

The Boyd Preston Collection at the Charlotte Community Library



The Boyd Preston Genealogy File collection is an index card file cabinet full of index cards filed alphabetically by last name. These index cards contain information about early Eaton County people. The card file resides in the Michigan Room at the Charlotte Community Library.



Boyd Preston resided in Charlotte, Michigan and a hobby of his was to collect information about Eaton County people. He used the information from Census microfilm before it became routine for genealogists. Some of his information came from personal knowledge. Since none of the data is sourced, these should be used as '**Clues**' for genealogy and not facts.

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WELLS: JULIA SARAH (GABRIEL)

dau of Warren and
to Mi. 190-
born
died Aug. 16, 1932
married

Galesburg Ill?

he d. 1923

children (Wells)

1. Lera b.
of Char. m. Henry Rauser
2. b.
of B. Creek m. Roland Whitney
3. b.
of B. Creek m. Bryan Mead
4. b.
of Tex. m. Carl Sherer

WELLS; J. R.
to Sunfield early taxpayer 1844
school inspector May 7, 1842

WELLS: JEFFERSON
son of Jeremiah and
of Eaton
born

died
married Nov. 25, 1891 Eunice L. Cobb of Benton

JEREMIAH WELLS ae 77-8-0 d. Nov. 5, 1905 in B. Creek
5 sons 4 dau
Mrs L.J. Richardson, Addie, Simeon, James, Alfred,
William, Mrs. Archer Bradley of Ohio, Mrs Frank
Brown of Shepherd, Mich.

WELLS; JOHN

son of William A. and Mary (Chatfield) Wells
of Sunfield?

born Sept. 21, 1842 sec 33 sunfield
died

married Sept. 2, 1866 Esther Coleman
at wh. m. b. Sunfield Twp

children (Wells)

1. Mary M. b.
Vtville

m. William Dunbar

2. Priscilla W. b.
Sunfield

m. Seth Gagee

WELLS; JONATHAN

to Brookfield 1847

born 1812 d. July 14, 1890 age 78 (75)

married

Nancy

children (Wells)

- 1. Elizabeth b. Nov. 11, 1843?
 d. Aug. 4, 1864
 m. Charles Riddle
- 2. Ephraim b. June 14, 1841?
 d. Aug. 27, 1864

WELLS: JOSEPH

son of

of Chester

born 1837

died Jan. 3, 1867 age 40

married

Roxanna

enl in C. War

children (Wells)

- 1. Russell b.
 inf d. July 2, 1859

WELLS: LATON E. (Layton)
son of
of Kalama
born June 7, 1840?
died Apr. 14, 1868 ae 27-10-7

WELLS: LAVERN J.
son of George F. and Mary A. (.....) Wells
of Char. 1892
born July. 20, 1880 in Kalama
died Mar. 13, 1932 in Lansing
married Nov. 27, 1900 Minnie L. Talbert ae 19 of Char.

children (Wells)
1. Dalton b.
of Jackson

2. Gladys b.
of Char.

m. Max Holden

WELLS: LEWIS
son of
of Brookfield
born
died
married Dec. 24, 1884 Ethel Talbert of Brookfield

WELLS; LEVI
son of
to
born May 16, 1838 in Wood Co. Ohio
died July 15, 1911
married Aug. 3, 1863 Caroline Riddle

children (Wells)

1. Orrin b.
d. y

2. Lewis b.
d. 1907

3. Bert b.
of B.Creek

4. Delbert b.
of B.Creek

5. Ida b.
of Char.

m. Crandall

6. Minerva b.
of B.Creek

m. ... Barkdull

7. Leon b.
of Marshall

WELLS: LOVINA (WELLS)
dau of William M. and Memory (Burchim) Wells
of Char.
born Dec. 31, 1857 in Benton
died Oct. 7, 1929 ae 72 in Brookfield?
married Nov. 25, 1891 Thomas J. Wells

- children (Wells)
1. Homer b.
Brookfield
 2. Stanley b.
Brookfield
 3. Howard b.
of Brookfield

WELLS: LYDIA (HUNTER)
dau of William and Mary A. (Smith) Hunter
of
born
died
married Jan. 29, 1889 Clinton^K Wells

children (Wells)

1. Nellie b.

m. Will Barningham

children (Wells)

1. of Vtville b.

m. Edward Campbell

WELLS; MARIA Ø....)

dau of

of

born 1840? 1840?

died Nov. 1913 ae 73

married

children (Wells)

1. b.

of Carmel

m.F.D.Baker

2. Harvey b.

of Chester

● WELLS; MARIETTA (GRANT)
dau of Thomas and Elizabeth (Swick) Grant
of Chester
born
died
married Oct. 5, 1862 Daniel Wells^{A.}

WELLS; MARTHA Q....)

dau of
of Sunfield

born

died 186-

married C? M. Wells

children (Wells)

1. Mariah

b.

d. Dec.

