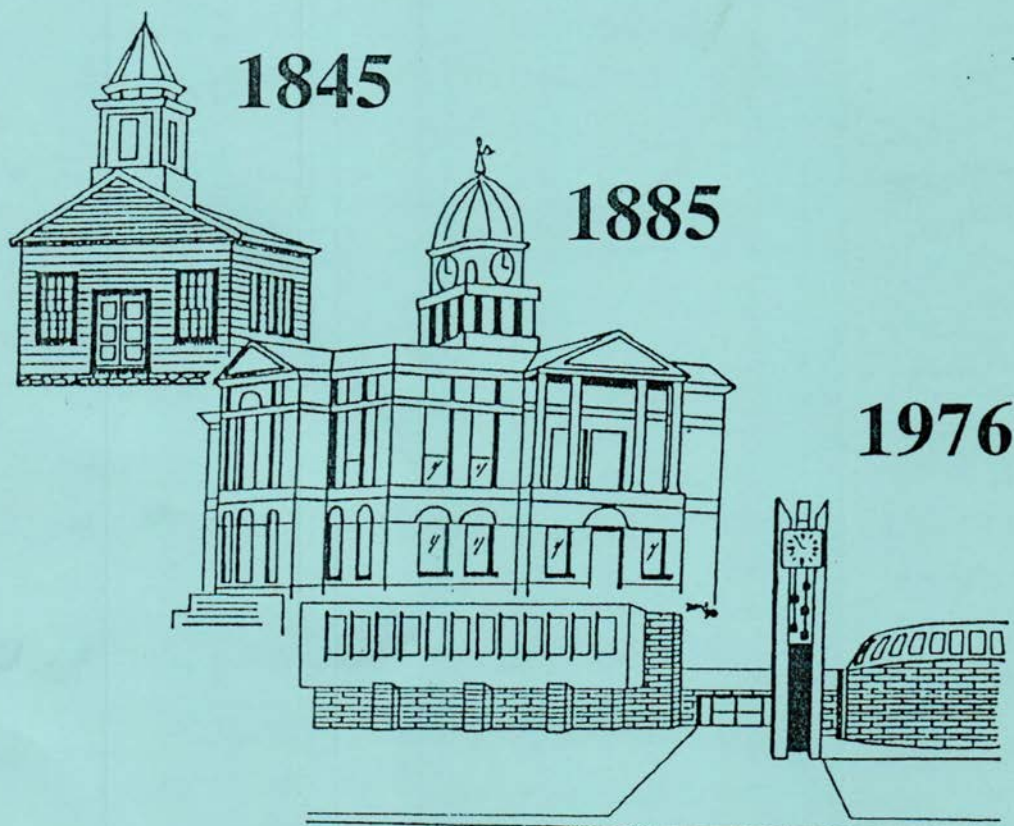


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George W. Ervay

1845 - 1863

CIVIL WAR LETTERS

Transcribed from Originals now in possession of
Betty Moon Melson

It is with many thanks for the combined contribution of Robert Haigh & Ophalia Parish that a copy of these letters have been given to the Eaton County Genealogical Society, with permission to print them here in the "Quest".

INTRODUCTION

George W. Ervay was born in New York State in 1845. In 1860 he lived in Onieda Township, Eaton County, Michigan with his parents, Daniel and Eliza Ervay. The 1860 Census lists George's age as 15. While George was in the service, his family moved to Chester Township near Liza's parents, Daniel and Dorothy Shaver Wise. Daniel Ervay died at Chester in 1883. In 1907, Eliza died in Marshall, Michigan. George's younger brother, Orrin was the father of my maternal grandmother, Florence Ervay Root.

Although little more than 16 when he joined the army in 1861, George was quite able to express himself in writing, whether he was describing his surroundings, narrating an experience or stating his opinions. By his choice of words one can often determine his emotional state which runs the gamut from love to hate, from elation to despair and from bravado to fear.

He used almost no punctuation and few capital letters in his writing, instead he generally penned his messages in steady strings of words. I have therefore used my best judgment in adding extra spaces to break the text into sentences for easier reading. Otherwise the text was typed as written with the limitations of my word processor.

Betty Melson lent me the letters in Michigan so that Florence Lembeck and I could have them photocopied. Because the photocopies were painfully hard to read and comprehend it was decided to transcribe them while the originals were still in my possession. I hope you find them interesting.

Second cousin Betty Moon Melson and first cousin Florence Spear Lembeck are great grandchildren of Orrin L. Ervay. Our groups numbers more than seventy people of whom I have knowledge.

Blake L. Parish.

Washington
September 23, 1862

Dear friends and

Parents i now sit down to let you know that i am well and in good spirets and Mister Lincon says that he is a going to have us all to home to eat dinner next newyears i like to be a soldier first rate i am a setting on the ground to write this letter i am all write i have had the tifoied feaver and i was vary sick for two weeks but had A good dockter and a good nurse and nits i was Crasey as a loon but i am all write now we hav not had any pay yet but we are a going to hav some to morrow and then we will hav a little better times my first lieut went acrost the river yestady and he seen a lot of the rebels and he said that they ware dirty and ragged and half starved at that we have got about 20 000 encamped on meridian hill and it is funn to see them on drill on the ground i like to drill with them

I wish you not to let any one reads this part of the letter george w Charter if the St Johns Co can get a holt of him he will hav to be Shot but do for my Sake dont let anyone read this letter he is in the 6 regiment and the captain is after him you may read any of it to any one that you pleas but this be twene the dots

I wish you all good luck father and mother brothers and sister i am a going to write oftner to you than i hav i am a getting tiard of sitting on the ground to write

I wish you would write to me and Direct you letter To

Geo. W. Ervay

Washington DC Col Stocktons Mich. Reg. Care of Capt Flagler

Give my best respects to all of my friends if any there bee

George W Ervay to Oneida Mich

Sept the 28 1862

Camp hand MD

Dear parents it is with pleasure that i set down to answer your letter which i hav just recived i was glad to hear from you and hear that you was all well i am vary thankful for the envelope and paper you sent to me it came vary good for i hav non at presant i am well as useyel except my leg is not quite well yet you spoke of brad carmichal i hav not seen him since the bull run fight i saw him the day before the fight and he was all wright then i do not know where they are now if i can finde out where they are i will go and see about him and let you know i suppose that you hav heard that his Genl wa s killed a better Gen never lived his name was Gen-l Carney hee had but one arm the rebs called him the one armed devil and they said if they ever caut him that they would hang him but the poor man was shot

Colonel broad head of the first Mich cavelery was killed through two of our great generals Pope and Mc dowl

I can write no more this time for it is getting dark and i hav no candle\
give my respects to friends brothers and sister and parents

From G W Ervay

Pleas tell Sile i say hee is a Coward

Oct the 13 1862

Camp near antetam Creek MD

Dear parents I once more sit down to let you know that i hav not forgotten you quite i am well and i hope that htis will finde you the same my leg has got well so that i do duty again the talk in camp is that Sturarts cavelery has broke through the lines and gon in to penselua and are comming back down this way and wee are ordered to bee ready at any moment for them they will have a nice time if they come

I sent you my likeness you didnn't say any thing about it in your last letter i should lie to hear about it whether you got it or not this antetam creek empties in to the potomac river about one mile from here our brigade is on detached duty from the division toprotect a mill and thr front lines so that it brings us on picket about every three days and wee hav a nice time our picket line is on the heal path between the river and canal

for a spell the rebs was on the oposit side of the river but for the last two or three times they are not to be seen the river here is about two thirds as wide as the grand river at the ledge our pickets and the rebs could talk to gaher if it had of been aloud there would have been some fun but it is not aloud on neither side to fire upon pickets guard

I suppose that jim docksey is at home by this time he was getting his discharge the last time i saw him that was at alexandria

no more at the presant we hav not got our pay yet write as soon as you get this

to parents brothers & sister

G W Ervay

Dec the 18 /62

Camp near falthoth Va

Dear parents it is with pleasure that I sit down to ansere your kind letter that I recived A week ago but I had no time to ansere your letter before wee hav been on the move Tuesday we went on picket and staid there till wensday night Thursday morning wee started for fredricksburg and was moving around there tillyesterday wee came back to our old camp my Regt has had an other engatement with the rebs our victory was A defeat

the city of Fredricks burg is as large as lansing and there is not a house in it but what there is two or three canon ball holes through it and the town is ridled from one end to the other

you can think for your self there was about 75 thousand troops in it and they don what they was a mind to and took what they liked there was as much as two thousand barrels of flower in the place and it was all took by the soldiers you better believe the pancakes flew every man was baking wheat pancakes to eat I had all I could stuff I shall have to give up coming

home I think for the dock says that hee shall detail mee to wait on the sick and wounded in the hospitle but they can not make me take a gun yet anyway

I hav got plenty of paper and stamps but envelopes I hav non we hav not had any pay yet nor I do not see any signs yet

no more at presant write as often as you can and i will do the same

G W Ervay

January the 7-63
Camp near falthoth Va

Dear parents it is with pleasure I sit down to anser you kind litter which I received the 5th of Jan I was glad to hear that you was all well I was glad to hear that you had heard from James and that he had sent you some money i shall write to James this afternoon I saw lin blanchard yesterday tell his folks that he is well and looks first rate and makes a good looking soldier I send my best respects to the folks in Onida I wish to know how much there is cleared on fathers farm and what kind of house there is on it i do not know how father has a going to get along without a team tell me how he is to pay for the land and how long payments I wish to now how many head of cattle and how many sheep and hogs you hav got and let me know whether them steers are broke or not if they are not broke father had brake them so to hav them to draw his wood with I can not think of any more to write at present I am on duty again I am on guard today.

I shall write to James this afternoon no more for this time

So good by

George W Ervay

Jan the 19th 63
Camp near Falthoth Va

Dear parents it is with pleasure I sit down to answer your kind letter of the 5th. I was glad to hear that you was well and yet sorry to hear that Marium was sick I hope that she will recover I am well as usual and I hope that this litter will finde you the same I am thankful for the envelope that you sent me wee hav got marching orders wee was to start to-day but it is counter manded but I do not know what moment wee shall start nor do I know where wee shall go to some say that wee are going to DC but some say that wee are going to tenn it is hard telling but I know that we are A going on a long jurney for all of the govermint trainees is turned over to the 8th Army Corps all so is all of the beel cattle I think that wee shall embark some where but I do not know. i hav no pay yet I hear that we are not going to get any pay till June if they do it will come in a lump

I hav three rings that I mad of laural root which I shall send home one is for Oren and one for Norman and one for Marium the small one is not A very good one for it would not color

I do not know as there is any more to write at present bee shure and let me know the condishion of fathers land and whether there is any house on it or not no more at present
write soon good by

George W Ervay
To All friends

Feb the 9th / 63
Camp near Falmoth Va

Dear parents It is with pleasure that I sit down to answer your letter which I hav just recieved and I was much pleased to hear from you and to hear that you was well & to hear that you had recieved the rings that I sent to the boys and marium but there is something that I am more ancious to hear from that is the money that I sent you it was thirty dollars I am thinking that as you have moved that you will not get it with out some trouble of going to the ledge

I sent it in A letter for there was no express office nearer than Aqua crick 38 miles and I could not get A pass to go down on the cars wee did march but was glad to get back to our old camp again for the Storm came on so that wee could not get our canons along and the men had to turn to and make cordoroy road so that wee could get back to our old camp the Soldiers made A mud man and put it up and then put up a Sine and on it said Gen Burnside stuck in the mud they Said that hee has not got out yet and so Gen Hooker is in comand of the army

I will send you A paper and you can judg something of how it was by the looks of the picture and the title is fruitless atempt of the army of the Potomac you must excuse my wrighting for I am in a hurry for it is now after taps and my light should bee out I do not think that there is any signes of our moving wright away wee may move camp for the wood is getting Scarce where wee are now

Mother I shall hav to tell you A little anactdote that my tent mate heard one day while washing his clothers ner the railroad there was three sitizens walking down the railroad and one says the others I will tell you how I escaped the draft and as hee said that hee was interuped by two proves guard which heard them and for fun the guard took them up to Colonel Stockton now acting Brigadier Gen and told him what they said and hee put them in the guard house and kept them on bread and water for four days and then let them go telling them if he cout them back there hee would tarr and feather them

