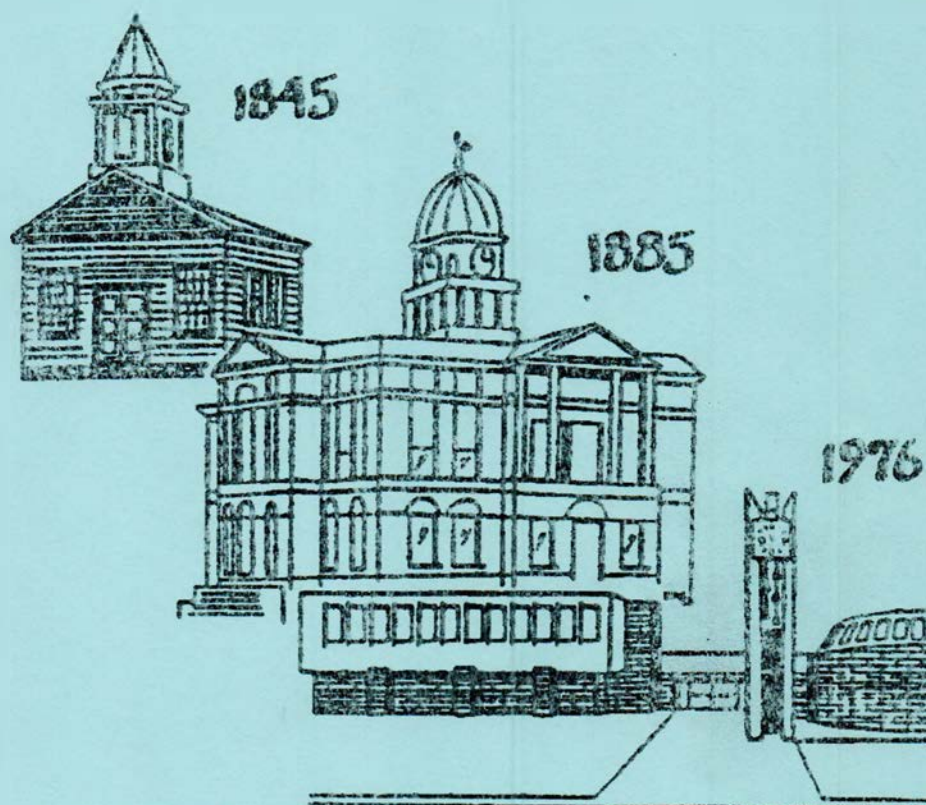


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August 5, 2009

Hello everyone:

Today my 5-year-old son, Wilson and I joined the demonstration at the Capital in Lansing and then helped circle the Library of Michigan with a very long green ribbon. I saw many familiar faces and many people I know by name. I have written letters in support of our Library and its very valuable collections to my representative, senator and the Governor of Michigan as I know many of you too have done. If you have not done so, please do. They do read their "snail-mail".

What was the demonstration about? Our state requires a balanced budget and the budget is badly in the red. Our governor, Jennifer Granholm, has signed an executive order abolishing the Department of History, Arts, and Libraries (HAL), of which the Library of Michigan is a part. In her order, she suggests that the books, media, photos and other such materials be removed and given away so that this very beautiful building built specifically for the purpose of a state library, be used for other purposes, that may, or may not, make money for the state.

As frustrating as this political wrangling is, I have hope that our governor and legislators will come to a reasonable compromise. Still, I am not wearing rose-colored glasses. Soon after the State-Of- The-State Address in which Governor Granholm first told us of her intention to abolish HAL, a good friend of mine, who has worked for the State for many years, told me: "Not to worry, this is typical posturing so that in the future she can ask her outraged citizens for more money." As time goes on, we can not be so sure or complacent. Besides, the citizens may be outraged, but they are also dealing with limited incomes, high unemployment, home foreclosures, and rising costs of living. Not a good time to ask for more money.

Because of these recession inevitabilities, our state government must choose carefully how to allocate the limited revenues that it can bring in. I hope you will join me in having your voice heard. The Library of Michigan is too valuable an asset to our state to disperse and give away. The expertise of the 200 plus Library employees would also be a tragic loss.

Michigan Genealogical Council has a web site that is updated often to keep us all informed. <http://mimgc.org/LOM.htm/>. Also they help you identify your legislators. If you are not from Michigan we ask you to write a letter to save the 10th largest genealogy collection in the USA. Write to: Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, P.O. Box 30013, Lansing, MI 48909.

Sincerely,

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Visit Our Web Site: www.miegs.org

Hello My Genealogical Friends!



As administrator of my dad's estate this past summer, it gave me time to reflect on life. I have had to go through all his personal papers and the final settlement. You cannot believe what he saved!

Thank goodness for a brother and a sister to lean on, I could not have done it alone. Everything we sorted through brought back some childhood memory for one of us. "Remember when....?" one of us would go; we would get off track and lost in pictures or an object in the house. It was a hard task for us to complete; sell those items that meant so much to Mom and Dad. But we managed and got through it.

As a genealogist, what will your children have to face? What will they consider important to keep, pass on or toss? Have you talked with them about what to do with your family history that you have spent thousands of hours researching? Please do them a favor, leave good instructions. I have a letter to my children taped to my genealogical file cabinet that starts with "Upon my death...." It gives them detailed instructions of my wishes of how to handle my research materials.

Please read further in the Quest for more ideas. Preserve those memories in a way that they can be passed on to the younger generation.

Vicki

Letter Received from a Member

Update on Haner Cemetery

By Krystal Simpson

I believe it is necessary to correct misinformation concerning Haner Cemetery, which appeared in the Eaton County Quest, issue 65. I have been working with the cemetery group and currently am doing Haner Cemetery.

It is correct that a deed has been found for Haner Cemetery, established in 1852, and it is also correct that the Cemetery is Vermontville Township owned, though it is located in the middle of a farm that is privately owned.

Haner Cemetery has not been cleaned out, at least not in recent years. In 2008 many fallen headstones were dug up where they had sunk into the ground, some were sat back up, some, broken from their bases were flipped over, pieces positioned back together and left on the ground and all have been cleaned as much as possible. Burials in Haner Cemetery took place from 1852 – 1914.

Due to complaints of the local farmer's sheep being in the Cemetery the foliage growth has multiplied since the sheep have been penned out. The cemetery is not cleaned of creeping myrtle, wild lilys and lilac bushes, all of which have run-a-muck. And, yes, there probably still are snakes there!

Additionally, it should be noted that there is the smallest of chances that Vermontville Township "will have to maintain it", at least not any time soon.

To make Haner Cemetery easier to locate, a sign has been made for the Cemetery that will be put in place sometime this summer.

It is my suggestion, that if you plan to visit Haner Cemetery at anytime, please go to the farmhouse and ask permission, as you will be crossing private property to reach the Cemetery. The owners are very obliging.

Haner Cemetery is located in Section 13, on Gresham, just east of Shaytown, set back from the road in a field.

Try these web-sites:

www.1911census.co.uk

www.internet-genealogy.com

<http://library.mtsu.edu/digitalprojects/womenshistory.php>

Golden Wedding Observed in Charlotte

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Robinson to Observe Golden Wedding (1943)

Transcribed by Mary Jean Baker

Postmaster and **Mrs. Sam Robinson**, of 319 Johnson Street, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, June 4, two days early, by holding open house from two to five o'clock in the afternoon at the residence of his sister and husband, **Mr. & Mrs. Murl H. DeFoe**, 312 East Harris Avenue.

Mrs. Robinson was born in Walton Township and **Mr. Robinson** in Charlotte, and both are lifelong residents of Eaton County. They were married June 6, 1894, at the home of the bride's parents, **Mr. & Mrs. Mark Hall**, a short distance south of the present Robinson residence, by **Rev. George D. Lee** of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The couple have four children, **Miss Doloris Robinson** and **Mrs. Dorothy Crays**, of Lansing; **Frank**, known generally as "**Bob**", at home, and **Miss Helen Robinson**, a nurse at Bob Roberts Hospital at the University of Chicago, all of whom expect to be here for the golden wedding observance.

