

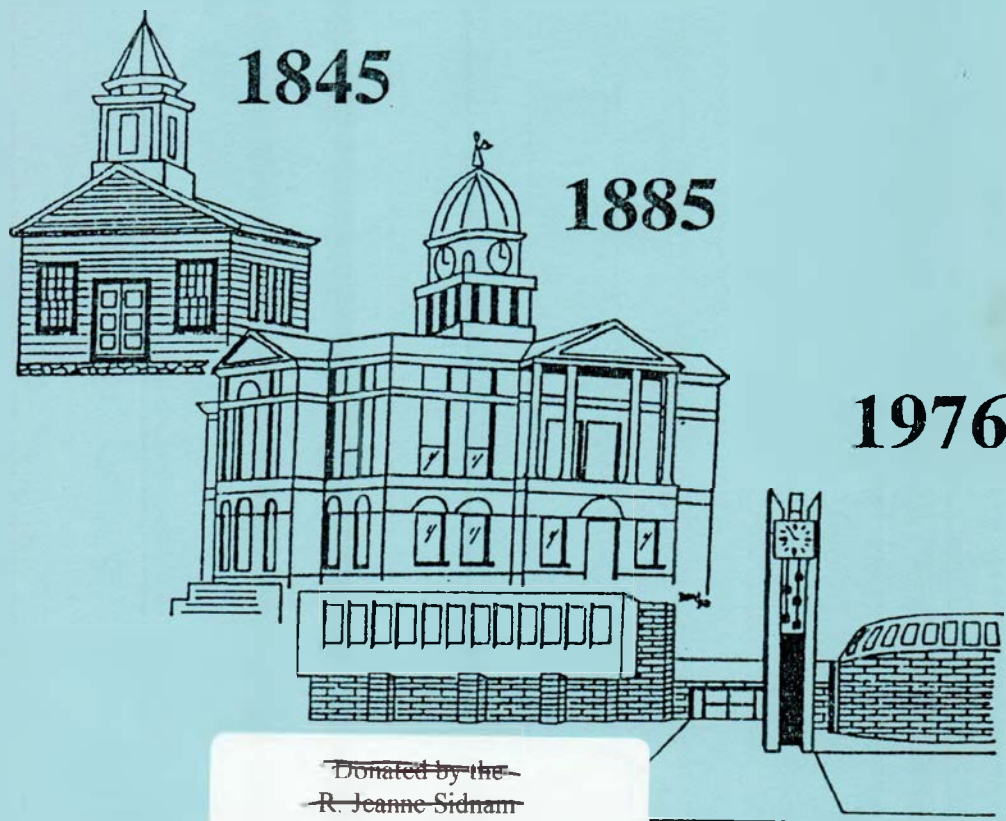
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Eaton County Marriages

State of Michigan, County of Eaton
Abstracted by: **Betty Goostrey &
Betty Polhamus**

Spelling is as written

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Date of Marriage: 17 May 1846
Groom: **William Cross**, age 40 years
Residence: Castleton, Barry County,
Michigan
Bride: **Lorrina Burree**, age 27 years
Residence: Benton, Eaton County,
Michigan
Offical Preforming: **R. R. Maxon**,
Justice of Peace Place of Marriage: The
house of **Orin Moody** in Benton
Witnesses: **John Ludwick** and **Orin
Moody** both of Benton, Eaton County,
Michigan Recorded June 13, 1846 by **A.
D. Shaw**, Clerk

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Date of Marriage: 15 March 1846
Groom: **Aaron West**, age 24 years
Residence: Town of Eaton Rapids,
Eaton County, Michigan
Bride: **Ursula Harris**, age 17 years
Residence: Town of Eaton Rapids,
Eaton County, Michigan Offical
Preforming: **James I. Rogers**, Justice of
Peace Witnesses: **Simon Darling** and
Philo Norton, both of Eaton Rapids
Dated Eaton Rapids June 15, 1846
Recorded June 16, 1846 by **A. D. Shaw**

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Date of Marriage: 2 April 1846
Groom: **Henry Allen**, age 27 years
Residence: Town of Eaton, Eaton
County, Michigan
Bride: **Julia Ann Wry**, age 18 years

Residence: Town of Benton, Eaton
County, Michigan
Offical Preforming: **James M. Taggart**,
Justice of Peace Witnesses: **Nathan
Tripp** and **James Southworth**, both
from the Town of Eaton Recorded June
17, 1846 **A. D. Shaw**, Clerk

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Date of Marriage: 3 June 1846
Groom: **Mr. W. M. Eaton**, age 28 years
Residence: Springport, Jackson County,
Michigan
Bride: **Miss Phebe Booth**, age 26 years
Residence: Town of Tyler, Eaton
County, Michigan
Offical Preforming: **Samuel Hamlin**,
Justice of Peace. Witnesses: **Joseph D.
Nobles** and **Anne Nobles** both of Tyler
Recorded June 18, 1846 by **A. D. Shaw**,
Clerk

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Date of Marriage: 19 March 1846
Groom: **Ira Andrus**, age 24 years
Residence: Bellevue, Eaton County,
Michigan
Bride: **Miss Phebe Walker**, age 21
years
Residence: Bellevue, Eaton County,
Michigan
Offical Preforming: **Reuben Reynolds**,
Minister Place of Marriage: Township
of Bellevue Witnesses: **George W.
Andrus** and **Mrs. M. Grant** both of
Bellevue Recorded 22 June 1846 by **A.
D. Shaw**, Clerk

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Date of Marriage: 19 March 1846
Groom: **Mr. Elbert Smith**, age 30
years
Residence: Town of Eaton, Eaton
County, Michigan
Bride: **Miss Lucy Gibbs**, age 16 years
Residence: Town of Eaton, Eaton
County, Michigan

Offical Preforming: **J. W. Smith**, Minister

Given under my hand 26 March 1846
Place of Marriage: At the house of **Asa Gibbs** Witnesses: **Mr. Asa Gibbs** and **Mrs. Lucy Ann Gibbs**, Both of Eaton
Recorded June 25, 1846 by **A. D. Shaw**, Clerk

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Date of Marriage: 12 February 1846
Groom: **John Stanley**, age 46 years
Residence: Benton, Eaton county, Michigan
Bride: **Mrs. Permela Carpenter**, age 25 years Residence: Tyler, Eaton County, Michigan
Offical Preforming: **J. W. Smith**, Minister Given under my hand 26 March 1846 Place of Marriage: The house of **J. M. Booth** Witnesses: **Mr. J. M. Booth** and **Mrs. Anna Booth**, both of Tyler Recorded June 25, 1846 by **A. D. Shaw**, Clerk

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Date of Marriage: 20 April 1846
Groom: **Walter A. Munro**, age 26 years
Residence: Kalamo Township, Eaton County, Michigan
Bride: **Elizabeth Sales**, age 16 years
Residence: Kalamo Township, Eaton County, Michigan
Offical Preforming: **Caleb A. Robinson**, Justice of Peace Place of Marriage: Kalamo Township
Witnesses: **B. C. Sales** and **E. Hoisington**, both of Kalamo

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Date of Marriage: 13 May 1846
Groom: **Eli M. Fargo**, age 31 years
Residence: Town of Oneida, Eaton County, Michigan
Bride: **Eliza Roanna Frizzle**, age 17 years

Residence: Town of Oneida, Eaton County, Michigan

Offical Preforming: **Samuel Nixon**, Justice of Peace given under my hand 13 May 1846 Witnesses: **Anson Eddy** and **Peter Blasier** both from the Town of Oneida
Recorded 25 June 1946 by **A. D. Shaw**, Clerk

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Date of Marriage: 26 April 1846
Groom: **Mr. Daniel Tuttle**, age 22 years Residence: Battle Creek, Calhoun County, Michigan
Bride: **Miss Rebecca Bowen**, age 20 years
Residence: Battle Creek, Calhoun County, Michigan
Offical Preforming: **Alonzo Hawkins**, Justice of Peace Place of Marriage: Walton, Eaton County, Michigan
Witnesses: **Almerin B. Hawkins** and **Elizabeth Bowen**, both of Walton
Dated at Walton April 27, 1846 and Recorded July 1, 1946 by **A. D. Shaw**, Clerk

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Date of Marriage: 4 May 1846
Groom: **Elihu Robinson**, age 19 years
Residence: Town of Walton, Eaton County, Michigan
Bride: **Miss Mary Peters**, age 17 years
Residence: Town of Walton, Eaton County, Michigan
Offical Preforming: **H. M. Hitchcock**, Justice of Peace, dated Carmel May 4, 1846 and recorded July 20, 1846 by **A. D. Shaw**, Clerk

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Date of Marriage: 3 May 1846
Groom: **Benjamin Evans**, age 20 years
Residence: Town of Kalamo, Eaton County, Michigan
Bride: **Aurilla Mattison**, age 19 years

Residence: Town of Kalamo, Eaton County, Michigan
Offical Preforming: **Luther Brown**, Justice of Peace, Given by my hand 3 May 1846 In the town of Kalamo
Witnesses: **Samuel Mattison** and **Edward F. Cox** Recorded 10 July 1846

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Date of Marriage: 2 June 1846
Groom: **Isaac Hixon**, age 20 years
Residence: Oneida Township, Eaton County, Michigan
Bride: **Eleanor Clark**, age 18 years
Residence: Oneida Township, Eaton County, Michigan
Offical Preforming: **L. H. Ion**, Justice of Peace Place of Marriage: The house of **Amadon Aldrich** in Oneida
Witnesses: **Amadon Aldrich** and **Orange Johnson**
Recorded 14 September 1946 by **A. D. Shaw**, Clerk

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Date of Marriage: 10 September 1846
Groom: **Orange Johnson**, age 21 years
Residence: Town of Oneida, Eaton County, Michigan
Bride: **Hannah L. Hixon**, age 18 years
Residence: Town of Oneida, Eaton County, Michigan
Offical Preforming: **L. H. Ion**, Justice of Peace Place of Marriage: The house of **Abner Hixon** in Oneida
Witnesses: **Smith Johnson** and **Rufus H. Barbour**

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Date of Marriage: 20 July 1846
Groom: **William Miles**, age 21 years
Residence: Town of Brookfield, Eaton County, Michigan
Bride: **Miss Hannah Jane Tillford**, age 14 years
Residence: Town of Brookfield, Eaton County, Michigan

Offical Preforming: **Joseph Walworth**, Justice of Peace given under my hand 20th of July 1846 Witnesses: **D. S. Elliott** and **John Potts** both of Brookfield

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Date of Marriage: 4 July 1846
Groom: **Lorenzo Hatch**, age 20 years
Residence: Benton, Eaton County, Michigan
Bride: **Miss Martha A. Childs**, age 19 years
Residence: Eaton, Eaton County, Michigan
Offical Preforming: **W. M. Benedict**, Minister Place of Marriage: The house of **Osmyn Child** in Eaton, Eaton County, Michigan
Witnesses: **William Hammond** and **Sarah his wife**
Recorded 22 September 1846 by **A. D. Shaw**, Clerk

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Date of Marriage: 22 April 1846
Groom: **John Sloane**, age 24 years
Residence: Town of Eaton, Eaton County, Michigan
Bride: **Miss Unice Class**, age 24 years
Residence: Walton, Eaton County, Michigan
Offical Preforming: **Alanzo Baker**, Justice of the Peace dated July 21, 1846
Witnesses: **A. Baker** and **J. Baker**
Recorded 23 July 1846 by **A. D. Shaw**, Clerk

Did You Know ?

