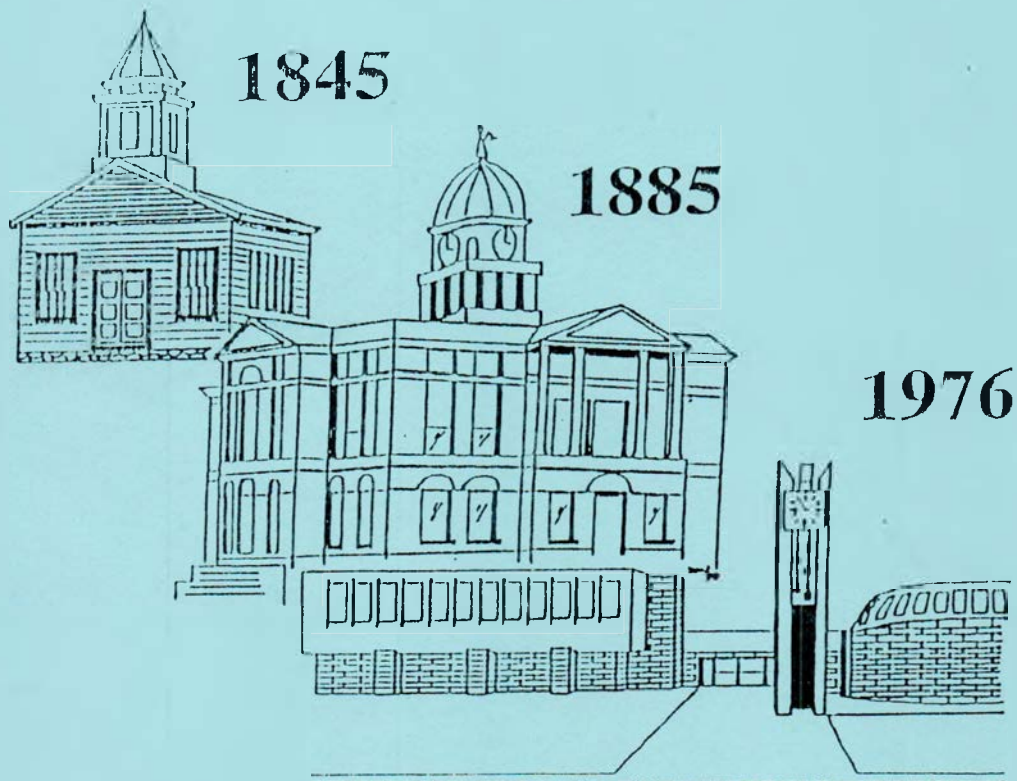


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### EATON COUNTY STATE OF MICHIGAN MARRIAGES

Abstracted by Betty Goostrey  
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#### Volume 1 Page 353

Date of Marriage: 3 September 1856  
Groom: **Mr. Sidney Hurbert**, age 49 years  
Residence: Bellevue, Eaton Co., Michigan  
Bride: **Mrs. Martha DuBois**, age 49 years  
Residence:  
Offical Performing: **G. W. Hoag**  
Place of Marriage: Bellevue  
Witnesses: **H. P. Wells**  
**H. Hale**

Residence:  
Recorded: December 1, 1856  
County Clerk: **I. H. Corbin**

#### Volume 1 Page 354

Date of Marriage: 18 May 1856  
Groom: **Mr. Albert Raymond**, age 21 years  
Residence: Eaton Rapids, Eaton Co.,  
Michigan  
Bride: **Miss Sarah Jane Hill**, age 16 years  
Residence: Eaton Rapids, Eaton Co.,  
Michigan  
Offical Performing: **J. S. Kidder**, Minister  
Place of Marriage: Eaton Rapids  
Witnesses: **Mr. Samuel Hunt**  
**Mr. Noah Ford**  
Residence: Both of Eaton Rapids  
Recorded: December 31, 1856  
County Clerk: **I. H. Corbin**

#### Volume 1 Page 354

Date of Marriage: 5 April 1856  
Groom: **Orren F. Roberts**, age 86 years  
Residence: Lansing, Ingham Co., Michigan  
Bride: **Miss Betsey Pollard**, age 85 years  
Residence: Windsor, Eaton Co., Michigan

Offical Preforming: **I. S. Kidder**,  
Minister of Gospel  
Place of Marriage: Eaton Rapids  
Witnesses: **Mr. Phillip Ashley**  
**Miss Mary A. Kidder**  
Residence: Both of Eaton Rapids  
Recorded: December 31, 1856  
County Clerk: **I. H. Corbin**

#### Volume 1 Page 354

Date of Marriage: 12 November 1856  
Groom: **James Rorebeck**, age 33 years  
Residence: Eaton Rapids, Eaton Co.,  
Michigan  
Bride: **Miss Marietta Lewis**, age 21 years  
Residence: Eaton Rapids, Eaton Co.,  
Michigan  
Offical Preforming: **J. S. Kidder**,  
Minister of Gospel  
Place of Marriage:  
Witnesses: (Not given)

Residence:  
Recorded: December 31, 1856  
County Clerk: (Not given)

#### Volume 1 Page 355

Date of Marriage: 6 December 1856  
Groom: **Daniel N. Bordwell**, age 28 years  
Residence: Eckford, Calhoun Co., Michigan  
Bride: **Miss S. Antoinette Edgerton**,  
age 24 years  
Residence: State of New York  
Offical Performing: **Prof. C. Hosford**  
Place of Marriage: Village of Olivet  
Witnesses: **Prof. C. Hosford & Wife and  
others**

Residence: Olivet  
Recorded: December 31, 1856  
County Clerk: (Not Given)

#### Volume 1 Page 355

Date of Marriage: 14 December 1856  
Groom: **Mr. Daniel L. Denison**, age 28 years  
Residence: Walton, Eaton Co., Michigan  
Bride: **Eliza Jane Bennett**, age 27 years  
Residence: Walton, Eaton Co., Michigan  
Offical Performing: **E. P. Bartlett**  
Place of Marriage:  
Witnesses: **I. W. Hickok & Wife & others**

Residence:  
Recorded: December 31, 1856  
County Clerk: (Not Given)



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Date of Marriage: 8 October 1856  
Groom: **Jesse Searle**, age 21 years  
Residence: Windsor, Eaton Co., Michigan  
Bride: **Mrs. Althea Phelps**, age 24 years  
Residence: Eaton Rapids, Eaton Co., Michigan  
Offical Preforming: **J. S. Kidder**  
Minister of Gospel

Place of Marriage:  
Witnesses: **Mr. Oscar Taylor**  
**Miss Emilla Wheelock**  
Residence: Both of Eaton Rapids  
Recorded: December 31, 1856  
County Clerk: (Not given)

### Volume 1 Page 356

Date of Marriage: 28 October 1856  
Groom: **Elbert I. Popp**, age 32 years  
Residence: Seneca County, Ohio  
Bride: **Miss Nancy P. Miller**, age 24 years  
Residence: Eaton Rapids, Eaton Co., Michigan  
Offical Preforming: **J. S. Kidder**  
Minister

Place of Marriage:  
Witnesses: **Wheeler Miller**  
**Morris Miller**  
Residence: Both of Eaton Rapids  
Recorded: December 31, 1856  
County Clerk: (Not given)

### Volume 1 Page 357

Date of Marriage: 1856  
Groom: **M.W. Chapin**, age 25 years  
Residence: Olivet, Eaton Co., Michigan  
Bride: **Miss Adda Osgood**, age 18 years  
Residence: Olivet, Eaton Co., Michigan  
Offical Performing: **J. S. Kidder**, Minister  
Place of Marriage:  
Witnesses: **Mr. Daniel M (?)**  
**Mrs. Esther Whitney**  
Residence: Both of Eaton Rapids  
Recorded: December 31, 1856  
County Clerk: (Not given)

