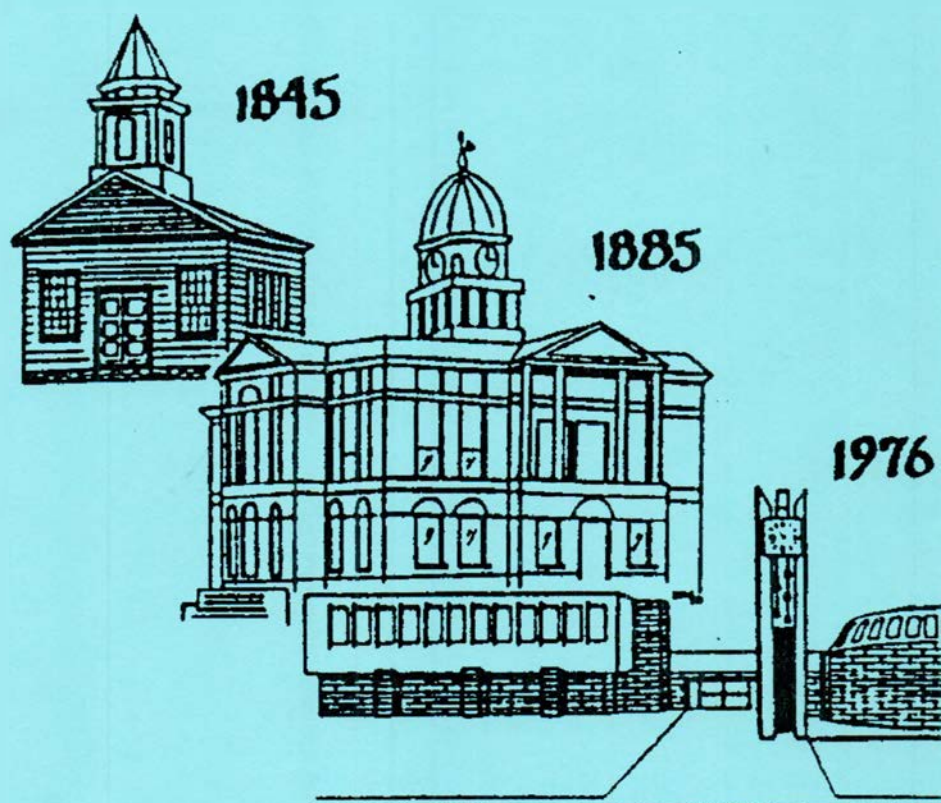


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## From the Editor

I hope everyone is ready for spring! This past winter found me fighting off a bout of mononucleosis(mono) . I am slowly on the mend, thankfully and starting to feel better by the day. Please accept my sincere apologies for this issue going out to you so late. Think Spring!!!!

Sher Brown, Quest Editor

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### A Note from our Librarian:

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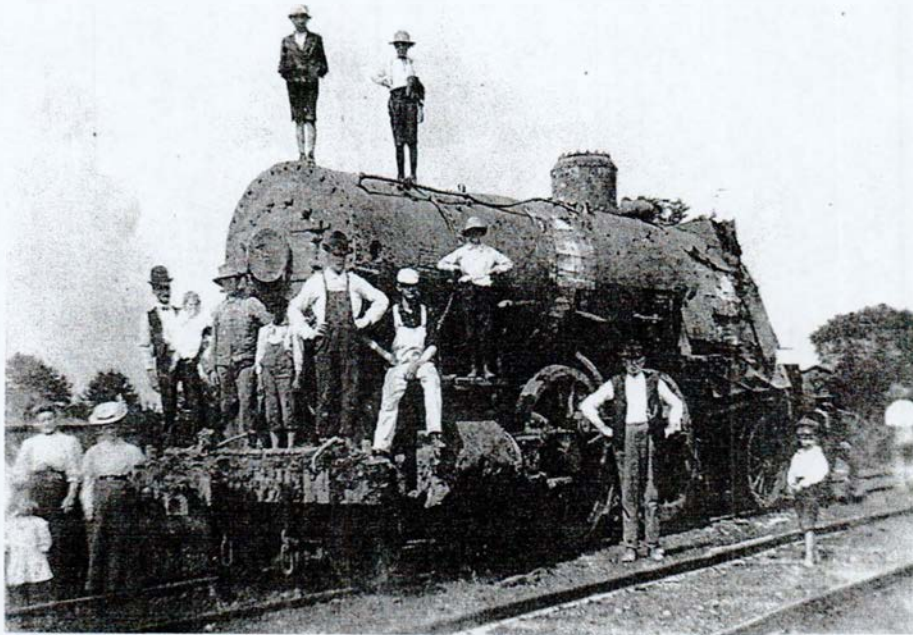
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## Fast Train Wrecked at Mulliken - June 2, 1908



The fast train west, which is due to pass through here at a little past 4 p.m. was wrecked at Mulliken Tuesday by running an open switch. The train was speeding along at a 40 miles per hour clip and the engineer saw the danger only in time to shut off steam and apply the brakes before the train took the siding and then left those rails and plowed into the mud on the north side of the track. The engine turned on its side and was half buried in a mud hole, while the coaches remained upright but were all thrown from the tracks except the parlor car.

No one was killed, but the engineer and Roadmaster Meier who was also riding in the engine were severely hurt and bruised up considerable. Some eight or ten of the passengers were hurt but none seriously except an oldish lady who suffered considerable from the shock and also from an injured arm.

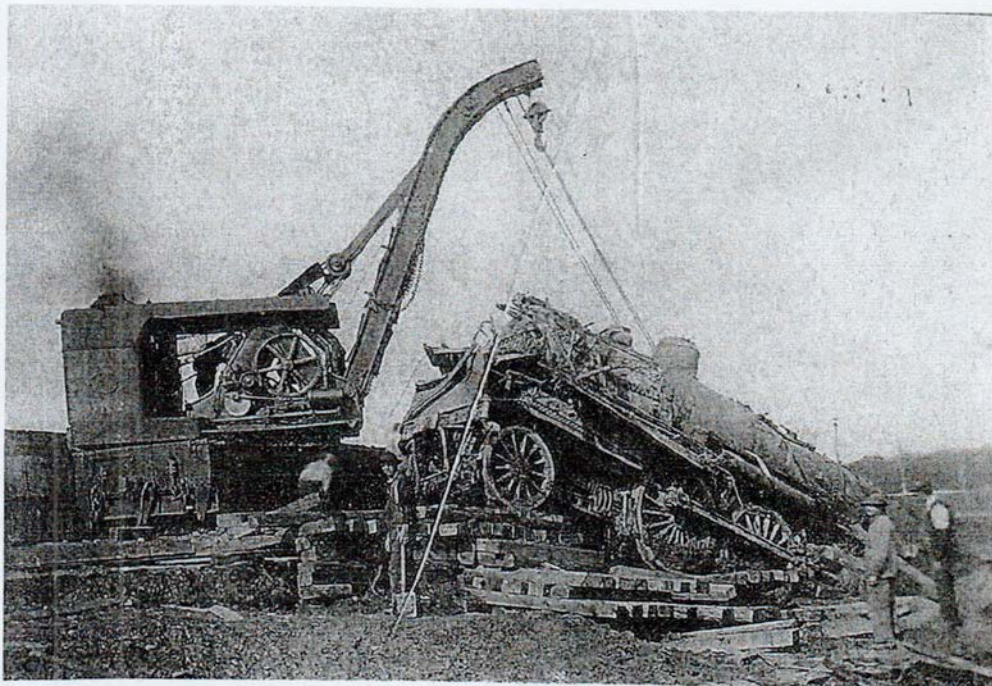
A large number from here and other nearby towns went to the scene of the wreck.

Source: The Sunfield Sentinel, Sunfield, Eaton County, MI, June 4, 1908











Source: The Sunfield Sentinel, Sunfield, Eaton County, MI, June 4, 1908



## ***Did You Know?***

Mary Fields, also known as Stagecoach Mary, was the first African-American woman to work as a mail carrier in the United States. She was also the second American woman to work for the United States Postal Service. She was a woman with a very imposing stature, for she stood 6 feet tall and weighed 200 lbs. She also liked to smoke cigars, drink whiskey and she carried a pistol for protection. Born into slavery and emancipated when slavery was outlawed Fields worked at a Native American mission. There she worked the fields, did laundry, tended to animals, etc. She also owned and managed a restaurant where she fed those with money and without.



**FAMILY BACKGROUND:** Born a slave in 1832 in Tennessee, grew up an orphan with no formal education, never married, had no children. The nuns were her family; Mother Amadeus was her mother. She loved the children of Cascade County and supported the local baseball team as their number one fan.

**DESCRIPTION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Mary Fields lived by her wits and her strength. She traveled north to Ohio, settled in Toledo and worked for the Catholic convent. She formed a strong bond with Mother Amadeus. When the nuns moved to Montana and Mary learned of Mother Amadeus' failing health, she went west to help out. Having nursed Mother Amadeus back to health, she decided to stay and help build the St. Peter's mission school. She protected the nuns. Mary was a pistol-packing, hard-drinking woman, who needed nobody to fight her battles for her. When turned away from the mission because of her behavior, the nuns financed her in her own business. She opened a cafe. Mary's big heart drove her business into the ground several times because she would feed the hungry. In 1895 she found a job that suited her, as a U.S. mail coach driver for the Cascade County region of central Montana. She and her mule Moses, never missed a day, and it was in this capacity that she earned her nickname of "Stagecoach", for her unfailing reliability.

Mary died in 1914 in Cascade, Montana. Her grave is marked with a simple cross.

*Sources: Sister Mary Rose Krupp, Ursuline Convent Offices, 4045 Indian Rd., Toledo, OH 43606. Used with permission.*

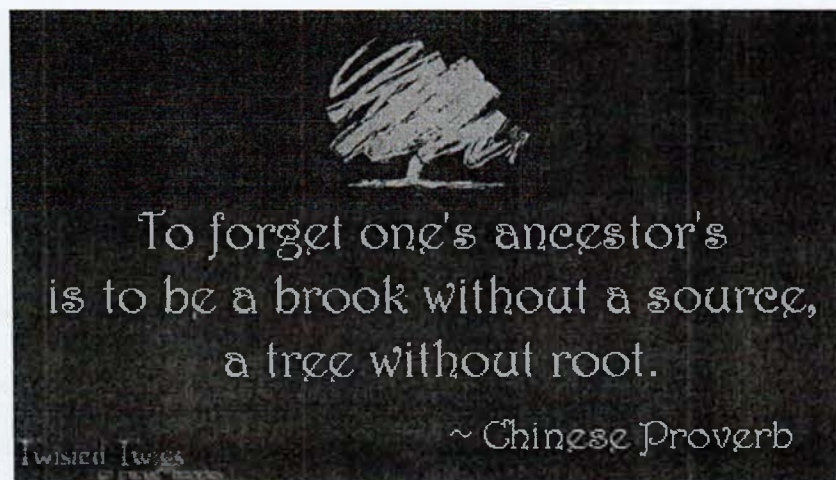
Women in History. Mary Fields biography. Last Updated: 3/3/2013. Lakewood Public Library. Date accessed 3/3/2013 .  
<<http://www.lkwdpl.org/wihohio/fiel-mar.htm>>.