Yours Truely
George W Ervay

February the 16th / 63
Camp near Falmoth Va

Dear parents it is with pleasure that I sit down to answer your kind letter which I recieved last knight and I was much pleased to hear from you to hear that you are well

And I was vary glad to hear that you had recieved the money that I sent you. You wanted to know what I wanted done with it I want father to use it to the best advantage to himself. I think that it would bee A good plan to pay it on the place I do not want any Claim on the place

for if I ever get clear of the army alive and able bodied I do not intend to trouble Eaton Co much for I think that there is better places in the world than Eaton Co but I think that I shall bee clear of the war soon for wee white soldiers are going to bee relieved by the nigers

last pay day the officers had to pay taxes on the nigers that are in the army and around washington and it is in the New York herrild that every private Soldier will hav to forfeit fifteen percent next pay day that will be three & 1/2 dollars every two monts for the support of the counter bands some say that if they take any money out of their pay that they will disert others say that they will mutenize and I think that if they ever take any of my pay that I shall prefer the former for if A man staves here it is death A if he falls out when they are going into the fight it is instent death and if you disert it is Shure death So I should prefer living honabfle and dying honabrle for as to live in danger of my life as long as I hav and been in as many battles as I hav then to disert is more than I shall do I shal write to sile waldo and tell him that I was captain of that guard that traided the nigers for sheep I hav never heard of any such a thing but there is not a soldier in the army but would give three nigers for one sheep

I shall send you A paper no more at present write soon George W Ervay

I will send you a riddle for to solv and want you to send me the answer next time that you write it is this

Why is a counterband never dead broke

Written Feb the 18th /63 by G W Ervay
Co H 16th Regt Mich Inf Vols

The Knock Kneed Tailor
Air--Dark Eyed Saylor

First

I-m going to tell you a doleful tale
In which you-ll finde there-s A great morale
Its of a maide boath young and gay
And she loved A tailor, a knocked kneed tailor
that stole her heart away

Second

Susanna stergon was her name yhou see
Shee made hoop skirts in a fac-toe-rie
And shee raked the soap down untill one day
This knock kneed tailor-this one eyed tailor
Hee stole her heart away

Third

Her mother found out the gals disire
And allher fat she knocked in the fire
For she raised the poker and swore she-d slay
That knock kneed tailor the squint eyed tailor
That stole her heart away

Fourth

But the tailor vary soon thought of a plan
To fool the old wommen and get susan

For he sent a small boy to the house to say
That the knock kneed tailor the snub nosed tailor
Had died that vary day

Fifth

That vary night by the gal-s bed post
What seed the old woman but the tailors goste
Shee roared like the thunder and she ran away
From the knock kneed tailor the skeleton tailor
That made the devil pay

Sixth

Then the ghost it spoke and to susan said
Twas all a humbug I am not dead
He stayed that night and the vary next day
With the knock kneed tailor the lucky tailor
Susan bolted away

Present to Orin L Ervay From a Veteran Soldier

Dear Parents brothers & Sister it with pleasure that I sit down to write you a few lines to inform you that I am well and I hope that these few scratches will find you the same I can not write much for I am some tired for I hav written these three songs without rest I do not think that we shall have any forward movement for A while give my respects to all enquiring friends if any there bee I suppose that you have moved by this time when you write let me kow where Silas lives and how he gets along no more for this time from your son and friend G W Ervay

Feb the 26th /63
Camp near Falmoth Va

Dear Parents it is with pleasure that I sit down to answer the (letter) that Oren wrote to me I was glad to hear from you and hear that you was well I am well at presant withe the excption of A bad head ake I was much pleased with the letter that oren wrote to me but I could not make out what hee ment about the old jeff in trying to shade these letters I do not make much headway so I will stop it yesterday the Colonel turned out the men and hee laid a plan for A fort and they went to work and put up A snow fort and Colonel said that to day hee would put the wright wing of the Regt in the fort and the left wing had got to take it from them hee says the left wing is enough for the wright wing any time at snow balling any time and he thinks that wee can drive them out of a snow fort with snow balls the fort was four foot and 8 inches high and four foot wall but last night it began to rain and this morning there was the fort but no snow around it for to snow ball with so the battle of snow is played out there is no more at the presant so I bid you good by

G W Ervay
pleas send me the Stamps I sent for

March the 1st /63
Hd. Qtr. Co. H. 16th Mich.
Regt. of Mich. Vols.
Camp. Near. Falmoth. Va.

Dear Cousin,

It is with pleasure that I now take pen in hand to inform you that I am well and yet in the land of the living and hoping that these few lines will find you the same there is plenty of things in A camp life for A soldier to busy him self with some with writing some with reading with knoveles and some with one thing and some another but as I have not any things to read I shall write letters I will do it for to pest some one if nothing else so I will pester you for a spell and see how I will come out I have been reading knovels for the past week am now entirly out of reading now in the coars of time I shall hav some more reading

Mary if I will send you my likeness will you send me yours if you will you will oblige mee by wrighting to me and let me know you can drop a line and put in some of mothers letters As I suppose that you have her for A neighbor by this time I think that I have written about foolishness enough you must excuse all bad wrighting and poor spelling give my best respects to all inquiring friends if any there bee do not faile to write to me Mary....

When this you see remember mee
And think about A friend
For I will as true remember you
Until my days shall end
George Washington Ervay
Mary E Knapp

March 15th /63
Hd Qtr Co H
16 Regt mich Inft Vols
Camp near Falmoth Va

Dear parents it is with pleasure that I sit down to answer your kind letter which I recieved this evening and was muched pleased to hear that you was well I am well but some tired for I have just come off picket wee started on picket last wednesday and got back this after noon and we had A pretty hard time of it for wee was in a larg plantation and A hill and the cold raw wind blew pretty hard we expect to get our pay again soon when the first day of march came around the government owed us four monts pay I am in hopes that they will pay us soon for I like to keep pretty high square with the uncle Sam I was glad to hear that you had recieved the song that I sent you I you get any new songs send them to me you knowed one when I came away that I would like to hav Father I hav quit Chewing Tobacco I left off the 18th of Febuary but I hav to smoke a little for to keep the hanker of Chewing off whether you believe it or not from the time I got my pay at Harrison's Landing up to the time I got my pay here in this camp it cost me 11 dollars and 25 cts for Tobacco. I got so I chewed it up and swalod more than half that I put in my

mouth and I made up my minde that the money that I would spend for tobaco would do you more good than it did for mee I got A letter to day from Silas Waldo hee said that the folks was all well in that place I do not know as there is any more news to write this time give my best respects to Silas & Sarah and also to aunt polly I shall hav to get to bead for it is getting late and it is my turn to go on guard to morrow you must excuse poor wrighting for my pen is A poor one.

I will send you two riddles

First. Why is a counter band never dead broke.

Seckond. I hav got A table that I eat off of that I hav carried since I came in the war guess what kind of a table it is if I ever come home I shall bring it home with me and I would not take five hundred for it Send me the answer to these when you write no more

G W Ervay

Camp Near
Falmoth Va
Co H 16th Mich Inft
March the 21st/63

Dear parents it is with pleasure that I sit down to write you A few lines once more to inform you that I am well and I hope you all the same I recieved A letter from you the 14th and was much pleased to hear that you was well I got A letter from Sile Waldo the same day the day that I recieved your letter I came off of -----ket wee had a first rate time----- wee went out the 11th ----- the 14th the is ----- hour sharp shooters ----- hee was shot ----- right arm but not deep so hee will get over it in three or four weeks Wee are having fine times at present there is no signes o f marching now as I know of I would like to have you get your likeness taken and send them to me I do not know as there is any news to write I was over and saw Lin Blanchard yesterday. hee told me that edwin niHan had gone home the first capt that lin had was A meen Scoundral and he got the ill will of the Co so that hee had to resine----- and go home and Ed got his -----and said that if hee -----acrost the Capt tha----- a going to thra-----

Ed pounced on to him and the Captain gave him an aufel thrashing the most that is going on here is d ball playing the boys hav fine times now The 17th the sharp shooters were on picket down by the Rapahanac and the reb pickets were on the other side and they were talking all the time they told hour men that the war would be settled by the first of July there hav chosen delagetes for peace and the reb pickets tryed to throw their papers----- but the current was so strong -----that it would not flot ----- has been snowing to ----- falls it is A ----- spring

in fact I do not know as it makes much diferance for the people can not rais any thing for there is not

A rail (?) with in Seven miles of here

no more at present write

Send me some more stamps

George W Ervay

Obits

Typed as printed

By: Drouscella Halsey

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Clinton Jones

Clinton, son of **Joseph** and **Cornelia Jones** passed away at his home in Chester, Sunday, February 15, 1942 at the age of 69 years, 9 months.

He was born in Watertown township, Clinton county, Michigan, May 15, 1872. On December 4, 1896, he was united in marriage to **Eva Shirts**. To this union were born four children, 2 sons and 2 daughters, **Ora Jones**, of Springport, **Grace Miller** of Mulliken, **Lena Noelp** of Lansing and **Thomas Jones** of LaPorte, Indiana.

Mr. Jones has lived in this vicinity for the past 36 years. He was a much respected citizen and neighbor.

Besides the widow and four children he is survived by one brother, **Stanton Jones**, of DeWitt, three sisters, **Mrs. Mary Parks** and **Mrs. Ida Keck** of DeWitt and **Mrs. Grace Shuart** of Lansing and nine grandchildren.

The funeral services were held at the **Myron E. Pray** funeral home in Charlotte, Tuesday, February 17, 1942 at two o'clock in the afternoon. **Rev. Leon W. Manning** of the Methodist church officiated and interment was made at the cemetery at DeWitt.

Dr. R.C. Rolls

Dr. R.C. Rolls, 69, died at the **Ruth Love** home Sunday after a short illness. Funeral Services were conducted from

the **Pettit and Rice** Funeral home Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, the **Rev. Della Post** of Sunfield officiating. Burial in Rose Hill cemetery.

Dr. Rolls came to Eaton Rapids forty years ago and began practicing as a veterinary which profession he has continued. He was found on the floor in his home Saturday in an unconscious condition and taken to the **Ruth Love** home, it is reported. He had been in poor health for some time.

He is survived by one son, **Leroy** of Sunfield; one sister **Mrs. Rosella Heipel** and one brother **Buell Rolls** of Ontario.

Tom Garvey Dies in Hospital Wednesday

Thomas Garvey, 89 years old, a resident of Eaton township for many years, died Wednesday afternoon in a Battle Creek hospital where he had been a patient since February 26. He was born in New York state December 9, 1862. His wife died several years ago. Surviving are two nieces, **Mrs. James Moore** of Charlotte and **Hazel Bibbins** of Ypsilanti; six nephews, **Dee** and **Lloyd Garvey** of Eaton township, **Earl** and **William Garvey**, **Charles Garvey** of Lansing, and **Louis Garvey** of Battle Creek, and two sisters-in-law, **Mrs. Vinnie Garvey** of Charlotte and **Mrs. Dave** of Lansing. The body was brought to the **Cheney** funeral home and services will be held at St. Mary's Catholic church Saturday forenoon at ten o'clock, in the charge of **Rev. Father Jerome V. MacEachin**. Burial will be in Maple Hill cemetery.

.Mrs. Grant Kiplinger

May 6, 1862 March 4, 1942

Mrs. Grant Kiplinger was born **Ida M. Crozier**, fourth child of **Irvin** and **Permelia Taylor Crozier** at Phelps, Ontario county, New York.

At the age of seven she came to Michigan with her parents, three brothers and one sister. They settled on the farm in Center Eaton now owned and occupied by her niece and husband, **Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Elliott**.

She lost her mother at the age of eighteen, when all the responsibility of making a home was shifted to her young shoulders. No task was too great and she never faltered under the load. One of her greatest joys was the rearing of her young brother, **Howard**, aged only five. Mr. Crozier resides in Center Eaton and is the only surviving member of their family.

February 3, 1886, she was united in marriage with **Mr. Grant Kiplinger**, who came to Michigan from Ashland, Ohio.

Four children were born to them two having preceded her in death. **Grace May** in 1905 at the age of fourteen and **Carroll Everett** in 1931 at the age of thirty-four. She is survived by the husband, son **Clarence H.** of this city and daughter, **Kittie**, at home. Also two grandsons, **Dale Kiplinger** of West Benton and **Robert** of this city and four great grandchildren.

