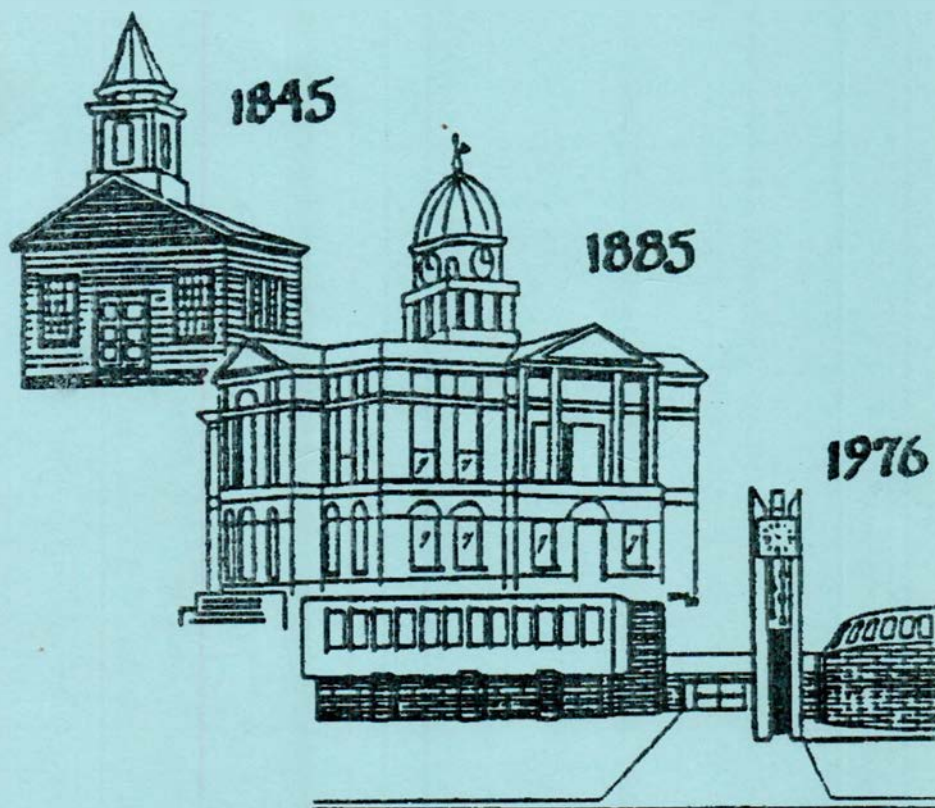


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Hello My Genealogical Friends!



Please enjoy where you are in life right now. Time slips by us way too fast and before you know it you have lost a loved one. This past winter my father, Norman R Hampton past away at the age of 88. As I began to put the Quest together, it reminded me of all the questions I failed to ask him. He lived a full, rich and rewarding life. But what do I know about him?

"....and Old Age, I decided, is a gift." Life is too short to worry over the wrinkles I have. As I've aged, I am more kind to myself and less critical of others. Growing old has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time wondering what could have been or worrying about what will be."

In a nut shell, live for today and enjoy life. Take time to be with family and friends this summer and really get to know them. Attend those family reunions, go visit with that great aunt before you have regrets. Ask those questions; ask them now!

Vicki

Preparing for a Genealogy Research Trip

By Shirley Gage Hodges

It is the time of year when we start to plan our research trips for the year. I would like to touch briefly on how one goes about getting the most out of their research trips. I also want to talk a little about those things that you can do to get ready for your trip. It doesn't matter how great the facility is if we haven't prepared adequately we won't accomplish as much as we might be able to.

I want to make sure we are all on the same page. I am talking about research trips, not a family vacation. Believe me, if you have a non-genealogy type spouse and you try to palm off a research trip as a vacation, you may end up as a statistic in the divorce courts.

Learning how to prepare for a genealogical research trip is extremely important. The success of your trip many times is directly related to the amount of preparation you have made. We all need to make the most of one of our most valuable assets, which is our time.

I know that some of these things will sound very elementary, but some times we need a refresher course.

Do your homework. Don't waste valuable research time at the library on things that you could find in our own attic. Exhaust all your home and family sources before you turn to the research facility. Everything that you can accomplish before you leave for your trip will allow you to spend your time at the facility doing things that can only be accomplished there. Don't waste that valuable time doing

things that you could do at home or in research facilities near your home.

