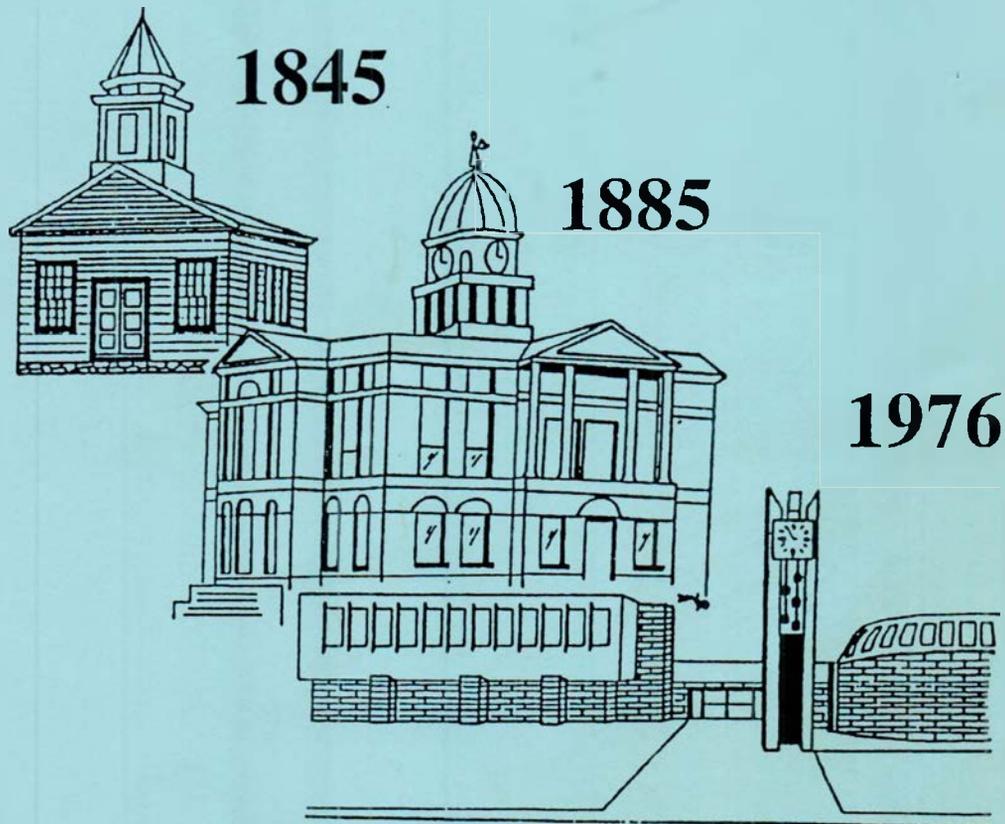


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EATON COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN MARRIAGES

Abstracted by Betty Goostrey
Spelling as written

** Please note in previous **Quest** the County Clerk's name was given a **L. H. Tow** which was in error. It **L. H. Ion**

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Date of Marriage: 15 October 1846
Groom: **Morris Annis**, age 24 years
Residence:
Bride: **Physbe Ann Ferris**, age 20 years
Residence:
Official Preforming: **George U. Spencer**,
Justice of Peace
Place of Marriage: Township of Eaton
Rapids
Witnesses: **Franklin Spear**
Matilda Spear
Residence: Township of Eaton Rapids
Recorded: October 17, 1846
County Clerk:

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Date of Marriage: 2 January 1843
Groom: **Christopher Champlin**, age,
sufficient
Residence: Town of Eaton
Bride: **Unice Elsey Darling**, age, sufficient
Residence:
Official Preforming: **Abraham Smoke**,
Justice of Peace
Place of Marriage:
Witnesses: **W. P. Uales ?**
Sylvester Champlin
Recorded: March 18, 1843
County Clerk: **A. Blair**

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Date of Marriage: 23 April 1843
Groom: **Timothy Strong**, age 37 years
Residence: Aurelious, Ingham Co., Mich.
Bride: **Sarah Darling**, age 21 years
Residence: Town of Eaton, Eaton Co., MI
Official Preforming: **J. M. Collins**, Justice of
Peace
Place of Marriage:
Witnesses: **Porter Train**
George Ashley
Recorded: June 20, 1843
County Clerk: **A. Blair**

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Date of Marriage: 3 February 1850
Groom: **Mr. Lemuel R. Cole**, age 34 years
Residence: Town of Roxand, Eaton Co., MI
Bride: **Miss Lydia A. Tiffany**, age 21 years
Residence: Town of Chester, Eaton Co., MI
Official Preforming: **Samuel A. Carrier, Elder**
Place of Marriage:
Witnesses: **Miss/Mrs. Markus Rouley**,
Residence: Charlotte, Eaton Co., Mich.
Jonas Reed, Residence:
Roxand
Recorded: February 5, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

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Date of Marriage: 13 October 1849
Groom: **Nelson Darling**, age 23 years
Residence: Eaton Rapids, Eaton County,
Mich.
Bride: **Betsey Ann Flanders**, age 18 years
Residence: Eaton Rapids, Eaton County,
Mich.
Official Preforming: **Nathan B. Darrow**,
Justice of Peace
Place of Marriage: Township of Eaton
Rapids
Witnesses: **Nathaniel Rodgers**
Nathan Flanders
Oliver Thomson, all of the same
place
Recorded: February 8, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

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Date of Marriage: 12 February 1850
Groom: **John Vickery**, age 35 years
Residence: County of Eaton
Bride: **Mary A. Walker**, age 18 years
Residence: County of Eaton
Official Preforming: **Rev.d Josiah Fowler**
Place of Marriage: House of **Elias D.**
Fowler, County of Ingham
Witnesses: **A. D. D. Olmstead**
B. Clafin
Recorded: February 15, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

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Date of Marriage: 21 January 1850
Groom: **Nathaniel Rodgers**, age 29 years
Residence: Eaton Rapids, Eaton Co., MI
Bride: **Olive Thompson**, age 28 years
Residence: Eaton Rapids, Eaton Co., MI
Official Preforming: **Nathan B. Darrow**,
Justice of Peace
Place of Marriage: Township of Eaton
Rapids

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Witnesses: **Joel Latson**
Prudence Darrow
Residence: Same Place
Recorded: February 8, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

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Date of Marriage: 25 October 1849
Groom: **Abner Darling**, age 19 years
Residence: Township of Onondaga, Ingham Co., MI
Bride: **Rosina Jenny**, age 15 years
Residence: Township of Tyler, Eaton Co., MI
Official Performing: **Nathan B. Darrow**, Justice of Peace
Place of Marriage: Township of Tyler
Witnesses: **Hiram Berry**
Jonathon Chadwick
Eliza Berry, All of the Same

Place
Recorded: February 8, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

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Date of Marriage: 26 December 1849
Groom: **Mr. Frederic Spicer**, age 22 years
Residence: Township of Tyler, Eaton Co., MI
Bride: **Miss Jane E. Tompkins**, age 25 years
Residence: Village of Eaton Rapids, Eaton Co., MI
Official Performing: **J. H. Sanford**, Minister
Place of Marriage: House of **Mr. Wm. M. Tompkins** in Village of Eaton Rapids
Witnesses: **Mr. Morris Hamlin**
Miss Martha Umphry, both of Tyler
Recorded: March 5, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

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Date of Marriage: 31 December 1849
Groom: **Mr. Roswell Palmer**, age 24 years
Residence: Tyler, Eaton Co., MI
Bride: **Miss Norally Covey**, age 20 years
Residence: Tyler, Eaton Co., MI
Official Performing: **J. H. Sanford**, Minister
Place of Marriage: Township of Eaton Rapids, House of **Mr. James Covey**
Witnesses: **Mr. Benjamin Covey**
Miss Ann Eliza Foote, both of Eaton Rapids
Recorded: March 5, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

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Date of Marriage: 24 December 1849
Groom: **Mr. Hiram Thomas**, age 18 years

Residence: Roxand, Eaton Co., MI
Bride: **Miss Alzina Whitney**, age 16 years
Residence: Roxand, Eaton Co., MI
Official Performing: **Orin Rowland**, Justice of Peace
Place of Marriage:
Witnesses: **Johnathon B. Thomas**
Adelia Thomas
Recorded: March 18, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