Mr. Robinson is widely known throughout Michigan because of his interest in fire prevention. For many years a member of the Charlotte fire department, as driver of the famous matched bay fire truck team, "Mink" and "Mack", he served two terms as state fire marshal under appointment of Insurance Commissioner **John T. Winship** during the Ferris administration, continuing under **Governor Sleeper**, and a third term under appointment by Insurance

Commissioner **C. E. Gauss** during the Comstock administration. He served two terms as president of the Michigan State Firemen's association and also was statistician of that organization for many years. For a time he was Michigan representative of the American La-France Fire Engine Company.

Mr. Robinson also has been active in local journalism. He once was engaged by the late **Frank A. Ellis** as reporter on the former Charlotte Leader at \$5 a week, the same place where **Mr. DeFoe** later on got his start in the same field. **Mr. Robinson** was Charlotte correspondent for state dailies, and published the "Bijou Daily," a two-page sheet of free circulation, for a number of years.

Beginning his ninth year as Charlotte postmaster, **Mr. Robinson** succeeded his brother-in-law, **Mr. DeFoe**, now a state senator.

Source: Eaton County Genealogical Library, Scrapbook 45, page 39

Brick Walls Do Come Down

By Sheila (Clark) Mott

One of my brick walls has been **Elisha Clark**, one of my husband's great, great, great grandfathers. **Elisha** and family lived in the area Leyden, Franklin, MA. As the Library of Michigan has only one book on Leyden and with the name **Elisha Clark** being so common, it was like looking for a needle in a hay stack.

I have put **Elisha's** name in Ancestry Library Edition at the Library of Michigan to no avail, in Ancestry.com to no avail and I have even put his name in Google. Yes, the name comes up but never the right one. That is until Monday, February 23rd. After I had finished doing the society's mail and e-mail and doing some research for a request, I decided to give Google another try. So, I typed in **Elisha Clark**. As before, many by that name came up, I looked on the first page, then the second page and then the third page. As I was looking something caught my eye, under one of the names was a clue "d. 7 Feb. 1823, Leyden, Franklin Co., MA". So I clicked on the name and up came the right **Elisha Clark**. I made sure that it was the right **Elisha** by checking the wife's name and the names of the children. These matched except a couple of the children were missing. Then I went to the top of page to see what I had found **Elisha** in and the top said "6th Generation". I wondered 6th generation from who? I found my way to the beginning and that **Elisha** was the 6th generation from **Joseph Clarke**, the immigrant. So then I worked my way back to **Elisha**, in doing so, I found **Elisha's father, Elisha Jr.** grandfather – **Elisha Sr.**, great grandfather, **Joseph Jr** and great, great grandfather **Joseph Sr.** Also great, great, great grandfather **Joseph**, the immigrant.

When doing research on the internet, you have to be very careful. I have no idea who put the information in on **Joseph Clarke** and his descendants, but they also put their sources. So, now when I go to the Library of Michigan, I can double check the information.

I have been looking for **Elisha** ever since my husband's **Grandma Mott** gave me the information on her great grandfather, which was 34 years ago. Never give up trying to find your family, because with persistence and time it can be done.

A Special Thank You:

I would like to "Thank" the following members, **Mary Jean Baker, Sue Thompson, Jackie Adams, Marcy Cousino, and Larry Randall**, for coming in on the Mondays when I couldn't due to a severe allergic reaction. It meant a lot to me and I really did appreciate it.

A very "Special Thank You" to each of you.

Sheila (Clark) Mott

Storing Photographs on CD

By Lisa Bass

Over the past two years, I have been diligently scanning family photographs and documents and burning them on CD.

For readers using Microsoft Windows, place your saved digital image into "My Pictures." From "My Pictures," right click your selected image and click on "Properties," then click on the "Summary" tab. Within this area, you can add an identification to your image (i.e., name the image and author and, under comments, date the photograph and identify subjects).

When I receive a photo from another person or source, I am sure to include their name, e-mail address or website link, etc. Upon completion, click "Apply," then "OK." (Note: this does not work with GIF images.)

I also like to attempt to keep my photographs and other scanned images in approximate date order once I save them onto CD. In the title, I first enter a year and then the name for the image. This can be done in different ways, but my personal preferences are working from either "My Pictures" or my favorite photo program. Within "My Pictures," click just below the picture to re-name it. If you are

"Saving As" within your photo program, you may name your photograph this way as well.

Photographs of headstones have taken some maneuvering on my part. If it is a headstone for a single person, I name the photo beginning with the year of the person's death. For example, "1898 August 01 Headstone for Jimmy Smith." If it is a double marker, where both husband and wife are named and dated, I use the year the last person passed away. For example, if Jimmy died in 1898 and Susan died in 1900, I will use the 1900 date.

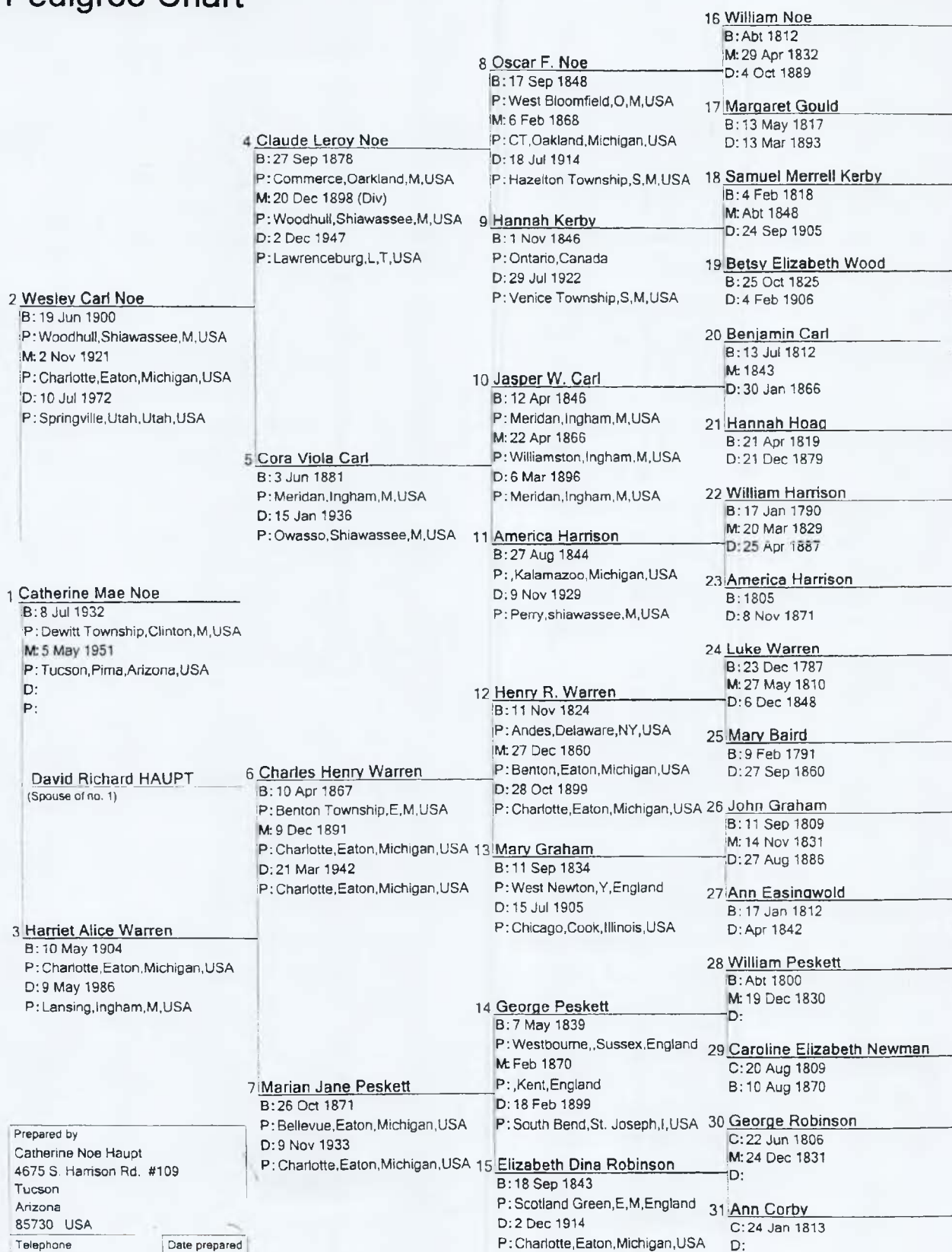
Remember, when identifying a headstone photograph, under "comments" be sure to include the name of the cemetery, the location, and date the photo was taken!

