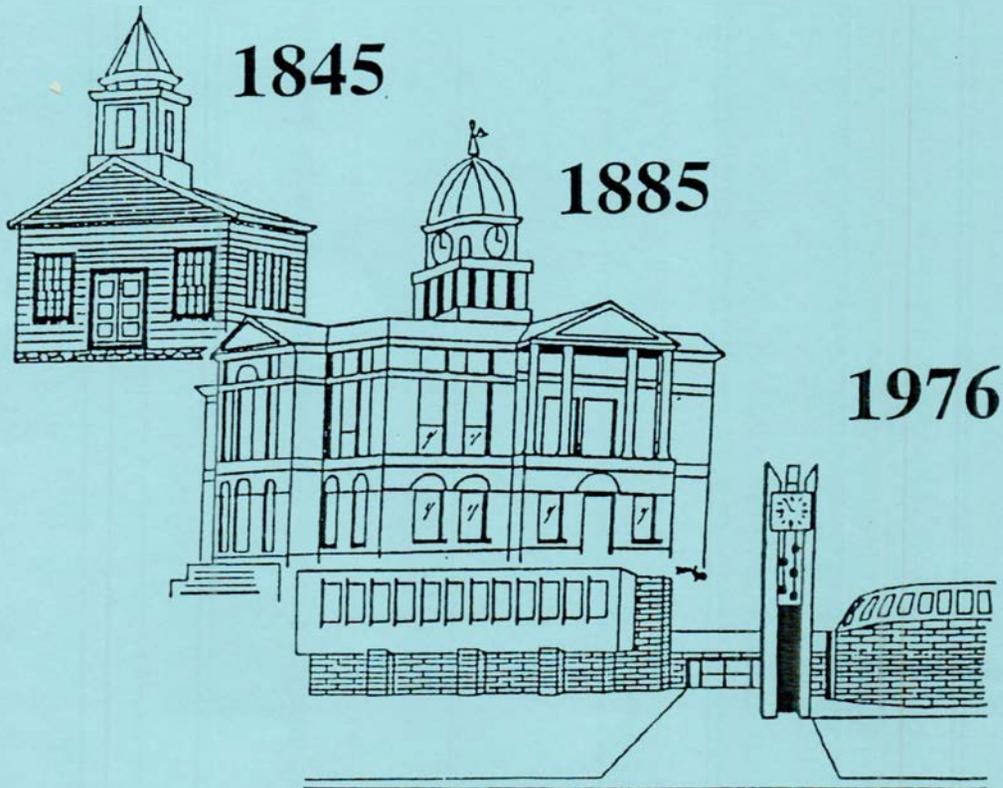


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Eaton County Death Records

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by Drouscella Halsey

Spelling as written

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Date of Death: December 25, 1869
Name: **Arsula Jane Snyder**
Sex: Female
Marital Status: Single
Age: 12y 10m 27d
Place of Death: Brookfield
Cause of Death: Typhoid Fever
Birthplace:
Occupation:
Parents: **William Snyder**
Catherine Snyder
Their Residence: Brookfield
Recorded: May 7, 1870
Vermontville

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Date of Death: March 4, 1869
Name: **William H. Weatherby**
Sex: Male
Marital Status: Single
Age: 1y 11m ___d
Place of Death: Vermontville, Mich.
Cause of Death: Measles
Birthplace: Vermontville, Mich.
Occupation:
Parents: **Michale Weatherby**
Huldah Weatherby
Their Residence: Vermontville
Recorded: May 18, 1870

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Date of Death: January 14, 1869
Name: **Augusta Scoville**
Sex: Female
Marital Status: Single
Age: 24y ___m ___d
Place of Death: Vermontville
Cause of Death: Consumption
Birthplace: Vermontville
Occupation: Teacher
Parents: **D. Scoville**
Caroline Scoville
Their Residence: Vermontville
Recorded: May 18, 1870

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Date of Death: March 10, 1869
Name: **Albert Francis Fesler**
Sex: Male
Marital Status:
Age: 1d
Place of Death: Vermontville
Cause of Death: Unknown
Birthplace: Vermontville
Occupation:
Parents: **John Fesler**
Ellen C. Fesler
Their Residence: Vermontville
Recorded: May 18, 1870

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Date of Death: March 15, 1869
Name: _____ **Misner**
Sex: Male
Marital Status:
Age: 3d
Place of Death: Vermontville
Cause of Death: Unknown
Birthplace: Vermontville
Occupation:
Parents: **W.C. Wisner**
Maria M. Wisner
Their Residence: Vermontville
Recorded: May 18, 1870

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Date of Death: December 12, 1869
Name: **Albert B. Collins**
Sex: Male
Marital Status: Single
Age: 18y 6m ___d
Place of Death: Vermontville
Cause of Death: Typhoid Fever
Birthplace: Michigan
Occupation:
Parents: **Benjamin Collins**
Mary A. Collins
Their Residence: Vermontville
Recorded: May 18, 1870

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Date of Death: September 1, 1869
Name: **Manerva Jane Lute**
Sex: Female
Marital Status:
Age: 3y 3m 9d
Place of Death: Vermontville
Cause of Death: Scarlet Fever
Birthplace: Michigan
Occupation:
Parents: **John Lute**

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Hannah Lute

Their Residence: Vermontville
Recorded: May 18, 1870

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Date of Death: November 27, 1869
Name: **Iola Eliza Thayer**
Sex: Female
Marital Status:
Age: 1m 28d
Place of Death: Vermontville
Cause of Death: Inflammation of Bowels
Birthplace: Michigan
Occupation:
Parents: **D.S. Thayer**

Ann E. Thayer

Their Residence: Vermontville
Recorded: May 18, 1870

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Date of Death: July 1, 1869
Name: **Ulyses Grant Hawkins**
Sex: Male
Marital Status:
Age: 1m 12d
Place of Death: Vermontville
Cause of Death: Whooping Cough
Birthplace: Michigan
Occupation:
Parents: **Duane Hawkins**

Sarah Hawkins

Their Residence: Vermontville
Recorded: May 18, 1870

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Date of Death: October 25, 1869
Name: **Daniel Webster Hawkins**
Sex: Male
Marital Status:
Age: 3y 2m 3d
Place of Death: Vermontville
Cause of Death: Eryseplis
Birthplace: Michigan
Occupation:
Parents: **Duane Hawkins**

Sarah Hawkins

Their Residence: Vermontville
Recorded: May 18, 1870

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Date of Death: August 29, 1869
Name: **Clara M. Cross**
Sex: Female
Marital Status:
Age: 1y 3m __d
Place of Death: Vermontville

Cause of Death: Dysentery
Birthplace: Michigan
Occupation:
Parents: **Moses Cross, Jrn'r**
Clara Cross

Their Residence: Vermontville
Recorded: May 18, 1870

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Date of Death: October 6, 1869
Name: _____ **Hanestone**
Sex: Female
Marital Status:
Age: 5m
Place of Death: Vermontville
Cause of Death: Typhoid Fever
Birthplace: Michigan
Occupation:
Parents: **Julius Hanestone**

Mary J. Hanestone

Their Residence: Vermontville
Recorded: May 18, 1870

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Date of Death: August 3, 1869
Name: **William Granger**
Sex: Male
Marital Status: Married
Age: 63y 1m 8d
Place of Death: Vermontville
Cause of Death: Asthma
Birthplace: England
Occupation: Farmer
Parents: Unknown

Their Residence:
Recorded: May 18, 1870

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Date of Death: March 4, 1869
Name: **Arthur C. Gunn**
Sex: Male
Marital Status:
Age: 9y 4m 16d
Place of Death: Vermontville
Cause of Death: Inflammation of Lungs
Birthplace: Michigan
Occupation:
Parents: **Chauncey Gunn**

Mary Jane Gunn

Their Residence: Vermontville
Recorded: May 18, 1870

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Date of Death: March 15, 1869
Name: **William B. Sherman**

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Sex: Male
Marital Status: Married
Age: 60y __m 2d
Place of Death: Vermontville
Cause of Death: Congestive Chill
Birthplace: New York
Occupation: Farmer
Parents: Unknown
Their Residence:
Recorded: May 18, 1870

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Date of Death: August 3, 1869
Name: **Joseph W. Parmenter**
Sex: Male
Marital Status:
Age: 7m
Place of Death: Vermontville
Cause of Death: Cholera Morbus
Birthplace: Vermontville
Occupation:
Parents: **Joseph Parmenter**
Malissa J. Parmenter
Recorded: May 18, 1870

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Date of Death: September 26, 1869
Name: **Fanny M. Drake**
Sex: Female
Marital Status:
Age: 3m 18d
Place of Death: Vermontville
Cause of Death: Unknown
Birthplace: Vermontville
Occupation:
Parents: **Augustus C. Drake**
Ermina F. Drake
Their Residence: Vermontville
Recorded: May 18, 1870

Township of Hamlin

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Date of Death: September 26, 1869
Name: **George Wellman**
Sex: Male
Marital Status: Married
Age: 40y 8m 28d
Place of Death: Hamlin
Cause of Death: Lung Fever
Birthplace: New York
Occupation: Mechanic
Parents: **Barney Wellman**
Sophia Wellman
Their Residence: Eaton Rapids
Recorded: May 18, 1870

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Date of Death: March 1, 1869
Name: **Isaac C. Smith**
Sex: Male
Marital Status: Married
Age: 40y 4m 15d
Place of Death: Hamlin
Cause of Death: Abscess of Liver
Birthplace: New York
Occupation: Farmer
Parents: **Isaac Smith**
Frances Smith
Their Residence: Michigan
Recorded: May 18, 1870

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Date of Death: March 18, 1869
Name: **George Boatman**
Sex: Male
Marital Status: Single
Age: 1y 4m 18d
Place of Death: Hamlin
Cause of Death: Inflammation of Bowels
Birthplace: Hamlin
Occupation:
Parents: **Daniel Boatman**
Mary C. Boatman
Their Residence: Hamlin
Recorded: May 18, 1870

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Date of Death: October 27, 1869
Name: **Theodore H. Whipple**
Sex: Male
Marital Status: Single
Age: 24y 7m 27d
Place of Death: Hamlin
Cause of Death: Consumption
Birthplace: Brookfield, Mich.
Occupation: Mechanic
Parents: **Eseck Whipple**
Polly Whipple
Their Residence: Michigan
Recorded: May 18, 1870

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That Tecumseh, located in South Eastern Michigan, is named for Brig. Gen. Tecumseh, a famous Indian Leader

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PROBATE COURT RECORDS

Some County Probate Court records are of value to genealogists. Estate files may contain the name of spouses, siblings, and children as well as information about the estate. The following records are in the State Archives unless otherwise indicated.

ESTATE CASE FILES

This series of records may include: Petition for the appointment of administrator of estate, order for hearing of petition to settle estate; bond of executor or administrator; order granting power of letter of administration, letters of administration; published notice of estate together with sworn statement of publisher, order for appointment of guardian, guardian's bond; petitions for appointment of guardian; report of sale of real estate; "letters testamentary" requesting inventory of goods, chattels, rights, credits and real estate of deceased; statements of monies due; contracts; petitions for determination of heirs; certificate of probate of will, will; petition for license to sell real estate; administrator's license to sell real estate; appraiser's warrant; confirmation of sale; bond on sale of real estate; receipts for probate fees; claims for payment of bills; receipts; commissioner's warrant and report of claims presented, examined and allowed; occasional letters; discharge of administrator; record of obligation of guardianship for minors and heirs of estate with petitions for appointment; letters granting authority; and bond of the appointed guardian. Some cases may be missing. Arranged numerically, unless noted otherwise.

