history/katerbergneh/> and (2) The Early Republic and Indian Country: 1812-1833, Chicago, IL: July 16-August 10 (4 weeks) Information: www.newberry.org/mcnickle/indiancountry.html

12. Upcoming Events at the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, Grand Valley State University
[Ask Gleaves Leadership Seminar - The Leadership Life Cycle](#), Dec. 1, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
[America's Senator - Ford Presidential Library in Ann Arbor Showing](#), Dec. 8, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
[America's Senator - Grand Rapids Public Library Showing](#), Dec. 12, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
[Pocketbook Predictions for the 2012 election - Patrick Anderson](#), Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m.
[Wheelhouse Talks: Marsha Rappley](#), Jan. 18, 2012, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
[Wheelhouse Talks: Andy Dillon](#), Feb. 8, 2012, 12:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
To rsvp and for details, visit www.allpresidents.org

13. Educator News From: Detroit Historical Society <tobiv@detroithistorical.org>

Greetings! It's been a busy month for the Detroit Historical Society. Our new online game, "Building Detroit", is now live on our website! If you haven't yet checked it out, you can find it at: <http://buildingdetroit.detroithistorical.org>. The game site includes an interactive timeline packed with primary source images and documents, and by the end of December, our complete 6-unit curriculum will be available free. Our website, www.detroithistorical.org, now features updated school program information. Access a digital version of our school programs brochure and find detailed standard alignment documents for each of our programs. If you have a question or a request, you can reach me at 313-833-0481 or tobiv@detroithistorical.org. I look forward to hearing from you! Best wishes, Tobi Voigt, Director of Education, DHS and

14. Saving Historic Places: Fort Monroe Named a National Monument

On November 1st, President Obama named [Fort Monroe](#), in Hampton, Va., a National Monument. This historic site, little known until now, played a leading role in the saga that led to the end of slavery in America. To read the story, visit <http://www.preservationnation.org/magazine/2011/may-june/the-forgotten.html>

15. War of 1812 Wreck in Maryland

From: Michigan Historical Review <mihisrev@CMICH.EDU>

Folks, Today we bring you the second post in a series about the Maryland Maritime Archaeology Program's investigation of a War of 1812 wreck. Dr. Susan Langley discusses previous research including some of the artifacts they are using to help identify the site. The post also includes a slideshow of the team preparing a gradiometer for deployment. You can read Dr. Langley's post by clicking the link <http://www.themua.org> Best regards, T. Kurt Knoerl Director The MUA <http://www.themua.org>

16. DPTV: Calling all teachers...

Are you or someone you know a certified teacher? We are looking for certified teachers who are interested in finding solutions to improve Michigan's graduation rate. Detroit Public Television along with "American Graduate: Let's Make it Happen" are putting together a production called the Teacher Town Hall Meeting, a public media initiative. The Teacher Town Hall is a live broadcast event during which solutions to improve the graduation rate will be discussed. We are inviting certified teachers from all over the state to be part of the live studio audience at our Riley Broadcast Center and to take part in the discussion, ask questions, and give their opinion about what has worked in their classrooms. To register for the event go to <http://teachertownhall.eventbrite.com/>.

For more info call 248-305-3707 or email hforagine@dptv.org. Know someone who might be interested, [forward this to a friend or family member!](#) NOTE: If you are interested in joining Detroit Public Television email news, visit <https://secure2.convio.net/dptv/site/ConsProfileUser?dispMode=edit&JServSessionIdr004=uz3xjq9qo5.app205a>

17. Educational News on the War of 1812 (Note how little this item was edited down.)

Lesson Plans on President Madison's 1812 War Message

[EDSITEment!](http://edsitement.neh.gov/), <http://edsitement.neh.gov/> The Best of Humanities on the Web, has three lesson plans for grades 9-12 available about James Madison during the War of 1812.

[Lesson 1: President Madison's 1812 War Message: A Brief Overview](http://edsitement.neh.gov/lesson-plan/president-madisons-1812-war-message-brief-overview)

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Students will read President Madison's War Message (in either an edited/annotated or full-text version) and be given the opportunity to raise questions about its contents.

[Lesson 2: President Madison's 1812 War Message: A Documentary Review](http://edsitement.neh.gov/lesson-plan/president-madisons-1812-war-message-documentary-review)

<http://edsitement.neh.gov/lesson-plan/president-madisons-1812-war-message-documentary-review>

Students examine examples of primary documents (and some secondary accounts) that illuminate key points in President Madison's letter. The lesson identifies 10 statements in the message about which students are likely to have questions, and it provides relevant materials. If students raise questions about other sections of the letter, class members may be able to locate pertinent documents on their own, once they become familiar with some of the sources available in the records of Congress.

[Lesson 3: President Madison's 1812 War Message: Answers Lead to More Questions](http://edsitement.neh.gov/lesson-plan/president-madisons-1812-war-message-answers-lead-more-questions)

<http://edsitement.neh.gov/lesson-plan/president-madisons-1812-war-message-answers-lead-more-questions> Students review the contents of the War Message and consider what documents might be useful in making further analyses of the text.