That the Michigan Gazetteer of 1838 lists a postoffice named China in St. Clair County. ECGS 300.12

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- Vasbinder, Harold Owal aka Vasbinder, Harry Owal, Vasbinder, Harry Orval.** Petition #338 Book 5. Attached to Petition: Certificate of Arrival, Declaration of Intention. Certificate issued 2-18-194_ #5429097 in the name of Harry Orval Vasbinder (stub from original certifiante issued)
- Vasbinder, Harry Orval, aka Vasbinder, Harold Owal , Vasbinder, Harry Owal.** (Same as Above)
- Vasbinder, Harry Owal.aka Vasbinder, Harold Owal , Vasbinder, Harry Orval.** (Same as above)
- Vassili, Foto aka Foto, Vasili.** Declaration of Intention #424
- Vegh, Mary Olga aka nee Budinsky now Farka.** Petition #464 Book 6. Petition for Naturalization granted 5-5-1954.
- Venn, Richard.** Declaration of Intention signed 4-8-1890 Liber A Page 2 Admitted as Citizen 3-8-1895 Book 1 Page 2
Petition, Declaration of Intention, Affidavits of Witnesses, and Oath Packet J
- Vercoe, Lincoln Russell.** Declaration of Intention signed 10-19-1915 #63
- Verganivan, Alexander.** (Child) (See Peter Verganiven)
- Verganivan, Marie.** (See Peter Verganiven)
- Verganiven, Peter.** Certificate of Naturalization signed on 2-18-1920 #776897
- Verhagen, Minnie (see Minnie Parker)** Petition # 450 Book 6 Certificate issued 11-14-1951 #6800176 to Minnie Parker (Stub from original certificate issued)
- Verhelle, Alfons.** Petition #197 Book 4 Attached to Petition: Certificate of Arrival, Declaration of Intention, Depositions of Witnesses. Citizenship Petition granted 9-17-1930 Declaration of Intention signed 9-18-1926 #258
- Verhelle, Martha** (See Alfons Verhelle)
- Verlinde, Albert.** (Child) (See Stefaen Verlinde)
- Verlinde, Elsie.** (Child) (See Stefaen Verlinde)
- Verlinde, Leo.** (Child) (See Stefaen Verlinde)
- Verlinde, Marie.** Order of Admission issued 2-15-1928 #2277660 in the name of Marie Verlinde (Stub from original certificate issued) Declaration of Intention signed 11-13-1924 #241
- Verlinde, Morris** (Child) (See Stefaen Verlinde)
- Verlinde, Stefaen.** Order of Admission issued 2-15-1928 #2277663 in the name of Stefaen Verlinde (Stub from original certificate issued) Declaration of Intention signed 11-13-1924 #239

Vertehnge, Alois aka Alois Verstrynge. Certificate of Naturalization signed 9-17-1919 #776893

Verstrynge, Alois aka Alois Vertehnge. Certificate of Naturalization signed 9-17-1919 #7766893

Verstrynge, Gustine (See Alois Verstrynge)

Verstrynghe, Carolus Luduvicis (See card for Mattens) Petition #414 Book 6 Attached to Petition: Certificate of Arrival. Certificate issued 11-20-1946 #6436165 in the name of Louis Mattens (Stub from original certificate issued)

Verstrynghe, Jerome. Certificate of Naturalization signed on 2-17-1922 #1256818. New Certificate issued 1-28-1929 #2787479

Verstrynghe, Robert. (Child) (See Jerome Verstrynghe)

Verstrynghe, Sedonia (See Jerome Verstrynghe)

Vescia, Franca aka see Osborn. Petition #482 Book 6 Attached to Petition: Affidavits of Witnesses. Certificate issued 5-4-1955 #7263569 (Stub from original certificate issued)

Vickers, John W. Declaration of Intention signed 12-26-1894 Liber A Page 19

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Voegeli, Louise. (Child) (See Balth Voegeli)

Voegeli, Magdalena aka Magdalena Vogeli. Petition #298 Book 4 Citizenship Petition granted 2-19-1941 Certificate of Naturalization signed on 2-18-1925 #1768765

Voegeli, Mary. (Child) (See Balth Voegeli)

Voegeli, Mathiaf. (Child) (See Balth Voegeli)

Voegeli, Mathias. Certificate of Naturalization signed 2-18-1925 #1768766 Declaration of Intention signed 3-14-1919 #149

Vogeli, Balth. Certificate of Naturalization signed on 2-18-1925 #1768765 Declaration of Intention signed 8-26-1918 #131

Vogeli, Magdalena aka Magadelna Voegeli (See Balth Vogeli) Petition #298 Book 4 Certificate of Naturalization signed on 2-18-1925 #1768765

Vomberg, Myer. Affidavits of Witnesses and Oath-Packet H

Vroman, Madeleine see Madeline Louise Maertens. Petition # 457 Book 6 Attached to Petition: Certificate of Arrival Certificate issued 11-19-1952 #7039410 (Stub from original certificate issued)

Wade, Florence Ada see Fajnor. Petition #481 Book 6 Certificate issued 5-4-1955 #7263571 (Stub from original certificate issued)

(To Be Continued)



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.

May the 17th /63
Camp of 16th Mich
Near Falmoth Va

Dear Parents

I now sit down to answer your kind letter that I received yesterday wee hav just came off of picket when wee was on hour way to camp I took it in my head to get my likeness taken just as I was then with my things on and so I did that strap that you see around my neck is my catrage box strap that I put on my knappsack to keep me cool as it is not so pleasant to be bound up when the weather is so warm it is so warm here now that it is fairley suffocating when there is no air. you may think that I love to throw away money but I got it taken mearley to show you that I had some thing of A load to carry but that is no compairison to what to what wee hav to carry some times. there is no news in paticular to write this time I wish you to write often to me and I asure you that I will answer all of your letters I hav got plenty of stamps now I recived them that you sent me and was vary glad to get them the day before I got them I found some to buy and I bought one dollar and a halfs worth now I will bring my letter to A close and bid you goodby until I hear from you again

To-Father Mother Brothers & Sister
From Geo. W. Ervay

May the 22nd/63
Hd Qtr 16th Mich

Camp unknown in the field Va

Dear Parents

I now sit down to write A few lines to you to let you know that I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same wee moved our camp yesterday and came here it is A fine camp now the tents are all put up double and only from two to three men in A tent they are all raised up some two feet from the ground so that the air has plenty of circulation under the beds our Corps is A going to stay here this summer to guard the rail rode and Telegraph rode it is so small that I is not fit for Actived Service the 3rd Division has all gone home but two Regts gone out of the rest of the Corps so that it leaves it vary samill I don't know what the president is about the army is doing nothing. It dont seam to me that wee are ever A gling to hav peace laying here or do they want to keep the Army laying here and pay themand feed them and by and by let the confederates hav their Indipendance which I believe they will do sooner or later I don't believe wee will ever whip them if wee fight till we hour heads is all as gray as rats it is vary hot weather heare now the sun comes down like as if it wanted to kill some body which it will if it keeps on much longer. I got four letters from James the 20th all stateing that hee was well hee didnt say what they was doing down there but I suppose nothing at all the men are all to work putting up their tents they are getting up A nice camp

there is three men in my tent two privates & one drummer so that wee are not crowded any I guess that I have written about all that I can think of this time write often until I hear from you again

Adue
From G W Ervay

To Father Mother brothers & Sister
G W Ervay Co H 16th Mich Regt
3rd Brigade 1st Division 5th A C
Washington D C

May the 30th /63
Camp of 16th Mich
Near U.S. Ford Va

Dear Parents.

I now sit down to write a few lines to inform you that I am well and hope you the same. I received fathers and the boys pictures. I think they look very natural. You wanted to know my tent mates names. You can write to Thomas W. Gilby if any thing turns up. He is drummer in my Co but I do not think that any thing is going to happen very soon. We left camp the 28th and moved 7 ms. We have not regulated any camp. The news came last night to be ready to start off at any moment that the rebels had crossed the river up at Orange Court house and was making for Warrington and that they would either attack us or we would have to march for the defense of Washington. How true it is I don't know. The rebels are in plain sight across the river here. Our Regt was on picket last night down by the river and one of Co I was in a swimming. The rebels were in on one side and our men on the other. One of Co I swam out in the river and got on a log and a rebel met him on it and shook hands. It happened to be one that used to stand guard over him when he was in Richmond a prisoner. The Gilreys (?) are thick around here now. There is a Scouting party just going out of our Regt now to see what they can.

I guess that I have scribbled enough. I have written this in a hurry. You may have some trouble to read it. Give my respects to all enquirers until I hear from you. Good by.
I remain your affectionate Son
George W Ervay

June the 5th /63
Camp of 16th Mich
At Elsie Ford Va

Dear Parents

I now sit down with pen in hand to let you know that I am well hoping you the same. *(The middle of this page is blank, then at the bottom, written upside down is the following)*

C1 Hd Qtr G.W.E.
in old Elsie Mill
on the Rapahanock
River Va

(Nothing else is written on the folded sheet.)

Tidbits from Area Newspapers

Copied by Drouscella Halsey

Eaton Rapids Review, Thursday,
September 20, 1900

Charlesworth

Mrs. Edith Boatman is visiting a sister at Laingsburg.

Mrs. Geo. Nichols has been on the sick list the past week.

A. J. Crittenden of Springport called on his mother, Saturday.

John Walker and wife of Clarence visited at **J. L. Welch's**, Sunday.

Frank Otney and wife of Duck Lake, called at **Geo. Williams'**, Sunday.

Jay Clough has engaged to go with **Edgar Rhodes'** bean thresher, this fall.

The L. A. S. will meet at the home of **Mr. Geo. Merritt** on Wednesday next. All are cordially invited to attend.

Dick and **Chas. Kikendall** and **Kelly Baum** cut a bee tree the other night and got several pounds of sweetness out of it.

Dimondale

Sam Shoonover and sister, **Mrs. Minnie Stillwell**, of Bloomfield, O., are visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Mr. and **Mrs. J. Mack** and daughter, **Mrs. Freem Burnett** of

Albion, were guest at **E. Underhill's**, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Helena Torrey and daughter, **Brittania** of New York, were guest of **Chas. Torrey** and wife, last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and **Mrs. E. C. Sibley** were in Eaton Rapids, Friday, to attend the funeral of the infant son of **Mrs. Henry Goodrich**, **Mr. Sibley's** sister.

Frank Hess and family of Sulphur Springs, O., have moved here this week. They will occupy a house on the farm they have just bought of the **Robbins** heirs.

Mr. and **Mrs. E. V. Brigham** of Detroit were guest of his mother, **Mrs. Ann Brigham**, part of last week.

Lucian Pray spent last week in Grand Rapids with relatives.

Mrs. D. B. Clark of Barry county is visiting old friends here. Her husband was pastor of the M. P. church here a number of years ago.

Spicerville

Mr. and **Mrs. Amos Hoag** are on the sick list.

Mrs. Tillison Wood is visiting **Mrs. Geo. Merrit** of Charlesworth.

Job Wood and son of Springport, visited his brother, **David Wood**, Sunday.

Mrs. Stanley Freeman has been visiting friends in Edmore the last two weeks.

Mr. and **Mrs. Roy Van Auken** visited her parents, **Mr.** and **Mrs. Chas. Green**, last Sunday.

Mrs. Jonathan Gilman has woven 118 rugs since the first of August. She is prepared to do all kinds of carpet and rug weaving.

West Hamlin

Blanche Livingston worked for **Mrs. Atta Cortright** last week.

Mrs. Rhoda Kirkland of the city, spent Sunday at **Israel Lindley's**.

Lorin Lindly and family spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Winslow of Parma, visited at **John McAllister's** one day last week.