After burning your images onto a CD, open the CD and under "View", click "Refresh." There you have it.....all of your photographs, documents, etc., are in order by approximate date, and most importantly, they are appropriately identified.

Article submitted by Shar Thuma, ECGS Librarian, for publication.

Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 1



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According to Webster an heirloom is:

Preserving Family Heirlooms

By Shirley Hodges

According to Webster an heirloom is "A piece of property that descends to the heir as an inseparable part of an inheritance or Something of special value handed on from one generation to another." People love to research the past but sometimes they do little to protect the pieces of family life they find for the future.

Some families have real heirlooms -- remarkable pieces of furniture, jewelry or silverware that have been handed down from generation to generation. If the current owner is very lucky they may even have the family stories that are associated with the heirlooms. When we can pass both the heirloom and stories on to our families it makes them even more valuable.

Most of us do not have families like those. Our possessions may not have much monetary value. Many of our families were the hard working farmers who helped turn our lands into nations. They were relatively poor so we many not have family heirlooms. Our family heirlooms might be a family Bible or photo album.

Sometimes I wonder what item or items might survive as representative of my life and who will be the keeper? If I were to do the selecting it would be very easy for me to decide what should be saved. I have three possessions that are very precious to me. I had asked my mother repeatedly to put together something about she and my father's life. Three years before she passed away she presented me with a scrapbook that detailed she and my father's 48 years of marriage. This was such a special gift. While celebrating one of my more "memorable" birthdays my husband and children gave me a wonderful booklet that they had all put together. In it they shared many memories about our lives as they were growing up. The last item is an old Prince Albert Tobacco tin. When I was a child my father had his family pictures stored in one of the old tins. As a special treat he would let me get it out and look at the pictures. None of these items have great monetary value, but to me, they are absolutely priceless. You can't measure the worth or value of personal property.

In our area the County Extension agents do a wonderful program entitled "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?" Almost everyone has personal belongings such as wedding photographs, a baseball glove, or a yellow pie plate that contains meaning for them and for other members of their family. This is a wonderful program and it helps people think about passing along their heirlooms long before it is a problem.

A friend of ours just recently served as an administrator for an estate. He said that they settled hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property with no difficulty. The only disagreement that they had was over the knickknacks that their mother had always had in the front window. Three of the four children

According to Webster an heirloom is:

wanted them. By giving this some careful thought we can avoid that happening in our families.

I would like to share with you a story about how the family heirlooms of one family were saved. Because of the act of a very brave woman generations of Americans have been able to view and admire the heirlooms of George and Martha Washington.

Selina Norris Gray was the personal maid of Mrs. Robert E. Lee. Selina was a second-generation Arlington slave. She and Mrs. Lee enjoyed a very close relationship. In fact, she and her husband Thomas Gray were married by an Episcopal clergyman in the same room of the house when Mary Custis had married Robert E. Lee.

In 1861 the Lee family had to evacuate their home, Arlington. Mrs. Lee left the household keys and responsibility of the home to Selina Gray while she got her seven children to safety. Locked away inside Arlington House were many of the Washington treasures. These pieces were family heirlooms that had once belonged to Mrs. Lee's great-grandmother, Martha Custis Washington and President George Washington.

When Selina discovered that some of the treasures had been stolen, she confronted the soldiers and ordered them "not to take any of Mrs. Lee's things." She went to Gen. McDowell who was the commander and told him of the importance of the Washington heirlooms. He had the remaining pieces sent to the Patent Office for safekeeping. The Lee's never saw these items again but they were preserved for the nation. What an act of courage by a woman who had a lot to lose.

How will you share your family heritage, traditions, and memories? Give some thought to things that have been passed down to you and make sure that you are making arrangements for them to be passed to further generations. Remember also that you may have some items that are new to you and you have very special memories associated with them. Pass those along with the story behind them to your children. Make sure that you will be remembered as a good ancestor.

Goals:

- Protect and preserve the things you have discovered
- Make sure your ancestors are remembered
- Set realistic deadlines for yourself

According to Webster an heirloom is:

Suggested readings:

The Everything Family Tree Book by William G. Hartley (Adams Media, 1998)

Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide to Family History & Genealogy by Jim & Terry Willard with Jane Wilson (Houghton Mifflin Company, 1997).

Wilhelm, Henry, and Carol Brewer. *The Permanence and Care of Color Photographs: Traditional and Digital Color Prints, Color Negatives, Slides, and Motion Pictures*. Grinnell: Preservation Publishing Company, 1993.

Tuttle, Craig A. *An Ounce of Preservation: A Guide to the Care of Papers and Photographs*. Highland City, Florida: Rainbow Books, Inc., 1995.

Web Pages:

The Gray Family <http://www.nps.gov/archive/arho/tour/history/gray.html>
Site covers the history and restoration of Arlington House

Gray Family Exhibit: www.arlingtonblackheritage.org/exhibits/grayfamily.html
The family matriarch, an enslaved woman named Selina Gray, saved a group of artifacts associated with George Washington

<http://heirloomslost.com/>

This is a free site. They have over 1600 items and 4400 surnames in our database

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Family Chronicle is looking for old military uniform photographs taken between the Mexican-American War and the end of World War One. For more information go to:

<http://familychronicle.com/militaryphotos.htm>

Eaton County Death Records

Betty GOOSTREY abstracted the following information from the Eaton County Death Records, Volume 1. All vital records may be obtained by writing to the County Clerk's office, Eaton County Courthouse, Independence Dr., Charlotte, MI 48813

Page: 39
File Number: 735
Date of Death: 22 July 1871
Date Recorded: 30 May 1872
Name: **Nathaniel W WOLECT**
Age: 55y 10m 7d Sex: M Married
Place of Death: Kalamo
Cause of Death: Lung Fever
Birthplace: New York
Residence:
Occupation: Farmer
Father: **Cornelious WOLECT** of Conn.
Mother: **Jermima WOLECT** of Conn.

Page: 39
File Number: 736
Date of Death: 27 Sep 1871
Date Recorded: 30 May 1872
Name: **Sanford W SWEET**
Age: 1 y 3mo 39d Sex: M
Place of Death: Kalamo
Cause of Death: Scaled
Birthplace: Michigan
Residence: Kalamo
Father: **Levi SWEET**
Mother: **Catherine SWEET**

Page: 39
File Number: 737
Date of Death: 12 Dec 871
Date Recorded: 30 May 1872
Name: **Ora KENT**
Age: 72y 11m 27d Sex: M Widowed
Place of Death: Kalamo
Cause of Death: Inflammation of kidney

Birthplace: Connecticut
Residence: Kalamo
Occupation: Farmer
Father: **Joseph KENT** of NY
Mother: **Esther KENT** of NY

Page: 39
File Number: 738
Date of Death: 03 Feb 1871
Date Recorded: 30 May 1872
Name: **Sumner WING**
Age: 60y 11m 3d Sex: M Married
Place of Death: Kalamo
Cause of Death: Gravel ?
Birthplace: Maine
Residence: Kalamo
Father: **Samuel WING** of Michigan
Mother: **Hannah WING** of Michigan

Page: 39
File Number: 739
Date of Death: 10 Aug 1871
Date Recorded: 30 May 1872
Name: **Mary SANDERS**
Age: 14y 7m Sex: F
Place of Death: Kalamo
Cause of Death: Tubor colois of Bowels
Birthplace: Indiana
Residence: Kalamo
Father: **Henry SANDERS** of NY
Mother: **Susan SANDERS** of Ohio

Page: 39
File Number: 740
Date of Death: 01 Sep 1871
Date Recorded: 30 May 1872
Name: **Nettie GODDARD**
Age: 7m 11d Sex: F
Place of Death: Kalamo
Cause of Death: Consumption of
Bowels
Birthplace: Michigan
Residence: Kalamo
Father: **Henry GODDARD** of Michigan
Mother: **Mary GODDARD** of Michigan

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Page: 40
File Number: 741
Date of Death: 06 Mar 1871
Date Recorded: 30 May 1872
Name: **Oscar G HERRING**
Age: 11y 7m 7d Sex: M
Place of Death: Kalamo
Cause of Death: Scarlet Fever
Birthplace: New York
Residence: Kalamo
Father: **George S HERRING** of Michigan
Mother: **Thecla HERRING** of Michigan

