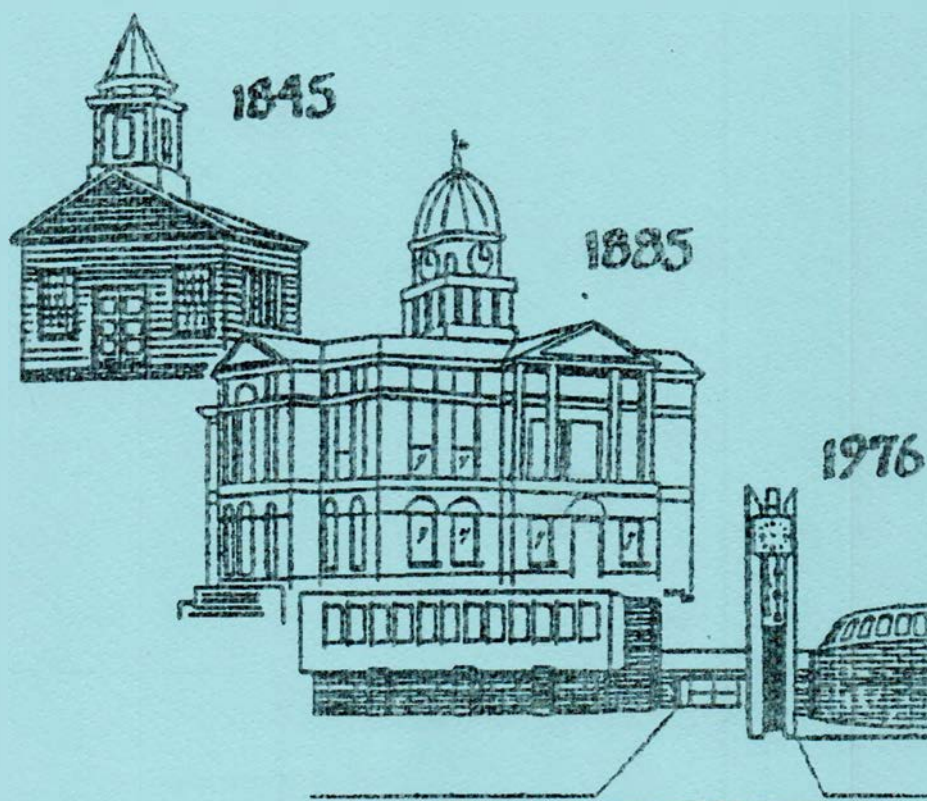


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Hello My Genealogical Friends!

I am your new "Quest" Editor. My husband thought I was crazy to volunteer but research and writing is something I love to do. Now that I am retired, I have some spare time to do both.



I expressed my willingness to the Eaton County Genealogical Society (ECGS) that I would give it a try. They unanimously approved my appointment before I could change my mind. They must have been desperate. I thought Shirley was going to do hand springs on the court-house lawn!!!

Some history about me:

I am a retired State Employee. During my 20 years of state service I worked at Public Health, Family Independence, and MI State Housing. I have a bachelor's degree from Northwood University. My 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary will be June 8<sup>th</sup> of this year. My son, Steve and his wife Pam have two daughters, Kayla and Stephanie. Stephanie has been accepted to MI Tech into their Civil Engineering program for the fall of 2008. Kelly, my daughter, and her husband Roger have two boys, Ryan and Nicholas. The grandkids are the joy of my life!!!

Other hobbies I have are oil and watercolor painting. I love miniatures and I have built several dollhouses.

I have been doing family research for about 27 years now. I think what has kept me going is curiosity, being nosey, finding just one more relative and the love of history. My youngest grandson, Nicholas, ask, "Grandma, now tell me; just how many grandfathers do I have that fought in the Civil War?" We sit down and I tell him the stories and information I have found. I hope he will carry on the family history.

My family surnames that I am researching to name just a few are:

Bush	Dukes	Hampton
Motter	Carter	Heaven
Shance	Godfrey	Fuller

The best gift you can give is to pass on your knowledge of family history to the next generation.

I hope I can meet your expectations as editor of the Quest. You can contact me at [historybuff62@gmail.com](mailto:historybuff62@gmail.com) or write to me in care of the 1885 Courthouse.