Thomas Hall is visiting a few days with his daughter in Windsor. He expects to return to Alabama next Monday.

Master George Egan and **George Pettit** of the city, spent a couple of days visiting the former's grandparents, **Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Newcomb**, last week.

Klink

Mrs. Hull and daughter, **Blanch**, are visiting in Ohio.

The **Klink** postoffice is discontinued, as the rural mail route began last Saturday.

Herman Kingman of Benton visited at his uncle's, **J. R. Kingman**, last Monday.

Misses Mildred and **Belle Pickworth** of Jackson visited their parents over Sunday.

J. R. Kingman was called to Pottersville to attend the funeral of his cousin, **Wesley DeWitt**.

Miss Lotta Pickworth started for Mt. Pleasant last Monday, where she will attend the State Normal the coming year.

East Hamlin

Mrs. Brace Kathburn has returned from her visit with relatives in Ohio.

Born, to **Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Arnold** on Tuesday, the 18th, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Olmstead attended his regimental reunion at Charlotte last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bounds have returned from Joppa to their home in this place.

L. B. Darling had a runaway on Thursday. The kingbolt on the vehicle broke and the horse went somewhere, and at this writing we don't know where.

Eaton County Battalion

The meeting of the members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. of Eaton county, at Charlotte, last week, was a very enthusiastic one and the attendance large. Wednesday afternoon the first camp fire was addressed by **Judge H. S. Maynard** and **Congressman Washington Gardner**.

This was followed by a parade of the veterans, and in the evening a large attendance was present. **Col. Beekman** presided and interspersed the program with music. **Prof. Thurman** sang "*The Sword of Bunker Hill*" and **Mrs. McAlpine** "*The Song of the Camp*"; both were effectively rendered and royally greeted by the audience. The speakers of the evening were **Hon. J. M. Powers**, **Hon. J. M. C. Smith** and **Comrade George Huggett**.

The business meeting was held at 10 a.m. Thursday. **Adjutant Pollock** and **Quartermaster Shaw** made their annual reports and stated the number in attendance.

Eaton Rapids was designated as the place of meeting for the next year, after which the following

officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Col., W. D. Brainerd, Eaton Rapids.

Lieut. Col., Andrew Pray, Dimondale.

Maj., Luther D. Fisher, Mulliken.

Adjt., H. J. Milbourn, Eaton Rapids.

Chaplain, Joy M. Warren, Potterville.

Surgeon, L. A. Snell, Charlotte.

Charlotte

Miss Zoe Higby has accepted a position in Detroit as kindergarten teacher.

Dr. M. Bacon of Chicago, who recently returned from Europe, has been the guest of **O. E. Packard**.

Rev. A. M. Bostwick was returned to the church here by the U. B. conference held at Portland last week.

Fred Belcher expects to go to Arkansas in a few days, and will make a trip to see the ruined city of Galveston, Texas.

The examinations of **Meesrs. Proctor and Thompson** of Potterville, and **Curtis** of Lansing, have been postponed until September 24. **Ellsworth**, the victim of the affray, was the first witness sworn and he admitted that he is not positive as to who handled the weapon, but on the night the stabbing occurred insisted that **Proctor** did the cutting. **Justice Spafford** denied the motion to quash the indictment against **Proctor**. **Curtis** has not yet furnished bail and is in jail.

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Wednesday March 2, 1910

Chester

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Shaw entertained the young people last Friday evening in honor of the twentieth birthday of their son **Rolland**.

Ernest Rogers from Pennfield visited **Miss Bessie Shaw** for a day last week..

Mrs. D. C. Grant visited relatives in Coldwater last week.

Nease Corners

Mrs. M. E. Downing is at Nashville helping care for **Mrs. John Berry** who is very low at the writing.

Lester Maxson visited his brother **Lyle** west of Nashville Friday and Saturday.

John Wolfe is very sick with pneumonia at this writing.

Robert Chance and **Sam Shepard** were seen on our street Sunday.

Hager District

Joe Baker and wife of Nashville, are out here to their farm preparing for the sugar-making season.

Some of the young people of this neighborhood attended the surprise party for **Miss Irene Hager** Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson Downing, of Carlton Center, formerly of Bismark, are announcing the marriage of their daughter, **Edythe M.** to **Ellwood Fender**, of Woodbury. The bride is

well known here and has the best wishes of all her friends.

County Line

Mr. and Mrs. Rolly Pennington are the proud parents of a little daughter born February 20.

Mrs. Lena Kennedy spent Tuesday with her sister, **Mrs. Fern Mix** at West Kalamo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rasey and little daughter spent Sunday at Nashville with **Mr. and Mrs. Terd Knoll's**.

A number from this vicinity attended the party at **L. Hosmer's** one night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Or Dunham of Maple Grove were visitors on our street last Monday.

Clarence Rose of Nashville spent last week with his sister, **Mrs. Claude Kennedy**.

Mrs. Ada Warner is at Nashville caring for **Mrs. John Armstrong** who is ill.

Wes Williams and **Will Baas** visited their brother **Fred** of Detroit at the home of their father, **Peter Baas** near Nashville Sunday.

West Vermontville

Burr Chance was a Charlotte visitor Saturday.

Lavinia Snore and **Marguerite Bower** visited friends in Hastings last week.

Gaylen Cronk has recovered from an attack of scarlet fever. There are no more cases in the neighborhood at present.

Miss Stella Bassett of Fremont spent a couple of days at Frank Hay's last week.

Bismark

Mrs. L. B. Wright has been ill for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wirt of Clarksville, were visitors at **Fay Child's** Wednesday evening and attended the L. A. S. Thursday.

The L. A. S. and wood bee will be held at **Joseph Frith's** Wednesday, March 2. Pot-luck dinner. Everybody invited.

Glenn Leedy has moved into **Mary Wright's** house.

L.B. Wright and wife were visitors of his sister in Lake Odessa one day last week.

James Hunter sold a team and **Thos. Hunter** one horse to Grand Rapids parties.

Tom Walsh and family have gone to their new home near Lansing.

The friends of **Mrs. J. S. Garinger** will be pleased to know she is recovering nicely from her recent operation.

Miss Grace Walsh of Lansing is spending several days with her brother.

Local Happenings.

Wash Barnum and family are now living with **C. G. Bale** in his house on East Main street.

Mrs. Jessie Bowman is helping out in Barber Bros. Store while they are in Chicago on business.

Mrs. Etha Norris has resigned her position in Lamb & Son's dry goods and grocery store after nearly a year's stay.

(To Be Continued)

Found At Last

By Betty (Dahlem) Goostrey

Last year, I received the Civil War papers on my great-grandfather, John Dahlem, from the National Archives. The information in those papers told me that my great-grandfather was 44 years old when he died in the hospital in Nashville, Tennessee.

The papers also contain his grave site number in the City Cemetery.

A National Cemetery for soldiers was started in Nashville in 1867. My great grandfather's remains were moved there.

This spring, my husband and I stopped there and found his new grave site and stone. This picture was taken April 1997 at that site.



Pedigree Chart

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

Chart no. 1

<p>4 Alvin BOYST</p> <p>B: Oct 1870 P: Lyons, New York M: 25 Jun 1892 P: Barry Co., Mich. D: 10 Mar 1953 P: Hastings, Barry Co., Mich.</p>	<p>8 Hilliard BOYST</p> <p>B: ABT 1840 P: New York ? M: P: D: P:</p> <p>9 Mary J.</p> <p>B: 1848 P: D: P:</p>	<p>16 Tobias BOYST</p> <p>B: 1808 cont D:</p> <p>17 UNKNOWN</p> <p>B: cont D:</p> <p>18</p> <p>B: cont D:</p> <p>19</p> <p>B: cont D:</p>
<p>2 Elmer D. BOYST</p> <p>B: 13 Mar 1895 P: Barry Co., Mich. M: 10 Apr 1915 P: Hastings, Barry Co., Mich. D: 18 Nov 1967 P: Hastings, Barry Co., Mich.</p> <p>5 Katie CLARK</p> <p>B: Aug 1874 P: Michigan D: P:</p>	<p>10 Alvin CLARK</p> <p>B: 8 Sep 1822 P: New York M: ABT 1870 P: Mich. D: 17 Sep 1867 P: Eaton Co., Mich.</p> <p>11 UNKNOWN</p> <p>B: P: D: P:</p>	<p>20 Alvin CLARK</p> <p>B: ABT 1800 cont D:</p> <p>21 UNKNOWN</p> <p>B: cont D:</p> <p>22</p> <p>B: cont D:</p> <p>23</p> <p>B: cont D:</p>
<p>1 Lawanda O. BOYST</p> <p>B: 22 Feb 1916 P: Elsie, Mich. M: P: D: 18 Aug 1947 P: Shelbyville, Ind.</p> <p>6 Burt A. NILES</p> <p>B: 2 Jan 1872 P: Kalamo Twp., Eaton Co., Mich. M: 17 Jul 1895 P: Barry Co., Mich. D: P: unknown</p>	<p>12 Thomas E. NILES</p> <p>B: 5 Oct 1848 P: Huron Co., Ohio M: 26 Sep 1867 P: Kalamo, Eaton Co., Mich. D: 5 Aug 1928 P: Garden Grove, Calif.</p> <p>13 Charlotte A. HESS</p> <p>B: 15 Nov 1852 P: Kalamo Twp., Eaton Co., Mich. D: 22 Oct 1936 P: Garden Grove, Calif.</p>	<p>24 Ralph NILES</p> <p>B: cont D:</p> <p>25 Sarah UNKNOWN</p> <p>B: cont D:</p> <p>26 Henry HESS</p> <p>B: ABT 1824 cont D: 17 Oct 1901</p>
<p>3 Ruth J. NILES</p> <p>B: 1 Aug 1896 P: Maple Grove Twp., Barry Co., Mich. D: 30 Sep 1979 P: Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., Mich.</p> <p>7 Lulu Belle EVANS</p> <p>B: 27 Apr 1874 P: Eaton Co., Mich. D: 10 Aug 1896 P: Barry Co., Mich.</p>	<p>14 Charles Daniel EVANS</p> <p>B: 7 Aug 1848 P: Bellevue, Eaton Co., Mich. M: 26 Jun 1870 P: Barry Co., Mich. D: 13 Apr 1925 P: Barry Co., Mich.</p> <p>15 Josephine HOTCHKISS</p> <p>B: 5 Dec 1846 P: Bristol, New York D: 23 Jun 1909 P: Barry Co., Mich.</p>	<p>27 Sally Ann HESS</p> <p>B: 22 Dec 1825 cont D: 22 Feb 1907</p> <p>28 Daniel EVANS</p> <p>B: ABT 1812 cont D: 26 Apr 1862</p> <p>29 Susan</p> <p>B: ABT 1818 cont D:</p>
<p>Prepared 15 Sep 1997 by Edwin D. Hicks 5537 Cagney Loop Homosassa, FL 34448</p>	<p>30 Jeremiah HOTCHKISS</p> <p>B: 10 Apr 1824 cont D: 4 Oct 1905</p> <p>31 Nancy PARKER</p> <p>B: 1826 cont D: 11 Apr 1902</p>	

Computers and Genealogy

by Byron Bray
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Well, summer's finally here; isn't it grand?? I know I should be out hiking Silver Falls, but I'd much rather spend the afternoon with you, getting down to the nitty-gritty of doing genealogical research on computer. Really!!

Last time, we covered the basics of computers, the Internet and the World Wide Web. You may want to re-read that article to refresh your memory.) I concluded it by explaining that a computer could be used to search the World Wide Web (or "the Web", for short) for pages containing any word or name and I listed a tiny, tiny fraction of the immense number of resources on the Web that can be of use to genealogists.

