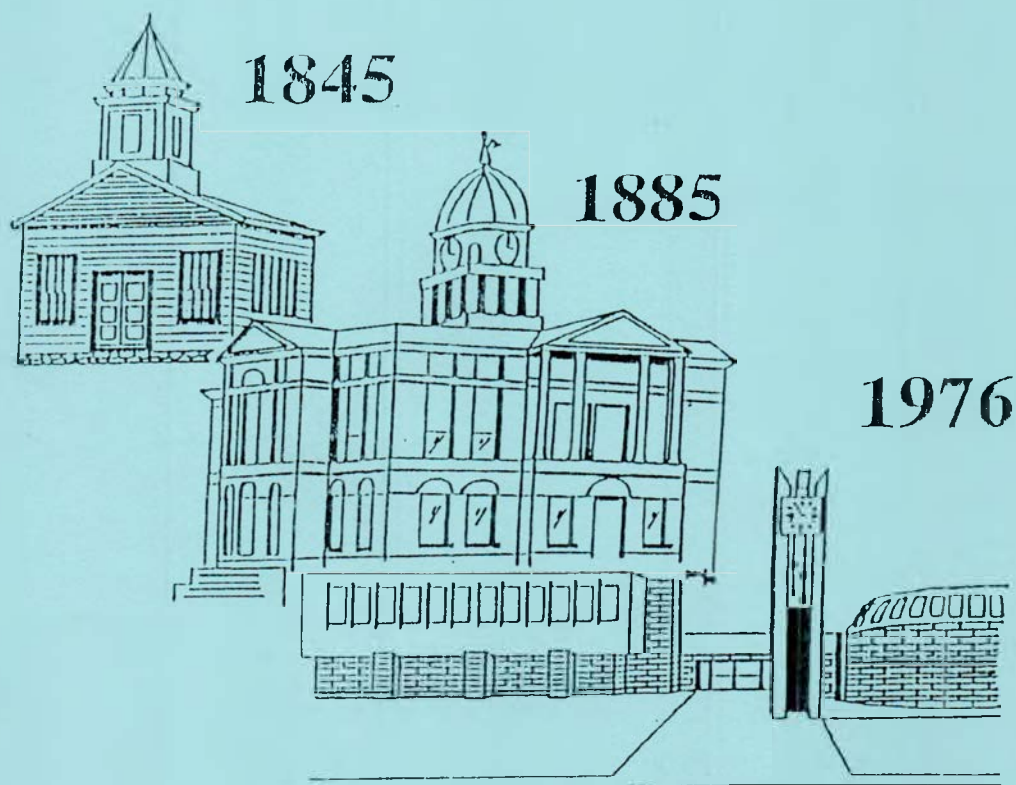


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Dear ECGS Members:

Since this is the last time we will be writing you in our official capacity, we would like to thank each and every one of you for your support during our terms in office.

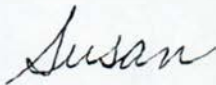
We have enjoyed being able to serve as your President and Vice President for the last six years. We have a wonderful team that are replacing us. Paul Miller will be serving as President and Marcy Cousino will be serving as Vice President.

There are some really great things planned for ECGS in the coming months. We have great programs planned for our members. We are also going to be having a bus trip to Ft. Wayne on Nov. 4. If you have not been on one of this trips before, we would encourage you to do so.

We will both be very active with the Monday night indexing group. We would like to encourage you to come by the office and see what we are doing.

Again, thanks for your support and we know that you will continue to give that same support to your new officers.

Sincerely,



Susan Polhamus
Past President



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EATON COUNTY STATE OF MICHIGAN MARRIAGES

Abstracted by Betty Goostrey
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made.*

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Date of Marriage: 15 January 1856

Groom: **Ezekiel Luman**, age 29 years

Residence:

Bride: **Betsy Jane Hinman**, age 16 years

Residence:

Official Performing: **Alanson Meech**, Justice
of Peace

Place of Marriage: House of **Alanson Meech**,
in Bellevue

Witnesses: **Ellen Meech**
Sarah Youngs

Residence:

Recorded: February 9, 1856

County Clerk: **I. H. Corbin**

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Date of Marriage: 3 February 1856

Groom: **Eli F. Evans**, age 19 years

Residence: Township of Bellevue, Eaton
County, Michigan

Bride: **Mary Jane Peasly**, age 17 years

Residence: Township of Bellevue, Eaton
County, Michigan

Official Performing: **Sylvester Higgins**,
Justice of Peace

Place of Marriage: Bellevue

Witnesses: **Henry Havens**
Maria Bates

Residence: Both from Township of Bellevue

Recorded: February 9, 1856

County Clerk: **I. H. Corbin**

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Date of Marriage: 01 January 1856

Groom: **Mr. William W. Spaulding**, age 21
years

Residence: Town of Springport, County of
Jackson, Michigan

Bride: **Miss Salome Harris**, age 17 years

Residence: Town of Eaton Rapids, Eaton
County, Michigan

Official Performing: **A.W. Curtiss**, Minister

Place of Marriage: Eaton Rapids

Witnesses: **Hiram Harris** of Aurelius

Henry Smith of Eaton Rapids

Recorded: February 9, 1856

County Clerk: **I. H. Corbin**

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Date of Marriage: 20 December 1855

Groom: **Theron H. Tracy**, age 26 years

Residence: Battle Creek, Calhoun County,
Michigan

Bride: **Lovina Williams**, age 24 years

Residence: Battle Creek, Calhoun County,
Michigan

Official Performing: **Alanson Meech**, Justice
of Peace

Place of Marriage: House of **Elial Bond**, in
Village of Bellevue

Witnesses: **Elial Bond**
L.A. Staten

Residence: Both of Bellevue

Recorded: (Not Given)

County Clerk: (Not Given)

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Date of Marriage: 25 December 1855

Groom: **David Stephens**, age 27 years

Residence: Bellevue, Eaton County, Michigan

Bride: **Phebe L. Lewis**, age 16 years

Residence: Bellevue, Eaton County, Michigan

Official Performing: **Alanson Meech**, Justice
of Peace

Place of Marriage: House of **Mary Lewis**
Bellevue

Witnesses: **Henry Meech**
Mary Lewis

Residence: Both of Bellevue

Recorded: (Not Given)

County Clerk: (Not Given)

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Date of Marriage: 02 January 1856

Groom: **David Dewitt**, age 20 years

Residence: Calhoun County, Michigan

Bride: **Jane Steel**, age 18 years

Residence: Calhoun County, Michigan

Official Performing: **Alanson Meech**, Justice
of Peace

Place of Marriage: Township of Bellevue,
House of **George W. Dewitt**

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Witnesses: **George W. Dewitt**
Susan Dewitt

Residence: Both of Bellevue
Recorded: February 9, 1856
County Clerk: **I. H. Corbin**

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Date of Marriage: 27 November 1856 (sic)
Groom: **Nelson Edget**, age 22 years
Residence: Township of Eaton Rapids, Eaton
County, Michigan
Bride: **Sarah Lake**, age 18 years
Residence:
Official Preforming: **Enoch Longmate**,
Justice of Peace
Place of Marriage: Township of Windsor
Witnesses: (Not Given)

Residence:
Recorded: February 9, 1856
County Clerk: **I. H. Corbin**

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Date of Marriage: 30 January 1856
Groom: **Mr. Frederick Talmadge**, age 22
years
Residence: Bellevue, Eaton County, Michigan
Bride: **Miss Adeline S. Hovey**, age 22 years
Residence: Walton, Eaton County, Michigan
Official Preforming: **E.N. Bartlett**
Place of Marriage: Town of Walton, Olivet
Witnesses: (Not Given)

Residence:
Recorded: February 5, 1856
County Clerk: (Not Given)