<u>County</u>	<u>Inclusive Dates/Arrangement</u>	<u>Record Group</u>	<u>Regional Depository</u>
Alcona	1872-1904 (Microfilmed)	RG 80-126	
Barry	ca. 1860-1873; 1879-1913	RG 67-38, 68-15 RG 71-143	Western Michigan University Western Michigan University
Cheboygan	1858-1901 (Microfilmed Indexed alphabetically by surname)	RG 80-97	
Eaton	1838-1900 (Arranged numerically)	RG 80-73	
Genesee	1852-1883 (Selected Cases)	RG 71-37, 75-86	
Ingham	1839 ca. (Arranged numerically)	RG 92-429	
Ionia	1837-1869 (Partially indexed alphabetically by surname.)	RG 78-67	
Livingston	ca. 1895-1905 (Missing all adoptions, 1897-1899; arranged chronologically.)	RG 67-90, 71-164; RG 75-12	
Macomb	ca. 1825-1869 (Arranged alpha by surname.)	RG 77-112	
Mecosta	ca. 1870-1938 (Selected cases)	RG 72-45	
Monroe	1804-1873 (Arranged alphabetically)	RG 71-138, 72-44	
St. Clair	1828-1872	RG 78-65	
Van Buren	1848-1912 (Microfilmed Indexed alphabetically by surname)	RG 68-28	Western Michigan University
Wayne	1797-1901 (Arranged alphabetically)	RG 85-35	

Other Probate Court Records may also be of value. More information about the contents of each series can be obtained by visiting the State Archives or the cited depository where the records are on deposit.

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BERRIEN COUNTY (Western Michigan University)

Includes proceedings of the Probate Court, 1832-1838 **RG 67-109**,
Index to Insane Citizens, 1858-1916, 1919 (Restricted) **RG 67-109**.

HILLSDALE COUNTY

Contains a Record of Wills, 1865-1952 **RG 69-81**.

HURON COUNTY

Includes records relating to Probate of Estates of Deceased Persons, 1865-1886 **RG 67-93**, Journal of Probate Court, 1880-1898 **RG 67-93**.

INGHAM COUNTY

Includes case files numbered I-5026 with some files missing **RG 92-429**.

IONIA COUNTY

Includes Probate Journals, 1837-1895 **RG 78-67**; Petitions to probate Deceased Estates, 1858-1865 **RG 76-67**; Orders of Determining Heirs, 1917-1954 **RG 78-67**; Records of Wills, 1866-1917, 1923-1969 **RG 78-67**; Petitions for Assignment of Dower and Reports of Commissioners in Dowers, 1864-1906 **RG 78-67**; Petitions for Partitions and Reports of Commission in Partition, 1867-1905 **RG 78-67**; Orders to Sell Real Estate at Public Sale and Orders Confirming Sale, 1858-1916 **RG 76-67**; Licenses to Sell Real Estate at Private Sale and Orders Confirming Sale, 1896-1969 **RG 78-67**; Abstracts of Taxable Inheritances, 1899-1966 **RG 78-67**; Orders for Disposition of Widows Pensions, 1887-1903, 1915-1925 **RG 78-67**; Orders for Admission of Dependent and Neglected Children to State Public School, 1885-1904 **RG 78-67**.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Includes Probate Court Record Books (Estate Cases), 1855-1898 **RG 75-12**.

MACOMB COUNTY

Consists of Probate Court Calendar, 1849-1905 **RG 80-95**.

MECOSTA COUNTY

Records include Journals of the Probate Court, 1860-1893, 1901-1917 **RG 72-45**, Records of Probate of Wills, 1887-1910 **RG 72-45**, Index to Estate in Probate, n.d. **RG 72-45**.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

Records of Proceedings, 1828-1838 **RG 79-48**.

VAN BUREN COUNTY (Western Michigan University)

Includes Record of Guardianship, 1845-1867 **RG 68-28**, Proceedings In Dower, 1847-1878 **RG 68-28**, Journal of Probate Court, 1846-1867 **RG 68-28**.

DUE TO THE CONTENT AND ARRANGEMENT OF PROBATE COURT RECORDS, RESEARCHERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO VISIT THE STATE ARCHIVES IN ORDER TO EXAMINE THE FILES.

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Anderson, Julia Ann	55-2	Last Will and Testament	1842
Andrews, Prusia	87-76	Letter	1828
Attorney General	76-106	President's Commission on Women	1962-1963
Attorney General	76-106	Governor's Commission on Women	1961-1963
Ayrs, Olena	66-94	Letter	1902
Ballard, Lusina	89-462	Daily Journals	1872-1903
Barekman, June	67-30	Genealogy	N.D.
Basset, Alice Marantette	73-60	Correspondence	1861-1873
Bishop, Sara Conger	57-2	Domestic Matters	1894-1901
Bliss, Lida Bachelder	85-54	Letters	1892
Brooks, Belle	57-20	Family Matters	1897-1926
Brooks, Libbie	57-20	Family Matters	1897-1926
Brotherton, Florence Belle	77-119	Suffragette	1907-1922
Burbanks, Rosamond C.	67-133	Scrapbook	1834
Cable, Elizabeth	69-39	Letter	1848
Castle, Beatrice Hanscom	70-73	Story of Grand Island	1906
Chadwick, Betsy	58-22	Personal	1840
Chamberlain, Almera	69-39	Pension Records	1883-1893
Clements, Ella A.	69-125	Autograph Album	1876-1883
Collins, Sarah Miller	68-142	Memoirs	N.D.
Colored Women's Clubs	61-17	Association's Records	ca. 1930
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Colored Women's Clubs	63-18	Association's Records	1865-1963
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Crosby, Louisa H.	77-57	Will	1896
Crosby, Mary Clarinda	68-14	Marriage Certificate	1849
Curtis, Gail	78-01	Personal Records	1921-1961
Curtis, Gertrude L.	66-89	War Ration Book	1941-1946
Daughters of Union Veterans	83-25	Battle Creek Tent	1921-1937
Davis, Sally	87-76	Letter	1836
Detroit Fed. of Women's Clubs	61-24	History of Organization	1895-1935
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Eldering, Grace	88-268	Correspondence & Writings	1923-1980
Eldred, Emma	55-13	Accounting record	1887-1913
Elliott, Adella	76-135	Correspondence	1899-1949
Elliott, Lucy	76-135	Correspondence	1881-1904
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Forhan, Elizabeth	69-82	Obituaries, Clippings	1945-1968
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G.A.R. Auxiliary	68-56	Organizational Records	1878-1948
Garrett, Mary	57-20	Family Matters	1897-1926
Gillette, Genevieve	94-106	Audio Tape Transcriptions	1973-1983
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Hardy, Martha J.	69-97	Obituary	N.D.
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House & Senate Club	84-8	Legislator's Wives	1905-1966
Industrial Home for Girls	RG-44	Records	1885-1910
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Jones, Mary F.	57-20	Will	1886-1910
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League of Women Voters	77-12	Lansing Records	1924-1979
Lewis, Jane Irwin	71-84	Politics & Education	1941-1961
Lindsay, Kate	73-59	Biography	1922
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Maccabee, Ladies of the	77-59	Records	1895-1898
MacIntosh, Carol S.	80-72	Records	1969-1974
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Marantette, Nettie	73-60	Correspondence	1883-1891
Martin, Helen B.	81-48	Diaries & Notes	1902-1956
Martin, Helen M.	80-33	Articles & Notes	1919-1970
McGinley, Grace	69-83	Autograph Album	1891-1895
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McLaughlin, Caroline Marantette	73-60	Correspondence	1862-1864
Michigan Nurses Association	72-22	Nursing	1904-1962
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Paulic, Josefina	92-80	Journals	1921-1977
Phelps, Mary Blanche Nibb	88-58	Obituary	1961
Public Health Department	70-48	Maternal & Child Health	1962-1964
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Simons, Eliza	85-54	Letters	1845-1847
Sinclair, Mary P.	83-23	Correspondence	1969-1982
Smith, Anna C.	59-1	Personal	1839
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State Boards, Women on	RG-44	Petitions	1903
Stoner, Cornelia Miles	55-31	Pioneer Life	1843-1856
Swinton, Alma Williams	64-27	Biographical Sketch	1964
The Ladies Coronal	66-53	Periodical	1850
Veterans' Facility	86-55	Female Inhabitants	1956-1980
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Veterans' Facility	86-103	Index to Women	1894-1986
Veterans' Facility	74-83	Female Inhabitants	1929-1956
Waterman, Jennie A.	55-3	Automobile Trip	1913
Wells, Julia A.	RG-32	Medical Records	1865-1877
Whittmore, Edna	70-22	History of Ovid	N D
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Witfoth, Mabel A. Rogers	70-63	Spiritualist	1898-1969
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Center of the County
by
Mary Jean Baker

Carmel Township lies in the central part of Eaton County, sharing half of Charlotte with its twin township of Eaton.

The original tract book indicates that most of the land was purchased by land speculators who never became settlers. Some never saw the land they bought, hoping the actual settlers would make their investments profitable.

Charlotte, which is the County Seat, was established as early as 1833. Bellevue and the town of Eaton were the only earlier towns in the County.

Part of Charlotte's beautiful prairie in the wilderness laid in the town of Carmel. There was little swamp and practically no waste land, and excellent drainage, which made Carmel one of the best areas in the county.

The first settler in Carmel; or at least to begin improvements, was **Platt Morey** of Rochester, NY. He came in 1837, but being a single man, and by pioneer's logic he could not be "settled" until married. Two years later he did marry a niece of **Bezaleel Taft**, an early pioneer of Vermontville.

Nathan Brooks had bought forty acres opposite **Pratt Morey** and **Mr. Brooks** also became the first supervisor of Carmel and is given the destination of truly being the first settler.

A **William Webster** was another early settler but was accidentally killed soon after arriving when he felled a tree

and was crushed under it as it fell. **Robert Dunn**, another settler outlived nearly all of the others.

By 1840 the town of Carmel was organized. Other settlers included, **John E. Ells**, a soldier of 1812, his son, **Almon C. Ells**. **Almon** was the father of **Frank A. Ells**, the highly esteemed editor of the *Charlotte Leader*.

Other early Carmel township names were: **William Johnson**, blacksmith, **H.H. Gale**, **R. T. Cushing**, **Alvan D. Shaw**, **Henry J. Robinson**, **A. B. Waterman**, **James Mann**, **John Jessup**, **Harvey Williams**, **M.E. Andrews**, **James Foster**, **H.M. Munson**, **J. E. Sweet**, **Eli Spencer**, **A.C.H. Maxon** and **Abel P. Case**.

The history of Carmel is closely bound up with that of Charlotte, many settlers having resided in both.

In 1844 there were forty-one resident taxpayers. Supervisors after 1845 were, **R. T. Cushing**, **A.D. Shaw**, **A. C. Ells**, & **T. D. Green**, who alternated as supervisors.

Our pioneers worked hard making their own furniture, candles, butter, clothes, spinning and canning. After the Civil War railroads brought mowers, drills, planting machines, cast plows and shoes were bring machine-made now.