## Tyler Township

An original township of Eaton County

Eaton Township, of Michigan was organized on March 11, 1837, originally included the entire southeastern quarter of Eaton County. Brookfield and Tyler Townships were set off in 1841. Eaton Rapids Township was set off in 1842, leaving the present township boundaries. Samuel Searls was the first settler in the township in 1835. Most of the township's subsequent growth closely paralleled that of Charlotte, with early settlements concentrated at its perimeter.

William Wall moved to the township in June, 1836. Several families settled in the vicinity and it soon adopted the name of "Walls Settlement." A post office was established in 1838, with William Southworth as postmaster. The community thrived until its value to the lumbering interests active in Eaton County soon decreased.

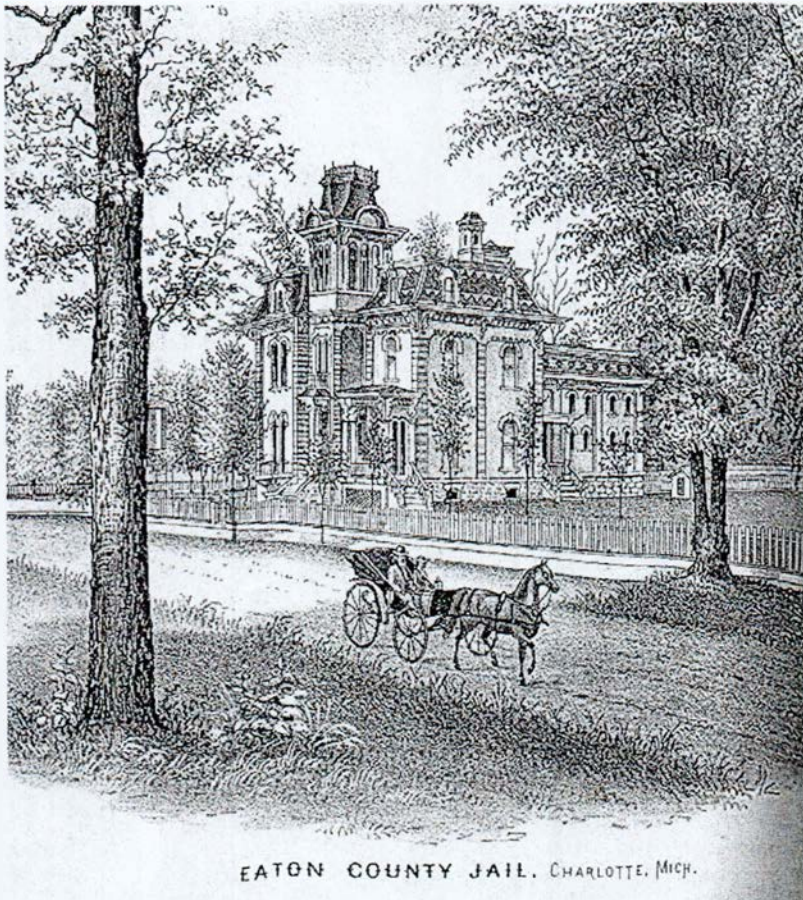




## The Curious Case of Dr. Armstrong

The day after Halloween 1877, three days hence the gibbous moon, the *Ingham County Democrat* ran a one sentence announcement in the local section. "Dr. Armstrong of Eaton County has been arrested for grave robbing." The following day, the *State Republican* elaborated, "Sheriff Smoke of Eaton County has just returned from Kansas with Dr. Armstrong, whom he arrested of robbing a grave in Roxand [sometime] last June."

According to the 1880 U.S. Federal Census, Dr. Thomas Armstrong, an Eaton County resident, was born in Canada about 1852. He lived with his wife Hellen, six years his junior, and their one-year-old daughter Lizzie. In the 1895 publication *The County of Eaton Michigan*, a short bio appears on Dr. Armstrong:



"Dr. Thomas McKee Armstrong is forty-four years old, and began his practice in Roxana twenty-one years ago, continuing seven years at the place. He then returned to pursue his medical studies at the Detroit Medical College, and graduated in 1882, locating at Grand Ledge for seven years, then he went West, returning about one year ago to the old camp ground. He was for a time a student of Prof. E. W. Jenks the President of the Detroit Medical College."

Jenks was well known and respected as an author, educator, gynecologist and surgeon.

Jailhouse where Dr. Armstrong's case was tried



A report from 1878 states Armstrong was charged with bodysnatching. This crime is mostly associated with the disinterment of fresh corpses for dissection. American medical schools proliferated in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. With this growth came the symbiotic need for cadavers. The Detroit Medical College opened in 1868.

An incident in 1878 prompted the tightening of many bodysnatching laws. Former United States Representative John Scott Harrison from Ohio died at the age of 73, May 25, 1878. Harrison is the only man to be the son and father of a U.S. president. His father was William Henry Harrison, his son Benjamin Harrison.

Accounts vary. Closest to primary sources tell the following tale. During Harrison's funeral it was discovered the body of a recently deceased young man buried close to Harrison's grave was stolen. The Harrisons knew the missing departed, Augustus Devin, and offered aid in the search. The entourage headed from North Bend to Cincinnati en route to the Ohio Medical College. A warrant was procured and a senior faculty member accompanied them.

They did not find the body of the young man. About to leave, John Harrison, brother to Benjamin, noticed a rope hanging down a chute. The party pulled it up, removed a sheet, and revealed the countenance of the elder Harrison staring back at them. The ghoulish purloiners had successfully extracted his corpse and delivered his carcass less than 24 hours after internment. He had been shaven in an attempt to hide his identity. The body of Devin was later found in a vat of brine at the University of Michigan Medical College.

Details in the Dr. Armstrong case are sparse. He was acquitted. However, not all public sentiment was with him. The *Ingham County Democrat* February 7, 1878 reports the following story.

"Tuesday forenoon Dr. Thomas M. Armstrong and Arthur Martin, of Roxand, had some words in H.S. McDonald's drug store about the body snatching case, in which Armstrong is defendant and Martin used some very vile epithets whereupon Armstrong struck him in the face. Martin drew a revolver and attempted to shoot him, but was prevented by W[illia]m Kirchmaier knocking his arm, the shot going to the floor. No arrests have yet been made.

The case of Dr. Thomas M. Armstrong, which has occupied the attention of the circuit court since last Friday, was given to the jury yesterday forenoon, and they returned a verdict of not guilty in the evening."

Lansing Online News: October 30, 2011

## Luther Boomer Bosworth



Luther Boomer BOSWORTH , son of John BOSWORTH Rev. and Hannah LUTHER, was born on August 3, 1798 in Herkimer County, New York, died on March 27, 1881 in Roxand Township, Eaton County Michigan at age 82, and was buried in Welch Cemetery, Sunfield Township, Eaton County, Michigan. The cause of his death was Dropsy.

Luther and Lomyra Kelly Bosworth were both citizens of New York State, the former having been born there in 1798. Their son Kelly was a native of Ohio, where his birth occurred in 1824. The parents of the lad were industrious, and from choice as well as necessity, educated their son in habits of industry, which enabled him in after years to attain success by his own efforts. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained majority, when, after an interval of two years of labor at the east, he sought a home in the wilds of Michigan, and purchased one hundred and thirty acres in Chester township. Returning to Ohio, he married Miss Almira, daughter of Francis and Lucinda Bark, who united with him in the task of making a home in the state of their adoption. Mr. Bosworth was noted as a skillful hand with the ax. He chopped during the first four years of his residence in Michigan two hundred acres, and has never, while at this branch of labor, averaged less than half an acre per day. His only tools on starting were an axe and shovel, with which he has hewn and dug his way to success. He has now two hundred and eighteen acres, most of which is highly improved. Mr. and Mrs. Bosworth have five children living, Granger F., Francis F., Lucina L., Myron K., and Edwin L., the first of

whom is married to Miss Eva Town, of Illinois, and now resides at Sunfield. Mrs. Bosworth enjoys a wide reputation for integrity in the township of his residence. His preferences in politics are with the Republican Party.

Luther Boomer Bosworth was a shoemaker and a farmer. He and Lomyra seem to have been living in Western New York near Rochester, New York. About 1823, they removed to Cuyahoga County, Ohio and took up land in Cuyahoga County, reclaiming it from the wilderness. Here Lomyra died. Luther married second wife Lucy Sprague in 1824 and farmed in Royalton, Ohio according to the U. S. census of 1830 to 1850. Luther and Lucy came with daughter Julia and son-in-law Aaron Bark to Eaton County, Michigan in 1853. Luther acquiring farms in Chester and Sunfield Township. Thirteen children. Luther was a member of the Christian Church.

Children from this marriage were:

i. Daughter BOSWORTH died in 1818 in Perrington, Monroe County, New York. She died before maturity

ii. Myron Kelly BOSWORTH was born on March 7, 1820 in Perrington, Monroe County, New York.

iii. Nancy S. BOSWORTH was born on February 24, 1822 in Rochester, New York and died in 1889 in Webberville, Ingham County, Michigan at age 67. Nancy married Smith CURTIS in 1850 in Perrington, near Rochester, New York. Smith was born on October 21, 1821 in Huntington, Fairfield County, Connecticut.

iv. Leo Kelly BOSWORTH [689] was born on January 1, 1824 in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, died on April 15, 1908 in Chester Township, Eaton County, Michigan at age 84, and was buried on April 18, 1908 in Welch Cemetery, Sunfield Township, Eaton County, Michigan.

**Eaton County Pioneer Family from Michigan GenWeb**



2012 Lucy Mary Kellogg Award  
presented to Shirley Gage Hodges



The Michigan Genealogical Council presented the 2012 Lucy Mary Kellogg Award to Shirley Gage Hodges at the November 8, 2012 Delegate meeting in Lansing, Michigan. The Kellogg Award is a state award given to an outstanding genealogist in the State of Michigan. To be considered for the award the nominee must be a resident of Michigan for seven years and meet at least four of the required criteria. Shirley more than meets

these requirements. She was nominated by the Eaton County Genealogical Society and introduced by William Atkinson.

Shirley is a regular speaker at conferences and workshops across the United States and Canada, with a special interest in the Civil War and tracing your female ancestors. She has taught classes in Community Education Programs and been a guest lecturer at Michigan State University, The Union Institute, and Davenport College. She has shown her leadership skills in the offices of President and Vice President of the Eaton County Genealogical Society, the President of the Genealogical Speakers Guild (a national organization), assisted as an advisor to Ingham and Ionia County societies. She is a columnist for The Global Gazette as well as serving as editor for the Hodges Family Association Newsletter. She has published a Guide to United States Census, 1790-1930 and Williams Families and Individuals: Bits and Pieces, vol. 1.

Countless records for Eaton County have been indexed and preserved by her tireless effort to keep the indexing group going for the past 14 years. They meet weekly to index county records such as the 1885 court ledgers. She is a member of Court House Square which was instrumental in preserving the historic 1885 Court House in Charlotte, Michigan.

Shirley has received the Eaton County Heritage Award and the Library of Michigan Genealogy Appreciation Award.

