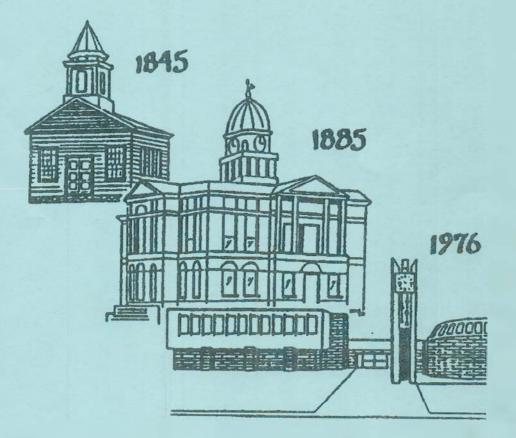
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# Eaton County Heritage Award

I would like to take this time to congratulate **Sherry Copenhaver** upon receiving this year's Eaton County Heritage Award.

Each year the Eaton County Historical Commission (ECHC) recognizes organizations and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the heritage of Eaton County, Michigan. The Eaton County Heritage Award is conferred annually by the Eaton County Historical Commission.

For the Heritage Award the ECHC seeks individuals, groups and organizations that have made significant work in the preservation, restoration or public awareness of the county's rich historical heritage. Up to three nominees receive the Historical Commission's Heritage Award.

Who makes the selection? – The commission makes the selection based on the recommendation of a five-member committee. The committee is made up of three commission members and one representative each from two organizations in the county whose main purpose relates to our historical heritage.

**How many awards are given?** – As many as three awards may be made in any one year. They are attractively framed metal certificates presented each May at a ceremony during or near Michigan Week.

**How is an entry submitted?** – Nomination forms are available throughout the year in the offices of the Courthouse Square Association in the 1885 County Courthouse in downtown Charlotte.

2010	2009
Sherry Copenhaver	Jim Zemke – Vermontville
2008	2007
Joyce L Miller – Bellevue	Wendel Peabody – Sunfield
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2006	2005
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Bismark Community Boosters	Marilyn Smith – Grand Ledge

Previous ECGS members that have also received the Heritage Award are **Shirley Hodges** in 2002 and **Leila Klaiss** in 1998.

### Eaton County Heritage Award

#### By Sherry (Wood) Copenhaver

My parents are **Bob & Karen Wood and Dale & Audrey Johnson**. I was born in Battle Creek, Michigan and have resided in Eaton County since I was a baby. I have been a Charlotte resident since 1960.

My husband, **Gary Copenhaver** and I have been together 11 years. We were each widowed before and our kids have been friends since their school days (they actually got us together). We each have 2 sons and 1 daughter. Between us, we have 6 children, 20 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. They all live near us except one son and his family, who live in Georgia. I have 5 brothers and a niece and nephew I am very close to. We spend lots of time with family.

I retired from the State of Michigan, Treasury Dept (actually DIT, Department of Information Technology) at a very young age (for retirement anyway) in 2002. I was a System's Analyst and loved my job. However, I love retirement. I get to spend more time with my husband and grandchildren. I do volunteer work for Eaton County Genealogical Society, mostly computer system and their website. I have done a little website work for a couple of other sites and some database work (since I retired) for family and their jobs. I am not a professional at the website and database work; everything has been self-taught.

I enjoy scrapbooking, crocheting, reading, dance exercise (off and on!) and working with data and systems. I enjoy 'reading' and taking photos of cemeteries with Gary.

My husband I like to go south for a few weeks in the winter in our 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel camper and we usually include a trip to our kids in Georgia. I love to visit our cottage with kids and grandkids in the summer, where we have a pontoon and some jet skis. I do little jet-skiing– at about 2 miles per hour.

Gary and I have a chocolate lab named Reba, and she is our 'baby' dog. She goes with us when we travel and is very spoiled.

Sherry puts in countless hours to keep the ECGS Web Page updated and running. She has also created a very user friendly data base that can be searched on the computer in the research room. Please congratulate Sherry when you see her.

# Visit Our Web Site: www.miegs.org

Please visit our web site often to see the changes and updates made.

# Quest Readers, We Need Help

We need help learning more about this photo. Is this the home of LeRoy Patterson?

This photo is of a farm that is supposed to be in West Windsor, Eaton County. I'm sorry that it is not in very good shape. The original, owned by Larry Randall, is faded badly.

On the back of the photo, it reads: **"Roy's** home at West Windsor". **"Roy** with his dog." Another note reads, **"Roy's** birth place at W. Windsor across from **Lucy Warrens**"

The 1920 census shows Lucy G Warren age 42 living in Eaton County. Wife of Gordon T. Warren. Children: Claude R. Warren.

1913 Windsor Twp. Map shows G. T. Warren's 80 acre farm in the south west corner of section 4. Sadly, I-69 is right near that part of the township.

Can you help with this picture or know anything about the LeRoy Patterson family?

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Please contact: Larry Randall at, Irand@springcom.com

The information below, on the location of G.A.R. Records material found to date, is presented in the following format. Posts are listed in numerical order followed by the name of the Post, the name of the community where the Post was based and the county in Michigan. The material is listed by type and followed by the LOCATION of the material. When Post records are found in multiple locations, the listing is continued by type of record and location under the initial heading for that Post.

#### Post 2 - C. O. Loomis - Quincy - Branch County

- Memorial Book
- Minute Book
- Financial Record Book
- Post Flag
- LOCATION Quincy Public Library

Post 5 - Custer - Grand Rapids - Kent County

- Descriptive Book
- LOCATION Archives of Michigan Lansing Record Group 71-98
- Constitution and By Laws
- LOCATION Bentley Historical Library University of Michigan Ann Arbor

#### Post 6 – C. J. Dickerson – Hillsdale – Hillsdale County

- Minutes
- Financial Records
- Membership roster
- Constitution and By Laws
- Misc. notes and clippings
- LOCATION Bentley Historical Library University of Michigan Ann Arbor
- Post 13 I. B. Richardson Harbor Springs Emmet County
  - Financial Record Book Dues 1915 1929
  - LOCATION Private owner Copy G. A. R. Records Committee Files.

#### Post 15 – Pap Williams – Ludington – Mason County

- Minute Book 1894 1921
- By Laws
- LOCATION Archives of Michigan Record Group 63-37

Post 16 – Sedgwick – Evart – Osceola County

- Descriptive Book
- LOCATION Archives of Michigan Lansing Record Group 71-98
- Post 17 Fairbanks Detroit Wayne County
  - Minute Books (2) 1923 1941 & 1935 1937
- LOCATION Archives of Michigan Record Group MS 68-56 (Box 3)
- Post 22 Wm. Perrott Buchanan Berrien County
  - Minute Books (2)
- LOCATION Western Michigan University Archives Kalamazoo

Post 24 – Col. Fenton – Fenton – Genesee County

- Memorial Book
- Registration Book
- Minute Book

- Officer Reports
- LOCATION Fenton Historical Museum

Post 26 - Joe Hooker - Hart - Oceana County

Minute Book - 1895 – 1929

LOCATION – Oceana County Historical and Genealogical Society – Hart

- Post 27 Burnside Decatur Van Buren County
  - Copy of Descriptive Book 1881 1923
  - Copy of Post By-laws
  - Post Gavel

LOCATION – Webster Library, Local History Room – Decatur

Post 31 - Broadhead - Paw Paw - Van Buren County

- Not inventoried
- LOCATION American Legion Post Paw Paw
- Copy of Adjutant's Reports Dec. 1881 Dec. 1885
- LOCATION Webster Library, Local History Room, Decatur

#### Post 32 – Farragut – Battle Creek – Calhoun County

- Charter
- Memorial Book
- Misc. records and publications
- LOCATION G. A. R. Records Committee files
- Post 39 Kilpatrick Berrien Springs Berrien County
  - Minute Book 1899 1918
  - LOCATION Archives of Michigan Record Group 56-8 (Box 3)

Post 40 – A. S. Williams – Charlotte – Eaton County

- Memorial Book
- Photos of Post members identified
- Book of maps and misc. material
- LOCATION American Legion Post Charlotte
- Post Descriptive Book

LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 71-98

- Post 41 R. P. Carpenter Chelsea Washtenaw County
  - Memorial Book
  - LOCATION History Room Chelsea Public Library

Post 42 – Charles T. Foster – Lansing - Ingham County Descriptive Books (4)

- Minute Books, including death rolls (1926 1931)
- Account Book dues payments
- LOCATION Clarke Historical Library Central Michigan University Copies in G.A.R.
- Records Committee Files
- Applications (103)
- Memorial Book
- Minute Books (2) 1885 1896 & 1909 1915
- LOCATION G.A.R. Records Committee Files

Post 45 – Woodbury – Adrian – Lenawee County

- Minute Book 1889 1902
- LOCATION Clarke Historical Library Central Michigan University Copy G.A.R. Records
- Committee Files
- Record Book dues paid and obituary notices 1915-1943
- LOCATION Bentley Historical Library University of Michigan Ann Arbor

Post 46 – Jacob Fry – Ganges – Allegan County

- Descriptive Rolls (2) 1882 1905
- LOCATION Western Michigan University Archives Kalamazoo

#### Post 48 – Edward Pomeroy – Jackson – Jackson County

- Memorial Book
- LOCATION Austin Blair Camp 7 SUVCW

Post 55 – Capt. Hiram Barrows – Armada – Macomb County

- Descriptive Book
- LOCATION Archives of Michigan Lansing Record Group 71-98

Post 63 - G. K. Warren - East Tawas - losco County

- Membership records
- Reports and correspondence
- LOCATION Clarke Historical Library Central Michigan University

Post 70 – James D. Morgan – Onaway – Presque Isle County

- Descriptive Book
- LOCATION Archives of Michigan Lansing Record Group 71-98
- Post 72 Ed M. Prutzman Three Rivers St. Joseph County
  - Descriptive Book
  - LOCATION Archives of Michigan Lansing Record Group 71-98

#### Post 74 - Sterling - Wayland -Allegan County

- Memorial Book
- LOCATION Moline Elementary School, Office of the Then and Now Historical and
- Genealogical Society of Eastern Allegan County Wayland Copy in the G.A.R. Records
- Committee files

#### Post 79 - Orcutt - Kalamazoo - Kalamazoo County

- Complete records of Post 1882 to 1943
- LOCATION Kalamazoo Valley Museum Kalamazoo
- Memorial Book
- Burial Book
- LOCATION Kalamazoo Public Library

#### Post 80 – Harlow Briggs – Monterey – Allegan County

- Descriptive Book
- Quartermaster's Ledger Dues 1891 1921 Post financial records

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LOCATION – Allegan County Historical Society – Allegan

Post 91 – Wm. D. Wilkins – St. Louis – Gratiot County

• Minute Book – 1889 – 1891

- Constitution and By Laws Sign-in Book
- LOCATION Gratiot County Genealogical Group Library Copies in G.A.R. Records
- Committee files

Post 96 - Carter - Union - Cass County

- Descriptive Book
- LOCATION Archives of Michigan Lansing Record Group 71-98

Post 109 – Butterworth – Coldwater – Branch County

- Not inventoried
- LOCATION Wing House Museum Coldwater
- Post 111 James B. Brainard Eaton Rapids Eaton County
  - Memorial Book
  - Descriptive Book
  - LOCATION Eaton Rapids Public Library
- Post 120 Waddell Howell Livingston County
  - Descriptive Book
  - Minute Books (2) 1883 1926
  - LOCATION Archives of Michigan Record Group 56-8 (Box 4)
  - Roll Book sign-in
  - LOCATION Archives of Michigan Record Group 66-74
  - Burial Book 1893 1921
  - LOCATION Library of Michigan 2N F572 L8 G73 1997

Post 124 – John C. Joss – Constantine – St. Joseph County

- Membership Records (26 pages) partially burned
- LOCATION Sturgis Public Library

Post 125 – Fitzgerald – Hastings – Barry County

- Descriptive Book 1883 1917
- Cash Book 1913 1932
- Dues Book 1913 1941
- LOCATION Archives of Michigan Record Group 56-8 (Box 4)

Post 135 - David Oaks - Centerville - St. Joseph County

- Record Book Dues payment
- LOCATION Western Michigan University Archives Kalamazoo
- Post 137 Welch Ann Arbor Washtenaw County
  - Minutes
  - Financial Records
  - Memorial records of deceased members
- LOCATION Bentley Historical Library University of Michigan Ann Arbor

#### Post 143 – Whiteside – Caro – Tuscola County

- Minute Book
- Ritual Book of Orlando LeValley
- Song book
- LOCATION Historical Museum Watrousville

Post 144 – Turrill – Lapeer – Lapeer County

- Membership lists
- Minutes
- Financial Records
- Photograph of members
- LOCATION Bentley Historical Library University of Michigan Ann Arbor
- Descriptive Book
- LOCATION DeAngeli Library Lapeer (Original in Archives, copy in the stacks.)