1846

WELLS; MARY (CHATFIELD)

da. of Abram and Sarah (Bixby) Chatfield
of Sunfield

born Oct. 26, 1822

died Mar. 21, 1897

married Dec. 20, 1841 William A. Wells

children (Wells)

1. John

b. Sept. 21, 1842

m. Esther Coleman

2. Ellen M.

b. May 24, 1844

of Vtville

m. Hollis Patterson

3. Henry

b. Nov. 23, 1848

d. Dec. 5, 1872

4. Evangeline

b. Oct. 14, 1851

m. Joseph A. Dale

5. Frederick

b. Aug. 26, 1864

of Vtville

6. William R.

b. Dec. 18, 1868

Woodbury

m. Cassie Rawson

WELLS; MAY (.....)

dau of
of Charlotte
born
died
married

children (Wells)

1. Lawrence b.

WELLS: MELISSA R. (HAMILTON)

dau of
to Calhoun 1857 to "Alamo 1860
born May 12, 1822 in Nelson, Madison Co. N.Y.
died June 12, 1902 as 80-1-0
married Mar. 27, 1857 Benjamin F. Wells

children (Wells)

1. Clayton H. b. Aug. 21, 1860
of Kan. d. Mar. 13, 1931
m. Anna M. Henry
2. Clinton K. b. Aug. 21, 1860
d. 1932
m. Lydia Hunter
- step-son
2. George b. 1852?
of Roxand d. Mar. 15, 1892
4. Alice b.
of Chicago m. Parker
5. Clark E. b. 1854?
of Char. d. Sept. 29, 1937
m. Eltha Hyde
6. Perry B. b.
of Vtville

WELLS: MINNIE (TOLBERT)
 dau of Michael A. and Phoebe M. (Robinson) Tolbert
 of Char.
 born July 14, 1882 in Brookfield
 died June 13, 1937
 married Nov. 27, 1900 Lavern L. Wells

children (Wells)

1. Dalton b.
of Jackson
2. Gladys b.
of Char. m. Max Holden

WELLS: NANCY A. (.....)
dau of
to Ohio early to Brookfield 1847
born Nov. 1807 in Fayette Co. Pa
died May 9, 1884
married 1836 Jonathan Wells

children (Wells) ch 6
1. Elizabeth b. Nov. 11, 1842?
d. Aug. 4, 1864
m. Charles Riddle
2. Ephriam b. June 14, 1841?
d. Aug. 27, 1864

WELLS. ORREN MORRIS
b. Nov. 5, 1811, Marcellus, Onondago Co. N.Y.
Died: Oct. 15, 1890, Kalkaska
(to Sunfield 1841; taxpayer 1844; to Vermontville
Married: Martha Hall (she born 1812 in Vermont)

Children:

1. Ann, B. 1838, d. Dec. 30, 1904
2/22/1860 m. Henry Barnum
(lived in Woodland, Barry Co.)
2. Edwin Morris Wells
b. March 7, 1834 in New York
3. Orrin M. Wells, Jr.
b. Sept 2, 1849, N.Y.
d. August 15, 1904, Kalkaska
Married: Catherine Rhodes

Half-sister:

Nina Wells
b. 9-8-1870 Eaton Co.
d.
Married: Ernest Hill in 1890

WELLS: PERRY
son of
of Kalama
born
died
married Mar. 16, 1879 Tina Boyd

WELLS; R: J.
bought land in Eaton 1835

WELLS; RUTH ANN (BATEMAN)
dan of Daniel H. and Rebecca Ann (Train) Bateman
of
born July 23, 1859
died
married

children (Wells)
1. Charles b.

2. John b.

WELLS: SIMEON
son of Jeremiah and
of Baton Rapids
born
died Dec. 13, 1961? in B. Creek
married

children (Wells)

1. Grace b.
2. Beulah b.
3. Bertha B.
4. Donald b.
5. Harold b.

WELLS: THOMAS JEFFERSON 'Jefferson'
son of Jeremiah and
to Brookfield
born Sept. 12, 1852 in Fulton Co. Ohio
died June 24, 1939 at 86 in Brookfield
married Nov. 25, 1891 Eunice L. Cobb d. Oct. 1929

children (Wells)