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Date of Marriage: 01 January 1856
Groom: **Mr. Philo B. Abby**, age 19 years
Residence: Town of Onondaga, County of
Ingham, Michigan
Bride: **Miss Martha Jane Keeler**, age 19
years
Residence: Town of Eaton Rapids, Eaton
County, Michigan
Official Preforming: **A.W. Curtiss**, Minister
Place of Marriage: Eaton Rapids
Witnesses: **Elbert N. Abby** of Onondaga
Charles French of Rives
Recorded: February 16, 1856
County Clerk: **I. H. Corbin**

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Date of Marriage: 26 March 1856 (sic)
Groom: **Eliot Oatley**, age 26 years
Residence:
Bride: **Anna E. Flora**, age 16 years

Residence:
Official Preforming: **Henry Robinson**, Minister
Place of Marriage: Residence of **John Flora**,
Carmel

Witnesses: **Melinda Flora**
Ann Dusenbury

Residence:
Recorded: March 13, 1856 (sic)
County Clerk: **I. H. Corbin**

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Date of Marriage: 2 March 1856
Groom: **Christian E. Miller**, age 23 years
Residence: Carmel, Eaton County, Michigan
Bride: **Julia A. Miller**, age 19 years
Residence: Carmel, Eaton County, Michigan
Official Preforming: **Henry Robinson**, Minister
Place of Marriage: Residence of **Daniel S.**
Miller of Carmel

Witnesses: **Allen Dean**
Daniel S. Miller

Residence: (Not Given)
Recorded: (Not Given)
County Clerk: (Not Given)

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Date of Marriage: 27 February 1856
Groom: **William H. Brooks**, age 24 years
Residence: Bellevue, Eaton County, Michigan
Bride: **Sarah N. Youngs**, age 22 years
Residence: Bellevue, Eaton County, Michigan
Official Preforming: **D.B. Bowen**, Justice of
Peace
Place of Marriage: Kalamo
Witnesses: **Caroline D. Bowen**
Oliver Reed

Residence:
Recorded: March 13, 1856
County Clerk: **I. H. Corbin**

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Date of Marriage: 10 February 1856
Groom: **Findley D. Buckingham**, age 23
years
Residence: Convis, Calhoun County,
Michigan
Bride: **Ann Session**, age 16 years
Residence: Convis, Calhoun County,
Michigan
Official Preforming: **Alanson Meech**, Justice
of Peace
Place of Marriage: House of **Elial Bond**,
Town of Bellevue
Witnesses: **Elial Bond**
Amos Hutchinson

Residence:
Recorded: March 13, 1856
County Clerk: **I. H. Corbin**

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Date of Marriage: 05 March 1856
 Groom: **Hiram Herring**, age 21 years
 Residence:
 Bride: **Emma E. Driscoll**, age 17 years
 Residence:
 Official Performing: **E.D. Lacey**, Justice of Peace
 Place of Marriage: Home of **Thos. Driscoll**, Township of Kalamo
 Witnesses: **Johicel Karcher**
Charles Shuter
 Residence: Both of Kalamo
 Recorded: March 13, 1856
 County Clerk: **I. H. Corbin**

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Date of Marriage: 21 January 1856
 Groom: **Otis B. Brown**, age 24 years
 Residence: Bellevue, Eaton County, Michigan
 Bride: **Miss Melissa Blue**, age 19 years
 Residence: Bellevue, Eaton County, Michigan
 Official Performing: **G.W. Hoag**, Minister
 Place of Marriage: Bellevue
 Witnesses: **Wm. B. Andrus**
Nathan Brown
 Residence:
 Recorded: March 13, 1856
 County Clerk: **I. H. Corbin**

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Date of Marriage: 24 February 1856
 Groom: **Mr. Meritt Sutliff**, age 38 years
 Residence: Vermontville, Eaton County, Michigan
 Bride: **Mrs. Sarah Bevard**, age 36 years
 Residence: Vermontville, Eaton County, Michigan
 Official Performing: **G.W. Hoag**, Minister
 Place of Marriage: Bellevue
 Witnesses: **Elizabeth B. Anderson**
E.A. Hoag
 Residence:
 Recorded: March 13, 1856
 County Clerk: **I. H. Corbin**

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Date of Marriage: 1 January 1856
 Groom: **Adonivan J. Payne**, age 23 years
 Residence: Chester, Eaton County, Michigan
 Bride: **Miss Harriett S. Sutton**, age 24 years
 Residence: Chester, Eaton County, Michigan
 Official Performing: **John Tompkin**, Pastor of Baptist Church
 Place of Marriage: Chester
 Witnesses: **J.C. Williams**
H.A. Paine
 Residence: Both of Chester

Recorded: March 20, 1856
 County Clerk: **I. H. Corbin**

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Date of Marriage: 16 March 1856
 Groom: **Mr. M. Waldo**, age 22 years
 Residence: Oneida, Eaton County, Michigan
 Bride: **Miss Elizabeth Nixon**, age 16 years
 Residence: Oneida, Eaton County, Michigan
 Official Performing: **Dan'l Bainard**, Minister of M.E. Church
 Place of Marriage: Delta
 Witnesses: **Mr. Charles E. Waldo**

Residence: Oneida
 Recorded: March 20, 1856
 County Clerk: **I. H. Corbin**

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Date of Marriage: 20 March 1856
 Groom: **George W. Bisell**, age 23 years
 Residence: Township of Carmel, Eaton County, Michigan
 Bride: **Miss Mary A. Roberts**, age 18 years
 Residence: Township of Carmel, Eaton County, Michigan
 Official Performing: **Cyrus Cummings**, Justice of Peace
 Place of Marriage: House of **Wm. Roberts**, Carmel
 Witnesses: **William Roberts**
Mary Jane Roberts
David A. Green & Others
 Residence: Carmel
 Recorded: March 20, 1856
 County Clerk: **I. H. Corbin**

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Date of Marriage: 22 March 1856
 Groom: **Michael Weaver**, age 24 years
 Residence: Marengo, Calhoun County, Michigan
 Bride: **Mary Jane Fox**, age 19 years
 Residence: Marengo, Calhoun County, Michigan
 Official Performing: **E. N. Bartlett**, Pastor of Cong. Church
 Place of Marriage: Olivet
 Witnesses: **Allen Wilcon**
Leonard Wheeler

Residence:
 Recorded: March 27, 1856
 County Clerk: **I. H. Corbin**

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Eaton County Death Records

Abstracted from Microfilm
by Drouscella Halsey

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Volume 1 Page 31 #587
Date of Death: 11 June 1870
Name: **Thomas Hinckley**
Sex: Male, White
Marital Status: Married
Age: 90y 5m 6d
Place of Death: Windsor
Cause of Death: Debility Age
Birthplace: New Hampshire
Occupation: Miller
Parents:

Their Residence:
Recorded: May 31, 1871

Volume 1 Page 31 #588
Date of Death: 10 December 1870
Name: **Elizabeth Gilbert**
Sex: Female, White
Marital Status: Widowed
Age: 82y 10m 24d
Place of Death: Windsor
Cause of Death: Debility Age
Birthplace: Connecticut
Occupation:
Parents: **Joseph Morse**
Lydia Morse
Their Residence:
Recorded: May 31, 1871

Volume 1 Page 31 #589
Date of Death: 2 September 1870
Name: **Candis E. Streeter**
Sex: Female, White
Marital Status:
Age: 1y 11m 8d
Place of Death: Windsor
Cause of Death: Typhoid Fever

Birthplace: Windsor
Occupation:
Parents: **Sidney S. Streeter**
Adalaide Streeter
Their Residence: Windsor
Recorded: May 31, 1871