### Volume 1 Page 357

Date of Marriage: 28 October 1856  
Groom: **Benjamin L. Bentley**, age 28 years  
Residence: Eaton Rapids, Eaton Co., Michigan  
Bride: **Charlotte M. Roth**, age 21 years  
Residence: Eaton Rapids  
Offical Performing: **J. S. Kidder**, Minister  
Place of Marriage:  
Witnesses: **Mr. Thomas Spears**  
**Mr. Benjamin Covey**  
Residence: Both of Eaton Rapids  
Recorded: December 31, 1856  
County Clerk: **I. H. Corbin**

### Volume 1 Page 357

Date of Marriage: 23 December 1856  
Groom: **Brebuer Hudson**, age 21 years  
Residence: Bellevue, Eaton Co., Michigan  
Bride: **Malinda W. Cushing**, age 17 years  
Residence: Bellevue, Eaton Co., Michigan  
Offical Preforming: **Norman S. Booth**  
Justice of Peace

Place of Marriage: Bellevue  
Witnesses: **Eli Cushing**  
**Hiram Cushing**  
Residence: Both of Bellevue  
Recorded: January 5, 1857  
County Clerk: **I. H. Corbin**

### Volume 1 Page 358

Date of Marriage: 30 October 1856  
Groom: **James W. Nichols**, age 21 years  
Residence: Carmel, Eaton Co., Michigan  
Bride: **Sarrah A. Smith**, age 18 years  
Residence: Carmel, Eaton Co., Michigan  
Offical Preforming: **J. J. Chappel**  
Justice of Peace

Place of Marriage: Walton  
Witnesses: **Lemuel Crist** of Walton  
**Clara Nichols** of Carmel  
Residence:  
Recorded: January 6, 1857  
County Clerk: **E. A. Foote**

### Volume 1 Page 358

Date of Marriage: 30 December 1856  
Groom: **Salem E. Pettibone**, age 22 years  
Residence: Brookfield, Eaton Co., Michigan  
Bride: **Nancy A. Howley**, age 16 years  
Residence: Brookfield, Eaton Co., Michigan  
Offical Performing: **Harlan T. Dewey**  
Justice of Peace

Place of Marriage: Brookfield  
Witnesses: **Hiram L. Dewey**  
**James Glenn**  
Residence: Both of Brookfield  
Recorded: January 7, 1857  
County Clerk: **E. A. Foote**

### Volume 1 Page 359

Date of Marriage: 16 November 1856  
Groom: **John Southward**, age 44 years  
Residence: Brookfield, Eaton Co., Michigan  
Bride: **Charindy Pettibone**, age 16 years  
Residence: Brookfield, Eaton Co., Michigan  
Offical Performing: **Harlan T. Dewey**  
Justice of Peace

Place of Marriage: Brookfield  
Witnesses: **Geo. W. Gilbert**  
**Washington Falkner**

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Residence: Both of Brookfield  
Recorded: January 7, 1857  
County Clerk: **E. A. Foote**

### Volume 1 Page 359

Date of Marriage: 30 October 1856  
Groom: **Francis E. Andrus**, age 27 years  
Residence:  
Bride: **Amavilla Hunsicker**, age 21 years  
Residence:  
Official Preforming: **Samuel Sessions**  
Minister  
Place of Marriage: Bellevue  
Witnesses: **Joseph Doremén**  
**Laura Doremén**  
Residence:  
Recorded: January 15, 1857  
County Clerk: **E. A. Foote**

### Volume 1 Page 360

Date of Marriage: 4 December 1856  
Groom: **Albert L. Martin**, age 26 years  
Residence: (Not given)  
Bride: **Polly R. Bosworth**, age 20 years  
Residence: (Not given)  
Official Preforming: **Samuel Sessions**  
Minister  
Place of Marriage: Walton  
Witnesses: **Lucy Martin**  
**Wm. Benjamin**  
Residence:  
Recorded: January 15, 1857  
County Clerk: **E. A. Foote**

### Volume 1 Page 360

Date of Marriage: 18 December 1856  
Groom: **Truman P. Walker**, age 26 years  
Residence:  
Bride: **Caroline Smith**, age 17 years  
Residence:  
Official Performing: **Samuel Sessions**  
Minister  
Place of Marriage: Walton  
Witnesses: **William Weddler**  
**Davis Osgood**  
Residence:  
Recorded: January 15, 1857  
County Clerk: (Not Given)

### Volume 1 Page 360

Date of Marriage: 15 October 1856  
Groom: **George Persons**, age 22 years  
Residence: Township of Eaton, Michigan  
Bride: **Phebe Kinne**, age 23 years  
Residence: Township of Eaton, Michigan  
Official Performing: **Thomas Lyon**  
Minister  
Place of Marriage:

Witnesses: **Amos Kinne**  
**Susan Lyon**

Residence:  
Recorded: January 12, 1857  
County Clerk: **E. A. Foote**

### Volume 1 Page 361

Date of Marriage: (Note as written)  
November fifteen eighteen hundred and fifty  
three. (Then dated November 15, 1858 may be  
was suppose to be 1856 as witnessed by) (?)  
Groom: **Mr. Curtis T. Gale**, age 24 years  
Residence: Michigan City, Laporte Co., Indiana  
Bride: **T. M. Preston**, age 16 years  
Residence: Eaton Rapids, Eaton Co., Michigan  
Official Preforming: **J. W. Smith**  
Minister  
Place of Marriage: Eaton Rapids  
Witnesses: **T. C. Preston**  
**George Boyer**  
Residence:  
Recorded: January 20, 1857  
County Clerk: **E. A. Foote**

### Volume 1 Page 361

Date of Marriage: 13 January 1857  
Groom: **Andrew Harris**, age 27 years  
Residence: Town of Sandston, Jackson  
County, Michigan  
Bride: **Naancy J. Dane**, age 22 years  
Residence: Town of Colon, St. Joseph County,  
Michigan  
Official Performing: **Joseph W. Smith**  
Minister of Gospel  
Place of Marriage:  
Witnesses: **David B. Bradford**  
**Hiram Bradford**  
Residence:  
Recorded: January 20, 1857  
County Clerk: **E. A. Foote**

### Volume 1 Page 362

Date of Marriage: 6 April 1854  
Groom: **Elijah Bradford**, age 25 years  
Residence: Town of Eaton Rapids, Eaton  
County, Michigan  
Bride: **Emanda Gilman**, age 21 years  
Residence: Town of Eaton Rapids, Eaton  
County, Michigan  
Official Preforming: **Joseph W. Smith**  
Minister of Gospel  
Place of Marriage:  
Witnesses: **Phillip H. Gilman**  
**David B. Bradford**  
Residence:  
Recorded: January 20 1857  
County Clerk: **E. A. Foote**

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# Eaton County Death Records

Abstracted from Microfilm  
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#### **Volume 1 Page 36 # 670**

Date of Death: 17 May 1871

Name: **Margaret Loehr**

Sex: Female, white

Marital Status: Married

Age: 69y 3m 4d

Place of Death: Brookfield

Cause of Death: Spasmodick Asthma

Birthplace: Germany E.

Occupation: Farming

Parents: **Charles Marshall** of Germany E.

**Elmora Marshall**

Their Residence: Oswego, New York

Recorded: May 6, 1872

#### **Volume 1 Page 36 # 671**

Date of Death: 10 April 1871

Name: **Nameless Espenhaim**

Sex: Female, white

Marital Status: child

Age: 17 days

Place of Death: Brookfield

Cause of Death: Brain Fever

Birthplace: Brookfield, Mich.

Occupation: Infant

Parents: **Charles Espenhaim**

**Kate Espenhaim**

Their Residence: Brookfield

Recorded: May 6, 1872

#### **Volume 1 Page 36 # 672**

Date of Death: 25 February 1871

Name: **Mary E.E. Smith**

Sex: Female

Marital Status: Married

Age: 17y 4m 3d

Place of Death: Brookfield

Cause of Death: Lung Consumption

Birthplace: York State

Occupation: Farming

Parents: Unknown

Their Residence: Unknown

Recorded: May 6, 1872

#### **Volume 1 Page 36 #673**

Date of Death: 3 October 1871

Name: **(?) Love McDivitt**

Sex: Female, white

Marital Status: Child

Age: \_\_y \_\_m 21d

Place of Death: Brookfield

Cause of Death: Diarrhea

Birthplace: Brookfield, Mich.

