

CHAT ROOM



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Suffering from a case of name brand syndrome

I remember with fond nostalgia the "good old days" when I shopped for my two young daughters at discount department store chains, happily oblivious to the trendy, name brand (translation: outrageously overpriced) child fashions of the day. In fact, I looked with disdain on the mothers of babies with designer logos on their little, throw-up stained, tops. Billy waste of money.

But kids grow up and holidays like Christmas, with the requisite buying frenzy, make us painfully aware of changing tastes. Now the mother of 15-year-old and 12-year-old fashion-conscious young women, I can't get wither one to be seen in a discount department store, let alone wear something not name brand.

Embarrassed by megastore

This was illustrated a couple of weeks before Christmas when I was on the way to the local shopping mall with daughter No. 2. I had to make a quick stop at a big store first. So fearful was she that she might (gasp!) be seen by someone she knows inside the megastore that she opted to wait in the car, slumped down in her seat no less. I couldn't coax her out with a rationalization, such as, "Well, if you see someone you know inside that

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Pioneer family

Greens came from New York to settle here

From farmers to teachers, even a Revolutionary War veteran, the Greens made valuable contributions to Farmington.

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On 14 Mile Road, two Green family historic houses are still standing. One is on the Farmington Hills side, the other is in West Bloomfield Township.



The building that was once the Green School is also on 14 Mile.

After coming as pioneers to Oakland County and contributing to the community, the Green family was soon related to other pioneer families in Farmington.

In 1832, Zephaniah and Zerilla Green and family came to Oakland County from New York. Zephaniah was a carpenter and a farmer. He and his wife, Zerilla, purchased land on both sides of the current 14 Mile Road.

They first built a log cabin followed soon by a little Greek Revival house on the West Bloomfield side of the road. The Greek Revival house is no longer standing.

The family was joined by Levi and Asenath Green, Zephaniah's parents. Thus, one of the patriots who had fought in the Revolutionary War came to our community.

Levi Green had been a Ranger in Albany County, N.Y. He took part in the Revolutionary War, fighting in the Battle of Bennington.

Levi became a revenue collector in Connecticut. When he retired, he came



Green home: One of the pioneer families of Farmington built this house on 14 Mile. It actually began as a log cabin.

to Michigan to join his son's family. Zephaniah and Zerilla had five children. The eldest was Ad'is Emmit Green who was born in New York in 1827 and came west with the family.

Addis Emmit Green taught school and was a farmer. By 1845, A.E. Green was a teacher in winter and farmer in summer. He taught in the fractional No. 2 school.

Each of the 10 Farmington school

districts was responsible for educating the children in the district. They educated the youngsters through eighth grade and then paid tuition for further education for the youngsters who desired it.

Educating area children

Fractional districts were those that educated children from more than one township. After World War II, all of the Farmington district schools consolidat-

ed.

In 1848, gold was discovered in California. A.E. Green left his teaching and farming and participated in the Gold Rush in 1851. When he returned he attended the State Normal School in Ypsilanti (the current Eastern Michigan University).

By 1854, A.E. Green purchased the property on the Farmington side of 14

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