

Oct. 10, 19

Dear Dr. Flanders,

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Gordon Olson and Reid Holland because both know of my "obsession" with Blendon Landing. I talked to Dick Atkinson of HVS in church and he assured me you were approachable so I thought I'd tell you what I'm at (so to speak).

I am immediate past chairperson of the Handville Historical Commission, a member of the Genison Historical Society, and founder of the Fair Cemetery Association (The old Cemetery at Cottonwood & Filmore). I am secretary of the local D.A.R. chapter, church historian, member of several preservation & geneological groups, and I'm actively involved in historical research in the Hand River Valley area. I know Gordon from these activities. I am a HVS graduate ('77) and did research for Reid for the Kirkhof Manuscript, as well as tutoring history. I tell you all this so you won't think I'm a crackpot or worse, a little old spinster with more imagination than facts. I've had experience with both.

Anyway, I have been researching the history of the Landing for a few years. Three of my great, great grandfathers worked at the Landing, as well as a couple of great-grandfathers & numerous uncles. I was taken by my grandfather (born 1829) to the Landing many times as a child and he would tell me about it in its heyday as he heard it from his father & grandfather. He was born in Blendon Township and was a blacksmith in Genison. Fortunately my forebearers liked to preserve their history, so many things were

They are all passed on to me since I have such an interest. I have references to the area in old family histories, journals, maps, articles and I also have the names of many of the people who worked there, & of the man who made the trucks, the foreman & other snippets of information. One of my ancestors was a blacksmith and I have in my possession some of the tools used at the landing. A man in the area has the BL log marker and another has some bottles.

I'd be glad to talk with you or stroll around the area if you'd like. I am very interested in the "dig" out there and would love to help you in any way I can.

If you feel that I have any information you can use, don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Sherry Schouw

Lowering
descendant

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~~My Fred C Schouw Sr~~

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Blendon's Landing Farm, sole...
The site is depicted in the...
where it was located as he filled in the...
term. He knows the history. He is alert and would...
discuss this with...

One feels if you are interested in any more information, they would like
help and show you more about the site.
November 17, 1982

SHE IS HOME DURING THE DAY AND NIGHTS (EXCEPT ONCE IN A WHILE) AT 895-4222

Pat
Ms. Sherry Schouw
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Dear Ms. Schouw:

I was delighted to hear from you about your interest in Blendon's
Landing. The only thing that bothers me is how we missed getting to
know each other here on campus back in the late 1970's, although
I think we were doing "low-profile" archaeology elsewhere right then.
I assume that you were not in any of my classes.

I would be very interested in talking with you and certainly walking
down to the site if we can do it before the heavy snow sets in. I
think that it might be enlightening for you to come out to the lab,
at your convenience, to see some of the material we have recovered
and share information about the site. Please let me know what would
be a convenient time for you. I am out of regular class at 2:30 every
day this term, or I could arrange for most weekends if that is better
for you (a Saturday morning or afternoon, perhaps).

Sincerely,

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