Occupation: Infant

Parents: **(?) Lurisuer McDivitt**

**Lydia McDivitt**

Their Residence: Brookfield

Recorded: May 6, 1872

#### **Volume 1 Page 346 # 674**

Date of Death: 10 November 1871

Name: **Margaret Ann Baxter**

Sex: Female, white

Marital Status: Child

Age: 3y 3m 16d

Place of Death: Brookfield

Cause of Death: Billous Fever

Birthplace: Ovid, Branch Co., Mich

Occupation: Child

Parents: **George Baxter**

**Mary J. Baxter**

Their Residence: Brookfield

Recorded: May 6, 1872

#### **Volume 1 Page 36 # 675**

Date of Death: 11 September 1871

Name: **George Gildart**

Sex: Male, white

Marital Status: Child

Age: \_\_y 6m 20d

Place of Death: Brookfield

Cause of Death: Teething

Birthplace: Brookfield, Mich.

Occupation: Child

Parents: **James Gildart**

**Monvilda Gildart**

Their Residence: Michigan

Recorded: May 6, 1872

#### **Volume 1 Page 36 # 676**

Date of Death: 17 November 1871

Name: **Martha Sowle**



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Sex: Female, white  
Marital Status: Married  
Age: 34y \_\_m \_\_d  
Place of Death: Brookfield  
Cause of Death: Accouchement  
Birthplace: Unknown  
Occupation: Farming  
Parents: Unknown

Their Residence: Unknown  
Recorded: May 6, 1872

### Volume 1 Page 36 #677

Date of Death: 15 April 1871  
Name: **Frank L. Henderson**  
Sex: Male, white  
Marital Status: Twin  
Age: \_\_y 1 m \_\_d  
Place of Death: Brookfield  
Cause of Death: Suffocated in bed  
Birthplace: Brookfield, Mich.  
Occupation: Child  
Parents: **Charles T. Henderson**  
**Sophiah V. Henderson**  
Their Residence: Michigan  
Recorded: May 6, 1872

### Volume 1 Page 36 #678

Date of Death: 4 March 1871  
Name: **Jacob Bergstresser**  
Sex: Male, white  
Marital Status: Married  
Age: 37y \_\_m 2d  
Place of Death: Brookfield  
Cause of Death: Lung Consumption  
Birthplace: Ohio  
Occupation: Farming  
Parents: **John Bergstresser**- of  
East Germany  
**Mary Bergstresser** of  
Pennsylvania  
Recorded: May 6, 1872

### Volume 1 Page 36 #679

Date of Death: 4 November 1871  
Name: **Nameless Thuma**  
Sex: Male, white  
Marital Status: Single  
Age: \_\_y \_\_m 7d  
Place of Death: Brookfield  
Cause of Death: Unknown  
Birthplace: Brookfield, Mich.  
Occupation: None  
Parents: **Simon Thuma**  
**Angeline Thuma**  
Their Residence: Brookfield

Recorded: May 6, 1872

### Volume 1 Page 36 #680

Date of Death: 23 June 1871  
Name: **Lurimer McDivitt**  
Sex: Male, white  
Marital Status: Married  
Age: 20y \_\_m \_\_d  
Place of Death: Brookfield  
Cause of Death: Suppose to be Jaundice  
Birthplace: Ohio  
Occupation: Farming  
Parents: **Hugh McDivitt**  
**Margaret McDivitt**  
Their Residence: Brookfield  
Recorded: May 6, 1872

### Township of Sunfield

### Volume 1 Page 36 #681

Date of Death: 4 February 1871  
Name: **William Reader**  
Sex: Male, white  
Marital Status:  
Age: \_\_y 9m \_\_d  
Place of Death: Sunfield  
Cause of Death: Unknown  
Birthplace: Sunfield  
Occupation: (Not given)  
Parents: (Not given)

Their Residence: (Not given)  
Recorded: May 11, 1872

### Volume 1 Page 36 #682

Date of Death: 28 July 1871  
Name: **David Dilly**  
Sex: Male, white  
Marital Status: Married  
Age: 29y 6m \_\_d  
Place of Death: Sunfield  
Cause of Death: Inflammation of bowels  
Birthplace: (Not given)  
Occupation: (Not given)  
Parents: (Not given)

Their Residence: (Not given)  
Recorded: May 11, 1872

### Volume 1 Page 36 #683

Date of Death: 14 December 1871  
Name: **Annetta Rogerson**  
Sex: Female, white  
Marital Status:  
Age: 3y 10m 9d  
Place of Death: Sunfield

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Cause of Death: Billious Fever  
Birthplace: (Not given)  
Occupation: (Not given)  
Parents: (Not given)

Their Residence: (Not given)  
Recorded: May 11, 1872

### Volume 1 Page 36 #684

Date of Death: 3 July 1871  
Name: **Roseann Knott**  
Sex: Female, white  
Marital Status:  
Age: 1y 3m 10d  
Place of Death: Sunfield  
Cause of Death: Worms  
Birthplace: (Not given)  
Occupation: (Not given)  
Parents: (Not given)

Their Residence: (Not given)  
Recorded: May 11, 1872

### Volume 1 Page 37 #685

Date of Death: 8 August 1871  
Name: **Rozella Figg**  
Sex: Female, white  
Marital Status:  
Age: 4y 10m 9d  
Place of Death: Sunfield  
Cause of Death: Consumption  
Birthplace: (Not given)  
Occupation: (Not given)  
Parents: (Not given)

Their Residence: (Not given)  
Recorded: May 11, 1872

### Volume 1 Page 37 #686

Date of Death: 22 September 1871  
Name: **Annetta S. Grant**  
Sex: Female, white  
Marital Status: Married  
Age: 18y 8m 10d  
Place of Death: Sunfield  
Cause of Death: Consumption  
Birthplace: (Not given)  
Occupation: (Not given)  
Parents: (Not given)

Their Residence: (Not given)  
Recorded: May 11, 1872

### Volume 1 Page 37 #687

Date of Death: 11 November 1871  
Name: **Leona E. Fettiman**

Sex: Female, white  
Marital Status:  
Age: 2y 6m \_\_ d  
Place of Death: Sunfield  
Cause of Death: Unknown  
Birthplace: (Not given)  
Occupation: (Not given)  
Parents: (Not given)

Their Residence: (Not given)  
Recorded: May 11, 1872

### Volume 1 Page 37 #688

Date of Death: 25 January 1872  
Name: **Edward Fast**  
Sex: Male, white  
Marital Status:  
Age: 1y 3m \_\_ d  
Place of Death: Sunfield  
Cause of Death: Bowel Complaint  
Birthplace: (Not given)  
Occupation: (Not given)  
Parents: (Not given)

Their Residence: (Not given)  
Recorded: May 11, 1872

### Volume 1 Page 37 #679 (As recorded)

Date of Death: 15 April 1871  
Name: **Sarah Childs**  
Sex: Female, white  
Marital Status: Married  
Age: 28y 6m \_\_ d  
Place of Death: Sunfield  
Cause of Death: Lung Fever  
Birthplace: (Not given)  
Occupation: (Not given)  
Parents: (Not given)

Their Residence: (Not given)  
Recorded: May 11, 1872

### Volume 1 Page 37 #670 (As recorded)

Date of Death: 26 December 1871  
Name: **Watson Barnum**  
Sex: Male, white  
Marital Status: Single  
Age: 25y 4m 10d  
Place of Death: Sunfield  
Cause of Death: Consumption  
Birthplace: (Not given)  
Occupation: (Not given)  
Parents: (Not given)

Their Residence: Not given)  
Recorded: May 11, 1872

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**Theodore C. Barnes** is properly accorded recognition in this volume, by reason of his standing as a representative farmer of Kalama township and as a member of one of the honored pioneer families of Eaton county, which has been his home from the time of his nativity. He was born in Delta township, October 28, 1846, and is a son of **Lansing and Maria (Fuller) Barnes**, the former of whom was born in Blenheim township, Schoharie county, New York, August 19, 1806, and the latter in Floyd township, Oneida county, that state, April 12, 1808. Both passed the closing years of their lives in the home of the subject of this review, where the father died January 29, 1881, and the mother August 10, 1883. They were married in the state of New York, whence they came to Eaton county, Michigan, in 1844, settling in Delta township. The father was employed at day labor until 1847, when he bought eighty acres of wild land in Kent county, where he took up his residence, eventually reclaiming about forty acres. At the expiration of eleven years he sold the property and started for the west, but after proceeding into Illinois he became discouraged and turned back, passing eight