Long live the memories of our first settlers in Eaton County!

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Diary of Lora Dennison
Charlotte, Michigan
For the year 1888

This is to let you know who the people are that are mentioned in this diary.

Pa is Alexander Dennison
Ma is Pricilla Clark Dennison
Fred is Fred Mygrants
Lettie is Lettie Dennison Mygrants
Cora is Cora Dennison

Lora Married Eugene L. Stewart
March 28, 1896

both were age 25.

The farms that she talks about were located in section 22 and 27 of Eaton Township. The Stewart Road south of now M-50.

Lora was 17 when she wrote this diary.

(This has been copied exactly as it was written and spelled)

Copied By: Drouscella Halsey

(Continued from Quest #39)

Pa and Ma went up town this morning. Jula Edginton got bitten by a snake.

Tues. July 3

Pa and Ma have been over on Len Peck, today I washed

Wed. July 4

Ida and I went horse back riding this eve.

Thurs. July 5

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gibbs were hear today. Ma and I went over to Cor's and took Bernice with us.

Fri. July 6

I called on Miss Heifner and Miss Pennington.

Sat. July 7

Fred and Lettie went to town. I got a letter from Mae.

Sun. July 8

Went up town today for a ride. It has been cloudy all day.

Mon. July 9

Pa and Ma went up town today. Johine wanted to settle up the note. Ezra Hale was hear today. Fred bought a cow today.

Tues. July 10

H. Perkey took his sheep home today. We picked and canned cherries today. Mrs. Mygrants came after Vint today.

Wed. July 11

We canned cherries agin today Goolie and Belle were hear.

Thurs. July 12

Pa and Ma went up town the law suit again but John settled it.

Fri. July 13

Fred, Lettie and I went up town this evening. I got a pair of shoes.

Sat. July 14

Fred began cutting wheat for Perkey today. Pa and Ma went up town this afternoon.

Sun. July 15

Lettie expected Honsbergers people to day but they did not come.

Mon. July 16

Pa and Ma went up town this morning. I sewed on my dress today and washed.

Tues. July 17

I sewed again to day. Hi Shaw worked hear. Mr. Wickam died today.

Wed. July 18

Ma went up to Mrs. Xanders this morning and they went over to Mrs. Wickham's funeral.

Thurs. July 19

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Pa and Ma went up town, Volney Palmer was hear and tuned the piano.

Fri. July 20

Mr. Bedford was hear this fornoon. Ella Pierce was hear this evening.

Sat. July 21

There was a Jolifioation meeting in town this evening. Mae came home with me and we took a long walk.

Sun. July 22

Mae and I went to Church this morning, and this eve we went also.

Mon. July 23

I took Mae home this morning, and made Jimmie a shirt this afternoon.

Tues. July 24

Ma went over to Brookfield this afternoon. I made another shirt.

Wed. July 25

Ma, Lettie, Bernice and myself went over to Ida Van Duzen's to an aid society it rained this evening.

Thurs. July 26

Pa and Ma went up town this eve. Uncle R. was hear. I got a card from Hattie.

Fri. July 27

Elisha Shepard, Jr. was hear this morning, Fred thrashed today for James Van Duzen.

Sat. July 28

Old Mrs. Britten died this morning.

Sun. July 29

Fred and Lettie went up to Mygrants, and Grandma White came home with them.

Mon. July 30

Mr. S. Smith was hear this morning. We had thrashers this afternoon, and all night.

Tues. July 31

Ma and I went up town this afternoon.

Wed. Aug. 1

Sara and By Smith were hear this morning. Ma and Lida Garber went to Brookfield this aff.

Thurs. Aug. 2

It rained today. Lettie and myself sewed on her cashmere dress, Ma and Jimmie went up town.

Fri. Aug. 3

This aff. I took Grandma White home. It got a new black lawn dress. Got a letter from Robinson of Ohio.

Sat. Aug. 4

Fred and Lettie went up town this evening.

Sun. Aug. 5

Pa and Ma went up town this morning.

Mon. Aug. 6

I sewed on my lawn dress to day. Horneds thrashed this aff.

Tues. Aug. 7

We had thrashers this aff, this eve. Fred, Joe, Lettie, baby and I went up town.

Wed. Aug. 8

Vollney and Zell. Palmer were hear all day.

Thurs. Aug. 9

Ma and Lettie went up town, Lettie went to see Eva Cuykendall she is just alive. Fred drew a load of wheat to town. Fred's father was hear

Fri. Aug. 10

Ma and I went to Eaton Rapids this morning. Ma bought some yarn.

Sat. Aug. 11

This eve. Fred, Lettie and I went to the Ratification meeting. I saw Mae, Belle, Nora, Addie and Angie. Mr. Honsberger came home with us it rained all the way home.

Sun. Aug. 12

It rained again today Fred took Nelson home.

Mon. Aug. 13

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This morning we moved a load of goods back to town. I stayed all night with Mae.

Tues. Aug. 14

John Marks papered the parlor today.

Wed. Aug. 15

I put two carpets down this afternoon.

Thurs. Aug. 16

The Pioneer Meeting was today.

Fri. Aug. 17

Fred brought a load of goods this eve. and Pa came up. Eva died today and Ella and I went over this eve and saw her.

Sat. Aug. 18

Mae and Nora were hear this morning, Ma and I went down to Ophelia's.

Sun. Aug. 19

I went to Eva's funeral this aff. Mrs. Mygrants, Maude and Lettie were hear this aff.

Mon. Aug. 20

Ma and Jimmie went to the farm today, I went up town and Nora came home with me.

Tues. Aug. 21

Ma went down to the farm and stayed all night, Nora came hear and stayed all night.

Wed. Aug. 22

The last load of goods came today. Mrs. McUmbur was hear.

Thurs. Aug. 23

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gibbs were hear this aff. we picked our plumbs.

Fri. Aug. 24

Ma and Jimmie went to the farm this aff.

Sat. Aug. 25

I went home with Angie today and we went to Palmers this eve. Mr., Mrs. Edick and Lulu were hear.

Sun. Aug. 26

Angie and I went to a Donkard meeting today, went to see Oplelia this eve.

Mon. Aug. 27

Mae Morey died day before yesterday. Ma and Jimmie went to the farm.

Tues. Aug. 28

Mae and Bella Scott were hear. I went to town.

Wed. Aug. 29

Mrs. Dell, Ma and I went down to see Ophelia.

Thurs. Aug. 30

Fred was hear this morning got a letter from Tommie. Mae Cox was hear this aff. Ma and I went up town.

Fri. Aug. 31

I called on Etha this aff. Mae was hear. I went up town.

Sat. Sept 1

Mr. Hewy was hear this aff. Ma and I called on Delia this eve.

Sun. Sept 2

Mae and I went to church this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Ells baby was burried today.

Mon. Sept. 3

School began today. Mr. Spicer was hear today. We went down to see Ophelia.

Tues. Sept. 4

Ma and Jimmie were down to the farm today. Bill Horned was hear.

Wed. Sept. 5

Frank Rochester and Mr. Holden were hear today.

Thurs. Sept. 6

We sold our forty in Brookfield today. I got a letter from Hattie.

Fri. Sept. 7

I am going out to Holdens today with Mr. H. and Addie to sew for the girls.

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Letters From Our Volunteers The Republican dated March 8, 1862

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The "Rifles" At Newport News
[We have been furnished with the following extract from a letter from private Ed. P. Dwight, of Vermontville, who is a member of the "Rifles." The boys seem quite elated to think they have got where they see a probable chance for a fight.]

Newport News, Feb. 25.

* * * "We left Baltimore on the 21st inst., and came down to Newport News, where we are now stationed. It is as pleasant a locality as I ever saw. We are on James river, a short distance from its mouth; in sight of Fortress Monroe, though about seven miles from it by water; we can see Norfolk, across the river, with a glass; and can see the rebel batteries, on the side of the river directly opposite to us, quite plain with the naked eye. May be we will get a nearer view before long. We are only about twelve miles from Big Bethel, and twenty from Yorktown. So you see we are in the vicinity of the rebels and may have a chance to do something yet. There are 8,000 troops here now, and more are expected. This place is strongly entrenched, and as the rebels have given us twenty-four hours notice to leave, its strength may be tested. I do not know the exact purpose we were sent here for, but think it is to operate near here.

"Day before yesterday a steamer went up the river with a flag of truce, to get a lot of soldiers who were taken prisoners at Bull Run; and when she came back we saw them,

and helped give them three lusty cheers. The boat was crowded, and there must have been at least 500 of them.

"I have seen the Sawyer gun that burst while they were trying it range--the back half of it split into four pieces, killing two men and wounding several others. It is supposed the shell was not put clear down, and that this was the cause of its bursting.

"We have the same muskets yet, but may possibly get rifles soon; though the muskets shoot very well, and have *got remarkably good bayonets*.

"Three of our companies came on here, before the rest of the regiment, under command of Major Bacon. They came on board the "Star," an old steamer, and in the night it stormed terribly, the captain of the vessel got frightened, and said he was afraid his ship would go to pieces. He told the Major she would never reach her destination, and said the only chance was to run into a rebel port; but our Major told him they would go to the bottom first, and if the captain could not run his ship through he had got boys aboard that could. So he kept on and came through all right.

"When you write direct to Newport News, Va."

Died In Benton, Eaton Co., Mich. Feb. 17, 1862, of inflammation of the lungs. Francis M., aged 8 months; and on the 27th ult., of the same disease, Lydia L., aged 2 years and 8 Months; both were the children, and only children, of Edmund and Elizabeth Hunt.

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The Republican March 14, 1862 Letters From Our Volunteers

(The following letter was received just as our last week's paper went to the Post Office)

Fortress Monroe, VA
March 3d, 1862

Friend Saunders: The Steamship Constitution is at anchor in the stream, awaiting the shipment of our Reg., (the Mich. 6th,) the 4th Wisconsin, and the 20th Indiana.--- Nearly three thousand troops in all, ---and then she starts for "Ship Island," in the Gulf of Mexico. We shall ship to-day, and start with-in a few hours.

And then farewell,-- all that we hold most dear. Farewell friends, letters, and news, for weary weeks, and perhaps months. But tell our friends to continue to write,--write often-- and remember that letters are all a soldier has of home; and God knows, and alone knows how he longs for them; not only from relatives, but from friends, and neighbors. Direct as heretofore, only to "Ship Island, *via*, Fortress Monroe."

We are placed in Butler's Division, and I think are destined to operate against New Orleans.

The "Rifles" are in good health and spirits, in spite of the 3,000 miles that are to separate them from home.

Yours in haste, but truly,
S. W. Fowler

[The following letter is probably the last we shall get from the "Rifles"

until after their arrival at the far South.]

Near Fortress Monroe
Feb. 5th 1862

Friend Saunders: Some ten days since, three regiments were ordered from Baltimore to Fortress Monroe, where Gen. Wool is in command, they were sent up to New Port News, 8 miles up James river.