1. Homer b.
of Olivet
2. Stanley b.
Brookfield
3. Howard b.
Brookfield

WELLS; WILLIAM A. ¹⁸⁴¹
to Sunfield 1837/8 sec 33 taxpayer 1844
his son 1st wh male b. Sunfield
son of William Augustus and Deborah (Converse) Wells
born Jan. 1, 1813 in Onondaga Co. N.Y.
died May 2, 1903 ^{at 90}
married Dec. 20 1841 Mary Chatfield

children (Wells)

1. John b. Sept. 21, 1842
m. Esther Coleman
b. May 24, 1844
2. Ellen M. of Vtville
m. Hollis Patterson
b. Nov. 23, 1848
d. Dec. 5, 1872
3. P. Henry
b. Oct. 14, 1851
d. Mar. 1914
m. Joseph A. Bale
b. Aug. 26, 1864
4. Evangeline
b. Dec. 18, 1868
m. Cassie Rawson
5. Frederick
Vtville
6. William R.
Woodbury

WELLS; WILLIAM R.
son of William A. and Mary (Chatfield) Wells
merchant of Woodbury
born Dec. 18, 1868
died
married Oct. 15, 1890 Cassie M. Rawson *dan Benjamin
v. Wells*

children (Wella)

1. William b. Nov. 28, 1891

2. Bessie b. May 16, 1895

3. Neva b. Mar, 23, 1900

WELSH:

son of

~~to Elaine 1870~~

born

died

married

children (Welsh)

1. Herbert b. 1869?

Sunfield d. 1937

m. Mary Leemis

2. Lucivia b.
of Sunfield

m..... Brandis

3. Della b.
of B. Creek

m... Lawrence

WELSH: JOHN
son of
of Niagara Co. N.Y. to Ohio 1846
born
died
married

Margaret Southworth

children (Welsh)
1. Mary G. b. Apr. 17, 1838
ot Char. d. Dec. 19, 1924
m. Edwin Bordeaux

WELSH: MARY
dau of
of Char
born 1829?
died June 8, 1899

WELSH; MARY J. (....)
to Eaton Rapids 1865
born 1848 d. Dec. 24, 1891 ae 26
she married Erwin Welsh

WEMELDORF; IDA (SHERMAN)
dau of
of
born
died Aug. 28, 1908 in Racine, Wisc.
she married June 24, 1898 Charles F. Wemeldorf of Char

WENTZ; WILLIAM

son of

of Bellevue

born

died

married?

Charlotte Patterson of Bellevue

WENZLICK: RUTH M. (FOX)

dau of J. M. and

of

born Oct. 11, 1894

died 1926?

married 1914 Frank L. Wenzlick

children (Wenzlick)

1. Irene b. 1917

2. Helen b. 1918

3. Dorothy b. 1920

4. Catherine b. 1922

WERTZ: EDITH (SPAULDING)

dau of

of Bellevue

born 1873?

died

married Nov. 15, 1899 William Wertz ae 26 of Bellevue

WERTZ; GLENN

son of

of

born

died

married June 16, 1909 Pearl Crakes

children (Wertz)

1. Romona Belle b. Oct. 22, 1912

d. Dec. 25, 1917

2. Duane b.

of Char.

WERTZ; HENRY
to Kalama 1844 blacksmith 1863
born d. May 9, 1891
married she d. Dec. 189

WESCOTT: E. J.
son of
of Sunfield
born
died Jan. 11, 1894

WEST;
son of
of
born
died
married

children (West)

- | | |
|------------|------------------|
| 1. Earl | b. |
| of Char. | d. Aug. 24, 1919 |
| | m.... St. Clair |
| 2. Clark | b. |
| | |
| 3. William | b. |
| | |
| 4. Arthur | b. |
| | |
| 5. | b. |
| | m.... all |

WEST: BERTHA MAY (BAKER)
dau of Henry F. and Amanda (Wyble) Baker
of Jackson
born
died
married
Milo G. West

children (West)
1. Neil b.
of Jackson

WEST; EARL
son of
~~from~~ Charlotte
born

died Aug. 24, 1919

married St. Clair

children (West)
1. b. 1902?

2. b. 1908?

3. b. 1911?

(WEST) WARREN; ANNA KEELER
dau of
born 1817 ae 85 Aug. 17, 1902
died
she married Samuel Nott Warren Dec. 31, 1834
married in Southfield, Oakland Co. Mich.

children (Warren)
1. B E. b.

2. L S. b.

3. S R. b.

4. R L. b.

5. dau

6. s e.
d. y

7. s b.
d. y

8.