Page: 40
File Number: 742
Date of Death: 27 Nov 1871
Date Recorded: 30 May 1872
Name: **James WEBBER**
Age: 52y 6m Sex: M Married
Place of Death: Kalamo
Cause of Death: Rheumatism of the heart
Birthplace: England
Residence: Kalamo
Father: **William WEBBER** of England
Mother: **Mary WEBBER** of England

Page: 40
File Number: 743
Date of Death: 06 Jul 1871
Date Recorded: 30 May 1872
Name: **Alice DEAN**
Age: 17y Sex: F
Place of Death: Kalamo
Cause of Death: Consumption of lungs
Birthplace: Michigan
Residence: Kalamo
Father: **William B DEAN** of Michigan
Mother: **Abigail DEAN** of Michigan

Page: 40
File Number: 744

Date of Death: 17 Oct 1871
Date Recorded: 30 May 1872
Name: **Maria LAMPMAN**
Age: 27y 6m 25d Sex: F Single
Place of Death: Kalamo
Cause of Death: Inflammation of lungs
Birthplace: New York
Residence: Kalamo
Father: **Ward LAMPMAN** of Michigan
Mother: **Bettie LAMPMAN** of Michigan

Page: 40
File Number: 745
Date of Death: 26 Oct 1871
Date Recorded: 30 May 1872
Name: **John LARAWAY**
Age: 12y 10m 26d Sex: M
Place of Death: Kalamo
Cause of Death: Swallowed a ? and it
Lodged in lungs
Birthplace: Michigan
Residence: Kalamo
Father: **Andrew LARAWAY** of Michigan
Mother: **Sarah M LARAWAY** of Michigan

Page: 40
File Number: 746
Date of Death: 24 Nov 1871
Date Recorded: 30 May 1872
Name: **no first name, HERRING**
Age: 3 hours Sex: F
Place of Death: Kalamo
Cause of Death:
Birthplace:
Residence: Kalamo
Father: **George HERRING** of Michigan
Mother: **Sarah HERRING** of Michigan

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File Number: 747
Date of Death: 15 Jul 1871

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Date Recorded: 30 May 1872
Name: **Sylvester McDERBY**
Age: 54y 5m 17d Sex: M Married
Place of Death: Kalamazoo
Cause of Death: Mental derangement
Birthplace: New York
Residence: Kalamo
Father: **Peter McDERBY** of Michigan
Mother: **Catherine McDERBY** of Michigan

Page: 40
File Number: 748
Date of Death: 2 January 1871
Date Recorded: 30 May 1872
Name: **Flora SHOWALTER**
Age: 2y 4m 5d Sex: F
Place of Death: Kalamo
Cause of Death: General Debility
Birthplace: Kalamo
Residence: Kalamo
Father: Unknown
Mother: Unknown

Page: 40
File Number: 749
Date of Death: 15 July 1871
Date Recorded: 30 May 1872
Name: **Levin A WALTERSDOFF**
Age: 31y 6m 20d Sex: M Married
Place of Death: Chester
Cause of Death: Consumption
Birthplace: Pennsylvania
Residence: Chester
Occupation: Farmer
Father: **Daniel G WALTERSDOFF**
Mother: **Susanna WALTERSDOFF**

Page: 40
File Number: 750
Date of Death: 29 August 1871
Date Recorded: 31 May 1872
Name: **Asa REYNOLDS**
Age: 78y Sex: M Single
Place of Death: Eaton Co Poorhouse

Cause of Death: Debility
Birthplace: New York
Residence:
Occupation: Laborer
Father: Unknown
Mother: Unknown

Page: 40
File Number: 751
Date of Death: 22 September 1871
Date Recorded: 31 May 1872
Name: **___ FREED**
Age: (blank) Sex: M
Place of Death: Chester
Cause of Death: Unknown
Birthplace: Chester
Residence: Chester
Father: **Henry H FREED**
Mother: **Anna M FREED**

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File Number:
Date of Death:
Date Recorded:
Name:
Age: Sex:
Place of Death:
Cause of Death:
Birthplace:
Residence:
Father:
Mother:

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Cause of Death:
Birthplace:
Residence:
Father:
Mother:

OAK PARK FIRST BURIAL GROUNDS IN CHARLOTTE

Transcribed by Mary Jean Baker

Oak Park was the first "burying ground," serving both Carmel and Eaton townships, even before this community (of Charlotte) was known as "Eaton Center."

Aunt Martha Allen, a daughter of **Dr. Henry M. Munson**, who located at the Center in 1845, in a newspaper interview shortly before her death in February, 1923, told about the first burial in the old cemetery.

The grounds were a solid mass of underbrush and when one of the settlers died, the first requirement for the burial was to clear a path to the site of the grave. There was no such thing, **Mrs. Allen** said, as an orderly arrangement of lots to say nothing of the present day custom of perpetual care that makes the average city cemetery compare in beauty with our finest public parks.

Nelson Smith, a continuous resident of Charlotte for fifty-five years, recalls hearing a daughter of **Jonathan Searles**, a veteran of the War of 1812, Charlotte's first settler and first Postmaster, relating about the burial of her mother at Bellevue because the community at the time of her mother's death was without a cemetery. This condition, however, received early attention, the old records of that period sustaining **Mrs. Allen's** personal recollection, concerning which she was unusually keen and accurate.

A "History of Eaton County", prepared by **Samuel W. Durant** and issued by a Philadelphia Publishing Company in 1880, gives the following account of the first step toward the purchase of land

"as a public burial ground by the two townships":

At a meeting of the township board of Eaton township, held at Charlotte, April 4th, 1845, it was ordered that **William Southworth** be a committee to purchase the south half of Block 28 in the village, jointly with the township of Carmel, to be used as a public burial ground by the two townships, provided Carmel would pay half and the expense to Eaton township should not be more than thirty dollars. Carmel Township about the same time appropriated funds towards purchasing, laying out, and fencing the cemetery, and it was bought and laid out. The Eaton township share was not entirely paid for until two years later, the cost to that township being \$33.15. The ground was fenced in 1851. This is what is now known as the "old cemetery" at Charlotte, all right to it having been relinquished to the village, or city, by the respective townships.

One of the first forward steps following the incorporation of the Village of Charlotte on January 7th, 1863, was the organization of a stock company, for the purpose of purchasing and laying out grounds for a cemetery to be located within a convenient distance from said Village.

Alvin D. Shaw, the first President of the Village and one of the progressive men of his period, headed the list of stockholders which included: **E. Hayden, E. Shepherd, Jas. Shepherd, E. S. Lacey, J. Musgrave, S. C. Sherwood, Henry Robinson, E. A. Foote, J. Saunders, B. W. Warren, E. T. Church, A. K. Bretz, T. Pixley, A. H. Munson, L. B. Brockett, P. M. Higby, F. W. Higby, Leroy Shepherd, John D. Parkhurst, W. C. Foster, C. A. Merritt,**

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J. M. Haslett, G. T. Rand, C. H. Colgrove, Jesse Hart, A. J. Ives, H. H. Gale, Sylvester Collins, A. T. Loring, N. A. Johnson, S. P. Webber, Wolcott B. Williams, G. V. Collins, A. H. Kesler and W. Adams.

The following were elected officers: President, **D. Shaw**; Clerk, **E.A. Foote**; Treasurer, **E. S. Lacey**; Sexton, **James O'Neil**. A committee was appointed to procure grounds suitable for the purposes of the Company. The committee members were **H. Robinson, E. Hayden** and **Jesse Hart**.

A NEW CEMETERY

The site committee reported that the "**Reilly farm**" be formally approved as the site for the cemetery. Forty-one votes were cast in favor of selecting the Reilly farm and none opposed. The committee was instructed to purchase immediately at a price not exceeding \$1,600.

Two years later, on September 18, 1869, it was resolved that the committee examine **Starkweather Hill** as to its suitability for a cemetery ground and whether sufficient additional stock can be raised for that purpose.

The following committee was named: **Leroy Shepherd, A. H. Munson, Joseph Saunders, W. C. Foster and A.D. Shaw.**

In favor of exchanging the Reilly property for what is known as the Starkweather Hill, which comprises about 66 ½ acres of land and could be purchased for \$45 per acre or \$3,000; \$500 down and the balance in five equal

annual payments at 10% per annum rate of interest.