Volume 1 Page 31 #590
Date of Death: 16 Oct 1870
Name: **Mary French**
Sex: Female, White
Marital Status:
Age: 8y 1m 14d
Place of Death: Windsor
Cause of Death: Typhoid Fever
Birthplace: Windsor
Occupation:
Parents: **Elmer French**
Delia French
Their Residence:
Recorded: May 31, 1871

Volume 1 Page 31 #591
Date of Death: 24 August 1870
Name: _____ **Peck**
Sex: Male, White
Marital Status:
Age: _____
Place of Death: Windsor
Cause of Death: Still Born
Birthplace: Windsor
Occupation:
Parents: **Lucian Peck**
Rena Peck
Their Residence: Windsor
Recorded: May 31, 1871

Volume 1 Page 31 #592
Date of Death: unk October 1870
Name: _____ **Johnson**
Sex: Male
Marital Status:
Age: _____
Place of Death: Windsor
Cause of Death: Still Born
Birthplace: Windsor
Occupation:
Parents: **Oliver B. Johnson**
Mary June Johnson
Their Residence:
Recorded: May 31, 1871

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Date of Death: 2 October 1870
Name: **Jessie Williams**
Sex: Female
Marital Status:
Age: __y 5m 21d
Place of Death: Windsor
Cause of Death: Diarrhea
Birthplace: Windsor
Occupation:
Parents: **Hiram Williams**
Louisa Williams
Their Residence: Windsor
Recorded: May 31, 1871

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Date of Death: 2 June 1870
Name: **Rachel Stiefel**
Sex: Female
Marital Status: Married
Age: 30y 11m __d
Place of Death: Windsor
Cause of Death: Debility after Child Birth
Birthplace: Germany
Occupation:
Parents: **John Benner**
Mary Benner
Their Residence: Delhi
Recorded: May 31, 1871

Volume 1 Page 32 #595

Date of Death: 4 January 1870
Name: **Harmony Troxell**
Sex: Female
Marital Status:
Age: __y __m 28d
Place of Death: Windsor
Cause of Death: Infant Debility
Birthplace: Delhi
Occupation:
Parents: **Ralph Troxell**
Electa Troxell
Their Residence: Windsor
Recorded: May 31, 1871

Volume 1 Page 32 #596

Date of Death: 22 September 1870
Name: **Malinda Jane Robbins**
Sex: Female
Marital Status:
Age: 2y 6m 27d
Place of Death: Windsor
Cause of Death: Typhoid Dysentery
Birthplace: Windsor
Occupation:
Parents: **John Robbins**

Mary A. E. Robbins

Their Residence: Windsor
Recorded: May 31, 1871

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Date of Death: 15 April 1870
Name: **Christian Seiser**
Sex: Male
Marital Status: Widowed
Age: 71y __m __d
Place of Death: Windsor
Cause of Death: Consumption of Lungs
Birthplace: Germany
Occupation:
Parents: **Unknown**

Their Residence: Unknown
Recorded: May 31, 1871

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Date of Death: __ October 1870
Name: **Mary Jane Johnson**
Sex: Female
Marital Status: Married
Age: 28y __m __d
Place of Death: Windsor
Cause of Death: Debility at child birth
Birthplace: Ohio
Occupation:
Parents: **Unknown**

Their Residence: Ohio
Recorded: May 31, 1871

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Date of Death: 26 May 1870
Name: **Arabella Shappell**
Sex: Female
Marital Status: Married
Age: 34y __m __d
Place of Death: Windsor
Cause of Death: Dropsy
Birthplace: Ohio
Occupation:
Parents: **Wm. Ross**
Polly Ross

Their Residence: Ohio
Recorded: May 31, 1871

Volume 1 Page 32 #600

Date of Death: 6 August 1870
Name: **Wesley Fryback**
Sex: Male
Marital Status: Single
Age: 15y 11m __d
Place of Death: Windsor

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Cause of Death: Shot himself accidentally
Birthplace: Indiana
Occupation:
Parents: **William Fryback**
Malinda Fryback
Their Residence: Windsor
Recorded: May 31, 1871

Volume 1 Page 32 #601

Date of Death: 1 April 1870
Name: **E.G. Beckwith**
Sex: Male
Marital Status:
Age: 5y 3m 14d
Place of Death: Windsor
Cause of Death: Scarlet Fever
Birthplace: Windsor
Occupation:
Parents: **E.G. Beckwith**
Mantha Beckwith
Their Residence: Windsor
Recorded: May 31, 1871

Volume 1 Page 32 #602

Date of Death: 20 January 1870
Name: **Mahalah Longmate**
Sex: Female
Marital Status: Married
Age: 38y 7m __d
Place of Death: Windsor
Cause of Death: Dropsy
Birthplace: New York
Occupation:
Parents: **Nicholous Koon**
Samantha Koon
Their Residence: New York
Recorded: May 31, 1871

Volume 1 Page 32 #603

Date of Death: 27 February 1870
Name: **John Leisenring**
Sex: Male
Marital Status: Married
Age: 33y 6m 14d
Place of Death: Windsor
Cause of Death: Typhoid Fever
Birthplace: New York
Occupation: Farmer
Parents: **David Leisenring**
Sally Leisenring
Their Residence: Hudson, Mich.
Recorded: May 31, 1871

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Date of Death: 12 February 1870
Name: **Samuel Cressey**

Sex: Male
Marital Status: Married
Age: 34y 1m __d
Place of Death: Windsor
Cause of Death: Typhoid Fever
Birthplace: New York
Occupation: Farmer
Parents: **Joseph Cressey**
Mary Cressey
Their Residence: England
Recorded: May 31, 1871

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Date of Death: 25 July 1870
Name: **Dewitt C. Day**
Sex: Male
Marital Status: Single
Age: 18y 4m 21d
Place of Death: Windsor
Cause of Death: Typhoid Fever
Birthplace:
Occupation: Farmer
Parents: **Abram Day**
Elizabeth Day
Their Residence: Windsor
Recorded: May 31, 1871

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Date of Death: 27 April 1870
Name: **Ann Christian**
Sex: Female
Marital Status: Married
Age: 50y __m 21d
Place of Death: Windsor
Cause of Death: Consumption of Bowels
Birthplace: New York
Occupation:
Parents: **Reuben Parmenter**
Sally Parmenter
Their Residence: New York
Recorded: May 31, 1871

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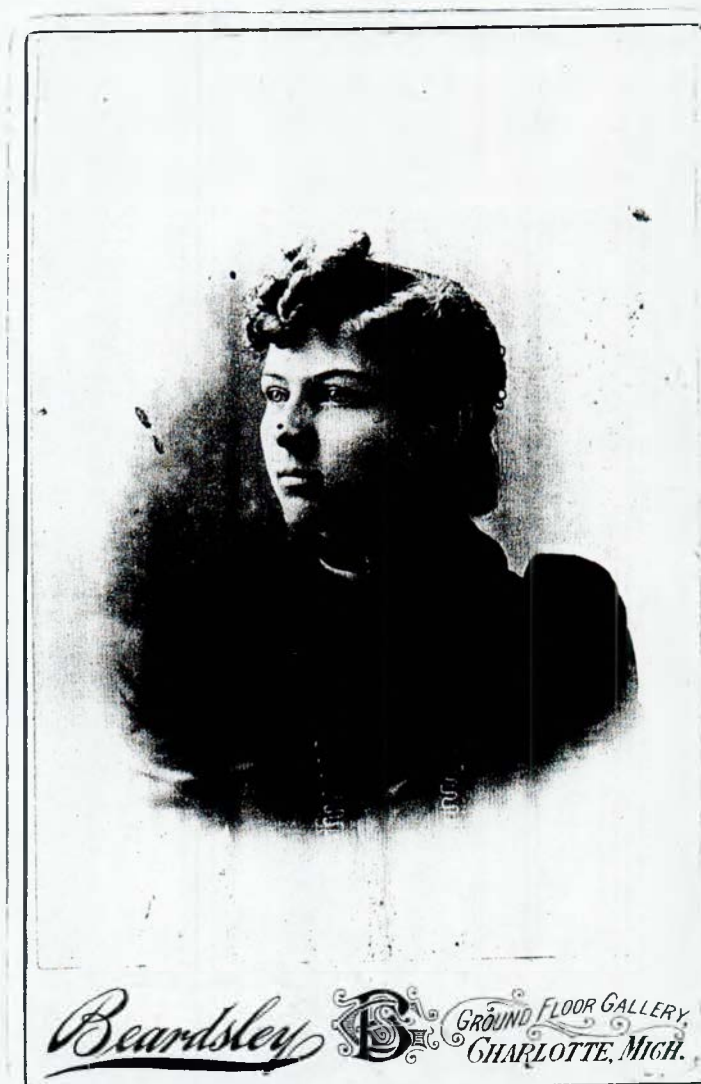
Date of Death: 17 October 1870
Name: **Julia A. Albro**
Sex: Female
Marital Status: Married
Age: 26y 10m 4d
Place of Death: Windsor
Cause of Death: Heart disease
Birthplace: Ohio
Occupation:
Parents: __ **Stickney**
Marella Stickney
Their Residence: Ohio
Recorded: May 31, 1871