This time, I thought I'd cover the Web and some of its resources in a bit more detail. As with last column, I'm going to avoid getting too technical, as much as possible. At the same time, I know I'll have to lay down some of the basic concepts in much the same way as a builder lays down a foundation; so that we can build on them later, so please bear with me. Again, I'll rely on you, dear reader, to let me know if anything in these columns is confusing or unclear. I'll give you my e-mail address number at the end of this column (which I should have done last time). If you have any comments or need help or clarification, please e-mail me; I shall be happy to help you as my time permits.

Some of you have computers and are "online" (hooked up to the Internet) already. There are also probably quite a few of you who have computers and use them to write letters, etc., but have not yet begun to use them to access the Internet. And there are still others who have not yet gotten computers, either because you don't yet perceive the value of using them or because you want to avoid adding one more cumbersome appliance to your life. No matter which of these categories you fall into, I need to tell you that, whether you have one or not, the computer CAN be of great use TO YOU in finding genealogical information.

I hope to help those of you who do not yet have computers to become familiar with them by learning to use the computers available to you through our library (or through friends or fellow genealogists) to find the information you seek. I also hope to help those of you who have computers but are not yet "online" to learn how easy and inexpensive it can be and, if you desire it, to help you get set up and running. (I am not connected with any company and have nothing to sell.) Finally, I hope to aid those of you who have computers and are already online to learn to use them more efficiently and more powerfully.

As we did last time, we'll cover one or two basic concepts before we plunge into the fun stuff . . .

problems, let me know; I'll be happy to help you as my time permits. Now, let's talk about some of the great pages you can visit . . .

Probably the biggest and most useful site in the world (in my own opinion) is called "Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet". It was posted and is maintained by a wonderful person named Cyndi Howells, who spends a LOT of her time finding Web-pages of resources that genealogists can use and putting "links" to those pages on her web-site, so that you can visit them all. At my last count, she had over 19,250 links to valuable genealogical resources on her page!!!

Some of the links on her page (in roughly alphabetical order) include:
"Acadian, Cajun and Creole sites", "Adoption Records", "Books, Microfilm & Microfiche Records", "Cemeteries, Funeral Homes and Obituaries", "Census Related Sites Worldwide", "Databases, Search Sites, Surname Lists", "Events and Activities Worldwide", "Family Bibles", "Finding People (Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, Places. etc.)", "Heraldry", "How-to", "Huguenot", "Jewish", "Land Records, Deeds, Homesteads, Etc.", "LDS & Family History Centers", "Libraries, Archives & Museums", "Magazines, Journals, Columns, Newsletters & Pamphlets", "Medieval", "Mennonite", "Military Resources Worldwide", "Native American", "Newspapers", "Photographs & Memories" (a site on how to preserve photo's, family treasures & genealogical research), "Professional Researchers, Volunteers & Others", "Quaker", "Queries", "Religion & Churches", "Roots-L & RootsWeb" (I'll explain this one in my next column), "Royalty & Nobility", "Search Engines" (these let you search all over the world for the resources you need), "Ships, Passenger Lists & Immigration", "Societies & Groups", "Software & Computers", "Surnames, "Family Associations & Family Newsletters", and "Terms, Phrases, Dictionaries & Glossaries".

In addition, there are links to genealogical resources in EVERY country, region and culture in the world. There are also links to the personal Web-pages of thousands and thousands of genealogists all over the world. Click on any one of these names on her page and you are instantly (or almost instantly) transported there!!! To get to Cyndi's page, simply go to "**Locations**", in whichever browser you use, and type in "**www.oz.net/~cyndihow/sites.htm**" **Press the "Return"** key and - presto! - you'll be there!!

Well, I can see the editors shaking their collective finger at me, now, for going on so long, so I'd better close for this time. If you need help or have questions and are online already, you can e-mail me at **Byron.Bray@cmug.com**.

Last month, we covered the basics of what computers are good at: acquiring, manipulating, storing and communicating information. Most of you who have used computers have some experience at typing things into a computer and reading the results on your screen. In order to communicate with other computers over the Internet, there are, basically, two additional things you need. The first is a "modem". A modem is just a little box that plugs into your computer and also plugs into your telephone line. It lets your computer talk with other computers over the telephone lines.

The second item is a software program that uses the modem to hook your computer up to the Internet and search around the Web for the items you are looking for. This piece of software is called a "browser", because it allows you to browse the Web in much the same way that you would browse at your local bookstore; sometimes you just want to wander around, hoping to discover new things that may be of use or of interest to you. Of course, at other times you know exactly what you want and you just want to go right to it and get it. A browser lets you do both!

There are currently two Web browsers that are the most widely used: the first is called "Netscape Navigator", the second is called "Microsoft Internet Explorer". Both have similar features, both are easy to use, and both will run on Macintosh computers and on PC's. Personally, I prefer Netscape Navigator, which has the added benefit of being the one that many libraries use. This makes it easier to get help at the library, when you're having trouble using the program or finding something on the Web, and for those of you who use the library's computers to learn on or to search on, it means that if and when you get your own computer (or get online, if you already have one) you'll be familiar with the program and its features. Both programs will let you save address-books of pages that you may want to visit again.

To find a page without having to browse or search for it each time, it helps to have its you specify the exact page you want to get to, no matter where, in the world, it is. address. Early in the development of the Web, an addressing scheme was devised to let Browsers have a feature called "Location", which lets you enter the address of a page and then takes you right there. The address of a page always starts with "www", which lets the Internet know that the address is on the World Wide Web. The rest of the address tells the Internet where to go to find the page you want. So when you see a web address such as "www.opb.org", it means that it's on the Web, its name is "opb" and that it's an organization. If you type this address into a browser, it will take you to Oregon Public Broadcasting's Web-site. (A Web page is also called a "Web-site" or "site", so when you hear those names, just know that they are just the "pages" we've been talking about, OK?)

That's all the technical stuff for this month and, really, it's almost everything you need to know to understand and use the Web. Now that you have a solid foundation of basic concepts, we can concentrate on what the Web has to offer, where to find it and how to use it. If, in your explorations, you have questions or

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Ellen Hook, Eva Southworth and teacher, Clara Dernier

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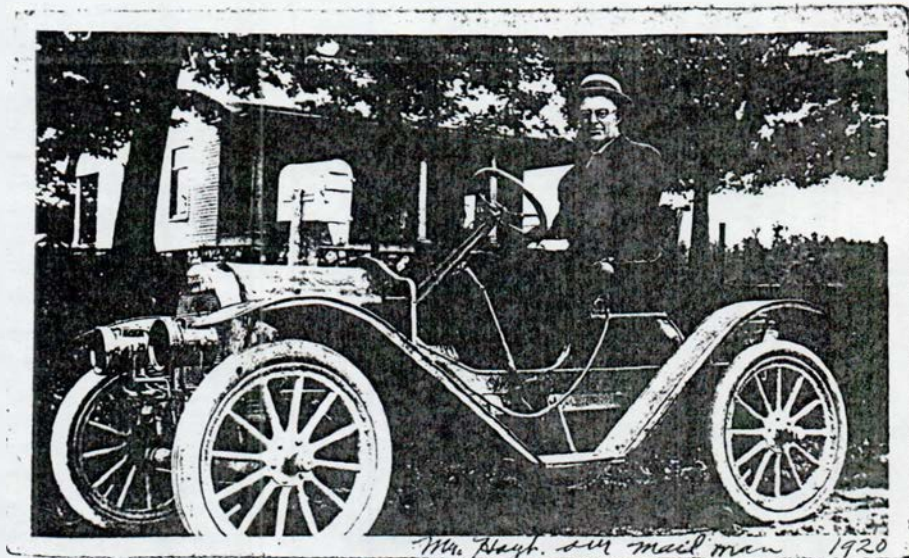
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Mr. William Hoyt, Rural Mail Carrier for Olivet Station, 1920,
in front of the Adam Raidel residence on Stine Road, Walton
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Mr. Will Griffen, salesman for Watkins Medical Co. about 1920.

Mr. Griffen resided on Griffen Hwy. in Walton Twp. Eaton Co. Mich.

Chester Township

Smith School

Date ? 1938-1939



Front Row left to right: 1. _____(Girl) Depue ? 2. Charlene Satterly 3. _____(Girl) Depue ? 4. Orlo Uhl

2nd. Row: 1. Corine Satterly 2. Clare Wilmore 3. Stanley Halsey 4. Jean Bursley 5. Betty Bursley 6. Marilyn Wilmore 7. Phyliss (Pifer) Webb 8. Margery Wilmore 9. Bill Burlsey 10. Max Wilmore

3rd. Row: 1. Robert C. Gingrich 2. Bonnie Gingrich 3. Maxine Bursley 4. Eugene Satterly 5. Beatrice Scott (Teacher) 6. David Satterlee 7. Wilma (Uhl) Chalender 8. Audrey (Satterlee) Steward

Emma Stoddard's 1843 Diary

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Early first person records of life in Charlotte and Eaton County are rare. When 14-year-old Emma Stoddard began keeping this diary in 1843, she lived in the Eagle Hotel (located in Charlotte on the northeast corner of Lawrence and Cochran Avenues) with her parents, William and Mable (Bostwick) Stoddard. William was the keeper of the hotel, which also served as the seat of county government, so Emma was in the thick of activity. She was born in 1829 and came with her parents and her sister, Marion, to Charlotte from Grand Rapids in 1839. The hotel, which was built in 1838, burned May 20, 1862.

Jan 13 Saturday (1843) - A strange day & a strange date for the commencement of my much talked of Journal. yet as it is, from time to time I have delayed its commencement & here I am, but to my journal. Not very early when I got up, helped get the breakfast. helped Celeste get ready for Quarterly Meeting. before she left Mr. Carpenter came up & brought the Judges coat from his sister. I gave him \$3.50 to pay for the making of it, (money earned by recording for F.F. White) Mr. C. made quite a lengthy call, talks of bringing in a store of goods. Miss M.M. Fisher called. Made a bed tick. Mr. Jordon called towards evening & stayed to tea. in the evening sewed till quite late. day rather cold.

Jan. 14 Sunday - Spent the forenoon doing house work and writing. Mr. Waters & D. Kinney called. Father, Marion & myself went to Church in the afternoon. Mr. Bronson took tea with us. Went to Church again in the evening. saw Mrs. Williams, Mrs. S. Searls, Miss Adeline Fisher, Miss Phoebe Searls, Mr. Carpenter & Tansour. Judge returned from quarterly meeting. Commenced a note to Miss M.M. Fisher (Marie).

Jan. 15 Monday - Helped do the house work & sewed on my dress. Miss Marion Davis came in the morning. teased her considerable about Mr. C. at the party at Mr. Duntons. She stayed all night invited us all to her party. promised her a "cookey." Celeste & Fred came home from meeting - quite a pleasant day - but rained some in the evening.

Jan. 16 Tuesday - Sewed in the morning and finished the note to Maria, to send by Miss Adeline Davis. Mr. White went & took her home in his cutter. Sewed all day. Mr. Gale & Mr. Cushing came up, sang the new "Clay Song" for Mr. Gale commencing

"If e'er I should wish to get married" & e.

Mr. Gale & wife go to Tecumseh day after tomorrow; Cold! Cold! Cold!

Jan. 17 Wednesday - Sewed in the forenoon. in the afternoon wrote some. The mail came in, but brought me no letters or papers. Mr. Kidendall brought me a pair of shoes but they were too small. Towards evening Mr. and Mrs. Bosworth came up to make a visit. In the evening I sang several songs with Celestia for Mr. B. Very cold and stormy. sent a paper to Stella Humphrey.

