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ECGS Members:

We have just finished another fabulous fundraiser. ECGS had a booth headed up by Betty Polhamus, during Frontier Days where we sold hot and cold beverages, snack items and bake goods. The weather was very hot and so water was the big seller each day. The one item everyone wanted to buy and we didn't have were pies. So all you pie baking experts, get ready, next year we may just ask you to make a couple to sell. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the fundraiser a success by supplying both snack and bake goods to sell. Thanks also to those who helped with setup, selling and cleaning. It was truly appreciated.

We would like to express our congratulations to Shirley Hodges for receiving the Eaton County Heritage Award for her commitment to genealogy for the past 25 years. This was the first time the award was given to a genealogist. That says a lot for Shirley and her accomplishments. Congrats Shirley !!!!

We have a bus trip to Allen County Library in Ft. Wayne planned for Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be \$25. If you have never gone, you should join us. They are ranked as one of the top 4 libraries in the US for genealogy materials. Sign-up forms are available in the room if you would like to join us that day.

We also have planned a dinner/show trip to Turkeyville on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. They will be performing South Pacific. It should be a real nice time to visit with one another and then watch the play. The cost will be \$31 (if we have 10-19 people) or \$29 (if we have over 20 people). Let Shirley Hodges know if you are interested in going. It will be fun.

This past May, Election of officers was held during the membership meeting. The results of the election are as follows: Susan Polhamus, President; Shirley Hodges, Vice President; Vicki Dukes, Recording Secretary; Barb Smith, Membership Secretary; Drouscella Halsey, Corresponding Secretary and Quest Editor; Steve Smith, Treasurer; Sharlene Thuma, Librarian; Betty Goostrey, Historian; Louis Haley, Computers; Ed Dunning Publicity; Clarence Hodges and Betty Polhamus, Michigan Genealogical Council Delegates; Shirley Hodges, Federation of Genealogical Societies Delegate.

FYI: Also at our May membership meeting, a motion was made to set aside the bylaw's 2-year term limitation of the President, once again, to allow for a fourth year of serving. We will be looking for a volunteer to run as President next year. Please give it some thought...new blood leads to new ideas and keeps the society from getting stagnant.

We have some great programs lined up for this Fall. Hope to see you if possible. Happy researching...

*Sue Polhamus*  
ECGS President



## Eaton County Quest

### EATON COUNTY STATE OF MICHIGAN MARRIAGES

Abstracted by Betty Goostrey  
*Spelling as written*

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1045 Independence Blvd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813  
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order for \$1.00 per genealogical copy you  
order.*

#### Volume 1 Page 255

Date of Marriage: 07 May 1854  
Groom: **Geo. Washington Garber**, age 22  
years  
Residence: Town of Eaton, Eaton County,  
Michigan  
Bride: **Miss Sarah Jane McClintic**, age 18  
years  
Residence: Town of Eaton, Eaton County,  
Michigan  
Official Preforming: **Watson P. Wales**,  
Justice of Peace

Place of Marriage:

Witnesses: **A. G. Marsh**  
**Ann Bryant**

Residence: Both of Town of Eaton  
Recorded: June 5, 1854  
County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

#### Volume 1 Page 255

Date of Marriage: 16 April 1854  
Groom: **Alvah Hall**, age 27 years  
Residence: Town of Eaton Rapids, Eaton  
County, Michigan  
Bride: **Harriet Town**, age 22 years  
Residence: Town of Eaton Rapids, Eaton  
County, Michigan  
Official Preforming: **Johnson Montgomery**,  
Justice of Peace

Place of Marriage:

Witnesses: **S. P. Town**  
**Leonard Hale**

Residence: Both of Eaton Rapids  
Recorded: May 25, 1854  
County Clerk: Not Given

#### Volume 1 Page 256

Date of Marriage: 02 May 1854  
Groom: **Adamnum J. Brown**, age 25 years

Residence: Town of Walton, Eaton County,  
Michigan

Bride: **Miss Lydia Burgess**, age \_\_\_\_\_

Residence: Town of Walton, Eaton County,  
Michigan

Official Preforming: **F. E. Lord**,  
Minister in Olivet

Place of Marriage: House of **Amos Galusha**  
of Walton township

Witnesses: **Amos Galusha**  
**Mrs. Galusha**

Residence: Both of Walton

Recorded: June 15, 1854

County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

#### Volume 1 Page 256

Date of Marriage: 13 April, 1854  
Groom: **Daniel Wilcox**, age 28 years  
Residence: Oneida, Eaton County, Michigan  
Bride: **Eliza A. Jones**, age 22 years  
Residence: Oneida, Eaton County, Michigan  
Official Preforming: **Ephram Stockwell**,  
Justice of Peace

Place of Marriage:

Witnesses: **Darwin Cole**  
**Harriet Cole**

Residence: Oneida

Recorded: April 18, 1854

County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

#### Volume 1 Page 256

Date of Marriage: 09 April 1854  
Groom: **Roderick B. Wheeler**, age 22 years  
Residence: Village of Grand Ledge, Eaton  
County, Michigan  
Bride: **Samantha Mariah Billings**, age 16  
years  
Residence: Village of Grand Ledge, Eaton  
County, Michigan  
Official Preforming: **E. Lawson**,  
Justice of Peace

Place of Marriage: House of **I. Q. A.**  
**Wheeler** in the Village of Grand Ledge

Witnesses: **James Clark**  
**Doty Cramer**

Residence:

Recorded: June 10, 1854

County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

#### Volume 1 Page 256

Date of Marriage: 09 April 1854  
Groom: **William Brown**, age 21 years  
Residence: Village of Grand Ledge, Eaton  
County, Michigan  
Bride: **Laura A. Wheeler**, age 17 years  
Residence: Village of Grand Ledge, Eaton  
County, Michigan

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Offical Preforming: **E. Lawson**, Justice of Peace

Place of Marriage: House of **I. Q. A. Wheeler** in Village of Grand Ledge

Witnesses: **James Clark**  
**Doty Cramer**

Residence:

Recorded: June 10, 1854

County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

### Volume 1 Page 257

Date of Marriage: 03 May 1854

Groom: **Ela Ives**, age 27 years

Residence: Township of Walton, Eaton County, Michigan

Bride: **Miss H. Ellen Follet**, age 24 years

Residence: Township of Walton, Eaton County, Michigan

Offical Preforming: **F. E. Lord**,  
Minister in Olivet

Place of Marriage: House of **Benjamin Follet**, Walton Township

Witnesses: **Benjamin Follets**  
**Hannah M. Follets**

Residence: Walton

Recorded: June 15, 1854

County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

### Volume 1 Page 257

Date of Marriage: 13 April 1854

Groom: **Titler Blair**, age 26 years

Residence: Nins, Jackson County, Michigan

Bride: **Miss Isabella Perkey**, age 24 years

Residence: Town of Eaton, Eaton County, Michigan

Offical Preforming: **Watson F. Wale**,  
Justice of Peace

Place of Marriage:

Witnesses: **Joseph Perkey**  
**Hannah Perkey**

Residence: Town of Eaton

Recorded: June 5, 1854

County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

### Volume 1 Page 257

Date of Marriage: 01 April 1854

Groom: **William N. Ober**, (No age given)

Residence: (No residence given)

Bride: **Miss Rebecca Jane Trimmer**, (no age given)

Residence: (No residence given)

Offical Preforming: **H. T. Fero**, Minister

Place of Marriage:

Witnesses: **I. C. Lord**  
**Harriet Trimmer**

Residence: (Not Given)

Recorded: April 01, 1854

County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

### Volume 1 Page 258

Date of Marriage: 25 June 1854

Groom: **Mr. Uriel W. Benedict**, (No age given)

Residence: Chester, Eaton County, Michigan

Bride: **Mrs. Polly Knapp**, (no age given)

Residence: Chester, Eaton County, Michigan

Offical Preforming: **Edwin R. Marlin**,  
Justice of Peace

Place of Marriage: Town of Chester, House of **Ely Whelan**

Witnesses: **Mr. Ely Whelan**  
**Mr. James Whelan**

Residence: Chester

Recorded: July 26, 1854

County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

### Volume 1 Page 258

Date of Marriage: 04 July 1854

Groom: **Calvin F. Johnson**, age 24 years

Residence: Township of Adams, Hillsdale County, Michigan

Bride: **Polly Harriet Wright**, age 18 years

Residence: Township of Chester, Eaton County, Michigan

Offical Preforming: **B. E. Rich**,  
Justice of Peace

Place of Marriage: House of **Levi Wright**,  
Township of Chester

Witnesses: **Levi Wright**  
**James Wright**  
**James Moor**

Residence:

Recorded: July 12, 1854

County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

### Volume 1 Page 258

Date of Marriage: 03 July 1854

Groom: **John Woolpert**, age 24 years

Residence: Eaton County, Michigan

Bride: **Lucy Force**, age 16 years

Residence: Eaton County, Michigan

Offical Preforming: **Joseph Bosworth**,  
Justice of Peace of Walton

Place of Marriage: Walton

Witnesses: **Lorenzo Force**  
**Harriet Chapman**

Residence: Eaton County

Recorded: July 12, 1854

County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

### Volume 1 Page 259

Date of Marriage: 01 July 1854

Groom: **David B. Hamlin**, age 37 years

Residence: Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan

Bride: **Miss Mary A. Gallery**, age 32 years

Residence:

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Offical Preforming:  
Place of Marriage: At **Wm. Gallery**  
Witnesses: **Wm. Gallery**  
**Miss Caroline A. Gallery**  
Residence: Eaton Rapids  
Recorded: July 5, 1854  
County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

**Volume 1 Page 259**  
Date of Marriage: 04 July 1854  
Groom: **Stephen P. Crosier**, age 26 years  
Residence: Town of Carmel, Eaton County, Michigan  
Bride: **Sarah Ann Carmony**, age \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence: Town of Eaton, Eaton County, Michigan  
Offical Preforming: **Luman Foote**,  
a presbyter of Episcopal Church  
Place of Marriage: House of **Luman Foote**,  
Town of Carmel  
Witnesses: **Edward A. Foote**  
**Eliza Catherine Foote**  
Residence:  
Recorded: July 05, 1854  
County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