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Date of Marriage: 11 November 1849
Groom: **Mr. Cornelius Holiday**, age 28 years
Residence: Walton, Eaton Co., MI
Bride: **Miss Elen Waldrow**, age 20 years
Residence: Walton, Eaton Co., MI
Official Performing: **Cornelius Dearing**, Minister
Place of Marriage:
Witnesses: **William Waldrow**
Osman Chapel, both of Walton
Recorded: March 18, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

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Date of Marriage: 20 January 1850
Groom: **Mr. George Rogers**, age 32 years
Residence: Sheridan, Calhoun Co., MI
Bride: **Miss Charity Stowell**, age 24 years
Residence: Brookfield, Eaton Co., MI
Official Performing: **Joram Chatfield**, Justice of Peace
Place of Marriage: Brookfield
Witnesses: **John Boody**
Nicholas Boody, both of Brookfield
Recorded: March 25, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

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Date of Marriage: 31 January 1850
Groom: **Luther Blodget**, age 42 years
Residence: Tyler, Eaton Co., MI
Bride: **Electa Blodget**, age 38 years
Residence: Tyler, Eaton Co., MI
Official Performing: **Samuel Bessey**, Minister
Place of Marriage:
Witnesses: **J. B. Snyder**
Mary Snyder, both of Town of Tyler
Recorded: March 29, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

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Date of Marriage: 28 March 1850
Groom: **Lewis Piper**, age 21 years

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Residence: Eaton Rapids, Eaton Co., MI
Bride: **Hortense D. Peck**, age 18 years
Residence: Eaton Rapids, Eaton Co., MI
Official Preforming: **Samuel Bessey**, Minister
Place of Marriage: House of **B. F. Miles**
Witnesses: **Calvin Pearce**
Jenetta Emerson, both of Eaton
Rapids
Recorded: March 29, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

Volume 1 Page 160
Date of Marriage: 29 March 1850
Groom: **Edward Spear**, age 25 years
Residence: Town of Windsor, Eaton Co., MI
Bride: **Miss Lucy Ashley**, age 15 years
Residence: Town of Eaton Rapids, Eaton
Co., MI
Official Preforming: **Solomon Pearce**,
Justice of Peace
Place of Marriage:
Witnesses: **Stephen D. Reeves**, Township
of Windsor
Isaac Ashley Junior, Township
of Eaton Rapids
Recorded: April 8, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

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Date of Marriage: 6 April 1850
Groom: **Philip Ashley**, age 31 years
Residence: Township of Windsor, Eaton Co.,
MI
Bride: **Miss California Pollard**, age 19 years
Residence: Same Place
Official Preforming: **Solomon Pearce**,
Justice of Peace
Place of Marriage: House of **David Pollard**
Witnesses: **E. M. Pearce**
Mary A. Pearce, both of Twp. of
Windsor
Recorded: April 4, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

Volume 1 Page 161
Date of Marriage: 1 January 1850
Groom: **Mr. James Cooper**, age 26 years
Residence: Bellevue, Eaton Co., MI
Bride: **Maria Thorton**, age 20 years
Residence: Walton, Eaton Co., MI
Official Preforming: **P. S. Spaulding**, Justice
of Peace
Place of Marriage: Township of Walton
Witnesses: **Ira Pearl**
Jane Peters
Recorded: April 16, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

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Date of Marriage: 24 March 1850
Groom: **Mr. George L. Booth**, age 23 years
Residence: Town of Eaton Rapids, Eaton
Co., MI
Bride: **Miss Harriet Hale**, age 19 years
Residence: Town of Eaton, Eaton Co., MI
Official Preforming: ?
Place of Marriage:
Witnesses: **Levi Hale**
Benjamin Arnold, both of Town
of Eaton
Recorded: April 17, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

Volume 1 Page 162
Date of Marriage: 18 November 1849
Groom: **Mr. Samuel W. Grinnell**, age 26
years
Residence: Roxand, Eaton Co., MI
Bride: **Miss Mary Eliza Tunison**, age 21
years
Residence: Roxand, Eaton Co., MI
Official Preforming: **Elder John Tomkins**
Place of Marriage: House of **William**
Tunison
Witnesses: **Mrs. Ann Vanhoughton**
William Dow
Recorded: April 22, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

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Date of Marriage: 28 October 1849
Groom: **Johnathon H. Waldo, Jr.** age 24
years
Residence: Oneida, Eaton Co., MI
Bride: **Susanna Ogden**, age 20 years
Residence: Oneida, Eaton Co., MI
Official Preforming: **Jame Nixon**, Minister
Place of Marriage: Oneida
Witnesses: **Martin Nichols**
Leonard P. Waldo, both of
Oneida
Recorded: May 4, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

Volume 1 Page 163
Date of Marriage: 31 March 1850
Groom: **Mr. Hiram Rodgers**, age 25 years
Residence: Town of Eaton Rapids, Eaton
Co., MI
Bride: **Miss Cynthia E. Densmore**, age 17
years
Residence: Town of Eaton Rapids, Eaton
Co., MI
Official Preforming: **Bird Norton**, Justice of
Peace
Place of Marriage:

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Witnesses: **Jacob Cornell**
Tina Snyder, both of Town of
Eaton Rapids
Recorded: May 7, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

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Date of Marriage: 13 March 1850
Groom: **William Carpenter**, age 28 years
Residence: Brookfield, Eaton Co., MI
Bride: **Almira Hendrickson**, age 25 years
Residence: Brookfield, Eaton Co., MI
Official Performing: **Benj. T. Belding**, Justice
of Peace
Place of Marriage: Brookfield
Witnesses: **Ira Faulkner** of Brookfield
Algemon Baldwin of Walton
Recorded: May 7, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

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Date of Marriage: 25 April 1850
Groom: **Elijah B. Belcher**, age 22 years
Residence: Town of Lee, Calhoun Co., MI
Bride: **Ruth L. Fordham**, age 17 years
Residence: Town of Brookfield, Eaton Co.,
MI
Official Performing: **Cyrus Kinter**, Justice of
Peace
Place of Marriage:
Witnesses: **James B. Nichols**
Albert Fordham, both of Town of
Brookfield
Recorded: May 7, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

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Date of Marriage: 10 April 1850
Groom: **David Boyer**, age 20 years
Residence: Township of Roxand, Eaton Co.,
MI
Bride: **Miss Mary M. Huffman**, age 20 years
Residence: Township of Roxand, Eaton Co.,
MI
Official Performing: **Caleb Rice**, Minister
Place of Marriage: Residence of **Joseph**
Hoofman, Town of Roxand
Witnesses: **Joseph Huffman**
Timothy Boyer, both of Town of
Roxand
Recorded: May 28, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

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Date of Marriage: 28 March 1850
Groom: **Casper Inselman**, age 38 years

Residence: Township of Bellevue, Eaton
Co., MI
Bride: **Miss Betsey M. Rice**, age 33 years
Residence: Township of Bellevue, Eaton
Co., MI
Official Performing: **Caleb Rice**, Minister
Place of Marriage: Residence of **Caleb Rice**,
Town of Roxand
Witnesses: **Adam Boyer**
Nelson T. Rice, both of Town of
Roxand
Recorded: May 28, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

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Date of Marriage: 22 May 1850
Groom: **John N. Hastings**, age 31 years
Residence: Scipio, MI
Bride: **Rachel C. Darrow**, age 19 years
Residence: Bellevue, Eaton Co., MI
Official Performing: **Henry Harris**, Minister
Place of Marriage: Residence of **Amaziah**
Darrow
Witnesses: **George S. Avery**
Rueben Fitzgerald, both of
Bellevue
Recorded: June 15, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

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Date of Marriage: 31 March 1850
Groom: **Charles Mascho**, age 24 years
Residence: Town of Delta, Eaton Co., MI
Bride: **Mary Ann Jones**, age 19 years
Residence:
Official Performing: **James Nixon**, Minister
Place of Marriage: Town of Delta
Witnesses: **Joseph Sheets**
David M. Phillips, both of Town
of Delta
Recorded: June 15, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

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Date of Marriage: 20 June 1850
Groom: **John Snyder**, age 62 years
Residence: Eaton Rapids, Eaton Co., MI
Bride: **Nancy Hawkins**, age 60 years
Residence: Aurelius, Ingham Co., MI
Official Performing: **A. Harwood**, Justice
Place of Marriage: Eaton Rapids
Witnesses: **Henry Wetherell**
Mrs. Henry Wetherell, both of
Eaton Rapids
Recorded: June 21, 1850
County Clerk: **L. H. Ion**

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Eaton County Death Records

Abstracted from Microfilm
by Drouscella Halsey

Spelling as written

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Date of Death: ___ June 1867