The Lucy Mary Kellogg Award was established in 1992 by the Michigan Genealogical Council to honor Lucy Mary Kellogg, an eminent Michigan genealogist, as the founding member. Among other awards she was the first woman and the first from the Midwest area to be named to the National Genealogy Hall of Fame.

Further information on this award may be found on the Michigan Genealogical Council website, [www.mimgc.org](http://www.mimgc.org).

**CONGRATULATIONS SHIRLEY!!**

## Battle of Fredericksburg Trivia Quiz

(answers on pages just before the index)

1. Who commanded the Union forces during the battle?
2. What delayed the Union Army's advance across the river into Fredericksburg?
3. The left wing of the Confederate Army, commanded by troops from James Longstreet's First Corps used what strong natural position for artillery, that peppered Union forces?
4. Soldiers of which Confederate brigade engaged Union soldiers in the streets of Fredericksburg on 11-12 December, 1862?
5. Who became a Confederate hero after bravely engaging the left wing of the advancing Union army south of Fredericksburg with one artillery cannon?
6. What was seen in the night skies of Fredericksburg during the battle?
7. Who asked his superiors for permission to bring water to wounded Union soldiers trapped in front of his position?
8. James Longstreet was one of Robert E. Lee's Corps commanders. Who was the other?
9. Burnside was replaced as commander of the Army of the Potomac immediately after the battle on 14 December 1862.
10. What river separated Union forces in Falmouth, VA from Confederate forces in Fredericksburg?



## What's New At The ECGS Library

By Sharlene Thuma, librarian, [tsthuma@juno.com](mailto:tsthuma@juno.com)

Note: call numbers are subject to change.

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Thanks to everyone who generously donated the following material to our library.  
It is very much appreciated by the Eaton County Genealogical Society and our researchers.

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### MICHIGAN:

- book- Record: Twenty-Fourth Michigan Infantry, Civil War, 1861-1865, vol. 24, 164pp., a gift by Gary Copenhaver....**406.33**

- panoramic group photo- Michigan National Guard, Btry. F, 119 F.A., 1936, a gift by Jaylene Marsh.....**OS.44**

- yearbook- Red Cedar Log, Michigan State University, 2012, a gift by Sue Polhamus.....**SC.333.MS.1**

#### Eaton County-

- CD- *Michigan School District Records for Oneida Township District No. 3*, also known as Strange School 1865-1906, a gift from Richard Deer.....**CD.97.23.23.ON**

- notebook- *Historic Letters of Rev. Wolcott B. WILLIAMS, First Resident Minister of the First Congregational Church, Charlotte, Michigan 1850-1864*, transcribed by David Darin, 1982, 15pp. & *Church On The Frontier: First Congregational, Charlotte, Michigan 1854-1868*, 7pp., a gift by the First Congregational Church via Marcy Cousino.....**Charlotte.52**

- 3 large photos- Smith School, Chester Twp., 1961, 1965, 1966 (teachers- **HORN, DOWLER & SEDERLUND**), a gift by Drouscella Halsey.....**OS.46**

- 3 photos & address list- Lamie School photos, Chester Twp., 1950 & 1954 (teacher- **MORAN**); exterior photo of Smith School (undated); Smith School Reunion address list, 2003 & 2004, a gift by Drouscella Halsey.....**P.673**

- plat book- *Family Maps of Eaton County, Michigan*, by Gregory A. Boyd, J.D., a gift by Maxine M. Phaner.....**Storage (copy 2)**

- yearbook- 1953 Eatonian, Eaton Rapids High School, a gift from the Phyllis Whidden.....**Storage (copy 2)**

- yearbook- 1960 Charhian, Charlotte High School, a gift from the Charlotte Community Library.....**Storage (copy 2)**

- 2 programs- Charlotte High School Honor Dance, 1943 (includes honor roll list) & Dedication of C.H.S. Athletic Field, 1941, a gift by Jaylene Marsh.....**VF.703**

#### Osceola County-

- book- *The Chronicles of LeRoy: A 125 year history of the Village of LeRoy, Michigan*, by the LeRoy Area Historical Society, publ. 1999, 348pp., a gift from Jill L. Smith.....**366.1**

### OHIO:

#### Medina County-

- book- *Tombstone Inscriptions From The Cemeteries In Medina County, Ohio*, by the Medina County Genealogical Society, publ. 1983, 590pp., a gift by Tony Mott...**236.39**

### SURNAMES:

- certificate & diploma- Board of Education certificate for George **LEDERGERBER** of Walbridge School, 1908, Toledo, OH & diploma of Gladys M. **CLEVER**, 1920, Charlotte High School, a gift from Sherry Copenhaver.....**OS.45**

- certificate- National Guard certificate for Orris A. **HALL**, 1936, a gift from Jaylene Marsh.....**VF.703**

- file- **SCOVELL** Genealogy, 1 page; letter to William **PILGRIM**, 1930; Washtenaw Co., MI birth certificate for Robert Ernest **MUNN**; a gift by Jesse L. Lasorda.....**VF.704**

## Newspaper Research

Newspaper research is a great source of information for us genealogists. If you have Eaton County ancestors the following sources could be very helpful.

### Bellevue

*Bellevue Weekly Gazette* began publishing on June 9, 1871 by Alfred Rindge. By 1908 the title had been shortened to *Bellevue Gazette* and George A. Barnes was the publisher.

### Charlotte

*Eaton County Gazette* began publishing on Jan. 1, 1843 by Warren Isham. It survived less than a year. Isham had previously published an anti-slavery newspaper in Detroit and was later editor of the *Mining Journal* in Marquette.

*Eaton Bugle* began publishing on March 26, 1845 by William Johnston. It lasted two years.

*Eaton Republican* began publishing on Jan. 6, 1855 by Edward A. Foote and Mark H. Marsh. (Foote was also an early historian of Eaton County.) It was later purchased by Joseph Saunders. Its names included: *Eaton County Republican*, *Republican*, *Charlotte Republican*. In 1928 it merged with *Charlotte Tribune* to form *Charlotte Republican-Tribune* and *Charlotte Leader*.

*The Democratic Leader* began publishing on Feb. 3, 1871 by J.V. Johnson. By 1874 the publisher was D.P. Whitmore and the title was shortened to *The Leader*. In March of 1875 the title became *The Charlotte Leader* with Frank A. Ells publishing. This title was absorbed by *The Charlotte Tribune* in 1928.

*Charlotte Tribune* began publishing on Aug. 17, 1887 by Francis M. Potter. In 1928 it absorbed *The Charlotte Leader* and merged with the *Charlotte Republican* to form *Charlotte Republican-Tribune* and *Charlotte Leader*.

*The Morning Star* began publishing on June 22, 1933 (although the paper is dated 1932) by Cecil Hay. The first issue was not titled with the publisher soliciting names for this new publication. It was semiweekly.

*Charlotte Republican-Tribune* and *Charlotte Leader* began publishing on Dec. 21, 1938 by the McGrath-DeFoe Company.

### Dimondale

*The Sun* began publishing in early 1884 by Seger, Burch & Henderson.

*The Dimondale News* began publishing on Oct. 1, 1897 by E.C. Sibley.

## Eaton Rapids

*Eaton Democrat* began publishing circa 1847 by Leonard W. McKinney and later by Judge Ezra D. Burr. (There is also an Ezra D. Burr who edited the *Grand Rapids Enquirer* and a dentist who advertised in 1848 with the same name. It is uncertain if these are all the same person.) It ceased by 1854 when the press was purchased and move to Charlotte to begin *Eaton Republican*.

*The Eaton County Argus* began publishing circa 1855 by a Mr. Sanford and was later moved to Charlotte by E.D. Burr. In 1862 the title was changed to *The Charlotte Argus* published by William Saunders. It ceased publishing in 1870 and was replaced by *The Democratic Leader*.

*Eaton Rapids Journal* began publishing Rapids on Dec. 7, 1865 by J.B. Ten Eyck. Later publishers included: Frank C. Culley and K Kittridge. For a few years it published with the title *Saturday Journal*. It absorbed *The Eaton Rapids Review* in 1927. It was independent in politics.

*Eaton Rapids Review* began publishing circa 1895. By 1922, Robert D. Gifford was the publisher. It was absorbed by the *Eaton Rapids Journal* in 1927.

## Grand Ledge

*Grand Ledge Independent* began publishing circa 1869 by B.F. Saunders (son of Joseph Saunders) and later by W.C. Westland. In June, 1925 it merged with *Grand Ledge Times* to form *Grand Ledge Independent and Grand Ledge Times*.

*The Vidette* began publishing circa 1886 in support of the Greenback party. Two years later the name was changed to *The Graphic* with Charles P. Warner as editor.

*The Grand Ledge Times* began publishing circa 1901. By 1909 Jerome W. Howard was the publisher. It merged with *The Grand Ledge Independent* to form *Grand Ledge Independent and Grand Ledge Times*.

*Grand Ledge Independent and Grand Ledge Times* began publishing on June 19, 1925 by Independent Publishing Co. At the end of 1925, it merged with *Mulliken Press* to form *Grand Ledge Independent and Grand Ledge Times and Mulliken Press*. It published with this title till June 1938 when the title was shortened to *Grand Ledge Independent*. It absorbed *The Grand Ledge News* and *Delta-Waverly Independent*.

*Grand Ledge News* began publishing on Oct. 16, 1936 by Ledge Job Rooms. It published till June 24, 1938 when it was absorbed by *Grand Ledge Independent*.

*The Delta-Waverly Independent* began publishing on Sept. 17, 1969 within the *Grand Ledge Independent*. By June 1971, it was fully absorbed by the Grand Ledge paper.



**Mulliken** - *The Mulliken News* began publishing in July, 1897 by S.J. Jacob and W.J. Fish.

#### **Olivet**

*The Olivet News* began publishing circa July 1885. By 1886 Karl D. Keyes was the publisher. (It may be that the *News* continues the *Orbiter*.)

*The Olivet Orbiter* began publishing on May 9, 1885 by J.M. Smith.

*The Olivet Optic* began publishing on April 13, 1889 by Mrs. Stella Marie Warner. For the last four months of 1964 the title was *Olivet Optic and Potterville News*.

#### **Potterville**

*The Potterville Press* began publishing circa Oct., 1897 by Len W. Feighner and later by W.E. Warner.

#### **Sunfield**

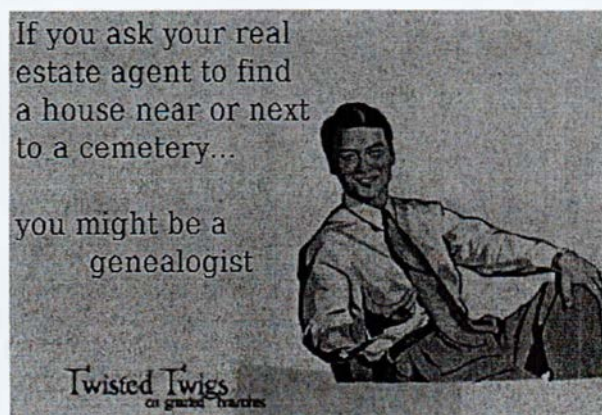
*The Sun* began publishing circa 1888 by J.C. Rounds. The paper was destroyed in a fire in 1896.