Post 145 – Gov. Crapo – Flint – Genesee County

- Memorial Book
- Minute Books (2) 1921-1925 & 1925-1936 (Vol. 31 and Vol. 33)
- Roll of Members (Vol. 28)
- Records Genesee Co. Comm. Soldiers and Sailors Monument 1894-1895 (Vol. 32)
- LOCATION Sloan Museum Flint
- Post 146 Capt. Wilson Waldron Hillsdale County
  - Memorial Book
  - LOCATION Reference Section Lapeer County Public Library
- Post 147 Dick Richardson Pontiac Oakland County
  - Records no inventory

LOCATION – Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society Library

Post 152 – William Moyer – Alma – Gratiot County

- Minute Book 1909 -1927
- Descriptive Book
- Q. M. Record Book 1909 1926
- Dues Payment Record Book 1883 1892
- Post Cash Book 1894 1928
- LOCATION Gratiot County Genealogical Group Library
- Post 157 Albert Anderson Cassopolis Cass County
  - Descriptive Book
  - LOCATION G. A. R. Records Committee files

Post 166 – Calvin Colgrove – Marshall – Calhoun County

- Applications
- Misc. records
- LOCATION Marshall Historical Society G. A. R. Hall Marshall

Post 180 – Carpenter – Ypsilanti – Washtenaw County

- Minutes
- Financial Records

LOCATION – Bentley Historical Library – University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

Post 197 -- John Tucker - Ortonville -- Oakland County

- Descriptive Book
- LOCATION Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society Library Copy in G.A.R. Records
- Committee Files

Post 205 – Quackenbush – Owosso – Shiawassee County

- Applications 1883-1927
- Descriptive Book
- Minute Book (11) 1884 1924
- Letter Book
- Financial Record Books 1883-1901
- LOCATION Archives of Michigan Lansing Record Group 77 113

#### Post 210 – E. W. Hollingsworth – Albion – Calhoun County

- Applications
- Descriptive Book
- "Memorial Record"
- Photographs (50)
- Constitution and By Laws
- LOCATION Archives of Michigan Lansing Record Group 76-12

Post 211 – Wm. H. Borden – Ionia – Ionia County

- Memorial Book
- LOCATION Blanchard House Museum Ionia
- Post 216 Harry D. Terry Mount Clemens Macomb County
  - Memorial Book
  - LOCATION Mount Clemens Public Library
  - Index to Memorial Book
  - LOCATION G. A. R. Records Committee files
- Post 220 Geo. L. Acker Vicksburg Kalamazoo County
  - Memorial Record of 11 Members
  - Speech by Col. Wm. W. Scott on becoming Post Commander in 1886
- LOCATION Vicksburg Public Library

Post 237 - Peter A. Weber - Rockford - Kent County

- Descriptive Book
- LOCATION Archives of Michigan Lansing Record Group 71-98

#### Post 239 - Bryon Stoddard - Concord - Jackson County

- Minute Book
- LOCATION Private holding Contact Bill Lowe

Post 252 – J. T. Jones – Howard City – Montcalm County

- Minute Book
- LOCATION Private Collection Copy G. A. R. Records Comm. Files

Post 262 – A. C. VanRaalte – Holland – Ottawa County

Muster Roll – 1884

LOCATION – Joint Archives of Holland – Hope College

Post 266 - Lyon - Menominee - Menominee County

- Minute Book
- LOCATION Spies Public Library
- War and Burial Record

• LOCATION – Spies Public Library – Copy – G.A.R. Records Comm. Files Post 269 – Mark Thompson – Plainwell – Allegan County

Memorial Book

- Ledger Dues payment record
- Descriptive Book (Rules Regulation and By Laws)
- Burial Book
- LOCATION Western Michigan University Archives Kalamazoo

Post 283 - Samuel W. Grinnell - Sunfield - Eaton County

- Applications
- Photos, identified
- By Laws Member sign in.
- Minute Book (2) 1884 1901, 1918 1924
- Misc. record books
- LOCATION G. A. R. Hall Sunfield Copies G.A.R. Records Committee files

Post 289 – Henry C. Pratt – Mackinac Island – Mackinac County

- Descriptive Book
- LOCATION Archives of Michigan Lansing Record Group 71-98

Post 352 - Comstock - Manchester - Washtenaw County

- Minute Book 1912 1924
- LOCATION Local History Room, Manchester District Library
- Descriptive Book
- List of Member's death some obituaries
- News clippings and photos
- LOCATION Local History Room, Manchester District Library Copies (CD) in G.A.R.
- Records Committee files

Post 361 - Kilbourne - Sherwood - Branch County

- Descriptive Book
- LOCATION Archives of Michigan Lansing Record Group 71-98

#### Post 382 – V. O. Bretz – Bonanza/Lake Odessa – Ionia County

- Descriptive Book
- LOCATION Archives of Michigan Lansing Record Group 71-98

Post 384 – Detroit – Detroit – Wayne County

- Memoirs
- LOCATION Clarke Historical Library Central Michigan University Copy G.A.R. Records
- Committee files

Post 395 - Amasa B. Watson - Grand Rapids - Kent Count

- Minutes 1888-1896, 1897-1911, 1932-1936
- Applications
- Membership Roll 1888-1928
- Descriptive Book
- Reports
- LOCATION Grand Rapids Public Library
- Post 410 Wm. T. Sherman Vassar Tuscola County
  - Descriptive Book

• LOCATION – Archives of Michigan – Lansing – Record Group 71-98 Post 419 – H. P. Merrill – Bay City – Bay County

- Descriptive Book
- LOCATION Archives of Michigan Lansing Record Group 71-98
- Post 441 Steele Brothers Mason Ingham County
- Minute Book 1911 1924
- LOCATION Archives of Michigan Record Group 90-273

#### **RELATED ORGANIZATIONS**

Calhoun County Veterans Battalion

- Minutes 1889-1930
- Quartermaster Reports Registration of Members at Reunions 1908 1928
- Roster and Cash Book 1896 1922
- LOCATION Archives of Michigan Record Group 66-78

Eaton County Battalion

- Minutes Starting 1891
- LOCATION Eaton Rapids Public Library

Ingham County Soldiers and Sailors Union

- Minutes and Officer Lists 1874 1881
- LOCATION Archives of Michigan Record Group 58-25

Mich. Corps of the Blue & the Grav

- Notes and Officer List May 16, 1888
- LOCATION Archives of Michigan Record Group 58-25

Shiawassee County Battalion

- Minute Book 1890 1924
- Memorial Records of Veterans of the County
- LOCATION Archives of Michigan Record Group 77-113 (Series 3)

As a result of answering requests for research assistance, there is some anecdotal information that has been gathered and filed in a folder for the appropriate Post. There have been contributions of dated Post rosters and other material relating to a particular Post and this has been handled in like fashion. Thus, there are a total of 183 Posts for which this type of material is on file.

The records and files of the Michigan Department Headquarters, G. A. R. are housed at the Archives of Michigan in Lansing. These records consist primarily of the Adjutant's Reports (new members, transfers, suspensions, drops, discharges and deaths) filed by the Posts (Quarterly until 1891, semi-annual until 1918, annual thereafter). Also included are miscellaneous Officers reports; correspondence (mostly related to the reports filed); Post Charter Applications; Reports of new Post Mustering Officers and in some instances, the Post Charter. (Record Group 63-19) The Finding Aid developed by the Archives staff lists 463 Posts for the Department. However, there are no surviving records for five Posts (not listed in the Finding Aid) dropped during or shortly after the reactivation of the Department in 1879. Also, there appear to be no records for the 50, or so, Posts that were organized during the first period of the Department operation

from 1867 to 1872. The project to develop a computer database listing the members of the Michigan Department G. A. R. continues. Work is presently under way on Post 75. There are now 18,958 names entered and 3677 annual Post officer rosters. Because of the multiple use of Post numbers, in different locations and times, there are actually rosters for 87 Posts now in the database. Reports can be generated for individuals, an entire Post or the complete listing of officers for a Post. James T. Lyons, PDC G. A. R. Records Officer Department of Michigan Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War December 15, 2003 Updated May 30, 2006 Updated December 22, 2006

G.A.R. Records Committee J. Douglas Park, PDC Gary L. Gibson, PDC Paul D. Hodges, PDC Fred Knoodle Charles Harthy Matt Adair

# ATTENTION!!!

# Fort Wayne Bus Trip to Allen County Library

# October 23, 2010

Information on our Web-site at: www.miegs.org

# Or phone the ECGS Research Room

The bus fills up fast, make your reservations.....

# MARTICH BLACK HISTORY COLLECTION

#### By Mary Jean Baker

MARTICH BLACK HISTORY COLLECTION (Call no. 626.17s)

Excerpts from Battle Creek Willard Library's, *Martich Black History Collection.* 

Includes – Blacks in Eaton County from the 1860-1920 Census's and some obituaries and photographs from the families of **Biggs**, **Burton & Fowler**.

We will include some of the obituaries.

Charles A. Burton, 81, of 339 N. Bostwick Ave., Charlotte, died Friday at Hayes Green Beach Hospital. He was born in Battle Creek, the son of William & Henrietta (Lewis) Burton, but had been a resident of Charlotte for the past 42 years. He was married Oct. 2, 1918. in Charlotte to Cecile Biggs. He had been employed by the General Food Corp. for 46 years, retiring in 1949.In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Calvin (Frances) Trent of Detroit: a son. Charles Jr. of Battle Creek; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Foster of Battle Creek and Mrs. Alice Hughes of Kansas City, Mo.

**Cecile E. Biggs Burton**, 89 of 339 N. Bostwick Ave., died Wednesday in Ingham Medical Center in Lansing. She was born in Charlotte and was a lifelong resident. She was a member of the Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church and its Mary Circle and United Methodist Women. For many years she was a Red Cross volunteer at Hayes-Green-Beach Hospital.

Her husband, Charles A. Burton, died in 1965, and a daughter, Frances Trent, died in 1980. She is survived by a son, Charles A. Burton of Battle Creek. Services were held at Burkhead-Green Funeral Home. (10/18/85)

The following marriage record was provided by Sheila Mott.

Eaton County Marriage Records: April 10, 1884 Charlotte, Eaton County, Michigan Thornton Williams, B. of Olivet, age 30 years. Born in Virginia. Farmer Married: Clarissa Scipio, M. of Carmel, age 16 years. Born in Canada. Married by: T. D. Green, J.P. Witnesses: Mary Crissey Lee of Calhoun and Seth Ketcham of Charlotte. The 1900 Census, find them in Lee

The following obit is a condensed version from a July 1, 1915 newspaper provided to us by Sheila Mott.

Twp., Calhoun County.

**Thornton Williams**, died in June, 1915. He was better known as "Shorty". The decedent, who was a colored man, has lived in this vicinity for over 40 years. Although he did not know his own age, it is estimated that he was 70.

About three years ago, he left his farm of 20 acres, which lies in Lee Township, and moved into town. He rented his farm except to take care of his horses.

He came to Olivet when he was still in his prime. He was sent to Ainger as a member of a construction gang on the railroad and came to this village (Olivet) because he could not find anybody to

### MARTICH BLACK HISTORY COLLECTION

board him at the station. Shortly after he quit his section job and was given a job trimming trees on the streets of the village. He bought his farm in 1872 and remained a farmer until he retired.

Williams was an escaped slave. At the beginning of the civil war he was in bondage on the plantation of Henry Samuels in Carolina County, Virginia. He escaped with four other Negroes on e night, one of them being a young girl. In making his escape "Shorty" was shot in the back but he managed to keep on though sorely wounded and finally reached the union lines. He was taken to an army hospital and operated on, several bullets being cut out of his flesh. He was 16 years old at that time. After recovering, he joined the union army as a teamster and remained throughout the war. He received an honorable discharge but was robbed of it and his money in Washington, D.C. when the war had only been at an end a few weeks. He therefore never obtained a pension. Interment was made in Olivet Cemetery.

The following obit provided by Sheila Mott from the May 10, 1900 Olivet Optic. (It has been condensed)

William Henry Lockett died in May, 1900 at about the age of 65. He was a familiar person to the Olivet people and school personal for the past thirty years.

**Lockett** was born in Kentucky into slavery and sold at the block. He ran away from a cruel master, and ended up a soldier in the union army.

At the age of about 28 he came to Ohio and Michigan with the captain of his company, **Captain Bennett**, of the 15<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry, of which company **Mr. Lockett** was first sergeant. He attended school in Ohio for a few terms, making his home with Mr. Bennett and Dr. Ely, of Lenawee County, Mich.

In 1866 a Mr. Addison Stone, who lived in Lenawee County, met William on the road and asked him to ride. Being favorably impressed about his life, he arranged for Addison to come to Olivet in the spring of 1867 to work for his father, Nahum Stone, on the old Stone Farm outside of Olivet.

He worked a number of years for Wm. Green and also for Nehemiah Hobart & L. C. Nelson.

He purchased a home on Kalamo Street and spent many happy hours fixing it up, and lived alone, working about town until his health failed. He drew a small pension and was careful and saving, but on account of his not being sufficiently educated had lost some of his savings by poor investments.

His home and property were will to **Mr.** & **Mrs. Gifford**, who cared for him during his last illness.

He is buried in the soldier's plat in the Olivet Cemetery.



William Henry Lockett

Page: 44 File Number: 818 Date of Death: 29 April 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Harriet Munger Sex: F Married Age: 32y Place of Death: Benton Cause of Death: Inflamation of Bowels Birthplace: Unknown Residence: Benton Occupation: Parents: Father: Unknown Mother: Unknown Parent's Residence:

Page: 44 File Number: 819 Date of Death: 1 May 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Abraham Hall Age: 40y Sex: M Married Place of Death: Benton Cause of Death: A log rolling on him Birthplace: Pennsylvania Residence: Benton **Occupation:** Farmer Parents: Father: Unknown Mother: Unknown Parent's Residence:

Page: 44 File Number: 820 Date of Death: 14 July 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Hamill Age: 1d Sex: M Single Place of Death: Benton Cause of Death: Unknown Birthplace: Benton **Residence: Benton Occupation:** Parents: Father: Michael V. Hamill Mother: Betsey Ann Hamill Parent's Residence: Benton

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File Number: 821 Date of Death: 17 December 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: L.L. Hamlin Hines Age: 23y 10m 5d Sex: M Married Place of Death: Delta Eaton Co Cause of Death: Accidental Birthplace: New York Residence: Delta Occupation: Farmer Parents: Father: James R. Hines Mother: Harriet C. Hines Parent's Residence: Delta

Page: 44 File Number: 822 Date of Death: 6 December 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Mary J. Hines Sex: F Married Age: 18y Place of Death: Delta Eaton Co Cause of Death: Accidental Birthplace: New York Residence: Delta Occupation: Parents: Father: Joseph Henderson Mother: Ruth R. Henderson Parent's Residence: Delta

Page: 44 File Number: 823 Date of Death: 7 December 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Harvey S. Hines Age: 5m Sex: M Place of Death: Delta Eaton Co Cause of Death: Accidental Birthplace: Delta, Mich Residence: Delta Occupation: Parents: Father: L.L. Hamlin Hines Mother: Mary J. Hines Parent's Residence:

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File Number: 824 Date of Death: 17 April 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: **Ralph A. Burlingame** Age: 3y 10m 24d Sex: M Place of Death: Delta Eaton Co Cause of Death: Accidental Birthplace: Delta, Mich Residence: Delta Occupation: Parents: Father: **Ranselius Burlingame** Mother: **Eliza Burlingame** Parent's Residence: Delta

Page: 44 File Number: 825 Date of Death: 20 September 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: **Stribling** Age: few hours Sex: M Place of Death: Delta Eaton Co Cause of Death: Convulsion Birthplace: Delta Convulsion Birthplace: Delta, Mich Residence: Delta Occupation: Parents: Father: John J. Stribling Mother: Adell Stribling Parent's Residence: Delta