Name: **Charles Hooker**

Sex: Male

Marital Status: Widower

Age: 90 years

Place of Death: Walton

Cause of Death: Decline

Birthplace: Massachussts

Occupation:

Parents:

Their Residence:

Recorded: July 27, 1868

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Date of Death: 15 February 1868

Name: **W. Ward**

Sex: Male

Marital Status: Married

Age: 75 years

Place of Death: Walton

Cause of Death: Paralysis

Birthplace: New York

Occupation:

Parents:

Their Residence:

Recorded: July 27, 1868

Carmel

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Date of Death: 14 August 1867

Name: **Charlotte A. Hickok**

Sex: Female

Marital Status: Married

Age: 23y 9m 14d

Place of Death: Tecumsah

Cause of Death:

Birthplace: Ingham County, Mich

Occupation:

Parents: **Edward Hubbard**

Harriet Hubbard

Their Residence: Ingham Co., MI

Recorded: July 27, 1868

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Date of Death: 18 September 1867

Name: **Alburtus Conley**

Sex: Male

Marital Status:

Age: 1y 8m 23d

Place of Death: Charlotte

Cause of Death: Fitz

Birthplace: Charlotte

Occupation:

Parents: **Levi Conley**

Sophia Conley

Their Residence: Charlotte

Recorded: July 27, 1868

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Date of Death: 5 April 1868

Name: **Mary Jane Frace**

Sex: Female

Marital Status: Single

Age: 38 years

Place of Death: Carmel

Cause of Death: Fitz

Birthplace: Carmel

Occupation:

Parents: **Catherine Frace**

Their Residence: Carmel

Recorded: July 27, 1868

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Date of Death: 19 January 1868

Name: **Sophia White**

Sex: Female

Marital Status: Widow

Age: 81y 10m

Place of Death: Charlotte

Cause of Death: Dropsy

Birthplace: Bedford, England

Occupation:

Parents:

Their Residence:

Recorded: July 27, 1868

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Date of Death: 22 October 1867

Name: **Joseph Autherbine Sheets**

Sex: Male

Marital Status:

Age: 6m 11d

Place of Death: Delta

Cause of Death: Dysentery

Birthplace: Delta

Occupation:

Parents: **Isaac J. Sheets**

Catherine Elizabeth

Their Residence: Delta

Recorded: July 27, 1868

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Date of Death: 24 October 1867
Name: **John J. Robinson**
Sex: Male
Marital Status: Married
Age: 57y 9m
Place of Death: Grand River City
Cause of Death: Fractured skull from fall in barn
Birthplace: Mass.
Occupation: Farmer
Parents: **Oliver Robinson**
Betsey Robinson
Their Residence: Delta
Recorded: July 27, 1868

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Date of Death: 30 October 1867
Name: **Susan Marie Cowley**
Sex: Female
Marital Status: Married
Age: 23y 8m 4d
Place of Death: Delta
Cause of Death: Consumption
Birthplace: Edin, Erie Co., NY
Occupation: Housewife
Parents: **James Rice**
Damaris Rice
Their Residence:
Recorded: July 27, 1868

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Date of Death: 03 October 1867
Name: **William Dallas Frisby**
Sex: Male
Marital Status: Single
Age: 20y 5m
Place of Death: Grand River City
Cause of Death: Fracture of skull by yoke of a well windless
Birthplace: Fillmore, NY
Occupation: Well Digger
Parents:
Their Residence:
Recorded: July 27, 1868

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Date of Death: 9 February 1868
Name: **Stanley D. Crane**
Sex: Male
Marital Status: Single
Age: 4y 9m 21d
Place of Death: Delta
Cause of Death: Diptheria
Birthplace: Delta, Eaton Co.
Occupation:
Parents: **Amon H. Crane**

Elizabeth Crane

Their Residence: Delta
Recorded: July 27, 1868

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Date of Death: 31 December 1867
Name: **Samuel A. Baldwin**
Sex: Male
Marital Status: Single
Age: 34y 2m
Place of Death: Grand River City
Cause of Death: Accidentally Shot
Birthplace: Orleans Co., NY
Occupation: Lawyer
Parents:
Their Residence:
Recorded: July 27, 1868

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Date of Death: 18 March 1868
Name: **Delphy Adelia Rowlee**
Sex: Female
Marital Status: Single
Age: 5m 15d
Place of Death: Delta
Cause of Death: Putrid Erysipelas
Birthplace:
Occupation:
Parents: **Francis M. Rowlee**
Adelia Rowlee
Their Residence: Delta
Recorded: July 27, 1868

Windsor

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Date of Death: 27 June 1868
Name: **Marcia M. Bailey**
Sex: Female
Marital Status: Married
Age: 57y 1m 0d
Place of Death: Windsor, Eaton Co., Mich.
Cause of Death: Inflammation of Lungs
Birthplace: Vermont
Occupation:
Parents: **John Huntington**
Lorinda Huntington
Their Residence: Vermont
Recorded: May 5, 1869

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Date of Death: 14 Aug 1868
Name: **Edwin Benjamin**
Sex: Male
Marital Status:
Age: 2m 15d
Place of Death: Dewit, Clinton Co.

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Cause of Death: Diarrhia
Birthplace: Dewit, Clinton Co., Mich
Occupation:
Parents: **Charles Benjamin
Nancy E. Thomas**
Their Residence: Windsor, Mich
Recorded: May 5, 1869

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Date of Death: 24 August 1868
Name: **Joseph Cunningham**
Sex: Male
Marital Status: Single
Age: 23y 10m 0d
Place of Death: Windsor, Eaton Co., Mich
Cause of Death: Accidently Killed raising a building
Birthplace: Orange, Ashland Co., Ohio
Occupation: Farmer
Parents: **Aaron T. Cunningham
Nancy Cunningham**
Their Residence: Windsor, Mich.
Recorded: May 5, 1869

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Date of Death: 25 August 1868
Name: **John Smith**
Sex: Male
Marital Status: Married
Age: 37y 9m 28d
Place of Death: Windsor, Eaton Co., MI
Cause of Death: Accidently killed raising a building
Birthplace: England
Occupation: Carpenter & Builder
Parents: unknown
Their Residence: Windsor, Mich
Recorded: May 5, 1869

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Date of Death: 17 September 1868
Name: **Willie E. Pray**
Sex: Male
Marital Status:
Age: 2y 6m 23d
Place of Death: Windsor, Eaton Co., Mich
Cause of Death: Thyphoid Fever
Birthplace: Kalamo, Eaton Co., Mich
Occupation:
Parents: **Esek Pray
Alvina F. Pray**
Their Residence: Windsor, Mich.
Recorded: May 5, 1869

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Date of Death: 14 October 1868
Name: **Franklin E. Drowley**

Sex: Male
Marital Status:
Age: 2m 15d
Place of Death: Windsor, Eaton Co., Mich.
Cause of Death: Disease of Brain
Birthplace: Benton
Occupation:
Parents: **Edward C. Drowley
Mary E. Drowley**
Their Residence: Windsor, Mich.
Recorded: May 5, 1869

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Date of Death: 13 June 1868
Name: **Harriet Jane Hyde**
Sex: Female
Marital Status: Married
Age: 52y 1m 15d
Place of Death: Windsor, Eaton Co., Mich.
Cause of Death: Rupture
Birthplace: Pike, Allegany Co., NY
Occupation:
Parents: _____ **Nichols**
Their Residence: Windsor, Mich
Recorded: May 5, 1869

Walton

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Date of Death: 02 August 1868
Name: **Julia Fordham**
Sex: Female
Marital Status: Widow
Age: 56y
Place of Death: Walton
Cause of Death: Dropey
Birthplace: New York
Occupation: Housekeeper
Parents:
Their Residence:
Recorded: May 5, 1869

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Date of Death: ___ November 1868
Name: **William Gray**
Sex: Male
Marital Status: Married
Age: 38y
Place of Death: Olivet
Cause of Death: Billeous Pneumonia
Birthplace: New York
Occupation: Livery Keeper
Parents:
Their Residence:
Recorded: May 5, 1869

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Date of Death: __ September 1868
Name: **Stephen Hogle**
Sex: Male
Marital Status: Single
Age: 22y
Place of Death: Walton
Cause of Death: Consumption
Birthplace: Mich.
Occupation: Laborer
Parents:
Their Residence:
Recorded: May 5, 1869