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months on a farm which he rented in Branch county and then coming to Eaton county, his sons here taking up eighty acres of land in section 5, Kalamo township, where he passed the remainder of his life. He was a Republican in politics, having joined the ranks of this party at the time of its organization, and both he and his wife were members of the Baptist church. The subject of this sketch provided for his parents during their declining years and both died in the old log house which stood on the site of his present attractive residence. This worthy couple became the parents of nine children, and concerning them brief record is here entered: **James F.**, who was born in Floyd township, Oneida county, New York, went to Wisconsin and was there three years before the outbreak of the war of the Rebellion, when he entered a volunteer regiment for a three months' term, later re-enlisting as a member of Company E, Twenty-fourth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, in which he became first sergeant. He died at Nashville, Tennessee, March 24, 1864, from the effects of a wound received in the battle of Missionary Ridge. **Albert R.**, born in the same township, May 27, 1831, died in Kalamo township, Eaton county, July 29, 1892. He married **Levina Matteson**, who survives him, as do also two of their four sons. **John L.**, born in Floyd township, Oneida county, New York, February 13, 1833, died at Manton, Wexford county, Michigan, March 2, 1887. He married **Alida Brundage** and of their eight children two are deceased. **Sarah**, born in the same place in New York, February 17, 1835, first married **Solomon Swan**, who is survived by one son and one daughter. After his death she became the wife of **Robert Means**, and they reside in Kalamo township, having two children. Mr. Means was a member of the First Michigan Engineers & Mechanics in the civil war. **Porter**, born in Canastota, Madison county, New York, October 22, 1836, died in Barry county, Michigan, February 2, 1905. He married **Louise Everett**, who survives him, as do three of their four children. **Newell**, born in Smithfield, Madison county, New York, January 19, 1838, is a prosperous farmer of Vermontville township, his farm lying across the road from that of the subject of this review. He married **Emma Cooley** and four of their five children are living. He served three years in the civil war as a member of the Sixth Michigan Heavy Artillery. **Lot F.**, born in Georgetown, Madison county, New York, August 31, 1841, died in Kalamo township, Eaton county, Michigan, March 14,

1863, from the effects of disease contracted while serving as a soldier in Company E., Sixth Michigan Heavy Artillery, of which company his brother, **Newell**, also was a member. **Theodore C.**, whose name initiates this article, was the next in order of birth. **Malantha**, born in Lowell, Kent county, Michigan, May 6, 1848, is the wife of **Levi Evans**, of Bellevue township, Eaton county, who was a sergeant of his company in the First Michigan Mechanics & Engineers in the war of the Rebellion. **Theodore C. Barnes** was educated in the district schools and at the age of eighteen years he gave evidence of his intrinsic loyalty to his country by enlisting, August 31, 1864, as a member of Company E, First Michigan Volunteer Light Artillery, being mustered in the same day and joining his command at Nashville, Tennessee. He continued in service until the close of the war, having been mustered out, in the city of Jackson, Michigan, July 31, 1865, and having duly received his honorable discharge. He retains an interest in his old comrades and shows the same by his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. A portion of the money which he saved from his pay while a soldier he applied toward the purchase price of the eighty-acre farm which he and his brothers had previously bought, as already mentioned in this article. When the property was divided he took forty acres of the original tract and twenty acres of another eighty acres which they had purchased, in the same section. He then went to work for his brother, **Porter**, agreeing to work two years while the latter was to assist him in the erection of a house on his own farm. In the meanwhile, in 1867, Mr. Barnes purchased the forty acres, in section 5, Kalamo township, on which he now resides, and he secured a yoke of oxen by cutting twenty acres of timber. His brother released him from his promise to remain in his employ two years, and the brother was accordingly released from his agreement to assist in the erection of a house, as noted. After purchasing the last mentioned forty acres, on which a log house had been erected, Mr. Barnes sold twenty acres to his brother Porter and bought forty acres adjoining on the east, so that his present landed estate comprises one hundred and twenty acres, practically the entire place being now under cultivation and the improvements being of excellent type. In 1887 Mr. Barnes erected his present commodious farm residence, on the site of the original log house, and he has also built a fine barn and other farm buildings. He takes a loyal interest in



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public affairs of local order and is a staunch Republican, though never an aspirant for office. He and his wife are members of the Evangelical church. June 17, 1872, Mr. Barnes married **Miss Eliza Everett**, who was born in Castleton township, Barry county, Michigan, April 3, 1857. She is a daughter of **Levi and Eliza (Brooks) Everett**, both natives of the state of New York, where the former was born December 27, 1818, and the latter July 1, 1821. The father died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Barnes, May 3, 1894, his first wife dying in Barry county, Michigan, in 1863. He later married **Mary Kocher**, who died in 1887, two of the children of this union having died in infancy, and **Levi** being a prosperous farmer of Eaton county. The parents of Mrs. Barnes were married in 1840, in Tompkins county, New York, and in 1843 they came to Michigan, locating in Berrien county, where they remained until 1850, when they removed to Barry county, where Mr. Everett became one of the first settlers in Castleton township, reclaiming a farm of forty acres. He later resided for a number of years in Nashville, that county. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he was a Republican in politics. Following is a record concerning the children of **Levi and Eliza (Brooks) Everett**: **Sarah**, born March 31, 1840, died November 19, 1893, having been the wife of **Solomon Feighner**; **Merritt**, born November 19, 1841, is a farmer of Maple Grove township, Barry county; **Louisa**, born May 14, 1844, was the wife of **Porter Barnes**, brother of the subject of this sketch, and she died January 2, 1904; **Warren**, born October 27, 1846, is a resident of Castleton township, Barry county; **Albert**, born September 17, 1849, is a farmer of Vermontville township, Eaton county; **Eliza**, **Mrs. Theodore C. Barnes**, is the youngest of the children. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have four children: **Ernest**, born December 15, 1874, is associated in the management and operation of the homestead farm of his father. He married **Miss Flora Wells**, and they have one child, **Leah**, born April 2, 1897. **Minnie**, born December 17, 1876, is the wife of **Andrew Dolback**, of Vermontville township, and they have a daughter, **Fern**, born September 13, 1895. **Nettie**, born July 1, 1879, is the wife of **Isaac Johnson**, of Kalamo township; they have one child, **Freda**, born December 5, 1905. **Azra**, born September 22, 1882, remains at the parental home.

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**Oliver N. Boltwood.** This name will be at once recognized as that of one who was a leading and influential citizen of Barry County. During his residence in Hastings he filled various positions, and in each, by his ready tact and sound common sense, showed his capability and fitness for the trust reposed in him. His parents were of English descent, his birthplace Amherst, Mass., and his natal day June 1, 1807. He received his education in Amherst, taking a preparatory course for college, and at the age of sixteen years abandoned his studies to learn the joiner's trade. He then went to Carroll, Chautauqua County, N. Y., where he followed his trade a few years. At this time he was appointed Postmaster at Panama, that county, by **President Taylor**, and held the office until 1850, when he removed to Michigan.

During a portion of these years of struggle and changes, Mr. Boltwood was cheered and aided by the efficient help of his wife, to whom he was united November 13, 1833. After coming West he purchased eighty acres of land south of the limits of Hastings, had thirty acres cleared, and built thereon a frame house, 16 x 24 feet, and one and a half stories high. He and his wife established themselves therein, but remained only seven weeks, when they removed to Hastings, Mr. Boltwood having purchased an interest in the flouring-mill owned by **Dibble & Hays**, and rented the other half. He was the first man in the county to buy wheat, convert it into flour and send it to Battle Creek for sale on the Michigan Central Railroad. He employed as a miller, **Mr. Keeler**, who after some years bought **Mr. Hays'** interest, the firm thus becoming **Boltwood & Keeler**.