Page: 44 File Number: 826 Date of Death: 15 September 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Laura A. Huddleson Age: 24y 6m 13d Sex: F Married Place of Death: Delta Eaton Co Cause of Death: Dropsy Birthplace: Michigan Residence: Delta Occupation: Farmer's Wife Parents: Father: Charles Kennedy (dead) Mother: Betsey Kennedy Parent's Residence: Oneida Page: 44 File Number: 827 Date of Death: 5 May 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Ann Grinnell Age: 6m 8d Sex: F Place of Death: Delta Eaton Co Cause of Death: Inflamation of the Bowels Birthplace: Michigan Residence: Delta Occupation: Parents: Father: Peter C. Grinnell Mother: Catherine Grinnell Parent's Residence: Delta

Page: 44 File Number: 828 Date of Death: 8 December 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: William Roe Age: 73y Sex: M Married Place of Death: Delta Eaton Co Cause of Death: Dropsy Birthplace: New York Residence: Delta **Occupation:** Farmer Parents: Father: Nathaniel Roe Mother: Hannah Roe Parent's Residence: New York

Page: 44 File Number: 829 Date of Death: 3 December 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Joseph Underhill Age: 32y 6m 18d Sex: M Married Place of Death: Delta Eaton Co Cause of Death: Inflamation of Lungs Birthplace: England Residence: Delta Occupation: Farmer Parents: Father: William Underhill Mother: Mary Underhill Parent's Residence:

Page: 44 File Number: 830 Date of Death: 4 September 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Harriet E. Sharp Sex: F Age: 6m Place of Death: Delta Eaton Co Cause of Death: Sea Sickness Birthplace: England Residence: Delta Occupation: Parents: Father: Richard Sharp Mother: Ellen Sharp Parent's Residence: Delta

Page: 44 File Number: 831 Date of Death: 28 February 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Hines Age: 1m 15d Sex: M Place of Death: Delta Eaton Co Cause of Death: Tumor in Brain Birthplace: Delta, Mich Residence: Delta Occupation: Parents: Father: Gustavus W. Hines Mother: Elvira F. Hines Parent's Residence:

Page: 44 File Number: 832 Date of Death: 14 Aprill 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Jane Krusen Age: 82y 5m 16d Sex: F Widowed Place of Death: Carmel Cause of Death: Old age Birthplace: New Jersey Residence: Carmel Occupation: None Parents: Father: Unknown Mother: Unknown Parent's Residence:

Page: 45 File Number: 833 Date of Death: 28 April 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Thomas Cooper Sex: M Widowed Age: 72y Place of Death: Carmel Cause of Death: not listed Birthplace: not listed **Residence: Carmel** Occupation: None Parents: Father: Unknown Mother: Unknown Parent's Residence:

Page: 45 File Number: 834 Date of Death: 8 November 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Mortica McHinber Age: 72y 4m 27d Sex: M Widowed Place of Death: Carmel Cause of Death: Old age Birthplace: New York Residence: Carmel Occupation: None Parents: Father: Unknown Mother: Unknown Parent's Residence:

Page: 45 File Number: 835 Date of Death: 1 September 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Susannah Mikesell Age: 20y Sex: F Place of Death: Carmel Cause of Death: Consumption Birthplace: Michigan Residence: Carmel Occupation: None Parents: Father: Levi Mikesell Mother: Mary Mikesell Parent's Residence: Michigan

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File Number: 836 Date of Death: 5 August 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Edward E. Cooper Age: 5y 5m Sex: M Place of Death: Carmel Cause of Death: Unknown Birthplace: Michigan Residence: Carmel Occupation: Parents: Father: J. S. Cooper Mother: Elizabeth Cooper Parent's Residence: Michigan

Page: 45 File Number: 837 Date of Death: 5 September 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: John Shearer Age: 6y 6m Sex: M Single Place of Death: City of Charlotte Cause of Death: Smothered ? Birthplace: Charlotte Residence: Charlotte Occupation: Miller Parents: Father: John Shearer Mother: Mary Shearer Parent's Residence: Charlotte

Page: 45 File Number: 838 Date of Death: 9 July 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Jennie Gordon Age: 11y Sex: F Single Place of Death: City of Charlotte Cause of Death: Inflamation of the Lungs Birthplace: Charlotte Residence: Charlotte Occupation: Parents: Father: William Gordon Mother: Sarah Jane Gordon Parent's Residence: Charlotte

Page: 45 File Number: 839 Date of Death: 21 August 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Edwin N. Morgim Age: 50v Sex: M Married Place of Death: City of Charlotte Cause of Death: By Falling Birthplace: New York **Residence: Charlotte** Occupation: Builder Parents: Father: Mother: Parent's Residence:

Page: 45 File Number: 840 Date of Death: 18 October 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Charley Stout Age: 8m Sex: M Place of Death: City of Charlotte Cause of Death: Dropsy Birthplace: Charlotte **Residence: Charlotte** Occupation: Parents: Father: Henry R. Stout Mother: Amie (?) E. Stout Parent's Residence: Charlotte

Page: 45 File Number: 841 Date of Death: 25 March 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Mary Cunningham Age: 52v Sex: F Married Place of Death: City of Charlotte Cause of Death: Consumption Birthplace: Illinois Residence: Charlotte Occupation: Parents: Father: Henry Higgins Mother: Mary Higgins Parent's Residence: Illinois

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File Number: 842 Date of Death: 24 July 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Francellia F. Bliss Age: 14y Sex: F Place of Death: City of Charlotte Cause of Death: By Burning Birthplace: Michigan Residence: Charlotte Occupation: Parents: Father: Joseph M. Bliss Mother: Harriet L. Bliss Parent's Residence: Michigan

Page: 45 File Number: 843 Date of Death: 14 February 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Ruth Kinney Age: 28d Sex: F Place of Death: City of Charlotte Cause of Death: Inflamation of Lungs Birthplace: Charlotte Residence: Charlotte Occupation: Parents: Father: John L. Kinney Mother: Mulisse (?) Kenney Parent's Residence: Charlotte

Page: 45 File Number: 844 Date of Death: 15 June 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Georgia Lomis Sex: F Age: 3m Place of Death: City of Charlotte Cause of Death: Dropsy Birthplace: Charlotte Residence: Charlotte Occupation: Parents: Father: Frederick Lomis Mother: Lousia (?) Lomis Parent's Residence: Charlotte

Page: 45 File Number: 845 Date of Death: 17 May 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Margarett Kauffman Age: 75y 6m 10d Sex: F Widowed Place of Death: City of Charlotte Cause of Death: Palsy Birthplace: Pennsylvania Residence: Charlotte Occupation: Parents: Father: Mother: Parent's Residence:

Page: 45 File Number: 846 Date of Death: 5 September 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Burten Gilbert Smith Age: 7y 3m Sex: M Place of Death: City of Charlotte Cause of Death: Accident Birthplace: Charlotte Residence: Charlotte Occupation: Parents: Father: Gerenie(?) Smith Mother: Fannie Smith Parent's Residence: Charlotte

Page: 45 File Number: 847 Date of Death: 25 April 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Lucy J. Whitmore Age: 37y 27d Sex: F Married Place of Death: City of Charlotte Cause of Death: Lung Fever Birthplace: New York Residence: Charlotte Occupation: Parents: Father: Mother: Parent's Residence:

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File Number: 848 Date of Death: 24 October 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Addison Sweet Age: 71y Sex: M Married Place of Death: Bellevue Cause of Death: Bilious Fever Birthplace: Winsted Co (?) Residence: Bellevue Occupation: Farmer Parents: Father: Mother: Parent's Residence:

Page: 45 File Number: 849 Date of Death: 15 April 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Jessie L. Pixley Age: 1y7m Sex: F Child Place of Death: Bellevue Cause of Death: Brain Fever Birthplace: Bellevue Residence: Bellevue Occupation: Parents: Father: H. E. Pixley Mother: Not listed Parent's Residence: Bellevue

Page: 45 File Number: 850 Date of Death: 5 February 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Franklin Cornstalk Sex: M Single Age: 3y Place of Death: Bellevue Cause of Death: Not Known Birthplace: Bellevue Residence: Bellevue Occupation: Parents: Father: William Cornstalk Mother: Not listed Parent's Residence: Bellevue

Page: 46 File Number: 851 Date of Death: 5 April 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Thomas Fruin Sex: M Single Age: 1y Place of Death: Bellevue Cause of Death: Scarlet Fever Birthplace: Bellevue Residence: Bellevue Occupation: Parents: Father: Alfred Fruin Mother: Not listed Parent's Residence: Bellevue

Page: 46 File Number: 852 Date of Death: 7 April 1871 Date Recorded: 31 May 1872 Name: Julia Fruin Age: 3y Sex: F Single Place of Death: Bellevue Cause of Death: Scarlet Fever Birthplace: Bellevue Residence: Bellevue Occupation: Parents: Father: Alfred Fruin Mother: Not listed Parent's Residence: Bellevue

These death records were compiled from Volume I by Marcy Cousino and Susan Polhamus created the computer program for printing. If you wish to have a certified copy of a record, please contact the Eaton County Clerk's Office, Independence Dr., Charlotte, MI 48813

#### Grand Ledge Dam By David S. Haueter

As construction of the Upper Dam was nearing completion in August 1849, work commenced on the adjacent saw mill. Lumber for its construction was being sawed by **Charles Butler** in Dela Mills as this was the closest mill in operation. Once the order was complete there was only one way to get the lumber to Grand Ledge. The wood was bundled into a raft, and an Indian named "Duck" was hired to float the raft to its destination.

With the lumber under control, the men now turned to the needed iron castings. The firm of Turner Brothers in North Lansing got the contract. Once completed they were also rafted down the river to Grand Ledge, once again most likely with the help of "Duck". The iron work was in a raw state and still needed to be drilled and fitting together. The only man who could do the work was **Robert Nixon**. He lived at Canada Settlement, four miles south on what is today Hartel Road. He has his own blacksmith shop and was able to do the work. So the ironwork was put on carts and dragged through the dense forest to his farm.

By December of 1849 the mill was finally complete and local trees turned into fine quality lumber. In 1850 the mill got a large order from an eastern company. Once completed the lumber was rafted down the river to Grand Haven. The contract was for 50,000 board feet of cherry at \$12 per thousand feet.

In 1851 the saw mill got an order from the firm of Wood, Allen and Taylor. These local men were to build a flour mill on the north end of the dam. The site on the river bank was clear of its trees and the two story mill was soon erected. **Turner Brothers** again got the contract for the mill castings, however by this time a rough road had been cut through the forest.

**David Taylor** and his team of oxen carried all the castings from North Lansing to the flour mill. It was arduous work. It took many trips and the castings were extremely heavy. The wagon created deep ruts in the muddy road as they went. On one trip they were hauling the large spur wheel which weighed 1,500 pounds. In this case the trip back from Lansing took two days. The oxen had to pull the wagon through all the ruts made on previous journeys, and many times fell to their knees with the strain.

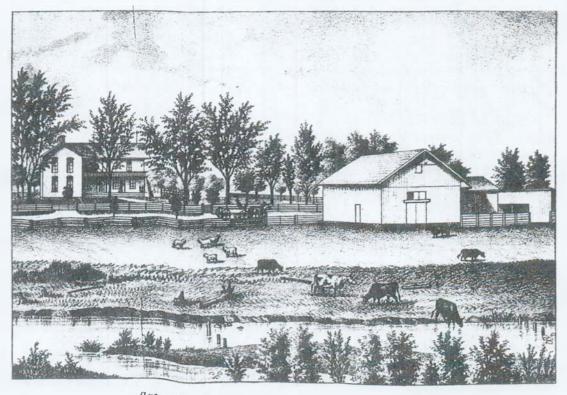
Once they finally reached Grand Ledge, the iron work had to be loaded on rafts and floated across to the north bank, there was still no bridge built at this time. The mill was finished in late 1851. **Warren Brown** was hired as the miller. The following year a great flood did terrible damage, and the mill was not repaired and put back into operation until 1853.

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David S. Haueter is a Grand Ledge native and local historian. For contact information or more articles on local history, go to <u>www.historygl.blogspot.com</u>

#### Compiled by Debra Eddy, using a Tirrell family sketch from "Tales Along Clinton Trail," written by Dorothy Bell Tirrell

In the mid 1980s I picked berries at a "U-Pick" strawberry patch located south of Charlotte just past the National Guard Armor, on Tirrell Highway. I remember admiring the picturesque setting of the **Terrill Centennial Farm**, with its old brick farm house, sheep in pens along the road and grazing in the nearby fields. Equally striking was the view on the opposite side of the road with a winding stream and the sound of many baaing and bleating sheep that dotted the pasture.



#### The Tirrell Centenial Farm

RES. OF J. F. TIRRILL, CARMEL TP. EATON.CO. MICH

A few years later, the "U-Pick strawberry lady,"**Pat Tirrell**, became a teacher at Charlotte High School where I worked as a secretary. From talking to her over the years at the animal petting display at the Eaton County Fair, I knew **Pat** was also interested in needle arts and weaving, so I often showed her my latest knitting project. When **Pat** became the Athletic Office secretary, we saw each other more often. We ate lunch together and began walking (and talking) on our lunch hour.

I am very interested in genealogy, and I shared with **Pat** that some of my **Myers** family of Woodland and Lake Odessa were related to some Tirrells of Eaton County, and I wondered if her husband, **Duane** and I could be related.

I knew that **Anna Curtis**, a sister of my great-great-grandfather, **Frank Myers**, became the grandmother of a gal named **Myra Shellenbarger**. **Myra** was the oldest daughter of **Anna's** daughter, **Martha Curtis** and her husband, **Julius Shellenbarger**. On 5 February 1902, **Myra**, then 18, married a man from Odessa township named **Bert Bell**, age 22. Sometime between 1902 and 1910, **Bert and Myra** moved to a farm in Kalamo Township, Eaton County, where some of **Myra's** cousins had relocated. In the 1910 census, **Bert and Myra** had one daughter, **Dorothy**, who was seven years old. **Bert and Myra** lived on a farm which was owned free from debt.

**Bert Bell's** 1918 World War I draft card gave his birth date as February 8, 1879, and described him as a self-employed farmer. His nearest relative was his wife, **Myra Bell**, of RFD 8, Charlotte. **Bert's** personal description showed he was a man of medium height and medium build, with light blue eyes and dark brown hair.

Two years later, the 1920 U.S. census showed the **Bells** living at the same location, with their daughter, **Dorothy**, then 17, and a younger daughter, **Beulah**, age 7.