There was quite a strong support for the change of properties and the present Maple Hill Cemetery came into official being through the following action taken at a special meeting held September 28, 1869.

Resolved, That the President and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to take the necessary steps for vacating and selling the present site and to purchase the Starkweather Hill.

We now enjoy this beautiful spot properly appreciative of the vision and devotion that is associated with the development of Maple Hill, easily one of the leading Cemeteries in the State. In the rear is Butternut Creek, a small but happy little stream that adds to the natural beauty of the surroundings. Nature has been depended upon for the major portion of the beauty of the Maple Hill of today.

The late **James A. Baughman**, a nature lover with all the sense of an artist, had much to do with the plans as they have been developed for many years. With him it was a work of love.

No public work in the city, not even the School Board, represents a deeper sense of civic devotion and coming down through the years membership on the

Cemetery Board has reflected a public service equal to any official duty.

As **Washington Irving** says in the Sketch Book:

"Oh, the grave! The grave! It buries every error – covers every defect – extinguishes every resentment. From its

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peaceful bosom spring none but fond regrets and tender recollections. Who can look down upon the grave even of an enemy and not feel a compunctious throb that he should ever have warred with the poor handful of earth that lies mouldering before him?"

Source: "The History of Maple Hill Cemetery", Charlotte 5, page 3-6.

Undertakers Listed in the Carmel

Death Records (1910-1951)

Transcribed by Mary Jean Baker

Green & Burkhead	Olivet	1910
D. J. Donovan	Charlotte	1910
W. G. Wisner	Charlotte	1910
E. B. Collins	Charlotte	1910
M. D. Burkhead	Olivet	1911
N. H. Johnson	Bellevue	1912
H. R. Sylvester	Charlotte	1913
J.J. & D.J. Vaughn	Eaton Rapids	1913
Fredrick R. Baine	Charlotte	1914
A. R. Sylvester	Charlotte	1914
Jas. A. Mohler	Charlotte	1915
Volney O. Johnson	Bellevue	1917
Myron Pray	Charlotte	1929
A. C. Cheney	Charlotte	1929
Donald Gaffney	Charlotte	1929
D. D. Hess	Nashville	1930

M.D. Burkhead & Son Olivet

1933 (later Charlotte)

Harvey H. Mapes	Sunfield	1933
Palmer O'Donnell	Lansing	1934
Herbert L. Kribs	Corunna	1935
Harold A. Pettit	Charlotte	1937
John Bunker	Eaton Rapids	1937
Brinkerhoff &		
McMahon	Lansing	1937
A. W. Bandfield	Portland	1939
K.K. Ward	Vermontville	1940
Kenneth N. King	Albion	1940
John P. Maus	Detroit	1941
Ralph C. Graves	Albion	1945
Gordon C. Cheney	Charlotte	1947
M.D. Burkhead	Charlotte	1947

Source: Eaton Township Cemetery Book

Old Grange Hall Still Has Life

By David S Haueter

One of the oldest buildings in the downtown area (Grand Ledge) may not be apparent at first. In fact you may not even notice it at all. But the old building has seen a lot of changes in our town since it was built.

It was back in late 1870s when local farmers joined together to form a local chapter of the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, or simply The Grange. Local chapters began to be formed all over the Midwest in the late 1860s and many continue their work today.

The Grange was a fraternal order of farmers aimed at bettering their lives through social, economic and political goals.

By the 1870s their organizations had become widespread and today we can thank the Grange for such improvements as Rural Free Mail Delivery, Cooperative Extension Services and Farm Credit Systems among many others.

The local Grangers leased a parcel of land from **Mrs. Alice Reed**. The property was at the corner of Scott and Franklin streets at what is today approximately 602 E Scott St.

It is interesting to note that at the time this parcel was on the very edge of the town and was surrounded by farmland. After leasing the property, the farmers set about building their Grange Hall on the site.

This was a two story building facing Scott Street with a one-story extension at the side along Franklin Street. At the time, Franklin Street was a dead end and did not curve around to join Lincoln Street.

The area behind the Hall sloped down to a dairy farm where Belknap Street is today and was known as Grange Hill. Sometime in the early 1880s The Grand Ledge Grange either disbanded or merged with another chapter and left their Hall behind.

In 1886, local entrepreneur **Peter Blake** purchased the building. **Blake** owned farms in the area and among his business interests ran a Cheese Factory.

Blake had just purchased the Riverside Rink downtown and was in the process of converting it into an opera house for local entertainments.

Once he acquired "Old Grange Hall" he removed the single story extension and moved the two-story building downtown and placed it on a new foundation adjacent to the back of **Blake's Opera House**.

Over the years the first floor was used for storage and the second floor was a residence. In the early 1900's when **Burr Sackett** purchased the Opera House, he and his family lived in the upper floor of Grange Hall. Later the area was used for storage until it was remodeled in the 1990 for use by the Chamber of Commerce.

Next time you're downtown, take a look at the Old Grange Hall. One of the oldest buildings downtown that still has a lot of life left in it.

Source: David S Haueter is a Grand Ledge native and local historian. For contact information or more articles on local history, go to www.historyql.blogspot.com

Mr. Haueter writes for the Grand Ledge Independent under "Grand Ledge Remembered" This article was printed on page 10 June 14, 2009.

July 15, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

As you may be aware, Michigan is facing a huge financial crisis. Michigan's Governor, Jennifer Granholm, issued Executive Order 2009-36 dissolving the Department of History, Arts & Libraries and splitting the various functions between various other state departments. The Library of Michigan would be transferred to the Department of Education, and the Archives of Michigan would be transferred to the Department of Natural Resources. This order would take effect October 1, 2009.

What is of concern is Section B (8) of the Executive Order that states:

"Unless the Superintendent finds it impracticable, these measures shall include, but not limited to, all of the following (a) Eliminating circulation of specific collections (including, but not limited to, the Main, Dewey, and General Reference collections, the Michigan collection, the Michigan Documents collection, and the Rare Book collection) or, alternatively, transferring such collections to other suitable institutions... (c) Suspending or eliminating participation as a participating lending library in MelCat, (d) Eliminating or transferring to other suitable institutions the Federal Documents Depository and the non-Michigan genealogy collection."

The Executive Order directs the Superintendent of Public Instruction to continue to look for ways to reduce library costs.

Also in the Executive Order is the formation of a committee to look at how to further reduce costs for the next fiscal year. The Executive Order can be reviewed at:

In response to the Executive Order, ten (10) Michigan senators have introduced bills (SB503 – SB 527) transferring all functions of the Department of History, Arts & Libraries to the Department of State. This would include a separate pot of money from the general fund, held by the Department of Treasury, for any donations. The donations that are not spent at the end of the fiscal year remain in the account and are not transferred to the general fund. These bills are currently in a Senate subcommittee.

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2009-2010/billanalysis/Senate/pdf/2009-SFA-0503-S.pdf>

While the Michigan Genealogical Council understands the crises the state is in financially, we feel that breaking up the collection at the library, which has items dating back to the 1800s, is not the answer. Once this collection is gone, there is no going back. This would be a great loss to the citizens of this state as well as those that come to our state to use this collection. This would also be a blow to all public libraries, as they receive part of their funding from the library and have access to MelCat, which is the system used for interlibrary loan.

The Council would like to encourage everyone to contact their legislators (in person, by phone or email to help save one of our most valuable resources.

For a listing of Michigan legislatures, you can visit the following website:

House http://house.michigan.gov/find_a_rep.asp

Senate: <http://senate.michigan.gov/Seantorinfo/find-your-seantor.htm>

Please contact your family, friends, coworkers, societies, listserves, and anyone else you can think of. Encourage them to show their support for the Library and its fabulous collection. Let us band together and save our state's history!

Thank you for your support,

Cynthia Grostick, President

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Yesterday's Outlook

By Mary Jean Baker

Cupolas?

Most people know that cupolas were built on the East Coast for sea captains to allow them to look out and check the weather, or for their wives to keep watch for their ships.

Indeed, cupolas were built all over the country to view hills and countryside, as well as the ocean. They were a typical feature of Italianate houses even if the view was not spectacular.

For instance, in Bellevue, **Henry L. Robinson**, built a two-story asymmetrical hip-roofed house, surmounted by a rectangular cupola with fourteen windows. The house was built in 1865, thirty years after the first settler, **Capt. Reuben Fitzgerald**, came to Bellevue.