Have a great year!

*Vicki L Dukes*

## **Lamb and Thornton Family**

By Larry Randall

In a small pioneer cemetery some six (6) miles west of Springport, MI on the west side of Duck Lake, is the grave of **Andrew and Susan, Lincoln, Lamb**. They were buried there less than one half mile from their 1844 log home-site. The Duck Lake home was five (5) miles south of the village of Brookfield. Nine of the eleven children of the Lamb family were buried within two miles of the 1844 log home.

They left behind many children that settled here and their descendents are many and most are buried in the Clarence Center and North Clarence Cemeteries. One exception is their oldest daughter, **Martha**. **Martha** was born in Wyoming County or then Genesee County, New York and came to Michigan when she was five or six years old.

Their first stop was in Marengo Township in 1837. **Martha** stayed with her parents until 1850 when she then was a young lady of 19 or 20 years old. She went west in the gold rush toward California with a group including a **William Thornton** and three (3) **Olds** boys from Battle Creek. Their parents and grandparents are buried in the cemetery east of the airport on Territorial Road.

**Martha's** husband, **William Thornton**, was good at a card game, and as soon as they got to Genoa, Carson Valley, Nevada (then it was Utah Territory) he became known as **Lucky Bill Thorington**. It appears that the local people had gotten rid of the Mormons and their plural marriages, and were not too happy with "**Lucky's**" having two wives, so in 1858 vigilantes came and hung **Lucky Bill**.

Early in 1990s a local resident in Genoa, **Michael Makley**, a high school coach, wrote a book called "The Hanging of Lucky Bill". At that time, many weeks of research revealed nothing about **Martha Lamb**, who she was, where she came from or how she got to Carson Valley.

Later **Martha** married **David Olds** and they moved to Inyo County, California and lived well into this century. Many of her descendants are found out there in that state. A copy of "The Hanging of Lucky Bill", a 145 page book is in the Springport Library for all the "Cousins" to read.

**William Thornton** was from around here and I would love to connect him to the **Eaton County Thorntons**. It seems that he may have been living near Battle Creek in his younger years and knew the **Olds** boys, **John, Luther, and David**. **Martha** was a sister to my great grandmother.



## Funeral Home Web Sites

By Larry Randall

We can gather quite a lot of family information setting at our computers. Area funeral homes have many months of obituaries listed. Presented here in no special order and certainly not complete are some sites to visits:

[www.keintiddfuneralhome.com](http://www.keintiddfuneralhome.com)

[www.shellyodell.com](http://www.shellyodell.com)

[www.skinnerfuneralhome.com/obituaries.htm](http://www.skinnerfuneralhome.com/obituaries.htm).

[www.kempffuneralhome.com](http://www.kempffuneralhome.com)

[www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com](http://www.petersandmurrayfuneralhome.com)

[www.tidd-williams.com](http://www.tidd-williams.com)

[www.farleyestesdowdle.com](http://www.farleyestesdowdle.com)

[www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com)

[www.tiffanyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tiffanyfuneralhome.com)

[www.jcadamsfuneralhome.com/obituaries.html](http://www.jcadamsfuneralhome.com/obituaries.html)

[www.webfh.com/fh/home/home.cfm?&fh\\_id=10340](http://www.webfh.com/fh/home/home.cfm?&fh_id=10340)

<http://obit.shawfuneralhome.com/listcurrent>

Burial records:  
[www.findagrave.com/](http://www.findagrave.com/)

If you know of other good web sites for obituaries or cemetery sites you feel others would be interested in, please email Eaton County Quest Editor at [historybuff62@gmail.com](mailto:historybuff62@gmail.com)  
Thank you.

## Eaton County

### State of Michigan Marriages

Abstracted by Betty Goostrey

Spelling as written. Copies of these records may be obtained by writing to:

### Eaton County Clerk

1045 Independence Blvd.

Charlotte MI 48813

Enclose a SASE and check or money order for **\$13.00 per copy you order**. A genealogical copy will no longer be made.