Review the material that you have accumulated over time. Recheck notes. It takes longer but saves time in the end. Now your offices may be totally organized. I know I have what I refer to as my "piles and files". Look through them for pertinent information.

Review both the abstracts that you have made from documents and the originals if you have them. I think that many of us discover that we sometimes have overlooked a clue that we have had in our possession all the time. Sometimes, it is simply because we have become a little more sophisticated in our research techniques and we recognize the significance of an item better. We might have abstracted the material when we were fatigued or perhaps we might have gotten distracted. We might not have been far enough along with our research in that line to realize that some of the other names in the document had real significance for us. It is well worth the time taken to review the item. Sometimes we make mistakes when we are extracting data because we write down what we are expecting to see. Always remain open-minded and don't be influenced by what you are expecting to find. Some times there is a wide gap between the actual facts and what we were expecting to discover.

Determine what you know and record the source of your information. The goal of every

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genealogist should be to have a record that is complete and verifiably correct. Another researcher should be able to go back to your sources and come up with the same conclusions.

The hard part is trying to determine which facilities and places you need to visit once you research your destination. You really need to devise a plan before you ever leave home. If you use the shot gun approach and just dart from hither to yon that is what your final research project may look like. You may end up with scattered data that is not tied and bounded together in a concrete and coherent way.

When you arrive at a facility always ask about their special collections. Each facility may have a collection that is truly unique to them. At the Eaton County, Michigan Genealogical Society, for example, we have 300 Civil Defense cards that were filled out at the time of World War II. People indicated things that they could do and sometimes gave a lot of personal information. Three of my husband's uncles had filled out cards so we were very happy with that find.

Organize data to maximize time at facility. Have your materials arranged in such a way that you don't waste a lot of time trying to sort through materials.

Recently my husband and I were doing research at Salt Lake. One gentleman finally worked up his courage and asked me how I had

organized my materials. He said that I seemed so organized. I really had him fooled but I was flattered! I had gone to the local Family History Center and pulled information on all of the materials that I wanted to check on. I then organized them by call number. I was able to just walk down the shelves and pull the materials very quickly. When I finished with those, I could go back and pick up another set of books. I didn't have to dart all over looking for what I wanted.

I have a special puzzle file for each library. When I get ready to go back to the facility I can pull it and attempt solve problems.

Use a surname checklist. I try and get everyone used to this idea. It doesn't have to be some grand and glorious chart; it can be on a 3 X 5" card. Some times when you get home from a trip you will think, oh my gosh, my Smiths also lived in that county. By using a "cheat sheet" if you will, you won't find yourself driving back 75 miles or sometimes more to a library to check something else out.

On your trip, keep reviewing your plan and see how you are coming. Make necessary adjustments.

Sometimes you have to create your own research facility. A couple of years ago we were rushing to get to a cemetery in Shiloh, Ohio when I spotted an Ice Cream Social at a church. I told my husband that we needed to stop. He said that we didn't have time. My reply was that

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we didn't have time not too. He thought I had gone over the proverbial bend but I told him that we were going to get something and find the oldest person we could and sit with them. We did and told them what we were doing in the area. Within about 15 minutes everyone in a two-block area had heard about those crazy Michiganians. We actually met some shirttail relation and found out where Hodges Corners was. The only homestead was still standing.

When the trip is over your work has just begun. Organize all the wonderful material that you have found. In fact, go back to the beginning and repeat the process of what you did before. Our genealogical data is always in a state of being refined and improved.

Until next time ☺

Resource: The Global Gazette, 01
March 2007 by Shirley Gage Hodges

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www.freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~gentutor/trails.html

Emigrant Road: An Oregon Trail Adventure

www.emigrantroad.com

Frontier Trails

www.americanwest.con/trails

Migration Charts

www.intl-research.com/migration.html

Mormon Trails Association

www.mormontrails.org

National Park Service National Trails System

www.Nps.gov/nrcr/programs/nts

The National Road

www.nps.gov/archive/fone/natlroad.htm

Oregon Pioneers

www.peak.org/~mransom/pioneers.html

The Oregon Trail

www.isu.edu/~trinmich/oregontrail.html

Shepherd's Mill Is One of City's Leading Plants

By Mary Jean Baker

Shepherd's Mill and Elevator are among the leading institutions of the city, being conducted by **L. H. Shepherd** and his son, **Ion Shepherd**, and doing a large business, paying out thousands of dollars to our Eaton County farmers annually.