She was a quiet home-keeping woman, but had a few outside interests, chief among them being her church, which she loved and attended as long as her health would permit. She was also a member of the O.E.S., W.S.J. and the Progressive Birthday club.

Nearly seven years ago, Mrs. Kiplinger was stricken with a fatal

malady which finally overcame all efforts to bring her back her health. Despite her years of affliction she managed to find considerable comfort and hope and faced the eternal dawn with faith and courage.

She entered into rest at three a.m. March 4, 1942. Memorial services were held Friday at 2 p.m. at the **Cheney** funeral home when her pastor, **Rev. Leon Manning**, spoke feelingly of her fine life and the esteem in which she held as a member of his church.

Burial was in the family lot at Maple Hill. Relatives were present from St. Johns, Lansing, Battle Creek, Roseville and Redford.

"Jack" Tennant Dies At Daughter's Home

John St. Clair Tennant, 79 years old, died Monday morning at the home of his daughter, **Mrs. Hazel Milbourn**, in Benton township, where he had resided the last three years. He formerly lived in Charlotte, owning and operating a barber business here. His wife, **Addie**, died September 24, 1936. He was born at Youngstown, Ohio, May 24, 1862, the son of **Arthur D. and Margaret Youngs Tennant**. Besides the daughter, there survive one sister, **Mrs. Margaret Aberham** of Youngstown, O., and two brothers, **Ed** of Youngstown, and **Tom** of Ravenna, Ohio. Funeral services were held at the **Pray** funeral home Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, in charge of **Rev. Leon W. Manning**. Burial was in the Pottersville cemetery.

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Mrs. Clyde Oberlin

Grace M. Oberlin, 50, died suddenly after a short illness at the **Ruth Love** home Sunday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted from the **Stewart** Funeral home Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, the **Rev. E.A. Kelford** officiating. Burial in Oakwood cemetery.

Surviving her besides the husband, **Clyde**, are six daughters, **Mrs. Wm. Skinner** of Jackson, **Mrs. Howard Root** of Ann Arbor, **Mrs. Robt. Root** of Springport, **Mrs. Kenneth Squires** of Kinneyville and **Mrs. Homer Snow** and **Geraldine Oberlin** of Eaton Rapids; four sons **Clyde**, **Warren**, **Robert** and **Larry** all of Eaton Rapids; her mother, **Mrs. Sophia Hall** of Eaton Rapids; one sister, **Mrs. David DeWaters** of Fowlerville and one brother, **John Hall** of Jonesville.

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Mrs. Hattie E. Green

Mrs. Hattie E. Green, the beloved wife, daughter and friend was born in Hartford, N.Y., Nov. 30, 1852 and died at her home near Eaton Rapids, Mich., June 4, 1907. Her maiden name was **Hattie E. Hammond**.

She was married to **John A. Green** in 1868. Fourteen years of her married life was spent in Michigan. In the Spring of 1882 they sold their home near Onondaga, Mich., and in company with their belongings on cars and shipped to Jamestown, N.D., where the rural portions of the country was unoccupied and open to settlement. They took up a homestead near Ellensdale, N.D. where they lived until the spring of 1903 when they again sold

out their real estate and personal property and returned again to their old neighborhood near Onondaga, Mich., which they left in 1872, and bought the farm owned by **James Ewin**.

Two years ago they again sold out and bought the present home where they lived until the time of her death.

Mrs. Green was a woman very much thought of wherever she lived and made many friends by her acts of kindness, love and charity. About three years ago her health failed her and she has been a great sufferer, which is a fact well known by her friends.

While she was a great sufferer for several days prior to her death, she passed away peacefully at the age of fifty four years.

The funeral services were held at her late home June 6, 1907, **Rev. Woodhouse** officiating. Interment at Rose Hill cemetery, Eaton Rapids, Mich.

Mrs. Geo. W. Greist

Dated 1902

As briefly noted last week, the funeral of **Mrs. Geo. W. Greist** was held last Sunday afternoon at the residence, 451 south Cochran Ave., **Rev. Dr. Barnes** officiating. The deceased, **Mary McConner**, was born in Salem, Ohio, March 13, 1824, her age at death being 78 years, 9 months and 26 days. In 1840 she moved with her parents to Bedford, Ohio, where she was married to **Geo. W. Greist** Jan 23, 1849, and with husband and little ones came to Michigan in the fall of 1854 settling on a farm in Walton, where she was a ready help in all the good work of building up and developing a new country, both socially and otherwise. In 1889 they retired from active life and bought a

pleasant home in Charlotte where she spent the balance of her days.

Mrs. Greist was a lineal descendent of **Sir Joshua Wright**, a younger branch of the House of Bedford, who came to America in the beginning of the 18th century and developed a landed estate in Maryland. She was the mother of six children, two of whom died in infancy, and two later, **Emerson L.** and **Tully T.**, the former in 1897 and the latter in 1898. Two daughters survive, viz: **Mrs. Estella Krebs**, of this city, and **Mrs. Eva Smith**, of Bellevue, also three stepdaughters: **Marian A. Gruesbeck**, **Maribah O. McLaughlin** and **Esther J. McLaughlin**. The husband is also left to mourn her loss, and was 84 years of age the day following the funeral.

Rachel Richards Hart

Dated 1903

The pleasure comes to few of a life of nearly ninety years and all of them a flood of sunshine and of happiness. This brief sums up the life of **Mrs. Rachel Hart** who passed to the higher life at the home of her daughter, **Mrs. Emma Shepherd**, soon after two o'clock the morning of Saturday last, March 28th. Till her final illness came her buoyant spirit maintained its mirthfulness in the home circle and her greatest pleasure was derived when members of the family gathered about her and anecdote, and story and reminiscence were rife. Her mental faculties were unimpaired and her memory of events was a marvel. During her last days she chatted pleasantly of the past and hopefully of the future. She loved her home life, the children who remained to her, the grandchildren and the great grandchildren, but her heart

yearned too for the re-union beyond and with a resignation which was peaceful and bright with hope she obeyed the summons of Him "who doeth all things well."

Rachel Richards was born in Springfield, Ohio, in January 1814, and at that place twenty-three years later, July 6th, 1837, she was united in marriage to **Jesse Hart**. The honeymoon had hardly passed when three young people set out for the wilds of Michigan and in the fall of 1837 reached Walton township and two weeks later Brookfield where a rude hut had been hastily constructed in the depth of the forest, with barely a road cut out and the nearest neighbor four miles distant. There, with them life's activities begun; the solitude of the forest and the howling of wild beasts were the sole companionships which cheered them in the early struggle. On the old farm came in due time better surroundings, 10 children cheered the hearthstone and gave ambition to life's best directed efforts. The companion of those early years and five of the children had preceded her to the life hereafter. The survivors are **Mrs. Hattie Derby**, Eaton Rapids; **Mrs. Jerrie Mikesell**, **Mrs. Emma Shepherd** and **Mrs. M. J. Lamson**, Charlotte, and **Mr. Jesse Hart**, Alpena. Five grandchildren and three great grandchildren and two nieces, **Mrs. J.C. Smith** and **Mrs. Peter McNaughton**, also survive and all were present at the funeral except **Paul Shepherd**, who is in Wyoming.

Funeral Services were held at the residence Monday afternoon at half past two, **Dr. D.F. Barnes** officiating. The choir of the M.E. church thoughtfully selected for the occasion several of the hymns, which were known to be her

favorites, but her especial delight "The Man of Galilee" was sung by her granddaughter, **Miss May Derby**, of Eaton Rapids. Interment was in Maple Hill and there as the verdure of springtime comes loving hands will go laden with incense of sweetest flowers to preserve green the spot which holds so much that in life was near and dear and that in death is of precious memory.

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Mrs. Nettie S. Wack

Dated July 31, 1942

Mrs. Nettie S. Wack was born at North Star, Gratiot county, May 15, 1866, one of six children of **Joseph Seneca Webster** and **Charlotte Ann Knight Webster**. She was married to **Ami R. Collins**, February 13, 1883, and they moved to Eaton county 48 years ago, she having since resided here except for four years spent in Oscoda county, where Mr. Collins died in March, 1909. She was married about 1920 to **Elmer J. Hill**, who passed away October 29, 1941. Mrs. Wack, whose home was at 412 West Shepherd street, died at Hayes-Green-Beach hospital after an illness of about a week. She leaves to mourn her loss two daughters, **Mrs. Lottie DuLude** of Flint and **Mrs. Lora Pierce** of Durand; two sons, **D.E. Collins** of Walla Walla, Washington, and **A.R. Collins** of Charlotte; 15 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and two brothers, **Ervin** and **Charles Webster**, both of Snohomish, Washington. Mrs. Wack has been a faithful member of the Adventist church of Charlotte for the last 25 or 30 years. Funeral services were held at the **Pray**

funeral home Monday afternoon at four o'clock, conducted by **Eld. Arthur A. Douglas** of Lansing. The body was taken Tuesday to Mio for burial beside her first husband, Mr. Collins.

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Calvin Snyder Dies In Brookfield Home

Dated March 17, 1942

Calvin Ross Snyder, 79 years old, died Sunday at his residence in Brookfield township. He was born in Ohio, April 7, 1862, and was a retired carpenter. Surviving are two daughters, **Mrs. Amie Heald** of Detroit, and **Mrs. Wesley Mitchell** of Lansing. Funeral services were held at the **Cheney** funeral home Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. Burial was in the South Okemos cemetery.

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Obit not dated

Mrs. Frances O. Potter

Mrs. Frances O. Potter aged sixty-nine years passed away Monday morning at 4:15 o'clock. She was the widow of the late **Myron Potter**. Surviving are a foster son **Carl Marsh**, one sister in Lansing and several nephews. The funeral was held from the home on West Jefferson street, Wednesday afternoon, **Rev. J.I. Prosser**, officiating. Burial was made in the Mulliken cemetery.

Did You Know---

That the first recorded Greenhouse in Michigan was built in 1834. Glass in 1837 at - Monroe.

Pedigree Chart

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 1 on chart no. 1

Chart no. 1

2 Miles Albert CHURCH

Born: 11 Jul 1896
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI
Marr: 15 Mar 1934
Place: Lansing, Ingham Co., MI
Died: 15 Apr 1978
Place: Pampano Beach, BC, FL

1 Miles CHURCH

Born: 9 Dec 1934
Place: Lansing, Ingham Co., MI
Marr: 9 Jun 1956
Place:
Died:
Place:

Irene Frances PURDY

Spouse

3 Sylvia Bell SELLECK

Born: 12 Aug 1912
Place: Orleans Twp., Ionia Co., MI
Died:
Place:

4 James Albert CHURCH

Born: 21 Feb 1875
Place: Convis Twp., Calhoun Co., MI
Marr: 21 Jan 1895
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI
Died: 8 Jun 1958
Place: Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI

5 Harriet LOVE

Born: 21 Oct 1878
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI
Died: 25 Feb 1908
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI

6 Charles SELLECK

Born: 4 Apr 1876
Place: Macedon, Wayne Co., N.Y.
Marr: 14 Dec 1904
Place: Vestaburg, Montcalm Co., MI
Died: 31 Jan 1948
Place: Ionia, Ionia Co., MI

7 Myrtle BUCKLEY

Born: 14 Jan 1882
Place: Bushnell Twp., Montcalm Co., MI
Died: 1 May 1958
Place: Greenville, Montcalm Co., MI

8 John H. CHURCH

Born: 25 Sep 1848 cont. _____
Place: Oswego Co., N.Y.
Marr: 5 Oct 1870
Place: Burford Twp., BC, Ontario, Canada
Died: 12 Apr 1903
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI

9 Sarah Malvina CARNEY

Born: 14 Nov 1844 cont. _____
Place: Kalamazoo, MI
Died:
Place:

10 William Lucius LOVE

Born: 7 Aug 1829 cont. _____
Place: Bernington Co., Vermont
Marr: 4 Aug 1852
Place:
Died: 24 Sep 1879
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI

11 Lucy Mariah PETERS

Born: 12 Nov 1834 cont. _____
Place: Salem, Washtenaw Co., MI
Died: 11 Jul 1903
Place: South Prairie, MI

12 Joseph SELLECK

Born: 19 Jan 1850 cont. _____
Place: W. Troy, Albany Co., N.Y.
Marr: 21 Feb 1872
Place: Farmington, N.Y.
Died: 29 Jan 1897
Place: Orleans Twp., Ionia Co., MI