Jan. 18, (Thursday) - Got up midling early. helped get breakfast. Sewed in the forenoon. about noon Mr. & Mrs. B. went home and took Polly with them. In the afternoon Miss Allen came over

and stayed the afternoon & evening, she seems like quite a pretty girl, but is rather strange in some of her ways. In the evening I received a long "billet doux" from my dear Mary; written in her own sweet style, half real, half imaginary; there is a sweet blending of the real & the ideal, perfectly fascinating. The day is by far the most lovely we have had in a long time & the sun shines forth as brightly as in the sweet spring time, when all nature looks glad & countless multitudes of flowers, sweet inhabitants of the forest! look up with such holy & confiding love to the protection of their life and beauty, by Sol's broad beams. Who can be sad when all nature is gay? The sweet serenity of the world speaks peace to a troubled mind & rest to a heart at ease.

Jan. 19 Friday - Finished my dress today. Recorded a deed. commenced my Hood. In the evening wrote a letter to W.B. Barnum. Mail came in from Battle Creek. Quite a pleasant day.

Jan 20 Saturday - Today F.F. White raised his barn and mother got supper for his men, over thirty in number. sewed some in the forenoon, but did house work most of the day. Oscar Davis came down in the evening. Commenced a note to Ma chere Marie - oh how sad I feel. Imagination leads me captive at her wile; "again I tread the well remembered paths so often traced in happy blissful childhood. I would fain believe myself as happy now as then, but how harsh and grating sounds the voice that brings me back & reminds me that I am on the verge of womanhood, no longer thought of as a child, but looked upon as a woman, calculated to fulfill the duties & support the responsibilities of a woman, but I must away with such thoughts; I must learn to, to bear hardships without a murmur & coldness with apathy, why should I resine? I have beheld the most fondly cherished dreams & anticipations of my youth destroyed all my bright imagings faded away yet why despair, many very many gifted with keener sensibilities & more tender than I, have suffered much more & murmured not I must cease. The day has been lovely.

Jan 21 Sunday - Once more 'tis the holy Sabbath! a dreamy, holy stillness pervades the scene; we have no church but meditation does much good; we can spend the day in meditation "commune with thy own hearts & be still," there is not the same sweet holiness about a winter sabbath as there is connected with a bright summer day - the sun seems to shed a sweeter brighter & more effulgent glory over the scene; the very trees and grass seems a brighter green; the flowers look up more meekly as their incense is wafted on high to the great Giver. The birds seem to modulate their notes to the softest sweetest harmony as though hymning praises to the "Great Spirit" & the very atmosphere is more pure, by the holy quiet. Read in the bible in the forenoon; in the afternoon finished my note to Marie & sent her "Rienze the last of the Tribunes" to read. In the evening, my imagination reveled for awhile in the scenes portrayed by the powerful masterly hand of "L.E.L."

"In such an hour as this, the bosom turns
Back to its early feeling; man forgets
His stern ambition & his worldly cares,
And woman loathes the pretty vanities
That mar her nature's beauty; like the dew,
Shedding its sweetness o'er the sleeping flowers
Till all their morning freshness is revived,
Kindly affections, sad, but yet sweet thoughts
Melt the cold eyes long, long unused to weep."

And again

"Oh! glorious is the gifted poets lot,
And touching more than glorious 'tis

companion of the heart's least earthy hour'
 The voice of love & sadness calling forth
 Tears from their silent fountain tis to have
 Share in all natures loveliness; giving flowers
 A life as sweet more lasting than their own'
 And catching from green wood & lofty pine
 Language mysterious as musical'
 Making the thoughts which else had only been
 Like colors on the morning earliest hour,
 Immortal, & worth immortality;
 Yielding the hero that eternal name
 For Which he fought; making the patriot's deed
 A stirring record for long after time;
 Cherishing tender thoughts which else had passed
 Away like tears; & saving the loved dead
 From death's worst part - it's deep forgetfulness.

At 7 oclock Celeste, Marion, Mr. Johnson, Mr. White, and myself went to Mr. [??] William's & sung until nine oclock. Saw Miss Allen, she has been quite sick all day with a cold. A very pleasant day.

Jan 22 Monday - Spent the day sewing, helped Celeste sew on Marion's dress. Mother finished my new Hood alias "Crazy Jane". Oh what a day. Warm and drizzley, tho snow seems about to take "French leave". Mr. I. received a note from Miss C.S. Jordan inviting him to a party on Wednesday next. In the evening the mist settled into a rain & the prospect of sleighing to the party at Mr. Davis (which is tomorrow) is rather unfavorable. Quite late when Celeste & myself went to bed.

Jan 23 Tuesday - Today is the all eventful day! the day which decides the happiness of Marion Davis at least for this week. Spent the forenoon doing a variety of things. About noon Mr. Davis came down from Tom Benton with a good substantial sled & pair of "horned horses" to gallant us up to Tom B. & after a little while we all started. Miss Celeste, Marion, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Davis & myself, after a very pleasant ride, nothing occurring worthy of notice, but finding some tremendous mud holes we arrived at the house of Mr. D. We were warmly welcomed by Miss Marion & Mrs. Davis, & found one invoice of guests had arrived before us. Miss & Mr. Carpenter & Tamour Searls. After getting thoroughly warmed we commenced quilting, a few moments after we had thus industriously set ourselves to work, another conveyance arrived bring Miss Phoebe Searls, Miss Adeline Fisher, Mr. John & William Searls & Mr. Wood. At dark came the two Mr. Collins & Mr. Waters. After the quilt was finished, the company partook of an excellent supper & waited upon in inimitable style by the Misses Davis. apres soupres' we chatted awhile & then there were several plays, in which, However I did not join thinking that (to judge from appearances at Least,) my room was pleasant with out doubt; & feeling very well satisfied with my quite corner; & not wishing to intrude where I was not wanted. I was very much pleased however with the attentions of certain Mr. --- to Miss M Davis. I forgot to mention that just at dark Miss M.M. Fisher came over, I had several very pleasant chats with Miss Carpenter, Miss Phoebe Searls, Miss Davis & also Mrs. D. In the latter part of the evening, Miss C & Myself sang & Mr. C. & Miss D. Miss F. & Mr. I, Miss S. & Mr. W Marion & Mr. C. danced one or two figures. After all were ready to go about 1/2 past 12 I yielded to the request of some of the company and sung the Whig song. Had quite an argument with Mr. Carpenter on politics he, I find is a rousing Loco Fobs - poor man. After the guests had all departed, Miss Fisher, Miss Davis, Marion & myself danced a french four. Oscar now lighted a hickory torch & bidding the "gude folks" good night, I started home with Miss F. according

to previous agreement. After a quite a pleasant walk we arrived at Mr. Stoddards & finding a warm nice fire we soon laid aside our "ball costumes & seated before the fire" in robe dechambre we chatted a few moments & went to bed, not long did we withstand the powerful influence of "tired nature's sweet restorer" but in spite of the many things we had to say we soon went to sleep. No Dreams.

Jan 24 Wednesday - When I woke in the morning, Mary had already risen & a bright cheerful fire was burning in the fire place. Marie soon came in & bid me a good morning. I arose dressed myself & went out into the kitchen where I was very kindly greeted by Mr. & Mrs. Stoddard. partook of a very good breakfast. after which we attended family prayer. Mary & myself then went into the other room & sang some, chatted some and read some. She showed me her scrap book & her magazine. About noon Mrs. Davis & Mrs. Fisher, Marion D. Marion S. Celeste, & Edgar came down & stayed to tea. I teased Miss Marion to my hearts content. sung some & [??] After tea & many kind invitations to come again we all left & wended our way homeward. called at Mr. D's a few moments after which we returned home in the same conveyance which carried us there & arrived at the Court House just at dark. in perfect good humor with myself & the world at large. & also thankful to Mr. D. for his gallantry. In the evening Mr. Wated[?] called, but as Celeste & myself were very sleepy we were so very impolite as to go coucher & leave him Very sweet dream. I suppose not remembering anything to the contrary. Cold [Written on side of page is the following] Forgot to mention that Marion lent me Paul Clifford. one of Bulwers novels. a secret. as they were presented to her upon condition that she would neither lend or give away.

Jan 25 Thursday - Spent the day somewhat idly. made a cap for mother & recorded a deed in the forenoon. in the afternoon curled my hair & read in Paul Clifford. Mother spent the afternoon at Mrs. Johns. In the evening I wrote some & knit some. Oh how cold! Like Greenland! wrote to Mrs. Cummings of Battle Creek". Set up very late with Celeste.

Jan 26 Friday - Recorded Deeds, all the forenoon, in the afternoon, it was so delightfully pleasant that I put on my shawl & hood & went over to see Miss Allen & Mr. Williams, had quite a pleasant visit. Came home just at dark & found a note from Miss Lydia Carpenter. did not do much in the evening. Received a note from Miss M.A. Davis.

Jan 27 Saturday - Wrote some, sewed some & knit some. had a very bad cold & felt miserably all day. Miss Allen called in the afternoon. Quite pleasant. H.I.L. came up from Marshall.

Jan 28 Sunday - While we were eating breakfast Mr. Carpenter came in & said Mrs. Worden was dead. She who has so long lingered upon the confines of the grave, has at least passed into eternity, "gone to that bourue from whence no traveller returns." left her children without the care & guidance of a mother, which they so much need. Helped do up the work in the forenoon & went to Church, to hear Mr. Knox preach a midling sermon. Saw Miss Allen, Miss Fisher, Mr. Carpenter & several others. Came home & read all day. Oh! how very, very dull it is here. Cold! Cold!

Jan 29 monday - Helped do up the house work & did up a Cap for Mother. Mrs. Davis & Mrs. Cook came down this morning to attend the funeral. A Mr. Dailey came from Jackson this morning with a letter of introduction from Henry Frink to father. A young lawyer (that is to be) he is about the common height, rather slender, dark complexion, dark eyes, black wiry hair & red cheeks, when you look at the side of his face, he has nothing to boast of, full in his face, quite papable. So much for a Jackson lawyer. About Eleven oclock, Celestia, Marion, Father, Mr. Lawrance, Mr. & Mrs. Davis & myself went to funeral, Mr. Knox preached. a very full house & quite an attentive audience. heart stricken indeed must be the mourner! behold him, his face bowed down upon his

hands & the tears dropping from his eyes, aye, from eyes "all unused to melting Mood," it is no disgrace for him to weep now. (Strange, what coward Death makes of us! Look, the strong trembles as he sees the pale horse & his rider pass by, & well may he fear,) yes well may the mourners now weep; She is gone; gone forever, she who was the light of his existence; the sharer of his joys & the soother of his cares, the guide & guardian of his children & the sunbeam of his domestic bliss, his children now look to him for the support of a father & the care of a mother. bitter indeed must be the draught he now has taken. Returned home from meeting & assisted in getting Tea. Mrs. Cook and Mrs. D. stayed to tea. Mr Knox also came here to stay. In the evening Mr. H.I.L, Mr. Dailey and myself sang some, the Whig song among others. Set up until very late indeed. Oh how cold.!

Jan 30 Tuesday. Mr. D. left for Jackson, previous to which he asked me for a copy of the Whig Song, & when I gave it to him, he asked me if those were my sentiments, I of course said yes, as they were only good Whig sentiments. He said Mr. Frink wished an invitation if we had a Clay Ball & I very readily promised it. Marion Davis came down this morning to make a new alpacha dress under the supervision of Celeste. Spent the day knitting. Tres Froid.