*The Sunfield Sentinel* began publishing on March 12, 1896 by M.L. Phares and C.H. Strange with the subscription list of the burned out *Sun*. J.T. Mansil was a later publisher. In September 1899 it published with the title *The Sunfield Thursday Sentinel* before reverting to its original title one year later.

#### **Vermontville**

*The Enterprise* began publishing circa Oct., 1874 by J.C. Worcester. The paper was sold to F.M. Potter who changed the name to *The Hawk*. It was sold again to the firm of Holt and Knox who changed the name to *The Vermontville Echo*. (Not to be mistaken for the Olivet College student newspaper *The Echo*.)

<http://michigannewspaperhistory.pbworks.com>



## Writing an Ancestor's Account of his Time Spent in the Civil War?

I find that a lot of folks like to write about their ancestors and prefer to use accurate day-to-day accounts from letters, diaries and journals. Your relative may not have written anything on paper, but his comrades may have. Central Michigan University has this type of information at your disposal. Regiments are listed below, along with the soldier's name. Make sure to check the website as I was unable to use the complete listing.

### US Army Michigan Infantry Regiments

#### US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 1st (1861-1865)

- *Hunt, Robert G.* Papers, 1861, 1865. Approx 3 cubic ft. (in 1 box, 7 Oversized folders). Papers of a Civil War U.S. Paymaster, 1861-1865 and undated, include: account books; business and work-related correspondence; vouchers; disbursement accounts; returns; muster rolls, muster out rolls, and pay rolls for Michigan Infantry Regiments, including the 1st Regiment, Companies H-M; 9th Regiment, Co. A; 10th Regiment, Co. A; 13th Regiment, Companies A-K and T; 19th Regiment, Co. A; and 22nd Regiment, Companies A-K. Bio: Hunt was a U.S. Paymaster for Michigan Infantry Regiments during the Civil War.

#### US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 1st (1861-1865), Company A

- *Montgomery, Thomas S.* Eleven months experience in a Rebel prison. Typed manuscript (copy) (20 p.). 1 folder. Typed transcript of the story of his life before the war, his military record, battles, being taken prisoner at the Battle of Bull Run, life in Libby Prison and the U.S. Hotel in Tuscaloosa (MS), treatment of soldiers, wounding of his thigh, re-enlistment, re-capture, food and supplies, and being paroled. A photocopy of his service record is also included. Bio: Montgomery was born April 25, 1836 in Angelica (Allegany County, NY). In April 1861, he enlisted in Co. A, 1st Michigan Infantry. He was mustered in May 1861, taken prisoner at Bull Run (Va) July 21, 1861, and discharged at Detroit, July 1862. He re-enlisted in the 5th Michigan Infantry, Co. G in 1862 at the age of 28. He was mustered in Sept. 1862, wounded at Gettysburg on July 2, 1863 and promoted to Corporal. He was transferred to the Invalid Corps on Oct. 20, 1863 and discharged on disability at Washington, D.C. on Aug. 5, 1865, from the 3rd Co., 2nd Battalion, V.R.C. (Veteran Reserve Corps).

### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 1st (1861-1865), Company E**

- *Stewart, Aura P.* Correspondence, 1860, 1867. 1 folder. Eleven letters dated Nov. 5, 1860-Jan. 14, 1867. All but one letter was written to Stewart in response to his inquiries about Michigan Civil War soldiers or their land bounty applications. Michigan soldiers mentioned include: Richard King of Detroit (MI), who served in Company F, 15th Michigan Infantry; George H. Skinner of Branch County (MI), who served in Company E, 1st Michigan Infantry; William Buss or Russ of Bangor (MI), who served in Company G, 1st Michigan Infantry; John Moran of Washtenaw County (MI), who served in Company G, 1st Michigan Infantry; 2nd Lt. Joseph Phelps of Algonac (MI), who served in Company E, 9th Michigan Infantry; and Francis E. Bostwick of St. Clair County (MI), who served in Company G, 1st Michigan Infantry and who was declared missing in action in 1862. There are also photocopies of the soldiers' service records. Bio: Stewart's father was Harvey Stewart. Aura is a feminine name, but Aura Stewart is referred to as "Sir" or "Esq."

### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 1st (1861-1865), Company G**

- *Stewart, Aura P.* Correspondence, 1860, 1867. 1 folder. Eleven letters dated Nov. 5, 1860-Jan. 14, 1867. All but one letter was written to Stewart in response to his inquiries about Michigan Civil War soldiers or their land bounty applications. Michigan soldiers mentioned include: Richard King of Detroit (MI), who served in Company F, 15th Michigan Infantry; George H. Skinner of Branch County (MI), who served in Company E, 1st Michigan Infantry; William Buss or Russ of Bangor (MI), who served in Company G, 1st Michigan Infantry; John Moran of Washtenaw County (MI), who served in Company G, 1st Michigan Infantry; 2nd Lt. Joseph Phelps of Algonac (MI), who served in Company E, 9th Michigan Infantry; and Francis E. Bostwick of St. Clair County (MI), who served in Company G, 1st Michigan Infantry and who was declared missing in action in 1862. There are also photocopies of the soldiers' service records. Bio: Stewart's father was Harvey Stewart. Aura is a feminine name, but Aura Stewart is referred to as "Sir" or "Esq."
- *Yarick, John.* Papers, 1854, 1864. 1 folder. Papers include: Two letters to "Dear Brother" (John) from his brother, Reuben Yarick, including one from Fort Monroe (Va.) Camp Hamilton, dated March 26, 1862, describing picket duty, Gen. Wool, and Rebel pickets. A second letter, dated April 23, 1865, from Reuben at Washington, D.C., to John, describes his fears and feelings about the assassination of President Lincoln and visiting the body in the White House. There are also two letters from a third brother, G.[eorge] W.[ashington] Yarick, to John, dated June 13 and August 15, 1864, at the U.S. Hospital, Hampton (Va.), about Reuben being wounded and hospitalized, hopes for peace, and the restoration of the Union. A photocopy of Reuben Yarick's service record is also included. Bio: Reuben Yarick enlisted in Company G, 1st Michigan Infantry as a Sergeant on July 2, 1861, at Jackson (MI), at age 25. He was mustered on July 13, 1861. He re-enlisted on February 17, 1864 as a Sergeant, at Beverly Ford (Va.), and was mustered in the next day. On June 3, 1864, he was wounded in action and transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps (VRC). He was discharged from Company B, 24th VRC at Washington, D.C., on July 28, 1865.



## US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 2nd (1861-1865)

- *Chet (Union Soldier)*. Letter, 1861 Aug 7. 1 item (3 pages). Letter written to a "friend." Relates news of mutual acquaintances, rumors of unit reorganizations that would allow troops to return home, estimates total Confederate forces at 240,000, and rumors that many slaves are in the Confederate cavalry and are escaping. Bio: Served with the 2nd Michigan Infantry.
- *Edmonds, S. Emma E. (Seelye) (Sarah Emma Evelyn), 1841-1898*. Papers, 1885-1897. Seven letters to R. H. Halsted about her membership and participation in the G.A.R., efforts to get increased pension due to being injured while delivering mail during the Civil War under the name of Franklin Thompson, photograph, newspaper clippings. Bio: Edmonds was born in New Brunswick, Canada. She enlisted in 2nd Michigan Volunteers and fought in the Civil War as a man named Frank(lin) Thompson.
- *Hodskin, Charles Horace, 1837-1905*. Papers, 1861, 1905. .25 cubic ft. (in 1 box). IL Papers, 1861-1905 and undated, include biographical material, certificates, Civil War diary, and correspondence, and daguerreotypes. The Civil War materials, 1861-1864, discuss the weather; drills; skirmishes; major General A. E. Burnside's military failures; heavy losses; U.S. Colored Troops; and marches to Bardston, Lebanon, Jamestown, and Memphis (TN). Bio: Hodskin, born on Aug. 22, 1837, moved to Battle Creek (MI). He served in the Michigan Infantry 2nd Regiment during the Civil War and was eventually honorably discharged with the rank of Captain in 1864. He died on Feb. 18, 1905, in Manistee (MI).
- *Kitchen, Samuel*. Papers, 1865-1866, 1875. 7 items. Includes official correspondence re: his promotion from Assist-Surgeon to Surgeon (Brevet Capt.) in New York Volunteers (no subunit is mentioned), and his discharge papers, 1865. A letter from 1875 mentions Michigan Infantry Regiment, 2nd.

## US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 2nd (1861-1865), Company B

- *Hopkins, Charles C., 1839-* Correspondence, 1861. 1 folder, IL One three-page letter to "dear cousin," dated Sept. 5, 1861, describes daily activities, how much he enjoys killing Rebels, and that he thinks the war will end in eight months. The letterhead is illustrated with a colored drawing of a Civil War soldier in uniform. There is also a photocopy of his service record. Bio: In 1861, at age 22, Hopkins enlisted in the Michigan Infantry Regiment, 2nd, Company H. He reenlisted in 1863 and was discharged in Detroit in 1864. He survived numerous battles.
- *Pettit, Abram M., 1835-* Papers, 1861, 1863. 1 folder, IL Papers include: two letters and two notebooks, a medal, a photocopy of his service record, and a small photograph of Pettit in uniform. The medal, with George Washington's profile, is ringed with "George Washington born February 22, 1752" on the front and the back states "Serg. A. M. Pettit Co. B 2nd Regt. Michigan Volunteers War of 1861 Hudson MI" The account books of May-July 1862 list sick soldiers. The account book of Dec. 1861-April 11, 1863 includes a diary of brief statements and accounts. A letter, dated August 16, 1861, is written on letterhead showing Fort Monroe and a military map of Maryland and Virginia. The letter is from a camp near Arlington (Va.) and it is addressed to "Dear Parents." It describes Pettit's fellow soldiers' feelings about war and homesickness. The second letter, dated August 11, 1862, is a recommendation from 1st Lt. Tilson C. Barden, written near Harrison's Landing (Va.) to Gov. Austin Blair of Michigan, for Pettit to serve in a newly formed Michigan regiment. Bio: Pettit, from Hudson (Lenawee County, MI), enlisted in Company B, 2nd Michigan Infantry as a Sergeant on May 10, 1861 at the age of 26. He was mustered on May 25,

1861. on Oct. 15, 1862, he was discharged due to a disability. Barden, also from Hudson, entered the service in the same unit as a 2nd Lt. on May 10, 1861 at the age of 27. He was commissioned on April 25, 1861 and mustered on May 25, 1861. He was commissioned as a 1st Lt. on Sept. 22, 1861, but resigned in 1862 to be commissioned as a Captain on Feb. 24, 1863. On Dec. 14, 1863, he was wounded in action at Granger's Mill. He was mustered again on Feb. 14, 1864 and was wounded for second time on May 16, 1864. He was honorably discharged on June 6, 1864.

#### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 2nd (1861-1865), Company E**

- *Vandeventer, Herman L., 1840-* Correspondence, 1862. 1 folder. Letter, dated April 26, 1862, from Vandeventer in Camp Cameron (Washington, D.C.) to Louise M. Caple and cousin Henry in Italy Hollow. The letter describes how Herman was just paid two months pay and is owed to more months pay, how marching orders are "counter mandid," the death of soldiers from smallpox, and that he is homesick. There is also a photocopy of his service record. Bio: Vandeventer enlisted in Company E, 2nd Michigan Infantry on April 17, 1861 in Niles (MI) at age 21. he was mustered on May 25, 1861. From Jan. 30- April 9, 1864, he served in Company E, 17th Michigan Infantry. On July 21, 1864, he was discharged at Detroit (MI).

#### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 2nd (1861-1865), Company F**

- *Ensign, Daniel J., d. 1862.* Letters, 1861-1862. 4 items. Letters to sister, Amanda, while stationed at Arlington Heights. Topics include: 1st Bull Run, Virginia women, local Michigan news, and he predicts the end of the war by the spring of 1862. Also, brief service record. Bio: Resident of Genessee County, MI; served with the 2nd Michigan Inf., Co. F; died in 1862 from a wound received at Fair Oaks, VA.

#### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 2nd (1861-1865), Company H**

- *Whipple, William L.* Muster roll, May 10, 1861. Bio: A veteran of the Mexican War, Whipple enlisted as Capt. Company H, 2nd Michigan Infantry on May 10, 1861 at age 35. He was mustered May 25, 1861. He joined the 21st Michigan Infantry on Aug. 24, 1862. and was commissioned Lt. Col. of the 21st on Aug. 13, 1862. He was mustered Sept. 4, 1862 and died of disease at Nashville (TN) on Nov. 16, 1862.

#### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 3rd (1861-1864)**

- *US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 3rd (1861-1864).* Muster rolls of Company E, organized in Lyons (Ionia County, MI) and Company G, 1861.

#### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 3rd (1861-1865), Company B**

- *Ransom, Ezra, 1837-* Correspondence, 1862. 1 folder. Correspondence, Sept. 18, 1862, from Ransom to an unnamed friend, describing his sorrow at reading about dead comrades and thanking his friend for recommending him to the governor (probably for a promotion). His discharge and his disabled left wrist were also mentioned. There is also a photocopy of his service record. Bio: Ransom, from Owosso (Shiawassee County, MI), enlisted in Company B, 3rd Michigan Infantry

on May 13, 1861 in Grand Rapids (MI) at the age of 24. He was mustered on June 10, 1861. On May 31, 1863, he was wounded in action at Fair Oaks (Va.). He was discharged for disability at Detroit (MI) on Aug. 1, 1862.

- *Stowe, Frederick A., 1834-* Correspondence, 1863. 1 folder. Letter to Stowe, dated Jan. 4, 1863, from Mary B. and John Lindsay describing the prices of wood, weather, their health, news of friends, the governor postponing the draft, and Lt. James Bennett. There are also photocopies of Stewart's and Bennett's service records. Bio: Stowe, from Pewamo (Ionia County, MI), enlisted as a 2nd Lt. in Company B, 3rd Michigan Infantry in 1861 at age 27. He was commissioned as a 1st Lt. on Jan. 1, 1862 and as a Captain on Oct. 25, 1862. He was mustered on Dec. 8, 1862 and resigned as disabled on Feb. 27, 1863. Bennett, of Grand Rapids (MI), enlisted and was mustered as a Sergeant in Company B, 3rd Michigan Infantry on June 10, 1861 at age 20. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. on Oct. 25, 1862, mustered again on Jan. 25, 1863, and discharged on Oct. 12, 1863.

#### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 3rd (1864-1866), Company C**

- *Tyler, Henry G., 1844-* Correspondence, 1864. 1 folder. Letter by Tyler in Welton (Iowa), dated March 19, 1864, to "Friend Stafford" describing how Rebel sympathizers interfered with his trip to Quincy (MI), Elkhart (Ind.), and Rock River (IL). There is also a copy of Tyler's service record. Bio: Tyler enlisted in Company C (reorganized), 3rd Michigan Infantry on October 9, 1864 at Bushnell Township (Montcalm County, MI) at age 20. He deserted at Green Lake (Tex.) on July 13, 1865.

#### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 3rd (1861-1864), Company H**

- *Higbee, Frederick, 1833-* Correspondence, 1864. 1 folder. A three-page letter, dated Feb. 8, 1864, written in Camp Bulick (Va.) to "Friend Clarcey" (Whitney), describes a soldier's life, Rebels, a recent battle, and plans for life after the war. There is also a photocopy of Higbee's service record. Bio: Higbee was a resident of Newaygo County (MI). He enlisted in the Michigan Infantry Regiment, 3rd, Company H in 1861 at age 28. He was promoted to Corporal on Nov. 10, 1861, Sergeant on Oct. 27, 1862, and mustered out in Detroit in 1864.

#### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 4th (1861-1864)**

- *US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 4th.* 27th Annual reunion program, June 20, 1889 at Jonesville (MI). 2 p. col.

#### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 4th (1861-1864), Company B**

- *Beebe, Nelson W.* Family Correspondence, 1861-1865 of John and Nelson Beebe. Finding aid. Bio: Nelson Beebe enlisted in 1862 at age 23 in Company B, Michigan 4th Cavalry. He was promoted to Corporal 1862. Transferred to Invalid Corps in 1863 and discharged in 1865. John enlisted on Aug. 6, 1861 in Company H, Michigan 5th Infantry at age 19. He was mustered on Aug. 28, 1861, re-enlisted on Dec. 15, 1863 and was again mustered on Dec. 27, 1863. He was killed in action near Petersburg (Va.) on June 16, 1864. Also the letters of John W. Bradner, A. E. Ferdon, the Beebe sisters, and other friends.



### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 4th (1861-1864), Company E**

- *Hewitt, John W., 1842-* Diary, 1863, 1864. 1 v. (140 p., in 1 folder). Diary, 1863-1864, with brief entries describing the weather, marching orders, drills, and some service history. Also, brief financial accounts for clothes, miscellaneous sketches, and a photocopy of his service history. Bio: Hewitt, a resident of Hillsdale County (MI), enlisted in the Michigan Infantry 4th Regiment, Company E in 1861 at age 19. He was mustered out in 1864.

### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 4th (1861-1864), Company F**

- *Limbocker, William E., 1835-1863.* Diary, 1861. 1 v. (in 1 folder). Diary, June-Aug. 1861, describes camp life near Washington; picket duty; battles; skirmishes; arrival in Fairfax (Va.); desertions; the destruction of his regiment at Gettysburg on July 21, 1861; forming a brigade under Gen Sherman; taking Rebel prisoners; the destruction of Virginia; a parade before Gen. Scott, Pres. Lincoln, and Gen. McClellan; the capture of Fort Scott; burning of wheat and Rebel homes; his broken hand; and a grand review in front of Lincoln and McClellan. Bio: Limbocker or Lenbocker, enlisted and was mustered in Co. F, 4th Michigan Infantry at age 26 in Adrian, Lenawee County (MI) in June 1861. He was wounded in action in June 1862 and taken prisoner at Gettysburg (PA) on July 2, 1863. He was killed on Oct. 25, 1863 at Belle Island, Richmond (Va.) by enemy's guard, while on police duty.

### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 5th (1861-1865), Company G**

- *Montgomery, Thomas S.* Eleven months experience in a Rebel prison. Typed manuscript (copy) (20 p.). 1 folder. Typed transcript of the story of his life before the war, his military record, battles, being taken prisoner at the Battle of Bull Run, life in Libby Prison and the U.S. Hotel in Tuscaloosa (MS), treatment of soldiers, wounding of his thigh, re-enlistment, re-capture, food and supplies, and being paroled. A photocopy of his service record is also included. Bio: Montgomery was born April 25, 1836 in Angelica (Allegany County, NY). In April 1861, he enlisted in Co. A, 1st Michigan Infantry. He was mustered in May 1861, taken prisoner at Bull Run (Va) July 21, 1861, and discharged at Detroit, July 1862. He re-enlisted in the 5th Michigan Infantry, Co. G in 1862 at the age of 28. He was mustered in Sept. 1862, wounded at Gettysburg on July 2, 1863 and promoted to Corporal. He was transferred to the Invalid Corps on Oct. 20, 1863 and discharged on disability at Washington, D.C. on Aug. 5, 1865, from the 3rd Co., 2nd Battalion, V.R.C. (Veteran Reserve Corps).

### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 5th (1861-1865), Company H**

- *Howard, Worthington, d.1862.* Papers, 1861, 1930. 1 folder, IL Papers, 1861-1930, include tintype and obituary of his sister, Sarah A. Howard Fuller (1842-1930). Most of the collection is letters from the Military Hospital at Fort Lyon (Va.) addressed to "Dear Sister Sarah," which describe family news, religion, that the war will be short, Howard's illness, and debt. There is also a letter from brother Frank Good to Sarah. Also included is a photocopied, brief service history of Howard. Bio: Howard, a resident of Shiawassee County (MI), served in the Michigan Infantry, 5th Regiment, Company H. He attained the rank of Sergeant. In 1862, he died of disease in the

Military Hospital at Fort Lyon (Vir.). His sister Sarah A. Howard married Calvin M. Fuller at age 21 and they had six children. She was a pioneer of Antrim Township (MI) She died in 1930.

#### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 6th (1861-1865), Company F**

- *McDonald, George, 1842-1865.* Correspondence, 1864. Letter and envelope, dated Aug. 11, 1864, addressed to Mrs. Nancie Rowland, Howell (Livingston County, MI) and "Dear sister and brother" from McDonald in Headquarters Dept. of Cumberland near Atlanta (Ga.), camp of the 6th Michigan Veteran Infantry. The letter notes that McDonald is alive and well, that he received letters from family, that he hopes God will save him, the war may continue for a long time, he hates war, and many Rebels were forced into service by the attitude of Southern women. Bio: McDonald enlisted in Co. F, 6th Michigan Infantry in March 1864 in Charlotte (Eaton County, MI) at the age of 22. He was mustered in April 1864 and transferred to Co. H in May 1864. He died of disease at Fort Gaines (Ala.) on June 10, 1865 and is buried in the National Cemetery at Mobile (Ala.), Grave No. 602.

#### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 6th (1861-1865), Company H**

- *McCormick, Michael, 1836-* Diary/Poem, 186u. 1 folder. Letter, dated January 24 (during the Civil War), from "Mike", describing the endurance of Michigan men in the war. The reverse side of the letter has a war poem in which five men from Co. H of the 6th Michigan Infantry are mentioned, including: Horace Herridon or Henderson, George Perrine, George W. Charter, George W. Jones, and Royal H. King. Photocopies of McCormick's and their service records are included. Bio: McCormick, from Charlotte (Eaton County, MI), enlisted and was mustered in Co. H, 6th Michigan Infantry in Aug. 1861 at Charlotte at age 25. He was wounded in action in May 1863. He was discharged to accept a commission as 2nd Lt. in the 99th U.S. Colored Infantry. He was mustered out and honorably discharged in May 1865. The other men were all from Eaton County (MI) and all members of the 6th Michigan Infantry, Company H. All but Perrine died of disease in 1862.
- *McDonald, George, 1842-1865.* Correspondence, 1864. Letter and envelope, dated Aug. 11, 1864, addressed to Mrs. Nancie Rowland, Howell (Livingston County, MI) and "Dear sister and brother" from McDonald in Headquarters Dept. of Cumberland near Atlanta (Ga.), camp of the 6th Michigan Veteran Infantry. The letter notes that McDonald is alive and well, that he received letters from family, that he hopes God will save him, the war may continue for a long time, he hates war, and many Rebels were forced into service by the attitude of Southern women. Bio: McDonald enlisted in Co. F, 6th Michigan Infantry in March 1864 in Charlotte (Eaton County, MI) at the age of 22. He was mustered in April 1864 and transferred to Co. H in May 1864. He died of disease at Fort Gaines (Ala.) on June 10, 1865 and is buried in the National Cemetery at Mobile (Ala.), Grave No. 602.

#### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 7th (1861-1865)**

- *Beebe, Nelson W.* Family Correspondence, 1861-1865 of John and Nelson Beebe. Finding aid. Bio: Nelson Beebe enlisted in 1862 at age 23 in Company B, Michigan 4th Cavalry. He was promoted to Corporal 1862. Transferred to Invalid Corps in 1863 and discharged in 1865. John enlisted on Aug. 6, 1861 in Company H, Michigan 5th Infantry at age 19. He was mustered on

Aug. 28, 1861, re-enlisted on Dec. 15, 1863 and was again mustered on Dec. 27, 1863. He was killed in action near Petersburg (Va.) on June 16, 1864. Also the letters of John W. Bradner, A. E. Ferdon, the Bebee sisters, and other friends.

#### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 7th (1861-1865), Company B**

- *Bangs, Chester H.* Letter, 1861 Sept. 29. 2 items. Letter describing the hardships of a soldier's life, mentions blacks and the size of the army around Washington. Expects to be home by the new year. Includes brief service history. Bio: Bangs, a resident of Napoleon (MI), served in the 7th Michigan Infantry, Company B.
- *Cutcheon, Byron M. 1836-1908.* Reminiscence, ca. 1885. 1 item (2 pages). Reminiscence includes a brief summation of his career up until the fall of 1863 and a detailed account of the death of a Colonel Smith. Includes a brief service history. Bio: Resident of Ypsilanti, MI; served with 20th Mich Inf, Co B; eventually promoted to Colonel.

#### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 7th (1851-1865), Company E**

- *Curtiss, Charles H., 1837-* Papers, 1854, 1926. 1.5 cubic ft. (in 3 boxes), IL Papers, 1854-1926, include: four diaries, 1860-1864, and letters discussing marches, battles, Gen McClellan, Gen. Hooker, the treatment of soldiers, and cadets shot for desertion. Eleven muster rolls of Co. E, 7th Michigan Infantry, 1861-1863, and nine monthly returns, 1862- 1863, are housed separately due to their size. Lists of military supplies and men killed in action are noted in the 1864 diary. Photographs of Curtiss and one of his wife, Fannie, in an 1855 New Testament, and an illustration of their homestead are also included. Bio: Charles Henry Curtiss, also spelled Curtis, was born in 1837 in Huntington (Shelton, Conn.). He moved to Detroit (MI) in 1855. He served as Quartermaster Sergeant of the 7th Infantry, beginning in 1861. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. in Jan. 1863 and as a 1st Lt. in Feb. 1863. By Aug. 1863 he was Aide-de-camp to Col. Carrol. He was commissioned as a Captain in March 1864. In June 1864, he was honorably discharged. Finding aid and item-level index cards available.

#### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 8th (1861-1865)**

- *Bingham, Abel, Rev., 1786-1865.* Family Papers, 1765, 1957. 14 cubic ft. (in 29 boxes), IL Family Papers, 1765-1958 and undated, include: letters relating to Bingham's son-in-law's (John C. Buchanan) service with the 8th Michigan Infantry during the Civil War, 1861-1864. The collection is also available on microfilm. Bio: Bingham was a Baptist clergyman. His daughter, Sophie, married Buchanan. Finding aid available.
- *Ely, Ralph (1819-1883)* "With the wandering regiment." Transcript (photocopy) of manuscript edited by Dr. George M. Blackburn (1926- ) giving daily history of Capt. Ralph Ely during the Southern Rebellion, May 20, 1861-April 1, 1864. Published by CMU Press, 1965. 105 p.
- *Ely, Ralph (1819-1883)* "With the wandering regiment." Book form of transcribed manuscript edited by Dr. George M. Blackburn (1926- ) giving daily history of Capt. Ralph Ely during the Southern Rebellion, May 20, 1861-April 1, 1864. Published by CMU Press, 1965. 105 p.
- *Watson, Amasa B.* Family Papers, 1854-1932, undated. Includes: General Orders, 1861; correspondence re: Amasa B. Watson G.A.R. Post No. 395, and a carte-de-visite of Amasa in his uniform. The Amasa B. Watson G.A.R. Post No. 395 and Amasa B. Watson Woman's Relief



Corps, both of Grand Rapids (MI) were named in his honor. Bio: Watson (1836-1888) was a wealthy businessman. He was commissioned a Major in the 8th Michigan Infantry, a unit he raised, on Aug. 19, 1861. Shot through the thigh on Jan. 1, 1862, he resigned on Sept. 10, 1862, receiving an honorable discharge. Finding aid.

### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 8th (1861-1865), Company C**

- *Ely, Ralph, 1819-1893.* Papers, 1863-1943, 1861-1869. 9 items. Papers, include: diary, transcript of diary, and genealogies. Diary discusses health, unit movements, daily activities, negroes, and contains detailed descriptions of scouting activities. Includes brief service history. Born in New York State in 1819, Ely moved to Ionia County (MI) in 1846; moved to Alma (MI) in 1854, and served with the 8th Michigan Infantry, Company C. He rose to the rank of brigadier general. Ely became a state senator in 1873.
- *Howes, O. Frederick, 1914-1973.* Collection, 1862, 1973. 1 cubic ft. (in 1 box), IL The collection, 1862-1973 and undated, includes: biographical materials on Howes, the Church and Holmes family, and materials documenting Ithaca (MI) Civil War veterans, particularly his ancestors, Lafayette Church, Nathan Church, and Myron R. Holmes. Of particular interest are the letters that Lafayette, Nathan, and Myron wrote to their wives, sisters, and daughters in Ithaca (MI). Also included is the Civil War diary of Charles S. Gilbert. Bio: Lafayette Church (1816-1907) and his son, Brevet Lt. Col. Nathan Church (1840- ), were Civil War heroes of Co. D, 26th Michigan Infantry. Lafayette, a First Baptist minister in Alma (MI), married and had ten children. Nathan married and had five children, founded a bank and the Gratiot Journal, and dealt in real estate. Highly respected men, the Churches were politically active and held a number of township and county offices. Myron Holmes (1830-1863) married and had two daughters. He died of disease in 1863 while a Corporal in Co. D, 26th Michigan Infantry. Gilbert served as a Corporal in Company E, Michigan 5th Cavalry. Finding aid available.

### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 9th (1861-1865)**

- *Love, John C., 1840-1867.* Papers, 1861-1864. 74 items. Collection includes his partial journal, September 8, 1863-October 26, 1864, and letters directed to his parents, 1861- 1864. Bio: Love was a farmer from Napoleon, Michigan, who served in the Eleventh and Ninth Michigan Infantry Regiments. He participated in campaigns in Kentucky and Tennessee and in Sherman's march through Georgia.
- *Parkhurst, John G. (John Gibson), 1824-1906.* Marshall Appointment Certificate, 1866. 1 Oversized folder. Printed certificate appointing Parkhurst Marshall for the Eastern District of Michigan, signed in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 17, 1866, by Pres. Andrew Johnson, and F.W. Seward, Acting Secretary of State. The certificate has a beautiful, detailed, intact seal. A photocopy of Parkhurst's service record and photograph are included. Bio: Parkhurst enlisted and was commissioned at age 37 in the 9th Michigan Infantry as a Lt. Col. on Sept. 10, 1861 at Coldwater (MI). He was captured at Murfreesboro (TN) on July 13, 1862 and exchanged on Dec. 3, 1862. He served as Provost Marshal, 14th Army Corps, Oct. 1863-Sept. 1865 and Provost Marshal, General Military District Tennessee, June 25-Nov. 10, 1865. He was discharged at Detroit (MI) on Nov. 10, 1865. For gallantry and meritorious service, he was named Brevet Brigadier Gen., U.S. Volunteers on May 22, 1865. After the war he lived in Coldwater (MI). He was appointed Marshall for the Eastern District of Michigan in 1866.

### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 9th (1861-1865), Company A**

- *Hunt, Robert G.* Papers, 1861, 1865. Approx 3 cubic ft. (in 1 box, 7 Oversized folders). Papers of a Civil War U.S. Paymaster, 1861-1865 and undated, include: account books; business and work-related correspondence; vouchers; disbursement accounts; returns; muster rolls, muster out rolls, and pay rolls for Michigan Infantry Regiments, including the 1st Regiment, Companies H-M; 9th Regiment, Co. A; 10th Regiment, Co. A; 13th Regiment, Companies A-K and T; 19th Regiment, Co. A; and 22nd Regiment, Companies A-K. Bio: Hunt was a U.S. Paymaster for Michigan Infantry Regiments during the Civil War.

### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 9th (1861-1865), Company E**

- *Stewart, Aura P.* Correspondence, 1860, 1867. 1 folder. Eleven letters dated Nov. 5, 1860-Jan. 14, 1867. All but one letter was written to Stewart in response to his inquiries about Michigan Civil War soldiers or their land bounty applications. Michigan soldiers mentioned include: Richard King of Detroit (MI), who served in Company F, 15th Michigan Infantry; George H. Skinner of Branch County (MI), who served in Company E, 1st Michigan Infantry; William Buss or Russ of Bangor (MI), who served in Company G, 1st Michigan Infantry; John Moran of Washtenaw County (MI), who served in Company G, 1st Michigan Infantry; 2nd Lt. Joseph Phelps of Algonac (MI), who served in Company E, 9th Michigan Infantry; and Francis E. Bostwick of St. Clair County (MI), who served in Company G, 1st Michigan Infantry and who was declared missing in action in 1862. There are also photocopies of the soldiers' service records. Bio: Stewart's father was Harvey Stewart. Aura is a feminine name, but Aura Stewart is referred to as "Sir" or "Esq."

### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 11th (1861-1864)**

- *Love, John C., 1840-1867.* Papers, 1861-1864. 74 items. Collection includes his partial journal, September 8, 1863-October 26, 1864, and letters directed to his parents, 1861- 1864. Bio: Love was a farmer from Napoleon, Michigan, who served in the Eleventh and Ninth Michigan Infantry Regiments. He participated in campaigns in Kentucky and Tennessee and in Sherman's march through Georgia.
- *Weber, Daniel B.* Galley proofs of Ira Gillaspie's diary, titled "From Michigan to Murfreesboro." (See book)

### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 11th (1861-1864), Company D**

- *King, Doris L.* Family Papers, 1822, 1877. 1 folder. Family papers, 1822-1877 and undated, include: Civil War letters between Jane and William Betts and their son, Irving J. Metcalf, 1862-1866. One of Irving's letters graphically describes the hanging of a murderer on Feb. 9, 1862, which his Civil War company was ordered to witness. A letter from Jane's aunt notes the assassination of President Lincoln, 1865. Bio: Doris L. King died in 1989. The collection centers around Jane (Young) Metcalf Betts and her husbands, Taber Metcalf and William Betts, and son, Irving Metcalf of Burr Oak and St. Joseph County (MI), later of East Cleveland, Ohio and their

relatives. Irving served in Company D, 11th Michigan Infantry during the Civil War. A detailed inventory is included with the family correspondence.

### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 13th (1862-1865)**

- *Hunt, Robert G.* Papers, 1861, 1865. Approx 3 cubic ft. (in 1 box, 7 Oversized folders). Papers of a Civil War U.S. Paymaster, 1861-1865 and undated, include: account books; business and work-related correspondence; vouchers; disbursement accounts; returns; muster rolls, muster out rolls, and pay rolls for Michigan Infantry Regiments, including the 1st Regiment, Companies H-M; 9th Regiment, Co. A; 10th Regiment, Co. A; 13th Regiment, Companies A-K and T; 19th Regiment, Co. A; and 22nd Regiment, Companies A-K. Bio: Hunt was a U.S. Paymaster for Michigan Infantry Regiments during the Civil War.

### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 15th (1862-1865), Company F**

- *Stewart, Aura P.* Correspondence, 1860, 1867. 1 folder. Eleven letters dated Nov. 5, 1860-Jan. 14, 1867. All but one letter was written to Stewart in response to his inquiries about Michigan Civil War soldiers or their land bounty applications. Michigan soldiers mentioned include: Richard King of Detroit (MI), who served in Company F, 15th Michigan Infantry; George H. Skinner of Branch County (MI), who served in Company E, 1st Michigan Infantry; William Buss or Russ of Bangor (MI), who served in Company G, 1st Michigan Infantry; John Moran of Washtenaw County (MI), who served in Company G, 1st Michigan Infantry; 2nd Lt. Joseph Phelps of Algonac (MI), who served in Company E, 9th Michigan Infantry; and Francis E. Bostwick of St. Clair County (MI), who served in Company G, 1st Michigan Infantry and who was declared missing in action in 1862. There are also photocopies of the soldiers' service records. Bio: Stewart's father was Harvey Stewart. Aura is a feminine name, but Aura Stewart is referred to as "Sir" or "Esq."

### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 15th (1861-1865), Company H**

- *Bebee, Nelson W.* Family Correspondence, 1861-1865 of John and Nelson Bebee. Finding aid. Bio: Bebee enlisted in 1862 at age 23 in Company B, Michigan 4th Cavalry. He was promoted to Corporal 1862. Transferred to Invalid Corps in 1863 and discharged in 1865. John enlisted on Aug. 6, 1861 in Company H, Michigan 5th Infantry at age 19. He was mustered on Aug. 28, 1861, re-enlisted on Dec. 15, 1863 and was again mustered on Dec. 27, 1863. He was killed in action near Petersburg (Va.) on June 16, 1864. Also the letters of John W. Bradner, A. E. Ferdon, the Bebee sisters, and other friends.

### **US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 16th (1862-1865), Company A**

- *Truesdell, Henry J., 1833-* Correspondence, 1863. 1 folder. Letter (photocopy) by Truesdell, while camped in Laurel (Md.), to his "Dear Niece" Clara [Mar?], dated June 20, 1863. He wrote that the government needed protection from Copperheads and cowards and in general about the "Old Flag", and the Rebellion. There is also a photocopy of his service record. Bio: Clara was a school teacher. Truesdell enlisted in Company A, 16th Michigan Infantry at Ontonagon (MI) at age 28. He was mustered on Sept. 17, 1871 and discharged as disabled in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 12, 1862.



### US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 17th (1862-1865), Company E

- *Parker, Ralzemond A., 1843-* Papers, 1835, 1917. Approx. 1 cubic ft. (in 1 box and 1 oversized folder), IL Papers, 1835-1917 and undated. About half of the collection consists of correspondence to and from Parker and friends during the Civil War. Most of these men were enlisted in Michigan Infantry units. The rest of the collection includes G.A.R. correspondence, 1888-1896, and state laws concerning disabled veterans, 1883- 1887. The oversized folder includes a list of Michigan Boys in Blue (Co. C, 1st Regiment, 5th District), 1866, a veterans group. Bio: Parker was born in 1843. He enlisted in the Michigan Infantry, 17th Regiment, Co. E in Ypsilanti (MI), in Aug. 1862. He was discharged for disability in Baltimore (Md.), in Feb. 1863. After the war, he worked in Birmingham (MI). He was active in G.A.R. and the Union Veterans' Patriotic League. Finding aid available.
- *Vandeventer, Herman L., 1840-* Correspondence, 1862. 1 folder. Letter, dated April 26, 1862, from Vandeventer in Camp Cameron (Washington, D.C.) to Louise M. Caple and cousin Henry in Italy Hollow. The letter describes how Herman was just paid two months pay and is owed to more months pay, how marching orders are "counter mandid," the death of soldiers from smallpox, and that he is homesick. There is also a photocopy of his service record. Bio: Vandeventer enlisted in Company E, 2nd Michigan Infantry on April 17, 1861 in Niles (MI) at age 21. he was mustered on May 25, 1861. From Jan. 30- April 9, 1864, he served in Company E, 17th Michigan Infantry. On July 21, 1864, he was discharged at Detroit (MI).

### US Army Michigan Infantry Regiment, 17th (1862-1865), Company H

- *Smith, Delivan, 1844-1916.* Papers, 1862, 1916. 1 folder. Papers (mostly photocopies), 1862-1916, include his notes about Andersonville Prison, where he was imprisoned from May 12, 1864-June 2, 1865; a photocopy of his service record; and his obituary. The obituary notes that he was one of 100 men in his company to survive the Battle of Spotsylvania and one of ten in the company to survive the Prison. The ten survivors were swapped from the Prison in a prisoner exchange on June 2, 1865 and placed on the steamer, Sultana, which was blown up shortly thereafter, killing over 1600 men. Smith regained consciousness as the steamer was sinking and deserted. He survived by jumping into the river and hanging onto a floating tree. He was rescued five miles downstream and returned to Memphis and placed in a military hospital. His nine comrades were killed in the explosion. He was later transported to Columbus (Ohio) and Jackson (MI). On July 20, 1865, he was mustered out of service in Detroit (MI). Bio: Delivan Smith was born at Onondaga (NY) on Dec. 6, 1844. He moved to White Pigeon (MI) in 1860. He enlisted in Company H, 17th Michigan Infantry on Dec. 25, 1862 at age 18. He was mustered three days later. On May 12, 1864, he was taken prisoner at Spotsylvania (Va.) and imprisoned at Andersonville Prison. His official record says he was mustered out at Detroit on June 2, 1865. He married Marrilla Weatherwax, in White Pigeon, on Dec. 6, 1870. They later resided in Grand Traverse County and Grayling.

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## Our Boys in Blue During the Civil War

### Abstracted newspaper entries

The Republican - Thu 1 Jan 1863

Soldier's letter – From Rev. O. Jones, who says the 20<sup>th</sup> Mich. Inf. Hasn't been paid since it left Jackson, Mich. (Letter published\*).

A book, taken by Lt. Col. Smith, 20<sup>th</sup> Mich., at the res. Of Mayor Slaughter, Fredericksburg, VA., during the battle there, has been sent to us by Rev. J. Jones.

The Republican – Thu 8 Jan 1863

Died – In the hospital at Carlton, near New Orleans, 21-Dec., Henry J. Dunton, Co. H. 6<sup>th</sup> Mich. Inf. Enlisted from Charlotte, age 19y 6m.

The Republican – Thu 5 Feb 1863

Notice – The draft for Eaton Co. will take place 10 Feb. at the Courthouse. J. M. Haslett, Drafting Comr. Maj. J. Huston is acting as Supt. Of Enlistments in the county. (Gives details of the draft situation.\*)

The Republican – Thu 12 Feb 1863

Sheriff Warren and Ex-Sheriff Potter have been busy lately arresting deserters. (Gives more detail.\*)

Capt. Willis, Co. G, 20<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, has received his discharge.

The draft in this County has been postponed again ten days.

The Republican – Thu 19 Feb 1863

James G. Birney, son of Ex-Lieut. Gov. Birney, has been promoted from Sergeant to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. In Co. C, 7<sup>th</sup> Calvary.

The Republican – Thu 26 Feb 1863

Most of the 7<sup>th</sup> Mich. Cav. Left Grand Rapids for Washington last Mon. Maj. Granger's battalion will follow soon.

L. J. Riper, of Co. G, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mich. Inf., died at a Washington hospital.

The Republican – Thu 5 Mar 1863

Wm. E. Barber, address Mud Creek, Eaton Co., is agent for the "Pictorial History of the War for the Union".

Died - 21 – Feb., at the hospital in Murfreesborough, of typhoid pneumonia, Geo. N. Ives, formerly of Olivet, member of Co. K, 1<sup>st</sup> Mich. Engineers & Mechanics, age 23y 3m 19d. He was newly married when he entered the military. (Gives more sentiment)

Died - In Camp Hospital at Frankfort, Ky., 26-Feb, of typhoid fever, Samuel A. Estell, brother of J. G. Estelle of Brookfield, age 33.

The Republican – Thu 19 Mar 1863

Rev. Jos. Jones has been home a few weeks on furlough. He leaves tomorrow to join his regiment (20<sup>th</sup> Mich. Inf.)



The Republican – Thu 23 Apr 1863

Died in the hospital at Lebanon, KY., 11 apr of pneumonia, Aaron McGlocklin of Walton, Pvt. In Co. H., 20<sup>th</sup> Michigan Inf. A good man, a willing and faithful soldier.

Died – 25-Mar., in Sunfield, Hiram A. Dow, age 41y 5m. (Extracts from obit) He served in the 6<sup>th</sup> Mich. Regt. For nearly 14 months when he was discharged because of his illness. He was an affectionate father and husband and a valuable church member.

The Republican – Thu 7 May 1863

Soldier's letter – from J.Q.A. Sessions. Mentions Lieut. Col. Litchfield. (Letter published) From Lieut. H. H. Hatch. Extracts: I was sick the middle of Jan. Capt. Montgomery, Co. Clark, Frank Brainard are mentioned. Lieut. Trask escaped from a canoe under rebel fire and Lieut. Ralph and Lacey may have been killed or taken prisoner (letter published).

The Republican – Thu 14 May 1863

Soldier's letter – from Lieut. W. S. Trask. Extracts: Tells of his near capture by rebels while with Adjutant Ralph and Lieut. Lacey. Mentions Capt. Herron. Chas. Darken and Josiah Barber have been buried at Carrellton. (Letter published).