13 Adeline HERENDEEN

Born: 1848 cont. _____
Place:
Died: 22 Nov 1890
Place: Orleans, Ionia Co., MI

14 Jeremiah BUCKLEY

Born: 16 Nov 1847 cont. _____
Place: Limerick, Ireland
Marr: 26 Mar 1877
Place: MI
Died: 11 Jun 1918
Place: Vestaburg, Montcalm Co., MI

15 Elizabeth PHILLIPS

Born: 7 Feb 1856 cont. _____
Place: Vickerville, Montcalm Co., MI
Died: 14 Nov 1932
Place: Vestaburg, Montcalm Co., MI

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Marr: 5 Oct 1870
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Died: 12 Apr 1903
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI

1 James Albert CHURCH

Born: 21 Feb 1875
Place: Convis Twp., Calhoun Co., MI
Marr: 21 Jan 1895
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI
Died: 8 Jun 1958
Place: Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI

Harriet LOVE
Spouse

3 Sarah Malvina CARNEY

Born: 14 Nov 1844
Place: Kalamazoo, MI
Died:
Place:

4 Philip CHURCH

Born: 1812
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died: 4 Feb 1881
Place:

5 Mary JOHNSON

Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

6 Samuel CARNEY

Born: 1809
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died: Dec 1850
Place:

7 Mary ?

Born: 1812
Place:
Died:
Place:

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<p>2 William Lucius LOVE</p> <p>Born: 7 Aug 1829 Place: Bernington Co., Vermont Marr: 4 Aug 1852 Place: Died: 24 Sep 1879 Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI</p>	<p>4 William Lowe LOVE</p> <p>Born: 12 Apr 1799 Place: Marr: Place: Died: 29 Mar 1877 Place:</p>	<p>8 James LOVE</p> <p>Born: _____ cont. _____ Place: Marr: Place: Died: Place: 9 Sally ? Born: _____ cont. _____ Place: Died: Place:</p>
<p>1 Harriet LOVE</p> <p>Born: 21 Oct 1878 Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI Marr: 21 Jan 1895 Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI Died: 25 Feb 1908 Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI</p>	<p>5 Lucinda NORTON</p> <p>Born: 9 Apr 1804 Place: Died: 27 Sep 1883 Place:</p>	<p>10 Moses NORTON</p> <p>Born: _____ cont. _____ Place: Marr: Place: Died: Place: 11 Sally ? Born: _____ cont. _____ Place: Died: Place:</p>
<p>James Albert CHURCH</p> <p>Spouse</p>	<p>6 George PETERS</p> <p>Born: 14 Jul 1903 Place: Marr: Place: Died: 8 May 1872 Place:</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Born: _____ cont. _____ Place: Marr: Place: Died: Place: 13</p> <p>Born: _____ cont. _____ Place: Died: Place:</p>
<p>3 Lucy Mariah PETERS</p> <p>Born: 12 Nov 1834 Place: Salem, Washtenaw Co., MI Died: 11 Jul 1903 Place: South Prairie, MI</p>	<p>7 Mary Ann STEVENS</p> <p>Born: 7 Aug 1810 Place: Died: 14 Jan 1894 Place:</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Born: _____ cont. _____ Place: Marr: Place: Died: Place: 15</p> <p>Born: _____ cont. _____ Place: Died: Place:</p>

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2 Joseph SELLECK

Born: 19 Jan 1850
Place: W. Troy, Albany Co., N.Y.
Marr: 21 Feb 1872
Place: Farmington, N.Y.
Died: 29 Jan 1897
Place: Orleans Twp., Ionia Co., MI

1 Charles SELLECK

Born: 4 Apr 1876
Place: Macedon, Wayne Co., N.Y.
Marr: 14 Dec 1904
Place: Vestaburg, Montcalm Co., MI
Died: 31 Jan 1948
Place: Ionia, Ionia Co., MI

Myrtle BUCKLEY

Spouse

3 Adeline HERENDEEN

Born: 1848
Place:
Died: 22 Nov 1890
Place: Orleans, Ionia Co., MI

4 Lafayette SELLECK

Born: 12 Nov 1824
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died: 18 Feb 1904
Place:

5 Elizabeth RETALLICK

Born: 11 Mar 1828
Place:
Died: 4 Aug 1895
Place:

6 Willets HERENDEEN

Born: 12 Nov 1824
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

7 Harriet UNDERWOOD

Born: 24 Aug 1822
Place:
Died: 24 Aug 1876
Place:

8 Mildred SELLECK

Born: cont. _____
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

9 Anna JUPP/JUMP

Born: cont. _____
Place:
Died:
Place:

10 William RETALLICK

Born: cont. _____
Place:
Marr:
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Died:
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11 Chorlette ?

Born: cont. _____
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2 Jeremiah BUCKLEY

Born: 16 Nov 1847
Place: Limerick, Ireland
Marr: 26 Mar 1877
Place: MI
Died: 11 Jun 1918
Place: Vestaburg, Montcalm Co., MI

1 Myrtle BUCKLEY

Born: 14 Jan 1882
Place: Bushnell Twp. Montcalm Co., MI
Marr: 14 Dec 1904
Place: Vestaburg, Montcalm Co., MI
Died: 1 May 1958
Place: Greenville, Montcalm Co., MI

Charles SELLECK

Spouse

3 Elizabeth PHILLIPS

Born: 7 Feb 1856
Place: Vickerville, Montcalm Co., MI
Died: 14 Nov 1932
Place: Vestaburg, Montcalm Co., MI

4 Daniel BUCKLEY

Born: 1 May 1807
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died: 11 Apr 1905
Place:

5 Mary O'BREEN

Born: 14 Feb 1812
Place:
Died: 10 Aug 1889
Place:

6 Andrew PHILIPS

Born: 28 Feb 1818
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died: 1 Aug 1880
Place:

7 S. MAUGHERMAN

Born: 17 Sep 1827
Place:
Died: 2 Mar 1897
Place:

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Born: _____ cont. _____
Place: _____
Marr: _____
Place: _____
Died: _____
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Place: _____
Died: _____
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Marr: _____
Place: _____
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Born: _____ cont. _____
Place: _____
Marr: _____
Place: _____
Died: _____
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Born: _____ cont. _____
Place: _____
Died: _____
Place: _____

14 John MAUGHERMER

Born: _____ cont. _____
Place: _____
Marr: _____
Place: _____
Died: _____
Place: _____

15 Elizabeth ?

Born: _____ cont. _____
Place: _____
Died: _____
Place: _____

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Eaton County Marriages

State of Michigan, County of Eaton
Abstracted By: **Betty Goostrey & Betty Polhamus**
Spelling is as written

Volume 1 Page 35

Date: 14 September, 1843 Groom: **Nelson Wood**, age 24 years, Residence of Tyler, Eaton County, Michigan. Bride: **Julia Piper**, age 22 years, Residence Tyler, Eaton County, Michigan. Offical Performing: David Knox, Minister of the M.E. Church Place of Marriage Tyler, Eaton County, Michigan. Witnesses: **Andrew DeWitt** and **Phebe DeWitt**, both of Tyler, Michigan.
Recorded October 5, 1843 by: **F.F.White**, Depy Clerk

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Date: 24 October 1843 Groom: **Samuel Ashley**, age 30 years Residence: Grant County, Wisconsin. Bride: **Sarah A. Chafee**, age 22 years, Residence: Bellevue, Eaton County, Michigan. Place of Marriage: Bellevue Offical Performing: **George Smith**, Minister of Gospel Witnesses: **John T. Hoyt** and **Harriet Hoyt**, both of Bellevue, Eaton County, Michigan. Recorded 27 October 1843 by **F.F. White**, Depy Clerk

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Date: 14 November 1843 Groom: **Alexander James**, age 35 years, Residence: Union City, Brank Co., Michigan. Bride: **Phebe Wilcoxen**, age 20 years, Residence: Kalamo, Eaton

County, Michigan Offical Performing: **Theo T. Stebbins**, Justice of Peace Witnesses: **E.E. Lacey** and **Caleb A. Robinson**, both of Kalamo, Eaton County, Michigan. Recorded 28 November 1843 by **F.F. White**, Depy Clerk

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Date: 13 September 1843 Groom: **Phillip P. Carlton**, age 22 on 19 July last, Residence: Town of **Tom Benton**, f Eaton County, Michigan. Bride: **Martha An Willey**, age 17 on 29 October last, Residence: Township of Oneida, Eaton County, Michigan. Place of Marriage: House of **Samuel F. Johnston**, in Oneida Offical Performing: **B.F. Barber**, Justice of Peace Witnesses: **Jason Nichols** and **Abigail Nichols**, both from Town of Oneida Recorded 26 September 1843 by **F.F. White**, Depy Clerk

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Date: 25 October 1843 Groom: **Amos A. Grant**, age 27 years, Residence, Bellevue, Eaton County, Michigan. Bride: **Eliza Wilcoxen**, age 27 years, Residence: Bellevue, Eaton County, Michigan. Place of Marriage: Town of Bellevue Offical Performing: **Wm. H. Brownson**, Minister Witnesses: **Mrs. N.A. Brownson** and **W.M. Grant** Recorded 1 January 1844 by **F.F. White**, Depy Clerk

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Date: 12 November 1843 Groom: **Wm. Henry Wilmore**, age 28 years, Residence: Jackson County, Michigan. Bride: **Catherine Childs**, age 30 years, Residence: Town of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan. Offical Performing: **S.M. Collins**, Justice of

Peace Witnesses: **Watsaw P. Wales** and **James H. Arnold** Recorded 18 November 1843 by **S. Blair**, Clerk

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Date: 4 December 1843 Groom: **Henry French**, age 26 years, Residence: Oneida Township, Eaton County, Michigan Bride: **Susan Russell**, age 15 years, Residence: Oneida Township, Eaton County, Michigan Place of Marriage: The house of **Amadon Aldrich** Offical Preforming: **L.H. Ion**, Justice of Peace Witnesses: **Amadon Aldrich** and **Solomon Russell** Recorded 1 January 1844 by **F.F. White**, Depy Clerk

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Date 18 December 1843 Groom: **John W. Mountjoy**, age 30 years, Residence: Bellevue, Eaton County, Michigan Bride: **Laury Ann Phelps**, age 19 years, Residence: Bellevue, Eaton County, Michigan Place of Marriage: The house of **Edward M. Kingsbury** Recorded 1 January 1843 by Dep. County Clerk, **F.F. White**

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Date: 12 December 1843 Groom: **Seth A. Jenne**, age 23 years, Residence: Chester, Eaton County, Michigan Bride: **Emeline Boyer**, age 16 years, Residence: Roxand, Eaton County, Michigan Offical Preforming: **Samuel Lamb**, Minister Witnesses: **Timothy Boyer** and **Margaret Cryderman** of Roxand Recorded 6th March 1844 by Dep. Clerk **F.F. White**

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Date: 16 December 1843 Groom: **Charles Gallow** Residence: Woodland,

Barry County, Michigan Bride: **Joana Hager**, Residence: Town of Vermontville, Eaton County, Michigan Place of Marriage: Town of Vermontville Offical Preforming: **Edward O. Smith**, Justice of Peace Witnesses: **Benjamin Cooper** of Woodland and **Josiah D. Wickham**, Sunfield Township Recorded 7 January 1844 by Dep. Clerk, **F.F. White**

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Date: 8 January 1844 Groom: **Samuel Saunders**, age 23 years, Residence: Oneida Township, Eaton County, Michigan Bride: **Anna Bailly**, age 16 years, Residence: Oneida Township Place of Marriage: At the House of **Truman Johnson** Offical Preforming: **L.H. I'on**, Justice of Peace Recorded 2 February 1844 by Dep. Clerk **F.F.White**

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Date: 16 January 1844 Groom: **Mr. Oliver Jennings**, age 24 years, Residence: Bellevue, Eaton County, Michigan Bride: **Betsey Ann Olger**, age 20 years, Residence: Bellevue, Eaton County, Michigan Place of Marriage: At the Town of Bellevue Offical Preforming: **Silvanus Hunsiker**, Justice of Peace Recorded 7 February 1844, Dep. Clerk **F.F. White**