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Date of Death: 10 September 1868
Name: _____ **Johnson**
Sex: Male
Marital Status:
Age: 6m
Place of Death: Walton
Cause of Death: Congestion
Birthplace: Walton
Occupation:
Parents:
Their Residence:
Recorded: May 5, 1869

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Date of Death: 09 August 1868
Name: **Elizabeth Nash**
Sex: Female
Marital Status: Married
Age: 52y
Place of Death: Walton
Cause of Death: Diphtheria
Birthplace: Massachusetts
Occupation: House Keeper
Parents:
Their Residence:
Recorded: May 5, 1869

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Date of Death: 26 November 1868
Name: **Julia Olin**
Sex: Female
Marital Status: Single
Age: 16y
Place of Death: Walton
Cause of Death: Typhoid Pneumonia
Birthplace: Mich.
Occupation:
Parents: **Alonzo Olin**
Mrs. Olin
Their Residence: Walton
Recorded: May 20, 1869

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Date of Death: __ May 1868
Name: **Charles Sweet**
Sex: Male
Marital Status: Single
Age: 20y
Place of Death: Olivet
Cause of Death: Drowned
Birthplace: Mich
Occupation: Farmer
Parents: **Frances E. Sweet**
Their Residence: Walton
Recorded: May 20, 1869

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Date of Death: 30 August 1868
Name: _____ **Chappell**
Sex: Male
Marital Status:
Age: 1d
Place of Death: Olivet
Cause of Death:
Birthplace:
Occupation:
Parents: **Osmun J. Chappell**
Jennie C. Chappell
Their Residence: Olivet
Recorded: May 20, 1869

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Date of Death: 16 April 1868
Name: **Mary Shoemaker**
Sex: Female
Marital Status: Widow
Age: 44y
Place of Death: Walton
Cause of Death: Consumption
Birthplace: New York
Occupation:
Parents:
Their Residence:
Recorded:

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Date of Death: 02 November 1868
Name: **Jane Whitney**
Sex: Female
Marital Status: Married
Age: 43y
Place of Death: Walton
Cause of Death: Neuralgia
Birthplace: New York
Occupation:
Parents:
Their Residence:
Recorded:
(To be continued)

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Cole School, Chester Township, North of Needmore Corners on Wheaton Rd.
Date of Phot not known. Pupils not identified. Can you help ?



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Photo Gallery

ECGS: P 44

Burr B. Parker, 69 Wood Carver (Photo not dated. Obit not dated or from what paper)

Art was a dominate theme for Burr B. Parker and his wood carvings were a labor of love.

Parker, 69 died Tuesday at his home in Grand Ledge. He was well known in the area for his carefully crafted, intricately detailed wood carvings.

"He was always interested in artwork, cartooning and drawing," said his wife, Viola.

Parker was a graphic illustrator at Oldsmobile and became interested in wood carving when he retired in 1974 after 39 years with the company. His interest increased steadily. "He just thought it would be something he'd like to try," Viola said.

His life-sized carving of the circus clown Weary Willie, portrayed by Emmett Kelly, has been displayed at the Center for the Arts, the Civic Center and Forestry and Wood Products Building in Washington, D.C.

"Dad was kind of independent as far as the art world was concerned, he was his own man," said his son, Richard. He was a realistic artist in the Norman Rockwell style and was uncomfortable with the abstract school, Richard Said.

Parker carved whatever caught his interest and his works included a bust of Babe Ruth, a 7 foot tall American Indian, a Salvation Army woman and a detailed, gold painted English circus wagon.

Parker, who was also a sign painter, traveled to art shows throughout Michigan and Ohio. He was a self-taught artist, taking correspondence courses as a youngster. He also founded the Grand Ledge Woodcarvers Association in 1978.

He was a member of the Watson Community Club and the Oldsmobile Quarter Century Club.

In addition to his wife and son, survivors include another son, Dennis, and two grandchildren. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Barker-Leik Funeral Home in Mulliken.



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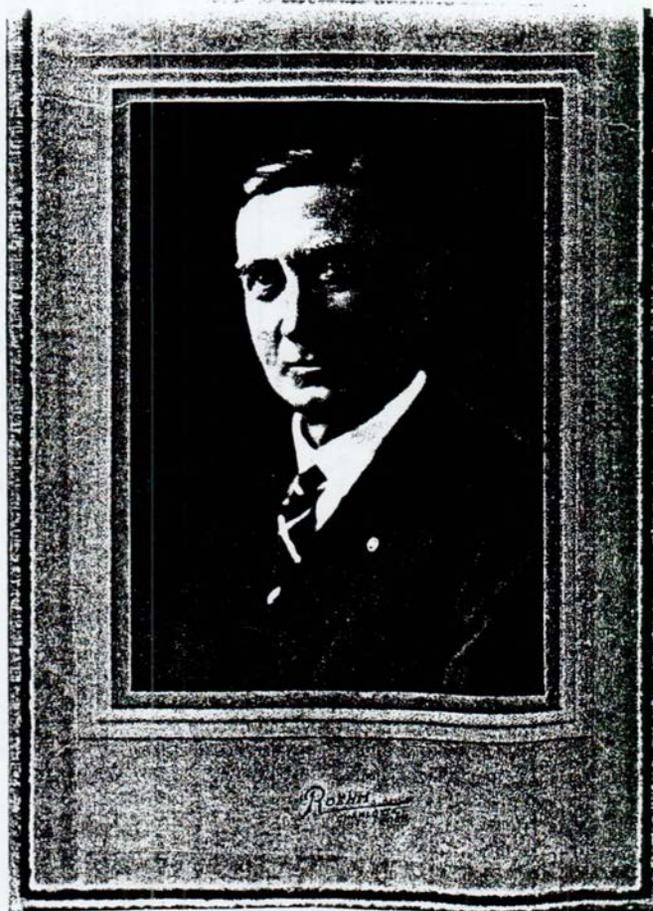
Photo Gallery

ECGS: P 45

Willis A. Wheaton

Born July 24, 1873 in Chester Township. Son of **Lemuel and Emma (Whitney) Wheaton**, and has lived in the township his entire life. He was formerly a member of the Eaton County Board of Supervisors, serving 32 years.

He was married to **Ada Ames** March 5, 1902 in Vermontville. He died April 5, 1964 at 90 years of age.



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Tid Bits From Area Newspapers

Abstracted by Drouscella Halsey

Spelling as written.
The Charlotte Leader, Thursday, June 20, 1895

Feasted on an Orange

Did Those Who Were Born or had Lived in Eaton County 50 Years

One of the novel features of the pioneer meeting was the presentation by Lorren Turner of an orange to all who were born in the county, and also to all who have lived here fifty years. The following is a list of those who responded, and where and when they were born.

L. H. Turner.....	Chester,	1843
Mrs. Lydia L. Harmon	"	1843
Morris B. Williams	"	1845
W. M. Beekman	"	1843
V. G. Bowen	Kalamo,	1843
Mrs. Almyra Woodbury	"	1843
Mrs. J. G. Miller	"	1841
Chas. Quantrell	Benton,	1844
Geo. P. Hough	"	1842
Ldwin Nixon	Oneida,	1843
Mrs. Z. Hamilton	"	1844
Dan'el Strange	"	1845
N. P. Bateman	Hamlin,	1845
Mrs. J. C. Fullerton,	Vermontville,	1844
Ezek Pray	"	1838
Mrs. J. Beers	"	1841

The following have lived in the county the number of years given:

J. B. Dernier	50
J. Huey	50
Mrs. Wm. Hill	50
Mrs. Geo. Frace	50
Martha Munson	50
Mrs. L. Green	50
Mrs. Bosworth	50
H. R. Warren	51
Giles Hutchins	51
D. B. Hale	51
Peter R. Johnson	51
Geo. N. Potter	51
John VanHousten	52
Mrs. P. R. Johnson	52
Mrs. J. VanHousten	52

Wm. Quantrell	52
L. W. Green	53
Chas. Shaw	53
Warren Davis	53
Mrs. Comelia Shaw	52
Mrs. A. H. Kessler	53
R. P. Sprague	54
Mrs. F. D. Gale	54
Jas. W. Ellis	55
J. J. Reynolds	55
W. W. Childs	55
Wilber Maxon	55
Mrs. B. Nash	55
M. H. Bailey	56
B. L. Bentley	56
Levi Bentley	57
Martin Nichols	58
Geo. W. Nichols	58
Mrs. Williams	58
Susan Southard	59
Mrs. Jas. Southard	59
Mrs. Roberts	47

Local News

Franklin R. Donaldson, of Walton, has been granted a new pension.