When I found a marriage record for **Dorothy Evelyn Bell** and **E. Kenneth Tirrell** on 14 October 1925, at Charlotte, I was pretty sure that **Duane Tirrell** and I were distantly related. Some time went by and **Duane's** grandmother died. Her obituary confirmed that she and **Kenneth** were **Duane's** grandparents. I regret that I never got to meet the former **Dorothy Bell**. **Pat** shared on more than one occasion how dearly she loved and enjoyed talking to "**Grandma Tirrell**," who was full of wisdom and shared **Pat's** love of gardening.

I learned that "Grandma Tirrell's" husband, E. Kenneth Tirrell, was a grandson of Erastus Robinson, the first owner of the Tirrell Centennial Farm. On 28 November 1822, Erastus Robinson (born 17 April 1795, Hebron, VT - died 9 Oct. 1844, Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI) had married the former Sophia Ellis (born 27 Aug 1798, Warren, Herkimer Co., NY - died 13 March 1848). A land deed showed they came from Camillus, New York, and purchased property in Carmel Township on 24 September 1841, for \$600.

In October of 1851, Erastus and Sophia Robinson's 28 year old daughter, Maria (born 4 Oct. 1823 Camillus, Onondaga Co., NY - died 18 March 1895, Charlotte, Eaton

Co., MI), married **John Fletcher Tirrill**, a 33 year-old widower, who had moved to Carmel Township in 1845 from Sebewa Township, Ionia County.

Before his marriage to **Maria, John Tirrill** (24 July 1817, Bristol, Grafton Co., NH - 29 Nov 1902, Eaton Co., MI) was twice widowed. He had two daughters, Olive and Sarah, by his first wife, Sarah Ann Leavett, who died 15 March 1845. Seven months later, John married Mary Jessup who died in August of 1851, without children.

John and Maria had five children, spaced roughly two years apart. In 1853, son Judson Erastus arrived, followed by Frank Ingalls, Alice S., Mary E., and Frederick Clarence. Fred changed the spelling of his last name from Tirrill to Tirrell, because he didn't like having two i's, two r's and two l's in his name. He later became the father of E. Kenneth Tirrell, the husband of Dorothy Bell.

In 1852, **John and Maria** built a log house on the **Robinson farm**. They purchased the farm in 1854, and in 1864, **John** began building the large brick house on Tirrell Road, with brick hauled from the northeast corner of Kalamo HIghway and Battle Creek Highway. Interestingly, the two-story brick house wasn't occupied until 1872.

In 1892 John and Maria retired after more than forty years of farming and moved to a house at 309 E. Harris Street in Charlotte. Their youngest son, **Fred**, and his wife, **Louise** (File), purchased the farm in 1896 and owned it until 1941.



Fred & Louise

The 1910 census showed **Fred** was a 47-year old farmer, who had been married twice. He had been married to his current wife, **Louise**, for 14 years, was working on his own account, and owned his farm free of debt. Fred's 21-year old son, **Clarence** was employed on the home farm. Also enumerated in the census was **Fred's** 37-year old wife, **Louise** (File) and their son, **Kenneth E.**, who was nine years old. [**Fred's** first wife had been a sister of **Louise**, **Lena**.]

In 1925, E. Kenneth Tirrell married Bert Bell's daughter, Dorothy. They built a wooden house next to the family's 1872 brick house, where they raised two sons, Jack and Donald.

Kenneth and Dorothy's son, Jack, the family patriarch, remains actively involved with the farm operations. Many members of the Tirrell family still live in the neighborhood of their youth. Jack and Marian(Gasser) live just around the corner from Tirrell Rd., on Kinsel Hwy. Besides sons Duane and Keith, Jack and Marian also had a daughter, Colleen (David Sloan's widow) who lives around the corner from Kinsel on South Cochran, and a son Allen, who passed away in 1988.

In 1941, Kenneth and Clarence became co-owners of the 148-acre Centennial Farm. Clarence passed away on 3 September 1983, and in 1984, Kenneth's grandsons, Duane and his wife, Pat, purchased the farm along with Keith and his wife, Janis. Duane and Pat were only the second owners to live in the brick house. Its previous occupant was Kenneth's half-brother, Clarence Tirrell, who never married.

Today the **Tirrell Centennial Farm** is a working farm that has remained in the same family for almost 170 years. Besides farming the land, **Duane** raised sheep and **Keith** operated a dairy. Other commodities produced on the **Tirrell Centennial Farm** are: corn, wheat, oats, hay, timber and wool.

**Duane and Pat** had three children: **Ben, Becky, and Abby**. Following **Duane's** death in 2007, **Pat** still lives in the old brick house on Tirrell Road. She and **Ben**, who also lives nearby, share a business partnership in which **Pat** manages the sheep and **Ben** raises beef. **Ben** served a stint in the Peace Corps, in the former Russian republic of Moldova, where he taught the people about agriculture. One of the things he learned there was how to make goat cheese. A seventh generation farmer of the **Tirrell Centennial Farm**, **Ben** and his wife, **Jessy**, recently opened a store in which they sell lamb and beef to the public, as well as goat cheese, sheep cheese, and wool yarn spun by **Pat**, from Tirrell sheep, of course.

### Some Eaton County History Facts

The Origin of Eaton County's Townships

#### By Vicki L Dukes

To learn more about our county I located "A History of Settlements from 1840 – 1910 Eaton County" call number in our resource room is 611.13

Here is some facts that I learned about the naming of the townships.

Most of the county had been surveyed and the county lines were known by the early 1840's. The first township in Eaton was Bellevue. It covered the whole county. It was formed on March 17, 1835. At the time it (the township) was attached to Kalamazoo County.

On March 11, 1837 just two years later, the County of Eaton was formed. It had three townships. The three townships became four on March 6, 1838 when Oneida was added.

Just 9 days later on March 15<sup>th</sup>, Kalamo Township came into being.

About a year later, three more townships took shape, as Chester, Carmal and Walton were added.

On March 20 & 21<sup>st</sup> 1841, the county fathers were busy with political log rolling and intrigue as two more townships were named: Brookfield and Tyler.

Close to a year later, Eaton County's early leaders reflected what was happening in the county. There had been an increase in population. Three more townships were formed: Delta, Windsor and Eaton Rapids. On March 9, 1843 the county made one of its last major moves when Roxand and Tom Benton Townships were named.

Tom Benton remained a township for about 2 years. On March 19, 1845 it officially became Benton Township.

Tyler Township, apparently, never really got off the ground; and on March 14, 1850 it was incorporated into Eaton Rapids Township. It remained a part of Eaton Rapids Township until March 25, 1869. But instead of it being renamed Tyler, it was named Hamlin after **Hannibal Hamlin** who was the vice President under **Abraham Lincoln**, from 1861 to 1865. Some sources say it was named for **Samuel Hamlin** an early settler.

The following county articles were contributed by Mary Jean Baker

#### OLDEST COUNTY BUILDING

The oldest county building is at 115 West Lawrence Avenue in Charlotte. The deed to this building was recorded on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1841 and signed by **M.S. Bracket**, notary public, and **William W. Stoddard**, registrar.

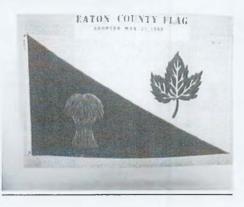
This building was given to the Commissioners of Eaton County and was used for county offices until 1989. The building was used by **Austin Blair**, the first County Clerk in 1843, when he walked from Eaton Rapids to record the meetings of the Commissioners and of the courts.

#### Some Eaton County History Facts

The building was used by EATRAN, (the Eaton County transportation service), until their move in August, 1989 to Packard Hwy.

Presently, **Dr. James Meyers**, Chiropractor, occupies the building.

#### EATON COUNTY FLAG



The flag was created by Girl Scout Troop No. 81 of Olivet. **Mrs. Robert Swan (Peggy)** was the leader of the troop.

The green part of the diagonal background stands for farming in Eaton County. The white part is for industry in the county. The shock of grain signifies one of the main farming products in the county, namely grains. It is also a copy from the center of the Circuit Court Seal.

The red maple leaf is for one of the County's oldest industries, Maple Syrup and Maple Products. Also, it stands for the County Seat, Charlotte, the "Maple City."

The flags were designed and purchased for distribution to Townships, Cities and Villages, May 21, 1969.

#### OFFICIAL SEAL OF EATON CO.



In 1978, the Board of Commissioners voted approval of a County Seal since there wasn't any.

The Clerk initiated a contest for all Junior and Senior High School students throughout the County to draw a Seal for the Clerk's office, the winner to receive a \$25 Savings Bond.

**Scott Ommen**, of Vermontville, was the honored artist and received the bond during Michigan Week in 1978.

The Seal has been enlarged and made into plaques and one hangs over the Chairmen's desk in the Commissioners' meeting room.

#### COURTS

The first term of Circuit Court was held in Bellevue, June 1, 1838, with

#### Some Eaton County History Facts

Hon. **Epaphroditus** Ransom presiding. The usual cases heard were those of respondents fined \$5 for sellina liquor to the Indians. Simeon S. Church and Spicer Amos were Associate Judges.

(All articles here were taken from Tales Along Clinton Trail)

#### ELLIS ISLAND MUSEUM TOUR Contributed by Mary Jean Baker

The Ellis Island Museum Tour allows you to tailor your visit to interests and time. The 45-minute overview tour provides narration and first-hand immigrant accounts that invite you to vividly relive the immigrant experience as if you were a "new arrival." Additional options give you the opportunity to explore the museum's exhibits and galleries in more detail via in-dept interviews with historians, architects and archaeologists.

Tours are offered in nine languages (English, French, German, Spanish, Japanese, Italian, Mandarin, Arabic and Russian), and are available for children and families with a lively, interactive experience through the use of animal characters, available in five languages.

Audio tours are \$8 for adults, less a 10% discount for seniors and children under 12. Free tours are available for the hearing impaired. Group discounts and advance sales are available through Statue Audio tours are available on iTunes. Visit www.ellisisland.org.

(Reunions Magazine, January 2010.)

#### Card Game Has Eaton County Roots By Larry Randall

Ever hear of a card game called Flinch? Flinch is a card game, played with a custom deck, invented in 1901 by **A. J. Patterson**. This deck has 150 cards, consisting of ten sets numbered from one to fifteen.

**Patterson** was born in 1869 on a farm in Eaton County, grew up there, and graduated from Grand Ledge High School at the age of 16. He took various jobs as a teacher and clerk in Grand Rapids and Chicago. In 1898 he came to Kalamazoo to accept a job as the bookkeeper at **Beecher & Kymer,** a prominent book and stationery store. The business would soon become known as **Beecher, Kymer, & Patterson**.

The game Flinch is still very much alive; new ones are available and old Flinch games are bringing a premium price. Recently a 1913 deck was listed for \$52.00. Brand new games run about \$12.

In checking the 1870 Michigan Census records for Eaton County, I found a **Charles and Almira Patterson** who had a son, **Arthur** age 10 mos living in Windsor Township. The same family was found in the 1880 census records but the son's name was **James**. In the 1900 census records for Kalamazoo County, I found **Arthur Patterson** living as a boarder. Without further investigation, it is not known for sure if this is the same **A. J. Patterson** above.

Ills, Brews & Concoctions

Furnished by Vicki L Dukes

The following information on colonial ailments & cures was originally compiled by Brenda Burns Kellow, C.G..C.G.I. and published in Issue #70 of the <u>Heritage Quest</u>, The Genealogy Magazine; dated July/August 1997. I have had it reprinted as it appeared in that issue.



# **Colonial Ailments & Cures:**

Ills, Brews, & Concoctions

Compiled by Brenda Burns Kellow, C.G., C.G.I.



abdominal typhus typhus fever in which bluish spots appear on the abdomen accoucher—a

accoucher—a birth attendant

African consumption consumption when suffered by a slave

ague also called ager malarial type of fever producing sweating, lethargy, chills, headaches, and blue fingernails

allopathy—the method of treating disease by the use of agents producing effects different from those of the disease; leechcraft, therapeutics, art of healing, healing touch, allopathy, naturopathy, nature cure.

animal economy—colonial term for evacuating the bowels

animal magnetism folklore; the ability to induce a state of hypnotism

anthrax—carbuncle or malignant boil. Middle English antrax, malignant boil, from Latin anthrax, carbuncle, from Greek.

aperient-laxative

**apoplexy**—stroke, affliction, disability, handicap, infirmity, weakness; hemorrhage of a blood vessel in the brain

apothecary-a druggist

asafetida—a strong smelling herb sometimes wrapped in a cloth worn around the neck to ward off colds; also prevents seizures. Also: stench, fetor, fetidity, fetidness, offence to the nose, bad smell, bad odor, foul odor, body odor, armpits, bad breath, halitosis, stink, fumes, smell of death,

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rancidity, putrefaction bad blood—syphilis balsam—used for healing wounds and soothing pain; an aromatic oily or resinous substance used for healing wounds

**beeswax**—used mixed with medicine, also used to rub or polish furniture. Eating a chunk of beeswax daily rids allergic persons of any symptoms.

barrel fever-a hangover

**bilious cholera**—cholera characterized by abnormal feces; liver condition

bilious fever-malaria

black measles-rash is of a dark color

black plague—bubonic plague; carried by infected rats

bleeding—long used as a cure for diseases; practiced by doctors in earlier times because of the notion that too much blood was the cause of many

diseases

**blinky milk**—soured milk **blister**—vesicle in skin; a

sac filled with pus

**blood loss**—probably not that of hemophilia. Folk cure: take the fine dust of tea, or the scrapings of the inside of tanned leather. Bind it upon the wound closely, and blood will soon cease to flow.

**blood poisoning**—septicemia, overwhelming bacterial infection

**bloody flux**—diarrhea characterized by bloody stools

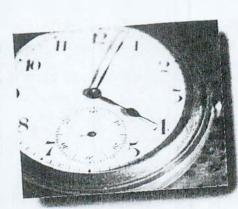
blue mass, mercury mass a preparation of metallic mercury with other ingredients, used for making blue pills.