Last Monday, this Steamship, which draws over 20 feet of water, came to Fortress Monroe, to take these troops to Ship Island. She was sent after them, to New Port News and in going there she had to follow the Channel, which runs within range of the Rebel Batteries on the other side. Several shots were fired at her as she went up, and one Shell burst nearly over her. And after two days of effort, the Regiments, (numbering near three thousand men) were crowded and packed on board of her. And without a cannon on board, and with her every part crowded with human beings, she was compelled to pass, a target for the rebel batteries. Two shots passed between her smoke stacks, and struck a few yards from her, on the other side. What matters it whether the 200 lb shot, (or any other shot,) went screeching just above the heads of a deck full of defenceless men, or whether that shot, plunged crashing through the boilers, and drowned or scalded two thirds of those on board. I ask if the responsibility of the power that caused the useless risk, is greater in the one case, than in the other. **Who is to blame ?** Those troops could have been left at Fortress Monroe, and shipped from there with half the trouble, and no risk; or they could have been brought down with

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"Lighters," that runout of the range of rebel guns, equally well. Have we not had blunders and casualties enough in this war to cause the leaders to be held to a strict accountability?

Yours truly F.

Camp Barker,
Niles, March 10, 1862.

Friend Saunders:--Your humble servant has enlisted in the Mich. 12th, as bugler, and is at present attached to Co. D. I have been here but a week, and am not well posted, yet, as to the number of volunteers from Eaton County, but think there must be nearly fifty. I will endeavor, at some future time, to give you a correct list. They are a fine set of fellows, and I can say the same of the whole regiment., I was astonished to find so many men here.-- men of character-- men of experience and ability. I confess that I had formed the opinion that a majority of our army was composed of boys; but it is not so. A majority of the soldiers here are *men* in every sense. If the same can be said of our other regiments, Michigan has an army in the field of which she may well be proud.

It has often been said that the backbone of the state had not entered the army at all, but from what I see of the men here, I am convinced that many of the most reliable vertebrae are already in the field. I speak these things not of the officers, but of the common soldiers. But I can say for the officers that they are men of the first order, from the Colonel down.

Col. Quinn is Postmaster of Niles-- an esteemed citizen, and an excellent Colonel. His phisiognomy

betokens unflinching courage. * He has the confidence of his men, and under his leadership they will *conquer or die.*

We expect to leave here in a week or two, but are ready to go sooner if ordered. We expect to go east-- probably to Baltimore or Annapolis.

The soldiers are now practising in the manual of arms, and in the skirmish drills. The most of them are making good progress. An amusing circumstance happened the other morning at drill. After the company

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The Charlotte Republican dated March 22, 1862

Copied as written.

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Army in the Field
Near New Madrid, Mo., March 6,
1862.

Friend Saunders: ----The 21st of last month I left St. Louis with the 1st Battalion, 2d Mich. Cavalry, under Maj. Shaw. We steamed down the river as far as Cairo, opposite which place the 2d Battalion was then in camp. Indications demanding our presence in that direction, we were order, before landing, to return up the river as far as Commerce, from which place we moved, some 8 miles, to Benton, the Co., Seat of Scott Co., Mo., where we remained until last Saturday morning, when the Brigade stationed there under Gen. Palmer, was ordered to this place. It having been ascertained that Jeff. Thompson with a small force was somewhere on or near the

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route we were to take. Maj. Shaw, at his own instance, was permitted to take what force he thought necessary, to cut off Thompson's retreat by another route. Some 100 men immediately volunteered for the purpose and with hearts made light by the prospect of fun, the boys soon forgot their bodily ills and the hardships of a few previous days spent in the land of hard bread and hoe cakes. Eager to avenge the blood of men women and children shed upon this soil for loving liberty and freedom rather than slavery and oppression, we mounted our steeds in "hot haste," and a few hours ride brought us as we were told, within a short distance of where Jeff. Thompson and these land pirates were supposed to be. We could hear of his rapid retreat by every one we met, until his position becoming rather critical, and wholly declining any hostile demonstrations, lie with the poet signed "for a lodge in some vast wilderness," and choosing the only alternative---a dense swamp lying in the direction of a road running directly to this lace. It was getting late, and we had not got far into the swamp, when night, lowering and dark, closed in upon us, and after a fruitless effort to pick our way through the water and mud, over bogs and among brush, we were obliged to halt for the night. The driest places possible were selected to hitch our horses, when each dismounted to share the reward of a hard day's march, namely hard bread and shelter under a sky trimmed with clouds of mourning that before day-light shed tear-drops, that moistened well our epidermis. At daybreak the bugle sounded for us

to "dress" and make our toilet for a start.

The rain during the night had made our way worse, and our horses feeling gaunt and jaded from being without food since the morning before we were obliged to walk, and then the horses would often throw themselves, while the men in order to facilitate their march threw away their blankets and overcoats, one man leaving his arms and everything cumbersome but his bare horse. Although we did not overtake Thompson we succeeded in driving him to a point where other forces were stationed, which gave him battle, driving him again to the forest, and taking away his 3 field pieces. A forced reconnoissance was made near here on Monday last by Maj. Shaw and his Battalion, and as they moved up very close to one of the enemy's fortifications, shells were thrown at them thick and fast, killing one man and wounding another. The man killed belonged to an Ohio Regiment, the one wounded belonged to Co. I. 1st Battalion, 2d Mich. Cavalry. Another reconnoissance was made today while the enemy's gun boats threw shells among us killing only one man, I think. We have taken a number of rebel prisoners and a small place some 10 miles down the river was taken by our forces today; though rebel gun boats are lying there and could shell the place and drive out our troops, still they do not. One reason is, that Co. A. of our Regiment are holding the place and amuse themselves by picking the men off from the gun boats as fast as they come in sight. Our force here is commanded by Gen. Pope; we have some 10,000 or 12,000

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troops here. The enemy has probably a less number, though their fortifications and gun boats held us somewhat in check for a little time. We can hear heavy firing up the river toward 10th Island to day, and the supposition is that Gen. Grant is "stirring up the animals" on the Island, as some of the rebel gun boats have gone up the river probably to defend it. If that is the case we shall take this place with what prisoners and stock it contains, to-morrow; all the Battalions of the 2d and 3d cavalry are here and ready for action. Maj. Shaw and his men show first rate pluck. The day that we got out of the swamp I was sent back to attend one of the boys who was taken sick while coming through the swamp; we put up with the man who was at home on a furlough from the rebel army and he assured us that he never should go back as he had been "skeered" into the service. We were with him some 36 hours. I have already learned considerable of southern living and looseness. The houses are generally low, rude, and without windows, while the occupants live upon hoe cake and fried bacon. Secesh hogs will commence squealing as soon as they see Union soldier. The boys have all kinds of fresh meat, honey, poultry, &c., with plenty of excitement every day. Before this reaches you the telegraph will tell you of a battle here, and the capture of this place and all its stores.

As ever, yours,
George Ranney

Died

In Bellevue, Eaton Co., Mich. Feb. 28th, 1862, of inflammation of the

lungs, Encerton, youngest son of Horatio and Betsey Hall, aged 4 years, 3 months, and 9 days.

From the ECGS Files VF-131

To All Whom It May Concern
Know ye, That Joseph C. Sternberg a Corporal of Captain Lucein B. Potton Company, (I), Veteran Regiment of Merrills Horse Volunteers, who was enrolled on the Tenth day of November one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two to serve three years or during the war, is hereby **DISCHARGED** from the service of the United States this 19th day of September, 1865, at Nashville, Tennessee by reason of Being mustered out in accordance with S.O. No 63 Dept of Term Sept 6, 1865. (No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist)

Said Joseph C. Sternberg was born in Niagara in the State of New York, is 22 years of age, 5 feet 4 1/2 inches high, Fair complexion, Grey eyes, Brown hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Farmer.

Given at Nashville Tenn this nineteenth day of September 1865

(Signature Not Readable)
Capt A.C.M. 2 Div. 4 A.C.

L.B. Potton
Capt Merrills Horse

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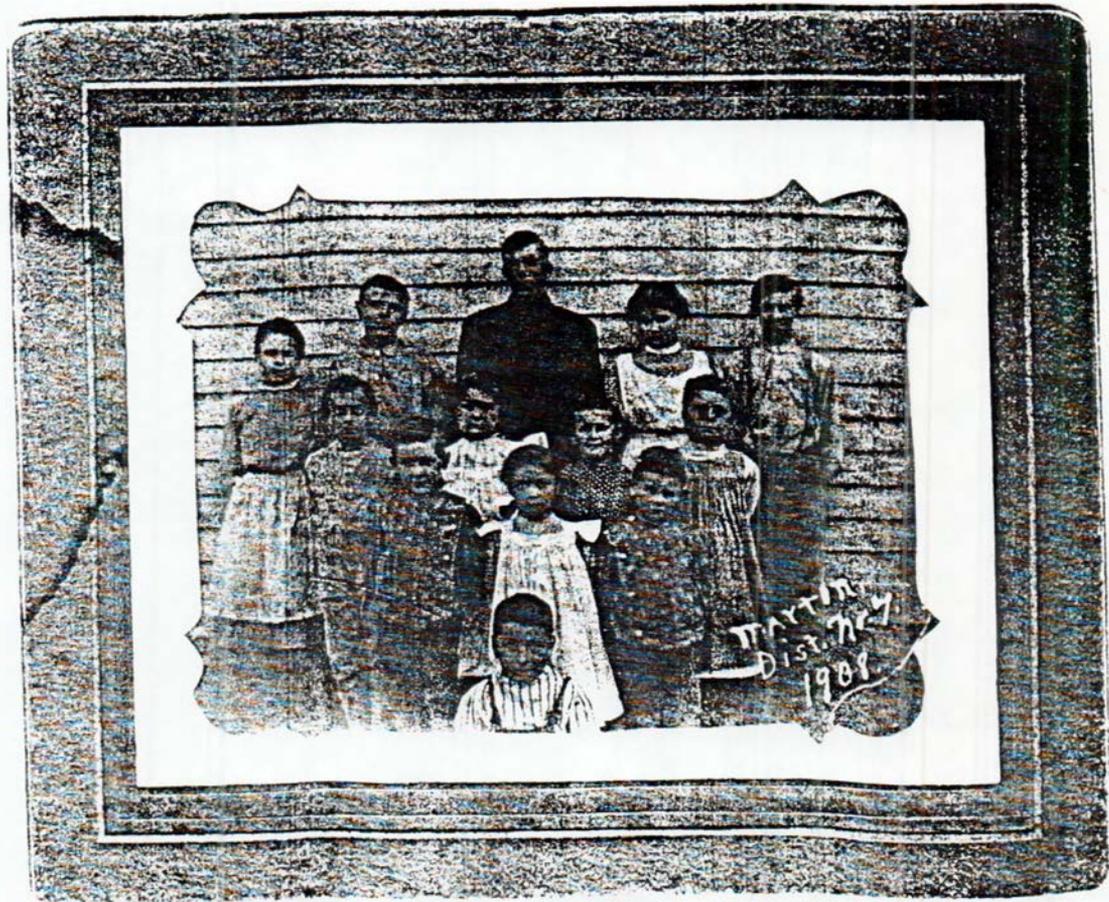
Martin School District No. 7 1908

Back Row: Alta King, Clarence Moore, Bernard Allen, (Teacher),
Helen Martin & Pearl King.

Third Row: Vern Campbell, Ermentrude Martin, Ethel Hettrick & Ida White.

Second Row: Cason Parr, Thelma Martin & Ion Parr.

Front Row: Alton White



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Roxand Township Was A
Latecomer!

By
Mary Jean Baker

*(Information from Pioneer History of Eaton
County by Daniel Strange)*

The land in Roxand Township was not as desirable to either pioneers or speculators in the earlier years. There were no land purchases prior to 1836 and only 25 purchases that year.