**Volume 1 Page 259**  
Date of Marriage: 29 June 1854  
Groom: **John Huey**, age 25 years  
Residence:  
Bride: **Rosanna Keefer**, age 23 years  
Residence:  
Offical Preforming: **Henry Perkey**,  
Justice of Peace  
Place of Marriage: Eaton Township, Eaton  
County  
Witnesses: **Ignatius King**  
**Wm. T. Cooly**  
Residence: Both of Eaton  
Recorded: July 22, 1854  
County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

**Volume 1 Page 260**  
Date of Marriage: 02 July 1854  
Groom: **James R. Hyde**, age 21 years  
Residence: Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan  
Bride: **Miss Lois S. Smith**, age 19 years  
Residence: Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan  
Offical Preforming: **N. Fassett**, Minister  
Place of Marriage: At **Mrs. Abigail Smith**  
Witnesses: **Mr. E. D. Burr**  
**Mrs. E. W. Burr**  
Residence: Eaton Rapids  
Recorded: August 05, 1854  
County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

**Volume 1 Page 260**  
Date of Marriage: 03 July 1854  
Groom: **Mr. Isaac S. Smith**, age 22 years  
Residence: Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, Michigan  
Bride: **Miss Sarah E. Havens**, age 15 years  
Residence:  
Offical Preforming: **N. Fassett**, Minister  
Place of Marriage:  
Witnesses: **Mr. E. Burr**  
**Mrs. E. W. Burr**  
Residence: Eaton Rapids  
Recorded: August 05, 1854  
County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

**Volume 1 Page 260**  
Date of Marriage: 23 April 1845 (?)  
Groom: **John F. Hinman**, age \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence:  
Bride: **Harriet E. Hayt**, age \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence:  
Offical Preforming: **Alexander Trotter**,  
Pastor Presbyter Church in Battle Creek  
Place of Marriage: Town of Bellevue  
Witnesses: **Benj. F. Hinman**  
**John F. Hayt**  
**Henry T. Hinman**  
Residence:  
Recorded: August 09, 1854  
County Clerk:

**Volume 1 Page 261**  
Date of Marriage: 21 May 1854  
Groom: **J. H. Brown**, age 45 years  
Residence: Oneida, Eaton County, Michigan  
Bride: **Eliza Fargo**, age 25 years  
Residence: Oneida, Eaton County, Michigan  
Offical Preforming: **D. R. Carpenter**,  
Justice of Peace  
Place of Marriage:  
Witnesses: **O. W. Carpenter**  
**Matilda Garrett**  
Residence: Both of Delta  
Recorded: August 12, 1854  
County Clerk: **T. D. Green**

(To Be Continued)

### Did You Know.....?

Although Michigan was refused as bounty land for Revolutionary war veterans. some of them came to Michigan at the time when Oakland county was being opened and settle in that vicinity.

Source: Do You Know- October 6, 1937  
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# Eaton County Death Records

Abstracted from Microfilm  
by Drouscella Halsey

*Spelling as written*

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Clerk,  
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Charlotte, MI 48813  
Include a SASE and check or money  
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### Volume 1 Page 21 #402

Date of Death: 05 January 1869  
Name: **Ellen Willinholland**  
Sex: Female  
Marital Status: Married  
Age: 30y  
Place of Death: Poor House  
Cause of Death: Consumption  
Birthplace: Kalamazoo  
Occupation: Pauper  
Parents:

Their Residence  
Recorded: May 30, 1870

### Township of Bellevue

### Volume 1 Page 21 #403

Date of Death: 05 Aug 1869  
Name: **Simon D. Barden**  
Sex: Male  
Marital Status: Married  
Age: 58y 7m 27d  
Place of Death: Bellevue  
Cause of Death: Consumption  
Birthplace: Massachusetts  
Occupation: Farmer  
Parents:

Their Residence  
Recorded: May 31, 1870

### Volume 1 Page 21#404

Date of Death: 20 December 1869  
Name: **Mary Jane Luscomb**  
Sex: Female  
Marital Status: Married

Age: 57y 11m \_d  
Place of Death: Bellevue  
Cause of Death: Breach  
Birthplace: New Hampshire  
Occupation: Farmer  
Parents:

Their Residence  
Recorded: May 31, 1870

### Volume 1 Page 21 #405

Date of Death: 26 February 1869  
Name: **Asa L. Cargo**  
Sex: Male  
Marital Status: Single  
Age: \_y 9m 21d  
Place of Death: Bellevue  
Cause of Death: Measles  
Birthplace: Bellevue, Mich.  
Occupation:  
Parents: **William Cargo**  
**Elizabeth Cargo**  
Their Residence: Bellevue  
Recorded: May 31, 1870

### Volume 1 Page 21 #406

Date of Death: 06 September 1869  
Name: **Ressy Monroe**  
Sex: Female  
Marital Status: Single  
Age: 2y 1m 3d  
Place of Death: Bellevue  
Cause of Death: Dysentary  
Birthplace: Bellevue  
Occupation:  
Parents: **Guy Monroe**  
**Frances N. Monroe**  
Their Residence: Bellevue  
Recorded: May 31, 1870

### Volume 1 Page 21 #407

Date of Death: 01 November 1869  
Name: **Melvin A. Pratt**  
Sex: Male  
Marital Status: Single  
Age: 23y 9m \_d  
Place of Death: Bellevue  
Cause of Death: Drowned  
Birthplace: Bloom Co., New York  
Occupation: Laborer  
Parents: **Nathaniel P. Pratt**  
**Laura Pratt**  
Their Residence: Bellevue  
Recorded: May 31, 1870

### Volume 1 Page 21 #408

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Date of Death: 11 February 1869  
Name: **Alpheus Sessions**  
Sex: Male  
Marital Status: Single  
Age: 64y 2m 28d  
Place of Death: Bellevue  
Cause of Death: Rheumatism  
Birthplace: New York  
Occupation: Farmer  
Parents:

Their Residence:  
Recorded: May 31, 1870

### Volume 1 Page 21 #409

Date of Death: 01 November 1869  
Name: **James D. Auguine**  
Sex: Male  
Marital Status: Single  
Age: 18y \_m 3d  
Place of Death: Bellevue  
Cause of Death: Drowned  
Birthplace: Rochester, New York  
Occupation: Laborer  
Parents: **Henry Auguine**  
**Mary A. Auguine**  
Their Residence: Bellevue  
Recorded: May 31, 1870

### Volume 1 Page 22 #410

Date of Death: 18 November 1869  
Name: **Mary Nailor**  
Sex: Female  
Marital Status: Married  
Age: 57y \_m \_d  
Place of Death: Bellevue  
Cause of Death: Palsey  
Birthplace: New York  
Occupation:  
Parents:

Their Residence  
Recorded: May 31, 1870

### Volume 1 Page 22 #411

Date of Death: 31 December 1869  
Name: **Eva Ann Cushman**  
Sex: Female  
Marital Status: Single  
Age: 1y 5m 19d  
Place of Death: Bellevue  
Cause of Death: Croup  
Birthplace: Bellevue, Mich  
Occupation:  
Parents: **Edward Cushman**  
**Mary M. Cushman**

Their Residence: Bellevue  
Recorded: May 31, 1870

### Volume 1 Page 22 #412

Date of Death: 16 September 1869  
Name: **Mahala Southwick**  
Sex: Female  
Marital Status: Married  
Age: 30y 3m 2d  
Place of Death: Bellevue  
Cause of Death: Dropsy in Heart  
Birthplace: Penfield, Mich.  
Occupation:  
Parents: **Nelson Hall**  
**Eliza Hall**

Their Residence: Bellevue  
Recorded: May 31, 1870

### Volume 1 Page 22 #413

Date of Death: 17 March 1869  
Name: **Francis Sturge**  
Sex: Female  
Marital Status: Single  
Age: 23y 11m 9d  
Place of Death: Marshall, Mich.  
Cause of Death: Dropsy  
Birthplace: Marshall, Mich.  
Occupation:  
Parents: **Ansel Sturge**  
**Lucinda Sturge**

Their Residence: Bellevue  
Recorded: May 31, 1870

### Volume 1 Page 22 #414

Date of Death: 15 September 1869  
Name: **Charles F. Cook**  
Sex: Male  
Marital Status: Single  
Age: 4y 8m 15d  
Place of Death: Bellevue  
Cause of Death: Fall  
Birthplace: Bellevue  
Occupation:  
Parents: **Peter V. Cook**  
**Charity Cook**

Their Residence: Bellevue  
Recorded: May 31, 1870

### Volume 1 Page 22 #415

Date of Death: 25 September 1869  
Name: **Sally Young**  
Sex: Female  
Marital Status: Widow  
Age: 58y \_m \_d  
Place of Death: Bellevue  
Cause of Death: Consumption

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Birthplace: Connecticut  
Occupation:  
Parents:

Their Residence  
Recorded: May 31, 1870

### Volume 1 Page 22 #416

Date of Death: 19 September 1869  
Name: **Milo N. Cone**  
Sex: Male  
Marital Status: Single  
Age: 1y \_m \_d  
Place of Death: Walton  
Cause of Death: Dysentery  
Birthplace: Walton, Mich.  
Occupation:  
Parents: **Milo H. Cone**  
**Margaret J. Cone**

Their Residence: Bellevue  
Recorded: May 31, 1870

### Volume 1 Page 22 #417

Date of Death: 09 September 1869  
Name: **Ellen M. Triph"gen**  
Sex: Female  
Marital Status: Widow  
Age: 76y 11m 5d  
Place of Death: Bellevue  
Cause of Death: Old Age  
Birthplace: New York  
Occupation:  
Parents:

Their Residence  
Recorded: May 31, 1870

### Township of Oneida

### Volume 1 Page 22 #418

Date of Death: 06 November 1869  
Name: **Phobe Griswold**  
Sex: Female  
Marital Status: Widowed  
Age: 63y \_m \_d  
Place of Death: Oneida  
Cause of Death: Old Age  
Birthplace: New York  
Occupation:  
Parents:

Their Residence  
Recorded: May 31, 1870

### Volume 1 Page 22 #419

Date of Death: 13 September 1869  
Name: **Frederick Moss**  
Sex: Male

Marital Status:  
Age: 2y \_m \_d  
Place of Death: Oneida  
Cause of Death: Inflammation of Lungs  
Birthplace: Michigan  
Occupation:  
Parents: **Joseph Moss**  
**Mary Moss**

Their Residence: Onedia  
Recorded: May 31, 1870

### Volume 1 Page 22 #420

Date of Death: 25 May 1869  
Name: **Louisa Taylor**  
Sex: Female  
Marital Status: Married  
Age: 40y 1m 10d  
Place of Death: Grand Ledge  
Cause of Death: Hehemerage of Uterus  
Birthplace: Pennsylvania  
Occupation:  
Parents:  
Their Residence: Pennsylvania  
Recorded: May 31, 1870

### Township of Windsor

### Volume 1 Page 22 #421

Date of Death: 11 January 1869  
Name: **Sally Ann Pray**  
Sex: Female  
Marital Status: Married  
Age: 50y 2m 18d  
Place of Death: Windsor  
Cause of Death: Congestion of Brain  
Birthplace: New York  
Occupation:  
Parents: **Wm. McCormick**  
**Jane McCormick**

Their Residence: Michigan  
Recorded: May 31, 1870

### Volume 1 Page 22 #422

Date of Death: 20 January 1869  
Name: **Nelson Enlsworth**  
Sex: Male  
Marital Status: Married  
Age: 46y 11m 7d  
Place of Death: Windsor  
Cause of Death: Rose Cancer  
Birthplace:  
Occupation: Farmer  
Parents:

Their Residence:  
Recorded: May 31, 1870

## Eaton County Quest

### Photo Gallery

ECGS Call No. P-089

On Back:

To Dr. Allen

Mrs. Smalley to my right.  
J. G. S.





Eaton County Quest

Photo Gallery

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Fred A. R. Moore Class of 1888





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Nell Boise 1889 July 4th



## Eaton County Quest

### Cowan Family Bible

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#### Family Record Marriages

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Thomas Cowan and Charity Hinman  
were married  
April the 8th 1806

Thomas Cowan and Sally Rusel  
were married  
October the 2th 1917

#### Family Record Births

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Mary Ann Cowan was born May the  
1st. 1807

William Cowan was born July the  
29th 1808

John W. Cowan was born April the  
17th 1810

George Y. Cowan was born  
December the 23rd 1811

My daughter Nancy Cynthia Cowen  
of nine months died a year or two  
previous to her mother's death.

Thomas M. Cowan was born March  
the 7th 1817

Abner H. Cowan was born July the  
4th 1818

Charity Cowan was born February  
the 21st 1820

Angeline Cowan was born August  
the 27th 1821

Adaline Cowan was born August the  
27th 1821

Philinda Cowan was born April 26th  
A.D. 1823

Charles Milton Cowan was born May  
23rd 1824

Daphine Cowan was born May 28th  
1825

I have offered all my children in  
Baptism at \_\_\_\_ August 15th 1825  
Thomas Cowan

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#### Births

Sally Ann Cowan was born  
September 22 1827

Lucinda Cowan was born June 17  
1828

\_\_ Jane Cowan was born August  
17th 1831

Clark Cowan was born November  
20th 1832

Leonard Cowan was born February  
23rd 1835

Thomas Cowan Sen. was born  
October 28th 1777

Charity Hinman was born March  
19th 1786

#### Deaths

Charity Cowan departed this life  
March the 22nd 1817

Written March 4, 1817

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My daughter Nancy Cynthia Cowan died about two years previous to her mother's death 1817.

My daughter Mary Ann Kenyon departed this life August the 11th 1841

Sally Cowan departed this life December the 13, 1844

Betsy Russel departed this life May 8th 1851

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Deaths  
William Cowan Senior departed this life November the 20th 1805

Thomas Cowan departed this life December 15th 1860

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Allen N. Cowan  
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Envelope addressed to:  
Mrs. William Van Allen  
Eaton Rapids  
Eaton Co., Mich.  
Letter dated Elmira August 9th 1891

Dear Sister  
I know it has been a long time since I received Marthas kind letter but sickness and circumstances have seemed to affect a delay. I have been verry poorly in health for the last too years

Lucind is very sick with congestion of the Lungs her Doctor said she was liable to drop away at any time I think she may linger until the the leaves begin to fall

### Another Letter

Oct 17/74

Sunday night finds me and mine all well, I received yous last night, and am glad to hear that you are well, O how I wish I was there with you but as I am not you must try and visit Joe (us) both

Sister Anna poor Nan has come home to die, she is very poorly Addie was confined last Friday but her boy was dead, John Sheffield baby was buried today

Mrs. Sue Anderson has a cancer in her left breast and Webber will cut it out tomorrow, I believe that is all the news for this time Anna

Dear sister, please give my love to Charity and tell her that I have lots to tell her if we ever live to see each other, do tell her to come and see me soon

Anna we are very sorry that you are having my trouble with Rogers about the place, it is late and I must close for this time hoping to hear from you soon give love to all the good folks and believe me as ever your dear

Sister Jenie

Do tell Jasper to come and see poor Nan, and that soon

From another Page:

### A Veteran Gone

**Seventy-Three Years a Methodist**  
**Thomas Cowan** died in Scipio, Cayuga Co., N.Y., Dec. 15th, 1860, in the 84th year of his age.



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He was born of Wesleyan Methodist parents in Ireland; Oct. 28th, 1777. He was converted to God when he was but ten years of age, and immediately united with the Wesleyan society. He emigrated with his parents to this country in the year 1793, and settled in Washington Co., N.Y., where he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he remained a member until the hour of his death. Hence he had been a member of the Methodist Church *seventy-three* years. In 1803 he left Washington Co., alone, to find a home for himself and parents, in what was then called "the far west." He arrived at what is now the city of Auburn, at that time consisting of a *log tavern*, and two other *log shanties*. The next day after his arrival, he went on to the place of his late residence, where he remained until the day of his death, being fifty-seven years. He was twice married; first to Charity Hinman, April 8th, 1806, and by whom he had six children; she died March 22d, 1817; and next to Sally Russel, Oct. 2d, 1817, by whom he had twelve children; who also died some sixteen years in advance of him. Fifteen of his children survive him. Twelve of whom were mourners at his funeral.

### His Character.

His characteristics as a man; were marked. He evinced great energy in his business transactions. Neat, saving, and economical he had a place for everything and everything in its place. and scrupulously prompt in all his engagements. Hence he succeeded in accumulating a competency of worldly substance.

Yet he was remarkably free from selfishness. "The wages of him that was hired, did *seldom* abide with him all night until the morning." The poor always found in him a sympathizing friend, and were not turned empty away from his door. He was a steady supporter of the gospel and its institutions.

### An Incident

The following incident may at once illustrate his character in part, and also the providential care of God for his children.

In the year 1816 or 1817, (known as the cold season) there lived a short distance from his residence an old man with his family, whose name was Kellogg. He was a holy, devoted servant of God, and a local \_\_\_\_\_ in the M.E. Church. In consequence of the hard times, he was brought into straightened circumstances. One evening he found that they were reduced to a part of a loaf of bread, and not enough meal for breakfast. They divided the bread, ate it and retired to rest. The old man arose early in the morning and called in all the family read a portion of God's word, and kneeled and poured out his soul to God in fervent prayer, pleading the precious promises. His faith took hold of the arm of the Omnipotent. He arose from his knees in holy triumph, and declared with loud and exultant voice, "*The Lord will provide.*"

Meanwhile, father Cowan the day previous had with his team gone through the neighborhood, unbeknown, to the local preacher, and collected flour, meat, and vegetables, sufficient to last the family several weeks. Father Cowan

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had silently reached the door just as the suppliant family bowed in prayer and he was no uninterested auditor of that "fevent and effectual prayer." Father Kellogg concluded- father Cowan knocked, and being welcomed in, he said, "father K., it is pretty hard times, and we thought you might be getting short of provisions, so I have brought you some that I collected yesterday." The old man was quite overcome. He wept and praised God for his deliverance in time of need. *Jehovah Jireh.*

### Religious Character

His conversion was clear, though young. He was remarkable for his --- in attending the means of grace. --- was a great lover of class-meetings. When yet a boy, his class-mates would anxiously watch for the coming of the *little boy*, whose fervent manner in describing the love of Jesus to his soul, added peculiar interest to the class-meeting. He was humble and fervent, and possessed more than an ordinary gift in prayer. The *Sabbath* was sacred with him, and unless sickness prevented, always found him early at the house of God. The Scriptures were his delight and habitual study. To these he added quite a collection of religious books. The later years of his life were mostly spent in reading. The Bible and Wesley's sermons were nearest and familiar to his heart.--There, on the day of his funeral, lay these choice companions of the aged pilgrim on the stand, just as he left them but the day before.

The day previous to his death, he walked out, as he was wont, to his barn, as well as usual. The next

morning he did not rise as usual, feeling somewhat unwell. He said to his daughter who visited his bed anxiously that he would lie a while longer. She left his room and returned in a few moments, and found that the *immortal* spirit had taken its flight to its long desired home. His funeral was largely attended, and his remains deposited by the side of the members of his family in the old Scipio meetings house burying ground, where sleep many of the early Methodists. The occasion was sought to be improved by the writer from 2 Tim. 4: 6-8.

How precious and instructive the lessons which, *such a life* and such a death inculcate. From early childhood to patriarchal years, religion was *enjoyed* and *illustrated*--proving that it is "profitable to all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." Shall any among his surviving child fail of meeting that dear parent whose memory this notice any help to perpetuate? **W. Reddy**

Auburn, Jan. 22, 1861

### Query:

Require any information on these children of **John Moran and Mary Thompson**, all born Sophiasburgh township, Prince Edward County, Ontario.