The Shepherd family is one of the oldest and best families of the city, **Elisha Shepherd** being one of the pioneer residents and a strong factor in the up-building of the city, coming here in 1837.

L. H. Shepherd has been engaged in his present line of enterprise in his native city since 1882, when he engaged in the buying and shipping of grain, utilizing the elevator building, which had been erected by **Elisha and James Shepherd**.

Mr. Shepherd and his son now have a well equipped and extensive elevator and flour mill, operation under the name of the **L. H. Shepherd Grain, Bean and Milling Co.** They have built up an extensive business in the handling of grain, beans and flour and other mill products and are among the representative businessmen of the city.

Ion L Shepherd Dies In Battle Creek

Charlotte Business Man Suffered Breakdown Several Months Ago.

The funeral will be held at 3 pm this (Friday) afternoon at the **Mrs. L H Shepherd** home. **Rev R W Roth** of the Congregational Church will officiate.

Ion L Shepherd, 54, highly regarded Charlotte citizen and one of the best-known men in the county, died at the Battle Creek Sanitarium, May 30, 1934. His life had been despaired of for several days. He had been a rest patient at the Sanitarium for about two weeks when other complications developed and because of his weakened physical condition fell easy prey to the new handicaps.

Mr Shepherd suffered a breakdown several months ago and had spent sometime at home, in Ann Arbor and finally in Battle Creek in an attempt to repair his frayed nervous system. His cousin, Alderman **O. Edward Packard**, was with him at the end. He had been unconscious at intervals for several days.

Mr Shepherd was born in Charlotte, March 4, 1880 and had spent his entire life here. His mother was a sister of the late **Orrin E Packard** and she died of scarlet fever shortly after Ion's birth. The motherless infant was raised in the **Packard home** until **Mr L H Shepherd's** second marriage when he received the loving devotion of his step-mother, the former **Zora Bretz**, who survives with his wife, **Maude Kenyon Shepherd**, who has been critically ill with an oral disease

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made extra insidious by the long strain of **Mr Shepherd's** ill health. As this is written **Mrs Shepherd** had not been told of her husband's passing.

As a young man, **Mr Shepherd** went into his father's mill and elevator at the junction of the **Grand Trunk and Michigan Central railroads** and succeeded to the business at his death two or three years ago. He knew all phases of the grain and wool business and was widely known in that business field.

As to just what will happen to this long established business is mere conjecture at this time. At his death **Mr Shepherd** was one of the board having in charge the segregated assets of the **Eaton County Savings Bank**. The other members of this board are Mayor **C R Beechler** and **Phil H Barber**.

In politics **Mr Shepherd** classified himself as an independent and supported **President Roosevelt** in the last campaign. He kept well informed on current matters and his views on sundry matters always commanded attention and respect.

West Windsor

This place of one hundred and twenty-five inhabitants is sometimes known as Sevastopol situated in the western portion of Windsor Township, six miles west of Windsor or East Windsor, as it is by some known. Distance from here to Eaton Rapids twelve miles, to Charlotte nine miles, to Lansing, nine miles and to Grand Ledge nine miles.

It is one of the stations upon the line of the Peninsular Railway, the village being about half a mile from the depot.

In making this canvas we found only five vacant dwellings and one vacant hotel.

The following are the names of those residing in West Windsor:

Albro, George M, agent grover and baker sewing machines: h (4)
Albro, Niago; res. w's Lansing Road
Brandibury, Aaron, farmer; res at unknown. (2)
Caldwell, res w's Lansing Road (4)
Carman, George P, farmer; res at unknown (2)
Coggsell, Mrs Ruth, wid (5)
Cunningham, Aaron, farmer; res at unknown (5)

West Windsor (continued)