About 1856 the mill was destroyed by fire, but the proprietors at once began rebuilding. Before the structure was completed, Mr. Keeler sold his interest to **Mr. Grant**, and **Boltwood & Grant** was the style for seven years. Our subject then sold to **Barlow & Goodyear**, and going to Ionia bought another mill. At the time of Mr. Grant's admission as a partner, he was carrying on a store, and Mr. Boltwood bought a half-interest therein, which he disposed of to Mr. Grant when he sold out his milling interest with that

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gentleman. Mr. Boltwood had owned his Ionia mill less than a year when it was burnt down causing at total loss, as there was some flaw in the insurance papers that debarred him from judgment against the company.

After this catastrophe Mr. Boltwood purchased a half-interest in the steam flouring-mill of **John Dexter** in Ionia, and the two gentlemen did a large business, buying and selling grain until the health of Mr. Boltwood failed and he sold out after two years' connection with the business. He spent about that length of time in regaining his health and resting from the cares which had so thoroughly filled his mind. He then bought a hardware store, but in four months was burnt out, fortunately, however, being insured so that his loss was small. He then took up the grocery business, building a fine brick store where he carried on an extensive trade about three years. Being taken sick, he sold out and returned to Hastings, where he purchased a furniture business shortly afterward and conducted it until stricken by apoplexy, June 5, 1871.

The sudden death of Mr. Boltwood was felt as a blow to the business life of the city, and caused a loss to the community that was felt for years. He had served as Justice of the Peace one term, and had done efficient work as a member of the School Board. He was an Elder and Trustee in the Presbyterian Church, of which he had been a member from the year 1836. In a quiet, unpretending way he did much to aid in the good works that were being prosecuted in the city, and his influence was ever on the side of right and justice, and the culture that includes the heart was well as the mind.

Mrs. Boltwood was known in her maidenhood as **Miss Nancy Smith**, and is a native of Bridgewater, Grafton County, N. H., where she was born October 31, 1814. Her parents, **Nathaniel S. and Nancy (Fellows) Smith**, were natives of Andover, and her father was a boot and shoe dealer. In 1817 he removed to Chautauqua County, N. Y., and subsequently went to Hamilton, Ohio, where he died. Mrs. Smith had breathed her last in Jamestown, N. Y. Mrs. Boltwood is of illustrious connection, her maternal grandfather, **John Fellows**, having been an own cousin to **Daniel Webster**, and her mother having been a niece of **Gen. Dearborn**. In her own personality there are shown strength of character, love of mankind and nobility of purpose such as stamp her as a superior woman. She has been a member of the Presbyterian Church since 1836, and has for

many years taken an active part in Sunday-school work, and that of the various societies connected with the church. She was formerly Secretary of the Women's Sewing Society, and is President of the Missionary Society. She has been connected with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and has done all that she could to stay the tide of intemperance that sweeps over our land. Mr. and Mrs. Boltwood had two children, a son and daughter. **Emily M.** married **James A. Sweezey**, well known in Hastings, and had one son, **Solomon**; she died July 2, 1874. **Solomon Boltwood** died January 4, 1853, his career cut short when he was but eighteen years old.

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**Cooper --- Mrs. Addie Cooper**, wife of **Chas. Cooper** of Eaton, died of consumption on Tuesday, July 18, 1899, aged (?) 29 years, 9 months and 15 days. The deceased was born in Carmel and was the eldest daughter of **Chas. Clay** of Oklahoma. She was married to Mr. Cooper, September 30, 1880. The husband and two daughters survive. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. from the Ells church, **Rev. Ferguson** officiating.

**Martin --- Ralph Martin**, second son of **Cyril Martin** and **Lucy Welch**, was born in Connecticut, December 28, 1810, and died at the home of his son, **Frank**, in Walton, July 6, 1899, aged 89 years, 6 months and 9 days. Ralph Martin was married to **Caroline Hammond**, in 1842, after which they moved from Solon, N. Y., to Belvidere, Ill., and thence to Michigan, where he has since resided. Of this union nine children were born, of which four survive. He was a loving husband and father, kind neighbor and true friend, and respected by all who knew him.

**McDonald --- James McDonald**, a harness maker, employed by **J. L. Miller**, died at his home, corner East Henry and Main Wednesday, July 12, 18\_\_ (?), aged 64 years. He was duly confined to the house a short time, being at the shop the Friday before. No one realized that he was in a danerous condition. Mrs. McDonald called him to dinner and he made no response, she went to him and found him dead. The funeral was held at the house Friday afternoon, **Rev. H. D. Allen** officiating. Interment in Maple Hill cemetery. The friends from out of town, who attended the funeral, were **Glenn Overmyer** of Lapeer and **Sarah Houpt** and three children of Jackson.

**Lovell --- Mrs. Ollie L. Lovell** died at Grace Hospital, Detroit, at 12 o'clock midnight, on Sunday, July 16, 1899, aged 37 years, 4 months and 2 days. On Friday she underwent an operation for abdominal troubles and never fully recovered from the shock, although at intervals



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she was able to speak to her friends. Mrs. Lovell was born in St. Johns and lived in Charlotte for a dozen or fifteen years. Her parents were **Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Babcock**, now deceased, formerly of this city. On June 1, 1881, she was married to **Mr. Edward Lovell**, of Charlotte. A son, **Lonnie Lovell**, aged fifteen years, survives her. During the past four years Mrs. L. has lived in Detroit, where she has found employment as typewriter, clerk, and teacher. In the latter capacity having charge of a juvenile class in elocution. The funeral was held from the residence of her brother, **Mr. Robert Babcock**, at 10 o'clock this forenoon, **Rev. H. D. Allen** in charge. **I. L. Jockett** and family of Albion and **Isaac Lyons** and family of Jonesville were in attendance. Interment at Maple Hill.

**Myers --- Mrs. Abigail Myers** died of paralysis at her home on East Henry street, Saturday, July 15, 1899, aged eighty-six years and five months. Funeral at the house Tuesday morning. **Rev. H. D. Allen**, officiating, interment at Delta Center. Abigail Walton was born in Salem, Columbiana county, Ohio February 25, 1813, where she married **Abel Davis Myers** October 9, 1829. To them were born ten children, 5 of whom survive, **Samuel** of Delta, **Walter** and **Charles** of Cleveland, Ohio, **Mrs. Mary Carson** of Carmel and **Abel D.** with whom she resided at the time of her death. She with her husband and family came to Michigan in 1851 and settled near Lansing. Her husband died in December of '61 soon after two of their sons had enlisted in the army and she was left to manage the farm and care for two of the younger children. In 1871 she moved to Charlotte where she has since resided. She was born a Quaker and always clung to that faith, but joined the Disciple church with her husband soon after their marriage. She did not attend church much after coming to Charlotte, on account of deafness, but always retained a strong faith in God and his promises.