Due to the lack of streams or promised mill sites, which were the attraction in other towns, Roxand was flat and during the wet season, largely under water.

Today Roxand Township exhibits some of the most productive farms in the county.

The first settlers were **Orrin Rowland** and **Henry Clark** in 1837. Those who soon followed were, **Aaron** and **Benjamin French**, and **William Cryderman** came after in the spring of 1838. **Andrew Nickle** came at about the same time and raised corn and potatoes but he was not "settled" as his wife did not arrive until fall. His first son, **John Nickle** was born in Roxand in 1840, one of the first births in the town. **Lemuel Cole** was another early settler.

Others settling in Roxand included **Henry A Moyer** who became the first postmaster in Roxand in 1849 and his son, **W. Irving Moyer**, was postmaster later. Mr. Moyer's four sons and daughter (who married **Dr. P. Green** of

Vermontville) were all highly esteemed.

And still others in Roxand were **John Fullerton**, **John Dow**, **Robert Rix**, **John Vanhouten**, **Peter Vanhouten**, **Adam Boyer**, **Willard Davis**, **Mr. McCargar**, **Mr. Maxson**, **H. Earl**, **Ambrose Preston**, **John & Samuel Preston**.

By an act of the legislature, March 19, 1843, this township was set off from Chester and given the name of Roxand. The first election was April 17, 1843, with eighteen electors.

The origin of the name was long in dispute. Some said the petitioner asked that it be named Roxana for a notorious woman. The legislative clerk mistook the final **a** for a **d**. Hence the name. Others say the clerk could read **R o x** and something more was utterly illegible, so he wrote **a n d**.

By 1869 Grand Ledge had an operating railroad bringing a market nearer to Roxand and ten years later Roxand had a railroad of her own and a sprouting village at Mulliken.

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1860 Ad: *(Eaton County Republican Newspaper)*

There will be an Independence Ball held at the the **Eagle Hotel**, **Roxand**, 4 July. **Benj. French**, Proprietor. Room managers - **John Friend** and **Richard Ballard**. Music by **Boyer & Mitchell's Band**.

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Martin School District No. 7 Spring of 1913

Back Row: Ermentrude Martin, Anna Hottois, (Teacher), Ida White, Vern
Campbell, Alton White & Glenn Towe.

Front Row: Hazel White, Tommy Harris, Floyd Bell, Ion Parr & Roy White
(Carson Parr was absent that day, also Thelma Martin)



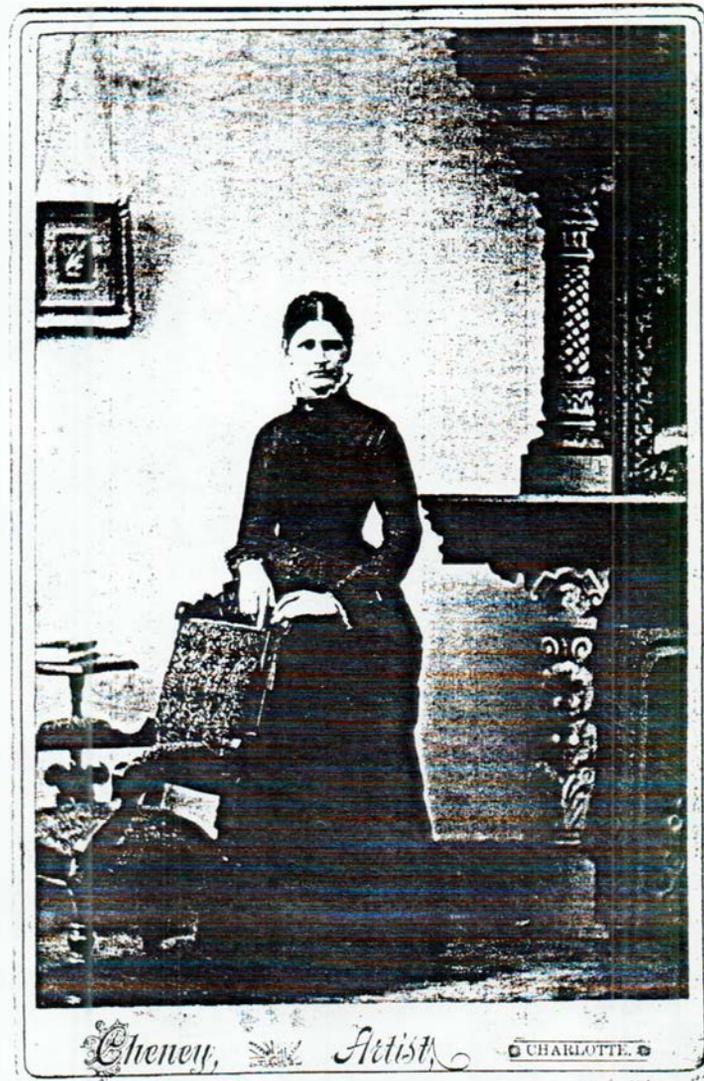
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Martin School District No. 7

Miss Doxie of Grand Ledge (in the early days-don't know when)



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Autograph Book 1883 - 1888 Rose Mason Searles

I found this autograph book at a flea market in Barry Co. and paid \$35 for it. The outside is all red velvet and there are many autographs in it, mostly from Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI.

A few persons who signed the book:

Lou Ainger, Herb Jennings, Lillian G. Searles, Carrie A. Reynolds (Eaton Rapids), Mrs. Howard Searles, Mae Kellogg, Lynn S. Arnold, G. W. Foote, Sybil Wooley Lacey (Barry Co.) Frank Bateman, J.H. Sterling, C. H. Arnold, Warren Pond, H. E. Searles, W. E. Holt, Elmer E. Stockwell, Frankie Spafford, Olie Shear (at the office), Lida Stoddard, Leona B. Searles (sister), Uncle Dave, Julia M. Foote and Ernest Haefner.

Research on some of the people who signed the book:

Rose G. Searles, Vol. 2, page 462

Died July 8, 1892. Female, white, married. Age 24 years, 7 months, 11 days. Charlotte. Card of thanks in paper, July 13, 1892.

Claude Mason Searles (not in book), Vol. 2, page 462

Died July 29, 1892, Male, white, single, age 5 weeks, 4 days, Charlotte. Whooping Cough. Born: Charlotte. Parents **Howard E. Searles, Rose G. Searles**. (The Charlotte Tribune, page 4, Aug. 3, 1892).

John Searles (not in book), Vol. 2, page 450

Died May 19, 1891. Male, white, married. Age 78 y., 1 mo., 25 days. Windsor. Died of pneumonia. Born Mass. Shoemaker. Parents: **Broddack Searles & Elizabeth Searles**, both of Mass.

Wm. A. Searles (not in book), Vol. 3, page 176

Died Feb. 21, 1904. Male, White. Married. Age 81 y., 4 mo., 5 days. Charlotte. Burned to death in home. Born: N.Y. farmer. Parents: **Jonathan Searles & Hattie Burt**.

W. E. Holt (in book) Justice of the Peace in 1900.

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Mary Jean Baker
Research
Feb. 20000

Marriages:

Howard E. Searles (in book), Vol. 5, page 116
Married April 28, 1885 at Eaton Co., MI. Age 24 to **Rose G. Mason**, age 17.
Howard was born in Green Co., N.Y. Engineer
Rose was born in Ashtabula, Ohio.
Orange H. Spoor, Minister of the Gospel, Witnesses: **Cora Collins & Christopher Mason**, both of Charlotte.

Lillian G. Searles, Vol. 6, page 185
Married Aug. 18, 1896 to **James A. McGill**, age 28 of Charlotte. Born in Canada.
Carpenter. Parents: **John McGill & Elizabeth Robinson**.
Lillian G. Searles, age 28 of Charlotte. Born: N.Y. parents: **Smith P. Searles & Phebe Bedell**. **D. B. Davidson**, pastor Baptist Church. Witnesses **Wm. C. Peskett** of Charlotte and **Effa Williams** of Charlotte.

Willard E. Holt , Vol. 6, page 226
Married June 23, 1898 , age 38 of Bellevue, to **Ellen M. Latty**, age 28 of Bellevue.

DEATHS:

Smith Searles, Vol. 1, page 111
Died May 5, 1876, age 41 yr., 25 days. Parents: Unknown

Della A. Searles, Vol. 1, page 54
Died Sept. 5, 1872, age 4 mo. 8 days. Parents: **Wm. Searles & Eliza Searles**

John Searles, Vol. 1, page 16
Age 53, Parents: **John Searles & Sarah Searles**

Herbert E. Searles, Vol. 3, page 364
Died Nov. 18, 1912. 18 days old. Parents: **Kenneth Searles & Grace Sibley**

Geo Wm. Foote, Vol. 3, page 91
Died Aug. 9, 1899. Male. White. Married. age 33 yr. 10 mo., 5 days. of Charlotte. Died of
Tupho Malarial Fever. Born in Ohio. Merchant. Parents: **T.M. Foote & Elizabeth Boone**.

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Deed: No. 28035

In the name of the People of the State of Michigan:

Whereas, JOHN ARNOLD of the County of Eaton, Mich. on the First day of December the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four purchased from the **STATE OF MICHIGAN** the lands hereinafter described, pursuant to the Laws of said State then in force, and in such cases made and provided.

AND WHEREAS, The said JOHN ARNOLD has paid for said lands, pursuant to the conditions of said sale, and the Laws of the State duly enacted in relation thereto, the sum of FIFTY Dollars and No cents, and all Legal interest thereon accrued, as fully appears by the Certificate of the proper officer, now on file in the Office of Secretary of State of the State of Michigan, being Certificate No. 5031. for Swamp Land:

AND WHEREAS, said Certificate, and the Land described therein, have been duly assigned to Henry Purkey Jr. of Eaton County.

Now, Therefore, I, John J. Bagley, Governor of said State, in consideration of the premises, and by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the laws of the said State, in such cases made and provided, **DO ISSUE THIS PATENT IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,** HEREBY GRANTING AND CONFIRMING UNTO THE SAID HENRY PURKEY, JR and to his heirs and assigns forever, the following piece or parcel of **LAND**, situate in the State aforesaid, to wit:

The South West quarter of the North West quarter of Section twenty two. (22) in Township two (2) North of Range four (4) West containing Forty (40) acres according to the returns of the Surveyor General: **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the above described and granted premises unto the said HENRY PURKEY, JR. and his heirs and assigns, to his and their sole and only proper use, benefit, and behoof, forever, as provided by the Laws of said State, against the lawful claim or claims of all person whatsoever.

In Testimony Whereof, I have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the State to hereunto affixed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, AT LANSING, THIS
FOURTEENTH day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy four and of the Independence of the United States of America the Ninety Eighth

John J. Bagley

By the Governor:

Daniel Strimler

Secretary of State

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Cemeteries and the Texas Historical Commission

(This article appeared in the FGS Forum Fall 2000, Volume 12 Number 2 Page 11)

Genealogists have come to know and appreciate the importance of cemeteries. Gone are the days when the only treasure sought was the script on a single marker. We have learned that burial grounds communicate much more than just who is buried where. Examination of a cemetery will suggest settlement patterns and reveal information about historical events in area. The type of marker and inscriptions can tell of religious practices, whisper of lifestyles, and display lines of genealogy that help us to identify our ancestors. Grave maker placement and style can denote economic status and composition, structure, and design may help to date an otherwise unnoted burial.

Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, a professional genealogist whose field study and transcription of five cemeteries resulted in a book, observes how "the manner in which people are buried--just as the manner in which people lived their lives--reveals much about the customs, beliefs, and philosophies of the day." She voices a feeling many researchers have experienced. "Walking among those who have gone before you brings about a tranquility that no other place provokes."

Recognizing the intrinsic value of a cemetery, most states have offices or committees whose aim is to document the location of cemeteries and educate the public on cemetery laws and basic

preservation methods. Some of these offices are very active and effective, as is the Texas Historical Commission with its Historic Cemetery Preservation Program. In Texas, cemeteries that are at least 50 years old and are considered worthy of recognition and preservation for their historic associations, are eligible to receive the Official Historic Cemetery designation. This designation recognizes their significance and encourages further preservation of these unique resources.

The commission administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical, and cultural resources of Texas. It uses programs and other opportunities to inform cemetery caretaker and preservationists in the proper care and maintenance of these valuable resources. Staff members conduct hands-on work-shops on basic preservation methods and have developed a series of technical briefs on various aspects of cemetery preservation. A 16 page booklet, ***Texas Preservation Guidelines-Preserving Historic Cemeteries***, is available free by writing the Texas Historical Commission, History Programs Division, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX 78711-2276; calling (512) 463-6100; faxing (512) 475-4872; or visiting the THC Web site at <http://www.thc.state.tx.us/>.

The instructions for cleaning grave stones are on page 8 of the Guidelines.

Education is the key to preserving cemeteries. Genealogists don't need to be told why preservation is important, but we may need to learn how to do it.

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As in the title of Ms. Camack's 1995 FORUM article, "There's More Here Than Meets the Eye," don't just look for an ancestor's grave and marker, take the time to explore the entire surroundings. "Both physically and emotionally, you will never be closer to those who preceded you than when you study the entire cemetery community."

Cleaning Stone

Before cleaning any stone, carefully check its condition. If the surface readily falls away, or you notice other conditions that indicate the stone is brittle or vulnerable, do not clean it. Cleaning may irreparably damage the surface.

The Cleaning Process

1. Use a non-ionic soap. One of the most readily available soaps is ORVUS, commonly used in association with horse and sheep husbandry. It can be found in feed stores. Mix a solution of one heaping tablespoon of Orvus to one gallon of clean water (it comes in either liquid or paste form).
2. Pre-wet the stone thoroughly with clean water and keep the stone wet during the entire washing process.
3. Thoroughly wash the wet stone using only natural bristled, wooden handled brushes or various sizes. The use of plastic handles is not recommended as color from the handles may leave material on the stone that will be very difficult to remove.
4. Be thorough. Wash all surfaces and rinse with lots of clean water.
5. When cleaning marble or limestone, one tablespoon of

household ammonia can be added to the above mixture to help remove some greases and oils. Do not use ammonia on or near any bronze or other metal elements.

6. Lichens and algae can be removed by first thoroughly soaking the stone and then using a wooden scraper to gently remove the biological growth. This process may need to be repeated several times.

7. Not all stains can be removed. Do not expect the stones to appear new after cleaning.

8. Do not clean marble limestone or sandstone more than once every 18 months. Every cleaning removes some of the face of the stone. However, occasionally rinsing with clean water to remove bird dropping and other accretions is acceptable.

9. Keep a simple treatment record of the cleaning, including date of cleaning, materials used and any change in condition since last cleaning (such as missing parts, graffiti and other damage). These records should be kept at a central location where the condition of the stones can be monitored over time.

Developed from data supplied by John R. Dennis, Dallas Museum of Art Conservation Lab. From page 8 of *Texas Preservation Guidelines-Preserving Historic Cemeteries* published by the Texas Historical Commission, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX 78711-2276.

Obits & Memorials

From *The Eaton County Pioneer Society Volume 1*

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Fuller--At the residence of **D. H. Snyder** in this city, January 11, 1892. **Asa Fuller**, aged 86 years and 3 months.

Mr. Fuller was born in Massachusetts and when quite young removed with his parents to Ohio. In 1833 he came to Michigan, since which time he has lived in Eaton county. A little more than a year ago he had a stroke of paralysis which rendered him nearly helpless. Then days before his death his appetite failed and he grew gradually weaker until his death. He had not been sick for thirty years. He leaves two daughters, **Mrs. D.W. Driscoll**, of Kalamo, and **Mrs. D.H. Snyder**, of this city.

Rix--At the residence of her son **George Rix**, in Roxand, **Mrs. Alta Rix**, aged 80 years.

She was one of the earliest pioneers. When they first came to this county their market was Grand Rapids and herself and husband were saved from probable starvation on two or three occasions by the friendly Indians who brought them venison. The funeral was held yesterday at the Needmore church, **Rev. McAlpine** officiating.

Aulls--At his home in Brookfield, of heart disease, on Friday, Oct. 9, 1891, **Thomas A. Aulls**, aged 50 years.

Mr. Aulls was one of Eaton county's prosperous farmers. He was stricken down in the full vigor of health, had seldom known a sick day in his life-time and was at work stacking cloverseed when death came. He was born in Eaton township, about four miles from his Brookfield home. An aged mother,

wife and adopted daughter mourn his death. The funeral was held from the residence, Sunday, **Rev. McAlpine** officiating, and the remains rest at Maple Hill.

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Men We Know

Edward A. Foote--of Charlotte, was born August 15, 1823, at Burlington, Vermont. His parents, **Luman and Mary (Tuttle) Foote**, came to Michigan in 1840 settling at Kalamazoo, where in a branch of the state university he added to the already excellent start toward an education which he had received from his father as an instructor. Studying, teaching and painting portraits occupied the most of his time from 1840 to 1848 when in July he first settle in this city. Three years later he accepted a position in the Chicago postoffice which he held until, 1854, when he returned to Charlotte and helped to organize the republican party in Eaton county. January 6, 1855, himself and a practical printer, one **Mr. H. Marsh**, published the first number of what was then known as the Eaton Republican. He subsequently became sole owner of the paper which, was verably conducted under his management, always advocating the best men and measures and especially a strong advocate of temperance. After four years, which Mr. Foote now regrets was not forty years, he sold the paper to **Joseph Saunders**. He was four years county clerk of Eaton county and one year deputy under his successor, **Hon. E. W. Barber**. In 1861 Gov. Blair appointed him member of the board of prison inspectors which position he held for

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two years. This position gave Mr., Foote an opportunity of showing his natural kindness of heart. He worked for and secured the release of life convicts from their solitary prison cells where they rapidly became insane and gave them the liberty of prison yards with other convicts. In 1862 he ran on the "Union" ticket against **Hon. Edward S. Lacey** for the office of register of deeds and was defeated. Mr. Foote while county clerk became familiar with the law which at that time he had not thoughts of taking up as a profession. He wanted, as he recently said in a paper read before a Charlotte audience, to become a first class farmer. He says, "Oh, how well I felt when I really did believe that I might make a farmer. I went home and told my wife that I felt like a man." But the black frost came and killed his corn and he left the farm and began to study law. Of this section he says, "This was the great mistake of my life. I should have stick to that farm nut I left it and made money easily, too easily, it made a poor man of me. If I had staid on that farm and tugged away and conquered frost and all other hardships it would have toughened me and kept my money well invested. Although the farmer seems to make money very slowly yet he beats the professional man, the merchants and the merchants alike. Like the tortoise in its race with the hare, he comes out ahead. When I commenced making money easily I commenced going down hill." In 1863 he was admitted to the bar and although 38 years old at the time he in a few years built up a practice second to one in the county. Mr. Foote was the second secretary

of the agricultural society. Serving as such for four or five years. He held the office of mayor of Charlotte and for nine years was a member of the Charlotte school board. He was one of the originators of the Charlotte library. Mr. Foote voted for **Greeley** in 1872, for **Ilden** in 1876 and late years had identified himself thoroughly with the prohibition party. Mr. Foote has been thrice married: first to **Eliza Baldwin** who died in 1860; second to **Jane M. Green** whose death occurred in 1872 and third to **Mrs. Francis C. Harmon**. He had six living children as follows. **Luman and Eliza, Mary, Julia and James, and Lena** the last by his present wife. Some years ago Mr. Foote suffered from a stroke of paralysis which was undoubtedly the result of long years of close and constant attention to the many responsibilities coming to him. He has so far recovered from this, however as to be able to attend to a considerable practice which is at present shared by **Mr. Irving French** late of Olivet. Few men in Eaton county are better, and none more favorably, known than honest, industrious, unassuming **Edward A. Foote**.

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Fickes--In Carmel, Eaton county, Michigan, July 31, 1891, **Malery Fickes**, aged 45 years, 2 months and 19 days.

Mr. Fickes was a native of Pennsylvania and a veteran of the late war. The funeral services were held Sunday August 2, at the Congregational church of Carmel, **Rev. C.D. Jarvis**, of Charlotte, officating.

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EATON COUNTY STATE OF MICHIGAN MARRIAGES

Abstracted by Betty Goostrey
Spelling as written

Volume 1 Page 208

Date of Marriage: April 10, 1852
Groom: **Mr. Peter M. Wheaton**, age 21 years
Residence: Yankee Springs, Barry County, Michigan
Bride: **Miss Lucy A. Paine**, age 22 years
Residence: Chester, Eaton County, Michigan
Official Preforming: **Elder Samuel A. Currier**
Place of Marriage:
Witnesses: **Edward Wheaton**
Rebecca Wheaton
Residence: Both of Chester
Recorded: April 13, 1852
County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

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Date of Marriage: March 10, 1852
Groom: **Mr. Ely Whelan**, age 55 years
Residence: Town of Chester, Eaton County, Michigan
Bride: **Miss Sally Wise**, age 32 years
Residence: Town of Chester, Eaton County, Michigan
Official Preforming: **Elder Samuel A. Currier**
Place of Marriage:
Witnesses: **Julie A. Ludwick**
Harriet Currier
Residence: Both of Benton
Recorded: April 15, 1852
County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

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Date of Marriage: March 29, 1852
Groom: **Orace Willis**, age 24 years
Residence: Town of Eaton, Eaton County, Michigan
Bride: **Cornelia M. Walker**, age 21 years
Residence: Town of Eaton, Eaton County, Michigan
Official Preforming: **Elder Hiram Rathbun**,
Minister of Gospel of United Brethan in Christ
Place of Marriage:
Witnesses: **Sydney Allen**
Sarah Ann Allen
Residence: Both of Eaton Town
Recorded: April 19, 1852
County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

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Date of Marriage: October 26, 1851
Groom: **Henry Judd**, age 39 years
Residence: Livingston County, Michigan
Bride: **Martha A. Campbell**, age 29 years
Residence: Bellevue, Eaton County, Michigan
Official Preforming: **Silvanus Hunsiker**,
Justice of Peace
Place of Marriage:
Witnesses: **Horatio Hall**
Betsey Jane Hall
Residence: Both of Bellevue
Recorded: April 26, 1852
County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