**Elizabeth Mercy Moran** born 1848, married 1870 **Peter Cronk**, moved to Bellevue, Michigan in 1882 died in Bellevue 29 December 1920. Children: **Wilfred, Delbert** and **Mrs. C. B. Sherwood.**

**Margaret Rebecca Moran** born 1850 married 1874 **Clarence V. Roblin** in Demorestville, Ontario. Lived Charlotte, Michigan, pre-1920.



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**Charles Moran** born c1852, lived Battle Creek, Michigan in 1920.

**Edwin Moran** born c1838, lived in Michigan in 1912.

### Information to:

**W. Gordon Mills, #1902**

**1 Concorde Place, Toronto,  
Ontario CAN M3C3K6**

### **"This Love of Mine" A Journal by Elizabeth File Lewis**

Permission to publish by  
Carol Smith File Cuthbertston

#### Continued from Quest #46

Charlotte, Michigan is pretty small. A 1954 telephone directory is 1/8th inch thick. I never learned many of the streets. We were disciplined to never go off our block so that restricted my knowledge about the streets.

Our street was Warren Avenue - #313. I've never forgotten it. The school and Grandma's house were on Henry Street. We've learned that our Grandparent's home has since been torn down to make a parking lot for the High School and Jr. High. Sad - but it was very old.

The Maple Hill Cemetery was on the north edge of town, and it was pretty and very peaceful. We used to go every Memorial Day to take Grandma to put flowers on her parent's graves and "say a prayer".

I have a baby sister buried there who was born dead - before me. It always made me sad and I always wondered what she would have been like.

The doctor said it might have been caused from pumping the giant pipe organ at the Congregational Church, and he advised Mother to not do it anymore after the 5th month. It made her sad to talk about it because she loved the big organ so much, and of course she always felt terrible that the child died. She told me that in the last week or so it stopped moving.

Mother stopped playing piano when she got older. I asked her why she didn't play anymore and she said it was because she reached a point where she couldn't advance

any further. Too bad, because I loved to hear her play. I miss her playing so much that I searched around and found a recording of many of the things she played. With it I put together a tape of her classical music favorites so that the youngsters in the family could "hear" what she sounded like.

Something no one seems to remember is that in Grandma's parlor there was a grand piano with real ivory keys and real ebony black keys. Sadly, I never heard anyone play it and the room was closed up most of the time and never used. It always fills me with wonderings about all the unanswered questions in my mind.

It just devastates me that families break up and spread apart like they do. My grandparents died a year after we left and I've just always felt so bad about it. We never said "Good-bye", unfortunately.

Breaking up our home before we left for California was very hard for me. I couldn't bear to look at the bedroom where I had spent 17 years of my life, and I couldn't bear to look at our beautiful garden all going up in weeds. The garden had always been my refuge where I sought peace and solitude and renewal. I'm happy that I have a few pictures.

The German spelling of File was **Pfeil**, but Grandpa, Dad's Father Fred, complained that no one ever spelled it right, so he changed it. (The name translates literally as "arrow", denoting an arrow smith by trade.)

The story is told that my Great-Grandpa File (Pfeil) left Germany because "he didn't want his family to go through another war". His little family probably landed in New York, and it's not known how or why he migrated to Indiana - maybe with the hope to obtain land.

Also it's not known when or of what, but his wife died and he took an Indian woman into his home to care for the children and cook, etc. It's suspected that Grandpa may have been her child because he got very tan from working in the sun, as did Dad and also John and myself. (Mason and Frances are very fair and take after Grandma's side of the family. I always thought Grandma and Frances looked a lot alike, and she was her favorite.)

It's not known if Great-Grandpa married the Indian woman (probably Chippewa or Potawatomi). In those days this stuff was pretty "hush-hush" and kept in a closet.

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My maternal Great-Grandfather's name was Mason Wood, and he married a lady named Ann Smith in 1852. They had a daughter named DeEtta who became the wife of Grandpa Fred J. File. I always wondered if DeEtta might be French.

Grandma's family probably landed in Plymouth or someplace near there, and I don't know why they traveled to Michigan - again, probably to get land. The Government was giving away land very cheap to encourage people to colonize the frontiers. Her father was a builder.

Grandma told me that when she was a little girl there were only a few houses there and "an Indian behind every tree!"

Information gleaned from both the marriage write-ups at Point Loma and his obituary notice fill in some details of Dad's life.

Born March 27, 1885, the eldest son of Fred J. File and DeEtta Wood File, he came from "old New England stock"-his ancestors being among the earliest Pilgrims to land on the American shores.

Three ancestors of a later date distinguished themselves in the Revolutionary War-one of them Daniel Wood at the Battle of Bennington.

Dad was referred to as a young businessman who came to California from Charlotte, Michigan. After graduating from Charlotte High School, he went to San Diego, where he was employed in Arsten's Department Store for several years.

He studied music (at the Point) and played in the San Diego and Los Angeles Symphony Orchestras, and was "a great lover of the best in music."

At the time of his marriage in 1918 he had been connected with the business interests of the Point Loma institution for many years.

After this marriage to Cora Mercer he returned to Charlotte with his bride.

There he was employed in the Eaton County Savings Bank for several years.

While Dad was born Mason Lawrence File, his obituary notice reads Lawrence Carl File, and in later years he was called Carl. Here is some information about this transition.

As a bachelor, before he was at Point Loma days, he lived with his Aunt Ida and Cousin Carl in San Diego. Carl was his favorite cousin, and they used to go out every Saturday night. They would take the

boat over to Coronado Island to the dance to meet girls. Dad had a lot of fond memories from those days.

Sadly, Carl died of TB very young - while Dad was at the Point. This explains why Dad chose that name when he wanted to drop Lawrence (because of Lorin). Our garden (called the "back-forty") was so large that if Mother was calling out to Lawrence or Lorin you really couldn't tell which she was calling. And, of course, that's the same thing that had already happened with Mason, prompting Dad to drop his first name and go by his middle name, Lawrence.

Mother always called Dad Lawrence right down to the end, and that's the name I always used - I never thought of him as Carl. I think he used that name with John because of "Lorin", which is understandable, but it's curious to me that Mother never called Dad "Mason" even when I was very young.

My Aunt Margaret (Dad's sister) wrote his obituary, and I don't think she ever knew how Lorin was spelled - its and uncommon name. John was named after Mother's beloved professor, Doctor Lorin, Ph.D. from Europe. (And it's interesting in view of that, that John was Mother's "favorite baby" and she always reveled about what a beautiful, healthy child he was.)

Dad wasn't the only one with name problems. Jim's mother was "Elizabeth Hardacre", and Beth for short. Jim had a daughter by his previous marriage - "Betty Hardacre", so I was just never happy about my name - it was almost as though I didn't have any identity.

Then later with Lou's family his aunt who was sort of his mother was named Betty. Well, I couldn't stand it anymore, and that's when I became "Sandy". I always wanted to remain Betty with my family but I became Sandy with friends and acquaintances and I've felt very comfortable with that. I've always used Elizabeth for business and legal matters. So, like Dad, I solved the problem, as did John in dropping a name he didn't like.

Dad had a brother, Harold, and a sister, Margaret, who married Albert Lauritzen of Charlotte. In later years Dad went to Detroit, and finally to Port Huron where he was employed as accountant in a large wholesale firm for ten years. His hobby of late years was raising choice roses. It was in Port Huron where he spent his last weeks

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in the Mercy Hospital before his death June 2, 1962.

About Dad's belongings - I have a few photos of my parents and a few from childhood days of their offspring, but some precious photos were lost when Dad died. Mason drove back there but everything had been tossed out by a landlady - a real pity.

The Indians who had befriended him were blamed for taking his things, but I can't imagine their being interested in papers and photos, etc. And, of course, Aunt Margaret had no way of getting there in time - nor Mason either, for that matter. Uncle Harold had died ten years earlier.

I wish Dad could have stayed in California and the family would have gotten his things. Mother told me he wanted to get back together with her and she said she just couldn't. She treasured her independence and wanted the status quo to remain the same. That, no doubt, had a lot to do with him going back to Michigan. He had stayed with different family members for awhile, and before leaving, visited Manhattan Beach with Mason in 1961 (shortly after Kimi was born).

Dad lived to be 77 years old, and he was buried in the family lot at Maple Hill Cemetery. As I said, it was a really beautiful place - kind of like a golf course but with lots of trees and shrubs.

I was stunned that John broke out in hives with the news of his death, which showed that Dad was more important to him than he realized.

I had to go through Mother's things in 1984, and I was "shakey" through the whole thing - I almost had a nervous breakdown. I was happy to learn that Donna wrote family because I was very "lost" at that time.

As Donna related, "At 20 to 12:00 on her 89th birthday, Grammie passed on. She smiled at the very end - she was tired and ready to move on."

In her very latter years Mother had rekindled her love of the piano, creating some hauntingly beautiful little compositions.

"This Love of Mine" - that was a time of "pretty music" that I hoped would never end.....

Letter dated 1984

Dear Kimi & Carol

Grammie was in the hospital and didn't look very well at all. She seemed to have a

lot of congestion and didn't have much appetite. It was a very nice hospital and they made her as comfortable as possible. It was her birthday, and the staff brought her a birthday \_\_\_\_\_ (not able to read parts covered with an obit) with a candle on it & all sang her "Happy \_\_\_\_\_. You can imagine how much she enjoyed \_\_\_\_\_ on I.V.'s and a catheter, but luckily \_\_\_\_\_ there to hold her hand & reassure \_\_\_\_\_

She seemed to be becoming \_\_\_\_\_ night wore on, and so they considered \_\_\_\_\_ transfusion. She wouldn't let go \_\_\_\_\_. At 20 to 12:00 on her 89th birthday \_\_\_\_\_ passed on. It happened fast and she \_\_\_\_\_ pain. I want you to know that she \_\_\_\_\_ very end - she was tired and ready - \_\_\_\_\_. She will be cremated & her \_\_\_\_\_ scattered over the ocean.

I hate to bring news like this, \_\_\_\_\_ to be sure that you are aware of \_\_\_\_\_ that she was at peace with herself.