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Hamlin Township History

By Mary Jean Baker

Hamlin was, for a time, part of Bellevue and later part of Eaton Township.

March 20, 1841, it was "set off and organized into a township by the name of Tyler." It was evidently named for **Vice-president John Tyler**.

Nine years later, Eaton Rapids had grown up its north boundary line and petitioned to have the two united, which happened.

Another nineteen years later, March 26, 1869, the township was again detached and given the name of Hamlin after one of its early settlers, **Samuel Hamlin**.

Other First Settlers:

John Montgomery (see story elsewhere in Quest)

Robert Montgomery
Mr. Shepherd
Silas Loomis
Ira Turner
J.W. Toles
Elijah Wilcox
Johnson Montgomery
Amos Spicer
Fred Spicer
P.E. Spicer
Daniel Bateman
Benjamin Knight
Charles Hanchet
Samuel Hamlin
C.C. Darling
George Allyn

Notable People of Hamlin

Hon. Amos Spicer - highly honored and esteemed citizen

Allen Conklin - assisted in building the first bridge across the Grand River at the county line.

Rev. William W. Crane - first resident minister and was said to have married all the people in Hamlin and preach all the funeral sermons.

George W. Bently, Jacob Gilman & T. N. Stringham - among early settlers and on the tax payers list in 1844. The list included 101 names.

Wm. W. Crane - first supervisor.

Miss Ruth Horn - first teacher. Taught in 1837 in shanty of **George Y. Cowan**.

Miss Lucina Emerson - taught in 1838.

First Settler in Section One Of Hamlin Township

By Mary Jean Baker

The first pioneer to settle in Section One of the southeastern part of the county, now known as Hamlin Township, was **John Montgomery**, better known as **Colonel John**.

John Montgomery was born in Ireland, March 22, 1804, coming later to New York. John married **Amanda Rorabeck**, on February 17, 1828. He had his own farm in New York when he came to Michigan on March 2, 1831 by foot. He walked all the way through Canada and back again reaching home the last day of March that year.

In 1835, he had cleared his land on his farm in New York, and improved it and was able to sell the farm for \$2,150. A **Mr. Boyden** came with **Montgomery** into Eaton County from Jackson County. **Montgomery** found land that he liked, so he purchased 400 acres of burr oak plains land.

His brother, **Robert Montgomery** and **Mr. J. Shepherd** cut a road for twenty miles to reach **Montgomery's** land. They built a cabin in three days. **Willis Bush** also came and located a farm on Section 36 of Eaton Rapids Township.

Mr. John Montgomery began to dabble in politics and became a county commissioner. He worked hard and successfully to get a bridge built at Eaton Rapids. He later was a Supervisor for several years and in 1849 elected Representative to the Legislature. He served in the Civil War and was commissioned by **Governor Barry** as a Brigadier General.

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Montgomery built a stone house from rock he extricated from the Grand River. It was transported by oxcarts to the building site. The cope stone over the main entrance bears the following:

John Montgomery
June the 26, 1848
John Clark
Architect

This house is one of the outstanding landmarks in the state. It is located on East Plains Road.

For those interested, there is a lot more written about the **Montgomery Family** in *"The Only Eaton Rapids on Earth"* by W. Scott Munn.

Old Clinton Trail

At the intersection of Clinton Trail and M-50, between sections 21 and 22 in Hamlin Township, a tablet has been sunk in a huge boulder, which reads:

Clinton Trail

An Indian path later used by the pioneer settlers of Michigan and marked by Eaton County Federation of Women's Clubs, 1937.

Commencing at this point in Hamlin Township, M-50 is the revised "Old Clinton Trail".

The distance between the points where **John Montgomery** entered Hamlin Township and the Clinton Trail is between six and eight miles. The trail was completed first, and had **Mr. Montgomery** chosen to make his pilgrimage by a more southern route, he and his companions could have been relieved of the laborious task of opening a new road for those twenty miles.

Other Hamlin Township Pioneers

Daniel W. Gould owned several hundred acres of land in Hamlin, located between State Street and Grand River north and south and Forest Street and Smithville Road east and west, later the **Miller's Dairy Farm no. 5**.

Samuel Hamlin settled on Section 9, Hamlin Township immediately south of the **Hamlin Cemetery**.

Mr. Morse - associated with **Morse Creek**, sometimes referred to as the **Hobart Drain**, in section 26 of Hamlin Township. It got its name

from **Mr. Morse**. Its course is northwest and passes between **Rose Hill** and **Oakwood Cemeteries** and empties into **Spring Brook** not far from the **Michigan Central Railroad Bridge**.

Mr. Morse manufactured various kinds of chairs for which it is said he had quite a market.

Perrine Brothers - Reuben, David, Solomon C. and George.

Reuben became a land owner in 1835, settling in section one of Hamlin township and in 1836 on a parcel of land in section seven, Onondaga township, now the **V.F.W. National Home**.

That parcel of land, southeast portion of Section two, Hamlin township (site of the dam) was acquired from the Government by **J. Ford** in 1836, later owned by **George Foote** to **C.C. Darling** and then to **Solomon C.** and **David Perrine** in 1850 and to **William Smith** in 1887.

Solomon and **David** owned the land on either side of the dam, while **Reuben** and **David** secured the water rights.

In the early days, dams were built of logs with board chutes. This dam was constructed of stone and without a doubt was built by **George Perrine**.

The **Perrine's** were one of the finest pioneer families in the locality.

Reynolds Family -

Steven and his wife came from Canandaigua County, New York in 1835 to Hamlin Township. They secured a tract of government land in section 36. He was the first man to settle in that part of the township.

They were parents of a large family. Five of the boys remained in the locality. **William** was a farmer, **Isaac** was in mercantile business, **Refus H.** had a boot and shoe business and loved to hunt and trap, and **B. Franklin** was a carpenter. **Steven H.** followed mining in the West for several years.

Isaac was a leader in business and sponsored the building of the "**Red Ribbon Hall**" in Eaton Rapids.

Hyatt Family -

Also, early settlers in Hamlin township.

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Early Township Officers

Supervisors: Daniel Scott, George W. Knight, David B. Hale & C. Marion Jennings.

Town Clerks: Hiram Smoke, L.B. Huntoon, Birney E. Shaw, John H. York, J. Warren Smith, Chester H. Cowan & Alanson Harwood.

Treasurers: F.A. Long, Emerson Blodgett, Alanson Osborn, George E. Lake, G.D. Scott, Winfield S. Henderson & Chester H. Cowan.