### Volume 1 Page 362

Date of Marriage: Jun 27, 1851

Groom: **Terry M Philley** Age: 22

Residence: Eaton Rapids

Bride: **Hannah Bradford** Age: 16

Residence: Eaton Rapids

Offical performing: **J W Smith**, Minister

Witnesses: **Sophiah Chamberlin**  
and **Laura B Smith**

Recorded: Jan 20, 1857

Clerk: E A Foote

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Date of Marriage: Jun 10, 1856

Groom: **John J Gould** Age: 22

Residence: Parris, Monroe Co.,  
Missouri

Bride: **Emeline McQueen** Age: 20

Residence: Eaton Rapids

Place of marriage: Eaton Rapids

Offical Performing: **Joseph W Smith**, Minister  
Witnesses: **D W Gould** and  
**Fayette Baldwin**  
Recorded: Jan 20, 1857  
Clerk: **E A Foote**

**Volume 1 Page 363**

Date of Marriage: April 1, 1856  
Groom: **Israel M Allyn** Age: 37  
Residence: Eaton Rapids  
Bride: **Caroline R Ludlow** Age: 25  
Residence: Eaton Rapids  
Offical Performing: **Joseph W Smith**, Minister  
Witnesses: **Laura B Smith** and  
**Sophiah Chamberlin**  
Recorded: Jan 20, 1857  
Clerk: **E A Foote**

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Date of Marriage: Oct 21, 1855  
Groom: **Abel W Burdick** Age: 24  
Residence: Eaton Rapids  
Bride: **Eliza J Beebe** Age: 20  
Residence: Eaton Rapids  
Offical Performing: **J W Smith**, Minister  
Witnesses: **Delos Beebe** and  
**Crynthia Beebe**  
Recorded: Jan 20, 1857  
Clerk: **E A Foote**

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Date of Marriage: Mar 13, 1855  
Groom: **Philip Conly** Age: 35  
Residence: Eaton Rapids  
Bride: **Mary Spicer** Age 35  
Residence: Eaton Rapids  
Offical Performing: **Joseph W Smith**, Minister  
Witnesses: **Nicholas Casler** and  
**E A Preston**  
Recorded: Jan 20, 1857  
Clerk: **E A Foote**

**Volume 1 Page 365**

Date of Marriage: Nov 7, 1853  
Groom: **Guy H Wheeler** Age: 20  
Residence: Webster, MI  
Bride: **Hannah Harrison** Age: 20  
Residence: Eaton Rapids  
Place of Marriage: Eaton Rapids  
Offical Performing: **J W Smith**, Minister  
Witnesses **John C Wheeler** and  
**Laura B Smith**  
Recorded: Jan 20, 1857  
Clerk: **E A Foote**

**Volume 1 Page 365**

Date of Marriage: Oct 6, 1852  
Groom: **Walker M Tisdale** Age: 26  
Residence: Aylmee, Canada  
West County of Middlesex  
Bride: **Caroline Mody Kinson**  
Residence: Same place  
Place of Marriage: Eaton Rapids  
Offical Performing: **J W Smith**, Minister  
Witnesses: **L W McKinney**  
and **J C Covey**  
Recorded: Jan 20, 1857  
Clerk: **E A Foote**

**Volume 1 Page 366**

Date of Marriage: Oct 20, 1853  
Groom: **Calvin Hatfield** Age: 22  
Residence: Eaton Rapids  
Bride: **Emeline Brininstool** Age: 17  
Residence: Eaton Rapids  
Place of Marriage: Eaton Rapids  
Offical Performing: **J W Smith**, Minister  
Witnesses: **Martin Brininstool**  
and **George N Smith**  
Recorded: Jan 20, 1857  
Clerk: **E A Foote**

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Date of Marriage: Jan 29, 1857  
Groom: **Anthony Brimar** (?) Age: 33  
Residence: Detroit  
Bride: **Eliza Wright** Age: 23  
Residence: Cleveland, OH  
Place of Marriage: Vermontville  
Offical Performing: **Charles Templer**  
Witnesses: **John A Plummer**  
His residence: Bangor  
And **Harriet Martin**  
Her residence: Vermontville  
Recorded: Feb 5, 1857  
Clerk: **E A Foote**

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Date of Marriage: Nov 12, 1856  
Groom: **Alvin Leighton** Age: 47  
Residence: Eaton Rapids  
Bride: **Sarah Hill** Age 51  
Residence: Eaton Rapids  
Offical Performing: **N L Brockway**,  
Minister  
Witnesses: **J H Wyman and**  
**E C Wyman**  
Recorded: Feb 6, 1857  
Clerk: **E A Foote**

