

PRESS RELEASE
Clinton Woolen Mill Exhibition

The Clinton Woolen Mill was the major employer in Clinton for many years during its existence, 1866-1957. Much of life in Clinton, like the whistle calling people to work, centered around the Woolen Mill. Families had as many as three generations who had worked at the mill. The mill was known for its production of quality wools, especially during World War II, when they received the "Army-Navy E Award" for excellence of production. The Clinton mill was the last large woolen mill to close in Michigan. During the April, 2007 fire most of the buildings were destroyed. This was a sad week for any whose family had worked at the mill and others interested in our town's history.

Come and see the first woolen mill building (1867-1886) that was destroyed by fire, photographs of employees, their badges and letters. View some of the woolen cloth and see how it was made. Enjoy the large 1930s drawing of the mill and then see photographs of the recent fire taken by local people.

Special events at the Library during the exhibition are:

Nov. 3, 11a.m.-1 p.m. Open House, with a special invitation to former Woolen Mill employees and Township and Village workers who fought the April fire, At this open house Gail Maki will demonstrate weaving;

Nov. 5, 11 a.m. -2 p.m., Southern Michigan Rug Hookrafters will demonstrate rug hooking, with some of the wool from the mill and

Nov. 27, 6-7 p.m. Lois Shaw will demonstrate carding and spinning and at 7p.m. the History Channel Documentary Film, "Textiles: Birth of an American Industry" will be shown.

The Historical Society of Clinton is mounting this exhibition to be held at the Clinton Township Public Library, during library hours, from Nov. 3- Nov. 30th. There is no charge for admission.

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There is one image attached and we can provide other images and more information