Oakwood Cemetery

Oakwood Cemetery is located just outside the city edge on Spicerville Highway, to the south of Rose Hill in Eaton Rapids, was formerly known as "**King Cemetery**." It was purchased from **Rufus King**, a supervisor who owned the farm south and across the highway.

Hamlin township supervises **Oakwood Cemetery**. The two cemeteries are separated by a ravine, which **Morse Creek** winds its way to **Spring Brook**.

Sources for all the Hamlin Township articles are attributed to "The Only Eaton Rapids on Earth", by W.Scott Munn, and "Pioneer History of Eaton County", by Daniel Strange.

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Albert M. Barber, who is now living in the city of Charlotte, is a native of Eaton county, a member of one of its old and honored families, and has personally been a prominent and successful business man, as will be revealed in his brief sketch. He was born in Vermontville, this county, May 14, 1846, and is a son of **Edward H. and Laura E. (Root) Barber**, both of whom were born in the state of Vermont, the respective families having early been founded in New England. The parents were numbered among the early pioneers of Eaton county, where they took up their residence in 1837, which year marked the admission of the state to the Union. The father secured large tracts of government land, having owned at one time fully two thousand acres, while he reclaimed much land to cultivation, thus aiding in ushering in the era of development and progress. He was of that sturdy type of which the true pioneer must ever be, having the rugged honesty and virile strength which the mountains of his native state seem to beget, --- "The mountains still are free; they hurl oppression back; they keep the boon of liberty." **Edward H. Barber** wielded much influence in the material and civic affairs of the county in the early days, and here he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1865. His widow long survived him, being summoned to the life eternal April 26, 1891, at the venerable age of eighty years. He had been previously married, and the children of the first union were four in number and of the second, five. The older children were born in Vermont, where the first wife died, but all those of the second marriage were born after the removal of the family to Eaton county, Michigan. **Albert M. Barber** was reared to manhood in this county, in whose schools he secured his educational training. As a youth he was

employed for some time as clerk in the general store in Vermontville, where he was made the first station agent of the Michigan Central Railroad after its line had been completed through the town. He was employed as mercantile salesman about four years, after which he was for a time partner in a general store in his native town. Finally he became associated with his brother, **Marshall F.**, in the purchase of a hardware and agricultural implement business in Vermontville. In 1882 he disposed of his interests in this enterprise and removed to Charlotte, where he was identified with the same line of business until the spring of 1904, the firm title having been in turn: Barber, Green & Company, Barber & Merritt, and Barber & Spencer. From the time of attaining his majority Mr. Barber has given an unswerving support to the Republican party, and he has held various local offices of public trust. He was city treasurer of Charlotte for two years, and served one year as mayor, giving a most business-like and satisfactory administration of the municipal government. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows, the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, and the Knights of Pythias, being held in high regard in both the business and social circles of his home city, where he has very considerable capitalistic interests. Mrs. Barber is a member of the Congregational church. December 24, 1872, Mr. Barber was united in marriage to **Miss Ella Harroun**, of Barry county, a daughter of **Seth Harroun**, who came to Michigan from the state of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Barber became the parents of three children, the eldest, **Frederick H.**, having died in early childhood. **Bess L.**, who is a graduate of the University of Michigan, is now the wife of **Horace A. Hamilton**, of Charlotte. **C. Royal**, who was graduated in the high school and who was a student in the University of Michigan for two years, is now a traveling salesman for a Detroit business house.

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Warren J. Williams. Too much praise can scarcely be given to those who after years of toil at last rest in the full fruition of their hopes of fortune and secure from want remain in their pleasant home, blessed by the love and devotion of their children. Such may be said of the gentleman above named, who by his industry and perseverance has been rewarded as the career of such honorable and successful men deserve.

The subject of this biographical sketch was born in the town of Batavia, Genesee County, N.Y., February 18, 1823. He was the son of **Jacob and Christiana (Barrett) Williams**, natives of England and Oneida County, N.Y., respectively. He lived on the homestead in Genesee County until twenty-one years old. He then worked out at odd jobs for a time before coming West. His father said to him the day he was twenty-one years old: "Now you are of age and must look out for yourself and earn your own living. If you get in any scrape you will bear the shame yourself. You have never done anything wrong and I hope you never will." Our subject was very much affected by his father's stern advice and felt as if he had not a friend in the world.

Thinking the West afforded a better opening for the energies of a young man he came to Barry County in 1854, settling in Prairieville Township, purchasing eighty acres of fertile and productive land partially improved, there being a log house upon the place. He cleared the farm and lived there until 1887 when he removed to Hastings and purchased a fine home on the corner of Grand and Broadway Streets where he now lives. While living on the farm he purchased one hundred acres more of land and on this place he built a house costing \$4,000, fine and substantial barns and carried on general farming, setting out fruit trees, etc. He also purchased a place at Petoskey, in Emmet County, where he built a summer resort at which he spends about four months each year.

The subject of this sketch led to the hymeneal altar **Miss Ann Backus**, of Genesee County, N.Y., the daughter of **J.M. and Sarah (Sutton) Backus**, in 1847. The father and mother of Mrs. Williams were natives of New

York. The father was a farmer and came West in 1875, settling at Prairieville, Barry County, where he lived a retired life until his death in 1878. The mother survived her husband but one week when she, too, passed to the land beyond. This couple reared nine children, five of whom are now living --- **Columbus, Harvey, Mrs. Ann Williams, Nettie and Harriet (Mrs. Durkey).**

Jacob Williams was a soldier in the War of 1812, enlisting as a drummer boy. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, his wife being a member of the same church. They were the parents of six children --- **Warren J. George W., Samuel, John B., Lewis, Mary (Mrs. Barrett)**, all of whom reside in this county. The father was a Republican in politics. Our subject and his wife were blessed by the birth of one child, **Harvey W.** who married **Frances Mareau**. They became the parents of three children, one son and two daughters: **Belle** died in infancy; **Hart** died aged seventeen years; he was a promising youth in who the parents and grandparents took great pride. The only living child, **Hattie**, is residing with her parents in Prairieville. Mr. Williams' adherence is given to the Republican party; he is looked upon with respect by his fellow-men as an honorable citizen and kindly man, while the lovable disposition and pleasing manners of his wife win many friends.

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Clark -- Sunday, December 3, at the residence of her son, **George E. Woodbury**, on East Prairie street, **Mrs. Lucy J. Clark**, aged 86 years, 5 months and 12 days, after an illness of one week.

Deceased was born in New Hampshire, June 21, 1807. She was first married to **Stephen Woodbury**, removing to Bellevue, Michigan, in 1838. Six children were born to them, two of which survive her, **Charles Woodbury**, of Ainger, and **George E. Woodbury**, of this city. Her first husband having died, she married **Samuel Clark**. Two children were born to them, **Albert and Edwin**, both of which survive her and now reside in Olivet. Since her husband's death she has made her home with her son George. Friends will meet at the residence

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today (Wednesday) at 11 o'clock, where after a short service they will proceed to the Ainger M.P. church, where **Elder Sloan** will take charge of the services, after which the remains will be laid to rest in the Spaulding cemetery. Mrs. Clark was a good, true, noble, christian woman, possessing one of the most beautiful characters and was loved by all who knew her. She leaves a large circle of friends to mourn their loss.

Faulkner ---- At his home in Brookfield on Saturday, May 12, 1893, of heart disease and lung trouble, **Mr. John A. Faulkner**, aged about fifty-five years. Mr. Faulkner was one of the pioneers of Brookfield.

Ford ---- Of heart disease at the home of his son, in Benton, on Monday, April 16, 1894, **James Ford** aged 81 years.