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**Smith --- John Collice Smith** of Charlotte was born November 12, 1822, at Sophronius, Cayuga county, New York. His father was a farmer and John was educated in the district schools of that day --- quite different from those of the present. Then the teacher was want to govern by "main strength and awkwardness,"

while today the kindergarten principles are meeting with universal approval. The big boys used to think it manly to turn a half dozen teachers out in a single term. Brawn was king, but the Smith lad took no part in these conflicts, he wasn't built that way. He tells of a pack peddler's experience as a teacher. A lady teacher had just been obliged to give up her school on account of the rowdy element. The district board were discouraged. This peddler noting the dilemma said: "I would like to try that school myself," and he was given a chance. On the first morning at his school -- the last, too, as it proved -- he addressed the boys something as follows: "I understand you have trouble with your teachers. Now if there is to be trouble why not have it out now?" The big fellows had already sized the teacher up as one they could handle and at once began the offensive. The first one within reach was knocked down, and the others, who halted, were urged to come on. They did not, however, and the leader was commanded to lie where he was. After he had sufficiently humiliated them all the teacher said to the leader: "Get up and take your seat, or go home." He chose the latter alternative. He then addressed the school, in a kind manner explaining the supreme folly of taking a "bully" for a pattern and said that he hadn't education sufficient to help them further, but he wanted all to pledge him that they would receive their lady teacher again, be kind to her and let her help them to intellectual growth. They promised and he departed after first telling the board to give the lady another chance. This they did and all was well. John saw but a few days in school, for schools were not free then as now. Each child drew forty cents and the balance had to be raised by the old rate bill method. The poorer the man, the more children and consequently more tax. The father had done his share in multiplying the Smith name, hence, short schooling for his children. Before he was fourteen years old himself and a brother, two years his junior, had chopped and cleared four acres of heavy pine timber and prepared it for logging and had an Abraham Lincoln reputation as rail-splitters. At the age of twenty-three Mr. Smith married **Miss Sophronia Capen** and two years later, returned from a visit to his father's to find their home in ashes. He was a good carpenter and made the mistake of turning his shingle mill over to his creditors and beginning again barehanded, but in due time again built up a competency. After living in Ohio a few years the Smiths, in 1869, settled in Charlotte where

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Mr. S. followed his occupation as a carpenter. During a recent visit to Ohio his sons and himself were shown a hay rack, made by himself, which had seen constant service for thirty-five years and its owner asked if anyone could see why it should not yet see another such period of use. Someone has said: "Show me a man's product and I will tell you what kind of a man he is." There is much in such a claim. A short time ago Mr. S. thought: "I will build some 50 cent ladders." but he soon gave it up. He simply couldn't do it, for such ladders represented too much poor timber, too much slighting in the quality of the work, etc. There isn't a grain of dishonesty in Mr. Smith and he had none to put into his ladders. In 1872 Mrs. Smith died leaving four children, and in 1877 he was married to **Mrs. Harriet Chapman** who had a son and a daughter. These half dozen young people have ever lived in utmost harmony, not a word of discord marring the home life. Mrs. Smith is a pioneer of forty-seven years. Mr. Smith has been a deacon in the Baptist church for thirty-five years but he doesn't wear a long face by any means. He sees beauty on every side, he enjoys the new inventions and even talks some of trying the bike himself. He is genial, jolly, sunny-tempered and has done his whole share toward giving high character to the numerous Smith family. Mr. Smith tells how he used to take his girl to church on horseback, she taking the rear seat, and how he used to enjoy racing with ox teams. He has plowed with the old fashioned wooden plow, the moldboard being made from sinding oak and looks back with pleasure to those cruder days of the olden time.

Painfully do we record the death of our estimable and revered neighbor, **Mr. John C. Smith**, whose promotion to the new life came at 10 p.m. Monday, May 14, after a very painful illness of five days.

Mr. Smith was born at Sympruous, New York, November 12, 1821, and lived to the rare age of 78 years, 6 months and 2 days. He saw something of pioneer life in the Empire state as, before he was fourteen years old, himself and young brother had chopped and cleared four acres of pine timber. His school days were few, but he was naturally a learner and few men of the city are as well posted on the important questions of the day. He was first married in New York, in 1844, to **Miss Sophronia Capen** of Rushford, New York. Of five children born to them four survive as follows: **Mrs. E. A. Kellogg** of Chicago, **N. L. Smith** of this city,

**Frank E.A. Smith** of Cleveland and **Mrs. John F. Dabney** of Chicago. As a young man he was an active member of the Baptist church and during the more than fifty-five years since, the family service has been his unvarying custom. In 1869, Mr. Smith came to Charlotte where his wife died on March 23, 1872. On March 13, 1877, he married **Mrs. Harriet Chapman** of this city who was likewise devoted to his church. Her two children, like his own, had grown to maturity and the harmony among all has been very marked and most beautiful to behold -- in fact just as accumulations were destroyed by fire when he was twenty-five years old and he had the usual losses incident to business during his lifetime. He was too honest to accumulate property rapidly and too generous to retain a surplus when it was needed for charitable purposes. For many years he was a deacon in his church and it is not at all extravagant to say that he was one of the purest-minded and best men we ever knew. His influence will continue to point the true pathway during the earthly pilgrimage to those who remain. With what reverent affection do the children think of such a father, and how immeasurable the loss to the wife is the separation from one in whom no fault was known. The city mourns one of her noblest citizens. The funeral will be held from the residence at 2 o'clock tomorrow, **Rev. H. D. Allen** officiating. Interment at Maple Hill.

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**Article Submitted by: Betty Goostrey**

### The Death of L. H. Ion

On Saturday last, **Mr. L. H. Ion**, committed suicide by shooting himself in the back room of his office.

He had attended to his business as usual during the morning, up to about 10 o'clock, when **Mr. Henry Baughman** sat and talked awhile with him. Mr. B. noticed that he seemed uneasy, that he went to the door and looked out several times.-- But thought that perhaps there were matters outside of the office that he wished to attend to. Soon after Mr. B. left the office, other parties found the door locked.

After his usual time for dinner had passed, his wife went to the office to see why he didn't come home. The front and back doors were found bolted on the inside, and looking in the back window the body was seen lying upon the floor. Help was summoned, the door broken in and the painful fact became at once apparent, that he had died by his own hand. The pulse had stopped beating and the body was quite cold.

It seems probable that soon after Mr. Baughman left, he closed the door and bolted it inside. Taking an overcoat he laid on the floor, in the small back room of the office. Upon this he laid a block of wood, covering the wood with a piece of carpeting. After preparing his death bed with this care, he coolly laid down upon it, resting his head upon the carpeting and deliberately placed the muzzle of the pistol against his right temple, and discharged it, the ball passed thru his brain and lodged under the skin near his left ear. It is evident that death followed immediately. The pistol used, was a small four barreled Remington.

An inquest was held, but nothing was elicited to throw light upon the motive, prompting the deed. Nor has anything been found among the books or papers at the office or house, to give any clue whatever to the train of thought or motive lending to the fatal act.

Mr. Ion was an Englishman by birth and was one of the early settlers in the town of Oneida. In 1848 he was elected County Clerk and held the office two years, after that in connection with his Son-in-law, **Elisha Shepherd**, he was proprietor and Landlord in the old Eagle Hotel in Charlotte.



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For many years he held offices of Justice of Peace and Town Clerk, always performing his duties with rigid punctuality. Last year he visited England, for the first time since he became a citizen of this country, and has been talking about taking another trip across the ocean this year. His most intimate associates say he has been subject to occasional spells of despondency, and gloom. Lately however, he has appeared cheerful. He was a man of many good qualities, intelligent, social and always ready to lend a helping hand to the needy. Judges, Lawyers, etc. have been his quests for many years. And he possessed the friendship and respect of all his neighbors.

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### The Severe Winter of 1819-1820

Article Submitted by: **James Miller**

In the early days, to save on lumber and building materials, to conserve heat in the winter, and for safety from Indians and other perils, two families often built together and shared on long house which also protected the stock.

One such building housed the families of Cornelius Sebring and John Durkee. In the severe winter of 1819-1820 Cornelius' wife Elizabeth and John Durkee died. Cornelius then married John Durkee's widow Dolly (Folensby) Durkee.

Cornelius Sebring is Jim Miller's (E.C.G.S. member) G G G Grandfather.

Cornelius is also the G G G Grandson of Johannes Theodorus Polhemus who several members of E. C. G. S. are related to.

This information from the book: *The Sebring Collection*.

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### Thank You: From **Juliane Kern**

Family Story. My grandmother used to say "Well, when I get to the crazy house I won't be alone, ---- half of my relatives are there." I found the names of 3 of them in the last ECQ -- under Kalamazoo Asylum ! Now I need to find more.....

### History of Windsor Township

By  
**Mary Jean Baker**

In a document from the *Michigan Pioneer & Historic Collection*, it states that **Esek Pray** of Windsor was a faithful historian of Eaton County and kept great records. (*The following is from some of his records*).

Prominent among Windsor's pioneers were **H.M. Skinner, O.D. Skinner, John D. Skinner & W. P. Skinner**, who came from Windsor, Vermont. They suggested the name of their old home when Windsor Township was approved in 1842 by an act of the legislature.