**blue pill**—a blue colored pill primarily used as a cathartic

brain fever---cerebrospinal meningitis

**brainy tetter**—dandruff or flaky scalp on the head

a death. breakbone fever—ill health, tropical disease, malarial fever, malaria, ague cholera, yellow fever, blackwater fever, dengue fever, sleeping sickness, hookworm, river blindness, leprosy, beri-beri



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Bright's disease—glomerulonephritis, nephritis, caused by inflammation or injury to the kidneys marked by the presence of albumin in the urine, serious kidney disease

**Bulgarian buttermilk**—thick, sour. yogurt-like milk; very soothing to the stomach

**burn or scald**—Folk medicine: burn the inside sole of an old shoe to ashes, and sprinkle the ashes on the affected parts

**calomel**—a colorless, white or brown tasteless compound, Hg2Cl2, used as a purgative and an insecticide, Also called mercurous chloride

#### Camp fever-typhus

**camphor**—a whitish crystalline substance with bitter taste and highly aromatic, used as a medicine

canine madness---hydrophobia, rabies

**canker**—gangrenous or ulcerous sore, to infect with corruption or decay; also cancer

Carbuncle—a painful localized bacterial infection of the skin and subcutaneous tissue that usually has several openings through which pus is discharged

Castor oil mixture—used in folk medicine. Mix one dessert spoonful of both castor oil and magnesia; rubbed together into a paste makes the taste of the oil almost entirely concealed, and children take it easily. To disguise castor oil, rub together two drops oil of cinnamon with an ounce of glycerine and add an ounce of castor oil. Children think it's a treat! A castor oil emulsion for adults consists of mixing one ounce each castor oil and syrup with the yolk of an egg, and one-half ounce orange flower water

Cathartic—purgative laxative

catarrah—see chincough, serious respiratory disease, rhinitis, sinusitis

cat's blood—used in folk medicine to treat shingles

cattle-plague-a highly contagious

#### disease affecting cattle

**chancre**—a dull red, hard, insensitive lesion that is the first manifestation of syphilis

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chicken breast, pigeon's breast—folk medicine used to treat rickets

chilblains—frostbite, tissue injury caused by exposure to cold, usually affecting the hands, feet, ears, or nose. Extreme cold causes the small blood vessels in the extremities to constrict, resulting in slowed blood circulation and stagnation, which deprive tissues of nutrients. The condition is aggravated by inactivity and dampness. Severe, untreated frostbite may result in gangrene

childbed fever—puerperal fever, an illness resulting from infection of the endometrium following childbirth or abortion, marked by fever and septicemia and usually caused by unsterile technique

chincough—whooping cough, respiratory disease, cough, cold, sore throat,

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catarrh, coryza, sinusitis, adenoids, tonsillitis, pharyngitis, laryngitis, tracheitis, emphysema, asthma, pneumonia, farmer's lung, diphtheria, whooping cough, lung cancer, smoker's cough, graveyard cough, cystic fibrosis, pulmonary tuberculosis, consumption

chirurgeon, chirurgery-a surgeon

cholera infantum—plague, acute gastroenteritis in infants occurring in summer and autumn and marked by severe cramps. diarrhea, [galloping trots] and vomiting; caused by poor sanitation

cholorea morbus—plague, an acute infectious disease of the small intestine, caused by the bacterium *Vibrio cholerae* and characterized by profuse watery diarrhea, vomiting, muscle cramps, severe dehydration, and depletion of electrolytes. The bacteria, which are found in fecal-contaminated food and water and in raw or undercooked seafood. produce a toxin that affects the intestines, causing diarrhea, severe fluid and electrolyte loss, and, if untreated, death.

clergyman's sore throat—acute laryngitis

clyster—clyster (klister) noun; an enema. [Middle English clister, from Old French clister, from Latin clyster, from Greek kluster, clyster pipe, from kluzein, to wash out

**cold plague**—form of influenza with extreme chills

common cold—viral infection of the mucous membranes of the upper respiratory tract, especially the nose and throat. There are numerous viral organisms that may cause the common cold, although there is no known cure or preventive. Folk medicine: boil a common size turnip and put it into a sauce and pour upon it half a cup of molasses. Let it stand 15 minutes. Then turn off the syrup, at the same time squeezing the turnip to express its fluid. The syrup to be drank warm upon going to bed.

congestive chills, congestive fever—a severe form of malaria

**conjuntivitus**—an acute, very contagious form of conjunctivitis, caused by the hemophilic bacterium *Hemophilus* aegyptius and characterized by inflammation of the cyclids and eyeballs, also called **pinkeye**  **consumption**—tuberculosis. An infectious disease of human beings and animals caused by the tubercle bacillus and characterized by the

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Look for causes of death and illnesses in the widow's pension file.

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formation of tubercles on the lungs and other tissues of the body, often developing long after the initial infection. Tuberculosis of the lungs, characterized by the coughing up of mucus and sputum, fever, weight loss, and chest pain. Pulmonary. Folk medicine: dissolve chloride of lime in soft water, add a little vinegar, and snuff it up the nose three or four times a day.

Cooke's pills—used as a cathartic; contained calomel, rhubarb and aloe

cornmeal—used in folk medicine on burns

**coryza**—common head cold, coryza. catarrh, hay fever, allergic rhinitis, allergy

costiveness—suffering from constipation or causing constipation

cow's milk-used as a folk medicine

cramp colic-appendicitis

**cretinism**—hypothyroidism, congenital, a congenital condition caused by a deficiency of thyroid hormone during prenatal development and characterized in childhood by dwarfed stature, mental retardation, dystrophy of the bones, and a low basal metabolism. Also called *congenital myxedema*.

crochet hook, blunt hook—instrument with hook at end, used to draw out fetus<sup>1</sup>

**crusted tetter**—impetigo, tetters, herpes, herpes simplex, herpes zoster, shingles, dermatitis, eczema, serpigo, ringworm

**deef**—slang for deaf. Folk medicine: a mixture of onion juice and ant's eggs and dropped into the ear

diabetes—or diabetes mellitus, chronic disorder of carbohydrate metabolism involving insulin. Insulindependent diabetes (Type 1). which affects children, is usually caused by a deficient secretion of insulin and is treated by insulin injections. Noninsulin diabetes (Type 2), which affects adults, results from the inability of the cells in the body to respond to insulin and can usually be controlled with diet regulation and oral hypoglycemic (sugar-lowering) drugs. Symptoms of diabetes are elevated sugar in the urine and the blood. excessive urination, thirst, hunger, weakness, weight loss, and itching. Diabetes can lead to vascular disease, kidney disease, hypertension, and blindness. Uncontrolled diabetes leads to diabetic acidosis: ketones in the blood, confusion, unconsciousness, and possible death. Folk medicine: mix together in equal parts sugar, rosin and alum. Take as much as a penknife will contain three times a day.

**Dover's pills**—a powdered drug containing ipecac and opium, formerly used to relieve pain and induce perspiration. [after Thomas Dover (1660-1742), British physician]

**drastic**—taking effect violently or rapidly, *a drastic emetic* 

dropsy—cardio-vascular disease, heart disease, congestive heart failure, cardiac disease, hydrocephalus, down's syndrome, mongolism, brain damage, dementia, mental deficiency, edema

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**dyspepsia**—indigestion, digestive disorders, liverishness, gripe

egg draught—a home remedy given to sick persons and made of milk and an egg

egg shells—used in folk medicine emetic—cathartic, vomitory, laxative

enteric fever—typhoid fever, noun, an acute, highly infectious disease caused by a bacillus (Salmonella typhi) transmitted chiefly by contaminated food or water and characterized by high fever, headache, coughing, intestinal hemorrhaging, and rose-colored spots on the skin, also called enteric fever

Epstein-Barr virus—*abbr*: EBV, herpes virus that is the causative or major cause agent of infectious mononucleosis, also associated with various types of human cancers, particularly lymphomas in immunosuppressed persons, including persons with AIDS. EBV affects certain salivary gland cells and white blood cells (lymphocytes) called B cells.

ever sore—death of cells or tissues through injury or disease, especially in a localized area of the body

falling bowels or piles—hemorrhoids, dilation of the veins in or about the anus, often producing itching, bleeding, and pain. A common disorder associated with conditions such as constipation, pregnancy, and diarrhea, hemorrhoids can be treated with warm baths, ointments, and suppositories; in severe cases, injections, freezing, laser surgery, or traditional surgery may be necessary. Folk medicine: apply the oil of hen's eggs to the parts, put them in their proper place, then roast an egg, and lay it on as hot as can be borne.

falling disease—any of various neurological disorders characterized by sudden, recurring attacks of motor, sensory, or psychic malfunction with or without loss of consciousness or convulsive seizures

fascination, charmed—accomplishing a cure with hypnosis rendering the person bewitched, ensorceled, tranced, fascinated, spellbound, under a spell, under a charm

fatty liver—cirrhoris, chronic disease of the liver characterized by the replace-

ment of normal tissue with fibrous tissue and the loss of functional liver cells; can result from alcohol abuse, nutritional deprivation, or infection especially by the hepatitis virus felon—a painful, purulent infection at the end of a finger or toe in the area surrounding the nail, also called *whitlow*. [Middle English *feloun*, probably from Latin *fel*, gall, bile.]

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# Military Invalid Pension files list disabilities and illnesses.

## **Colonial Ailments & Cures**

felon in the eye—a stye, *plural* sties also styes (stiz), inflammation of one or more sebaceous glands of an eyelid. Folk medicine: rub on the gall of an eel.

fillet—fillet (filnît) *noun*, a narrow strip of ribbon or similar material, often worn as a headband; a bandage of muslin, linen or soft leather placed around the legs or head of a fetus, often used in breech births

flour-used in folk medicine on burns

flux—medicine, the discharge of large quantities of fluid material from the body, especially the discharge of watery feces from the intestines

flux of humor-hemophilia

**French pox**—venereal disease, VD, sexually transmitted disease, STD, syphilis, gonorrhea

galloping—developing at an accelerated rate and leading to death; pertains to certain diseases

glandular fever—infectious mononucleosis, common, acute, infectious disease, usually affecting young people, caused by Epstein-Barr virus and characterized by fever, swollen lymph nodes, sore throat, and lymphocyte abnormalities

glass pox—an acute contagious disease, primarily of children, that is caused by the varicella-zoster virus and characterized by skin eruptions, slight fever, and malaise

Fred Kratz, dies 15 May 1889, age 36 years, 6 mo., male, occupation: boat calker, birthplace: Rochester, NY, Father: John Kratz of German, Mother: Anna Maria Damm of Germany, died in the Monroe County Insane Asylum of **Paresis**, attended by E.B. Potter M.D., buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery - Rochester, NY. (editor's note - actually born Nov 1849 - based upon age 7/12 in the 1850 census - making his age 39 years, 6 months)

> Death Notice of Fred Kratz Extracted directly from the Brighton, NY Death Register

gleet—inflammation of the urethra resulting from chronic gonorrhea and characterized by a mucopurulent discharge

goosegrease—lubricate or salve made from melted fat from a goose

gravel--kidney stones

greensickness—an iron-deficiency anemia, primarily of young women, characterized by a greenish-yellow discoloration of the skin

grippe, la grippe—having sharp pains in the bowels, influenza (flu), acute contagious viral infection characterized by inflammation of the respiratory tract and by fever, chills, muscular pain, and prostration; highly contagious disease caused by a number of different viruses, usually begins abruptly with fever, muscular aches, and inflammation of the respiratory mucous membranes; its more severe forms are bacterial pneumonia and bronchitis. Influenza epidemics have decimated large populations; an outbreak in 1918 killed over 20 million people.

grubs, skin worm—a clogged tubular bodily canal or passage, especially one for carrying a glandular secretion: *a tear duct* 

**headache**—a headache accompanied by nausea, migraine. Folk medicine: drink half a glass of raw rum or gin, and drink freely of mayweed tea

heebeejees-nervous, apprehensive

hemorrhoids-see falling bowels

heroic medicine-aggressive procedures used in the first half of nineteenth century; based on the idea of balancing vascular tension through depletion and accretion as in venesaction and leeching. In the 18th cent., Edward Jenner introduced the concept of vaccination, and surgery was transformed into an experimental science. The beginnings of modern medicine date from the 19th cent., with the development of the germ theory of disease; the use of antiseptics and anesthesia in surgery; and a revival of public-health measures and better sanitation.

hip gout—osteomyelitus; acute or chronic infection of the bone and

bone marrow characterized by pain, high fever, and an abscess at the site of infection. The infection, which may be caused by a variety of microorganisms, reaches the bone through an open wound or fracture or through the bloodstream.

Hives—a skin condition characterized by intensely itching welts and caused by an allergic reaction to internal or external agents, an infection, or a nervous condition; also called *nettle rash*, *urticaria*, used as a term for chicken pox or similar disease

homeopathy—system of medicine based on the law of similars—that like is cured by like. In homeopathy a drug that produces the same symptoms as a disease (e.g., quinine given to a healthy person mimics malaria) is used in small doses to treat that disease. Developed by German physician Samuel Hahnemann (1755–1843), it was popular through the early 20th cent. Although U.S. medical schools no longer recognize this approach, it is used by some European and Asian physicians, and many Americans use homeopathic treatments.

**horns**—scraped animal horn used in folk medicine

hospital fever-see yellow fever

hospital gangrene—local death of body tissue. Dry gangrene, the most common form, follows a disturbance of blood supply to the tissues, e.g., in diabetes or destruction of tissue from injury. Moist gangrene results from an invasion of toxin-producing bacteria that destroy tissue. Treatment includes rest and antibiotics; excision of the diseased area or, in advanced cases, amputation of the affected part may be necessary.

**humid tetter**—any of various skin diseases, such as eczema, psoriasis, or herpes, characterized by eruptions and itching

humor, humour—The basis of medicine for centuries found in medieval physiology with its notion of the four humors (blood, bile, phlegm, and black bile). These four body fluids were thought to determine a person's temperament, or distinguishing mental

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and physical characteristics. Thus, if blood was the predominant humor, one had a ruddy face and a disposition marked by courage, hope, and a readiness to fall in love. Such a temperament was called sanguine, the Middle English ancestor of our word sanguine. The sources of the Middle English word were Old French sanguin and Latin sanguineus, the source of the French word. Both the Old French and Latin words meant "bloody," "bloodcolored," Old French sanguin having the sense "sanguine in temperament" as well. Latin sanguineus in turn was derived from sanguis. "blood," just as is English sanguinary. The English adjective sanguine, first recorded in Middle English before 1350, went on to refer simply to the cheerfulness and optimism that accompanied a sanguine temperament, no longer having any direct reference to medieval physiology.

hydrochloric acid—used in folk medicine

**impetigo**—a contagious bacterial skin infection, usually of children, but not always, characterized by the eruption of superficial pustules and the formation of thick yellow crusts, commonly on the face, also leprosy

intermittent fever—form of malaria, infectious parasitic disease characterized by high fever, severe chills, enlargement of the spleen, and sometimes anemia and jaundice. It can be acute or chronic and is frequently recurrent.

itch—any of various skin disorders, such as scabies, marked by intense irritation and itching

#### jail fever or goal fever-typhus

jalap—used in folk medicine; a twining, eastern Mexican vine (*Exogonium purga*) having tuberous roots that are dried, powdered, and used medicinally as a cathartic

**king's evil**—a form of tuberculosis affecting the lymph nodes, especially of the neck, that is most common in children and is usually spread by unpasteurized milk from infected cows, also called *struma* and *goiter*; once thought to be contracted from the touch of a king or queen **laudanum**—a tincture of opium, formerly used as a drug

**leeching**—various chiefly aquatic bloodsucking or carnivorous annelid worms of the class Hirudinea, of which one species (*Hirudo medicinalis*) was formerly used by physicians to bleed patients; commonly done as remedy of heroic medicine

letting of blood—use of a leech to suck blood from a patient

lint-used in folk medicine on wounds

**lockjaw**—acute infectious disease of the nervous system caused by toxins of the *Clostridium tetani* bacillus; tetanus may follow the introduction of bacterial spores by any type of injury, including puncture wounds, animal bites, gunshot wounds, lacerations, and fractures. The toxin acts on the motor nerves and causes muscle spasms, most frequently in the jaw (lockjaw) and facial muscles. The disease is treated with an antitoxin or human immune globulin, but it is preferable to prevent tetanus by immunization.