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Date: 27 January 1844 Groom: **Cornelius M. Vanhauton**, age 26 years, Residence of Roxand Township Bride: **Adeline Stephen**, age 20 years, Residence: Roxand Township, Eaton County, Michigan Place of Marriage: At the home of **George Edgels** in Roxand Township Offical Preforming: **John Dow**, Justice of Peace Witnesses: **William Dow** and **Franklin Canfield**,

both of Roxand Township, Eaton County, Michigan Recorded: 7 February 1844 Dep. Clerk **F.F.White**

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Date: 17 January 1844 Groom: **Mr. Geo. Walker**, age 23 years, Residence: **Tom Benton** Township, Eaton County, Michigan Bride: **Miss Ruth E. Landers**, age 16 years, Residence of **Tom Benton** Township Place of Marriage: At the home of her father **Mr. Asaph Landers** Offical Preforming: **W.U. Benedict**, Minister Witnesses: **Benjamin Landers** and **Elijah Cobb**, both from **Tom Benton** Township Recorded 11 April 1844 Clerk **Frederick F. White**

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Date: 21 January 1844 Groom: **Mr. Peter S. Moe**, age 24 years, Residence: **Brookfield** Township, Eaton County, Michigan Bride: **Julia McArthur**, age 18 years, Residence: **Brookfield** Township, Eaton County, Michigan Place of Marriage: The Town of **Brookfield** Offical Preforming: **Samuel S. Bly**, Justice of Peace Witnesses: **Mrs. Rachel Epley** and **Miss Electa Session** both of **Brookfield** Township, Eaton County, Michigan Recorded 5 February 1844 Clerk: **Frederick F. White**

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Date: 5 February 1844 Groom: **Benjamin F. Mills**, age 29 years, Residence: **Tyler**, Eaton County, Michigan Bride: **Lois Piper**, age 25 years, Residence: **Tyler**, Eaton County, Michigan Place of Marriage: In **Tyler**, Eaton County, Michigan Offical Preforming: **David Knox**, Minister Witnesses: **Nelson Wood** and **Julia**

Wood, both of **Tyler**, Eaton County, Michigan

Volume 1 Page 42

Date: 5 January 1844 Groom: **William M. Grant**, age 25 years, Residence: **Bellevue**, Eaton County, Michigan Bride: **Miss Harriet H. Hunsiker**, age 20 years, Residence: **Bellevue**, Eaton County, Michigan Place of Marriage: At **Bellevue**, Eaton County, Michigan Offical Preforming: **A. Darrow, Jr.**, Justice of Peace Witnesses: **Caleb Woodbury, Jr. & Mary E. his wife.** Recorded 8 March 1844 Clerk, **F.F. White**

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Date: 5 March 1844 Groom: **Issachu Hammond**, age 39 years, Residence: **Mason**, Ingham County, Michigan Bride: **Ann Shephard**, age 26 years, Residence: **Tyler**, Eaton County, Michigan Place of Marriage: **Tyler**, Eaton County, Michigan Offical Preforming: **David Knox**, Minister of **M.E. Church** Witnesses: **Luther Noyes & Susan L. Noyes**, both of **Eaton Rapids**, Eaton County, Michigan Recorded 16 March 1844 Clerk **F.F. White**

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Date: 19 March 1844 Groom: **Mr. DeWitt C. Griffith**, age 24 years, Residence: **Bellevue**, Eaton County, Michigan Bride: **Marilla A. Grant**, age 19 years, Residence: **Bellevue**, Eaton County, Michigan Offical Preforming: **A. Darrow, Jr.** Justice of Peace Witnesses: **J.P. Woodbury & Malinda his wife, Caleb Woodbury, Jr. & Mary E. his wife.** Recorded 20 May 1844 Dep. Clerk **F.F. White**

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Date: 30 March 1844 Groom: **Mr. Silas S. Wood**, age 28 years, Residence: Sheridan Township, Calhoun County, Michigan Bride: **Miss I. Roxand Lane**, age 22 years, Residence: Walton Township, Eaton County, Michigan Place of Marriage: At the residence of **R.W. Campbell** Offical Preforming: **Isaac Hogle**, Justice of Peace Witnesses: **Joseph Bosworth and R.W. Campbell** Recorded 15 April 1844 Dep. Clerk **F.F.White**

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Date 7 April 1844 Groom: **Orin C. McKinstry**, age 23 years, Residence: Eaton Township, Eaton County, Michigan Bride: **Louisa Bryant**, age 16 years, Residence: Eaton Township, Eaton County, Michigan Offical Preforming: **J.M. Collins**, Justice of Peace Witnesses: **George Ashley & Walton R. Wales** Recorded 6 June 1844 **F.F. White**, Clerk

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Date 28 April 1844 Groom: **Moses Piper**, age 57 years, Residence: Tyler, Eaton County, Michigan Bride: **Hannah Haze**, age 43 years, Residence: Tyler, Eaton County, Michigan Offical Preforming: **David Knox**, Minister Witnesses: **Ira Turney & Antha Turney**, Recorded 8 June 1844 **F.F. White**, Clerk

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Date: 17 April 1844 Groom: **Mr. James Worden**, age 35 years Residence: Town of Carmel, Eaton County, Michigan Bride: **Matilda Pegg**, age 25 years Residence: Town of Carmel Offical Preforming: **Hiram Shipham**, Justice of Peace Witnesses:

Jacob Woolhart & Mary Woolhart
Recorded 10 July 1844 **F.F. White**, Clerk

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Date: 21 April 1844 Groom: **Chester Brown**, age 37 years Residence: Eagle, Clinton County, Michigan Bride: **Amanda Blasdel**, age 34 years Residence: Town of Oneida, Eaton County, Michigan Place of Marriage: In the house of **A. Williams** in Oneida Offical Preforming: **A. Williams**, Justice of Peace Witnesses: **A.S. Roof, Esq.** of Lyons, Ionia County, Michigan and **Truman W. Nichols** of Oneida Recorded 20 July 1944 **F.F. White**, Clerk

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Date: 14 June 1844 Groom: **Mr. L.G. Rand**, age 22 years Residence: Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan Bride: **Miss R.P. Hall**, age 22 years Residence: Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan Place of Marriage: Village of Eaton Rapids Offical Preforming: **J.W. Smith**, Minister Witnesses: **G.F. Rand & Thomas Jewitt**, both of Eaton Rapids Recorded 22 June 1844 **F.F. White**, Clerk

Do You Know--

There are over 500 Indian Mounds in Michigan

It is generally agreed that the mound builders erected their structures as tombs in which the departed members were placed. Actually the building of these mounds took many years, as the seasonal lines show. Today these same mounds could be built in a matter of hours. **ECGS 300.12**

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Business Directory

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Vermontville, Mich. Accident tickets
sold, \$3,000 indemnity, for 25c. Agent
for the Interstate Real Estate Exchanges
and Fire Insurance Agent.

Painter & Kalsominer.

F. R. Sheriff, Painter and Paperhanger,
Estimates finished for any job.

Dentist

F. H. Honey, Dentist; office over
A.D. Baughman's. Charlotte, Mich.
Parties from Vermontville and vicinity
having work done at my office, will have
their railroad fare paid on all bills of \$5
and over. Teeth extracted without pain.

Printing

Holt & Sherman, General Job Printing
No need to send work away from home;
we discount foreign prices.

Physicians.

P. L. Green, M.D., office next to
Hammond's furniture store. Office hours

from 2 to 5 P.M., Tuesdays and
Saturdays.

T. Chas. S. Snell, M.D.,
Homoeopathic Physician and Surgeon.
Office in Hammond block. Office hours
from 7 to 9 a.m., 1 to 3 and 7 to 9 p.m.
Saturdays, to 5 p.m. Residence North
Main street. Vermontville, Mich.

VILLAGE OFFICERS

Edgar Rawson	President
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Willard E. Holt	Treasurer
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Wm. Parmenter, M.D.	Health Officer
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Wm. M. Griswold	
Alexander D. Lake	
Andrew Alderman	Trustees
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Len. Acker	

Township Officers

Jonathan N. Hawkins	Supervisor
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J.B. Williams	Constables
A.D. Lake	
Geo. E. Potter	

Eaton County

A Digest of what is Going on in our Neighboring Towns

North-east Vermontville.

Mrs. Ed. Wells was quite sick last week but is better now.

Quite a large crowd out to hear **Rev. John Smith** Saturday evening.

Miss Millie Love, of Charlotte visited her sister **Mrs. Huffman** over Sunday.

Christmas was quiet here except guns they were heard in every direction.

Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Campbell attended a large party at **Ed. Garrett's** Saturday evening.

Mr. Huffman with a buggy full of happy folks went to celebrate with relatives in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pierce, **Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Denton** and family spent Christmas at **Ephraim Campbell's**.

Alma.

West Vermontville

Bayard Davis, our teacher, went home to Eaton Rapids to spend Christmas.

Misses Mira and Flo Burgman of Charlotte, are home to spend Christmas.

Rob. Chance called on his brother-in-law, **D. McMore**, in Maple Grove, the first of the week.

Sam. Shepard went to Grand Rapids Monday to spend the holidays with his sister, **Mrs. Allen Wheeler**.

There seems to be considerable interest taken in the debates by the older portion of the community and the spelling *__atch by the younger ones. It will be profitable for all who participate.

*(Paper wrinkle made bad copy)

Christmas has been here with grace, peace on earth and good will. Soon "happy new year" will greet our ear. May we all resolve, with help from on high to still do better than in the past, and grace divine in the future be given us, we ask until the close of 1889.

Louise

Brookfield

Mrs. Joseph Myers is on the sick list.

Frank Paine has returned from Dakota.

There was a picnic at the log church last Friday.

Walter Johnson is building a new house on his farm.

Miss Irene Wiltbank is very sick with malarial fever.

Mrs. Eunice Peters is visiting her mother **Mrs. Wells**, in Hillsdale.

Eugene Dahlam has a brother visiting him from Grand Rapids.

Dance at **John Kay's** last Wednesday night, pleasant time reported.

Dr. Newark's brothers from Roxand visited him Saturday and Sunday.

John Numbers' girls who were so sick with typhoid fever are able to be out again.

Elder Cox will preach at **Williams Hall** Sunday afternoon Dec. 30th, at 2:30 P.M.

Mrs. J.A. Graham had quite a severe nervous shock last week Tuesday night caused from sore eyes.

The Perry school had a shadow social at **Miss Lizzie Bickford's** last Friday night; there were 60 present.

Sunshine.

Mulliken

S. David is talking of buying a business lot.

Rev. Warner is the guest of his son and family.

J. Martin moved into his new brick house last week.

Dr. Hixon shipped several cars of wood this week.

E. Thornberry is making the seats for the U. B. church.

Thomas & Ewer have their new engine in their elevator.

Geo. Lee will spend the holidays with his parents in Lansing.

O.A. Halladay moved into his fine brick residence Thursday.

Willard Warner moved into one of Dr. Hixon's houses last week.

Mr. Bishop and **Mr. Dow** of Sunfield were in town Saturday on business.

Wm. Crane has the contract to make 25 window frames for **Potter's** hotel.

An 8 pound boy is the cause of the pleasant smile on **A.T. Morris's** countenance.

Sam. Spencer, and wife, of Lansing, are spending the holidays with their parents.

Rev. Weiler, U.B. minister, preaches every Sunday evening at the school house.

Bishop Weaver, of Ohio, will preach the dedication sermon Jan. 18th of the U.B. church.

Frank E. Wymar, of Roxand, and **Miss Mary Pike** of Danby were made one last Friday.

Pen. Canfield's team ran away Saturday with a load of lumber, smashing the _____ (*Bad copy) up some.

Mrs. Lyons lost a valuable horse Saturday night; it got loose in the barn and ate too much grain.

White wheat from 90 c to \$1; red wheat 90c to \$1.00; oats, 25c to 27c; corn, new _____ (*bad copy), eggs, 22c; butter, 20c.

H. Spencer got one of the finest evergreens that you ever saw for the Christmas tree at Hoytville last Monday night.

Rev. Warner suggested some very _____ (*bad copy) thoughts to the children of the M.E. Sunday school at Hoytville last Sunday.

Every pound of flour is warranted at the flour exchange. Give them a call. Buckwheat flour \$3.50; White flour \$2.80 per hundred.

Rev. Arney, M.E. pastor preaches at the Hoytville M.E. church every Sunday evening and at Danby every Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Rev. Holerwell, Free Methodist will preach at the M.E. church in Hoytville one week from next Sunday at ten o'clock and every two weeks thereafter.