Before the location of the state capital at Lansing they were extremely isolated. Much of the land was taken by speculators and this was a serious hindrance to settlement and improvement.

The first settler in Windsor was **Orange Towslee**, in 1837. He purchased 240 acres of wild land and cut his own road to the land so he could reach it with his family and household goods. He lived in a tent while building a log house. By the time his house was finished, others had arrived, including **Oramel D., John D. & William P. Skinner** who owned 960 acres in the east part of town.

Others coming to Windsor were **Nathan H. Pray**, a native of Rhode Island, who came at age 12, later marrying and bringing his bride. In 1838 a son, **Esek**, was born and named after his grandfather. He was the first white child born in Windsor.

And still others who helped the start of permanent settlements were, **Samuel Munn, Charles Wright & Andrew Mills**, single men.

Mills built a shanty, and was preparing to put up a log house when the shanty took fire and burned down, destroying his clothes and provisions, besides seventy dollars. He became discouraged by his misfortunes, left town, and never returned.

Windsor settled slowly during its early years. In 1844 there were only twenty-six resident taxpayers, four of them bearing the name of **Skinner**.

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The first marriage in Windsor was that of **Chauncy Bohannon & Maria Gilbert**, October 23, 1842 performed by **John Courter**, justice of the peace. The first funeral was July 14, 1844, a child of **Mr. & Mrs. Nathan H. Pray**.

### Dimondale

(From a paper written by **Vera Elsie Pray**, daughter of **George H. Shepard & May C. Shepard**).

The beginning of Dimondale looks like this:

**William Page** was granted by the United States of America Patent, Sections 14, 15, 22 - dated May 10, 1848 and recorded November 17, 1852.

Warranty Deed - **William Page & wife Frances Page** to **Abel Beers & Isaac M. Dimond** - January 28, 1837 4, 000 acres. Records reveal that **Dimond** went into Bankruptcy in New York on April 5, 1842. A lawsuit was in the courts of Eaton County 1854, when it was settled **Dimond** was to be allotted the dam river rights through Section 23 and the mill on Grand River in Section 15. **Dimond** had about 21 acres. The plat is dated October 27, 1859 and recorded Nov. 1, 1859 by **I. M. Dimond**.

**Dimond** deeded parts of this land to his wife, his brother-in-law **M. C. Crafts**, to **Margaret Sampson**, **R. W. Gray**, **Dudckles**, **Pollard**, **A. Crafts**, **D.S. Grant**, **A. E. French**, **D. Punderson**, **Benham**, **White**, **Woods**, **Hoskins & Worden**.

**I.M. Dimond & M.C. Crafts** established the first store on the West side of the river.

Dimondale was called **Dimondville** until about 1870. In 1866 there were 16 buildings on the West side of the village. In 1864 **Tyler Hull & D. S. Grant** operated a shoe store. **Harley Gilbert** was the first mail carrier.

The East Windsor Post Office was at **George Cheney's** tavern on M-99. The tavern was half way between Lansing and Eaton Rapids. It was a popular spot in the Civil War. Stage coaches traveled between Lansing, Eaton Rapids and Jackson. Mail came there on the stage, pony express or carried by friends.

The Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad came through in 1872. **Edmund W. Hunt**, a

Civil War Veteran received his commission as Postmaster on January 6, 1873.

Early teachers in Dimondale included **Maria Louisa Potter**, **Nell Flager Urie**, **Esek Pray**, **Alvina Torrey**, **Alice T. Hinckly**, **Cordelia Jane Wright**, **Susan Skinner**, **Christina Weller**, **Elizabeth Hocum**, **Polly Lobdell**, **George Nierman & Mary Beadle**.

Some of the business was a general store operated by **Freeman G. Pray**, a drug store run by **Dr. Cameron**. **Hudson** had a rake factory; **Kate Waterman Baker** owned a Millinery Shop and **Pray & Mathews** had a storage business. In 1888 most of Dimondale was wiped out by a fire.

The first bridge was built of logs in 1857. This was replaced by a better one in 1868. A wooden bridge was built in 1884 at a cost of \$1, 497. To reach the other side of the river, it was forded below the Dam. In 1894 **A. W. Strobel**, township Highway Commissioner built the Iron Bridge. A foot bridge was built on the south side. In April 1932 the Jarvis Company set the old Iron bridge 55 feet up the river for traffic. The cement bridge was built.

Names associated with the **Saw-Mill** in Dimondale were: **Isaac M. Dimond**, **Alexander Oliver**, **Rann Oliver & Oscar Reynolds**. With each name, improvements were made to the original mill, which was crude but thought to be entirely sufficient for the times. Dimondale was not to become a lumberman's town so they found it easier to float the logs to larger markets the to finish the lumber and ship by the way of the wagon-road and ox-team. Windsor evolved as an agricultural paradise.

Names associated with the **Flour Mill**:

**Irving Holmes** was the contractor who built the mill, which was run by water power and one of the best in the state. The mill was owned by **Edmund W. Hunt**, **Wentworth**, **Samuel Roe**, **Dr. Sherman & George S. Sherman**. Millers were **Phlyn Lapmand & Elmer Aldrich**.

Other owners of the mill included: **Mr. Sirine**, **John Shively**, **William J. Bateman**, **Wesley Andres**, **Merl Wilson**, and **Baker & H. A. French**.

Blacksmiths - **Ed. Clemons & Al McCready & Jickells**

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Livery Barn - **Frank Skinner**  
Bakery - **Mr. & Mrs. Jim Rann**  
Photo Gallery - **H. J. Newcomb**  
Opera House - **Norman H. Widger**  
General Store - **N. H. Widger & Ike North**  
First Doctor - **Sylvester Derby** followed by  
**Martin E. Munger, Dr. E. S. Walford &**  
**Dr. Tyler Hull.**

Dry Goods Store - **Charley Sloan**  
Meat Market - **Charles J. Hutt, Sr.**  
Implement Store - **Clarence E. Norton & Mr.**  
**James**

Newspaper - **Deforest Marvil**  
First regular church services were held at  
**Nathan H. Pray's** house.  
Dentist - **O.J. Janes**  
Jewelry Store & Notions - **A. W. Nisbet**  
Druggist - **Fred Merritt**  
Barber Shop - **Alfred French**  
Repair & Cabinet Shop - **Dri Parson**  
First Supervisor - **John D. Skinner**

The township of Windsor was organized on the same day as three other townships in the county, **Delta, Eaton Rapids & Sunfield**, March 16, 1842 and the last two to be organized were **Benton & Roxand** the following year.

( to read more about Windsor and Dimondale, read **Thelma Caruss'** book "*Windsor Township - Heritage & Horizon*". It can be found in nearly every Eaton County library.)

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### Using The Internet To Search Archives

#### Private Archives:

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.  
**www.elca.org/os/archives/intro.html** is located in Elk Grove, Illinois, contains pastoral acts, baptisms, confirmations, marriages & Burials with some records of communion & membership list of congregations nationwide.

The DePauw University Library at Greencastle, Indiana contains the archives of the Indiana United Methodist.  
**www.depauw.edu/library/archives**

The Brethren in Christ Historical Library & Archives at Messiah College in Grantham, Penn.

**www.bic-church.org/about.html** accepts mail, phone fax & in person queries.

The American Jewish Archives located at Hebrew Union University in Cincinnati  
**www.huc.edu/aja/home.html** has 650 manuscript collections & 14,000 smaller collections.

The Salvation Army has an extensive archives & research center in Alexandria, Virginia.  
**www.salvationarmyusa.org** Click on "About Us" then "Archives Center"

The Wells Fargo Archives Website.  
**www.wellsfargohistory.com/archives**  
Inquiries made in writing to their address in San Francisco are honored.

The Weyerhaeuser Company Archives is located at the lumber & logging's headquarters in Federal Way, Washington.  
**www.weyerhaeuser.com/about us/our history**  
External researchers are admitted on a case by case basis.

The Steamship Historical Society of America  
**www.sshsa.net/index.html** preserves artifacts from steamship days. 200,000 images of steamships, photographs, postcards, prints, posters, paintings & drawings.