Dean, ; physician; res w s Lansing Road (4)
Gardner, Mrs Jane, wid.; res at unknown
Hanes, Riley, farmer; bds Horace Taylor (2)
Hance, Taylor; res w s Lansing Road (5)
Hogie, John, wks C Sloan
Johnson, William, blacksmith and farmer; res at unknown (2)
Lewis, Joseph P, farmer; res. at unknown (5)
Lloyd, Mrs Parley, wid; res. w s Lansing Road (3)
McQuon, David, justice of the peace; res at unknown (4)
Peck, E; res w s Lansing Road (5)
Peroe, Orlando; res w s Lansing Road (8)
Rood, Mrs Unice, wid. Farmer (4)
Sabin, Mrs Diantha, wid.; res at unknown (2)
Sabin, Orson; res w s Lansing Road (3)
Shotwell, Albert, farmer; res at unknown (3)
Sloan, Clark, keeps a store of general mdse, produce & post master;
office and res in store; State Road (6)
Sloan, J. agent for fire proof safes; h w s Lansing Road (4)
Smith, Mrs John, (Mrs Pernilla) wid; farmer (4)
Snyder, James, hunter; h (3)
Snyder, John, farmer; res at unknown (3)
Snyder, Zina; res e s Lansing Road (4)
Treat, David, farmer, res at unknown (4)
Treat, Mrs Melisa E. wid; res at unknown (4)
Tuttle, Clark, sawyer; res e s Lansing Road (2)
Twitchell, William; res e s Lansing Road (5)
VanAuken, Henry, farmer; res at unknown (7)
Williams, William wks C Sloan

There is a District School here. No Church society but have a Lodge of Good Templars No 669. Officers: Wm Twitchell, W. C. T.; Mrs Margarot Twitchell, W. V. T.; Miss Samantha Twitchell, W. S.; W Mulbollon, W. F. S.; Mrs Milisa Treat Deputy Conductor.

Resource for West Windsor: Brown's Directory, Eaton County, MI 1872 – 1873. Pages 133 & 134. Copy of directory is in the ECGS library. This article abstracted by Vicki Dukes.



Purchis-Spauers family

The Purchis-Squiers Family of Nashville

By Larry Randall

As a very young man some seventy years ago, my grandparents visited with their "cousins" in Nashville, MI. The cousin's home was near the downtown area. I guess that I never knew the exact relation that the **PURCHIS, MATER**, and other families had to our **SQUIER** family here near Duck Lake.

Recently I came across an old 1940s family photo of 32 of the Nashville cousins and related families. All of them were numbered and named complete with how they were related to each. This sparked a desire to run all these names through the Record Search and other internet resources. I saved the results on both a computer CD and on paper. These have been placed in a notebook and are in the Eaton County Genealogy Society library there in Charlotte,

The photo is centered around the **Matriarch, Mrs Ida ADELL (SQUIERS) PURCHIS**. 1859-1950. Her husband, **Frank PURCHIS**, 1853-1936 had passed away before the 1940s photo was taken. Although this picture is based on a family that lived in Barry and Calhoun Counties, it has connections to Eaton County. One member listed in the picture was the band instructor for Charlotte schools.

As usual in any genealogy venture, it created more questions than answers for me. If you have connections to these families, please contact me at: lrand@springcom.com

Here are the names listed on the back of the picture:

1. Ida Adell Squiers Purchis (Byrons Cousins)
2. Fern Purchis Cross, Ida's daughter
3. John F Purchis, Ida's son
4. Dr. Max J Purchis, Ida's son
5. Frank Purchis, Ida's son
6. Mildred Purchis Mater, Ida's daughter
7. Elmer J Cross, Fern's husband
8. LaNola Cross Fox, Fern's daughter
9. Charlotte Cross Hynes, Fern's daughter
10. Cleo G Fox, husband of LaNola (Band instructor, Kalamazoo)
11. Juliene Fox, daughter of LaNola and Cleo
12. Ward Hynes, Charlotte's husband (Band instructor, Charlotte)
13. Larry Lee Hynes, son of Charlotte and Ward
14. Edith Purchis, wife of John
15. Bess Purchis, wife of Max
16. Richard Purchis, son of Bess and Max
17. Stella Purchis, wife of Frank Purchis
18. Maurice Purchis, child of Stella and Frank

19. Frank Junior Purchis, son of Stella and Frank
20. Jane Purchis, daughter of Stella and Frank
21. Ardis Purchis, wife of Maurice
22. Rex Purchis, son of Ardis and Maurice
23. Sandra Purchis, daughter of Ardis and Maurice
24. Martha Mahar, fiancé of Frank Junior
25. Clarence E Mater, husband of Mildred
26. Patty Adel Mater, Mildred and Clarence's daughter
27. Peggy Mardel Mater, daughter of Mildred and Clarence's
28. Orlie G Squiers
29. Kate Squiers
30. Georgia Squiers, Orlie and Kate's youngest daughter
31. Edd Purchis, nephew (raised by Ida and Frank)
32. Floyd Hayner, friend (brother of Edith Purchase)

Maximillian Leo

By Mary Jean Baker

On Easter Sunday, at sunset, the large tawny Saint Bernard, owned by **Frank E Clark** expired after an illness of some ten days.