The Echo is getting to be the leading paper in Hoytville; if they do not have one of their own they borrow their neighbors so they can have some truthful items to talk about. We do not intend to send items that are not true, even if some would like us to please some itching ears. Whenever we make an error we will always be ready and willing to correct it with the greatest pleasure.

Link Williams was arrested in Barry county and transferred to Sheriff Perkins. **Mr. Perkins**, notified his friends here, who went at once to Charlotte and brought him home. Mr. W's mind of late has wandered some at times. While in his wandering he lost his valise containing all of his clothing

except what he had on his back. He is a young man and has the entire sympathy of the community. The valise was a large one with two strips torn on one side, on the other a nickel plate. **Martha P. Williams** gave it to him; it contained the following articles of clothing; pair dark pants, small blue check on them; pair of knit drawers, knit shirt, blue and white check over shirt, pair congress shoes, nearly new, 4 pair socks, 2 pair red stockings, one pair pants they cannot describe, and one other striped over shirt, one dollar, 2 fine white shirts. The finder will confer a great favor if they will return the satchel to the address of **Martha P. Williams**, Hoytville, Mich.

Barry county papers please copy.
Hustler

Mr. A.C. Cazier will handle the Kelly fence machine in Vermontville and vicinity. He will take great pleasure in showing up the practical working of the machine and sell to any who wish to purchase the best machine in the market.

49tf

G.S. Downs has a fine farm for sale.

Mortuary

---After a tedious and painful illness of many week, **David Simons** passed quietly away a little before 12 o'clock Friday night. A prayer was offered by **Rev. J.H. Thomas**, at the house, Saturday afternoon, after which the remains were taken to Charlotte and from there to the Eaton cemetery, where they were laid beside the late **Mrs. Simons**. Deceased was about 41 years of age and had been a resident of Vermontville for nearly five years, working hard to support his three

motherless children who will now be provided with comfortable homes by their grand-mother, **Mrs. Elizabeth Simons**, of Eaton township. During the illness of the deceased he has been well cared for by the kind-hearted people of the village, to whom the surviving members of the family desire to express their warmest gratitude.

Houses to rent, cheap. Enquire of
F.M. Woodmansee. 50-tf

Photographs at reduced rates until
after the holidays. Cabinets \$2.25 at
Norton's. 48-52

For splendid potatoes see **Wilt Imes**,
Vermontville. 45tf

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Local Hits

Happenings of the Week as Viewed By Our Reporter.

Rainbow Monday morning.
Verdant Christmas-corpulent
cemetery.

Good young colt for sale. Enquire of
L.R. Acker.

Look out for a *good* item from West
Sunfield next week.

Mrs. W. H. Walsh must have all
accounts due her within the next 30
days.

Stone & Hull's new sign was "put up"
by **Chas. Southwell** and its a dandy, too.

G. S. Downs did a worthy act in
collectiong money to pay the late **David
Simons'** taxes.

The Methodists expect to be assisted
in revival meetings early in January by
Evangelist **John Full.**

Big New Years Eve ball at **Stinchcomb's** hall Sunfield, Monday evening. Elegant music. Bill \$1.

The Michigan Press Association have a special meeting at Lansing Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 8th and 9th.

We had the pleasure of a very sweet sip of sap the first of this week, a privilege we seldom enjoy in December.

Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Kiehle desire to thank the ladies of the W.C.T.U. for flowers and appropriate scriptural texts.

The Nashville News wants Barry county to build a new court house, and is going at it in about the right kind of style.

We enjoyed the summer atmosphere and delightful fragrance of the Bodine conservatory for a brief period Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. W.E. Imes will close out the remainder of her millinery goods at cost and all hats already made up will be sold below cost.

An upholstered chair or a fine center table make beautiful holiday gifts. **C. E. Hammond** keeps them for sale at very reasonable prices.

Geo. E. Potter, one of our progressive young farmer, has taken out registry certificates for two of his thorough-bred Holstein-Fresians.

Mrs. H.W. Dikeman is in possession of a geranium 53 inches in height, the top of all the branches being surmounted with beautiful blossoms.

Brown Bros., Charlotte clothiers, have opened up on one of their old time "break downs." Watch next weeks paper for * complete announcement. (* Spelled as printed)

W.M. Rulison has just received a few Shropshire Down thoroughbred, lambs from the celebrated breeder,

Morris Ayers, of Anderson, Livingston Co., Mich.

A pleasant party was given at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Garrett** Saturday evening, in honor of the cousins from Battle Creek who are visiting them.

The Kalamo Pioneer Association will hold its third annual meeting at the town hall on Jan. 1st, 1889. A picnic dinner by those in attendance as usual.

Reuben Gridley, President.

The name of **Mrs. G.B. Morey** should be placed high up on the "roll of honor" for the flattering success of the recent camp-fire. By an oversight we did not mention this fact last week.

Our mountain-hearted generous **Gen. Alger** again made 700 newsboys in Detroit happy with Christmas suits of clothes. Heaven's choicest blessings are none to rich for our noble general.

Walrath Bros. have re-opened the Nashville skating rink, and will run Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Next Tuesday evening they will give a mask carnival and dance. Everybody invited.

Rev. S.L. Smith manifested the goodness in his heart Christmas eve. and Christmas morning, distributing many useful gifts to many poor families. Generous contributions were made by the citizens.

A large smoked ham was discovered on **Rev. J.H. Thomas'** front porch Friday morning bearing the following inscription: "To be put in "Missus." stocking for Christmas. From one of the heathen."

G.B. Morey writes to his family from Tacoma, W.T., as follows: "I get the ECHO all right. Say to **Mr. Holt** that the coming once a week of his neat and well edited paper is like a bright ray of

sunshine to a storm-tossed mariner. May his shadow never grow less."

The floor in the basement of the large barn recently erected on **B. F. Wells'** farm in Kalamo, has just been completed. It consists of tamarack blocks set closely together, filled in and sanded. It is as durable as it is novel, and though it requires much labor it is well worth imitating.

The home of **Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Kelly** was the scene of a happy marriage Christmas evening, the contracting parties being their accomplished daughter, **Lura**, and **Mr. Wm. Ferris**, one of our industrious and enterprising young men. The necessary wods were spoken by **Rev. J.H. Thomas**.

Our genial friend, **C.F. Fuller**, wears an unusually pleasant countenance of late and will hereafter enjoy the pleasant companionship of a wife, who will preside over his handsome new home. We refer to **Miss Eliza Boyd**, of Kalamo, a lady well known here as a prominent worker in the W.R.C. The ECHO extends sincere congratulations to the happy pair, made one by **Rev. C.L. Barnhart**, at Charlotte, last Thursday.

Monday of last week, witnessed the 21st anniversary of the birthday of **Jacob Faust**. It passed by unheeded until Tuesday evening, when returning from a neighbor's where he had been at work, he discovered a light in the parlor and wishing to know the cause thereof, proceeded there only to find that about 30 of his young friends had gathered to give him a surprise. Dancing was the main feature of the evening, in which all indulged until about midnight, when lunch was served, after which the crowd dispersed, all wishing Mr. Faust many happy returns of his birthday.

At **Dunlap Bros.** annual deqing Friday evening **James Mahar** drew the first prize, a handsome \$15 toliet set. It is a somewhat singular fact that this same set was drawn by the same person last year and bought back by Dunlap Bros., but now Jim says nobody can *buy* it, although we mistrust somebody will *get* it. The second prize, a \$10 toliet set, was drawn by **Edwin Hanford**. **Eugene Carey** carried off the beautiful \$6 album. **Elmer Morris** was seen going away with a \$2 toliet case. **Wallace Heller** held the lucky number that drew the \$2 ladies' work case. **Will Ferris** took home a \$2 odor case, **S.G. Allen** was satisfied with a \$1.50 whisk broom holder and **C.D. Hall** with a 75c paper weight. The drawing was fairly conducted by **J.C. Downing**, **W.E. Holt** and **H.B. Sherman**.

Personal Pencilings

~~~**Elmer Norris** is home from Saginaw for a few days.

~~~**Joseph Beck** and family are visiting relatives in Ohio.

~~~**Mrs. Chas. Hull** visited Grand Rapids friends last week.

~~~**M.L. Stiles** and family are visiting relatives in Fowlerville.

~~~**Fred L. Dickinson**, is home from Laingsburg for the holidays.

~~~**Miss Ruth Hawkins** is home from Oberlin college for two weeks.

~~~**Miss Alderman**, **Miss Allen**, and **Mr. Norris** are home from Olivet college.

~~~**C.H. Field** is looking after is father's interest in northern Michigan.

~~~**Miss Fletcher** is enjoying the holiday vacation in Kalamazoo and Aurelius.

~~~Mrs. S.W. Bale, and children, of Dakota, are visiting her brother **W.M. Bale**.

~~~Bro. **Homer Bryan**, of the Charlotte Leader, paid us a pleasant fraternal call Friday.

~~~**C.R. McKenny** is spending a part of his college vacation with Vermontville friends.

~~~Mrs. **Warren Balch**, of Lapeer, is visiting her daughter, **Mrs. J. H. Thomas**.

~~~Mrs. **Arthur Allen**, of Dakota, is enjoying our mild winter weather for a few weeks.

~~~The **Misses Boardman** of Jackson, enjoyed Christmas festivities with their mother here.

~~~Miss **Mary Walsh**, of Westbille, has been the guest of her sister, **Mrs. W.E. Imes** this week.

~~~Mrs. **E.U. Stiles** and children are spending a few days with her parents at Whitmore Lake.

~~~**Geo. S. McCotter** and family, of Hartford, are visiting their parents, **Mr. and Mrs. S. McCotter**.

~~~**F.E. Barnes** and family, of Hastings, enjoyed Commercial house turkey Christmas.

~~~**C.H. Horn**, of Olivet college, shook hands with his numerous friends here the first of the week.

~~~**G. S. Downs** and wife entertained **Robt. Downs** and family and **J. H. Free-house** of Sunfield, Tuesday.

~~~**J.C. Sherman** and son, **Bertrand**, enjoyed a Christmas feast at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sherman** in Brookfield.

~~~**S. J. Acker** and wife and **Mrs. Bacon** and son **John**, of Charlotte, partook of **Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Acker's** Christmas turkey.

~~~**Howard Loomis** and his estimable wife, of Chicago, diffused a half day's sunshine with their presence here yesterday afternoon.

~~~**Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McIntosh**, of Battle creek, are guest at **Ed. Garrett's**. **Willie Chrysler**, of Grand Rapids, is also spending the holidays there.

~~~Miss **Lizzie Slout**, of Chicago, is spending the holidays with relatives and friends here. She still occupies a good position in the American express office.

~~~**C. M. Ambrose** and family, **F. B. Benedict** and family and **W. E. Holt** and family fared sumptuously on Christmas with their parents, **Mr. & Mrs. T. R. Kennedy**.

~~~**Rev. Arthur Metcalf**, late of northern Michigan has been spending a few days with **H.S. Dickinson** and family. He occupied the Congregational pulpit Sunday evening.

~~~Postmaster **J. H. Marr** and wife, of Spring Grove are spending the week with **Moses and Henry Cross**. Mr. Marr was appointed under a former Republican administration and so retains his position.