Jan. 31 Wednesday - This morning H.I. Lawrance leaves for Marshall. I wrote a short note to Mrs. H.I.L. Mr. Cuykendall brought my shoes from Jackson this morning. Mr. Carpenter called. Sewed & knit. Marion D. still here.

Feb. 1 Thursday - Went to Eaton Rapids with F.F. White to Mrs. Blair's funeral started quite early & Oh! such a storm rain, hail & snow, arrived there safe and found the house crowded was obliged to stand up during service. the corpse was one of the sweetest, looking corpses that I ever beheld. Saw Mrs. Hamblin & Mrs. Knight, the latter lady invited me home with her to dinner. went. was introduced to Miss McArthur the Milliner, a very pert woman of about 25. I should think. Went to Mr. Rands store & traded \$4.50, saw Mr. Jewett. came home in a terrible snow storm.

Feb. 2 Friday - Spent the forenoon rather idly. had a terrible cold & felt most miserably. In the afternoon, Mr. H.I.I. Gale, R.F. Cushing, M. Shaw, Young Cushing & several others called in the forenoon, received an introduction to Mr. Cushing. In the afternoon Miss Mo. Davis, Miss C. Davis & myself spent the afternoon at Mrs. Williams with Mrs. W. & Miss Allen, laughed at Marion considerable about Mr. C. Just at dark Celeste & myself came home & left Marion to spend the night with Miss Allen. received my Lady's Book, a paper from Julie E. Canfield & one from Marvin Kent. Read aloud during the evening.

Feb 3 Saturday - Spent the day doing a little of everything. learned a new turn to the "soldiers Dream" from Marion Davis & sung all day much to the annoyance of Mother. Mr. Carpenter called in the afternoon & I lent him my saddle to go to Jackson. About dark, Marion & myself had a great dance in the dining room. Set up till very late. Tomorrow we are to take Marion D. home.

Feb 4 Sunday - Got up midling early, helped do up the work & about two oclock, Marion, Celeste, Mr. John & myself started in an ox sled for Tom Benton, about the time we got ready to start it commenced hailing & oh what a storm! when we got about 3 quarters of a mile from home the oxen ran off the road & oh! we had the most charming upset ever heard of, I fell on the buffalo robe & we were all disposed of quite comfortably, no bones broken - after a short delay, during which we were occupied in picking ourselves up, we again proceeded towards our place of destination, notwithstanding the "rain and hail, & sleet & snow fell thick as hasty pudding" after a while we arrived at the house of Mr. Davis. saw the Misses Fisher, & Miss Phoebe Searls. Mrs. D. & Mr. D. stayed some time. took tea. & after tea started for home. the storm being over we arrived safe and had a very pleasant ride. I received an invitation to attend the party at Mr. Southworth's with Mr.

I. The folks all tried to make us say we turned over but, no, we keep it to ourselves. Spent the evening singing.

Feb 5 Monday - Mother & F.F. White went to Eaton Rapids. I wrote some & ironed some during the day. in the evening three clock pedlar's came & stayed all night. In the evening Sang.

Feb 6 Tuesday - Every thing is "hurly burly" "topsy turvey" the pedlars talked of leaving but did not. Mr. Root (one of the pedlars) gave me a pair of side combs. Father purchased a clock in the afternoon Mrs & Mr. Davis came down to see if I would let M.A.D. have my dark bonnet, to go to Tecumseh. did not let it go. They spent the afternoon & evening. Mr. R. sang some and played the flute. Mr. Rathbone also sang some and presented us each a with a thimble. purchased a bottle of Macassar oil for H_____. sang several songs.

Feb 7 Wednesday - The mail came and brought father a paper from Mr. Daily. Spent the day as usual doing nothing. Mr. C. made a short call at noon. in the evening I sung the Whig song for Mr. Kingsley. Mr. R. & Mr. R. are Loco's & and of course not much in favor of it.

Feb 8 Thursday - Did not do much by way of work sewed some. The Pedlar's left. Father purchased a clock.

Feb 9 Friday - Not much done.

Feb 10 Saturday - Cleaned the house some. the pedlar's returned to dinner & left for Eaton Rapids.

Feb 11 Sunday - Spent the forenoon idly. wrote a note to Mary M. F. In the afternoon just as we were getting ready for church in popped Miss Marion Davis & Marie, all went to church together. Mr. Blair here. returned from church & took tea & all departed for church on Searls street. arrived there & found the house quite full. listened to a tolerable sermon & came away; had a delightful ride & chat both going and coming. the girls are all on the qui vive about the party that is to be at Mr. Southworths on Thursday next.

Feb 12 Monday - Worked worsted work all day. Received a call from Mr. & Mrs. R. Grant and Cornelia Jordan.

Feb 13 Tuesday - After doing up the work, Father, Mother, Marion & myself started for Mr. Claffins for a visit. arrived there after driving incidents, running against trees, over logs & c. Found Mrs. C. who we had not seen for two years well & looking as usual. Mrs. Hatch very poorly indeed. had a very pleasant visit & started home by the mill & oh what a ride! no broken limbs however. when we arrived in sight of our dwelling place we were somewhat alarmed at such an unusual collection of sleighs, sled & c, came in & lo & behold who would we find but E.B. Bostwick, Geo. S. Lovett & little Tommy Lewis. Mr. Root, Mr. Rathbone & Mr. Kingsley, Mr. Antoine Campau & a Fanning Mill Pedlar - got supper nearly ready when in comes Miss Abi Kellogg & Orson from Grand Rapids. I was very glad to see them, but old recollections came thronging o'er me & it made me sad, sad, very sad; did not go to bed until 12 oclock & Abi & myself slept together & talked 'til about 3.

Feb 14 Wednesday - Arose midling early & made preparations to go with Abi & Marion up to Mrs. Davis to make a visit as Abi leaves this afternoon. About 10 oclock we started for Tom Benton. on the way I sang the Whig song for Miss Abi. Met Mrs. Cook at Mrs D. had a very good visit. talked over old times & c. At 3 oclock Abi & her brother bid us good bye & left. An hour after she left

Mrs. & Mr. D & Celestia & myself started for home. had a delightful ride home. found Mrs. Shaw, Mrs Gale, Mrs. Sweet, Mrs. Dunton & Mrs. Cushing at our house. they left a few moments after we arrived. Celestia & myself set up to do up the work; did not get through till nearly 12. Received a paper from C.M Grazer. Valentines Day; but no Valentines.

Feb 15 Thursday - Today is the day of the "grand gala" Soon after breakfast Old Hackett¹ (the Fiddler) came. I sung all the songs I could think of for him & in return received some very good compliments & some music still better. Just at noon Doc. Hart came & brought Capen (the dog) home told some very amusing stories of his hunting, stayed to dinner & giving us all very polite invitation to call on him departed. but says my neck is much better. About 4 oclock, Marie & Marion D with their cheveliers came down on their way to the soiree. We made ourselves ready & about dark started. arrived there & as I expected, twas a perfect "squeeze" hardly room to turn round. got our things off & I commenced dancing. Saw Miss Maranda Allen & by her was introduced to

Miss Babcock

Mr. Babcock

" Babcock

" G. Allen

" Freeman

saw

" SV. (?) Allen

" Pixley

"

Miss Carpenter

Mrs. Freeman

"

Mrs. Tripp & Mrs. Dunton

Mrs. Cushing & many others. danced steadily all night. Came home between 5 & 6 oclock heartily glad that the party was over with & satisfied to get home.

Feb 16 Friday - Lounged around all day. worked worsted work all day. Rathbone returned.

Feb 17 Saturday - Worked worsted work all day finished my piece.

Feb 18 Sunday - Felt very bad but went to Church in the forenoon. saw Miss Allen. returned from church feeling quite bad. felt quite sick all evening.

Feb 19 Monday - Sick all day. did not do much. Strangers here.

Feb 20 Tuesday - Sick all day. Talking of a Party.

Feb 21 Wednesday - Sick again.

¹ Frank Dean, in an undated address to the Eaton County Pioneer Society said "on the 14th day of March 1840, the county commissioners voted that all business of the county should be done in 'the village of Charlotte at the house of William Stoddard.' The commissioners who were so favorably impressed with the 'house of Stoddard' may have there been lost in the maze of the 'Virginia Reel,' or perchance their eyes have rested fondly on some prepossessing jug in the 'cellar of Stoddard.' Around the old Eagle ('the house of Stoddard') unless tradition tells false tales, the richest historic associations of our city once clustered. At her cheerful fireside, our village fathers loved to linger and waste the winter nights, in cracking nuts and jokes, and spinning yarns of wild adventure. Here too the mothers often came, and chased with busy tongues and fingers, the happy hours away. How often through her halls the measured tread of tireless feet to the music of Hackett's fiddle did resound. Merry voices long since hushed once made her rafters ring with glee. For over twenty years she stood a Mecca to the weary traveler, and to the pioneer a continuing memorial of happy days.

Feb 22 Thursday - Today is the day of the Party a lovely day but oh how muddy! the day passes slowly. The Pedlars are back & the fiddler here. About dark Levi & Miss Fisher & Mr. Johnson & Miss Fisher, at dark Mr. & Mrs. Gale, Cushing, Shaw & Dunton, came up & several others. Walked up stairs with S.M.R. & although I could scarcely set up yet I danced with all the animation I was master of. the party however was very delightful Mother & Father danced & everything went off very pleasantly indeed. Mr. R. was voted the best gentleman dancer & Miss M.M.F. The best lady dancer. danced till 2 or 3 oclock.

Feb 23 Friday - Went to bed after the company left & slept until 1 oclock, got up and lounged around the remainder of the day. my cold as bad as ever & myself feeling very bad.

Feb 24 Saturday - Celeste's birthday. 30 years old. The Pedlars left this morning. In the afternoon Mrs. Davis came here & the girls are going up to Tom Benton.

(Following nearly 6 months of silence, Emma resumed her dairy in August 1843.)

Aug. 11 Sunday - Once more I take up my pen to resume my long neglected Journal, days, weeks, & even months have passed since last I committed my thought to the pages of my Journal; I have not confidence like many others to write what I think & then read it after a lapse of months or years, it may be that my mind is more fluctuating & again it may be that I am less able to bear the proof that I have changed, though it be only in small matters, which ever it be I fear I shall never accustom myself to keeping a Register of all my thoughts or even actions but "Nous Verrous".

There is no church today & consequently nothing to vary the usual dull routine of business on the Sabbath. the day is very lovely. I sat up so late last night singing "Glees" & "Whig songs" that I do not feel remarkably brilliant today. W.S. Barnum of Ohio (my cousin) is now here on a visit, two weeks to day since he came, he is going to wait until after the "Whig Mass Meeting" which is to come off next Friday 16th. for the "glorifications" of the Statesman Henry Clay & Theodore Frelinghysen to each of whom be long life, health & prosperity & moreover may the first be the next one to occupy the chair now filled by the Wretch John Tyler & may the last occupy the place which "Tyler John" would have had if our Lamented Harrison had lived. Sincerely do I hope that the Whigs by their spirited "turnout on Friday will manifest their determination to " help fan the flame which is everywhere burning Loco-Focoism to a cinder." So for today I will leave Politics.

I have been looking for a letter from my dear Kitty but no, I do not even get proof of her being in the land of the living.

The Mass meeting has come & gone, it went off gloriously for the Whigs 400 - 100 Ladies. was introduced to several persons.

