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TUSCOLA COUNTY DECEASED VETERANS MEMORIAL-PROJECT

5140 English Rd., Clifford, MI 48727

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Dear Friends,

This year our Project is taking on the characteristics of a creditable effort. In other words it is a mature project. Last summer committee members did field work in the Fairgrove area, walking and recording veteran records in several cemeteries in that community and cemeteries in the Akron area. The project has grown to include over 6200 records. The Display this year will be at the Fairgrove District Library. I met with library Director Larry Haubenstricker in February. He showed great interest and was pleased to host the Display. I explained some of the project history over the past seven years, including my emphasis this year on Michigan and specifically Tuscola County's antebellum history.

Tuscola County became an entity in 1840, but not politically organized until 1842. Prior to that Michigan soldiers participated in five conflicts, mainly as militia soldiers in several temporary units organized to counter particular treats to Michigan citizens. The most well known conflict was the War of 1812, yet the Black Hawk War-1832, the Toledo War-1835, the Patriot War-1838~1839, and Mexican War-1846~1848 all had significant soldier involvement. We know of at least 26 Tuscola County men who participated in three of the conflicts.

War of 1812 Andrews, Amos Clay, Henry Cunningham, Elias Darbee, Chester French, Elison B. French, Elizer Hess, Christopher Miller, John Nickerson, Consant Ornsbee, B.F. Powell, Miles	Poyer, Joseph Richmond, David Rogers, Levi Rowland John C. Smith, Caleb Stoddard, Asa Streeter, Harmon Thomas, Jacob Tripp, Ezra Warner, John B. White, Joseph	Black Hawk War-1832 Hubbell, Charles B. Mexican War-1846~1848 Banghart, Theodore Hargrave, William W. Spencer, Joseph
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The War of 1812 was particularly devastating in southern Michigan. Territorial Justice Augustus B. Woodward said "residents along the River Raisin were so short of provisions (after the War) that they were eating boiled hay." Recalling anecdotes like this show just how fortunate we are and how grateful we should be to the early settlers of our State and County.

The Ceremony this year will be at the Fairgrove District Library, 1959 S. Main Street, Fairgrove, MI 48733, May 5 at 11:00 AM. The Display will be shown from that date thru May 23rd. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Honor Guard team will perform a flag folding ceremony along with VFW Post 7486. Your are invited to attend the May 5th Ceremony.

Yours truly,

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