~~~**Misses Nora and Jessie Dawson**, **Clara and Mattie Bowie** and **Clyde Harmon** and **Reed Mitchell**, of Charlotte, attended the leap year party here Friday evening.

~~~**Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hulett**, of Vermontville. **Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hulett**, of Bismarck, Mich., and **Miss Helen Hulett**, of New York are the guests of **E. W. Stevens** and **DeWitt Loomis**.

Middleville Republican.

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#### New Years Entertainment.

The following is the program for the entertainment to be given at the Con-



gregational church, Tuesday evening,  
January 1st.

Music.

Recitation, A Tale of the Northland,  
**Russel Young.**

Essay on Animals, **George Parmenter.**

Recitation, Paradise and the Peri, **M. E. Smith.**

Music, solo, **Nina Wells.**

Recitation, Sixty Years Ago, **Edith Martin.**

Trial of Fing Wing.

Judge, **David Young;** Fing Wing, **Noble**

**Gaut;** District Atty, **S. B. Smith;**

Counsel for Defense, **F. M. Woodmansee.**

Witnesses--**Jacob Schneider, George**

**Parmenter; Kitty Maloney, Nora**

**Gaut; Simon Simple, H.H. Church.**

Music.

Humorous Selection, **W. M. Griswold.**

Tambourine Drill

Rehearsal, Simon's Wife's Mother,

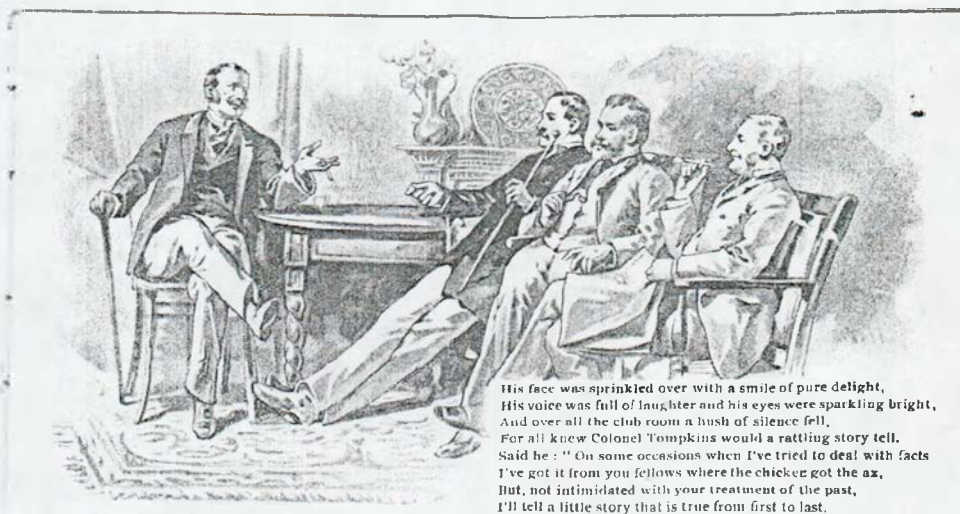
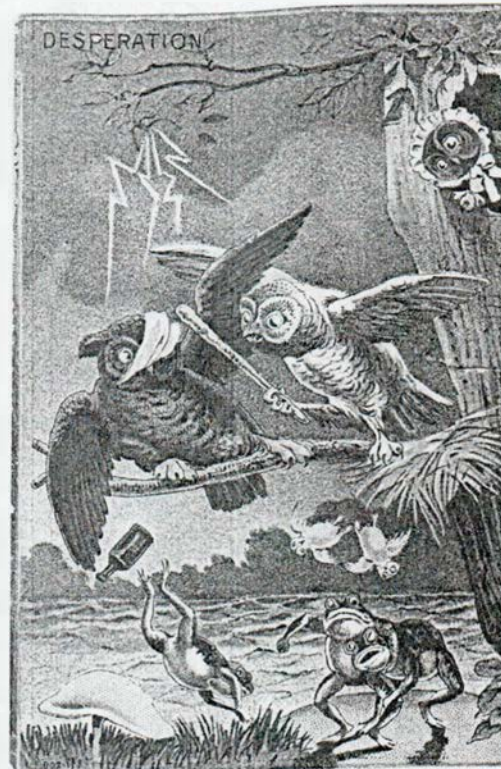
**Clarence Martin.**

Music.

Recitation, Critics take Warning, **Lulu Snell.**

The New Year, **Hon. H. G. Barber.**

Music.



His face was sprinkled over with a smile of pure delight,  
His voice was full of laughter and his eyes were sparkling bright,  
And over all the club room a hush of silence fell,  
For all knew Colonel Tompkins would a rattling story tell.  
Said he : " On some occasions when I've tried to deal with facts  
I've got it from you fellows where the chicken got the ax,  
But, not intimidated with your treatment of the past,  
I'll tell a little story that is true from first to last.

# School Photo

Martin School District #7 Dated Spring 1913  
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Back Row: Ermentrude Martin, Anna Hottois, Teacher, Ira White,  
Vern Campbell, Alton White, Glenn Towe  
Front Row: Hazel White, Tommy Harris, Floyd Bell, Ion Parr,  
Roy White  
(Carson Parr & Thelma Martin were absent that day)





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1907 Charlotte, MI "Delphian".

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Nabokov, 174pp..... **100.156**

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Sharlene Kelley-Thuma, Librarian

# Pedigree Chart

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Chart no. 1

## 2 James M. BAIN

Born: 18 Aug 1893  
Place: Franklin Co.,IL  
Marr: 11 Sep 1923  
Place:  
Died: 11 Mar 1954  
Place: Genesee Co.,MI

## 1 Elaine E. BAIN

Born: 8 Mar 1924  
Place: Genesee Co.,MI  
Marr: 29 Nov 1941  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

William C. JOHNSTON  
Spouse

## 3 Maude Pearl SLY

Born: 15 Mar 1902  
Place: Alcona Co.,MI  
Died: 1 Oct 1940  
Place: Genesee Co.,MI

## 4 Robert C. BAIN

Born: 13 Mar 1862  
Place: Franklin Co.,IL  
Marr: 19 Sep 1880  
Place:  
Died: 13 Sep 1934  
Place: Genesee Co.,MI

## 5 Nancy Alice CHAPLAIN

Born: 21 Jun 1862  
Place: Hamilton Co.,IL  
Died: 17 Jul 1937  
Place: Genesee Co.,MI

## 6 Daniel SLY

Born: 27 Aug 1856  
Place: Eaton Co.,MI  
Marr: 10 Jan 1894  
Place:  
Died: 19 Feb 1942  
Place: Genesee Co.,MI

## 7 Bessie SHEPARD

Born: 14 Aug 1879  
Place: Gratiot Co.,MI  
Died: 10 Apr 1941  
Place: Genesee Co.,MI

## 8 James BAIN

Born: 1829 cont.  
Place: Vigo Co.,IN  
Marr:  
Place:  
Died: 28 Nov 1876  
Place: Franklin Co.,IL

## 9 Emily C. ROBERSON

Born: cont.  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

## 10 David CHAPLAIN

Born: 9 Feb cont.  
Place: Saline Co., IL  
Marr: 7 Apr 1855  
Place: Posey Co.,IN  
Died: 29 Mar 1920  
Place: Leavenworth Co.,KN

## 11 Nancy A. ALLEN

Born: cont.  
Place:  
Died: 4 May 1866  
Place: IL

## 12 William W. SLY

Born: 22 Oct 1807 cont.  
Place: N.Y.  
Marr: 7 Jul 1842  
Place: Commerce, Oakland Co.,MI  
Died: 3 Jan 1863  
Place: Isabella Co.,MI

## 13 Elizabeth MORRIS OR CLOSE ?

Born: 1829 cont.  
Place: Ireland  
Died: 1873  
Place: MI

## 14 Alvin E. SHEPARD

Born: 1842 cont.  
Place: Wayne Co.,N.Y.  
Marr: 4 Oct 1872  
Place:  
Died: 2 Dec 1910  
Place: Oscoda Co.,MI

## 15 Maud FRANKHAUSER

Born: 31 Oct 1851 cont.  
Place: Fulton Co.,OH  
Died: 7 Apr 1908  
Place: Oscoda Co.,MI

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# Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 1

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 1 on chart no. 1

## 2 Daniel SLY

Born: 27 Aug 1856  
Place: Eaton Co.,MI  
Marr: 10 Jan 1894  
Place:  
Died: 19 Feb 1942  
Place: Genesee Co.,MI

## 1 Maude Pearl SLY

Born: 15 Mar 1902  
Place: Alcona Co.,MI  
Marr: 11 Sep 1923  
Place:  
Died: 1 Oct 1940  
Place: Genesee Co.,MI

James M. BAIN  
Spouse

## 3 Bessie SHEPARD

Born: 14 Aug 1879  
Place: Gratiot Co.,MI  
Died: 10 Apr 1941  
Place: Genesee Co.,MI

## 4 William W. SLY

Born: 22 Oct 1807  
Place: N.Y.  
Marr: 7 Jul 1842  
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Place:  
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## 7 Maud FRANKHAUSER

Born: 31 Oct 1851  
Place: Fulton Co.,OH  
Died: 7 Apr 1908  
Place: Oscoda Co.,MI

## 8 Christopher SLY

Born: 13 Sep 1779 cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Marr:  
Place:  
Died: 14 Sep 1845  
Place:

## 9 Lodemia ?

Born: 5 Mar 1787 cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Died: Aug 1823  
Place: N.Y.

## 10 James CLOSE

Born: cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Marr:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

## 11 Nancy DOUGHERTY

Born: cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

## 12 James SHEPARD

Born: 7 Jan 1819 cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Marr:  
Place:  
Died: 30 Jan 1898  
Place: MI

## 13 Clarissa MOSHER

Born: cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

## 14 John FRANKHAUSER

Born: cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Marr:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place: Ohio

## 15 Elizabeth BRAUGHER

Born: 1823 cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Died: 20 Feb 1900  
Place: Gratiot Co.,MI

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- Stickles, William Asa.** Petition #439 Book 6  
Attached to Petition: Certificate of Arrival; Depositions of Witnesses;  
Certificate issued 11-16-1949 #6771060 in the name of William Asa Stickles  
(stub from original certificate issued)
- Stobert, Esther.** Oath of Allegiance application granted 2-18-1942. Allegiance lost by  
reason of marriage
- Stocker, Lidia aka Lydia Doerr, Lydia Stoecker.** Petition #397 Book 5  
Attached to Petition: Certificate of Arrival  
Certificate issued 1-9-1945 #6123436 in the name of Lydia Doerr (stub from  
original certificate issued)
- Stoecker, Lydia aka Lidia, Doerr, Lidia Stocker.** Same record as above.
- Strang, Gustave aka Gust Strang.** 2 Declarations of Intentions, Petition, Affidavits of  
Witnesses, Oath-Packet I
- Strang, Lars John.** Declaration of Intention signed 4-1-1902 Liber A Page 39
- Strapko, Andrew aka Ondrej Strapko.** Declaration of Intention #426
- Strapko, Ondrej.** (Same record as above)
- Strecks, Clara aka (see Hugh Berrsford Strecks)** Certificate issued 9-20-1929 #3121979  
in the name of Clara Strecks (stub from original certificate issued)
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Berrsford Strecks (stub from original certificate issued) Declaration of Intention  
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- Streub, Adam.** Declaration of Intention- Packet C
- Strickfield, John.** Declaration of Intention signed 10-15-1892 Liber A Page 15
- Strube, Jacob aka John Jacob Strube, Johann Jacob Strube.** Petition #263 Book 4.  
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Certificate issued 9-21-1938 #4464957 in the name of John Jacob Strube (stub  
from original certificate issued)
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- Strube, Katharina aka Katherine Strube.** Petition #262 Book 4. Attached to Petition:  
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#4464958 in the name of Katherine Strube (stub from original certificate issued)
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- Stull, Ethel aka nee Labadie.** Petition #382 denied Book 5 Petition #420 Book 6  
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**Styger, Hilda** (see Louis Styger)

**Styger, Irene** (Child) (see Louis Styger)

**Styger, Louis.** Certificate of Naturalization signed on 10-31-1923 #1768755  
Declaration of Intention signed 4-12-1920 #167

**Styger, Martin Joseph.** Certificate of Naturalization signed 2-21-1923 #1256825

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**Sulyok, Anna** formerly Kormos, nee Lendvai. Petition #415 Book 6 Attached to Petition: Certificate of Arrival, Petition to Amend for Naturalization. Certificate issued 11-19-1947 #6436211 in the name of Anna Sulyok (stub from original certificate issued)

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**Sulyok, Anthony** aka Antal Sulyok (Same record as above)

**Suntken, Elisabeth Ann Hermine** aka Krop. Petition #331 Book 5 Attached to Petition: Certificate of Arrival. Certificate issued 2-16-1944 #612392 in the name of Elisabeth Ann Hermine Suntken (stub from original certificate issued)

**Swat, John Jacob.** Declaration of Intention signed 9-20-1921 #181 (check signature)

**Szabo, Joseph.** Declaration of Intention signed 9-27-1915 #58

**Szarka, Janos** aka John Szarka. Declaration of Intention #377

**Szarka, John Szarka** aka Janos (Same record as above)

**Szlay, Jmre.** Declaration of Intention signed 2-13-1924 #216

**Szlay, Mary** (see Jmre Szlay)

**Szoets, Emma D'Angelo** aka Emma Szoets D'Angelo. Declaration of Intention #419

**Szoets, Peter D'Angelo** aka Peter Szots D'Angelo. Declaration of Intention #418

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### **Williams/Miller/Weatherholdt/Robinson:**

In the winter of 1841, **Peter Williams** came to Brookfield Township, Eaton County and built a log house. In April of 1842 he returned with his family and lived there for the remainder of his life. Request any information for the following descendants of Petter Williams and his second wife, all of whom lived and died in Brookfield: **David T. Williams** (1845-1888); **Thomas D. Williams** (1853-1897); **Arlo R. Williams** (1875- ? ); Request information for **Nellie (Williams) Miller**, born 1874 in Brookfield; buried at Perry cemetery in Brookfield. She died about 21 Jun 1967 in Branch County, MI. Request information for **Mary J. Williams**. She was enumerated with her parents, Peter and Mary, on the census of 1870 for Brookfield, age 18.

Request any information for the children of **Horace Morton Williams** who died 21 Jul 1911 in Springport, MI leaving several children in Jackson County and Eaton County. He had been married to **Angeline Weatherholdt** and to **Alvira (Vera) Robinson**. Children were **Arrus** (1860/1861 OH), **Henry** (c1865 OH), **Albert** (1865/1866 MI), **Gertrude** (c1866 MI), **Anna E.** (1870 Ottawa Co., OH), **Franklin "Frank"** (1872 Ottawa County OH), **George** (1874), and **Sophronia** (1876 MI)

Request any information for descendants of **Charles Riley Williams**, born 1865 in Illinois, grew up in Brookfield. Died 1908 in Grand Rapids, MI. Wife or daughter or both named Jean/Jeanne.

Descendant of **William W. Williams** born 1895 Eaton County, please call or write. **Mickey Williams, Box 726, Normangee TX 77871, phone (409) 396-1143**

### **Hampton/Patterson:**

Looking for decendants of William & Sarah. William born 30 May 1810 Died 9 Dec 1905. Sarah Born 9 March 1807 died September 1898. Chester Township, Eaton County, MI. Please write: **Vicki Dukes, 314 Mineral St., Grand Ledge, MI 48837**



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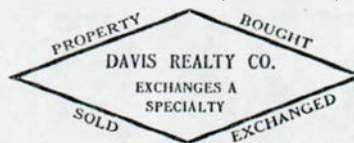
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The following has been excerpted from the speech given by Shirley J. Hodges to the Eaton County Genealogical Society, 15 January 1997.