Mr. Robinson's house was the first structure on the north side of the Battle Creek River. There were no bridges prior to his arrival there. Through the years electricity has been added to the cupola and a Christmas tree has been seen shining brightly from the structure.

When owner **Julie Norton** was five years old, she teased her mother to ask the people who lived in the house if she could go up into the cupola. The arrangements were made. Julie never dreamed she would own the house someday. In 1987, the house was listed on the State Register of Historic Places.

There are a few houses in Grand Ledge sporting cupolas. A restored cupola sits atop a house on East Jefferson. The original owner, **Dr. Abraham DeGross**, came from New York. He constructed this modest Greek revival house around 1857. The house has been remodeled several times throughout the years and even condemned at one time.

When this house was owned by **David & Peggy Wade**, they were able to document the original Italianate eight-sided cupola with arched windows, which had been removed over 50 years ago. This reconstructed cupola not only provides a picturesque view of the Grand River, but provides a functional purpose in ventilating the house with a natural draft.

Across the street in another house, on October 16, 1895, one of the most prominent weddings of Grand Ledge took place in the cupola. The bride was the daughter of **Arthur Wheaton**, the man who held title to the house at the time.

Charles Derbyshire built this outstanding house in 1873, and it has the only original cupola to survive the rigors of wear or modernization in the city of Grand Ledge. At the time the house was built, five houses on East Jefferson Street alone sported cupolas. The arched-window cupola still bears the initials of the couple, **Kate Wheaton and Fred Berry**, who were married in this picturesque Italianate house well over 100 year ago.

(This was originally written for a writing class at Lansing Community College in 1998 by Mary Jean Baker. The information was gleaned from interviews with the owners of the houses that sport cupolas.)

MORE ON FRED BERRY

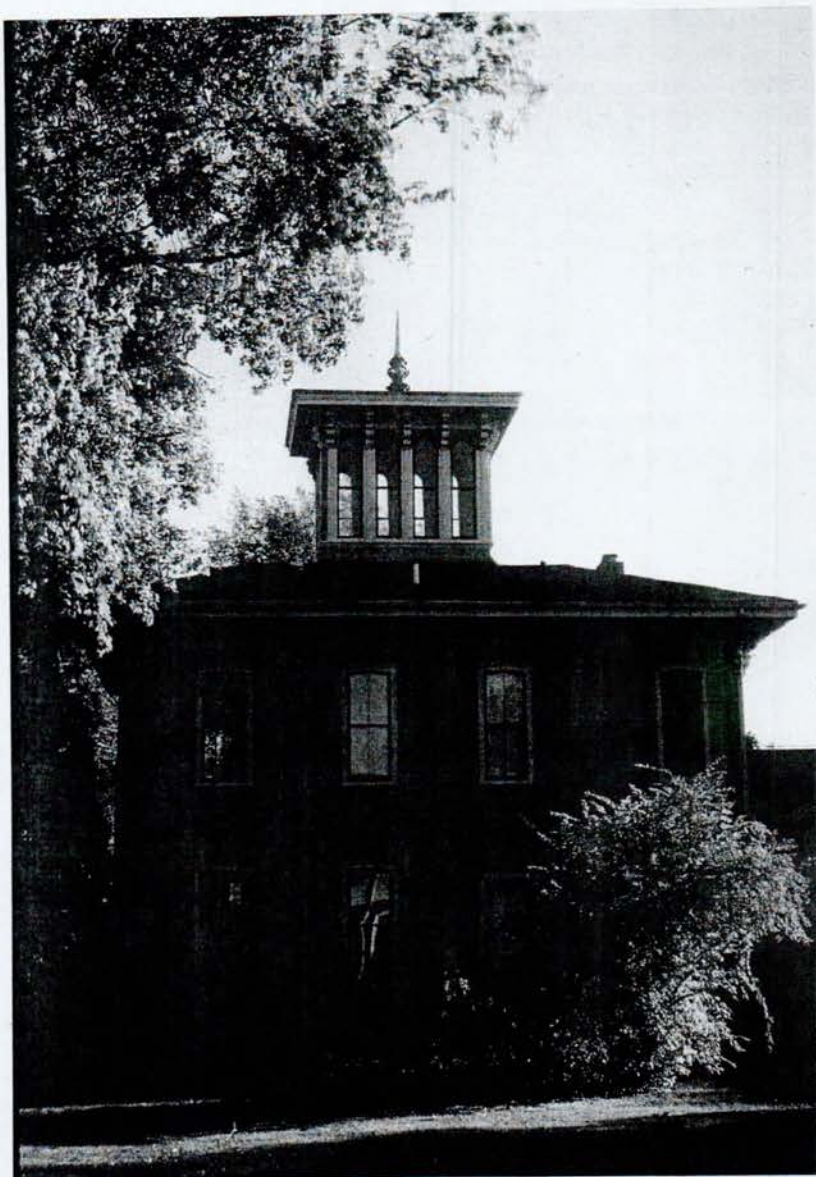
By Mary Jean Baker

Fred's father started a private bank, The Loan & Deposit Bank of Grand Ledge in 1891. **George N. Berry** was the Proprietor & President, E. M. Briggs, cashier, Fred L. Berry, assistant cashier. (Past & Present of Eaton County, page 9)

Katherine Darling Wheaton was born at Elkhart, Indiana. **Frederick Leon Berry** was born at Grand Ledge, Michigan. (Delayed birth record for daughter **Roberta Louise Berry** – Book F-20, page 116)

Fred L. Berry died August 1, 1949. His heirs included his wife, **Katherine W. Berry**, daughters **Roberta Berry Knight**, **Kenneth Berry Adie**, and son **George W. W. Berry**. (Book F-70, page 248)

When **Fred Berry** died he owned many stocks in the Detroit Bankers Company, 10 shares in the Seven Islands Park & Hotel Company; shares in the Guardian Detroit Union Group, Inc.; shares in the First National Bank of Defiance, Ohio; shares of Wentworth Securities Corporation; shares of Mingus Mountain Copper Company, Ltd. and shares in Wrigley Pharmaceutical Company. (Book G-80, page 125)



Charlotte's Pioneer Family

By Mary Jean Baker

Although settling outside the town's original boundary, the **Jonathan Searles** family is acclaimed Charlotte's pioneer family. When **Jonathan** and his brother, **Samuel**, acquired land on the southeastern corner of the prairie in 1835 there were no other settlers on or near the prairie. In fact, it is said that their nearest neighbor lived eight miles distant. The following year they raised two log houses and brought their families here. Both homes were approximately one mile east of Main Street on the Eaton Rapids road.

Samuel's wife died the first winter and he was forced to return east with his infant daughter. Later he and his sister resettled here. The circumstances surrounding **Mrs. Searles'** burial are a pathetic example of pioneer hardship. There was no lumber here from which to construct a coffin and no cemetery nearer than Bellevue. **Samuel's** clothes weren't fit to wear to a funeral and he had nothing suitable in which to dress his dead wife. He took the body on an ox-drawn sled through 15 miles of wilderness to Bellevue where the inhabitants arranged a funeral service.

Jonathan Searles (also spelled Searls and Sarles) was a veteran of the volunteer army of 1812. He was wounded in an Indian ambush and the fact that he carried the rifle ball in his body until his death apparently caught the fancy of all those who ever wrote an account of the Searles family, as one sees it mentioned time and again.

In 1814 he married 17-year old **Sally Burt** of Salem, Mass. In November, 1836, she began pioneer life in a one-room block house in the edge of the timber at the southeastern corner of the prairie. This house, which stood until 1874, came to serve as post office, court house, church and tavern; as well as shelter for the **Searles** and their 11 children.

Since the seat of justice for Eaton county was legally fixed on the Charlotte prairie, certain of the county business had to be conducted here rather than in Bellevue. As the **Searles** home as the only habitation near the site, many of the county meetings were held there – **Mrs. Searles** feeding the officials as well as her own brood. In April, 1838, 14 delegates were present at the **Searles** home to nominate candidates for the county offices. The votes for the election, held in November, were required to be canvassed at the county seat. The canvassers met under a burr oak tree on the prairie, conducted their business and then "went to the house of **Jonathan Searles** and ate dinner." **Mrs. Searles** is often spoken of as having done the county cooking for years.