Sep 5 Thursday - Several days ago received an invitation to be present at Miss Marion Davis's Nineteenth birthday. I arose not very early & did several things about the house preparatory to getting ready for Tom Benton. At 12 oclock Miss A.C. Hughes & Miss E. Allen came over "all armed & equipped" & in company with them, Miss C. Davis, Mr. N.A. Johnson & George Johnson I started for Tom Benton but "mirable dictu" the starting was mere nothing. Such roads! Oh! such roads! fortunately, we arrived there a few minutes after 1 found Marion in high life and good humor. Mrs. Davis as lively as usual. Spent the afternoon very pleasantly indeed & after having present of a splendid Bouquet, started for home, arrived in the city just at dark; parted with Miss A & Miss H, & a very few minutes after received an invitation to go with Miss Allen & watch with Miss C. Richards, went, found Mrs. Baldwin & daughter there making a call, Miss B. is not very tall, nor very slender, a very white transparent complexion, but not very agreeable or intelligent. found Clarisa quite poorly. after Mrs. Andrew went to bed, Ervilla & myself had a long chat & the hours flew by unheeded. E. is engaged to a Mr. J.C. Bellows expects to be married in December, &

invited me to be her bridesmaid. I promised to if all is well. Very pleasant.

Sep 6 Friday - Came home from Andrew's between 4 & 5 oclock & slept till 8. arose very much refreshed, sewed & when father came up to tea he asked me to go & help him rake hay, accordingly, after supper I got my sun bonnet.

Sun 10 Nov - Mr. Millets folks leave today; helped get the breakfast & assisted some in doing up the work, set down in the kitchen & read my papers received yesterday from Mr. Macy, chatted some with Mr. Johnson & Mr. Hibbard, received from the latter a present of raisins. About Noon Mr. Millet came over & invited us over to tea, promised to go, just as we were about starting, Mr. Lawrance & Mr. Scout came up from Marshall. I received from the hands of Mr. L. a parcel from "mine own dear Kate containing a bracelet of her own hair a lock of her boys; a cravat collar & last though not least a letter from herself kind & affectionate as ever. Some delay was occasioned by the new arrivals after which the party started Messrs Hayden, Hibbard & Johnson, Miss C. Davis & myself. Found Mrs. M & Miss M. Davis in very good spirits & they gave us a nice tea. spent the evening very pleasantly. W.B.H. assisted me home. Weent to bed about 10 left Celeste sitting up with Johnson.

Nov. 11 - Got up & helped get breakfast, after which Celeste went to washing & I did the house work. In the evening Mr. Hibbard came into the kitchen I gave him a turkeys heart wrapped up very nicely with the following piece of poetry.

The heart, the heart oh let it be
A true & beaucous thing
As kindly warm & nobly free
As turkey's nestling wing -

he laughed said he was much obliged &c & there I supposed the matter would end.

Nov 12 Tuesday - Did the house work; 16 men here it being County Canvass. Mr. Hibbard gave me a parcel, he said it was from Marion Davis, upon opening it I found it to the heart nicely done up with the following note.

Miss E.C. Stoddard

Permit me to return your invaluable present, as I think you have taken the advantage of the original. possessor & given it without consulting the feelings of the one who has the most right to dictate in a matter of such importance. had it been your own I confess should have been highly flattered, but although this is Leap year I have not as you might infer flattered myself with the vain hope of obtaining a present which would as you doubt have guessed ere this be received by me with pleasure.

What's Trumps/forever.

I saw him several times during the day in the evening he came into the kitchen & I had quite a chat with him. He is quite agreeable. Rather tall; quite slim, dark complexion, black hair & eyes, fine, intelligent eyes & upon the whole quite good looking. Nous Verrous.

Nov. 13 Wednesday - Arose quite early. assisted about getting breakfast. after the mail came in Fred came in & brought me a good long letter from W.S. Barnum & one from G.F. Macy, a very polite & gentlemanly letter. Stayed in the kitchen doing house work all day. H. came in the evening.

Nov. 14 Thursday - Helped do the work. Miss M. Davis came over to bake for Mrs. Millet., Celeste & myself hurried to get the work done so as to go & see Mrs. Millet. Started just after dark, got there & was introduced to Mrs. Millets sister Mrs. Flory quite a Lady like woman in appearance. Spent the forepart of the evening very pleasantly. I received from Mrs. Millet a bracelet of Mr. Hibbards hair, she made quite a laugh when she gave it to me by some remarks. After we had visited about an hour who should come in but Mrsrs. Hibbard & Hayden. stayed & spent the remainder of the evening very pleasantly. Mr. Hibbard assisted me home.

Once again, Emma took leave from writing in her diary, resuming with two entries in April, 1844

April 1 Tuesday - Arose midling early, helped get the breakfast after which I spent the day in our room with Marion Sewing. had a short call from Mr. H. in the afternoon. Fooled Millett nicely by means of a letter.

Mr. Gee & Brown are here to get some Stock toward payment of Fathers Land bought of Mr. Page. I let them have my "Calico Calves" for \$25.00

Oh Well! I have been obliged to sing "Away with Melancholy" several times to keep my spirits up, rather sad times these, dark! Dark! Dark! if you look back, dark on either side & worse than all dark ahead. Went in the kitchen to make Toast Water for Marion Preparatory to going to bed had a short chat a kiss & sweet "Good Night and pleasant dreams," from _____. Lovely Day.

April 2 Wednesday - In quite fine spirits this morning & destined as usual to have them all destroyed. A letter informing me of a previous courtship &c. I believe fate is against me for surely I am sorely tried. Had a long confidential chat with Mrs. Hale (I love that woman)) She, & I am glad, thinks he is not so much to blame, t'were a vain task for me to endeavor to make a transcript of my thoughts, I eschew the attempt. Mr. Helshuimer of Ohio, arrived in town today & brought the news of the marriage of one of my old schoolmates (Eliza Kent) to a New York gentleman Mr. Poge. Success!

Mr. H. spent the evening in our room. Expects Mary out this summer. Cold & Windy.

And so ended Emma's attempt at keeping a diary. She and Hibbard did not make a match of it. On July 16, 1865, when she was 36, she married Alonzo H. Kesler, 30. They had two children, Kate Mable, and William. Emma died in 1868 when she was only 39.

Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 1

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

2 Donald Howard HICE

Born: 14 Dec 1928
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., Mich.
Marr: 23 Jan 1949
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., Mich.
Died:
Place:

1 Jo Anne HICE

Born: 8 Feb 1950
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., Mich.
Marr: 14 Aug 1979
Place: Midland, Mich.
Died:
Place:

Jack Melvin DECKER

Spouse

3 Mary Elizabeth MEAD

Born: 10 Oct 1929
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., Mich.
Died:
Place:

4 Howard Harper HICE

Born: 24 Jun 1902
Place: Howardsville, SJC, Mich.
Marr: 12 Jun 1926
Place: Eaton Co., Mich.
Died: 4 Feb 1978
Place: Ellington, FL

5 Agnes Marie JAQUETTE

Born: 1 Sep 1906
Place: Eaton Co., Mich.
Died: 18 Jan 1994
Place: Big Rapids, Mich.

6 Earl Vanrancelar MEAD

Born: 5 Oct 1896
Place: Brighton, Livingston Co., Mich.
Marr: 13 Jun 1926
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., Mich.
Died: 23 Apr 1982
Place: Bucks Co., PA

7 Margaret Alexander MILLER

Born: 5 Oct 1904
Place: Chicago, IL
Died:
Place:

8 Wilbur HICE

Born: Aug 1870
Place: St. Joseph Co., Mich.
Marr:
Place:

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9 Mina A. HARPER

Born: 18 Feb 1867
Place: Ohio
Died: 20 Feb 1933
Place: Eaton Co., Mich.

cont. 3

10 Arthur Clinton JAQUETTE

Born: 1880
Place:
Marr: 3 Oct 1901
Place: Eaton Co., Mich.
Died: 1950
Place: Eaton Co., Mich.

cont. 3

11 Eunice E. CORNELL

Born: 18 Dec 1883
Place: Eaton Co., Mich.
Died: 4 Jun 1953
Place: Ingham Co., Mich.

cont. 4

12 George Henry MEAD

Born: 1 Jul 1872
Place: Ithaca, Mich.
Marr: 4 Oct 1892
Place: Livingston Co., Mich.
Died: 25 Feb 1951
Place: Ingham Co., Mich.

cont. 5

13 Grace Desdamona FEATHERLY

Born: 22 Dec 1874
Place: Leroy Twp., Ingham Co., Mich.
Died: 27 Nov 1964
Place: Gratiot Co., Mich.

cont. 6

14 Alexander MILLER

Born: 9 Feb 1875
Place: Vienna, Austria
Marr: 15 Oct 1898
Place: Chicago, Cook Co., IL
Died: 6 Nov 1961
Place: Otsego, Allegan Co., Mich.

cont. 7

15 Elizabeth HERRMANN

Born: 13 Jul 1877
Place: Koenigsburg, Germany
Died: 11 Nov 1956
Place: Otsego, Allegan Co., Mich.

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Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 2

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 8 on chart no. 1

2 Irving HICE

Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

1 Wilbur HICE

Born: Aug 1870
Place: St. Joseph Co., Mich.
Marr:
Place:
Died: 8 Mar 1938
Place: Melbourne, FL

Mina A. HARPER

Spouse

3 Frances A. GIBBS

Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

4 Samuel L. HICE

Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

5 Sarah Ann DECKER

Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

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Born:
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Place:
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Born:
Place:
Marr:
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Died:
Place:

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Born:
Place:
Died:
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14

Born:
Place:
Marr:
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Died:
Place:

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15

Born:
Place:
Died:
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Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 3

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 10 on chart no. 1

2 Darwin B. JAQUETTE

Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

1 Arthur Clinton JAQUETTE

Born: 1880
Place:
Marr: 3 Oct 1901
Place: Eaton Co., Mich.
Died: 1950
Place: Eaton Co., Mich.

Eunice E. CORNELL
Spouse

3 Ella L. KING

Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

4 Samuel JAQUETTE

Born:
Place:
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5 Abigail KING

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6 John KING

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Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 4

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 11 on chart no. 1

2 Thomas CORNELL

Born: 2 Feb 1832
Place: New York
Marr: 1 Jul 1864
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., Mich.
Died: 21 Jun 1898
Place: Eaton Co., Mich.

1 Eunice E. CORNELL

Born: 18 Dec 1883
Place: Eaton Co., Mich.
Marr: 3 Oct 1901
Place: Eaton Co., Mich.
Died: 4 Jun 1953
Place: Ingham Co., Mich.

Arthur Clinton JAQUETTE
Spouse

3 Hannah PELTON

Born: 14 Jul 1847
Place: Ohio
Died: 26 Mar 1934
Place: Eaton Co., Mich.