WEST: CLINTON
son of
of Char.
born 1856?
died Mar. 23, 1891 ae 35
married

children (West) ch 9

WEST: CLYDE
son of Geo. Wilbur and Mary (.....) West
of Sunfield ?
born May 27, 1879 in Sunfield
die d Jan. 8, 1922 ae 42-7-12
married Dec. 28, 1904 Emma Simpson

children (West)
1. Homer b. 1906

2. Katherine b. 1909

WEST: LAURA (.....)
dau of
of Sunfield
born
died June 6? 1888

WEST; GEORGE WILBUR
son of Ebenezer and Laura (....) West
of Sunfield
born Apr. 16, 1857 in Sunfield
died Mar. 19, 1920 in Lansing
married Aug. 7, 1879⁸ Mary M. Carter

children (West)

1. Clyde of Char.	b. May 27, 1879 d. Jan. 8, 1922 m. Emma Simpson
2. Alva Sunfield	b.
3. Nora Sunfield	b. m. Ralph Payne
4. Zora	b. d. inf.

1. Clyde
of Char. b. May 27, 1879
d. Jan. 8, 1922
m. Emma Simpson

2. Alva
Sunfield b.

3. Nora
Sunfield b.

4. Zora b.
d. inf. m. Ralph Payne

WEST: MARY M. (CARTER)
dau of Silas and Mary (.....) Carter
to Chester 1879?
born Jan. 8, 1858 in Bellevue
died July 13, 1931 ae 73-6-5
married Aug. 7, 1879 George W. West

children (West)

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|----------|-----------------|
| 1. Clyde | b. May 27, 1879 |
| of Char. | d. Jan. 8, 1922 |
| | m. Emma Simpson |
| 2. Alva | b. |
| Sunfield | |
| 3. Nora | b. |
| Sunfield | m. Ralph Payne |
| 4. Zora | b. |
| | d. inf |

WESLEY; LOUIS A.
son of
of Grand Ledge
born
died Aug. 17, 1919
married

children (Wesley)

1. Leo

b.

1908

(WESTON) HULL: ELMIRA S. (BEMIS)

dau of

to Chester 1874 to Char. 1882 to Mo. 1885 to Ark.

to Char. 1901

born Aug. 11, 1841 in Pottsdam, St. Lawrence Co. N.Y.

died July 7, 1902 in Char.

married Aug. 11, 1856 Francis Weston

married Whitney Hull

children (Weston) ch 9 6 d. inf

1. Druzilla

b.

of Chester

m. Clarence Barr

2. Ella

b. Nov. 17, 1862

of Carmel

d. Oct. 11, 1939

m. Alex. Krebs

3. Cary J.

b.

of Ark.

WESTON; FRANCIS

son of

to Chester 1874 to Mo. 1885 to Ark. to Chester 1899

born May 22, 1832 at Doorvillage, Laport Co. Ind

died Apr. 25, 1900 ae 67-11-3 in Chester

married Aug. 11, 1856 in Ind. Elmira Bemis

had sister Mrs, Melinda Huber of Ohio

to Char. 1882 to Char. 1901

children (Weston) ch 9

1. Druzilla b.

of Chester

m. Clarence Barr

2. Ella

b. Nov. 17, 1862

of Carmel

a. Oct. 11, 1939

m. Alex. Krebs

3. Cary J.

b.

of Ark.

WESTGATE; SARAH

dau of

of Charlesworth

born 1842?

died Nov. 24, 1899 ae 57

married Franklin Westgate

Delia J. May 27, 1885 ae 20

WESTLAND;..... (BRANCH)

dau of Rev. E. T. and
of Grand Ledge

born

died Aug. 4, 1889

married

W.

C. Westland

WESTLAND; WALTER C.

son of

editor of 'Grand Ledge Phoenix' 1877 to G. Ledge 1873

born 1850 in Brookfield

died Dec. 3, 1902 in Cal.

married

WESTON: FRANKLIN L.

son of

of

born

died

pre man 24, 1885

Geo. F. related

WESTON: YET

'Judge'

son of

to Char. 1880

born 1832?

died June 25, 1896 ae 64

married 1875 Almira Carman b. 1860?

children (Weston) ch 3
1. b.
d. inf

WETHERBEE: HENRY A.

son of

of Rexand

born

died

married Oct. 4, 1855 Margaret Green of Rexand

WETMORE; CLARK

son of

farmer of Benton sec. 16, 1873 from Ohio 1862 *h char*

born

died

married

children (Wetmore)

1. Amine b.

m. Nelson O. Merritt

WEYAND; HENRY

son of
of Delta

born

died *Apr 18, 1865*

he married Oct. 17, 1858 Malinda S. Flora

John Weyand and relatives?

WEYAND; MALINDA S. (FLORA)

dau of John and

of

born

died

married

Henry Weyand