[Explore more](#) history and social studies lessons from EDSITEment!.

Presented by the National Endowment for the Humanities. EDSITEment! is a project of the National Endowment for the Humanities. See more [educational content](#) at The War of 1812 website, <http://www.pbs.org/wned/war-of-1812/classroom/>

18. Traveling Marine Transportation Chest available for Classroom Loan

The Detroit Historical Society is pleased to offer schools the use of a traveling maritime transportation chest, created by the Center for Science & Environmental Outreach at Michigan Technological University. The trunk is full of classroom resources that help students grasp geographic, social, and economic concepts surrounding transportation on the Great Lakes. It includes children's books, media, maps, and curriculum units, and is available for your classroom use FREE!* For info contact Tobi Voigt, DHS Director of Education at 313-833-0481 or tobiv@detroithistorical.org.

19. Watch C Span 3 for Great History Programs

C Span now offers wonderful programs about American history and politics on C Span 3. Among recent "highlights" (my choices) were:

(A) THANKSGIVING DAY: 11am, The History of Thanks giving-BackStory with the History Guys

(B) 9pm, George Washington at 22 - Richard Norton Smith

(C) 10pm, The Civil War: Great Britain's Role in the Civil War - Amanda Foreman

Check schedule for dates/times) To select your own preferences for taping and viewing, visit <http://www.c-span.org/history/>

20. National Society of Colonial Dames offer History Contest

Win a fabulous experience in Washington, D.C. The Washington Workshops Foundation Congressional Seminar, June 16-22, 2012. The 2012 Essay Topic is: Discuss the relevance today of Abraham Lincoln's Statement: "A House Divided Against Itself cannot stand." Deadline: January 15, 2012. This

essay contest is a major project of The NSCDA held under the auspices of the Washington Workshops Foundation, a program in American government for high school students. Winners receive full tuition, including seminar materials, university campus housing, and two meals daily, for a week of citizenship education, plus fun, new friends, and tours of sites in our nation's capital. [See what this year's winners had to say about their experiences](#). For more info, visit to [http](http://).

21. Application for Inclusion into 2012-15 Arts & Humanities Touring Directory Due Dec. 15
Attention artists, performers, re-enactors, writers, historians and the like: applications are now available for consideration of inclusion into the 2012-15 Arts & Humanities Touring Directory, a program of the Michigan Humanities Council and Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. "This highly popular program is an excellent marketing and revenue-generating tool for Michigan's most-talented performers and teaching artists, in addition to enabling communities throughout the state to bring outstanding, live performances to their local stages and classrooms," said Katie Wolf, executive director of the Michigan Humanities Council. Full details and info on other Michigan Humanities Council programs, grants and activities is available at www.michiganhumanities.org. If you have questions, please call (517) 372-7770 or contact@mihumanities.org.

22. Odds & Ends from Weekly eCalendar of Detroit History and Cultural Heritage Events
A. Don't miss one of Detroit's best events...and best-kept secrets: Noel Night in the Cultural Center!!! Saturday, December 3. Free fun for the whole family!!! Mark your calendars now!! <http://www.detroitmidtown.com/05/noelnight.php>
B. If you love Detroit's historic churches and would like to see a book on this subject filled with beautiful color photographs, check out this Kickstarter project to raise the funds necessary to make this book happen in 2012!!! Wayne State University Press is hoping to publish this book but they need help!! For more info: <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/159667273/detroits-historic-places-of-worship?ref=live> To subscribe to this outstanding FREE weekly E-Calendar, send an email to Kathleen Marcaccio at dkosh@msn.com

23. Perfect gift idea - a subscription to "Michigan History" magazine!
A Gift of the Past Makes the Perfect Present! Here's a great gift idea that you can shop for from the convenience of your own home: "Michigan History" subscriptions! Treat your family and friends to a year's worth of our state's most popular history magazine. Within its pages, you'll learn about logging, mining, manufacturing, and military history as well as art, architecture, music, sports, shipwrecks, and more. A one-year subscription—six issues—is just \$19.95. That's nearly \$10 off the newsstand price. Call (800) 366-3703 or visit www.hsmichigan.org to order a gift subscription. You can charge it to your Visa, Discover, MasterCard, or American Express! (from The Historical Society of Michigan)

24. Social Media/TPS Teachers Network Coordinator, Educational Outreach
The Library of Congress is seeking a Social Media/TPS Teachers Network Coordinator for the Teaching with Primary Sources program, who will create and coordinate postings and other messages, on behalf of the Educational Outreach Office, using blogs, Twitter and Facebook and other tools that the Library of Congress approves for use in the future. These messages, targeted primarily to the K-16 education

community, will offer strategies for using the Library's online primary sources and teaching materials to engage students, and help them build critical thinking skills and content knowledge. This is a contractor position, subject to one-year renewable contracts. Background: TPS supports teachers with courses, workshops, presentations and teaching materials offered face-to-face by Library staff, online through the Teachers Page (www.loc.gov/teachers) and through institutional partners operating in 46 states. In addition, the Educational Outreach Office uses an expanding number of social media tools, such as the TPS blog (<http://blogs.loc.gov/teachers/about/>), to share information, resources and ideas with the educational community. For consideration, please submit a cover letter, resume and links to relevant online work to: Vivian Awumey, TPS Program Manager, at: vawu@loc.gov, by Monday, December 3rd.