**Volume 1 Page 367**

Date of Marriage: Feb 3, 1857  
Groom: **Jacob Dennis** Age 27  
Residence: Marshall, MI  
Bride: **Rebecca Upwright** Age: 25  
Residence: Marshall, MI  
Place of Marriage: Bellevue  
Witnesses: **Cruse Reed**  
His residence: Bellevue  
and **Maria French**  
Her residence: Bellevue  
Recorded: Feb 10, 1857

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Date of Marriage: Jan 29, 1857  
Groom: **Richard Ovenshire** Age: 25  
Residence: Bellevue  
Bride: **Mary Ann Miller** Age 17

Residence: Bellevue  
Place of Marriage: Bellevue  
Offical Performing: **Norman L Booth**, J. P.  
Witnesses: **Ezekial Blue**  
His residence: Bellevue  
and **Otis Brown**  
His residence: Hastings  
Recorded: Feb 10, 1857  
Clerk: **E A Foote**

**Volume 1 Page 368**

Date of Marriage: Feb 4, 1857  
Groom: **L. Wolcott** Age 19  
Residence: Twp of Spring Arbor,  
Jackson Co., MI  
Bride: **Salvey C Paine** Age: 17  
Residence: Chester Township  
Place of Marriage: House of **B E**  
**Rich** in Chester Township  
Offical Performing: **B E Rich**, J.P.  
Witnesses: **Adoniram J Paine**  
and **Mariett L Paine**  
Recorded: Feb 12, 1857  
Clerk: **E A Foote**

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Date of Marriage: Jan 1, 1857  
Groom: **B F Bisel** Age: 25  
Residence: Carmel  
Bride: **Margaret Miller** Age: 21  
Residence: Carmel  
Place of Marriage: Carmel  
Offical Performing: **H. Baughman**, JP  
Witnesses: **Daniel Miller**  
and **T W Owings**  
Recorded: Feb 12, 1857  
Clerk: **E A Foote**



## The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)

By Vicki L Dukes

The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was organized at Decatur, Illinois, April 6, 1866 by Dr. B. F. Stephenson of Springfield. The objects of the organization were fraternity, charity, loyalty, and remembrance of the soldiers who had died.

The first state encampment of the GAR in Michigan assembled at Grand Rapids, Michigan on January 22, 1879.

The Grand Army boasted a national membership of 427,981 in 1890 and by 1900 it dwindled down to 276,662. The final encampment at Indianapolis in 1949 was attended by only six of the Grand Army's surviving members. The society continued officially until the death of its last member.

The Board of Trustees of the Veterans' Trust Fund was the acting successor agency for all the remaining documents and records of the Michigan GAR. On May 3, 1963 these records for Michigan were turned over to the Michigan Historical Commission to be archived. They occupy 37 feet, 6 inches of space and are record group 63 -19.

The material in the State Archives contain some of the following records:

- Records of the posts in Michigan
- Report of Adjutant
- Quartermaster Reports
- Charter Information
- Report of Muster
- Letters to commanding officers
- Election of officers
- Death Roll
- Post Chaplain
- Application of membership
- Report of Service
- Special Orders
- Encampment Reports
- Post Information
- Index to Members
- Supply Books

The State Archives does not have all of the above documents for each post. Each post was individually formed and was not regulated on what information they had to keep. Many posts were disbanded over the years and their information was lost, stored in someone's garage or attic or destroyed.

## The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)

At one point in time, Michigan had 463 known posts. The first post was formed in Montague, Muskegon County in 1872. Eaton County had the following posts:

Post	Name	Address	Date Organized	Date Disbandment
40	A. S. Williams	Charlotte	1882	1929
107	Tim Lewis	Dimondale	1883	1936
108	Earl Halbert	Grand Ledge	1883	1926
111	James B. Brainard	Eaton Rapids	1883	1936
112	John Cryderman	Mulliken	1883	1911
163	Edward Dwight	Vermontville	1883	1934
163	Austin Blair	Vermontville	1883	
213	James B Mason	Bellevue	1884	1926
275	Lewis Clark	Olivet	1884	1919
283	S. M. Grinnell	Sunfield	1884	1934
325	Orlando B. Jackson	Potterville	1885	1912

When visiting the State Archives, you might want to check for your ancestor first in the Record of Membership index files. It is a handwritten index to members and offers name of member and number of post which they belonged to. It is believed to have been compiled by Mrs. Leah Simpson Marshall, Executive Secretary. It is arranged alphabetically by name of member.