Love to you both,  
Donna

Obit for:

### Lawrence Carl File

Following three years of poor health and ten weeks of serious illness, seven of them in Mercy Hospital in Port Huron, Lawrence File passed away on Saturday, June 2, 1962.

He was born in Charlotte, Mich., March 27, 1885, the eldest son of **Fred J. and DeEtta Wood File**. After graduating from Charlotte High School, he went to San Diego, Calif., where he was employed in Marsten's Dept. Store for several years and studied music and played in the San Diego and Los Angeles Symphony Orchestras. He was a great lover of the best in music, and his hobby of late years was raising choice roses.

He married **Cora Mercer** in January, 1918, and returned to Charlotte, where he was employed in the Eaton County Savings Bank for several years. He then went to Detroit and finally to Port Huron where he was employed as accountant in a large wholesale firm for 10 years.

He is survived by two sons, **Mason G.** of Phoenix, Ariz., and **Lauren** of Long Beach, Calif.; three daughters - **Mrs. James (Betty) Hardacre** and **Mrs. E. B. (Frances) Collins** of Long Beach, Calif., and **Mrs. Zane (Alice) Ofstead** of Hermosa Beach, Calif.; 14



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grandchildren; one sister, **Mrs. Albert Lauritzen** of Charlotte; one niece and two nephews. One brother (Harold) preceded him in death in 1952.

Graveside services were held with **Rev. Fred Lapham** of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the family lot in Maple Hill Cemetery.

### Letters From Our Volunteers Eaton County Republican Newspaper May 16, 1862

{We are permitted to publish the following letter from **Dr. Kedzie** to our County Clerk. Although rather late to publish a description of the great Tennessee battle, this account is succinct, comprehensive and interesting --- and coming from an entirely reliable and well-known citizen, it will be read with interest by our readers:}

Oberlin, May 7th, 1862

**Ed. W. Barber** ---- *Dear Ed.:* --- I have not been forgetful of my promise to write you occasionally from Dixie; but events have crowded themselves so fast upon me, and I have been so prostrated by severe sickness, that I have found it impossible to write before this time.

Our Regiment (the 12th) landed at Pittsburg Landing, (13 miles above Savannah and 18 miles from Corinth, Miss.) March 26th --- just one week after its departure from Niles.

Pittsburg Landing is merely a high bluff bank, with a good shore for receiving and unloading steamboats. The banks on that side of the river are very steep and about 150 feet high. The place or village consists of

one solitary double log-house, built in the inevitable Southern style --- a room at each end and an open space in the center, just like the old-fashioned log-barns, with a bay in one end, a stable in the other, and the threshing floor in the middle. You must also add a chimney at each end, built on the outside.

There was nothing remarkable about our stay in camp for the first week excepting the amount of sickness --- mostly lung fever and diarrhea, rapidly changing to dysentery. Indeed the "Tennessee Quick-step" soon became the most fashionable movement in the army. There were at one time nearly 300 sick with dysentery in our Regiment alone.

March 30th we were ordered into **Gen. Prentiss'** Brigade (1st Brigade, 6th Division) and took our place in the advance line on the Corinth road, having **Gen. Sherman's** Division on our right, and **Gen. Hurlbut's** on our left. Our Brigade contained the 19th and 25th Missouri, 12th Mich., and two or three Reg'ts from Iowa and Wisconsin. It contained 7,500 men, but had no cavalry or artillery attached.

April 4th and 5th, reports were current of skirmishing between our pickets and those of the enemy, but no attention was paid to them, no extra guards or precautions whatever. On Saturday night, I am told, our guards were not more than 1/2 mile from our line of tents.

At three o'clock Sunday morning, April 6th, I was aroused by a report brought in by a stagglar that 250 Secesh cavalry were camped 2 miles from our lines, and 300 of our Reg't, and 300 of the 25th Missouri were sent to bag them. They arrived

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at the designated place just at daybreak, and found themselves in front of **Gen. Beauregard's** advance forces, consisting of 65,000 men with 20- batteries of light artillery, and from 5,000 to 8,000 cavalry! Our forces wisely concluded that "discretion is the better part of valor," and fell back in good order upon our lines, which they reaches at 5 1/2 o'clock.

Then the long roll rounded, and our whole force formed in the woods about 60 rods in front of our line of tents, but without any support or reinforcement whatever, without a single cannon or any cavalry in our whole brigade. These were all at Pittsburg Landing 2 miles in our rear, and none came to our help except one battery of six pieces, (12 pounders,) which came up about 5 minutes before the final retreat, and fired three rounds.

I see there is a strong effort in certain quarters to whistle down any suggestion of surprise. The preceding statements will show whether we were not effectually surprised. The Adjutant of one of **Gen. Sherman's** Reg't said the first intimation they had of the approach of the enemy was their bomb-shells falling and exploding in their camps. And a member of Taylor's (Chicago) Battery told me that they had only time to wheel their guns into place when the enemy appeared in full view, and so rapidly did they press on that they could not check them in the least by firing conical shells, and had to resort at once to canister shot, which did its business so thoroughly that after the battle they counted 93 dead rebels in one pile, cut down by the shot as a mower cuts grass!

This Chicago Battery by the way was attached to Sherman's Division and did noble service through all that fearful day. They were drawn up at first within 20 feet of that old log barn known as "Shiloh Church."

Our men stood the fire of the enemy nobly for a time, but their overwhelming numbers, aided by artillery, made them irresistible, and our troops slowly fell back, contesting the ground inch by inch. Our forces had fallen back of the line of our tents, and we (the Hospital attendants) were expecting the enemy every moment, when a battery of artillery came up and opened on the rebels, checking them for a little, when **Lieut. Col. Graves** and **Major Kimmel** formed our men again and advanced to the front, when the battery retreated, as the enemy was flanking us on both sides, and all our forces were obliged to retreat.

During all this time our wounded men came in thick and fast --- some shot through the head, some through the lungs -- the bowels -- legs, &c. -- in short, every conceivable form of wounds, and many of them my intimate friends. They were all crying out to me "Doctor, my leg is torn all to pieces, and I am bleeding to death! Can't you help me?" "I am shot through the lungs, and I shall die if you don't help me!" "Ho, Doctor, you know me! -- **McKane** --- My arm is all shattered, and I am suffering dreadfull -- if you could fix it a little -- and yet if anybody need you more, don't wait for me." "Oh Doctor, there come the Secesh; you won't leave us will you?" Leave them? God bless the noble fellows! It would be ten time easier to die by them than to leave them. I told them



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I would stay by them -- and then to hear their grateful "God bless you." Ah, Ed! there are times when a man needs nerves of steel and a brow of brass, and yet under all this a heart tender and gushing as a woman's. The sense of danger in battle is a very fleeting impression. It all passes off in five minutes, when your ear has become accustomed to the sharp whistle of the minnie and their "spat," "spat," as they strike around you. But to look into the agonized countenances of a score of wounded men -- in every possible degree of mortal agony -- and to read in their faces that their only earthly hope is in you, and then to hear their words of thankfulness, and see their tears of gratitude, for any alleviation of their misery -- that "takes the tuck out" of me.

"We read of hearts unkind--kind words  
With coldness still returning;  
Alas! the gratitude of men  
Has often left me mourning."

But there come the endless line of secesh. Let me describe one. Take all the backwoodsiness of any County in the State, and concentrate it all in one person; let him have a skin lank and cadavarous as a bladder hung in the smoke for ten years; hair brown at the bottom, but fading out into a dirty, tow color at the ends; take away all education and all original thought, and add hundred fold of pride that he is above the nigger, and, he "reckons" above any nigger worshipper -- and then clothe him in butternut clothes of scanty dimensions, and you have a passable "Secesh."

Now, imagine ten thousand such bearing down upon our camp, whooping and screaming like so many Indians, and you will have a faint picture of what I saw Sunday

morning, April 6. We were soon surrounded by them, and for us "surrender" was a mere matter of form; but their drunken leader was anxious for mischief, threatened to shoot us, &c; but I noticed that the revolver he handled so freely had been discharged in every barrel. However he robbed **Dr. Brunschweiler** of his gold watch and cap, and wished to strip him effectually, but the Dr. demurred. Finally he rode off, and within two minutes one of our men planted a "minnie" in his forehead that effectually cured him of any natural tendency to thieving.

A guard was placed over us and we quietly went on taking care of our sick and wounded. In an hour, two of the rebel surgeons came to us, but not till a large number of their wounded had been brought to us, and been dressed. It made a very favorable impression upon them to find we had been so kind to their wounded; and from this time, till I was released. I received kind and courteous treatment from all the rebel officers, although many of the privates said they had a strong desire to shoot me.

The rest of the day the battle raged in the distance -- the whistle of bullets grew more infrequent, though the howling scream of bombshells over our heads continued all day. About 4 o'clock a new phase of the battle was presented, to describe which I must relate not only what I heard and saw, but also what I afterward learned. Our forces had all been driven in to the vicinity of the landing, and the prospect was fair that **Beauregard** would keep his promise "to water his horse that day in the Tennessee River or in Hell."

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But our men had been reinforced by a division from up river (Nelson's I believe) -- and they had retreated as far as they could without being driven into the river. They were drawn up in a line about a mile long -- 80,000 on our side with some 20 batteries of light artillery; 20 Parrot guns; 10 siege guns (64lb) and one mortar, besides 2 gunboats. On the rebel side was about the same force, flushed with victory, led by Beauregard in person who rode along the whole length of their lines, swinging his sword and urging them, by every consideration, to drive the invaders into the river and secure their independence by one blow. But it was not so to be. Before him stood 80,000 men with whom "victory or death" was no rhetorical flourish; and beginning at one end of the line there glanced a stream of fire to the other extremity, bearing a hurtling shower of death, and pouring out such a sound as might awaken a continent. About every 8 seconds this mighty sea of sound would roll over and through those wild woods as though its tidal waves were swept and lashed by some mighty satellite of death!