"As indicated my topic for tonight is 'What Our/Your Society can do for You?' If you have any Irish ancestry I am sure that you can understand if I paraphrase my title just a little and call it Our Society: Blessings and Curses. Many of the Irish thought that sometime they go hand in hand. We have to understand sometimes that if we want to have all the benefits of something, then sometimes we have to accept the responsibilities or the Curses that go with it.

There are several reasons why people belong to a group, or why they do not. A clear understanding of potential members' reasons for belonging will allow an organization to structure itself so as to meet those needs. If they don't meet the needs of the membership they will not flourish.

A genealogy society should have a mission statement or clearly state their objects and purposes. For discussion purposes, I will use the MMGS statement for an example.

The objects and purposes are stated as follows:

1. To preserve and make available for genealogical research the records of our ancestors.
2. To encourage and assist the study of family history; to promote the exchange of knowledge; and genealogical records.
3. To cooperate with other societies and to assist the area libraries in expanding and publicizing their genealogical holdings.
4. To publish materials of interest and use to genealogists.

I really recommend that each group examine their mission statement annually and make sure that are keeping on target. Make sure that what you *thought* was important is *being handled* like it was important. If not, re-evaluate.

There is also a very important role that a society that has an office with a library can provide for people. Lots of us have heard horror stories of people who have worked diligently on their family histories for years only to have them thrown in the trash by their heirs. If you do not have a family member who is interested in your materials and you want to have them preserved and perhaps published at some point make arrangements for them to be given to a genealogical repository. Your materials represent a great deal of time, energy, research and money and they deserve to be **preserved** and **disseminated** as a testament to you and your family, A genealogy society may help you insure that this happens.

The goal of every society should be to have a society worth belonging to.



#### Aptitude of the society

1. Mission and purpose
2. Organizational structure
3. Limiting costs
4. Networking "Isolation perpetuates ignorance."
5. Professional look and feel: Quality productions

#### Attitude of the members

1. Have fun
2. Friendly
3. Service: "Enter to learn, go forth to serve."
4. Understand reasons for belonging
  - a) Magnify efforts
  - b) Learn
  - c) Provides resources
  - d) Encourages publication
  - e) Provides strength
  - f) Repays for services
  - g) Responsibility
  - h) Involvement varies over time

#### Activities and benefits of membership

1. Classes, seminars, conferences
2. Projects
3. Publications
4. Query and/or Exchange files
5. Pedigree/Anccestor chart files
6. Trips
7. Awards, honors
8. Research assistance & referrals

#### Analysis of needs and abilities (Surveys, Focus groups)

1. Current members
2. Drop-outs
3. Potential Members
4. Geographic distribution

#### Advertise for new members

1. Libraries
2. Hereditary societies
3. Other genealogical groups

4. Historical societies
5. Community media
6. Conferences
7. Brochure

For a society to survive they must, in my opinion, do the following things:

- Understand and appreciate the structure of the organization. The organization is the important thing. The membership ultimately rules what a society undertakes and ultimately accomplishes. The majority of the membership rules. All members have equal rights and discussions are always encouraged. Officers come and go in a society, but the membership is the core. **Without an active membership you cannot flourish.**
- Keep your long term members active. It doesn't do any good to recruit new members if you can't retain them.
- Energize volunteers. This means fitting the person to the job and the job to the person; take on important projects. You can burn your members out with too many small jobs.
- Make meetings work. Do the necessary business and keep monthly business meetings as short as possible. Eaton Co. is a good example where this is working. By utilizing the board members very effectively it has taken a lot of the trivial day-to-day business matters out of the general meeting arena.
- When considering projects, determine if that activity will enhance the image of the Society. What will be the most helpful approach for the members..... and will the members enjoy doing it. I also encourage evaluating every project and deciding if it truly is for the good of the society. If it is not, we should take a very close look at it. Sometimes we continue doing something out of habit. This may not be all bad but we want to make sure that we are asking people to work on important things and not burning them out on trivial matters.
- Make it easy for the volunteers to accomplish those things that are of value to the society. I think a terrific example of this is the Funeral Home Project that has been implemented by the Eaton County Genealogical Society. We have accomplished more than anyone thought possible simply by allowing members to take the books home and work on them. Volunteers appreciate being able to work at home and their spouses certainly appreciate the fact that we don't expect them to work at the office all the time. Also we find that it is difficult for two people to be working on the computer at one time. By working at home on projects we multiply our efforts greatly. IT IS ALL A MATTER OF TRUST. We trust the volunteers to work carefully with the materials. They trust us because they know that we will appreciate their efforts.

- Appreciate your volunteers.

**As members you have responsibilities also to do the following:**

- Elect leadership who will show **respect, integrity, courtesy, tolerance, compassion, and humility** to each other and to the members of the society.
- As members it is your responsibility to see that the organization is ran in a way that meets the goals of the society. Offer suggestions if you have a "better mousetrap".
- Give your officers support. Sometimes that is the most important thing they get. Believe me, the pay isn't great.

I would recommend that people consider joining a least three genealogical societies.

Join a society in the area you are researching. You hope that this will provide material that will be useful in your own research. Usually societies publish some type of newsletter or quarterly in which you can find information and sometimes have queries published.

Join a society in the area you live. Even if you have no ancestors from the area it can be of great benefit. You gain the opportunity to meet other family historians, to hear speakers at society meetings, and discuss problems with others who may have had similar experience. By volunteering to work on its projects, you can help the society give others the kind of help you hope to receive from your distant society of interest.

And... finally, a national genealogical society. Membership dues in the National Genealogical Society (NGS) are \$40. Membership includes mail use of the society library and a subscription to its quarterly journal, whose carefully researched articles often feature innovative approaches to difficult problems.

Collecting and recording family history is a rewarding pastime, and the hunt is often as much fun as the actual discovery. Never underestimate the value of your genealogy society in this never ending hunt for your ancestors.

Since I opened with an Irish belief, I would like to close with one. There is and Old Irish Proverb that we should pay attention to: "Fear na bo' Fein Faoin a heirbeal." Loosely translated it means, "The cow's owner must get under the tail to push her out of the bog." And we are all in a bog if we can't learn from our own history and work together as those Irish Farmers did so long ago.

Let us all work together to make our Societies the best that they can be for all involved.

# Genealogy Web-site Addresses

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## **EDWARD "ED" DANNER: A SLAVE, A SOLDIER, A FREE MAN**

by Melvin J. Collier

I have been researching my family's roots since 1993. The following story is about the life of Edward "Ed" Danner, my great-great-grandfather. I knew little about him until this year, when I received his Civil War pension file from a relative, who got it from the National Archives in Washington, D.C. This pension file was a genealogical goldmine because it basically told the story of his life. He was known as Edward Bobo in the War. Ed was a Union soldier, but his life was saved by his master's son, a Confederate soldier.

Ed Danner was born into slavery in Union County, South Carolina, in about 1832. He was once the slave of a white planter named Thomas Danner. Ed lived on the Danner farm up until the year of 1860. He was then sold to Dr. William Johnson Bobo, who took him to Panola County, Mississippi, near Como. Shortly after the doctor brought Ed to Mississippi, Ed married Lue Bobo, the mulatto daughter of Clarissa Bobo and the young mother of two sons, Jim (1858) and Mack (1859). They were married on Christmas Day in 1860 on the Bobo Plantation, and they had eight children: Alfred Danner (1863), Alex Danner (1865), Mary Danner Davis (1867), Frances Danner Howard (1869), Laura Danner Reid (1871), Martha Danner Gray (1873), Moseley Danner (1875), and Edward Danner, Jr. (1876). Martha Gray was the mother-in-law of the late great gospel singer, Mahalia Jackson.

Edward Danner and his young wife Lue suffered a brief separation. Shortly before the birth of their first child, Edward Danner left the Bobo Plantation in the summer of 1863, headed for Memphis, Tennessee. Inspired to fight for his freedom, he enlisted in the Union Army on August 13, 1864, at Lagrange, Tennessee. He became a Private in Company I of the 59th Infantry Regiment of the United States Colored Troops. From his service in the Union Army, Edward contracted a troublesome disease called dyspepsia, and he frequently suffered from severe stomach pains and vomiting. A war doctor sometimes excused him from guard duty because of his illness. Despite this illness, Ed continued to fight on for his belief - to end slavery.

On June 10, 1864, Ed participated in the Battle of Brice's Crossroads at Guntown, Mississippi. There he was captured by several Confederate soldiers. Ed's regiment did not know what

had happened to him. The Confederate soldiers were going to kill him, but Ed's young master named Alexander "Alex" Bobo, the son of Dr. William Bobo, rescued him and saved his life. Ed stayed with Alex Bobo briefly in the Confederate Army. Due to his illness and Alex Bobo becoming wounded, they both came home to Panola County, Mississippi. Ed later named his second son after him.

Edward Danner later died a free man on September 15, 1876, at the age of 44. He lost his battle with dyspepsia, which he had contracted in the war. His wife, Luc Danner, was 7 months pregnant with their last child. In honor of him, she named the healthy baby boy after him who became known in the family as Eddie. Because of the great love she had for her brave husband, Lue made a mark in her bible every 15th day of September after Ed's death, and she never remarried. I am the son of Ed's great-granddaughter who was born on September 15th.

In 1918, after several attempts, Luc Danner finally received a pension. This was a great help to her, who for many years had to depend on her own daily labor to help support her and her ten children. Lue Danner died on July 5, 1921, at her home near Como, Mississippi. She was 79 years old. Lue was the mother of 10, the grandmother of over 50, and the great-grandmother to many. She also had many sisters and brothers: Palayna Boyd (184?), Ben Bobo (1844), Frank Bobo (1846), Sally Vaughn (1848), Caroline Bobo (1851), Hezekiah Bobo (1852), William Bobo (1854), Alice Bobo (1857), Lucy Bobo (1860), George Bobo (1862), Richard Bobo (1863), Annie Holloway (1865), Georgia Bobo (1867), and Charles Bobo (1869).

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