The Post Records are on microfilm and contain the muster rolls. The rolls offer the name of member, age, place of birth, place of residence, and occupation. It includes rank, regiment and company served, status of membership, dates of changes in membership and death. This index is arranged numerically by post number.

Don't get too excited, remember, many records have been lost or destroyed. These indexes are not complete for all posts. The State Archives is continually looking for these lost documents and will accept copies of or donations if you know about any of these records.

## The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)

March of 1882 Muster Rolls for Post 40 in Charlotte show the following men were officers:

Giles B Allen	Samuel Pollock
George Foreman	George Rowley
Lafayette Rowley	Phild D Patterson
Wm O Culver	Chas E D Baxter
Jacob Roberts	F G Warren
Geo W Carrel	

By 1889 Post 40 had listed just under 300 members. The following contains only a partial list from the Muster Rolls for 1882 to 1885. More to be continued in the next Quest issue.

I did the best that I could with the spelling of the names. Poor hand-writing and some records were very faint and hard to read.

### Muster Roll Information Post 40

	Last Name	First Name	Age	Place of Birth	Residence	Occupation
1	Allen	Giles B	38	MI	Charlotte	Physician
2	Walters	A C			Charlotte	
3	Rowley	Geo W	36	MI	Charlotte	Engineer
4	Smith	Serio	53	NY	Charlotte	Abstructor
5	Foreman	Geo	49	PA	Charlotte	Handyman
6	Pollock	Samuel	42		Charlotte	Farmer
7	Kellogg	Geo E	41	PA	Charlotte	Clerk
8	Rowley	Lafayette	35	MI	Charlotte	Painter
9	Shrimer	Robert W	39	MI	Charlotte	Lawyer
10	Patterson	Philo D	39	MI	Charlotte	Physician
11	Role	H L	32	OH	Charlotte	Laborer
12	Culver	Wm O	42	NY	Charlotte	Carpenter
13	Roberts	Jacob				
14	Kopp	Samuel	43	OH	Charlotte	Clerk
15	Amis	Isaac	40	NY	Benton	Farmer
16	Warren	F G	38	England	Charlotte	Merchant
17	Simon	Geo	37	NY	Charlotte	Grocery
18	Peterson	Joseph R	40	NY	Charlotte	Under Sherrif

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19	Carrel	Geo W	42	OH	Charlotte	Carpenter
20	Allen	Alonzo H	42	NY	Charlotte	Sexton Cemetery
21	Stocking	Chas H	52	N:Y	Charlotte	Carpenter
22						
23	Shaw	Joseph	39	NY	Charlotte	Farmer
37	Wright	Jacob	42	Germany	Benton	Farmer
38	Challander	John	70	NY	Benton	Farmer
39	Vickers	Geo	42	MI	Charlotte	Carpenter
40	Wright	Geo	41	Germany	Benton	Farmer
41	Lynn	Michael	48	Ireland	Benton	Farmer
42	Rulison	Thaddeus	44	PA	Charlotte	Blacksmith
43	Frosh	Alfred G	39	OH	Charlotte	Carpenter
44	Stewart	Charles	39	MI	Charlotte	Carpenter
45	Milborn	Frnak				Farmer
46	Smith	Sidney M	57	NY	Charlotte	Contractor
47	Kimball	Handley B	48	NY	Charlotte	Painter
48	Woodcock	Walter	36	NY	Charlotte	Laborer
49	Butler	Jonathon	37	MI	Charlotte	Carpenter
50	Granger	Joseph	43	Canada	Charlotte	Mason
51	Vickery	Wm A	38	MI	Charlotte	Farmer
52	Vickery	David	42	MI	Charlotte	Farmer
53	Ash	Austin	41	OH	Chester	Farmer
54	Crapo	S C	46	OH	Carmel	Farmer
55	Woodbury	Geo E	43	MI	Charlotte	Farmer
56	Pollock	John				Laborer
				Wolf		
57	Goodrich	Byron	37	Island	Charlotte	Farmer
70	Randall	Charles C	40	Kalamo	Charlotte	Carpenter
71	Smart	Asa N	40	OH	Charlotte	Farmer
72	Blading	James W	42			Harness Maker
73	Dewit	German	49	NY	Olivet	Mason
74	Clifright	David	37	Germany	Charlotte	Farmer
75	Wisner	Charles L	42	NY	Charlotte	Machinist
76	Harmon	S H	39	OH	Chester	Farmer
77	Lienoir (?)	David L	42	OH	Charlotte	Drag & Hackline
78	Brean	(?)	36	OH	Charlotte	Painter
79	Morrell	S D	41	NY	Chester	Harness Maker
80	Pope	Elijah	39	NY	Carmel	Farmer
81	Pope	Wm H	43	NY	Kalamo	Farmer
82	Stor	Charles	43	England	Walton	Mason
83	Vickery	John	35	MI	Charlotte	Farmer
84	Garber	Samuel	62	OH	Charlotte	Farmer