Maximillian Leo, named after Mexico's emperor, and **Pope Leo**, was his full name, although he went by the name of Leo.

He was a great favorite of the family and filled his home with cheer. He loved life and sought to be a friend to even those who extended to him friendship. He was gentle and harmless and wore an expression on his countenance which savored of humanity, which he did not claim.

He lived as if he wished to speak, but speech was not for him. He made earth a pleasant visit, then as pleasantly and silently withdrew. He was given an honorable burial, and his long last sleep will be at Hollyhurst.

(**Frank E Clark** built Hollyhurst, which was our old, brick original Hayes Green Beach Hospital in Charlotte).

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Burns Family

By Larry Randall

Larry is researching the **BURNS Family**, some of which are buried in the Dyer Cemetery. The Dyer Cemetery is located less than six miles south of Eaton County and two miles west of Jackson County.

Here is a classic example of geographical lines in the way of proper records. One of **Jerome BURNS'** sons moved to Springport and raised a family there. Another son, **Melvin BURNS** moved to Brookfield, Eaton County. His daughter, **Olive** married **Lloyd H KETCHUM**, records show him as an Eaton County man also.

While Larry was researching the Dyer Cemetery, he came across the name of **Jerome BURNS** and his wife **Pharzina**. He had heard that Mr. BURNS was a Civil War Veteran and decided to check on that.

In deed, on page 594 of the "History of Calhoun County" by W Gardner it shows **Jerome BURNS** entering the army from Marshall, Michigan as a Second Lieutenant on November 1st 1861. He was a first Lieutenant, on Jan 1st 1862.

Other records tell additional information on this local man that served his country honorably. An online family tree, Descendants of **John BURNS** has this to say about him:

- Father from NY and mother from VT.
- **Jerome** was born in May 1832 in NY and died in Springport, Jackson County, MI on 24 Feb 1907 at the age of 74.
- He is buried in Dyer Cemetery, Clarence Twp., Calhoun County, MI.
- **Jerome** was a private in Company I, 1st regiment of Michigan volunteers in the Civil War. Enrolled on 1 May 1861 and mustered out in Detroit on August 7, 1861.
- On August 20, 1861, he was enrolled in Company A, 1st regiment (Battery 5) of the Michigan Light Artillery and was eventually promoted to 2nd Lt. Col. He resigned in 1862, claiming disability from rheumatism caused by exposure to the elements during the war.
- From June 1, 1863 to June 15, 1863 he was acting carpenter aboard the Carondelet, a Civil War navy ship.
- From June 16 1863 to July 12, 1865 he was assigned to the Mound City, another Civil War navy ship.
- According to the Navy Register, he was honorably discharged on October 28, 1865.
- According to other Naval records an "acting carpenter" was an officer aboard ship. Ships in 1860 were wooden. Naval warships were "Iron Clad" meaning they had a layer of steel on the outside for protection. Both ships that **Mr. Burns** was on saw action against the Confederates.

Jerome and Pharzina (Tooley) BURNS have many descendants around Springport.

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Obit:

Allen W. Cox, 86, of Charlotte died Dec. 21, 1996, in Charlotte.

Mr. Cox was born in Lee Township, Calhoun County, Nov. 28, 1910, the son of **Francis Marion and Marjorie (Willis) Cox**. He was a Charlotte High School graduate and, during his senior year in 1929, attended an organizational meeting and made the motion to adopt the charter for FFA in Michigan.

He graduated from Michigan State College in 1933 with a degree in Agriculture Education and taught agriculture in Evart and Bellevue. He later worked for the Farm Security Administration and sold life insurance for Sun Life of Canada.