On this sea of sound, the roar of the Gun Boats, the Light Artillery, the Parrot Guns and Siege Guns, floated as straws float on the bosom of the Mississippi! It was the most majestic sound I ever heard. It was as plain at our tent as though only 20 rods distant. Our captors heard it, and rightly interpreting its import ordered us to remove with our wounded. We were taken 2 miles, to Beauregard's headquarters, where we stayed all night, drenched and soaked in the cold rain which fell in torrents.

In the morning I saw **Gen. Beauregard** at a small distance. He is a smallish, lithe-built, india rubber kind of man, dressed in light gray. I also saw **Gen. Prentiss** pass, who was a prisoner. I went out and spoke to him; he shook hands with me, told me to keep up good heart, that **Gen. Buell** had arrived with reinforcements, and the tables would be turned before night.

We were ordered to move on 4 miles to their General Hospital. Arrived about one o'clock. Found the Hospital to consist of a log house and the adjacent country! It was under the care of **Dr. Lyell**, Medical Director of Army of Mississippi, C. S. A. He is a gentleman of the first order, as also were his assistants **Drs. Mitchell, Altoon, and Cavanaugh**.

We were assigned a yard for our Hospital, where we pitched our tents, arranged our blankets for beds, and by night had nearly one hundred federal wounded comfortably housed, or rather tented. They did not all belong to our regiment, but all Union soldiers were given into our care. They were far better cared for than the rebels, mainly from the gross and inhuman neglect of their wounded by the rebel hospital nurses. They had about 500 wounded and I visited their tents as I had leisure, to attend to their necessities. I never had such a conception of human capacity for suffering. It seemed like wandering amid the purlieus of Hell! I found men utterly naked, wallowing in mud like a hog in the gutter, who for three days had tasted neither food or drink, and literally begging for "a drop of water to cool their parched tongues." And on, such groans and

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wailing! Thro' all the night the air was vocal with screams and groans, with prayers and blasphemies, and every minute, through the night-air rang the prolonged cry "water, water." In my broken dreams it seemed that the whole country had been sown with blood, harrowed in with human bones, and was springing up in a speedy crop of agony. I have often awakened myself in the night by exclaiming in my sleep, "Such acres of groans--acres of groans"! And when I think of our poor wounded soldiers who have fallen into the hands of such wretches, it makes my blood run cold.

Tuesday evening we were re-captured by the 4th Illinois cavalry, but left without any guard, or any attempt at removal. Wednesday evening we were re-recaptured by the Texas Rangers--a cut-throat set. Thursday an arrangement was made by the surgeons of both sides, sanctioned by **Gen. J. C. Breckinridge**, by which neither party should be held as prisoners of war, but were left free to remove into their own lines with their wounded and hospital attendants, at their own convenience. I came, alone, into our lines Thursday evening, and in a day or two had the balance of our hospital safely removed.

On Sunday evening, April 13, I was attacked with dysentery and billious fever, was confined to my bed twelve days, when there being no improvement in my symptoms, I was ordered aboard the hospital boat "City of Memphis." The boat was soon filled with sick and wounded, and April 27th started down the river to find a hospital into which to discharge her load, but

every one was full from Paducah to Cincinnati. The Medical Director of Cincinnati said he had room for only 60, while a boat was coming with more than that number, and we had 300 on our boat. He was anxious to send as many as possible into the country. **Drs. Turner and Marsh**, surgeons of the boat, who had been very kind to me, urged that I ought to be sent to a more northern and anti-billious climate. Accordingly, I was furloughed for thirty days and ordered to northern Ohio. I arrived there by railroad last Friday morning, I have been very sick and look pretty shadowy now, but am slowly recovering--am able to sit up five or six hours in a day. But enough. Yours truly,

R. C. K.

### Obit

**Mrs. Pete Mitchell**  
Passes at Petoskey

**Mrs. Hazel Irene Mitchell**, 52 years old of Petoskey, died Wednesday evening, March 15, at Lockwood General Hospital, in that city shortly after being stricken by a sudden heart attack while attending a social gathering at the community room there, where she was assisting in a public party.

She was born April 15, 1891 in Grand Rapids, the daughter of **Fred & Mary Youngblood**. She had been active in the church and social life of the Petoskey community for many years. She attended the Presbyterian Church, and was a member of the Presbyterian Guild, but retained her church membership in the Congregational Church of Charlotte. She was active in social



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events held by ladies of the Knight Templar and other Masonic bodies. She is survived by her husband, **P. T. Mitchell**, city manager of Petoskey for many years; a son, **Lieut. Robert Mitchell**, who is with the Air Borne Engineers stationed at Richmond, VA.; an uncle **Boyden Moyer** of Charlotte, and other local relatives.

Funeral services were held Saturday at two o'clock at the **Peters Funeral Home** of Petoskey with Rev. **E. P. Linnell** in charge. The body was brought to Charlotte, the former home of the Mitchells, and a service was held Monday afternoon at two o'clock at the **Cheney Funeral Home** with **Mr. Thomas W. Nadal**, of the Congregational Church, officiating. Burial was at Maple Hill Cemetery.

Among those here for the funeral service were **Mrs. Daisy Rainkes & Mr. Anderson** of Grand Rapids, **Mrs. Robert Mikesell** of Toledo, Ohio, **Mr. & Mrs. James Simons** of Ionia, **Mr. & Mrs. Glen Wigent**, of Jackson, **Dr. & Mrs. Carlton Dean**, **Mrs. Mildred Easler & William McDonald** of Lansing, **Mr. & Mrs. Guy Mitchell** of Farmington, **Mr. & Mrs. Ted Edyveen**, of Detroit, **Mrs. Ronald Hess & daughter Jane Helen** of East Lansing, **Mr. & Mrs. John Eldred**, **Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Blackmore** of Eaton Rapids.

The son, Bob, left Wednesday on his return to North Carolina expecting to be assigned overseas duty soon.

(March 24, 1944 issue Charlotte Republican Tribune--copied by **Mary Jean Baker**)

## Disease Chart

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**Meningitis** - Inflammations of brain or spinal cord

**Metris** - Inflammation of uterus or purulent vaginal discharge

**Miasma** - Poisonous vapors thought to infect the air

**Milk fever** - Disease from drinking contaminated milk, like undulant fever or brucellosis

**Milk leg** - Post partum thrombophlebitis

**Milk sickness** - Disease from milk of cattle which had eaten poisonous weeds

**Mormal** - Gangrene

**Morphew** - Scurvy blisters on the body

**Mortification** - Gangrene of necrotic tissue

**Myelitis** - Inflammation of the spine

**Myocarditis** - Inflammation of heart muscles

**Necrosis** - Mortification of bones or tissue

**Nepritis** - Kidney degeneration

**Nervous prostration** - Extreme exhaustion from inability to control physical and mental activities

**Neuralgia** - Described as discomfort, such as "Headache" was neuralgia in head

**Nostalgia** - Homesickness

**Palsy** - Paralysis or uncontrolled movement of controlled muscles. It was listed as "Cause of death"

**Paroxysm** - Convulsion

**Pemphigus** - Skin disease of watery blisters

**Pericarditis** - Inflammation of heart

**Peripneumonia** - Inflammation of lungs

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##### Memorial Sermon

Delivered at the Universalist church, Charlotte, on Sunday, April 24, 1892, by **Rev. Frank McAlpine**, in memory of **Mrs. Lucinda Clark Kilbourn**, and published by request.

Beloved friends, this service is held in accordance with the wishes of our sister, who passed to spirit life on Wednesday, April 13, 1892. It was her request that the outward temple in which she had lived be laid to rest as soon as there were certain signs of dissolution, and that the memorial services be held at such time and place as would best accommodate the surviving friends. Accordingly, the burial took place on Friday last, with appropriate service, and we meet today in memory of her. It is the request of Sister Kilbourn that no studied words of eulogy be offered. The people all knew her, and she wishes only to be remembered by what she has been. In deciding the nature of this service, it is her request that I dwell upon the hope of continued existence beyond the grave, and tell her friends how much her certain consciousness of immortality has cheered and sustained her in her life work, and how resigned and happy it made her closing hours in the earth life. She also wished me to return her heartfelt thanks to the friends for their kindness to her, and ask them not to forget her aged companion.

(A poem follows and a lengthy sermon, too long to give here. If you wish to have a copy of the rest of her memorial, please write for the request.) *ECMIN*

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**Frost** ---After six weeks illness, at her home on Prairie street, Monday, April 18, 1892, of a complication of diseases following la grippe. **Mrs. Ella E. Frost**, aged 45 years.

Mrs. Frost leaves a husband, **Mr. A. G. Frost**, a daughter and a son, aged respectfully, 23 and 19 years. She was born in Jackson county. Four sisters and two brothers from Sandstone, Jackson county, are in the city to attend the funeral which occurs at the Universalist church at 10 o'clock today, **Rev. F. McAlpine** officiating. Other friends from outside the city are Mr. Frost's brother, of Lansing, and sisters from Scotts and Ithica. The Daughters of Rebecca, of which organization Mrs. Frost was a member, will assist in the funeral services.

**Baughman** -- At the residence of her daughter, **Mrs. James Haslett**, on Thursday, November 17, 1892. **Mrs. Catharine Baughman** aged 75 years.

**Roberts** -- At his home in this city on Tuesday evening, June 14, 1892. **Algernon S. Roberts**, aged 85 years and 16 days.

Mr. Roberts was well known as one of Charlotte's earliest pioneers.

The funeral of **Mr. A. S. Roberts**, whose death on Tuesday evening, June 14, was mentioned last week, was held from the residence on Thursday, under the auspices of the I.O.O.F., of which organization Mr.



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Roberts was a member. **Rev. Frank McAlpine** was the officiating minister. The remains were taken to Kalamo for interment. Mr. Roberts has long been a familiar figure on our streets and for years it has been his custom to keep a mortuary report for the city and furnish copies of the same to the city papers for publication. He passed in his report last January with the prophetic remark that it would be his last report. Mr. Roberts had been twice married and was the father of eleven children, four of whom, with his wife, survive him. He had lived in Eaton county since 1854 and was well-known and much respected.