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85	Hoag	George	38	NY	Charlotte	Laborer
86	Cogsdale	G	48	MI	Kalamo	Farmer
87	Winchel	D N	46	NY	Charlotte	Mechanic
88	Kaufman	Peter	51	PA	Charlotte	Laborer
89	Stuart	Benjamin	75	MA	Charlotte	Farmer
90	Bownley	Murray	37	OH	Charlotte	Farmer
91	Huhn	John A	50	NY	Brookfield	Farmer
92	Cunningham	Edward	42	NY	Walton	Farmer
93	Becker	Danel	42	NY	Chester	Farmer
94	Robins	Seth	40		Chester	Farmer
95	Crosue (?)	Charles	45	OH	Charlotte	Shoe Maker
96	Morey	John	44	MI	Charlotte	Sales Clerk
97	Mallery	Stephen	44	NY	Roxane	Mechanic
98	Sullivan	George	47	MI	Roxane	Farmer
99	Hill	Raymond	40	NY	Brookfield	Farmer
100	?awzer	Chester S	42	MI	Charlotte	Hotel Keeper
101	Ellis	James W	56	NY	Charlotte	(?)
102	Dunning	Evander	39	OH	Charlotte	Farmer
103	Carson	Samuel	53	NY	Charlotte	Mason
104	McHister (?)	Orin P	46	MI	Charlotte	Shoe Maker
105	Smith	J B				Farmer
106	Rich	John A	45	MI	Chester	Farmer
107	Walsh	Thomas				
108	Ellis	Fred W	45	NY	Kalamo	Farmer
109	?layo	Henry H	37	OH	Charlotte	Farmer
110	Shaver	Joseph	64	OH	Charlotte	Farmer
111	Woodbury	Chas	47		Anger	Grocer
112	Prendle	H R			Chester	Farmer
113	Jordan	F	39	MI	Chester	Farmer
114	Shrontz	Asa W	42	OH	Chester	Farmer
115	Welber	James W	42	England	Kalamo	Farmer
116	Jordan	William	42	England	Kalamo	Farmer
117	Pierce	E B	35	OH	Charlotte	Salesman
118	Ellis	Chas W	52	VT	Kalamo	Farmer
119	Viriacall (?)	Darnell W	43	OH	Kalamo	Farmer
120	Crout	Joseph	39	NY	Charlotte	Salesman
121	Anger	D B	40	OH	Charlotte	Editor
122	Buch	R	40	NY	Charlotte	Book Keeper
123	Shaver	John	61	PA	Carmel	Farmer
124	Parish	Alexander	45	NY	Charlotte	Laborer
125	Johnson	Henry	51	NY	Potterville	Laborer



## The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR)

### Resource:

Michigan Department of State Historical Commission, Archives Unit.  
1876 – 1945 Roll #783, GAR Post 39 – 42.