P. M. Thomas has been granted letters patent on a device for picking apples.

O. J. Pierce has the contract for painting and calcimining the lower floor in the engine house.

Benjamin Horn, the small pox patient quarantined at Olivet for some time, died early Friday morning.

John Allen's dog bit a young boy one day last week. Only the marshall was present when the dog departed this life.

F. S. Belcher has been appointed administrator of the estate of John Lewis Smith, the young boy recently killed on the Michigan Central railroad.

Mrs. G. D. Lee is rapidly improving and hopes soon to be restored from her long sickness to her usual health. Mrs. George will soon return to the U. B. A. at Grand Rapids.

Louis Milbourn won the 5 mile race at the fair grounds Wednesday afternoon, and Claude Hildreth got second place. Time 15 minutes and 16 seconds. There were eight starters in the race.

Mr. and Mrs. John Snyder have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter Rose to John F. Gilchrist. The ceremonies will be preformed at the St. Mary's Church, Tuesday morning, June 25, at 9:30 o'clock.

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Port Huron special in the Detroit News: Maud Brooks, the young girl who went to Detroit and tried to kill herself because she couldn't find work, has a splendid proposal of marriage. The suitor is a farmer, George Smalley, of Olivet, who wrote her a unique letter. He said he read about her coil-suffling attempt in the Evening News. Mr. Smalley has 55 acres of land, industry and a big heart. His brother, he says got a good wife by writing for her, and he thought he could do the same if Miss Brooks was willing. The young lady is considering.

Died

Nettleton--At her home in Olivet, Mrs. Emaline Nettleton, aged 83 years.

Grandma Nettleton was one of the early pioneers, coming into this county 50 years ago, during which time she has always been a resident. She was the mother of Dr. Mead, also, Mrs. Dr. Warren of Olivet. Deceased has always enjoyed the best of health until within the last year, when a cancer made its appearance on her face, and had gradually developed until within the last six weeks it made rapid progress. Grandma Nettleton bore her sufferings with usual patients, seldom making any complaints, until "grim visaged death" relieved her suffering and took her departure to her new home. She left many friends in her circle of acquaintance who will miss her social chats. She was buried in the Olivet cemetery, Thursday afternoon. Prof. Joseph L. Daniels officiating with well chosen remarks.

Dimondale

E. D. Butler comes out with a new carriage and harness.

Fred Merritt has broken ground on his new lot for a residence.

Chas. Hetrick has done a good job of papering and painting the Grange Hall.

Elmer Baker and wife, of Lansing, spent Sunday and Monday with relatives here.

Miss Kate Urie attended the commencement exercises at Olivet, last week.

Mr. Esek Pray and Earnest Oray and wife were present at the commencement in Olivet.

Chas. Standish, who lives near Alma visited his brother, in this place, Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. B. F. Brigham attended the funeral of her brother, Henry Packard's wife, near Leslie, last week.

The "old mill," Dimondale's first gristmill, which was built 39 years ago, is being torn down this week.

Miss Jennie Hull visited friends near Mason, and attended the big Sunday School rally at that place on Friday.

Miss Lou Pray played with the Potterville orchestra for commencement exercises at that place, Thursday evening.

Carl Pray and Miss Lottie Van Auken, of Windsor, were among those who graduated from Olivet college last week.

James Keystone, wife, son and daughter, of San Francisco, Cal., visited Mrs. Keystone's father, A. C. Baker, and family the first of the week. Mr. K. and son go from here to Massachusetts, and thence to England.

Kalamo

Rob Crowhurst is building a new house.

Oll Tomlin is running a barber chair in the postoffice building.

Mrs. Edith Rouse has gone to Litchfield to visit a brother.

George Herring has bought the Will Fowler twenty acres.

John Wiltsir of Oswego, N. Y., is staying with his daughter, Mrs. Frank Bowen.

William Dodgson and Bessie Brace got tired of living in single blessedness and so agreed to try married life. Their many friends congratulated them on the event in a reception which was held at the home of the bride's parent, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Brace.

Gresham

Charles Scott has moved back to his farm in the north part of the town.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Haight visited Mr. Haight's sister at Lake View last week.

Theodore Foster, of Pleasant Lake, Ind., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Wm. McGormley.

Last Sunday at about 1:30, the house of C. T. Andrews was discovered on fire and burned to the ground with good share of the contents. The house of Charles Scott was saved by George McGormley who mounted a ladder and poured a pail of water on the

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roof. Mr. Andrews is moving into the house vacated by Charles Scott.

South Walton

B. R. Stoddard has returned from Detroit. Mrs. Caroline Hart of Nebraska. is visiting relative here.

Mrs. R. F. Merrick and son of Charlotte were the guest of Mrs. Ezra Conant last Wednesday.

J. A. Kelley assisted in the burial of Benjamin Horn, the small pox patent, last Friday, at Olivet.

Roxana

Charles Boyer has a new binder.

Mrs. Libbie Whelpley has a wheel.

Mrs. Wm. Bennett is recovering from her recent severe illness.

Jorem Wheeler and daughter visited in Charlotte and Eaton last week.

Lottie Hale, of Chester, will teach the summer term in the Louck district.

Mrs. Ascher Sackett attended commencement exercises at Grand Ledge this week.

Robert J. Davis will conduct a meeting at the Gresham M. E. church, June 28 and 29.

Hay and oats are a failure on account of the lack of rain. Many farmers are pasturing their meadows.

Mrs. Campbell and daughter, of Cleveland, Ohio, will spend the summer with the former's sister, Mrs. Wm. Root.

West Brookfield

H. Dewey, of Missouri, is visiting friends in this place.

Mrs. Sarah Jones has returned from Newaygo where she spent the winter and spring.

Mrs. William Potts, who has been quite sick, is recovering.

Mrs. Nicholas Powers presented her husband with a fine baby girl Friday morning, June 7.

Personal

Mrs. H. S. Roblee is in Detroit.

Henry Heyman was in Lansing Monday.

J. M. Powers will spend Friday in Marshall.

W. A. Ford, of Mason, is visiting H. M. Thomas.

Miss Effie Resch is confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. John Fairchilds, of Jackson, is visiting in the city.

Mrs. J. A. Hageman visited in Albion and Litchfield last week.

Dr. Patterson is in Hillsdale visiting a sister, who is an invalid.

Mrs. W. H. Walker and daughter, Lola, are visiting in Albion.

Samuel Kopp, of Ashland, Ohio, is in town visiting his old friends.

Mrs. Jeanette Winslow, of Leslie visited at A. C. Walter last week.

B. W. Hodgeman is spending a few days at his old home in Kalkaska.

Mrs. Hugh McCurdy, of Owosso, is visiting her sister Mrs. Frank Marple.

H. M. Pierson visited friends in Springport and Albion the past week.

J. M. Fox had a severe attack of pleurisy, Monday evening but is improving.

Daniel Bowes has gone to Detroit where he has a position in a flouring mill.

Mr. and Mrs. George Swartwout, spent the fore part of the week in Jackson and Marshall.

Mrs. W. W. Merritt was in Grand Rapids last week attending the wedding of a relative.

Obit

From Eaton County Pioneer Society Records Volume 1 ECGS: 611.5

Simba Darling

Simba Darling, died on the morning of the 11th of June, 1875, after a brief but painful illness, during which, he maintained the patience and resignation of a christian hero.

Mr. Darling came into Michigan in the year 1829, first settled in the town of Webster. Returned to Mass., (his native state) in the year 1833, was there married to Miss Keziah Allen, came back to the then, new and rapidly growing Territory, to share in the labor of developing its resources, in which he has borne a noble part.

Mr. Darling came into the township of Eaton Rapids in the fall of 1837, since which time he has been known and esteemed as an honorable, upright man in all his intercourse with his fellow man.

He leaves a widow and seven children to mourn their loss, and a large circle of friends, who will not soon forget his virtue. May we all meet again in the better land.

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Abrams Foundation Donations to Library of Michigan Exceed \$900,000 For Immediate Release

Lansing, MI --The Talbert and Leota Abrams Foundation donated \$100,000 to the Library of Michigan Foundation to purchase new materials for the Library of Michigan genealogy collection. The latest check, presented to the Foundation by Abrams Foundation President Barbara J. Brown, puts the total amount received by the Library over the last 11 years at more than \$900,000.

"Thanks to the generous donations from the Abrams Foundation, the Library of Michigan's genealogy collection is one of the best in the country," said Legislative Council Administrator Dianne Odrobina. "Each year over 100,000 researchers take advantage of the resources available at the Library of Michigan.