Another old pioneer gone. Uncle James Ford died Sunday evening, April 15, aged 81 years. He was a member of the M.E. church for many years. He rests from his labors and his works do follow him. His wife died about eight years ago. He leaves two sons and two daughters and a very large circle of friends to mourn his loss. Funeral Wednesday at half past 9 o'clock at the M.E. church. Remains will be taken to Albion for burial.

Hauser ---- At the home of **P.H. Green** on Lovett street in this city on Monday, May 14, 1893. **Elizabeth Hauser**, aged ____ (?) years. The remains were taken to Onondaga this morning for burial.

Hite ---- In Charlotte on Monday, June 11, 1894 (?), of strangulated hernia, **John Hite** aged about seventy four years.

Deceased worked at the Baird house a portion of the forenoon, but not feeling well left for his room in the Woodbury block, where after suffering excruciating agony for several hours and being unable to make anyone hear him he was found toward evening in a very nervous condition. Drs. Snell, Newark and Weaver were called and at his earnest solicitation he was given chloroform. He died while under its effects and although the drug may have hastened death there was no possible chance to do anything for him. The hernia was eighteen inches in circumference and ten inches long and could not possibly have been put in place. An inquest was held by **Esq. Nichols**, the jury deciding that Mr. Hite's death resulted from

natural causes. He was a veteran of the civil war and got his quarterly pension check on the morning of his death. Funeral from the M.E. church this morning at 11:30, **Rev. E.G. Lewis** officiating.

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Garber ---- At his home on Pearl street, on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 18__ (?) of old age. **Rev. Jacob Garber**, aged 98 yrs, 9 months and 12 days.

Only once has the Tribune announced the death of so aged a person. **Mrs. Wise** of Chester, although **Mr. Davis** and **Mrs. Robb** were nearly as old. Mr. Garber was a puny child when ushered into this world. The doctors recommended tobacco for him and thus at the early age of nine years he contracted this habit. He never used it excessively, a pound lasting him two months. At an early age he joined the U.B. church and was a devoted member of that organization throughout his very long lifetime although he was possessed of so genuine a Christian spirit that he could work with any denomination in his Master's vineyard. The story of his early struggles have been told in our columns. He was a man who cared nothing for riches, yet he never came to want, and no doubt many years were added to his life because of the peace of mind which he enjoyed in a work for humanity. The writer well remembers the earnest plea for right, noble living which Uncle Garber gave in his annual sermon delivered last January at the Lutheran church in this city. He thought then that it would be his last public message and so it was. For the last eight months his health has gradually given way until the end came peacefully and victoriously last Thursday. There is food for thought in the lives of such men as Rev. Garber. They preach a constant lesson of obedience to universal law. At the age of 25 he married **Miss Catharine Bretz** who died sixteen years ago. He leaves three children, **Samuel Garber**, of this city with who he has lived for several years, **Gideon Garber**, of Windsor, and **Mrs. Rebecca Spittler**, of Bloomville, Ohio. The funeral was held from the U.B. church on Saturday, **Rev. S. Ferguson**, assisted by **Rev. Titus** and **Presiding Elder Hamp**, officiating.

Goodrich ---- On Monday, April 23, 1894, **Mr. Ruel Goodrich**, aged 89 years, 1 month and 17 days.

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Mr. Goodrich was a native of New York where he was born March 6, 1805. In his early years he taught school but principally through life has been engaged in farming. He settled in Walton forty years ago but for the past twenty-five has lived in this city. Mr. G. was an exceptionally intelligent and well informed old gentleman and could repeat any number of the choice poems of Scott, Burns, Dryden, Pope, etc. He was a staunch republican since 1848 and always held to the Universalist faith that all mankind are brothers, children of the selfsame God. Mr. G. was in his usual health until the day of his death. For the past six months he has been living when his daughter, **Mrs. J.D. Butler**. On Monday Mr. and Mrs. Butler had an engagement to go to Kalamo and **Mr. Andrew Goodrich** was called to stay with his father during their absence. The old gentleman was around as usual and about five o'clock Andrew was called home, his father urging him to go and attend to some business matter. An hour and a half later Mr. Goodrich was found dead in the chicken park where he had gone to feed the fowls. There was no evidence of any struggle and it is certain that he died very suddenly. Mr. Goodrich leaves several sons and daughters some of whom are themselves approaching old age. Of these, **Andrew, Descon, Perry and Mrs. Brusa Butler** live in this city and **Mrs. Rosalie Walfrum** in Grand Ledge. Mrs. Goodrich preceded her husband to the unknown country about five months. The funeral will be held from **J.D. Butler's** today, at 2 o'clock, **Rev. E.G. Lewis** conducting the services, **Esq. Webber** impaneled a jury yesterday morning, as follows: **Solomon Fisher, B.C. Peters, F.M. Overmeyer, F.M. Hoekstrop, Thomas Donovan and Charles Welch. Dr. P.D. Patterson** gave the expert testimony and the finding was that the deceased came to his death from natural causes i.e. from heart failure incident to organic heart disease and extreme old age.

Hoffner --- At the home of his son, **Andrew Hoffner** of Eaton Rapids, on Tuesday, April 26, 1894, of old age, **Jacob Hoffner** aged 89 years and 7 days.

Mr. Hoffner was born at Frankfort on the Main, Germany, April 19, 1805. He received a liberal education for his day and was a great reader and well posted on current events. He came to America in 1846 (?) settling first in Rochester, N.Y. He there carried on the trade of a wagonmaker and was noted for good

conscientious work. He was twice married and leaves five living children all good citizens. Upon the death of his second wife in 1870 he came (January 1871) to live with his son in Eaton. During his residence here of nearly a quarter of a century he has made many friends who will miss his genial smiles and hearty greetings. The funeral took place Sunday, **Rev. Niles** officiating. Interment at the Eaton cemetery. **Peter Hoffner**, of Shortsville, N.Y., **Mrs. Mary Severance** of Hobart, Indiana, and **Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Eligh** of Lake View, Michigan, relatives of the deceased, attended the funeral.

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A Family Letter

Submitted by **Sheila Mott**

Miss Bertha Estelle
Fairmount, Dakota

Dear little Bertha grandma is going to write to you a little letter all your own and tell you how glad she is to get a letter from such a dear little girl may be you think I could not read it but I know what you wanted to tell me. you wanted me to know what a dear little sister and baby brother you have and what a big girl you are grandma wants to see every one of you and wants Bertha to help mama all she can she can play with little Veva and rock little brother in his crib and do a great many things for mama and then mama wont be so tired and grandma wants papa and mama to come to Mich and bring all the little children so she can see them grandma is an old woman but she loves little children and Bertha must learn to read and write and then she can write nice letters to aunt Lena and Roy and all of us and tell us what babys name is and what Veva does kiss papa and mama and Veva and baby for grandma

{ Bertha was the daughter of Victor H. and Mary L. (Paine) Estelle. Grandma who wrote the letter was Lucinda (Kinney) Estelle. Little sister & Little Veva was Veva May Estelle. Baby brother was John Guy Estelle.

This letter isn't dated but was written in December 1890 or January 1891 as John Guy was born 15 November 1890.}

Autobiography of Howard A. Mikesell

Permission to publish given by
Michael T. Wahl

Typed as written
Continued from Quest #55

I had been elected to Council in 1933 and 1935. In 1937 I was elected Mayor and my first unpleasant task was to meet our police and service men in the village garage on a Saturday morning. I advised them that we did not have the money to pay them but if they would stay with us we would get the funds. They agreed and we did get the necessary money to pay them. Some of the men to-day (1966) who are

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still on the village pay-roll remember that meeting.

The village owed The Toledo Edison Co. several thousand dollars for street lighting and we replaced the large light bulbs with much smaller ones and effected a several hundred dollars savings. We pared expenses in every way possible and gradually paid up all old bills.