**Tyler** -- At the home of her nephew, **Frank Brown**, of Hamlin, Friday, March 4, 1892, **Mrs. Lucy Hosford Tyler**, aged 92 years, four months and 7 days.

Funeral on Monday, March 7, **Rev. F. McAlpine** officiating.

**Taggart** -- At the home of her mother, **Mrs. Hannah Dow**, West Lawrence avenue at 1:20 a.m., Monday, March 7, 1892, **Mrs. Eliza Dow Taggart**, aged 34 years, 11 months.

Though her health had been failing for two or three years, it was only toward the last of July, 1891, that Mrs. Taggart gave up her position as compositor at the Leader office, since which time she has walked down town but once. For the past seven or eight years she had worked almost continuously as compositor in the offices, successively, of the Prohibitionist, in this city and in Jackson, the Hillsdale college paper and the Charlotte Leader, in all of which places she was an able,

faithful and conscientious helper. It was doubtless this close application to indoor work that developed a natural tendency to the disease which caused her death. Mrs. Taggart taught several years in the district schools of this county, and she came within a few weeks of graduating with the class of '74', from the Charlotte high school, her completion of the course being prevented by illness. She was an active member of the Young Ladies' Literary Society of those days. In 1875 she was confirmed by **Bishop Gillespie** and became a member of the Episcopal church, to which faith she has since been a close adherent. She was well known in the city and community and universally loved and respected. She leaves a son, **Willie**, eleven years of age. The funeral will be held at the residence today, at two p.m., **Rector M. H. Martin** officiating.

**McKenny** -- At his home in Dimondale, on Tuesday, June 7, 1892, of ulceration of the bowels, **Albert McKenny**, aged 72 years, 8 months and 19 days.

Mr. McKenny was a pioneer of the county. His wife and eight children survive him. **Prof. Estabrook**, of Olivet, conducted the funeral services which were held Wednesday. The remains were interred at Lansing.

**Eddy** -- At her home in Eaton, on Sunday at 4 o'clock p.m., of asthma of the heart. **Mrs. Harriet Jane Eddy**, wife of **Dennis Eddy**, aged 58 years.

Mrs. Eddy was one of the pioneers of the county, a woman of progressive ideas, an ideal wife and

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throughout the county. The funeral will be take place this afternoon at one o'clock at the residence, **Rev. McAlpine** officiating.

**Bigelow** -- At the home of her daughter, **Mrs. Sarah Shear**, in New Hudson, Oakland Co., at the advanced age of nearly ninety years, **Mrs. Huldah Bigelow**, one of the early pioneers of Eaton County.

**Shepherd** -- At his home in this city on Sunday afternoon, June 26, 1892, of heart failure, following a congestive chill. **Austin Shepherd**, aged 45 years and 8 months.

Mr. Shepherd was born at Milford, N.Y., and was left an orphan at the age of 14, when he was adopted by his uncle, **Ira Shepherd**. They settled at Charlotte a quarter of a century ago, just before Austin arrived at his majority and where he has since become highly esteemed for many excellent qualities. On February 15, 1874, he was married to **Emma E. Hart**, daughter of **Jesse Hart, Esq.**, who, with their son **Paul** survives him. Mr. Shepherd was a member of no church or secret order, finding in his home his most congenial society. When others were too busy to do missionary work for any good cause or to care for the sick, etc., Mr. Shepherd could always be depended upon. He was large-hearted, fond of music and firm in whatever cause commended itself to his judgement. The remains will lie in state from 10 a.m. until noon today at the M. E. church, and the funeral will occur this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The services will be conducted by **Revs. Jas. W. Reid, E.G. Lewis, and George D. Lee.**

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(Most Clerks hold Cemetery Records)

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### **Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Barry & Eaton Co.**

**Extracted by  
Mary Jean Baker**

List of Losses  
year ending September 30, 1890

1889

Oct. 12 **L.C. Ellis**, Assyria  
damage to house by lightning  
Nov. 20 **Oliver Cheney**, Carlton  
damage to contents of home  
Nov. 20 **A.H. Derby**, Woodland  
damage to barn by lightning  
Nov. 20 **Richard Manker**, Irving  
damage to house  
Nov. 25 **L. Reams**, Bellevue

damage to barn and contents  
Dec. 7 **Chas. Casterline**, Hastings  
damage to home  
Dec. 21 **M. A. Orsborn**, Eaton  
Rapids  
damage to house  
Dec. 23 **C. & R. Porter**, Johnstown  
live stock, hay & grain  
Dec. 27 **Mary Patterson**, Delta  
barn

1890

Jan. 6 **E. Savage**, Maple Grove  
damage to house  
Jan. 7 **Sarah Hall**, Rutland  
damage to house  
Jan. 21 **J. H. Ames**, Chester  
farm products  
Jan. 24 **W. S. Benham**, Hastings  
contents of house  
Feb. 12 **Cyrus Altman**, Baltimore  
damage to house  
Feb. 20 **David Chatfield**, Sunfield  
damage to house  
Feb. 21 **J. W. Foster**, Carlton  
damage to house  
Mar. 6 **John Kermeer**, Thornapple  
house  
Mar. 17 **Geo. R. Anson**, Walton  
damage to house  
Mar. 20 **Nathan Clark**, Chester  
damage to house  
Mar. 25 **J. & S. R. Shoup**, Maple  
Grove  
Live stock  
Mar. 25 **William Willison**,  
Johnstown  
Live Stock  
Mar. 25 **John Leinaar**, Barry  
granary and contents  
**M. Siddler**, Bellevue  
damage to barn  
Apr. 7 **J. M. Sheldon**, Castleton  
damage to contents of house

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McNally & Co.  
\*Robert Kiplinger..... **M.800.USA.11**
- Civil War Battlefield Map 1861-1865*  
by Historical Documents Co. (foldout)  
\*Sharlene Thuma..... **M.800.USA.12**

### Arkansas-

- Masonic Death Records from the  
Grand Lodge of Arkansas  
1941-1990* by Desmond W. Allen, 1999  
\*Clarence & Shirley Hodges ..... **204.1**

### West Virginia-

- West Virginia Blue Book 1962*, 903pp.  
(includes map of WV)  
\*Betty L. Goostrey ..... **249.1**

### MICHIGAN

- African Americans in Michigan*, by  
Walker B. Wilson & L. Cousins, 1991,  
63pp. Workshop 2002..... **300.93**
- Amish in Michigan*, by Gertrude E.  
Huntington, 1991, 55pp.  
Workshop 2002..... **300.94**
- Italians in Michigan*, by Russell M.  
Magnaghi, 1991, 55pp.  
\*Betty L. Goostrey ..... **300.95**

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#### Barry Co.-

- Scrapbook from Hastings Banner,  
Hastings Reminder & Lakewood  
News, Dec. 1999 to Mar. 2002  
\*Debra Eddy..... **SB.64**

#### Calhoun Co.-

- The Torch 1924*, Ft. Custer military  
yearbook \*Jean M. White..... **401.10**
- The Paeon 1920*, Battle Creek High  
School yearbook  
\*Jean M. White..... **SC.313.BC.3**
- Postcards: 1913 M.C. Depot, 1931  
Centennial parade, & Dr. J.W. Baird in  
auto parade, all of Battle Creek; 1906  
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View*, indexed by Sheila Mott  
\*ECGS Project..... **Bellevue.1**
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Church directories* 1973, 1985, 1991,  
1994  
\*Robert Kiplinger ..... **Charlotte.35-38**
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\*ECGS Project..... **Eaton Rapids.11**
- Index to: *Poems of the Heart*, indexed  
by Sheila Mott  
\*ECGS Project..... **Eaton Rapids.12**
- Index to: *Glancing Back While  
Looking Forward*, indexed by Sheila  
Mott  
\*ECGS Project..... **Eaton Rapids.13b**
- 1930 Eaton Co., MI Federal Census*  
on microfilm (includes part of Dickinson  
Co. & all of Iosco Co.)  
\*ECGS Purchase..... **MF**
- Orange & Black* school newsletter, v.93  
#7, June 1993, Charlotte High School  
\*Sharlene Thuma..... **SC.504.6**
- Index to: *History of Olivet College*,  
indexed by Sheila Mott  
\*ECGS Project..... **Walton.6**

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- Tax Assessment Roll of Sebewa  
Twp. 1851-52*  
\*ECGS Exchange..... **334.6**
- Tax Assessment Roll of Odessa  
Twp. 1877-78, 1883-85, 1887-92*  
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- Tax Assessment Roll of Danby Twp.  
1888* \*ECGS Exchange..... **334.13**
- Atlas of Ionia Co., Michigan 1875*  
(photocopies of original)  
\*ECGS Exchange..... **334.19**
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Michigan 1891* (photocopies of original)  
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**Beck-** 28 b&w photos from Beck family photo album \*Keith M. Reynolds...**P.540**  
**Burrows- The Mystery Cave of Many Faces: A History of Burrow's Cave**, by Russell Burrows & Fred Redholm, 1991, 254pp.  
 \*Sharlene Thuma ..... **100.254**  
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**Edson- Several Ancestral Lines of Josia Edson & his wife, Sarah Pinney**, by Harriette Hyde Wells, 98pp. \*Roxanne Wooley & Janice Minarde..... **900.ED.03**  
**Kellogg- Day Book** of Bradford Kellogg mentioning accounts with various people, 1847-73 \*ECGS Purchase. **Journal.24**  
**Lawrence-** News article in County Line magazine of Ray & Martha Lawrence's Centennial

Farm, Mar. 2002 issue, previous owner was James Southworth  
 \*Druscella Halsey ..... **601.1**  
**Martin Family-** includes *Descendants of George Martin; Susanna North Martin family; & Records of Will D. Martin* \*Roxanne Wooley & Janice Minarde ..... **900.MA.05**  
**Matteson- Descendants of Dyer & Freelove (Johnson) Matteson**, by Jean M. White, 2002, 37pp.  
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**Olmstead-** photo of Tim Olmstead (Candidate for Sheriff)  
 \*Timothy C. Olmstead..... **VF.607**  
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 \*William H. Smith Jr. .... **900.SM.03**  
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 \*Janet L. Baughman..... **900.VA.01**  
**Winegar- A Winegar Collection**, 5pp., indexed by Sheila Mott  
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**Wyble- The Wyble Family of Eaton Co.** \*Sharon Edwards..... **900.WY.01**

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REYNOLDS FAMILY 1889  
Charlotte, Michigan

Seated left to right: Charles L. Reynolds, McClellan Reynolds, Mary (Dillon) (Weaver) Reynolds.  
Standing left to right: Jacob Reynolds, General Reynolds

Charles born Jan. 4, 1818 in Fairfield, OH. Married Sept 8, 1850 in Fostoria, OH. Moved to Charlotte MI in 1878. Died Feb 4, 1904 in Charlotte, MI, burial in Ohio.