Died – 10 April., in New Orleans hospital, of chronic diarrhea, Josiah W. Barber of Vermontville, age 19, Pvt. In Co. H, 6<sup>th</sup> Mich. Inf. (Extracts from a large obit) He served nearly 2 yrs. When he left home for the service, he said "I don't believe I shall return. It seems to me that in the first battle we have, I shall be killed." His close friend, Edw. Dwight, was killed at Baton Rouge. The obit includes a letter from Josiah's friend saying Josiah was brought to the hospital on 4-Feb. and died 10 Apr. and gives some events that took place during his last days. Also includes a letter from one of Josiah's officers (all letters published).

Died – In the hospital, from a wound received at Fredericksburg, Wm. S. Parker of Charlotte, Pvt. Co. C, Berdan's Sharp Shooters, age 24y 8m. Extracts: Wm was wounded 3 May, a musket ball piercing through his left leg a little above the knee. At the hospital, his leg was amputated, but he died from profuse bleeding. He was interred near the hospital on 4 May. He was a brave and true soldier. (The obit includes a letter from Capt. Jas. H. Baker, to Wm.'s father, Albert Parker, giving these details of Wm.'s wounds and death.)

The Republican Thu 21 May 1863

Sergeant S. W. Grinnell, 12<sup>th</sup> Mich. Inf., who was taken prisoner at the battle of Pittsburg Lansing, is home on furlough.

Soldier's letter – from John E. Willcox (letter published)

A list of resolutions, adopted by the 20<sup>th</sup> Mich. Inf., signed by committeemen Capt. C. B. Grant, Capt. W. D. Wiltsie, Lieut. H. S. Warner, Lieut. G. N. Bullis and Lieut. O. Blood, Jr., are published here.

The Republican – Thu 4 Jun 1863

A public meeting and picnic was held in Roxand last Fri. Sergeant Grinnell told of his experience as a prisoner in the South. Mr. Fowler also spoke.

Soldier's Letter – Capt. M> J> Dickinson of Co. B., 2<sup>nd</sup> Mich Cav. Was presented a fine sabre sword. Jas. W. Gladding is promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Lieut. McGraw is sick.

The Republican – Thu 11-Jun 1863

R. B. Hughes of Bellevue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Merrill's Horse, is promoted to Captain.

**1. Who commanded the Union forces during the battle?**

Ambrose Burnside. Burnside, a native of Indiana and 1847 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point received command of the Army of the Potomac on 7 November 1862, replacing General George McClellan.

**2. What delayed the Union Army's advance across the river into Fredericksburg?**

The absence of pontoon boats. The Army waited for over two weeks for pontoons to arrive at their camps at Falmouth, across the river from Fredericksburg. Critics of Burnside have claimed that he did not even need the pontoons, rather he could have crossed the river at a shallow spot upstream from the town. Nevertheless, the river was rising and conceivably the portions of the army could have been trapped across the river.

**3. The left wing of the Confederate Army, commanded by troops from James Longstreet's First Corps used what strong natural position for artillery, that peppered Union forces?**

Marye's Heights. Confederate artillery dominated the field from their commanding position on Marye's Heights, west of Fredericksburg. The plateau of the Heights is now a National Cemetery.

**4. Soldiers of which Confederate brigade engaged Union soldiers in the streets of Fredericksburg on 11-12 December, 1862?**

Barksdale's. Barksdale's Mississippians: 13th, 17th, 18th, and 21st Mississippi regiments fiercely contested the streets of the town in the initial Federal crossing. It was one of the first examples of urban warfare in modern military history with street to street and house to house fighting.

**5. Who became a Confederate hero after bravely engaging the left wing of the advancing Union army south of Fredericksburg with one artillery cannon?**

The "gallant" Pelham as Robert E. Lee called him became a Confederate folk hero for his actions on right of the Confederate line. While Pelham's actions did not directly influence the outcome of the battle he did greatly annoy Union soldiers and cause the Union artillery to waste ammunition by trying to silence his one gun.



**6. What was seen in the night skies of Fredericksburg during the battle?**

The correct answer was Northern Lights/Aurora Borealis

**7. Who asked his superiors for permission to bring water to wounded Union soldiers trapped in front of his position?**

Richard Kirkland. Kirkland, a sergeant in the 2nd South Carolina, brought water to wounded soldiers after the gruesome attacks of 13 December. A statue within the Fredericksburg National Military Park depicts Kirkland's humane acts.

**8. James Longstreet was one of Robert E. Lee's Corps commanders. Who was the other?**

Stonewall Jackson. Jackson commanded the Second Corps, Army of Northern Virginia and was in charge of the Confederate defenses south of Fredericksburg. His portion of the line was arguably the weakest part of Lee's defensive position. Jackson's troops, however defended it well.

**9. Burnside was replaced as commander of the Army of the Potomac immediately after the battle on 14 December 1862.**

False. Burnside was not replaced until the spring of 1863 after his infamous "Mud March." Joseph Hooker took over command of the Army of the Potomac, was soundly beaten by Lee at Chancellorsville and would himself be replaced in June 1863.

**10. What river separated Union forces in Falmouth, VA from Confederate forces in Fredericksburg?**

Rappahannock. The Rappahannock River separated the opposing forces and was the barrier that needed to be crossed for Burnside and the Army of the Potomac to get at Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia

Amadeus, Mother, 7  
Armstrong, Dr. Thomas McKee, 9  
Armstrong, Dr., 9  
Armstrong, Hellen, 9  
Armstrong, Lizzie, 9  
Armstrong, Thomas M., 10  
Atkinson, Bill 2  
Atkinson, Bill, 14  
Baker, Jas. H., 35  
Bangs, Chester H., 27  
Barber, Josiah W., 34  
Barber, Wm. E., 33  
Barden, Tilson C., 22  
Bark, Aaron, 12  
Bark, Francis, 11  
Bark, Lucinda, 11  
Bark, Almira, 11  
Barnes, George A., 17  
Bebee, John, 24  
Bebee, Nelson W., 24  
Bebee, Nelson W., 26  
Bebee, Nelson W., 30  
Bennett, Lt. James, 24  
Betts, Jane, 29  
Betts, Jane, 29  
Betts, William, 29  
Betts, William, 29  
Bingham, Abel, 27  
Bingham, Sophie, 27  
Birney, James G., 33  
Blackburn, George M., 27  
Blair, Austin, 22  
Blood, Jr., O., 35  
Bostwick, Francis E., 21

Bostwick, Francis E., 29  
Bostwick, Francis E., 30  
Bosworth, Daughter, 12  
Bosworth, Edwin L., 11  
Bosworth, Francis F., 11  
Bosworth, Granger F., 11  
Bosworth, John, 11  
Bosworth, Julia, 12  
Bosworth, Kelly, 11  
Bosworth, Leo Kelly, 12  
Bosworth, Lomyra Kelly, 11  
Bosworth, Lomyra, 12  
Bosworth, Lucina, 11  
Bosworth, Luther Boomer, 11  
Bosworth, Luther Boomer, 12  
Bosworth, Myron K., 11  
Bosworth, Myron Kelly, 12  
Bosworth, Nancy S., 12  
Boyd, Gregory A., 16  
Bradner, John W., 24  
Bradner, John W., 27  
Brainarad, Frank, 34  
Brown Sher , 1  
Brown, Sher, 2  
Buchanan, John C., 27  
Bullis, G. N., 35  
Burch, 17  
Burnside, 15  
Burnside, A. E., 22  
Burnside, Ambrose, 36  
Burr, E. D., 18  
Burr, Ezra D., 18  
Buss, William, 21  
Buss, William, 29

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Caple, Louise M. 23  
Caple, Louise M., 31  
Carrol, Col, 27  
Charter, George W., 26  
Chet, 22  
Church, Lafayette, 28  
Church, Nathan, 28  
Clever, Gladys M., 16  
Collins, Jim, 2  
Copenhaver, 16  
Copenhaver, Gary, 2  
Copenhaver, Sherry  
Copenhaver, Sherry, 16  
Cousino, Marcy, 16  
Cousino, Marcy, 2  
Culley, frank C., 18  
Curtis, 27  
Curtis, Charles Henry, 27  
Curtis, Smith, 12  
Curtiss, Charles H., 27  
Curtiss, Fannie, 27  
Cutcheon, Byron M., 27  
Darin, David, 16  
Darken, Chas., 34  
Deer Richard, 16  
Devin, Augustus, 10  
Dickinson, M. J., 35  
Dow, Hiram A., 34  
Dowler, 16  
Dunning, Ed, 2  
Dunton, Henry J., 32  
Dwight, Edw, 34  
Edmonds, S. Emma E., 22

Ells, Frank A., 17  
Ely, Ralph, 27  
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Ensign, Amanda, 23  
Ensign, Daniel, J., 23  
Estell, Samuel A., 33  
Ferdon, A. E., 24  
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Fhaner, Maxine M., 16  
Fields, Mary, 7  
Fish, W. J. 19  
Foote, Edward A., 17  
Fowler, Mr., 35  
Fuller, Sarah A. Howard, 25  
Gibson, John, 28  
Gifford, Robert D., 18  
Gladding, Jas. W., 35  
Glasgow, Jo, 2  
Good, Frank, 25  
Goostrey, Betty L., 2  
Grand, C. B., 35  
Granger, Maj., 33  
Grinnell, Sergeant, 35  
Haines, Bill, 2  
Hall, Orris A., 16  
Halsey, Drouscella, 16  
Harrison, Benjamin, 10  
Harrison, John Scott, 10  
Harrison, John, 10  
Harrison, William Henry, 10  
Haslett, J. M., 32  
Hatch, H. H., 34  
Hay, Cecil, 17  
Henderson, 17



Henderson, Horace, 26  
Herridon, Horace, 26  
Herron, Capt, 34  
Hewitt, John W., 25  
Higbee, Frederick, 24  
Hodges, Shirley Gage, 13  
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Hodges, Shirley, 2  
Hodskin, Charles Horace, 22  
Holmes, Myron R., 28  
Hooker, Gen., 27  
Hooker, Joseph, 37  
Hopkins, Charles C., 22  
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Howard, Jerome W., 18  
Howes, O. Frederick, 28  
Hughes, R. B., 35  
Hunt, Robert G., 20  
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Huston, J., 32  
Isham, Warren, 17  
Ives, Geo. N., 33  
Jacob, S. J., 19  
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Johnson, Andrew, 28  
Johnson, J. V., 17  
Johnston, William, 17  
Jones, George W., 26  
Jones, Jos., 33  
Jones, O., 32  
Keyes, Karl D., 19  
King, Doris L., 29  
King, Richard, 21

King, Richard, 29  
King, Richard, 30  
King, Royal H., 26  
Kirchmaier, William, 10  
Kirkland, Richard, 37  
Kitchen, Samuel, 22  
Kittridge, K., 18  
Krupp, Mary Rose, 7  
Lasorda, Jesse L., 16  
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Lincoln, Pres., 25  
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Town, Eva, 12  
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Warner, Stella Marie, 19  
Warner, W. E., 19  
Warren, Sheriff, 32  
Washington, George, 22  
Watson, Amasa B., 27  
Weber, Daniel, 29  
Westland, W. C., 18  
Whidden, Phyllis, 16

Whipple, William L., 23  
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Wilcox, John E., 35  
Williams, Wolcott B., 16  
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Yarick, John, 21  
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Young, Jane, 29