Charlotte's Pioneer Family

FIRST POSTMASTER

Searles was appointed Charlotte's first postmaster in 1839. The office was known as Eaton C. H., standing no doubt for Eaton County Headquarters. Mail was received once a week from Battle Creek by way of Bellevue.

The old Eagle Hotel was built by the **Searles** brothers under the supervision of **William Stoddard**. The men were expert carpenters and history records that the finished building looked like fine cabinet work. It is said that the floors they hewed were as smooth as sawed and planed planks and that not an ax mark could be seen on the logs.

The first religious meeting and the only ones for a long time were held in the **Searles** one-room home.

On Dec. 18, 1841 **Jonathan** fell from a barn roof and died of a broken neck. He was buried on his own farm as there was yet no cemetery in Charlotte. (Land owned by the **Dymond Hatchery** – now where Meijer store is located). At the time of his wife's death his body was to be transferred to her place of burial. A number of years ago the **Dymond** family raked up a tomb-stone in a field near the site of the old **Searles** house. It marked the grave of one of the **Searles** children, rather than that of **Jonathan**.

The **Searles** name is now non-existent in Charlotte. Searles Woods became Bennett Park and Searles Street, the Eaton Rapids Road.

(Source: Pioneer Days of Charlotte & Early Eaton County, pages 9, 17 & 18)

Where Was Wesley Gildart Living in 1929?

By Larry Randall

Where was **Wesley Gildart** living in 1929? Rural Delivery Mail Route Number 7, Eaton Rapids. His phone number was 2R31 Charlesworth Phone Company. They were on party line number two and their rings were 3 short and 1 long ring. If he wanted to phone **Sam Canfield** he had only to step to the phone and crank out 4 long rings as they were on the same line. Those on other lines had to tell the operator they wanted 1F4.

Don't over look old phone books in your research.

(The listing for Charlesworth Exchange was found in the back pages of the Springport Telephone Book dated December 1st, 1929.)

Mrs. Norton's Birthday Book

Transcribed by Mary Jean Baker
(The Christian Daily Treasure Book was given to Mrs. Norton on her 83rd birthday with the love of her sister Sarah. June 1901).

June 1901

Will Quantrell, Jan 2 1862
Mrs. Pearl Griffin, Jan 9 1869
Hassie Preston, Jan 16 1860
Bernice Griffin, Jan 23 1898
N. O. Merritt, Jan 28 1844

Mary H. Starr (?), Feb 4 1837
Mrs. Augusta Murray, Feb 6 1901
Nina Norton, Feb 6 1866
Mrs. Maria McDonnell, Feb 19 1849
Horace Norton, Feb 20 1850

Rev. A. H. Dash, Mar 1 1872
Mrs. J. O. Kingman, Mar 3 1849
Mrs. Ella J. Kenyon, Mar 3
Mr. Andrew Welton, Mar 9 1842
Hal C. Storr, Mar 13 1880

Mrs. Julia Welton, Mar 20 1852
Eleanor Marian Golden Mar 28 1898

Marcellus S. Fuller, Apr 9 1892
Maria L. Worden, Apr 9 1840
Gertrude Quantrell, Apr 12 1890

Nina Preston, Apr 19 1871
Hal B. Preston, Apr 22 1853
Barlow Norton, Apr 25 1819
Erna Jones, May 4 1893
C. A. Preston, May 11 1833

Mrs. A. H. Lash, May 12 1875
Jessie D. I. Preston, May 13 1882
Beatrice Griffin, May 14 1896
Orpha E. Worden, May 15 1873
Rosanna Norton, Jun 6 1818

Mrs. M. E. Claflin, Jun 16 1853
George P. Stevens, Jun 23 1823
A. M. Norton, Jun 27 1844
Sarah Landers, Jul 4 1901
Volney D. Murray, Jul 7 1901

Sarah A. Preston, Jul 7 1834
Thad Preston, Jul 8 1861
Hattie M. Quantrell, Jul 22 1863
Bessie Quantrell, Jul 25 1888
Carlisle Quantrell, Jul 30 1908

Mrs. Norton's Birthday Book

Harry Griffin,	Aug 1 1863
Orpha E. Worden,	Aug 16 1873
Orilla Preston,	Aug 19 1798
Mrs. N. O. Merritt,	Aug 27 1853
Nellie Jones,	Sept 6 18873
Benjamin Preston,	Sept 12 1820
Celia M. Otto,	Sept 16 1853
Ruth Agnes Golden,	Sept 16 1899
John A. Preston,	Oct 10 1793
Della E. Claflin,	Oct 11 1857-1904
Harley F. Preston,	Oct 13 1884
Margaret Remmie,	Oct 16
Carrie E. Wheaton,	Oct 18 1858-1904
Sarah H. Haney,	Oct 20 1844
Frank C. Wheaton,	Nov 5 1858
Charlie Norton,	Nov 18 1842
Carrie R. Norton,	Dec 19 1842
Lewis M. Lash,	Dec 25 1898

LAWRENCE AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Methodism in Charlotte dates from 1838, when the first place of worship was at the home of Charlotte's first settler, **Jonathan Searles**, two miles southeast of town on Clinton Trail. From that meeting place, the group moved many times until 1859, when they built a brick church on the site of the present church. As the years passed, the brick church was outgrown and it was decided to erect a new building; and so, the present church was built, and dedicated on December 20, 1903.

Built in the Gothic style, of Virginia sandstone, the stone work was done by the **Prindle Brothers**, active stonemasons in Charlotte at the turn of the century. The stained-glass windows, which were installed during construction are many in number and are some of the finest to be seen anywhere in the county.

The education wing of the church was built in 1966.

(Information taken from the 1981 GFWC-Charlotte Woman's Club home tour booklet.)

Source: Eaton County Genealogical
Library Call No.: VF-37

Carrier Cemetery

By LJR, Springport, MI

A search and rescue team was at the Carrier Cemetery this past Thursday, July 2, 2009. They had Cadaver Dogs trained to find old buried human remains. We had records of 14 people buried there. The dogs found exactly that amount.

The Carrier Cemetery is on a hill over-looking Narrow Lake in Brookfield Township of Eaton County.

"Get to Work," A Michigan Search and Rescue team member told her dog. And work it did; in less than two hours it had pinpointed 14 unmarked graves.

The cemetery overlooking Narrow Lake has only two modern day stones with the names engraved of known persons buried there. It was not known exactly where the burials were.

One side of the larger stone reads, **Amos Carrier** 1811-1886, **Elsie Carrier** 1812-1887, **David** 1813-1880, **Betsie** 1814-1880, **Hickford Carrier** 1846-1928, **Mary Carrier** 1814-1908, **Roy** 1887-1887.

On the other side of this stone it has these: **Silas Tichenor** 1787-1849, **Ann Tichenor** 1789-1854, **David Verplank** 1791-1859, **Abigail Verplank** 1816-1881.

The last stone has these names engraved: **Sargent Tichenor** 1809-1887, **Rena Tichenor** 1812-1882, **Mary Tichenor** 1829-1902. On the reverse side of the **Tichenor** stone is **Alonzo Tichenor** 1838 – 1914.

Among those that were watching this event were relatives of the **Carriers** and **Tichenors** buried there, plus many of those responsible for the cleaning and mowing this old pioneer burial ground.