Mary (Dillon) born Aug 20, 1822 near Wheeling W. Virginia. Died Apr 17, 1901 Charlotte, MI, burial in Fostoria, OH. Married to Eli Weaver until his death Aug 31, 1847. Mary had five children by the first marriage. Three of which were George Weaver, Alpheus Weaver, and Rachel (Stevens).

General was born Dec. 19, 1852 and remained in Fostoria until his death.

Jacob was born Jan. 15, 1854, moved to Charlotte in 1878, with his father, then to Eagle Township, St. Johns, and back to Charlotte when he inherited the family farm. Buried in Millerburg Cem. Charlotte, MI.

McClellan was born Dec. 6, 1862, also moved to Charlotte in 1878, with his father, but then moved to Grand Haven, MI in 1908, where he is buried.

Approximate ages at time of this picture:

Charles 71

Mary 67

General 37

Jacob 35

McClelland 27

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**Michigan Department of State  
Bureau of History  
Michigan State Archives  
Phone 517-373-1408**

Index for Eaton County Probate Records  
RG 80-73  
Index of Probate Records  
1838-1900  
Housed at the Archives

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Barnes, Sarah E.	1109	B20
Barnes, Sophia A.	2475	B46
Barnett, Elizabeth		B62
Barnett, Orra	3004	B55
Barnhart, Ella		B60
Barnum, Cecil	3005	B56
Barnum, Cecil J.	1931	B35
Barnum, Daniel	2697	B50
Barnum, Flora	1205	B21
Barnum, Harriet		B68
Barnum, Harriet J.	1517	B27
Barnum, Hellen A.	688	B12
Barnum, Henry	2835	B52
Barnum, Hester Ann	1115	B20
Barnum, Lillie		B89
Barnum, Watson	1116	B20
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# Pedigree Chart

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		Born: 21 Aug 1773	cont. 2
		Place: Cheshire, Mass	
		Marr: 7 Dec 1797	
		Place: Cheshire, New York	
		Died: ABT 1857	
		Place: Stratford, New York	
		9 Rhoda MASON	
		Born: 18 Apr 1777	cont. 3
		Place: Lanesboro, Mass.	
		Died: 1866	
		Place: Stratford, New York	
		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:	
2 Mason G. WOOD			
Born: Jun 1827			
Place: Pennsylvania			
Marr: 18 Mar 1852			
Place: Salisbury, New York			
Died: 11 Dec 1893			
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI			
4 Daniel WOOD			
Born: 23 Apr 1800			
Place: Cheshire, Mass			
Marr: 1824			
Place:			
Died: 1882			
Place: Michigan on visit to son			
5 DeMaris BUTLER			
Born:			
Place:			
Died:			
Place:			
1 De Etta WOOD			
Born: 6 Jan 1857			
Place: Salisbury, New York			
Marr: 8 May 1884			
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI			
Died:			
Place:			
Frederick John FILE			
Spouse			
6 Levi SMITH			
Born:			
Place:			
Marr:			
Place:			
Died:			
Place: Salisbury, New York			
3 Mary Anne SMITH			
Born: Oct 1828			
Place: Salisbury, New York			
Died: 18 May 1897			
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI			
7 Arey ?			
Born:			
Place:			
Died:			
Place: Salisbury, New York			
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# Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 2

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## 2 Daniel WOOD

Born: 27 Feb 1750  
Place: Swansea, Mass.  
Marr: 21 Feb 1771  
Place:  
Died: ABT 1820  
Place: Cheshire, Mass.

## 1 Isaac WOOD

Born: 21 Aug 1773  
Place: Cheshire, Mass.  
Marr: 7 Dec 1797  
Place: Cheshire, New York  
Died: ABT 1857  
Place: Stratford, New York

Rhoda MASON  
Spouse

## 3 Rebecca INGALLS

Born: 10 May 1753  
Place: Reobeth, Mass.  
Died: ABT 1833  
Place: Cheshire, Mass.

## 4 Nathan WOOD

Born: 6 Feb 1724  
Place:  
Marr: 20 Jan 1744  
Place: Swansca, Mass.  
Died: 23 Nov 1804  
Place: Cheshire, Mass.

## 5 Robe MASON

Born: 11 Nov 1726  
Place: Swansea, Mass.  
Died: 20 Jan 1745  
Place:

## 6 Samuel INGALLS

Born: 20 Apr 1723  
Place:  
Marr: 11 Jun 1744  
Place:  
Died: 1795  
Place: Cheshire, Mass.

## 7 Ruth MOULTON

Born:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

## 8 John WOOD

Born: 1668  
Place:  
Marr: 23 May 1668  
Place: Swansea, Mass.  
Died: 7 Oct 1757  
Place: Date of Will

## 9 Bethia MASON

Born: 15 Oct 1665  
Place: Reobeth, Mass.  
Died: BEF  
Place: 1712

## 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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Chart no. 3

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

## 2 Brooks MASON

Born: 20 Oct 1737  
Place: Swansea, Mass.  
Marr: 28 Dec 1758  
Place: Swansea, Mass.  
Died: 15 Jun 1825  
Place: Lanesboro, Mass.

## 1 Rhoda MASON

Born: 18 Apr 1777  
Place: Lanesboro, Mass.  
Marr: 7 Dec 1797  
Place: Cheshire, New York  
Died: 1866  
Place: Stratford, New York

Isaac WOOD  
Spouse

## 3 Anne EDDY

Born: 13 Dec 1741  
Place: Swansea, Mass.  
Died: 23 Oct 1802  
Place: Lanesboro, Mass.

## 4 Russell MASON

Born: 21 Apr 1714  
Place:  
Marr: 5 Jun 1736  
Place: Swansea, Mass.  
Died:  
Place:

## 5 Rhoda KINGSLEY

Born: 2 Feb 1721  
Place: Swansea, Mass.  
Died: 10 Oct 1779  
Place:

## 6 Michael EDDY

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

## 7 Jael PIERCE

Born:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

## 8 Peleathia MASON

Born: 1 Apr 1669  
Place:  
Marr: 22 May 1694  
Place: Reobeth, Mass.  
Died: 29 Mar 1763  
Place:

## 9 Hepzibah BROOKS

Born: ABT 1673  
Place: Woburn, Mass.  
Died: 24 Aug 1727  
Place: Swansea, Mass.

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. 4

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 8 on chart no. 2

<p>2 Col. Thos. WOOD  Born: 1638  Place: Portsmouth, R.I.  Marr:  Place:  Died: 1704  Place: Swansea, Mass.</p>	<p>4 John WOOD  Born:  Place: England  Marr:  Place:  Died: 1655  Place: Portsmouth, R.I.</p>	<p>8  Born: cont ____  Place:  Marr:  Place:  Died:  Place:  9  Born: cont ____  Place:  Died:  Place:</p>
<p>1 John WOOD  Born: 1668  Place:  Marr: 23 May 1668  Place: Swansea, Mass.  Died: 7 Oct 1757  Place: Date of Will  Bethia MASON  Spouse</p>	<p>5 Elizabeth ?  Born:  Place:  Died:  Place:</p>	<p>10  Born: cont ____  Place:  Marr:  Place:  Died:  Place:  11  Born: cont ____  Place:  Died:  Place:</p>
<p>3 Rebecca ?  Born:  Place:  Died:  Place:</p>	<p>6  Born:  Place:  Marr:  Place:  Died:  Place:</p>	<p>12  Born: cont ____  Place:  Marr:  Place:  Died:  Place:  13  Born: cont ____  Place:  Died:  Place:</p>
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# Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 5

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 8 on chart no. 3

## 2 Sampson MASON

Born:  
Place: England  
Marr:  
Place: Reobeth, Mass.  
Died: 15 Sep 1676  
Place: Swansca, Mass.

## 1 Peleathia MASON

Born: 1 Apr 1669  
Place:  
Marr: 22 May 1694  
Place: Reobeth, Mass.  
Died: 29 Mar 1763  
Place:

## Hepzibah BROOKS

Spouse

## 3 Mary BUTTERWORTH

Born: 9 Mar 1650  
Place:  
Died: 29 Aug 1714  
Place: Reobeth, Mass.

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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:

cont. \_\_\_\_\_

9

Born:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

cont. \_\_\_\_\_

10

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

cont. \_\_\_\_\_

11

Born:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

cont. \_\_\_\_\_

12

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

cont. \_\_\_\_\_

13

Born:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

cont. \_\_\_\_\_

14

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

cont. \_\_\_\_\_

15

Born:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

cont. \_\_\_\_\_



# Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 1

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

2 Jonathan FILE  
Born: 1826  
Place: Germany  
Marr:  
Place:  
Died: 12 Jan 1888  
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI

1 Frederick John FILE  
Born: 12 Sep 1855  
Place: LaPorte, Ind.  
Marr: 8 May 1884  
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI  
Died: 10 Dec 1943  
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI

De Etta WOOD  
Spouse

3 Corlena H. VANZS  
Born: Apr 1827  
Place: (wilk)  
Died: 16 Sep 1913  
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI

4 J. A. FILE  
Born:  
Place:  
Marr:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

5 Christina ?  
Born:  
Place:  
Died: 1 Apr 1883  
Place: Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI

6 John VANZS  
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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