**lues venera**—any of several contagious diseases, such as syphilis and gonorrhea, contracted through sexual intercourse; a sexually transmitted disease

**lumbago**—painful condition of the lower back, as one resulting from muscle strain or a slipped disk, sciatica, lumbago, backache

**lung fever**—pneumonia; acute infection of one or both lungs caused by a bacterium, usually the pneumococcus bacterium, virus, fungus, or other organism. Symptoms include high fever, pain in the chest, difficulty in breathing, coughing, and sputum. Viral pneumonia is generally milder than the bacterial form.

**lung sickness**—tuberculosis, contagious disease caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, identified by Robert Koch in 1882. Also known as TB and consumption, the disease primarily affects the lungs, although the intestines, joints, and other parts of the body may also become infected. It is spread mainly by inhalation, occasionally by ingestion through contaminated foods (e.g., unpasteurized milk) and utensils. Symptoms as the disease progresses include fever, weakness, loss of appetite, and, in the pulmonary form, cough and sputum. The incidence of tuberculosis—once affecting millions—greatly decreased in many developed countries with improved sanitation.

mania—manifestation of manicdepressive illness, characterized by profuse and rapidly changing ideas, exaggerated gaiety, and excessive physical activity, violent abnormal behavior, insanity

manure—both animal and fowl manure are used in folk medicine

mesmerism—hypnotic induction believed to involve animal magnetism

miasma—poisonous atmosphere formerly thought to rise from swamps and putrid matter and cause disease such as malaria

midwife—a woman who is skilled in and assists other women in the birth of a child

**milk leg**—painful swelling of the leg occurring in women after childbirth as a result of clotting and inflammation of the femoral veins, also phlebitis

milk sickness—an acute, now rare disease characterized by trembling, vomiting, and severe intestinal pain that affects individuals who eat dairy products or meat from a cow that has fed on white snakeroot; see also, sloes; swamp sickness; morbo loacteo

morbo loacteo—see also: milk sickness

mortification—gangrene, death and decay of body tissue, often occurring in a limb, caused by insufficient blood supply and usually following injury or disease

mustard plaster—external application of medicinal plaster made with a pastelike mixture of dry, powdered black or yellow mustard, flour, water, and placed on a cloth and used especially as a counterirritant, used in chest colds. Also called sinapism. [French sinapisme, from Latin sinåpismus, from Greek sinapismos, use of a mustard plaster, from sinapizein, to apply a mustard plaster, from sinapi, mustard.] nervous prostration—severe or incapacitating cmotional disorder, especially when occurring suddenly and marked by depression

nitric acid-used in folk medicine

oyster shells—crushed, used in folk medicine

oysters—used in folk medicine, thought to increase sexual behavior

ozaena—chronic complaint, allergy, hay fever, catarrhpainter's colicchronic intestinal pains and constipation caused by lead poisoning, also called *lead colic*. [So called because the disease is often caused by exposure to lead-base paint.]

**palsy**—complete or partial muscle paralysis, often accompanied by loss of sensation and uncontrollable body movements or tremors, a weakening or

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debilitating influence, in enfeebled condition or debilitated state thought to result from such an influence

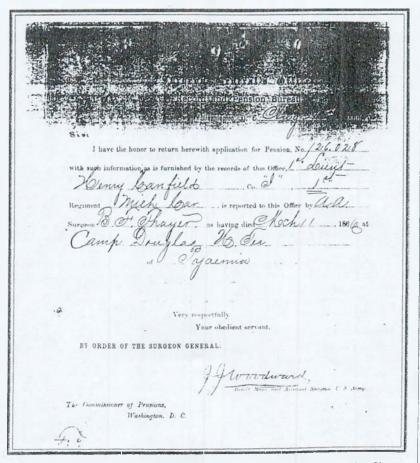
**paregoric**—a camphorated tincture of opium, taken internally for the relief of diarrhea and intestinal pain

**paresis**—slight or partial paralysis, term often used in place of syphillus, which caused general paresis.

pernicious fever-violent death caused by malaria

**phlebotomy**—the act or practice of opening a vein by incision or puncture to remove blood as a therapeutic treatment, also called **venesection** 

phthisic—a disease characterized by the wasting away or atrophy of the body or a part of the body, tuberculosis of the lungs, no longer in scientific use



Surgeon General's Office reported cause of death - from military pension file.

**physic, purge**— medicine, to cause or induce evacuation of the bowels in an individual

#### piles-see falling bowels

pinkeye-see also conjunctivitis

plague/black death-Bubonic plague, a general term used for any contagious epidemic disease, but usually used to refer specifically to bubonic plague, or the Black Death, an acute infectious disease caused by the bacterium Pasteurella pestis (Yersinia pestis), transmitted to humans by fleas from infected rats. Symptoms include high fever; chills; prostration; enlarged, painful lymph nodes (buboes), particularly in the groin: and, in its black form, hemorrhages that turn black. Invasion of the lungs by the bacterium causes a rapidly fatal form of the disease (pneumonic plague), which can be transmitted from one person to another via droplets. Epidemics have occurred throughout history, the best known being the Black Death that swept Europe and parts of Asia in the 14th cent., killing as much as three quarters of the population in less than 20 years. The disease is still prevalent in some areas of the world (an outbreak occurred in India in 1994), but such antibiotics as tetracycline and streptomycin have greatly reduced the mortality rate.

podagra—gout, especially of the big toe, condition that manifests itself as recurrent attacks of acute arthritis, distinguished from other forms of arthritis by the presence of increased uric acid in the body. It may become chronic and deforming. Gout usually begins with an acute attack of pain, inflammation, extreme tenderness, and redness in the affected joint. Treatment includes anti-inflammatory drugs, high liquid intake, and medication that increases uric acid excretion by the kidneys.

**Pott's disease**—partial destruction of the vertebral bones, usually caused by a tuberculous infection and often producing curvature of the spine, [after Percival Pott (1714-1788), British surgeon.]

poltice—a soft, moist mass of bread, meal, clay, or other adhesive sub-

stance, usually heated, spread on cloth, and applied to warm, moisten. or stimulate an aching or inflamed part of the body, commonly for the chest, also called *cataplasm* 

**proud flesh**—*pathology*, swollen flesh that surrounds a healing wound, caused by excessive granulation, [from its swelling up]

**puerperal fever**—illness resulting from infection of the endometrium following childbirth or abortion, marked by fever and septicemia and usually caused by unsterile technique, also called **childbed fever** 

puking fever---term associated with milk sickness

#### putrid fever-diphtheria

putrid sore throat-whooping cough; or pertussis, highly communicable, infectious disease, predominantly of childhood, early stage is manifested by symptoms of an upper respiratory infection; after about two weeks, a series of paroxysmal coughs are followed by a characteristic highpitched "whoop" as a breath is taken, serious disease, whooping cough may give rise to such complications as pneumonia, convulsions, and brain damage; infants should be immunized against the disease as early as possible. Folk medicine: vinegar, salt, honey, red pepper and sage tea.

**quinsy**—acute inflammation of the tonsils and the surrounding tissue, often leading to the formation of an abscess, streptococcal tonsillitis

remitting fever, remittent fever malaria

rising-abscess or boil

rubefacient, rubefactant—counterirritant producing redness of the skin, as by a mustard plaster

running scall—noncontagious inflammation of the skin, eczema, characterized chiefly by redness, itching, and the outbreak of lesions that may discharge serous matter and become encrusted and scaly

salivate—to secrete or produce excessive saliva, as by the use of mercury

salt rheum-eczema

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sanguinous crusty—scab, scabies, a contagious skin disease caused by a parasitic mite (*Sarcoptes scabiei*) and characterized by intense itching

scald head-ringworm of the head

screws—rheumatism, any of several pathological conditions of the muscles, tendons, joints, bones, or nerves, characterized by discomfort and disability, rheumatoid arthritis

scrofula—A form of tuberculosis affecting the lymph nodes, especially of the neck, that is most common in children and is usually spread by unpasteurized milk from infected cows, also called struma and goiter.

**scrumpox**—a pustular disease of the skin

secret diseases—sexually transmitted disease (STD) or venereal disease, any of several infectious diseases almost always transmitted through sexual contact. These diseases include gonorrhea, syphilis, aids, chlamydia, human papillomavirus, trichomoniasis, and genital herpes simplex

shaking palsy-complete or partial muscle paralysis, often accompanied by loss of sensation and uncontrollable body movements or tremors, a weakening or debilitating influence, an enfeebled condition or debilitated state thought to result from such an influence, a progressive nervous disease occuring most often after the age of 50, associated with the destruction of brain cells that produce dopamine and characterized by muscular tremor, slowing of movement, partial facial paralysis, peculiarity of gait and posture, and weakness, also called paralysis agitans, shaking palsy [after James Parkinson (1755-1824), British physician.]

#### ship fever-see yellow fever

sick headache—a headache accompanied by nausea, migraine. Folk medicine: drink half a glass of raw rum or gin, and drink freely of mayweed tea

### sinapism-see mustard plaster

skin worm—*pathology*, infestation of the intestines or other parts of the body with worms or wormlike parasites; helminthiasis, see also grubs **sleep**—Folk medicine: to induce sleep, bruise a handful of anise seed and steep them in Red Rose Water. Make it up in little bags and bind one of them to each nostril and it will cause sleep.

**sloes**—an acute, now rare disease characterized by trembling, vomiting, and severe intestinal pain that affects individuals who eat dairy products or meat from a cow that has fed on white snakeroot; see also, **milk sickness** 

sore and weak eyes—Folk medicine: take one ounce white vitriol [zink sulfate], one ounce sugar of lead, two ounces gunpowder, put into one quart of lime water, let it settle 24 hours, and it is fit for use.

**sore throat distemper**—any of various inflammations of the tonsils, pharynx, or larynx characterized by pain in swallowing

**Spanish fly**—a brilliant green blister beetle (*Lytta vesicatoria* or *Cantharis vesicatoria*) of central and southern Europe, cantharides (*used with a sing. or pl. verb*); a toxic preparation of the crushed, dried bodies of this beetle, formerly used as a counterirritant for skin blisters and as an aphrodisiac.

**spring tonic**—sassafras tea, a deciduous eastern North American tree (*Sassafras albidum*) having irregularly lobed leaves and aromatic bark, leaves, and branches, the dried root bark of this plant, used as a flavoring and a source of a volatile oil

St. Anthony's Fire—an acute disease of the skin and subcutaneous tissue caused by a species of hemolytic streptococcus and marked by localized inflammation and fever. Also called erysipelas

St. Vitus Dance—involuntary movements, tremor, tic, chorea (kō-rēie), disease causing involuntary jerky, arrhythmic movements of the face, limbs, or entire body, the childhood disease Sydenham's chorea, or St. Vitus's dance, is usually a complication of rheumatic fever. The condition develops slowly, sometimes up to six months after the acute infection has occurred, but it resolves completely. For Huntington's chorea, see Huntington's Disease stone pock—acne, an inflammatory disease of the sebaceous glands and hair follicles of the skin that is marked by the eruption of pimples or pustules, especially on the face

strangery—the process of breaking open or bursting, the state of being broken open, a hernia, especially of the groin or intestines, a tear in bodily tissue

struma—a noncancerous enlargement of the thyroid gland, visible as a swelling at the front of the neck, that is often associated with iodine deficiency; Also called *goiter*; see also, scrofula

stupe—a hot, wet, often medicated cloth used as a compress, folded cloth soaked in hot water and applied to the skin as a counterirritant

sugar diabetes—insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus. Folk medicine: mix together in equal parts sugar, rosin and alum. Take as much as a penknife will contain three times a day.

sulphur—a pale yellow nonmetallic element occurring widely in nature in several free and combined allotropic forms. It is used in black gunpowder, rubber vulcanization, the manufacture of insecticides and pharmaceuticals, and in the preparation of sulfur compounds such as hydrogen sulfide and sulfuric acid. Used in folk medicine.

sulfuric acid-used in folk medicine

swamp sickness—see milk sickness, an acute, now rare disease characterized by trembling, vomiting, and severe intestinal pain that affects individuals who eat dairy products or meat from a cow that has fed on white snakeroot

tar, coal tar—used in folk medicine. The terms *tar* and *pitch* are sometimes used interchangeably, pitch is actually a component of tar that can be isolated by heating. Tar from pine wood is used to make soap and medicinals. Coal tar derivatives are used to make dyes, cosmetics, and synthetic flavoring extracts. Pitch tends to be more solid than tar and is used as a lubricant.

thick neck, big neck—A noncancerous enlargement of the thyroid gland, visible as a swelling at the front of the neck, that is often associated with iodine deficiency, also called struma or goiter

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# toxemia of pregnancy—eclampsia, high blood presure and seizures

turpentine—used in folk medicine. A yellow to brown semifluid resin exuded from the sapwood of pines, firs, and other conifers. It consists of an essential oil (oil of turpentine) and a type of resin called rosin. When pure, it is a colorless, transparent, oily liquid with a penetrating odor and characteristic taste. Oil of turpentine is used medicinally as a liniment.