The Immigration History Research Center at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul holds the archives of The Order Sons of Italy in America.  
**www.ihrc.umn.edu/research/vitrage/all/om/ihrc 1735.html**

The Knights of Columbus Archives is in New Haven, Conn.  
**www.koc.org**

#### Websites:

The Ships List: **www.theshipslist.com**

The Great Ocean Liners:  
**www.greatoceanliners.net**

\* This information from taken from an article written by John Phillip Colletta, Ph.D and appeared in the Oct. 2006 issue of "*Family Chronicle Magazine*".

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### Photo Gallery

Munson School 1908  
Teacher - Miss Flossie Merrill

Submitted by: James Miller



Munson School 1908  
Teacher - Miss Flossie Merrill

Left row back to front  
Jessie Dood - Jay Bolock - Mae N. - Herbert Dodd  
Right row back to front  
Roy Bolock - Sadie Henderson - Fay Newcomer - Glenn Walterdori  
Delbert Dodd



## Eaton County Quest

### Photo Gallery

Munson School 1914  
Teacher - LeFrey

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About 1914

**Front row- Left**

**Helen Miller, Walter Parker, Lynn Henshaw, Gladys Parker  
Rozma Seachrist, Arlene Harmon & Charles Davison**

**2<sup>nd</sup> row**

**Mae Miller, Agnes Doty, Martha Curtiss, Delbert Dodd,  
Hartson Smith & Luella Randall**

**Back row**

**Cora Henderson, Herbert Dodd & Ethel VanDerhoof  
LeFrey the teacher**

## Eaton County Quest

### Photo Gallery

Wheaton School 1919-1920  
Teacher - Ermentrude Martin Smith

Submitted by: James Miller



**Wheaton School 1919 - 1920**  
Teacher - Ermentrude Martin Smith

Upper Row - Arthur Drake, Myrle Wheaton, Bernard Shrader, Keith Turner,  
Dorothy Drake, Lucille Shaver & Harry Bottomley

Lower Row - Wayne Wheaton, Alfred Bottomley, Maxine Shrader, Robert  
McAllister, Clyde Gordineer, Edna Turner, & Forest Machtrich.

# Pedigree Chart

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

Chart no. 1

## 2 James Albert CHURCH

Born: 21 Feb 1875  
Place: Convis Twp., Calhoun Co., MI  
Marr: 21 Jan 1895  
Place: Charlotte, Eaton, MI  
Died: 8 Jun 1958  
Place: Battle Creek, Calhoun, MI

## 1 Miles Albert CHURCH

Born: 11 Jul 1896  
Place: Charlotte, Eaton, Michigan  
Marr: 15 Mar 1934  
Place: Lansing, Ingham, Michigan  
Died: 15 Apr 1978 --  
Place: PB, Broward, Florida

## Sylvia Bell SELLECK

Spouse

## 3 Harriet Ophelia LOVE

Born: 21 Oct 1878  
Place: Charlotte, Eaton, MI  
Died: 25 Feb 1908  
Place: Charlotte, Eaton, MI

## 4 John H. CHURCH

Born: 25 Sep 1848  
Place: Oswego, New York  
Marr: 5 Oct 1870  
Place: BT, Brant Co, O.Canada  
Died: 12 Apr 1903  
Place: Charlotte, Eaton, MI

## 5 Sarah Malvina CARNEY

Born: 14 Nov 1844  
Place: Kalamazoo, MI  
Died: 18 Apr 1891  
Place: Charlotte, Eaton, MI

## 6 William Lucius LOVE

Born: 7 Aug 1829  
Place: Bennington, Vermont  
Marr: 4 Aug 1852  
Place:  
Died: 24 Sep 1879  
Place: Charlotte, Eaton, MI

## 7 Lucy Mariah PETERS

Born: 12 Nov 1834  
Place: Salem Twp., W, Michigan  
Died: 11 Jul 1903  
Place: South Prairie, , MI

## 8 Phillip CHURCH

Born: ABT 1812 cont.  
Place: New York  
Marr: ABT 1828  
Place: BG, Ontario, Canada  
Died: 4 Feb 1821  
Place: BT, Brant, Ontario, Canada

## 9 Mary JOHNSON

Born: cont.  
Place: Niagara, New York  
Died: 4 Jul 1887  
Place: Brant, Ontario, Canada

## 10 Samuel CARNEY

Born: ABT 1809 cont. 2  
Place: Niagara, New York  
Marr:  
Place:  
Died: Dec 1850  
Place: Climax Twp, Kal Co., MI

## 11 Mary KEYS

Born: ABT 1812 cont.  
Place: New York  
Died: 1897  
Place: Michigan

## 12 William Lowe LOVE

Born: 12 Apr 1799 cont. 3  
Place: Bennington, Vermont  
Marr: 10 Apr 1823  
Place:  
Died: 29 Mar 1877  
Place: Carmel Twp, Eaton, MI

## 13 Lucinda NORTON

Born: 9 Apr 1804 cont. 4  
Place: Fairfax, Franklin, Virginia  
Died: 27 Sep 1883  
Place: Eaton, Michigan

## 14 George PETERS

Born: 14 Jul 1803 cont.  
Place: Cattaraugus, New York  
Marr: 18 Feb 1830  
Place:  
Died: 8 May 1872  
Place: Charlotte, Eaton, Michigan

## 15 Mary Ann STEVENS

Born: 7 Aug 1810 cont.  
Place: Massachusetts  
Died: 14 Jan 1894  
Place: Carmel twp., Eaton, Michigan

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# Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 2

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

## 2 John CARNEY

Born: 10 Oct 1787  
Place:  
Marr: ABT 1809  
Place:  
Died: 28 Mar 1871  
Place:

## 1 Samuel CARNEY

Born: ABT 1809  
Place: Niagara, New York  
Marr:  
Place:  
Died: Dec 1850  
Place: Climax Twp, Kal Co., MI

## Mary KEYS

Spouse

## 3 Polly FINCH

Born: 16 Sep 1790  
Place:  
Died: 19 Jan 1819  
Place:

## 4 S. CARNEY OR KERNEY

Born: 29 Apr 1763  
Place:  
Marr:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

## 5 Eleanor MARR

Born: 9 Mar 1766  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

## 6

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

## 7

Born:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

## 8

Born: cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Marr:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

## 9

Born: cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

## 10

Born: cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Marr:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

## 11

Born: cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

## 12

Born: cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Marr:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

## 13

Born: cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

## 14

Born: cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Marr:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

## 15

Born: cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

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# Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 3

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

## 2 James LOVE

Born: 22 Apr 1774  
Place:  
Marr:  
Place:  
Died: 13 Jul 1843  
Place:

## 1 William Lowe LOVE

Born: 12 Apr 1799  
Place: Bennington, Vermont  
Marr: 10 Apr 1823  
Place:  
Died: 29 Mar 1877  
Place: Carmel Twp, Eaton, MI

## Lucinda NORTON

Spouse

## 3 Sally L. MITCHELL

Born: Apr 1774  
Place:  
Died: 4 Jun 1834  
Place:

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4

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

5

Born:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

6

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

7

Born:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

8

Born: cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Marr:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

9

Born: cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

10

Born: cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Marr:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

11

Born: cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

12

Born: cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Marr:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

13

Born: cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

14

Born: cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Marr:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

15

Born: cont. \_\_\_\_\_  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

# Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 4

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

## 2 Moses NORTON

Born: 18 Mar 1782  
Place:  
Marr:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

## 1 Lucinda NORTON

Born: 9 Apr 1804  
Place: Fairfax, Franklin, Virginia  
Marr: 10 Apr 1823  
Place:  
Died: 27 Sep 1883  
Place: Eaton, Michigan

## William Lowe LOVE

Spouse

## 3 Sally CHASE

Born: 1779  
Place:  
Died: 28 Jan 1835  
Place:

## 4 Joseph NORTON

Born: 9 Apr 1762  
Place:  
Marr:  
Place:  
Died:  
Place:

## 5 Mary NORTON ?

Born: 17 Nov 1760  
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. \_\_\_\_\_

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