He was associated with United Methodist Men, the American Red Cross blood donor program, Charlotte Masonic Lodge #120 (Mason of the Year 1974), Eaton County Shrine Club and Saladin Temple, Order of Eastern Star (Past Patron of Maple City Chapter #218), Charlotte Commandery #37, Knights Templar (Sir Knight in 1963), Eaton County Cancer Society, CHS Alumni Association, March of Dimes, Muscular Dystrophy Society, and Michigan State Bowling Association. The activity in which he participated for the longest time was Lion's Club. He joined in Bellevue in 1936 and transferred to Charlotte in 1943. In July 1991, he was honored for 48 years of perfect attendance and sponsoring 87 new members.

On March 1, 1980, he was honored with an appreciation banquet and an official proclamation of **Al Cox Day** in Charlotte to commemorate his many years of service to the community.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, **Dorothy (Cavanaugh)**, whom he married in 1939; one daughter, **Diane (Richard) Larder** of Livermore, Calif.; three grandchildren, **Debra Larder** of West Bend, Wis., **Richard Larder** of San Francisco, Calif., and **Jennifer Larder** of Stockton, Calif. He was preceded in death by his first wife, **Lewellyn** of Sears, in 1938, and one sister, **Virginia Marsh** of Eaton Rapids. Memorial contributions may be made to Charlotte Lions Club service projects or Lawrence Avenue UMC. Pray Funeral Home handled arrangements.

John Allen Cox

John Allen Cox, son of Moses and Lacynthia Cox, was born on Flat Top Mountain, Raleigh county, West Virginia, Jan. 16, 1854, and departed this life April 30, 1932 at his home at 730 W. Lawrence Ave., Charlotte, aged 78 years.

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His parents died during the Civil war and he was thrown upon his own resources at the age of ten years in a war ruined, and poverty-stricken country. He worked for many years for a navigation company operating on the Ohio River between Wheeling and Cincinnati.

He came to Michigan in 1880 and shortly after entered the ministry and has lived a devoted Christian life. Hundreds of homes in southern Michigan have been consoled by his comforting words in time of bereavement.

In 1882 he was united in marriage to **Eva A. Chapman** of Calhoun County, Michigan. To them was born one daughter, **Mrs. Jennie Willis** of Bellevue and two sons, **Francis and Charles** of Charlotte.

He was a kind and loving husband and father, an honored and trusted neighbor, and a true friend in time of need. He was held in highest esteem by all who knew him.

He was a member of the Masonic order, Lodge No. 120 of Charlotte. He leaves to mourn his passing, besides the immediate family, six grandchildren and one great grandchild. The funeral was held at the home Tuesday at 2 o'clock, Rev. Roth officiating. Interment at the Hunt Cemetery in Calhoun County. (North Clarence Cemetery)

This picture is of **Allen Cox's Grandmother Eva and his g grandmother Lovina (Benham) Chapman**. This was taken on their farm a mile south of the Eaton county line. **Frances** was my g grandmother.



CHAPMAN FAMILY

WHEATON SCHOOL REUNION

The first reunion of the Wheaton School of Chester was held at Bennett Park Sunday, Sept 7, 1924.

It was very wet and they went into the dining hall of the fair grounds where 100 sat down to dinner. Some met who had not seen each other for 25 or 30 years. **Mrs Florence FRIEST, George FENN, Allen WHELAN and Nora WHELAN LOVELAND** were present as pupils of **Mr BATES**, the father of **Mrs Gertrude PRINDLE**. **George FENN** was the humorist of the occasion. He said he received practically of his education in the Wheaton School and told many funny stories of bygone days. **Mrs GRIEST** was the only one who attended school in the old log school house.

Mrs Rupert BOHN had some notes about the school history. It was the first school in Chester and is not No 1. The records show that when the farm school house now standing was built five window panes cost 25 cents, with putty and settings. A cup, broom, water all and eraser cost 90 cents. All people having the itch were to be excluded from the school house.

George FENN was elected president: **Willis WHEATON**, vice president and secretary, **Mary BARR, Zella BRIGGS, Eunice DAWSON and Jessie EASTMAN**, committee on program for the next year's meeting, which will be held at the home of **Mr and Mrs Willis WHEATON** the second Sunday in August. **Mr and Mrs WALTERSDORF** and daughter of Owosso were present. **Mrs WALTERSDORF was Miss Ida SCHRADER.**

Resource: submitted by Mary Jean Baker from material in the ECGS research room.

KALAMO

Kalamo is a small settlement without a village charter situated about nine miles west of Charlotte. There are two churches, the Congregational brick church is located on the east side of the Bellevue Road, **Rev D R SHOOP**, Pastor.