**urinary obstruction**—Folk medicine: steep pumpkin seeds in gin, and drink about three glasses a day

urine-used in folk medicine

venesection---see phlebotomy

water pox—chicken pox, an acute contagious disease, primarily of children, that is caused by the varicellazoster virus and characterized by skin eruptions, slight fever, and malaise. Also called *varicella* 

white plague—tuberculosis, especially of the lungs

white swelling—synovitus, inflammation of a synovial membrane, swelling of joints, more often the knees; a clear, viscid lubricating fluid secreted by membranes in joint cavities, sheaths of tendons, and bursae

whitlow-see felon

wood ashes-used in folk medicine

worms—infestation of the intestines or other parts of the body with worms or wormlike parasites; helminthiasis. Folk medicine: take the scales that fall around the blacksmith's anvil, powder them fine, and put them in some sweetened rum. Shake them when you take them, and give a teaspoonful three times a day.

yellow fever—Any of several forms of infectious disease caused by rickettsia, especially those transmitted by fleas, lice, or mites, and characterized generally by severe headache, sustained high fever, depression, delirium, and the eruption of red rashes on the skin. Also called *prison fever*, *hospital fever*, *ship fever*, *typhus fever*, *yellow jack* yellow jack—see yellow fever

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Walcott B. Williams, writing in the "Past and Present of Eaton County" explained the provisions for soldiers' families as follows:

"June 12, 1861, the (Eaton County) board of supervisors authorized the supervisors of the several townships to afford such relief as might be required by the families of volunteers agreeable to an act of the legislature, passed May 10, 1861, and draw their orders for amounts thus raised on the general fund of the county. Each supervisor was subsequently ordered to open and keep an accurate account with each family to whom such relief should be afforded in his township and the clerk was directed to procure and furbish blank volunteer relief orders. In 1861 the total number of families aided was eighty-five, and the amount thus expended was \$1,469.14. In October, 1862, a report was made to the board by a special committee appointed at a citizens' meeting, held in Charlotte July 29, 1862, to collect, take charge of, and pay a bounty of twenty-five dollars to each soldier enlisted in Company G. Twentieth Michigan infantry. This report was accepted by the board. At the same easien the county treasurer was authorized to pay orders drawn on the volunteer relief fund, and pay interest on the same at a rate not to exceed ten percent per annum. The clerk was at the same time authorized to draw orders in favor of subscribers to the bounty fund of the above mentioned company for the amount subscribed; and it was also voted that \$8,000 of the total tax raised in the county should belong to the Volunteer relief fund.

"In June, 1863, the report of a committee was adopted in respect to relief given out of this fund, the terms of which were as follows: claimants for relief were divided into four classes, - viz .: class first, consisting of families wholly without support; class second, families able to furnish one-fourth of their support; class third, families able to furnish one-half of their support; and class fourth, those able to furnish three-fourths of their own support. These classes were paid at the following rates per month; class one, four dollars to head of family and two dollars for each child; class two, three dollars to head of family and one and a half dollars to each child; class three, two dollars to head of family and one dollar to each child; class four, one dollar to head of family and half a dollar to each child. Able-bodied children, male or female, over sixteen years of age were not to be considered as proper subjects for support unless their services were in absolute demand in their families. The sum apportioned from the taxes for 1864 to the volunteer Relief fund was \$17,000, voted in October 1863. A year later it was resolved that the fund should be \$21,000. In February 1865, it was resolved to issue bonds in the sums of fifty and one hundred dollars each for the payment of bounties to volunteers, agreeable to an act of February 4, 1865, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of volunteers in the military and naval service of the United States." The board also passed a resolution requesting the legislature so to amend this act that the bounties could be paid to persons furnishing substitutes under the last call, and so that said local and state bounties could be paid to drafted persons who should afterwards enlist to the credit of their respective townships. In October 1865, the supervisors authorized that the sum of \$13,695.13 should be appropriated from the tax next to be raised in the county for the Soldiers' relief fund, and in October 1866, the sum of \$300 only was appropriated with directions that no supervisor should furnish relief to the family of any deceased soldier after the first day of January, 1867.

The following checks, issued in Kalamo Township, were found in the 1885 Eaton County Courthouse:

Number	Paid to:	For family of	Amount	Endorsed to:	Date:
114	Mrs. Samuel Lefever	Samuel Lefever	\$ 3.50	L. Kent	Jan. 29, 1864
				Extra to pay docto	r
115	Mrs. Jehial Karcher	Jehial Karcher	4.00	L. Kent	Jan. 29, 1864
				Extra to pay docto	r bill
116	Mrs. A. J. Kent	A.J. Kent	5.25	L. Kent	Jan 29, 1864
				Extra to pay docto	r bill
117	Mrs. Augustus McDerby	Augustus McDerby	12.00	H. Baughman	Feb. 6, 1864
118	Mrs. Adelbert Kent	Adelbert Kent	4.50	J. T. Wilson	Feb. 6, 1864
119	Mrs, Jehial Karcher	Jehial Karcher	8.00	J. T. Wilson	Feb. 6, 1864
124	Mary McDerby	A. McDerby	10.00	Ed. J. Shipman	Aug. 6, 1863
125	Catherine Reynolds	Josiah Reynolds	3.00	Peter Hoover	Aug. 6, 1863
126	Catherine Hall	T. D. Hall	3.00	J. Southworth	Aug. 6, 1863
	(Endorsed with her mark)			Ed. J. Shipman	
127	Maryann Stowe	Daniel Stowe	8.00	J. Southworth	Aug. 6, 1863
				Ed. J. Shipman	
128	Catherine Karcher	Daniel Karcher	4.00	Peter Hoover	Aug. 5, 1863
129	Lucy Esget	Wm. Esget	8.00	n	Aug. 5, 1863
130	Lucinda Roach	James Roach	8.00	н	Aug. 8, 1863
131	Margaret Lefever	Wm. Lefever	4.50	u	Aug. 11, 1863
132	Harriet Lefever	Samuel Lefever	3.00		Aug. 11, 1863
135	Polly Mason	Thomas Mason	4.00		Aug. 18, 1863
	(Endorsed by Mary Mason)				

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	Hellen Karcher	Jehial Karcher	5.00		Aug. 18, 1863
136		Wm. Karcher	3.00	u	Aug. 28, 1863
137	Adaline Karcher	Augustus McDerby	10.00	J. Southworth	Sept. 4, 1863
139	Mary McDerby	, againer		Ed. J. Shipman	
	the server Stewa	Daniel Stowe	8.00	J. Southworth	Sept. 4, 1863
140	Maryann Stowe	Daniel Blong		Ed. J. Shipman	
		James Roach	8.00	Peter Hoover	Sept. 8, 1863
141	Lucinda Roach	Jehial Karcher	8.00	4	Sept. 8, 1863
143	Hellen Karcher		3.00	u	Sept. 8, 1863
144	Adaline Karcher	Wm. Karcher	10.00	U	Sept. 8, 1863
145	Lucy Esget	Wm. Esget	4.00		Sept. 8, 1863
146	Catherine Karcher	Daniel Karcher	5.00	L. Kent	Sept. 8, 1863
147	Margaret Lefever	Wm. Lefever	4.00	Peter Hoover	Sept. 8, 1863
148	Harriet Lefever	Samuel Lefever		8	Sept. 18, 1863
149	Polly Mason	Thomas Mason	6.00		
	(Endorsed by Mary Mason)		0.00	J. B. Hull	Sept. 18, 1863
151	Ann M. Ogden	Elias Ogden	6.00	Peter Hoover	Sept. 26, 1863
152	Emerett Kent	Adelbert Kent	4.50	Peter Hoover	Sept. 26, 1863
153	Adaline Karcher	William Karcher	3.00	1	Sept. 26, 1863
154	Jane Reynolds	Chancey Reynolds	5.00		Jept. 20, 1000
134	(Endorsed by Marg Spragu	e)			Oct. 7, 1863
165	Mary McDerby	A. McDerby	8.00		
155	Margaret Lefever	Wm. Lefever	5.00	L. Kent	Oct. 7, 1863
156		James Roach	8.00	Peter Hoover	Oct. 7, 1863
156	Lucinda Roach	Not filled in	4.50	J. Southworth	Oct. 9, 1863
158	Adaline Karcher	Hot mod m		Ed J. Shipman	
		Wm. Esget	8.00	Peter Hoover	Oct. 7, 1863
161	Lucy Esget	Daniel Karcher	4.00		Oct. 7, 1863
162	Catherine Karcher	Samuel Lefever	4.00	16	Oct. 7, 1863
163	Harriet Lefever	Thomas Mason	6.00	п	Oct.19, 1863
163	Mrs. Thomas Mason		6.00	J. Southworth	Oct. 19,1863
165	Mrs. Lafayette Goodno	Lafayette Goodno	0.00	Ed J. Shipman	
	(Endorsed Dency Goodno	(wo	8.00	J.B. Hull	Oct. 19, 1863
166	Mrs. Elias Ogden	Elias Ogden		L. Kent	Nov. 4, 1863
167	Mrs. A. McDerby	A. McDerby	8.00	n n	Nov. 7, 1863
168	Mrs. Wm. Lefever	Wm. Lefever	5.00	и	Nov. 7, 1863
169	Lucinda Roach	James Roach	8.00		Nov. 7, 1863
170	Mrs. Daniel Karcher	Daniel Karcher	4.00	No endorsement	Nov. 7, 1863
171	Mrs. Chancey Reynolds	Chancey Reynolds	5.00		Nov. 7, 1863
172	Mrs. Daniel Stowe	Daniel Stowe	8.00	J.B. Hull	
173	Mrs. Wm, Karcher	Not filled in	4.50	L. Kent	Nov. 7, 1863 Nov. 7, 1863
174	Mrs. Jehial Karcher	Jehial Karcher	8.00	μ	
176	Mrs. Wm. Esget	Wm. Esget	8.00		Nov. 7, 1863
	Mrs. David Crowell	David Crowell	8.00	J.B. Hull	Nov. 7, 1863
177	(Endorsed Loretto Crowe				
470	Mrs. Adelbert Kent	Not filled in	4.50	L. Kent	Nov. 10, 1863
178	Mrs. Samuel Lefever	Samuel Lefever	10.00	14	Nov. 14, 1863
179		Thomas Mason	6.00	н	Nov. 23, 1863
181	Mrs. Thomas Mason	Adelbert Kent	4.50	н	Nov. 26, 1863
182	Mrs. Adelbert Kent	Wm. Karcher	4.50	н	Nov. 26, 1863
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	umbered)	Elias Orden	6.00	J.B. Hull	Dec. 5, 1863
184	Mrs. Elias Ogden	Elias Ogden	6.00	L. Kent	Dec. 5, 1863
185	Mrs. Daniel Stowe	Daniel Stowe	8.00	0	Dec. 5, 1863
186	Mrs. Thomas Mason	Thomas Mason	8.00	u	Dec. 7, 1863
187	Mrs. Jehial Karcher	Jehial Karcher		11	Dec. 7, 1863
188	Mrs. A. McDerby	A. McDerby	10.00		Dec. 7, 1863
189	Mrs. Wm. Lefever	Wm. Lefever	5.00	0	Dec. 7, 1863
190	Mrs. Daniel Stowe	Daniel Stowe	5.00	н	Dec. 7, 1863
191	Mrs. James Roach	James Roach	8.00	11	Dec. 7, 1863
192	Mrs. Wm. Esget	Wm. Esget	15.00		
193	Mrs. Chancey Reynolds	Chancey Reynolds	5.00	1	Dec. 7, 1863
194	Mrs. Daniel Karcher	Daniel Karcher	4.00		Dec. 7, 1863
194	Mrs. David Crowell	David Crowell	4.00		Dec. 11, 1863
	Mrs. Thomas Mason	Thomas Mason	6.00	No endorsement	Dec. 11, 1863
197	Mrs. James Roach	James Roach	8.00	L. Kenł	Dec. 25, 1863
198	WIS. OLITOS HOUGH				