4 Olidia CORNELL

Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

5 Perlina AMMY

Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

6 David C. PELTON

Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

7 Hannah SMITH

Born:
Place:
Died:
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Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 5

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 12 on chart no. 1

<p>2 Dyer W. MEAD</p> <p>Born: 22 May 1822 Place: Canada Marr: 20 Sep 1858 Place: Oakland Co., Mich. Died: 20 Sep 1890 Place: Green Oak, LC, Mich.</p>	<p>4 Lewis MEAD</p> <p>Born: Place: Marr: Place: Died: Place:</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Born: _____ cont _____ Place: Marr: Place: Died: Place:</p> <p>9</p> <p>Born: _____ cont _____ Place: Died: Place:</p>
<p>George Henry MEAD</p> <p>Born: 1 Jul 1872 Place: Ithaca, Mich. Marr: 4 Oct 1892 Place: Livingston Co., Mich. Died: 25 Feb 1951 Place: Ingham Co., Mich.</p> <p>Grace Desdamona FEATHERLY Spouse</p>	<p>5 Abigail WAITE</p> <p>Born: Place: Died: Place:</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Born: _____ cont _____ Place: Marr: Place: Died: Place:</p> <p>11</p> <p>Born: _____ cont _____ Place: Died: Place:</p>
<p>3 Sarah SMITH</p> <p>Born: 14 Oct 1840 Place: Oakland Co., Mich. Died: 31 Aug 1899 Place: Pontiac, Mich.</p>	<p>6 James H. SMITH</p> <p>Born: Place: Marr: Place: Died: Place:</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Born: _____ cont _____ Place: Marr: Place: Died: Place:</p> <p>13</p> <p>Born: _____ cont _____ Place: Died: Place:</p>
<p>Prepared 15 Sep 1997 by Mary Mead Rose 449 Munson Pl. #3 Traverse City, MI 49686 616-946-6337</p>	<p>7 E. B. BUTTERFIELD</p> <p>Born: Place: Died: Place:</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Born: _____ cont _____ Place: Marr: Place: Died: Place:</p> <p>15</p> <p>Born: _____ cont _____ Place: Died: Place:</p>

Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 6

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 13 on chart no. 1

2 Mark Thomas FEATHERLY

Born: 7 Dec 1845
Place: Washtenaw Co., Mich.
Marr: 2 Jan 1871
Place: Livingston Co., Mich.
Died: 27 Nov 1964
Place: Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

1 Grace Desdamona FEATHERLY

Born: 22 Dec 1874
Place: Leroy Twp., Ingham Co., Mich.
Marr: 4 Oct 1892
Place: Livingston Co., Mich.
Died: 27 Nov 1964
Place: Gratiot Co., Mich.

George Henry MEAD

Spouse

3 Eva Eurela BENNETT

Born: 4 Jan 1853
Place: Livingston Co., Mich.
Died: 13 Dec 1941
Place: Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

4 Thomas FEATHERLY

Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
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5 Susan Mable WHITEHEAD

Born:
Place:
Died:
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6 V. W. BENNETT

Born:
Place:
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7 Desdamonia CARPENTER

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Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 7

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 14 on chart no. 1

2 Alex V. MILLER

Born: Jul 1840
Place: Vienna, Austria
Marr: 20 Sep 1870
Place: Vienna, Austria
Died: 25 Dec 1909
Place: Chicago, Cook Co., IL

1 Alexander MILLER

Born: 9 Feb 1875
Place: Vienna, Austria
Marr: 15 Oct 1898
Place: Chicago, Cook Co., IL
Died: 6 Nov 1961
Place: Otsego, Allegan Co., Mich.

Elizabeth HERRMANN

Spouse

3 Julianna FORSTER

Born: 12 Mar 1856
Place: Vienna, Austria
Died: 7 Jul 1936
Place: Otsego, Allegan Co., Mich.

4 Frantz X. MILLER

Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

5 Maria CONRAD

Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

6 Carl FORSTER

Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
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7 Josefa MAGLOCK

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Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 8

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 15 on chart no. 1

2 Henry HERRMANN

Born:
Place: Germany
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

1 Elizabeth HERRMANN

Born: 13 Jul 1877
Place: Koenigsburg, Germany
Marr: 15 Oct 1898
Place: Chicago, Cook Co., IL
Died: 11 Nov 1956
Place: Otsego, Allegan Co., Mich

Alexander MILLER

Spouse

3 UNKNOWN

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Grant/Bovee/Bray

Seeking any information regarding **Darius S. Grant** (b. 25 Jan 1830), who lived in Windsor Township with his wife, **Minerva Bovee Grant** (b 15 Feb 1833), whom he married on 13 Nov 1851, until his death in September, 1864. He owned the Dimondale Store (at Jefferson & Bridge Sts.), briefly partnering with **Dr. Tyler Hull**. They had 3 children, **Almon Henry Grant** (b. 3 Feb 1853), **Byron Matthias Grant** (b 27 Mar 1854) and **Lora Adelia Grant** (b. 7 Oct 1857). **Lora Adelia Grant** married **Alfred Francis Bray** in 1878 and there is some evidence that they may have lived on Jefferson St. several doors southeast of Bridge St., across the street from **Dr. Hull's** office, after they were married.

Byron C. Bray, 3135-15th Ave., S.E., Albany, Oregon 97321

E-mail address: byron.bray@cmug.com

Strong/Brown/Robinson

Searching for information on the family names of **Strong & Brown**.

Strong, David: Born: June 25, 1806 in Columbia County, New York

Died: Dec. 8, 1890 in Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, MI

Buried: Rose Hill Cemetery, Eaton Rapids, MI

He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge. He and **Paulina/Pauline** moved to Michigan from New York in 1850. They settled at Aurelius where they were charter members of the Methodist Church in Eaton Rapids.

Robinson, Paulina: wife of the above:

Born: Aug 20, 1828, Phelps, Manchester Township, Ontario Co., New York

Died: February 1, 1917, Eaton Rapids, Michigan

Burial: Rose Hill Cemetery, Eaton Rapids, MI

Children:

Strong, Margaret: Born in New York ? Died: June 4, 1852

Strong, Ida E.: Born: ? Died: April 17, 1861

Strong, Sarah Maria (S.): Born: February 4, 1852, Eaton Rapids, MI

Married: **George Washington Brown** July 24, 1871 in Eaton Rapids, MI Died: September 29, 1940 She was the oldest member of the Methodist Church in Eaton Rapids at the time of her death.

Brown, George Washington: Born: Oct. 3, 1843 in Elba, Genesee Co., NY

Died: May 28, 1929 Sarah and George had 6 children one of which is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, possibly others are buried there also. The children are:

Brown, D. Hayden: Born: June 26, 1874 in Eaton Rapids, MI Died: May 7, 1930 in Detroit, MI Buried: Rose Hill Cemetery, Eaton Rapids, MI

Brown, Jay W.: Born: June 22, 1876 Died: Jan 29, 1955

Brown, Emma J.: Born: Dec 1, 1877 in Eaton Rapids, MI Died:

Brown, Edith Leona: Born: Feb 11, 1880 in Eaton Rapids, MI Married: **John Jacob Thommen** Aug 22, 1899 in Banfield or Battle Creek, MI Died: Dec. 1, 1943 in Medora, North Dakota

Brown, Frank: Born: Oct 1, 1883 Died: Feb 3, 1917 in Medora, North Dakota

Brown, Ida Mae: Born: July 1, 1888 Died: Feb 1, 1965

Edith Leona Brown is my maternal grand mother. She married **John Jacob Thommen** in Michigan and they homesteaded in Medora, North Dakota around 1900. They had 5 children, I have additional information on these families.

Alwina V. Bane, 1468 S. Ward St., Lakewood, CO 80228 Phone 303-986-4878 E-mail: dbanes@aol.com

Juntunens Family History Project:

Juntunens in both North America and Finland have begun an ambitious joint research project with the goal of ultimately publishing a book containing their family genealogies, histories, family stories, and biographies. It is an extensive data collection effort which will evolve over several years.

In Finland, the **Juntunen Family Society** headed by **Kalle Juntunen** of Hyrynsalmi has commissioned **Matti Kankaanpaa**, Finland's 1992 Genealogist of the Year, for all known **Juntunens** in Finland from the year 1550 to 1900 onward. Volume I of the series, which will include information from 1550 to 1800 is scheduled for publication in 1998. Purchase information will be announced as soon as it is available.

Juntunen Descendants, related family members, and researchers are being sought to contribute family data, stories, poetry, artwork, music, and photographs for the planned North American **Juntunen** family book. Volunteers interested in being **Juntunen** family-branch contact people are also needed.

Write to: **John & Ruth Stierna** at their internet address: **jnrstierna@aol.com** or Mailing address: **2600 Wiley Terrace, Haymarket, VA 20169-1501.** Or write to **Margaret Smith** at her internet address: **wanhamas@juno.com** or mailing address: **7255 E. St. Joe Hwy., Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837-9124.** On request, we will send guidelines for data collection and submission, as well as blank family layout pages for recording and submitting.

Editor Page:

Hello Fellow Members,

Again we come to the end of our year. It seems to come around much faster, have you noticed. It is hard to believe that our society will be starting our 9th year in 1998.

Change in Officers

To let all of our members know, we have had a change in three officers. Our treasurer **R. Jeanne Sidnam** moved away and resigned her office. That office was filled by the appointment of **Stephen Smith** of Charlotte to complete the year. Due to an increase in her work load and family demands, the office of Recording Secretary, which was held by **Debra Eddy** for 8 years has been filled by the appointment of **Mary Ann Wood**. We want to thank Debra for a great job that she has done for us. Since I the Correspondence and Membership Secretary, and was then asked to become Editor of the Quest, the board felt that I had my plate too full. (I agree to that) The society has created a separate office of Membership Secretary by amendment to the by-laws. The new Membership Secretary is **Barbara Smith** of Charlotte. These people have volunteered to hold office until elections are held in January. Our thanks to **Jeanne Sidnam** and **Debra Eddy** for the fine jobs they did for the society.

Grant

This year the society applied for a Grant that was being offered by the **Broderbund Banner Blue Division** which sells the **Family Tree Maker** genealogy computer program. Well, we didn't get any of the grant but we did receive a copy of their **Family Tree Maker Vol. 4 edition computer program** to use on our computer in the research rooms. This will be for the use of individuals who want to do a search on their families. Not to enter data about their families. We have several members who are donating their CD's that go with this program. I think a lot of people will find this a useful addition to our research materials. There will be a charge for using the laser printer.

Memorial Fund

The Society has approved the starting of a **Memorial Fund**. The society would receive funds from anyone who wishes to donate in the memory of someone. Those funds would be to purchase research materials in memory of that person. We also will accept the donation of books in the memory of a person. The Society has a policy that upon the death of a member a book is purchased by the society in memory of that person.

Help !!

The society is in need of a Microfilm Reader. The reader we had was old when we purchased it eight years ago. The speedometer cable was over worked and

broke. (That is the part which makes the handle turn) We have been unable to find a replacement as the age of the machine is a factor. This machine is a vital part of our research rooms. I have checked and a new reader that does not print will cost a minimum of \$500.00. I called a company and found that a Microfiche /Microfilm Reader Printer will cost about \$6000.00. We have been given a check in the amount of \$125.00 to start us on the way. Donated by the family of Gloria M. (Bush) Hampton in her memory. If you can help, donations in any amount will be gladly accepted. If each of our members would donate \$ 5.00 we would be able to get the new reader. This is a very important machine and used every day by members and public alike.

Indexing Committee

Our indexing group has been given the use of the second floor of the Sheriff's Residence. By us doing the repair to plaster and the painting will help Courthouse Square with the interior restoration of the building. We are asking our members to donate \$1.00 toward paint for this project when you pay your dues.

Bus Trip

Bus Trip to Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana was enjoyed by 38 persons, on Saturday November 1. This was the second year a trip was sponsored by the society. A great day of research was enjoyed by all. We stopped at the Old Country Buffet for dinner on the way home. We enjoyed a movie on the TV/VCR which was kindly provided by one of our members.

Cook Book

We still need those recipes for the cook book. You can send photocopies to make it easy.

Pedigree Charts

Last issue I asked for your Pedigree charts. I have heard from only a couple of you. I want to thank you. If you can't remember if you have sent your charts, just drop us a line, call, or send an e-mail and we'll check it out.

Special Thanks

We have a special member, I want to tell you about. Her name is Edith Engel. She lives at Roscommon, MI. Edith found out that when she shops at the Carter's IGA store near her, that she can send us her cash register receipts. We can turn them in for what is called Community Cash. So if you have a Carter's IGA store near where you shop, please send us you receipts. Thank You !, Edith and keep those receipts coming.

Queries Needed

Change in Rooms Hours

Due to lack of volunteers and winter weather. No Monday night research. Closed on Friday.

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