The funds will be used to purchase important new materials for the Library's Abrams Historical Collection, named for the benefactor that has contributed so much to its continued excellence. These materials include census records for California, Oregon and Washington; printed census indexes for California, Connecticut, Florida, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Delaware, the District of Columbia, and 5 other states; Vital Records for Alabama; passenger lists for Boston (1902-06) and Ashland, WI (1922-1954); Impressed Seamen Records (1793-1814); over 1,800 titles of Genealogy and Local History microfiche; and Records of Mexican Crossings: Manifest of Alien Arrivals to Texas. "The Library of Michigan staff always find the best books, lists and records to add to this marvelous collection," Brown said, "They're always working to advance genealogy and help genealogists."

The Library of Michigan is a nationally recognized, visible, electronic and traditional library and leadership development center that serves as a vital information resource to the legislature, state government and citizens of Michigan. The Library provides primary reference and research services to the state legislature and other government agencies, administers state aid to public libraries and oversees federal aid for all types of libraries. The Library of Michigan serves as one of two regional libraries for the federal documents depository program. It also features outstanding collections of Michigan history and genealogy. It is one of the state's two regional libraries that provide services to the blind and physically handicapped. The Library of Michigan is located at 717 West Allegan Street in Lansing, Michigan, in the Michigan Library and Historical Center.

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Letter dated 1857

From **Rosemary (Hubbell) Wirkus** Collection at Hubbell Center, Des Moines, IA, 1999.
Rosemary's maternal great-great-grandfather was **Joshua Strong**.

*(A handwritten letter dated 1857 written by **Henry Snow** on one flimsy sheet 16" x 12 1/2" (with a small imprint: RSG ?) folded in half to yield (three) pages for text each 8" x 12 1/2". The whole was then folded several more times to present a panel 6"x 3 1/2" of the (otherwise blank) fourth page on which the address has been written in the same hand: **Mr. Joshua Strong**, Wyoming, Wyoming Co., N. York. The Delta Mich return address has been underlined "May 19th".*

As indicated, the original is held in the archives of Hubbell Center, Suite 422, Hubbell Building, Des Moines, IA 50309 Phone 515-323-3080. The Library & Museum of The Hubbell Family Historical Society.

A clearly legible hand throughout. Only 1 word, a surname is uncertain: Mrs. Durfe?? I have only added some periods, just a few [], an occasional ? to make for possible easier reading. The 2 page endings are marked by /.

As transcribed by H. B. Hubbell, 16 Roton Avenue, Rowayton, Connecticut 06853 and donated to the ECGS on March 16, 1999.

Delta, Eaton County Michigan
May 16th 1857

Dear Brother & Sister Strong. It is so long since I have been trying to write that I need an apology for my long delay but I am so tired of making apologies that I will proceed without one. We are well as usual & & (sic) by the blessing of God contented. It is a long time since we have been privileged with meeting constantly with those who we can call with confidence Christian bretheren. We have found after a long search a little branch of the true vine as we hope and trust. A little church was organized at Lansing last fall I believe on the O.S. Presbyterian platform. They consisted of only four members at first viz Mrs. Bascom formerly of Warsaw N.Y. A M. Stoddard & wife and a young man by the name of Wilson. On the first Sabbath in April they had a communion season & preaching [by] a Mr. Hammond. A missionary of the P. Board who is labouring in a field east of Lansing & preaches there occasionally. Myself and Esqr Lee of Delta went up by invitation. Some few of the new school Brethren & some few of the Methodist came in by invitation. We had a really interesting time not that there was much excitement of feeling or noise or much avowed zeal but a calm determined intent to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints at the sacrifice of ease and worldly comfort. One young woman was added to the number by profession, the fruit of a revival last winter, one of five only who are now found among the people of God out of a large number who profesed to have hope. For a while the revival measures were conducted principally by the Methodists. The meeting I speak of was held at a private house in the afternoon. In the Evening the minister preached in the Methodist House. They hope to obtain a minister in the course of the summer from the P. Bopard of missions to labour constantly in that vicinity. They have secured a site for a Meeting House in Lansing the gift of the State should / they ever abe able to build one. It is a good way to go to meeting for me about 7 1/2 miles to the lower town. Still we think we shall as soon as convenient unite our interest with theirs if the Church in

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Wyoming count us worthy of a recommeindation - we were earnestly invited to do so. So you see God has planted a vine here to our great joy & satisfaction. He can water it & cause it to grow & flourish. Let us unitedly pray that this may be the case. They need and we all need the prayers of Christians & Christian churches to keep us alive to God here in the wilderness - a wilderness as it respects Christian privileges as well as a natural wilderness. There are many things to discourage and dishearten as well as to lead astray. The cares & labours of the west unenlivened by the duties & privileges of the Sanctuary have a deadening tendency upon the affections of the soul. "O thou holy & beautiful house where " Our father worshiped the[e] and where we were taught to worship, when shall we be again [be] indulged [by] thy privileges. For our brethern & companions ['] sake wer will now say peace be within thee.

Your kind letter of July last was received and should have been answered before but my time has been fully occupied and I could not have written now only as I take time from necessary Sleep... Merrick Arnold talks of coming from Western N.Y. this spring & prehaps to Michigan, if he does perhaps you may learn by him more of our affairs than I can write now. Why cannot you come with him or at least some of your children[,] Harvey especially as I suppose he has not located a house yet. I believe you were informed of our sickness last summer. How is Henry's lameness. I believe we have not heard since we left there. Our children went to school last winter a distance of two miles by the road. But after a while I cut a path through the woods across an angle which made it considerable nearer. They went cheerfully & like to go. Lavinia got scared once / by the barking of a Rackoon as we supposed. She thought it was a wolf but Henry said he was not afraid.

The land here is worth about 4 dollars per acre in speculators' hands but few buyers at that. A Man has bought for that price adjoining us on the East and is building an elegant frame house right in the woods & one acre cleared - cost 11 hundred & 40 dollars so we shall have Neighbours nearer soon.

You wish to know if you shall send the money in a letter. You may do so at my risk. You had better enclose the letter in an envelope. We have wanted the kettle here very much and have had thoughts of writing to you to say to send it but I never had opportunity to find out how I was to get it from Detroit. I have had to pay 7 dollars for a much smaller kettle here. I bought two & had one broke by the carelessness of a man who was making sugar for me. He took the kettle & paid me in work & other things which I wanted. I have written more than I thought I could be able to but I must close. If I lay this by to fill up It may be a long time before I can touch it again & I suppose you are anxious to get hold of it. Pleas [e] give our respects to Mr. Twichell & family, Mrs. Duste {?} and all who inquire after us. Our love to all your family & much to yourselves - Good evening. Henry Snow.

10 oclock planted corn today.

P.S. May 17th Merrick should come from your house out here you can send the money by him, H. Snow.

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Crosier Bible Record
 From the Centennial Family File
 Filed By Mrs. Richard Sleater April 1999

Family Register



FAMILY NAMES.	BORN, WHEN AND WHERE.	MARRIED, WHEN, WHERE & BY WHOM.	DIED, WHEN AND WHERE.
PARENTS.			
Stephen P. Crosier,	June 27 1802, Halifax VT	Windham Co VT	Sept. 23 rd 1874 Ashland Co. O.
Lucy M. Howard,	May 31 1803, Greenfield, Maine		Dec 28 th 1877 do
CHILDREN.			
John C. Crosier,	July 20 th 1825		Mar 15 th 1880 "
Stephen P. Crosier,	Oct 4 th 1827	July 4 th 58, Eaton Co Mich, L. Poole Eng.	Jan 24 th 1891 Charlotte Mich
Climena Crosier,	Dec 20 1829		Dec 11 th 1833 Ashland Co. O.
George W. Crosier,	Mar 27 1832	Jan 15 th 54, Ashland Co. O.	FEB 27 th 1927 CLEVELAND O.
Charles Crosier,	Nov 30 1834		May 31 st 1846 Ashland Co. O.
Charles Crosier,	Dec 29 th 1838	Jan 15 th 1865 Eaton Co Mich (Wid. Emma)	SEPT 15, 1917 CHARLOTTE MICH
William Crosier,	Feb 18 th 1843	Nov 25 1865 Eaton Co Mich (Wid. A. Hille)	May 20, 1913 Wellington O
PARENTS			
Charles Crosier	Dec 29 th 1838 Sullivan O.	Charlotte Mich.	SEPT 15 1917 CHARLOTTE MICH
Mary M. Carmones	May 9 th 1844 Mercersburg O	Jan 18 th 1865 Eaton Co Mich (Wid. J.B. Carmones)	MAY 15, 1922 " "
CHILDREN			
ALBERT D. CROSIER	DEC 9 th 1865 CHARLOTTE MICH	FEB 23 1897 JACKSON	June 18 1892 California
ADA R. CROSIER	AUG 27 th 1867 CHARLOTTE "		March 5-1846 Charlotte Mich
PARAH CROSIER	JULY 22 nd 1867 "	DEC 31 st 1897 CHARLOTTE WILLIAMS	March 1, 1856 Charlotte Mich
FRANKIE CROSIER	JULY 26 th 1871 "		FEB 22, 1897 CHARLOTTE MICH

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KALAMO TOWNSHIP

By **Mary Jean Baker**

One of Eaton County's early settlements, now a ghost town by post office standards, is the community of Kalamo.