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199	Mrs. Elias Ogden	Elias Ogden	6.00		J. Southworth E. J. Shipman	Jan. 5, 1864
200	Mrs, A. Jones	A. Jones	8.00			Jan. 5, 1864
		A. McDerby	10.00			Jan. 6, 1864
201	Mrs. A. McDerby	-	5.00			Jan. 7, 1864
202	Mrs. Chancey Reynolds	Chancey Reynolds				
203	Mrs. Wm. Esget	Wm. Esget	10.00			Jan. 7, 1864
204	Mrs. Wm Lefever (Endorsed Margritt Lafeve	Wm. Lefever er)	5.00		J.B. Hull	Jan. 7, 1864
205	Mrs. Daniel Stowe	Daniel Stowe	5.00		н	Jan. 7,1864
	Mrs. Jehial Karcher	Jehial Karcher	8.00			Jan. 7. 1864
206		Wm. Karcher	4.50			Jan. 7, 1864
207	Not filled in	Daniel Karcher	4.00			Jan. 7, 1864
208	Mrs. Daniel Karcher		8.00			Jan. 7, 1864
209	Mrs. James Roach	James Roach				Jan. 7, 1864
210	Mrs. Adelbert Kent	Adelbert Kent	4.00			
211	Mrs. Daniel Stowe	Daniel Stowe	5.00		J.B. Hull Extra for hay	Jan. 11, 1864
212	Mrs. Lafayette Goodno	Lafavette Goodno	6.00		L. Kent	Jan. 15, 1864
	Mrs. Thomas Mason	Thomas Mason	6.00			Jan. 21, 1864
213		James Grant	5.00		J.T. Wilson	Feb. 8, 1864
220	Mrs. Ada Grant	James Grant			S.S. Spaulding	
221	Mrs. Elias Ogden	Elias Ogden	6.00		E.J. Shipman	Feb. 8, 1864
222	Mrs. James Roach	James Roach	10.00		H. Baughman	Feb. 8, 1864
223	Mrs. William Lefever	William LeFever	5.00		J.T. Wilson	Feb. 8, 1864
224	Mrs. Chancy Reynolds	Chancy Reynolds	8.00		Philip Wooden	Feb. 8, 1864
225	Mrs. Daniel Stowe	Daniel Stowe	5.00		н	Feb. 8, 1864
	Mrs. William Esget	William Esget	12.00		н	Feb. 8, 1864
226		Lafayette Goodno	10.00		G.T. Robinson	Feb. 15, 1864
227	Mrs. Lafayette Goodno		12.00		P.S. Spaulding	Mar. 3, 1864
228	Mrs. A. McDerby	A. McDerby	4.50		J.T. Wilson	Mar. 5, 1864
229	Mrs. A. Kent	A. Kent			J. F. WWIISON	Mar. 5, 1864
230	Mrs. Jehial Karcher	Jehial Karcher	5.00		LT Milese	
231	Mrs. Jerome Hartwell	Jerome Hartwell	5.00		J.T. Wilson	Mar. 5, 1864
232	Mrs. William Lefever	William Lefever	5.00			Mar. 5, 1864
233	Mrs. Daniel Stowe	Daniel Stowe	5.00		E. Shepherd	Mar. 5, 1864
234	Mrs. James Roach	James Roach	10.00		J.T. Wilson	Mar. 5, 1864
235	Mrs. William Esget	William Esget	10.00		U	Mar. 5, 1864
236	Mrs, James A.Grant	James A. Grant	5.00		0	Mar. 8, 1864
237	Mrs. A. Jones	A. Jones	8.00		H. Baughman	Mar. 18, 1864
238	Mrs. David Crowell	David Crowell	12.00		4	Mar. 13, 1864
		Lafayette Goodno	8.00		unreadable	Mar. 15, 1864
239	Mrs. Lafayette Goodno		6.00		H. Baughman	Mar. 15, 1864
240	Mrs. Elias Ogden	Elias Ogden			n. Daugnman	Mar. 15, 1864
241	Mrs. Chancy Reynolds	Chancy Reynolds	5.00		D.C. Cooulding	Apr. 2, 1864
242	Mrs. A. McDerby	A. McDerby	12.00		P.S. Spaulding	
243	Mrs. Daniel Stowe	Daniel Stowe	7.00		J.T. Wilson	Apr. 4, 1864
244	Mrs. Jehial Karcher	Jehial Karcher	8.00		H. Baughman	Apr. 4, 1864
245	Mrs. Wm. Esget	Wm. Esget	10.00			Apr. 4, 1864
246	Mrs. James Roach	James Roach	12.00		J.W.&H. Sherwood	
247	Mrs. Wm. Lefever	Wm. Lefever	5.00		1	Apr. 4, 1864
248	Mrs. Adelbert Kent	A. Kent	4.00		H. Baughman	Apr. 4, 1864
249	Mrs. James A. Grant	James A. Grant	5.00		a –	Apr. 4, 1864
250	Mrs, Jerome B. Hartwell	Jerome B. Hartwell	5.00		J.T. Wilson	Apr. 4, 1864
	Mrs. David Crowell	David Crowell	12.00		P.S. Spaulding	Apr. 9, 1864
251			4.00		Reuben Smith	Apr. 9, 1864
252	Mrs. A. Jones	A. Jones			P.S. Spaulding	
253	Mrs. James Roach	James Roach	3.00		L. Kent	Apr. 9, 1864
254	Mrs, Elias Ogden	Elias Ogden	1.25			Apr. 9, 1864
255	Mrs. Lafayette Goodno	Lafayette Goodno	3.50		125	Apr. 9, 1864
256	Mrs. Jerome Hartwell	Jerome Hartwell	1.25		11	Apr. 9, 1864
257	Mrs. Thomas Mason	Thomas Mason	2.50			Apr. 9, 1864
237	(#'s 253 through 257 were					
All the	above were signed by P.S. S	paulding, Supervisor of Kal	amo. The rest	were sigr	ned by L. Kent, Supe	rvisor of Kalamo
258	Jane Reynolds	Chauncey Reynolds	5.00		R.W. Griswold	Apr. 15, 1864
259	Ann Ogden	Elias Ogden	6.00		H. Baughman	Apr. 15, 1864
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260	Polly Mason	Thomas Mason	8.00	u	Apr. 16, 1864
261	Dencey Goodnow	Lafayette Goodnow	6.00	39	Apr. 19, 1864
262	Harriett Lefever	Samuel Lefever	4.00		Apr. 21, 1864
263	Mary McDerby	Augustus McDerby	3.25	R.W. Griswold	Apr. 21, 1864
264	Mary Ann McDerby	David McDerby	8.00	E.T. Church	Apr. 23, 1864
265	Mary McDerby	Augustus McDerby	12.00	D.F. Webber	May 2, 1864
200		5		?.G. Stebbins	
266	Mary Ann Stowe	Daniel Stowe	8.00	J.T. Wilson	May 3, 1864
267	Lucinda Roach	James Roach	8.00	n	May 4, 1864
268	Theressa Hartwell	Jerome B. Hartwell	5.00	L. Kent	May 5, 1864
269	Emerett Kent	A.J. Kent	4.50	J.T. Wilson	May 5, 1864
270	Hellen Karcher	Jehial Karcher	8.00		May 5, 1864
272	Lucy Esget	Wm. Esget	8.00	H. Baughman	May 5, 1864
273	Ada Grant	J.A. Grant	5.00	J.T. Wilson	May 5, 1864
274	Almira Jones	A, Jones	4.00	Reuben Swift	May 9, 1864
275	Mary Green	Geo, M. Green	5.00	J.T. Wilson	May 9, 1864
275	Sarah Chipps	Martin Chips	8.00	н	May 9, 1864
278	Dency Goodno	Lafayette Goodno	5.00	Not endorsed	May 13, 1864
278	Ann Ogden	Elias Ogden	6.00	J.T. Wilson	May 16, 1864
	Theressa Hartwell	J.B. Hartwell	9.50	Jonathon Dean, Jr.	May 16, 1864
279	Jane Reynolds	Chauncey Reynolds	6.00	J.T. Wilson	May 17, 1864
280	Mary E. Phelps	Charles Phelps	5.00	L. Kent	May 18, 1864
281	Hariet Lefever	Samuel Lefever	4.00	J.T. Wilson	May 21, 1864
282		David McDerby	6.00	L. Kent	May 25, 1864
283	Mary Ann McDerby Lorretta Crowel	David Crowel	4.00	H. Baughman	May 25, 1864
284	Rozana Williams	Elias D. Williams	4.00	J. T. Wilson	May 26, 1864
285	Hellen Karcher	Jehial Karcher	8.00	D.	June 4, 1864
286		A.J. Kent	4.00		June 6, 1864
287	Emerett Kent	Daniel Stowe	8.00	H. Baughman	June 6, 1864
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290	Lucinda Roach	Wm. Lefever	5.00	H. Baughman	June 6, 1864
291	Margaret Lefever	Wm. Esget	8.00	J.T. Wilson	June 6, 1864
292	Lucy Esget	J.A. Grant	5.00	8	June 6, 1864
293	Ada Grant	Geo. W. Slater	10.00	J.T. Wilson	June 6, 1864
294	Nancy Slater	A. Jones	4.00	Reuben Swift	June 8, 1864
295	Almira Jones	Martin Chips	8.00	J.T. Wilson	June 9, 1864
296	Sarah Chips	Geo. M. Green	5.00	н	June 9, 1864
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### From Tales Along Clinton Trail

Published by the Eaton Co. Historical Society, 1989.

A full article was written by Claire Beechler

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### EATON RAPIDS INDUSTRIES

Horner Woolen Mills was founded by Samuel and Elizabeth Horner. They were in business from 1880 to 1980 and beyond. The company flourished with the help of their children, Jennie, Charles, Edward & William. Their ability to please the public with their superior quality of merchandise made their establishment one of the leading woolen mills in the United States. They supplied woolen items for soldiers in both World Wars and concentrated their production on the manufacture of fabrics, blankets and yarns.

When synthetic yarns came on the scene, **Horner's** began to limit production to coincide with demand. They opened a retail store featuring fine woolen fabrics; however, with the death of **William Horner**, this business was sold.

Eaton Rapids was still known for its wool through the fine retail operation of Linton **Davidson**, a grandson of John B. Davidson, who established a woolen mill in Eaton Rapids in 1921. This mill specialized in merino yarn and the yarn used in the cores of baseballs.

### MICHIGAN PACKAGING CO.

In a building once occupied by the **Horner Woolen Mill**, Union Camp, a large paper company from Monroe, Michigan, set up in the early 1950s, and a plant to produce corrugated board.

In 1966 the federal government pressured such large monopolizing companies to limit their operations, and Union Camp pulled out of Eaton Rapids leaving their building and machinery idle.

At this point, **Ralph Stoner & Howard Miller**, with financial backing of the **Grief Brothers**, jumped in and continued with the same type of production. **Mr. Stoner** had the expertise to continue the business because of his experience with Union Camp at Monroe.

The new company, named Michigan Packaging, grew strong under the leadership of **Mr. Stoner, Danny Francis & Wayne Miller**. They worked twenty-four hours a day and ten semis full of products were on the road every day.

By 1984, not being able to expand any further in their present facility, they decided to create another plant of similar size and capacity in Grand Rapids and in 1989, a third plant in Concord, North Carolina.

## From Tales Along Clinton Trail

Corrugated board is made by a huge machine pressing three sheets of paper together with a corn starch based glue. Weights and thicknesses of the board vary according to demand. The finished rolls of board can weigh from 4,000 to 7,000 pounds. The process uses 42,000 pounds of corn-starch a week. That is a lot of corn from lowa!

### EATON STAMPING

Eaton Stamping began in 1940 in a garage-size old frame building in downtown Eaton Rapids by **Fred Hamman** and his two sons, **Lyle & Carl, and Carl's brother-in-law**, **Mitch Hults**.

They did contracting for small businesses in the area on any work of stamping or light assembly nature. Soon, the company perfected and patented a fishing pole holder and were successful in its manufacture and distribution. Broadening their base, they moved into a new building and produced rewind rope and crank-up impulse starters for small engines used on lawn mowers. As power driven lawn equipment became more in demand, so did Eaton Stamping's product.

The business was sold to **Bill Babbitt** in 1975. Under **Mr. Babbitt's** leadership the company continued to flourish and in 1977 they entered the six-way power seat motor business. Their expansion program has included plants in South Dakota, Indiana, and Hancock, Michigan. Their name has changed to Eaton Technologies.

### AIR-WAY MANUFACTURING CO.

OLIVET, MICHIGAN

### written by Owen Whitkopf

Air-Way Manufacturing Company was founded in 1950 by **Mr. Raymond A. Hamm** in Romeo, Michigan. **Mr. Hamm** started with two automatic bar machines in a building along an abandoned air field, hence, the origin of the name Air-Way.

Through the influence of some personal friends in Eaton County, Air-Way moved to Olivet in 1955. The Company has grown consistently since 1950 when two additional plant facilities were added in 1984 in Waterloo, Indiana and in Edgerton, Ohio.

Air-Way is a major manufacturer and supplier of steel hydraulic fittings for the construction, agricultural, material handling and industrial equipment manufacturers' throughout the continental United States, Canada, part of Europe, and most other continents.

Some of the places they supply included John Deere, Case, Duetz-Allis, Ford Tractor, Caterpillar, Hyster, FMC, Champion, Dayco, White Farm, Spartan Motors and more.

### Narrow Lake Dance Hall

### By Larry Randall

Narrow Lake Dance Hall was Brookfield Township's most well known business of all time for nearly a half century. It was a popular entertainment center with its Saturday night dance bands and well known country music artists.

The list of owners start with **Roy and Luelle Sutton** in about 1929. Others that come to mind are: Lakes, Gardners, Roops and Spitzleys. In addition to the early big time style dance bands in the 70's, country western greats included, Ernest Tubb, Mickey Gilley and Farand Young plus many more. My favorite? Penny DeHaven.

### Our Night With Penny DeHaven:

In the early 1970s we went to a performance at a local dance hall known as, "Narrow Lake Ball Room". That bar and dance hall was owned by a relative at the time.

We had been to this place many times to see well known performers such as **Earnest Tubb, Mickey Gilley, Farren Young,** and many other famous country singers. As a relative, **Jean and I** did not have to pay to get in.

This one night we parked our motor home around back and entered through the furnace room as usual. On the way past the dingy heating equipment, we noticed the star of the evening's wardrobe hanging in the furnace room. **Penny** had flown in, rented a car, and drove to this remote area some thirty miles south west of Lansing, MI. **Glen and Sue Roop** had arranged for a popular local band for **Penny's** back up.

Normally the performers had their own bus to use as a dressing room or used the owner's home next door. This evening their home was under complete remodeling, the inside walls were torn out with no place to have any privacy.

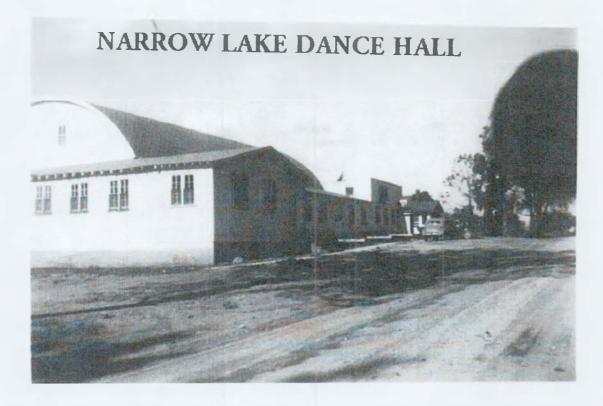
As soon as we could, **Jean** told **Penny** that our motor home was hers for the evening. **Penny** said no, but we insisted. **Jean** was her body guard and hand maid for the rest of the show. In between performances, **Penny** came and sat at our table and asked, "How will I ever repay you?" I told her to take her felt pen and sign her name on the motor home wall. Later she told **Jean**, "I am not going to do that, he'll be mad at me when he sobers up!" However, we did get a nice 8 X 10 autographed photo.

Country entertainer **Penny DeHaven** was born May 17, 1948, in Winchester, VA. She sang and performed on local shows as a child, but moved to WWVA's Wheeling Jamboree during the mid 60s after high. Using the stage name, **Penny Starr**, she became a favorite and recorded "A Grain of Salt" for the Band Box label in late 1966. The single placed modestly the following year, and after spending two years in Wheeling, she moved to Nashville to sign with Imperial in 1969. Two of her recordings hit the Country Top 40 that year; "Mama Lou" and "Down in the Boondocks".

After a change of labels to United Artists, **Penny DeHaven's** biggest hit came later that year when "Land Mark Tavern" hit number 20. Though **DeHaven** never re-entered the Top 40 again; "The First Love" and "Don't Change on Me" came closest in 1971. She continued to record for United Artists and later Mercury, Starcrest and Main Street. She

# Narrow Lake Dance Hall

appeared in several films in the early 80s and sang "Bayou Lullaby" for the soundtrack to 1982s Honkytonk Man. DeHaven has also guested on the Grand Ole Opry several times.



(Hey, car buffs, what year was this picture taken?)

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