25. MotorCities "You Auto Know" Newsletter

(A) MotorCities "You Auto Know" Newsletter Featured Story of the Week: "Dinah Shore: See The USA In Your New Chevrolet" By: Robert Tate

Dinah Shore was America's sweetheart in the 1940s and 1950s. Spokesperson for Chevrolet, she captured hopes of the post-war public, encouraging them to See the USA in Your Chevrolet. Frances Rose Shore was born in Winchester, Tennessee in 1916 to parents Solomon and Anna Stein Shore. To read the full story, visit <http://www.motorcities.org/Story+of+the+Week.html>

(B) "We put the World on Wheels" Featured Story of the Week: "Chevrolet Celebrates 100 Years" - Part 1 of 3 By: Robert Tate

On November 3, 1911, Chevrolet Motor Company was incorporated in Flint, Michigan. The two masterminds behind the start were Mr. Louis Joseph Chevrolet and Mr. William Crapo Durant. History was born this year when the first Chevrolet, called the classic six, appeared at a small shop located on Grand River Avenue.... To read the full story, visit www.motorcities.org/Story+of+the+Week.html MotorCities National Heritage Area is an affiliate of the National Park Service dedicated to preserving, interpreting and promoting the American automobile and labor heritage of the State of Michigan.

From: Lisa Ambriez <lambriez@motorcities.org>

26. Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Summer Seminars

Application Deadline: February 1, 2012

Apply now for a weeklong, intensive summer seminar with a renowned American historian. Choose from 39 seminars taking place at colleges and universities across the United States and in the UK. For a complete list of seminars, information about full and partial fellowships, graduate credit, and application, see www.gilderlehrman.org/education/seminar_overview.php

27. Information from DNIE (Detroit Newspapers in Education)

[Nov. 10 Yak's Corner](#) and [Yaktivities](#) now online In honor of Native American Heritage Month, Yak interviewed drummer Lee Black Bear, Pages 2 and 3. You'll also meet two Michigan Girl Scouts who earned more than badges in their work to save orangutans in the rain forest, Pages 4 and 5. In Yakking (from NIE Manager Sharon Martin; for info, contact her at 1-800-678-0789 or smartin@dnps.com)

28. Fascinating Articles from the Archives of Michigan

(A) Look!: Flowers and Trains--Olaf Jensen was a traveling horticulturist for the Grand Trunk Western Railroad. His gardens decorated railroad depots for thirty-seven years. Read about Jensen's remarkable gardens and see them depicted in striking images. Just visit <http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2011/11/01/trains-and-flowers>

(B) Look!: Polish Family History Collection--In 1977, J. William Gorski started collecting everything he could on the Poles in Michigan. Now, the J. William Gorski Polish Genealogical and Historical Collection stands as an impressive resource for genealogists and ethnic historians.

Read more at: <http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2011/10/25/gorski>

(C) Look!: The Sinking of the CARL D BRADLEY--The CARL D BRADLEY sunk on November 18, 1958. Only two of the thirty-five crew member survived. For the details of this tragic event, go to: <http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2011/11/15/the-wreck-of-the-carl-d-bradley>

From Bob Garrett, Archives of Michigan, DNR, : garrettr1@michigan.gov

29. News from the History News Network

Welcome to GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY'S HISTORY NEWS NETWORK: Because the Past Is the Present and the Future, too <http://hnn.us> (This amazing collection of items is filled with interesting articles and is emailed FREE about 3 times/week. I select a very limited number of topics to share with you. For more, visit their website to subscribe. Enjoy! HNN is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. We feature articles by historians of all political views. TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE HTML EDITION OF THIS NEWSLETTER GO HERE: <http://hnn.us/articles/20883.html>

*Election 2012 <http://hnn.us/hottopics/2012-election.html>

*Well before Romney, Mormon founder ran for president <http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#142667>

*13th Century Mongolian Shipwreck Found off Nagasaki <http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#142637>

Victimized by Folklore JIM LOEWEN <http://hnn.us/blogs/entries/142700.html>

*Chinese coin found in Yukon evidence of early east-west link <http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#142775>

*Medieval Hebrew scroll digitally reconstructed <http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#142756>

*Civil War still divides Americans*A War of 1812 mystery has been solved by historians <http://hnn.us/roundup/14.html#143107> <http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#142874>

*Japanese-American WWII vets awarded special medal <http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#142871>

*A medieval market town has discovered it owns an original version of the Magna Carta <http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#143032>

*Review of Richard White's Railroaded: The Transcontinentals and the Making of Modern America RON BRILEY <http://hnn.us/articles/ron-briley-review-richard-whites-railroaded-transcontinentals-and-making-modern-america-new>

**American historian likens Laura Secord's heroism to 'Sunday walk' <http://hnn.us/roundup/14.html#143168>

**A War of 1812 mystery has been solved by historians <http://hnn.us/roundup/14.html#143107>