The first land was located by **N. and H. Weed and Martin Leach** about the same time in 1835; the township was organized in 1838 and the village named after it. **Alexander Merritt** became its first postmaster on March 5, 1842, the office operating until Aug. 31, 1903.

However; even before this time, the heritage of Kalamo Township is given a Chippewa Indian word meaning "honey tree."

Early products, in addition to honey and maple syrup, were wheat, wool, fruit, potatoes and lumber.

Kalamo Township was organized in 1838, having been part of Bellevue Township. The first purchase of land in what was to become Kalamo Township was made from the government in 1835 by **N. & H. Weed. Phineas Spaulding** purchased land in 1836 and built the first log cabin. (*"A History of Kalamo Township."*)

Pioneers of Kalamo

One of the early pioneers of Kalamo Township were **John and Eliza (McDerby) Davis**. John was born in Schoharie County, New York in 1812, and died in Kalamo Township in 1864. **Eliza McDerby**

Davis was born in New York, August 18, 1809, and died May 2, 1909. She was nearly 100 years old.

John Davis located in the forest of Kalamo Township where he had purchased eighty acres of government land. With the assistance of two other men, who brought their families to Kalamo, he chopped a road through the woods for a distance of six miles in order to bring his wagon and household effects through to his land.

By the time he reached the county, his only cash was a three-dollar "wild-cat" bill, and before he could make use of the money, the bank failed, and for the next four years the family had not one penny in cash.

Until their humble log shanty could be completed the Davis family were hospitably entertained in the home of the **Daniel Bowen** family, another early settler of Kalamo.

Deer, wolves, bear and wild turkey abounded, and William, John's son, claimed to have shot one of the largest bears ever seen in the county. The family lived on venison, corn bread and leeks the first year.

More information on the Bowen and Davis families can be found in both, *"The Past and Present of Eaton County"* and *"The History of Kalamo Township."*

A few other early settlers were **Jonathan Dean, Gordon B. Griffin, Samuel Herring, and John Martens**.

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Kalamo Township Pioneer

Eliza (McDerby) Davis

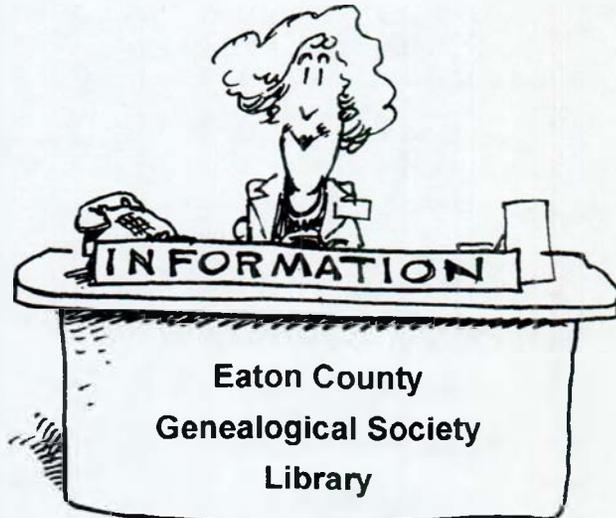
August 18, 1809-May 2, 1909

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61pp.
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Book" by Velma J. Lundy, Aug. 1999.
*Velma J. Lundy **612.5b**
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Book" by Velma J. Lundy, July 1999.
*Velma J. Lundy **612.6b**
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*Ed Dunning..... **333.19**

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*Dorothy Powers..... **611.3**

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Barnard- "Barnard Branches"

newsletters, July 1998 & July 1999 (2 issues, descendants of Edward C. Barnard b. 1859) *Sharlene Thuma..... **560.BA.1**

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*LaVerne & M.E. Aves..... **900.DY.01**

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Families in America" 3 volumes by Lynn C. Harper, publ. 1998, 723 pp. total.

*Lynn C. Harper **900.HU.03**

Ring- "Ring Family: Related to

Mayflower Families" (photocopies of W.H. Smith's collection)..... **900.RI.03**

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Smith" (photocopies of W. H. Smith's collection) **900.SM.02**

Steward- "Descendants of Nathan

Steward" by Nadine Klaiss, May 1999.

*Nadine Klaiss..... **900.ST.07**

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Arlina Van Tassel" (photocopies of W.H. Smith's collection)..... **900.VA.03**

Wellman- "Genealogy of the

Wellman Family" 2pp.

*Edith Engel..... **900.WE.06**

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On loan by Velma J. Lundy **100.238**

"History of the Baptists" vol. I, by John T. Christian, publ. 1922, 408pp.

*Drouscella Halsey **100.239**

"An Indian Mythology" by Alice Marriott & Carol K. Rachlin, publ. 1972, 252pp.

*Drouscella Halsey **100.240**

3) bundles of funeral cards (placed in a notebook) *Barbara Wright.... **Obit.15**

2) obituary notebooks *LaVerne & Mary Ellen Aves..... **Obit.27 & 28**

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Sharlene (Kelley) Thuma, Librarian

Eaton County Quest

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear ECGS Members,

With Fall right around the corner, we are gearing up for the start of another year of genealogy. We wanted to take a moment to give you an idea of what's happening in your society.

This past May, officer elections were held with the following results: Susan Polhamus, President; Ed Dunning, Vice-President; Drouscella Halsey, Corresponding Secretary; Vicki Dukes, Recording Secretary; Barb Smith, Membership Secretary; Steve Smith, Treasurer; Jeannette McGarry, Publicity Officer; Shar Thuma, Librarian; Betty Goostrey, Historian; Clarence Hodges & Betty Polhamus, Council Delegates; Shirley Hodges, Federal Gen. Soc. Delegate; Drouscella Halsey, Quarterly Editor; and Lou Haley, Computer Support;

Monthly Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month (excluding December, June, July & August) at 7 p.m. in the basement of the 1885 Courthouse. With our speakers lined up, we are kicking off this September with Carole Callard, from the Library of Michigan ("What's New At the State Library"). Other speakers will include Sally Lanerville ("Research Problems & Sources") and Paul D. Hodges, ("Sons of the Union Civil War Veterans").

Indexing on Monday nights and Wednesdays continues. We are always in need of member volunteers to help with our various index projects. It is a great way to get to know other members in the society and to get involved. Some of the projects we have started are extracting names from probate books in order to create an all name index, labeling folders and inserting land records into the folder, extracting vital records from old Lansing State Journal newspapers, typing up extracted lists from various books completed, etc. So if you're feeling bored or have a little free time, please stop in and help create additional information for visitors and you the members alike to enjoy when researching their family tree. By the way, we are known to have a good time while working!!!!

NEWS FLASH!!!! Our workshop committee (with Vicki Dukes as co-chair) has already begun to put together the details for the next workshop. It will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2000, with speakers, George Schweitzer and Shirley Hodges. For those who have attended other seminars, you know these two speakers are top-notch and will give you a wealth of information to take and use in your family search. Of course, we are a little biased and proud when it comes to Shirley since she is one of our members. So mark your calendar...you don't want to miss the workshop!!!!

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Our Membership Secretary indicates we are strong in numbers and word from our Treasurer is that "our bills are paid and there is money in the bank". Makes us all very happy.

The Society Library is busting at the seams. Shar Thuma has done a wonderful job of cataloging all of the society's acquisitions. If you have not had a chance recently to stop in, you should and check out what's new.

Our Quest Editor, Drouscella Halsey, has been very busy putting all the bits and pieces together to get this latest edition out to you. A big thank you for the long hours she has contributed while also working in the room and taking care of the Society's correspondence! We salute you Dru!