Finding Aid Number 15, "Records of the Michigan Department of the Grand Army of the Republic 1861 – 1957", published by Michigan Department of State Historical Commission Section Archives Unit, Lansing, MI 48918, 1966.  
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## Pioneer Centennial Family File Index

### A special note from our Web Master, Sherry Copenhaver:

Please check out our web site at: [www.miegs.org](http://www.miegs.org)

New items are being added. Shar Thuma, our librarian, compiled an index to the Pioneer Centennial Family Files. The Courthouse Square Association gave us permission to put this index out on the web. Look for Centennial Family Files; a link is at the bottom of the page to take you to the new index.

Happy Hunting!

THE FARM JOURNAL ILLUSTRATED  
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The Rural Directory of Eaton County Michigan  
1916 -1921

Eaton County  
Some Facts and Figures

By Vicki L. Dukes

Eaton County, with a total of 3,902 farms in an area of 571 square miles, is distinctly a farm county. More than 94 per cent of the entire area of the county is in its farms, and more than 77 per cent is under cultivation. The farms are, as a rule, of more than average size, less than 3 per cent being under ten acres. The farmers are the most prosperous folks in the county.

The farm population of Eaton County is almost exclusively native-born white. There are but few foreign, and only 3 negro farmers in the entire county, according to the most recent United States Government statistics.

It is interesting to note 2,990 farms in the county are operated by their owners and 1,488 are reported free of mortgage debt. Of the balance, the remarkably low mortgage indebtedness of only 31 per cent of the entire valuation is carried. These mortgage statements alone would indicate exceptional prosperity among Eaton County farmers.

The largest single crop produced throughout the county is corn; 1,376,405 bushels were produced in 1910.

Following crops produced are:

Oats	978,556 bushels
Wheat	356,854 bushels
Potatoes	305,336 bushels

The combined total value of these four crops was in excess of two and one-half million dollars.

Everywhere is an atmosphere of hard work taken very seriously and there is no false pride about it. The relations between the people of the farms and the people of the county seat are most cordial. The farmers deposit their savings in the local banks and deal in the local stores.

This directory is published in the belief that it will serve to acquaint the residents of one end of the county with those of the other. We believe it to be accurate. We realize, however, that even in the most carefully compiled and printed books certain errors are bound to appear, and we apologize in advance for any such that may be found by our subscribers.

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The Rural Directory of Eaton County Michigan  
1916 -1921

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Abbreviations used:

a = acres  
bds = boards  
B tel = Bell telephone  
4 ch = 4 children  
H & L = house and lot  
O = own  
R1 = Rural route no. 1  
Ret. = retired  
T = tenant  
4h = 4 horses  
2c = 2 cattle

**Grand Ledge area**

**Adams, Mrs Ella** 1ch O H&L 456 W Main St.

**Adams, Leslie (Mable)** 3 ch laborer T 456 W Main St.

**Allen, Chas. (Marion)** 2 ch ret O H&L 212 W Scott St. Ind tel.

**Babbington, Mrs C. O.** 1 ch dressmaker O H&L 316 Pleasant St.

**Bailey, Mrs Dell** O H&L 713 Maple St

**Bailey, Geo. H.** 3 ch ret O H&L 527 W Jefferson St

**Bailey, Louis (May)** butcher T 703 Park St.

**Cahn, Mrs John** 2ch 608 Clinton St.

**Cahoon, Clare** electrician beds 506 Kent St.

**Campbell, L W (Ellia)** druggist O H&L 507 S Bridge St Ind tel. See adv.

**Canfield, Edith** telephone operator bds 111 Washington St W

**Canfield, Robert (Mae)** 1 ch driver T H&L 217 Washington St W

**Carpenter, Wm. (Ruth)** 4 ch meat cutter T High St

**Carter, W R (Nora)** 5 ch laborer O H&L 709 W Jefferson St

**Dakin, Thomas (Alberta)** 5 ch engineer O H&L 715 W Jefferson St Ind tel.

**Dale, Clarence (Minnie)** 1 ch grocery clerk T 122 Holbert St

**Earl, Blanche** stenotypist bds 113 W Scott St Ind tel.

**Earl, Clyde (Grace)** 7 ch laborer T 1100 Jenne St

**Earl, Mrs Ellen** O H&L 600 Jenne St

**Earl, Mrs Joan** O H&L 303 W Scott St

**Earl, Mrs N C** 2ch O H&L 113 W Scott St Ind tel.

**Failing, Bruce (Mary)** undertaker T 118 W Lincoln Ave Ind tel.

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