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1916 Charlotte Year Book

By Larry Randall

Charlotte High School 1916 Year Book

C. H. 8.

NINETEEN SIXTEEN

Freshmen, 1915-16

Page fifty-five

Alien, Loudema

Armstrong, Agnes

Auxter, Earl

Alien, Grant

Baker, Coy

Beach, Erma

Blodgett, Merlin

Brown, Burdette

Brown, Ronald

Benton, Clyde

Barnard, Charles

Chamberlin, Ruth

Collins, Hazel

Campbell, Vern

Casler, Gladys

Conklin, Alice

Challender, Walter

Cheatle, Francis

Cass, Lincoln

Crall, Keith

Conklin, Jessie

Clement Leroy

Dorman, Ivan

Derby, Howard

Draper, Harold

Edick, Celia

Ells, William

Eastman, Erma

Pausey, Dale

Fletcher, Kenneth

Ford, Erminda

Grant, Carroll

Grier, Philip

Griffin, Elizabeth

Gilbert, Gordan

Hageman, Marion

Halsey, Nina

Horn, Ruth

Harmon, Mabel

Holcomb, Grace

Hook, Ellen

Hoffner, Helen

Hale, Olive

Howe, Harlan

Horn, Anna

Hall, Grace

Jacobson, Verdetta

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Johnson, Morris
Kilmer, Ralph
Koeller, Norman
Lentz, Arthur
Linsley, Grace
Loucks, Charles
Marsh, Roy
McLaughlin, Leighton
May, Ruth
Mikesell, George
Murdick, Kathryn
McUmb, Earl
Martin, Thelma
Newcomb, Gladys
Newcomb, Ruth
Nelson, Rhoda
Parker, Lester
Powell, Verna
Pike, Marie
Parr, Carson
Pruden, William
Peters, Ida
Richey, Eleanor
Rider, Leon
Roberts, Norman
Root, Susie
Rudesill, Harley

Rouse, Carrie
Saltier, Florence
Sykes, Cereda
Smith, Loweli
Spaniola, John
Southworth, Eva
Taylor, Alethea
Taylor, Orpha
Taylor, Mildred
Todd, Marion
Tirrell, Kenneth
Thornton, Hugh
Thompson, Ray
Thornton, Russel
Van Auken, Frances
Wagner, Rachel
Warren, Lawrence
Wells, Lucile
Winslow, Ida
Weaver, Evalyn
Welch, Donald
Woodman, Mamie

DELPHIAN, C. H. 8.
NINETEEN SIXTEEN
Sophomores, 1915 - 16.

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Hockenberry, Jack

Amspacher, Lols

Bolock, Grace

Bobier, Bertha

Biggs, Enid

Bailey, Hance

Bishop, Marjorie

Barnes, Helen

Cooper, Louise

Creore, Kate

Clay, Darwin

Clement, Harold

Cole, Florence

Dawson, Beulah

Densmore, Ruth

Dye, Altha

Ells, Lucile

Foster, Doris

Griffin, Mona

Hart, Adelaide

Hitchcock, Dana

Howe, Ruth

Hutchins, Mildred

Harshman, Ralph

Hine, Roy

Hoffman, Ronald

Hunter, Merrill

Jordan, Mildred

Kelly, Doris

Kiplinger, Carroll

King, William

Knight, Ben

Littell, Maynard

LeBaron, Scott

Lee, Helen

Lee, Iris

Lall, Ralph

Lall, Karl

Leventhal, Rebecca

Markham, Madeline

Martin, Brmentrude

Murray, Donald

McConnell, Harold

Merrill, Delos

Martin, Harold

Mason, Meryln

Near, Joe

Peters, Alwin

Peck, Grace

Perry, Roana

Parker, Floyd

Richardson, Bessie

Rogers, William

Roberts, L. V.

1916 Charlotte Year Book

Sattler, Katherine

Sherman, Carl

Steves, Fred

Simpson, Edris

Sleater, Margaret

Snively, Inez

Snyder, Dale

Stewart, Don

Sackett, Mabel

Spencer, Don

Spotts, Ray

Southworth, Earl

Tanner, Hortense

White, Ida

Woodman, Fred

Weaver, Genevieve

Wildern, Marie

Wildern, Ruth

Wright, Dorr

Whittum, Embree

Zant, Helen

GEORGE A. STARKWEATHER

By Leroy Randall

Alfred Starkweather, our subject's father, was born in Connecticut, where he grew to manhood. He married a **Miss Marilla Tanner**. He is still living, and resides in Ionia Co., Mich.

George passed his childhood in Canada where his opportunities for acquiring an education were limited, yet he obtained enough to fit him for the active business life he has since led.

In 1854, **Mr. Starkweather** came from Ohio to Charlotte, Mich., where he worked for a time at the carpenter's trade. Wishing to extend his business, he, in 1859, bought forty acres of wild land in Brookfield, soon after adding forty acres more. There was log shanty on the land, in which they commenced life in a home of their own.

In 1870, **Mr. Starkweather** bought a steam sawmill, which was burned in 1871. Nothing daunted, he rebuilt, and after a year moved it on to his farm.

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GEORGE A. STARKWEATHER

By Larry Randall

Alfred Starkweather, our subject's father, was born in Connecticut, where he grew to manhood. He married a **Miss Marilla Tanner**. He is still living, and resides in Ionia Co., Mich.

George passed his childhood in Canada where his opportunities for acquiring an education were limited, yet he obtained enough to fit him for the active business life he has since led.

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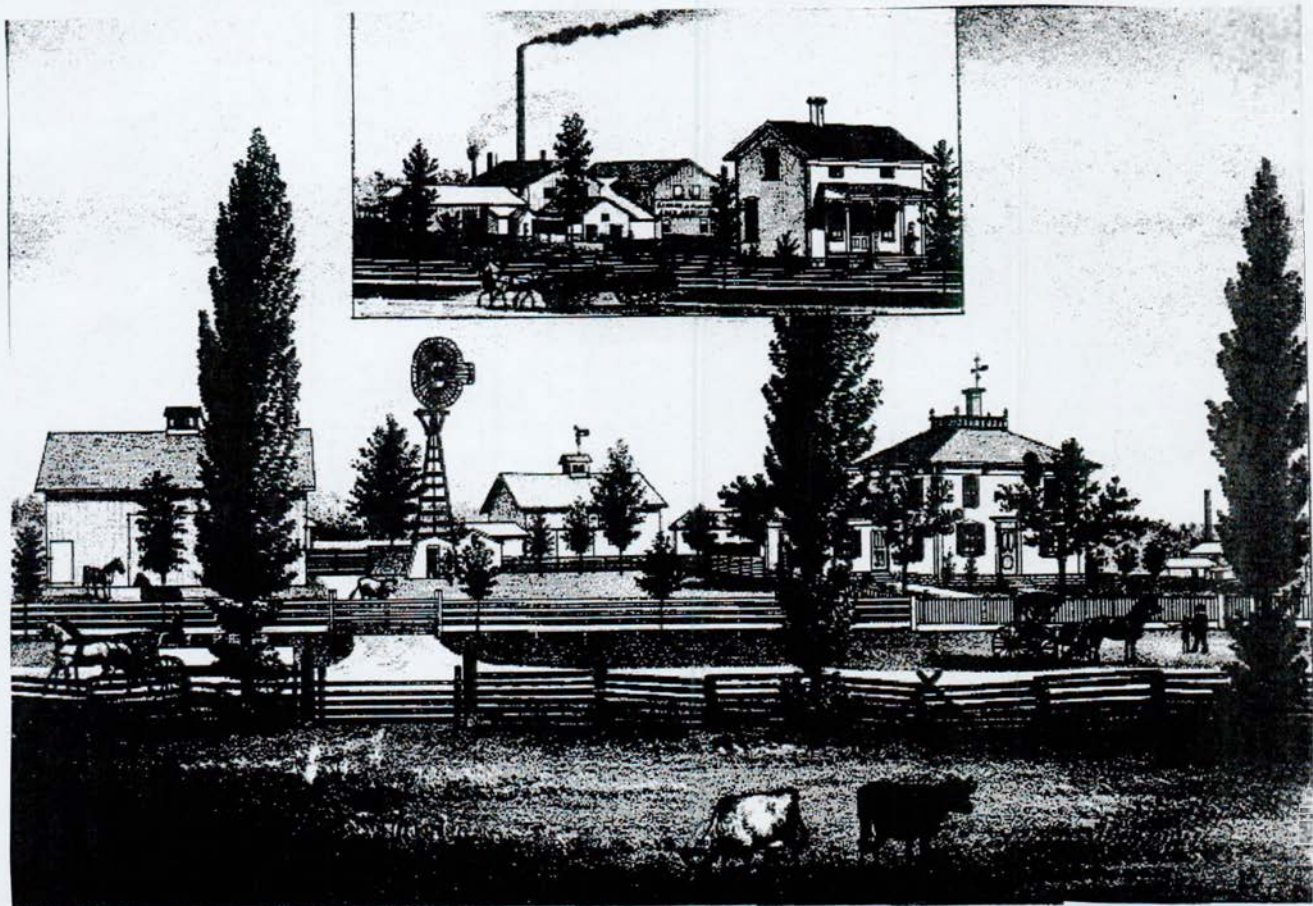
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In addition to the fine property he now owns in Brookfield (a view of which appears below), he has a farm near Palo in Ionia County.

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