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Date of Marriage: March 7, 1852
Groom: **Charles Cummings**, age 42 years
Residence: Eaton County, Michigan
Bride: **Harriet A. Cummings**, age 29 years
Residence: Eaton County, Michigan
Official Preforming: **Silvanus Hunsiker**,
Justice of Peace
Place of Marriage: House of **Norman S. Booth**
Witnesses: **George S. Avery**
Horatio Hall
Residence: Both of Bellevue
Recorded: April 26, 1852
County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

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Date of Marriage: February 23, 1852
Groom: **David Boody**, age 28 years
Residence: Brookfield, Eaton County, Michigan
Bride: **Christinia Bush**, age 20 years
Residence: Eaton, Eaton County, Michigan
Official Preforming: **Aldro Atwood**, Justice of Peace
Place of Marriage:
Witnesses: **John Bush**
Sarah Boody
Residence:
Recorded: May 10, 1852
County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

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Date of Marriage: March 25, 1852
Groom: **Jacob W. Depey**, age 23 years
Residence: Eaton County, Michigan
Bride: **Hannah E. Cornell**, age 17 years
Residence: Eaton County, Michigan
Official Preforming: **Sylvanus Hunsiker**,
Justice of Peace
Place of Marriage: Bellevue
Witnesses: **Russel Siade**

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Charles Wood

Residence:
Recorded: May 11, 1852
County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

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Date of Marriage: Jul 3, 1852
Groom: **Jeptha A. Wade**, age 19 years
Residence: Carmel, Eaton County, Michigan
Bride: **Lucy Susannah Mann**, age 16 years
Residence: Eaton, Eaton County, Michigan
Offical Preforming: **H. Harris**, Minister of
M.E. Church
Place of Marriage: **A. Bonds** of Bellevue
Witnesses: **H. D. Cooper**
C. L. Wade

Residence:
Recorded: July 10, 1852
County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

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Date of Marriage: June 22, 1852
Groom: **William Miller**, age 26 years
Residence: Town of Eaton Rapids, Eaton
County, Michigan
Bride: **Elvira Montgomery**, age 17 years
Residence: Town of Eaton Rapids, Eaton
County, Michigan
Offical Preforming: **John H. Kimball**, Justice
of Peace
Place of Marriage: House of **John
Montgomery** in town of Eaton Rapids
Witnesses: **C. C. Chatfield**
James Montgomery
James Stirling

Residence:
Recorded: July 12, 1852
County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

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Date of Marriage: July 27, 1852
Groom: **George Lapham**, age 26 years
Residence: Vermontville, Eaton County,
Michigan
Bride: **Emeline E. Sprague**, age 16 years
Residence: Vermontville, Eaton County,
Michigan
Offical Preforming: **Seth Hardy**, Minister of
Gospel
Place of Marriage:
Witnesses: **Charles C. Scott**
Cordelia Hardy
Residence: Both of Vermontville
Recorded: August 4, 1852
County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

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Date of Marriage: July 27, 1852

Groom: **Charles G. Scott**, age 22 years
Residence: Vermontville, Eaton County,
Michigan
Bride: **Lydia M. Sprague**, age 20 years
Residence: Vermontville, Eaton County,
Michigan
Offical Preforming: **Seth Hardy**, Minister of
Gospel
Place of Marriage:
Witnesses: **George Lapham**
Cordelia Hardy
Residence: Both of Vermontville
Recorded: August 4, 1852
County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

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Date of Marriage: August 19, 1852
Groom: **Seth Hall**
Residence: Bellevue, Eaton County,
Michigan
Bride: **Maryann Mason**, age 19 years
Residence: Bellevue, Eaton County,
Michigan
Offical Preforming: **Henry Harris**, Minister of
M. E. Church
Place of Marriage: House of **Daniel Mason**
Witnesses: **Oscar Spaulding**
Harriet Spaulding
Residence: Bellevue
Recorded: Augsut 26, 1852
County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

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Date of Marriage: August 16, 1852
Groom: **Charles Hance**, age, 20 years
Residence: Windsor, Eaton County,
Michigan
Bride: **Lucy M. Treat**, age 22 years
Residence: Windsor, Eaton County,
Michigan
Offical Preforming: **Ephraim Stockwell**,
Justice of Peace
Place of Marriage:
Witnesses: **Lorenzo Hawley** of Delta
David H. Treat of Windsor
Recorded: September 2, 1852
County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

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Editors Page

Drouscella Halsey

I came across this little article on **John Philip Colletta**. He is the speaker that we have contracted for our spring Workshop to be held May 5, 2001. I think that you will want to start making plans to attend this workshop.

John Philip Colletta is one of America's most popular and entertaining, knowledgeable and experienced, genealogical lecturers. Based in Washington, DC, he conducts workshops for the National Archives, teaches courses for the Smithsonian Institution, and lectures nationally. He is a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University (Birmingham, AL) and the National Institute on Genealogical Research (Washington, DC). He has also been an instructor and course coordinator for the Genealogical Institute of Texas (Dallas), the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (Salt Lake City), and the Genealogical Institute of Mid-America (Springfield, IL). His publications include two manuals--*They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record* and *Finding Italian Roots: The Complete Guide for Americans*--and numerous how-to articles. His latest book--*Only a Few Bones: A True Account of the Rolling Fork Tragedy and its Aftermath*--is a history of the German-speaking merchants of the Mississippi Delta during Reconstruction. It is written around the mysterious destruction of his great great grandfather's country store, and its five unfortunate inhabitants. Dr. Colletta has appeared on local and national radio and television, is featured in Episode Four of "Ancestors," the ten-part KBYU-TV series, as well as its sequel to be aired in 2000. His Ph.D in Medieval French Literature is from The Catholic University of America.

His topics for our workshop will be:

Using Primary Sources: The Challenges and the Rewards
Using Newspapers for Family History Research
The Seventeen Million Stories of Ellis Island
Breaking Through Brick Walls: Use Your Head !!

This has been a very hard year for your editor. My daughter had a bicycle accident in August and broke her back, collarbone and was almost completely scalped. So I have had a lot to do to take care of her and her 4 children. We are all doing fine now and are looking forward to a new year. I hope that you have found the Quest to be an informative and interesting magazine to read. I would like to hear from you and have you send your queries and your ancestor charts.

Check out this Website:

[Http://userdb.rootsweb.com/church records/](http://userdb.rootsweb.com/church%20records/)

Michigan Eaton County-Records of First M.E. Church of Eaton Rapids

Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 1

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

		8 Evander V. DUNNING Born: 1842 Place: Marr: Place: Died: 1929 Place:	cont. 2
	4 William V. DUNNING Born: 1871 Place: Marr: Place: Died: 1914 Place:		
2 Noel Evander DUNNING Born: 1903 Place: Marr: Place: Died: 1981 Place:		9 Elizabeth AMES Born: 1849 Place: Died: 1928 Place:	cont. 3
	5 Clara Belle WILLIS Born: 1872 Place: Died: 1907 Place:	10 Robert William WILLIS Born: 1840 Place: Marr: Place: Died: 1909 Place:	cont. 4
1 Edward Van Bergen DUNNING Born: 1927 Place: Marr: Place: Died: Place:		11 Hattie E. GARDNER Born: 1850 Place: Died: 1885 Place:	cont. _____
	6 Irwin M. KIMMER Born: 1859 Place: Marr: Place: Died: 1924 Place:	12 Frederick KIMMER Born: 1839 Place: Marr: Place: Died: 1921 Place:	cont. 5
Carla Diane FARRIER Spouse		13 Ann WAKLIN Born: 1840 Place: Died: 1912 Place:	cont. 6
3 Lida May KIMMER Born: 1903 Place: Died: 1995 Place:		14 Edward GIBBINS Born: 1825 Place: Marr: Place: Died: 1909 Place:	cont. 7
	7 Lizzie GIBBINS Born: 1861 Place: Died: 1910 Place:	15 Eliza NEAL Born: 1825 Place: Died: 1916 Place:	cont. _____

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Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 2

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

		8 Ezekiel DUNNING	Born: 1742	cont. _____
			Place:	
			Marr:	
			Place:	
			Died: 1815	
			Place:	
		9 Rhoda KELLER	Born:	cont. _____
			Place:	
			Died:	
			Place:	
		10	Born:	cont. _____
			Place:	
			Marr:	
			Place:	
			Died:	
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		11	Born:	cont. _____
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2 Ezekiel DUNNING				
Born: 1809				
Place:				
Marr:				
Place:				
Died: 1868				
Place:				
4 Keller DUNNING				
Born: 1771				
Place:				
Marr:				
Place:				
Died: 1820				
Place:				
5 Sophia BARTLETT				
Born: 1784				
Place:				
Died: 1822				
Place:				
1 Evander V. DUNNING				
Born: 1842				
Place:				
Marr:				
Place:				
Died: 1929				
Place:				
Elizabeth AMES		6 Ezra DIBBLE		
Spouse		Born:		
		Place:		
		Marr:		
		Place:		
		Died:		
		Place:		
3 Juliana DIBBLE				
Born: 1814				
Place:				
Died: 1897				
Place:				
7 Deborah DENNISON				
Born:				
Place:				
Died:				
Place:				

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		8 Jacon C. AMES	Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	cont. _____
	4 Jason C. AMES		Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: 1868 Place: _____	
2 William Van Bergen AMES Dr.		9 Francis WELSH	Born: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	cont. _____
Born: 1821 Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: 1909 Place: _____		10	Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	cont. _____
	5 Sara Ann MOOR		Born: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	
1 Elizabeth AMES		11	Born: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	cont. _____
Born: 1849 Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: 1928 Place: _____		12	Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	cont. _____
Evander V. DUNNING Spouse	6	13	Born: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	cont. _____
	Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	14	Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	cont. _____
3 Adaline (Alice) HARRINGTON		15	Born: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	cont. _____
Born: _____ Place: _____ Died: 1860 Place: _____	7		Born: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	
	Born: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____			

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

		8	Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	cont. _____
	4 Mathew WILLIS			
	Born: 1780 Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____			
		9	Born: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	cont. _____
2 William David WILLIS				
Born: 1801 Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: 1877 Place: _____				
	5 Eliza ?			
	Born: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____			
		10	Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	cont. _____
1 Robert William WILLIS				
Born: 1840 Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: 1909 Place: _____				
Hattie E. GARDNER Spouse	6			
	Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____			
		11	Born: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	cont. _____
3 Didama VANDEUSEN				
Born: 1815 Place: _____ Died: 1887 Place: _____				
		12	Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	cont. _____
	7			
	Born: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____			
		13	Born: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	cont. _____
		14	Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	cont. _____
		15	Born: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	cont. _____

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Chart no. 5

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

2 Fred KIMMER

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

1 Frederick KIMMER

Born: 1839
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died: 1921
Place:

Ann WAKLIN
Spouse

3 Saloma K

Born:
Place:
Died: 1854
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:
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:

cont. _____

Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 6

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

2 William WAKLIN

Born:
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died: 1871
Place:

1 Ann WAKLIN

Born: 1840
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died: 1912
Place:

Frederick KIMMER
Spouse

3 Mary BLANCHARD

Born:
Place:
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:
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