Ottawa Hills up to this time had been dependent on the city of Toledo Fire Department for its fire protection. We secured bids for a new fire truck and purchased a new American LaFrance fire truck. This enabled the villagers to secure greatly reduced fire insurance rates.

We then needed a building to house the fire truck as well as the fire men. One member of council suggested sending the plans we had drawn to Washington (it was in the days of Roosevelt's give-away program). We had a business men's council (2 bankers and 5 company officers). The plans were sent and we received notice from the Federal government that they would give the village \$38,000. None of us believed in the "give-away" program and we proceeded to build the same building for less than \$20,000. It was an outstanding example of how the Federal Government even to this day is hood-winking the people, by their "give away" program.

Robert Hadley a Vice President of the Toledo Machine and Tool Company, made the village first radio for the police Department. It cost the village nothing and had a range that permitted the police car anywhere in the village to be reached from the town hall. It was an excellent example of the interest the members of council took in village affairs.

During my second term as Mayor we realized that the village should be properly zoned to protect property values. We engaged the services of Philip Lindsay Small of Cleveland as he had zoned Shaker Heights in Cleveland. He spent two days with members of council considering the problem. We were told that in an exclusive residential incorporated village, it was necessary to provide one section or area for commercial and one for apartments. So today the southwest corner of Richard Road and Bancroft Street is the only commercial area in the village. Apartments are allowed only on Bancroft St. west to the village line and a limited area on Hillandale and Evergreen. We thus protected owners of undesirable encroachments.

Dr. Bruce Brockway, a long time resident in the village came to my home one evening and gave me a report on how the

mosquito problem had been solved in the Panama canal zone. He said if it can be done there it can be done in the area about Ottawa Hills. Mosquitoes were indeed a real menace. Council considered the problem and then purchased a tank truck, and spray equipment. We started spraying in the low lands and all mosquito breeding places in and about the village. Indian Road was being paved at that time and dirt was secured and greatly needed to fill the low spots in the village where water accumulated. While we were not able to secure all the dirt needed we were able to effect a noticeable reduction in the mosquito population.

John Biggers became interested and with the help of his attorney Don Melhorn we presented to the State Legislature a proposal that districts be established in Ohio to control the mosquito menace. We made two trips to Columbus and appeared before the Legislative Committee and explaining the program we succeeded in having such a bill passed; Petitions were then circulated requesting the establishing of the TOLEDO AREA SANITARY DISTRICT and by securing the signatures of 500 free holders it was not necessary to put it to a vote. Judge O'Connor approved it and the TOLEDO AREA SANITARY DISTRICT was established Sept. 27, 1945. At a small cost to the taxpayers the area now covering 90 square miles no longer suffers as it did thanks to Dr. Brockway. His son Bruce is today in charge of the work and continues to improve control by draining marshland, filling low lands and spraying with the crew of workers. I have been on the board of directors ever since its inception.

Otto Hartman followed me as Mayor in 19__ and during his terms all village debts were paid. When I retired the Council gave me a beautiful Revere silver bowl.

Several years ago I started painting in oils solely for a hobby. I took lessons from several local artists and one summer Luella and I drove East. While I was with John Carlson the well known artist, Luella visited her friend Mrs. Lovett in Boston. Mr. Carlson had his studio in Gloucester and was most patient with his student from Toledo. It has been a pleasant hobby and I feel amply repaid in the satisfaction of creating. I have probably painted at least 100 pictures, some just good and some not so good. I had a one man show at the ART MUSEUM and have had several citations. I have sold some and given some to my friends but always fear doing this as they might not care for them. The present day trend of abstract printing in my

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opinion is simply an attempt to satisfy the amateur who tries to satisfy himself with his work and refuses to attempt to improve his work. It seems to be the general trend today in all work.

George Vradenburg became intrested in the National Junior Achievement organization and asked me to assist in starting a Toledo Chapter. It's purpose is to teach our high school students the American business method of free enterprise. Groups of boys and girls from the Junior and Senior classes form a company, elect their officers and decide on the product they will make and sell. Records are kept of costs and sales of the products made are sold by those in the sales department. I spoke before joint meetings of Juniors and Seniors at Central Catholic, Scott, Libbey and Woodward High Schools and secured their participation. Today Junior Achievement of Northwestern Ohio has a building of its own at 231 Huron St. and for years has by actual small business groups taught hundreds of Toledo youths the fundamentals of American business.

I was appointed a few years ago to the Board of Directors of the Toledo Humane Society but since I was still active in the company and out of the city often I resigned.

On my retirement I was again appointed and was on the building committee for the new HUMANITY HOUSE which was recently dedicated.

In 1941 the TOLEDO SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION was founded and I was asked to help and was on its first Board of Directors.

I joined the TOLEDO ROTARY CLUB in 1943. On two previous occasions I had been invited but declined because of my company obligations. Floyd Crandall, a friend, finally told me if I wanted to be a Rotarian I had better accept or I would not be asked again. I accepted and have never regretted it.

I never could understand how I was ever offered the Presidency of the TOLEDO ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION unless they were finding it difficult to secure a President. I am not musically inclined and I think they were most fortunate that I declined.

In 1945 I was elected President of the TOLEDO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE and in this position was the subject of several very severe and critical editorials in the Toledo Blade and by Paul Block in particular. The League criticized the proposal to increase the police and firemen's pay without the necessary funds to meet the added costs. The League also criticized the

Toledo Publicity and Efficiency Commission for failing to fulfill its purpose by not conducting proper government investigations of city affairs and releasing reports that are so necessary for good government. Members of the Commission were mostly political appointees.

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Thomas W. Anderson, Director
August 28, 1876

Students	Age
Lewis R. Anderson	8
Lowell J. Betts	16
George Betts	5
Jenny Howard	5
William Cooper	9
Eva Slocum	11
Will Amspacker	10
Daniel Amspacker	6
John Spencer	17
Brice Spencer	15
Nathan Spencer	13
Daniel Farrah	19
Mary Farrah	15
Lucy Farrah	13
Martha Elliott	19
Mary Lamie	13
Rosa Lamie	11
Susan Lamie	8
Lizzie Lamie	6
James McMurry	18
Hatty Lamont	8
Katy Spencer	14
Eveline Spencer	11
Nelly Bower	7
Ira Brenner	17
Jesse Rockey	6
Will Johnston	8
John C. Nicholes	11
Robert H. Nicholes	6
Cora Wells	12
Hary Wells	9
Lottie Russ	8
Laura Lamie	5
George Lamie	7
Bert LaMonte	8
Cline LaMonte	5

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Joseph John Lamie 5

August 24, 1877

Daniel Wells, Director

Students	Age
Lewis R. Anderson	9
Lowil Betts	17
George Betts	6
Wm. Cooper	10
Eva Slocumb	12
Wm Omspacker	11
Daniel Omspacker	7
Brice Spencer	16
Nathan Spencer	14
Marey Farrah	16
Lucy Farrah	14
Marey Lamie	14
Rosey Lamie	12
Susey Lamie	9
Lizzey Lamie	7
James McMurrey	19
Hattie Lamont	9
Katey Spencer	15
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Ira Brener	18
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John Nicholes	12
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August 27, 1878

Daniel Wells, Director

Students	Age
Riley Anderson	10
Lowel Betts	18
George Betts	7
Wm Cooper	11
Eva Slocum	13
Wm Omspocker	12
Daniel Omspocker	8
Brice Spencer	17
Lucy Farrah	15
Marey Lamie	15
Rosey Lamie	13

Susey Lamie	10
Lizzey Lamie	8
Katey Lamont	10
Catharine Spencer	16
Evalyn Spencer	13
Nellie Bowers	9
Ira Braner	19
Wm Johnson	10
Gracey Johnson	7
Rosey Mason	10
Claud Mason	8
John Nicholes	13
Robert Nicholes	8
Corey Wells	14
Harva Wells	11
Charley Cupples	10
Hessa Cupples	8
Ernist Ladora (?)	5
Wm. Peterson	6
Lena Case	7
Reil Case	6
John Sanders	5
Fred Omspacker	6
Fred Flurey	6
Fred Pugh	6
Frank McGlofin	6