The First Methodist Episcopal Church is located on the east side of Bellevue Road. **Rev Isaac TAYLOR**, Pastor.

ODD FELLOWS: Kalamo Lodge No 87 LOOF, **Joseph P CESENA**, N. G.; **Warren ACKLEY**, V G; **S W POWERS**, R S; **J M EARLE**, P S; **B R BABCOCK**, Treas.

GOOD TEMPLARS: Kalamo Lodge LOOGT – **J P GRIDLEY**, WCT; **Mrs J B HARTWELL**, WVT; **Miss Amella KENT**, WS

Township Officers: **Benjamin R BABCOCK**, Supervisor; **Warren ACKLEY**, Clerk; **Ambrose SLAWSON**, Treas; **Horace SHERMAN**, **A B HARTWELL** and **Levi WILTON**, Highway Com'rs; **B F GRANGER**, Drain Com'r; **D P PATTERSON** and **Mr GEDDY**, School Inspectors; **Benjamin R BABCOCK**, **Cryus SLAWSON**, **Benjamin F WELLS** and **D P PATTERSON**, Justices of the Peace.

Mail and stage line run by **P R JOHNSON**, leaves here Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

As yet there are no railroad communication at this point. The Coldwater and Marshall Railroad now under contract and being graded by one **Mr BARNES**, of Maple Grove township, one of the contractors. Will locate their depot about eighty rods east on the land owned by **Mr R GRIDLEY**.

The following are the names of residents of this locality.

Ackley, Warren, post master, druggist and shoemaker
Ackerman, David W, cooper; w Bellevue Road
Adams, A W, Physician; office Main
Babcock, Benjamin R, farmer; res Charlotte Road
Barley, Henry
Campbell, Charles C, farmer; res Bellevue Road
Cessna, Joseph P, physician and merchant (6)
Clemons, Ernstus (8)
Consalus, David, farmer
Davis, Frank (3)
David, Henry
Eaton, Milton
Getty, Frank (4)
Goddard, Henry C carriage maker and blacksmith (6)
Grant, Almon
Grant, Marsh, farmer
Gridley & Herrin (Hiram G – Samuel H) steam saw mill
Gridley, Hiram, farmer, saw mill, lath maker and corn mill cracker (7)
Gridley, Reuben, speculator (2)
Herring, Samuel, late hotel keeper age 75 yrs 30 yrs here
Herring, Charles, mechanic (3)
Hoyt, Perry
Hoydon, George, farmer (4)
Iscoff, Mrs Lucy, wid.
Jackson, James B, blacksmith, wks for H C Goddard (4)
Kenney, B W
Kent, Leander, farmer
Knapp, Ezra, shoemaker (4)

Mann, James M farmer (8)
McGuffie, Mrs Catherine, wid; bds Frank McGuffie
McGuffie, Frank, farmer
Merchant, Harvey, farmer
Nelson, Wm Carpenter
Powers, S W farmer
Putnam, Alfred H farmer (6)
Sanders, Henry C Farmer (5)
Smith, Daniel C gen'l mdse; a small stock res Vermontville
Taylor, Rev Isaac, pastor M E Church res Bellevue
Tomlin, John stone mason (3)
Wack, Albert farmer; cor Bellevue and Charlotte Rd
Wing Mrs

Note: population of this place foots up 117.

Source: Brown's Directory, Eaton County MI 1872 – 1873 Pages 135 & 136.
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Sheets	Lucile	14	Tomlin	John	20
Sheets	Paul	14	Tooley	Pharzine	15
Sheets	Walter	14	Treat	David	8
Shepard	F L	14	Treat	Milisa	8
Shepherd	Elisha	6	Treat	Mrs Melisa E	8

Tuttle	Clark	8
Twitchell	Margarot	8
Twitchell	Samantha	8
Twitchell	William	8
Twitchell	Wm	8
VanAuken	Henry	8
VanBlaircom	Mabel E	21
Wack	Albert	20
Waltersdorf	Mrs	18
Wells	Benjamin F	19
Wheaton	Willis	18
Whelan	Allen	18
Whelan	Nora	18
Williams	William	8
Willis	Marjorie	16
Willis	Mrs Jennie	17
Wilton	Levi	19
Wing	Mrs	20