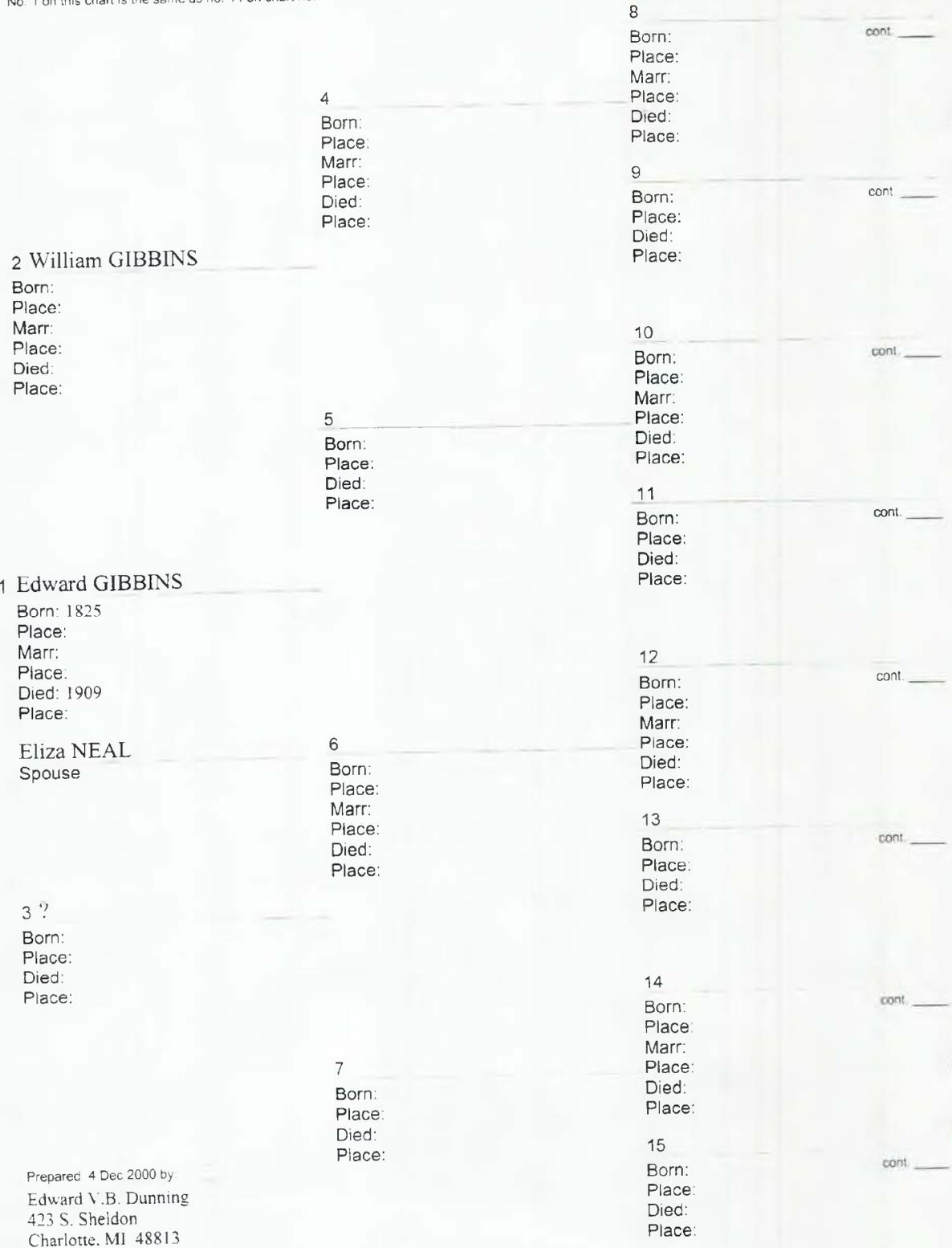
Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

cont. _____

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Chart no. 1

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		8	Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	cont. _____
	4 Henry FARRIER		Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	
2 Bert FARRIER		9	Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	cont. _____
Born: 1895 Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: 1965 Place: _____		10	Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	cont. _____
	5 Harriet SNYDER		Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	
		11	Born: _____ Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	cont. _____
1 Carla Diane FARRIER				
Born: 1926 Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____		12 George WIGHT	Born: 1820 Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: 1905 Place: _____	cont. 2
Edward Van Bergen DUNNING	6 Edwin B. WIGHT		Born: 1858 Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: 1945 Place: _____	
Spouse		13 Fanny BRIGHAM	Born: 1824 Place: _____ Died: 1909 Place: _____	cont. 3
		14 William ALGATE	Born: 1828 Place: _____ Marr: _____ Place: _____ Died: _____ Place: _____	cont. 4
3 Lucy Irene WIGHT				
Born: 1895 Place: _____ Died: 1975 Place: _____		15 Jane Jamima TAYLOR	Born: 1836 Place: _____ Died: 1904 Place: _____	cont. 5
	7 Ada May ALGATE			
	Born: 1868 Place: _____ Died: 1958 Place: _____			

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Chart no. 2

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		8 William WIGHT	cont. _____
		Born: 1705	
		Place:	
		Marr:	
		Place:	
		Died:	
		Place:	
		9 Susanna BULLARD	cont. _____
		Born:	
		Place:	
		Died:	
		Place:	
		10	cont. _____
		Born:	
		Place:	
		Marr:	
		Place:	
		Died:	
		Place:	
		11	cont. _____
		Born:	
		Place:	
		Died:	
		Place:	
		12	cont. _____
		Born:	
		Place:	
		Marr:	
		Place:	
		Died:	
		Place:	
		13	cont. _____
		Born:	
		Place:	
		Died:	
		Place:	
		14	cont. _____
		Born:	
		Place:	
		Marr:	
		Place:	
		Died:	
		Place:	
		15	cont. _____
		Born:	
		Place:	
		Died:	
		Place:	
	4 Abner WIGHT		
	Born: 1756		
	Place:		
	Marr:		
	Place:		
	Died: 1844		
	Place:		
2 William W. WIGHT			
Born: 1790			
Place:			
Marr:			
Place:			
Died: 1842			
Place:			
	5 Huldah PERRIN		
	Born: 1760		
	Place:		
	Died: 1849		
	Place:		
1 George WIGHT			
Born: 1820			
Place:			
Marr:			
Place:			
Died: 1905			
Place:			
Fanny BRIGHAM	6		
Spouse	Born:		
	Place:		
	Marr:		
	Place:		
	Died:		
	Place:		
3 Delight LEWIS			
Born: 1790			
Place:			
Died: 1865			
Place:			
	7		
	Born:		
	Place:		
	Died:		
	Place:		

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Chart no. 3

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

2 Adolphus BRIGHAM

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

1 Fanny BRIGHAM

Born: 1824
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died: 1909
Place:

George WIGHT
Spouse

3 Emma BUTTERFIED

Born:
Place:
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:
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:

cont. _____

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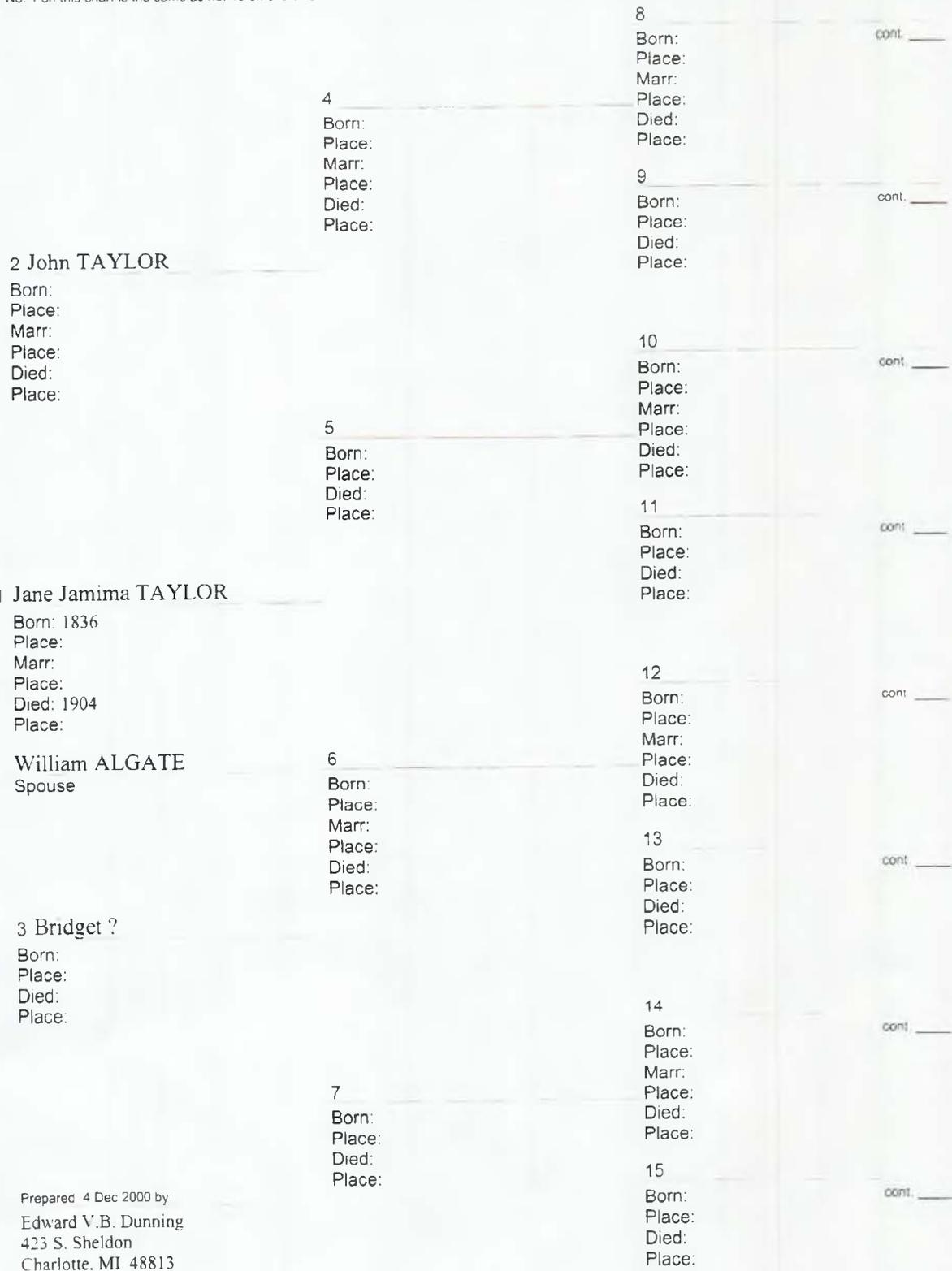
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		8	
		Born:	cont. _____
		Place:	
		Marr:	
		Place:	
		Died:	
		Place:	
		9	
		Born:	cont. _____
		Place:	
		Died:	
		Place:	
		10	
		Born:	cont. _____
		Place:	
		Marr:	
		Place:	
		Died:	
		Place:	
		11	
		Born:	cont. _____
		Place:	
		Died:	
		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:	
	4		
	Born:		
	Place:		
	Marr:		
	Place:		
	Died:		
	Place:		
2 Earl of ALGATE			
Born:			
Place:			
Marr:			
Place:			
Died:			
Place:			
	5		
	Born:		
	Place:		
	Died:		
	Place:		
1 William ALGATE			
Born: 1828			
Place:			
Marr:			
Place:			
Died:			
Place:			
Jane Jamima TAYLOR	6		
Spouse	Born:		
	Place:		
	Marr:		
	Place:		
	Died:		
	Place:		
3 Lady I. QUEEN			
Born: 1828			
Place:			
Died:			
Place:			
	7		
	Born:		
	Place:		
	Died:		
	Place:		
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