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Director (Not Given)

Students	Age
Riley Anderson	11
Lowel Betts	19
George Betts	8
Willie Cooper	12
Willie Omspocker	13
Dannie Omspocker	9
Lucy Farrah	15
Mary Lamie	16
Rosa Lamie	14
Susey Lamie	11
Lizzie Lamie	9
Hattie Lamont	10
Bertie Lamont	5
Catharine Spencer	17
Eva Spencer	14
Willie Johnson	11
Grace Johnson	8
Mary Johnson	5
Rose Mason	11
Claud Mason	9
John Nichols	14
Robert Nichols	9
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Ernest Ladow	6
Willie Patterson	7
Cora Patterson	5
Leonard Cole	16
Lena Case	8
Bell Case	7
John Sanders	6
Fred Omspocker	7
Fred Fleury	7
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Query:

My Dunham Puzzle:

(I know this is not the standard format for a query, but it is hard to show the overall puzzle without giving details).

What is the relationship between my maternal great-grandparents, **Albert Senecca Dunham** and **Amelia R. Dunham**? Family tradition says they were cousins, but I haven't been able to find out how. Albert b. 30 Aug 1837 in Ontario (now Monroe) County, NY, d 11 Jun 1901 in Cooper, Kalamazoo County, MI. Amelia b. 26 Oct 1848 possibly in Plainwell, Allegan County, MI, d. 9 Jul 1867 probably in

Cooper. They married 25 Dec. 1865 in Plainwell and are buried in the West Cooper Cemetery. Their daughter, **Sophia Amelia Dunham**, my grandmother, b. 30 Nov 1866 never had a chance to know her mother, Amelia, so the family history I need didn't get passed on.

Albert's father was **Seneca Dunham** and his grandfather was **Edward Dunham** (1753-1844) a Revolutionary War Pensioner b. in Great Nine Partners, Dutchess County, NY, d. in Henrietta, Monroe County, NY.

Who was his father? Both Edward and Seneca owned property in Barre, Orleans County, NY and Henrietta, Ontario (now Monroe) County, NY before Seneca went to Michigan. Edward married twice. I am from the second wife, **Mary (Ridley)/Dannak/Dannals/Daniels**. I am in touch with a cousin from the first wife who has been looking for 30 years for that first wife and family.

Amelia's father was **Hartwell Dunham**. His Death certificate says his father was **David Dunham** and his mother -----**Purson**. Was that **Parson**, **Pearson**, **Person**, **Pierson** or really **Purson**? Usually we're looking for a surname, not a first name. the 1850 Federal census shows a **David Dunham** in Eaton County with a son **Hartwell**.

Who was David's father? Is he the **David Dunham** who died 17 Nov 1865 age 91 and is buried in Gun Plains with his wife Sarah, the David Dunham I seek?

I have discovered **Dunham** to be **Danham** to **Dunnum**.

After Amelia's death, Albert married **Sarah Montgomery** and after her death **Jennie Winner**.

Interestingly, I found no mention of any **Dunhams** in the *Pioneer History of Eaton County, Michigan 1833-1866* compiled by Daniel Strange, but John Montgomery, page 27 and page 38 is recognized as an early settler of Eaton County. His brother, **Robert**, pages 44-5 is also listed as an early settler and as the father of **Alonzo**, **Almeron**, **Clifford**, **Sarah**, **Fred** and **Frank**. Alonzo lived next door to Seneca in Cooper. I know nothing about **Jennie Winner** except her marriage to Albert for which I have the family announcement. Is there anyone who has done research on **Dunham** or who would like to help me?

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Help !!!

Can you help us with identifying the children in this photo. The teacher is Miss Dorothy Schunemann. We think it is Munson School in Charlotte in the 1945-47 time period. She became Mrs. Bradley.



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**Dated February 1890 to November
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Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 1

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2 Samuel M. WHEATON, SR.

Born: 8 May 1782
Place: New York
Marr:
Place:
Died: ABT 26 Dec 1847
Place: Eaton County, MI

1 Sarah Ann WHEATON

Born: 1814
Place: New York
Marr: ABT 1833
Place:
Died: 23 Nov 1900
Place: Bath, Clinton, MI

John Vermillion ABEL
Spouse

3 Phebe MCCOY

Born: 15 Mar 1785
Place: New York
Died: 26 Dec 1846
Place:

4 William WHEATON, SR.

Born: ABT 10 May 1757
Place: Rhode Island
Marr: ABT 1780
Place:
Died: 4 Aug 1847
Place: Westerlo, N.Y.

5 Susanna WILCOCKS

Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

6

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

7

Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

8 Samuel WHEATON, JR.

Born: 31 Dec 1718
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died: BEF 1736
Place: Swansen, Mass.

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9 Prudence SALISBURY

Born:
Place: Bristol, R.I.
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. ____

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Chart no. 2

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

2 Samuel WHEATON, SR.

Born: ABT 10 Jan 1679
Place:
Marr: 24 Oct 1709
Place: Swansea, Mass.
Died: BEF 1736
Place:

1 Samuel WHEATON, JR.

Born: 31 Dec 1718
Place:
Marr:
Place:
Died: BEF 1736
Place: Swansen, Mass.

Prudence SALISBURY
Spouse

3 Experience PIERCE

Born: 21 Jul 1682
Place: Weymouth, Norfolk, Eng.
Died: 25 Jan 1721
Place:

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4 John WHEATON

Born: ABT 20 Apr 1658
Place: Mass.
Marr: ABT 1677
Place:
Died: 25 Jul 1737
Place: Keekamuet, Warren, R.I.

5 E THURBER/CARPENTER ?

Born: ABT 1650
Place: England
Died: AFT 1736
Place:

6 Ephriam PIERCE

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

7 Hanna HOLBROOK

Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

8 Robert WHEATON

Born: ABT 1604 cont. 3
Place: Swansea, Wales
Marr: ABT 1636
Place: Salem, Mass
Died: ABT 1695
Place: Providence, Prov., R.I.

9 Elice Ellenor BOWEN

Born: ABT 23 Aug 1606 cont. 4
Place: Swansea, Wales
Died: ABT 1693
Place: Hinsham, Plymouth, Mass.

10 John THURBER

Born: ABT 1620 cont. _____
Place: Atanton, Lincolnshire, Eng.
Marr:
Place:
Died:
Place:

11 Priscilla UNKNOWN

Born: cont. _____
Place: Stanton, Eng.
Died:
Place:

12

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

13

Born: cont. _____
Place:
Died:
Place:

14

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

15

Born: cont. _____
Place:
Died:
Place:

Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 3

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

2 John Christopher WHEATON

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

4

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

5

Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

1 Robert WHEATON

Born: ABT 1604
Place: Swansea, Wales
Marr: ABT 1636
Place: Salem, Mass
Died: ABT 1695
Place: Providence, Prov., R.I.

Elice Ellenor BOWEN
Spouse

6

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

3 ?

Born:
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. ____

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Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 4

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 9 on chart no. 2

2 Richard BOWEN

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

4

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

5

Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

1 Elice Ellenor BOWEN

Born: ABT 23 Aug 1606
Place: Swansea, Wales
Marr: ABT 1636
Place: Salem, Mass
Died: ABT 1693
Place: Hinsham, Plymouth, Mass.

Robert WHEATON
Spouse

6

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

3 Ann BORN?

Born:
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:
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cont. _____

12

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

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13

Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

cont. _____

14

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

cont. _____

15

Born:
Place:
Died:
Place:

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