We experienced a little problem with our modem recently so e-mail could not be sent or received. Lou Haley returned from vacation and had it up and running without much problem at all. Way to go Lou!! Thanks!!

I'm looking forward to the coming year...getting to know and possibly working with some of you on indexing projects or maybe just to say "Hi" at the monthly meetings. Whatever it might be, we look forward to your involvement!!!

Respectfully,

Susan Polhamus

Pedigree Chart

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

Chart no. 1

2 Richard Eugene LAIRD

Born: 9 Apr 1915
Place: Bliss Twp., Emmet Co., MI
Marr: 1 Dec 1934
Place: Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI
Died: 30 Dec 1993
Place: Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI

1 Loyal James LAIRD

Born: 25 Oct 1936
Place: Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI
Marr: 29 Jun 1957
Place: Marshall, MI
Died: 24 Apr 1974
Place: Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI

Joyce C. LA FLAME
Spouse

3 Margaret Lona HERR

Born: 5 Mar 1919
Place: Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI
Died: 6 Dec 1953
Place: Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI

4 Orville James LAIRD

Born: 1878
Place: Michigan
Marr: 19 Jan 1899
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI
Died: 2 Sep 1945
Place: Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI

5 Edna May WRIGHT

Born: 14 Oct 1881
Place: Eaton Co., MI
Died: 26 Feb 1925
Place: Petoskey, Emmet Co., MI

6 Frederick A. HERR

Born: 11 Jul 1872
Place: Michigan
Marr: 16 Sep 1896
Place: Michigan
Died: 14 Aug 1926
Place: Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI

7 Caroline CORNWELL

Born: 13 Aug 1882
Place: Tracy, Iowa
Died: 2 May 1961
Place: Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI

8 Henry Mark LAIRD

Born: 1855 cont. _____
Place: Ohio
Marr: 1879
Place:
Died: 1911
Place: Michigan

9 Clara Delphine MALLORY

Born: 1 Feb 1859 cont. 2
Place: Indiana
Died: 13 Dec 1936
Place: Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI

10 Charles C. WRIGHT

Born: 1857 cont. 3
Place: New York
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

11 Estella KENT

Born: 1863 cont. _____
Place: Michigan
Died:
Place:

12 Martin J. HERR

Born: 18 Oct 1850 cont. 4
Place: Atlantic Ocean
Marr: 1 Sep 1872
Place: Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI
Died: 18 Jan 1921
Place: Pennfield Twp., Calhoun Co., MI

13 Emma Matilda BISHOP

Born: 10 Mar 1855 cont. 5
Place: Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI
Died: 21 May 1919
Place: Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI

14 Charles Joseph CORNWELL

Born: 23 Feb 1855 cont. 6
Place: Bellevue, Eaton Co., MI
Marr: 25 Aug 1875
Place: Eaton Co., MI
Died: 30 Mar 1931
Place: Level Park, Calhoun Co., MI

15 Marietta DEMMONS

Born: 27 Apr 1860 cont. 7
Place: Walton Twp., Eaton Co., MI
Died: 4 Jul 1929
Place: Level Park, Calhoun Co., MI

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Pedigree Chart

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 9 on chart no. 1

Chart no. 2

2 John MALLORY

Born: 1821
Place: New York
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

4

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

5

Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

1 Clara Delphine MALLORY

Born: 1 Feb 1859
Place: Indiana
Marr: 1879
Place:
Died: 13 Dec 1936
Place: Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI

Henry Mark LAIRD
Spouse

6

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

3 Eunice ?

Born: 1828
Place: New York
Died:
Place:

7

Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

8

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

9

Born: _____
Place: _____
Died:
Place:

10

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

11

Born: _____
Place: _____
Died:
Place:

12

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

13

Born: _____
Place: _____
Died:
Place:

14

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

15

Born: _____
Place: _____
Died:
Place:

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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 Joel WRIGHT

Born: 1831
Place: New York
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

4

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

5

Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

1 Charles C. WRIGHT

Born: 1857
Place: New York
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

Estella KENT
Spouse

6

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

3 Harriet ?

Born: 1837
Place: New York
Died:
Place:

7

Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

8

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

9

Born: cont. _____
Place:
Died:
Place:

10

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

11

Born: cont. _____
Place:
Died:
Place:

12

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

13

Born: cont. _____
Place:
Died:
Place:

14

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

15

Born: cont. _____
Place:
Died:
Place:

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Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 4

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

4
Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

2 John HAIR
Born: 1830
Place: Baden, Wuerttemberg, Germany
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

5
Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

1 Martin J. HERR
Born: 18 Oct 1850
Place: Atlantic Ocean
Marr: 1 Sep 1872
Place: Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI
Died: 18 Jan 1921
Place: Pennfield Twp., Calhoun Co., MI

Emma Matilda BISHOP
Spouse
6
Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

3 ?
Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

7
Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

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8
Born: cont. _____
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

9
Born: cont. _____
Place:
Died:
Place:

10
Born: cont. _____
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

11
Born: cont. _____
Place:
Died:
Place:

12
Born: cont. _____
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

13
Born: cont. _____
Place:
Died:
Place:

14
Born: cont. _____
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

15
Born: cont. _____
Place:
Died:
Place:

Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 5

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

		8	Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____
	4		
	Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	9	Born: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____
2 William BISHOP			
Born: 1830 Place: New York Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____		10	Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____
	5		
	Born: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	11	Born: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____
1 Emma Matilda BISHOP			
Born: 10 Mar 1855 Place: Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI Marr: 1 Sep 1872 Place: Marshall, Calhoun Co., MI Died: 21 May 1919 Place: Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., MI		12	Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____
Martin J. HERR	6		
Spouse	Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	13	Born: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____
3 Rhoda ANNIS		14	Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____
Born: 1832 Place: Canada Died: _____ Place: _____			
	7		
	Born: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	15	Born: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____

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Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 6

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

		8	
		Born:	cont. _____
		Place:	
		Marr:	
		Place:	
		Died:	
		Place:	
	4	9	
	Born:	Born:	cont. _____
	Place:	Place:	
	Marr:	Died:	
	Place:	Place:	
	Died:		
	Place:		
2 Thomas CORNWELL		10	
Born: 1830		Born:	cont. _____
Place: New York		Place:	
Marr:		Marr:	
Place:		Place:	
Died:		Died:	
Place:		Place:	
	5	11	
	Born:	Born:	cont. _____
	Place:	Place:	
	Died:	Died:	
	Place:	Place:	
1 Charles Joseph CORNWELL		12	
Born: 23 Feb 1855		Born:	cont. _____
Place: Bellevue, Eaton Co., MI		Place:	
Marr: 25 Aug 1875		Marr:	
Place: Eaton Co., MI		Place:	
Died: 30 Mar 1931		Died:	
Place: Level Park, Calhoun Co., MI		Place:	
Marietta DEMMONS	6	13	
Spouse	Born:	Born:	cont. _____
	Place:	Place:	
	Marr:	Died:	
	Place:	Place:	
	Died:		
	Place:		
3 Castine DARROW		14	
Born: 1832		Born:	cont. _____
Place: New York		Place:	
Died:		Marr:	
Place:		Place:	
	7	Died:	
	Born:	Place:	
	Place:		
	Died:		
	Place:		
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Joyce C. LaFlame Laird		Born:	cont. _____
101 Bejac Circle Drive		Place:	
Battle Creek, MI 49017-1717		Marr:	
Phone 616-962-5880		Place:	
Eamil jclflame@amerit		Died:	
		Place:	

Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 7

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

2 John DEMMONS
Born: 1830
Place: New York
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

Born: 1830
Place: New York
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

1 Marietta DEMMONS

Born: 27 Apr 1860
Place: Walton Twp., Eaton Co., MI
Marr: 25 Aug 1875
Place: Eaton Co., MI
Died: 4 Jul 1929
Place: Level Park, Calhoun Co., MI

Charles Joseph CORNWELL
Spouse

3 Abigail JOHNSON

Born: 1830
Place: New York
Died:
Place:

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4
Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

5
Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

6
Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

7
Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

8
Born: _____ cont. _____
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

9
Born: _____ cont. _____
Place:
Died:
Place:

10
Born: _____ cont. _____
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

11
Born: _____ cont. _____
Place:
Died:
Place:

12
Born: _____ cont. _____
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

13
Born: _____ cont. _____
Place:
Died:
Place:

14
Born: _____ cont. _____
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

15
Born: _____ cont. _____
Place:
Died:
Place:

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