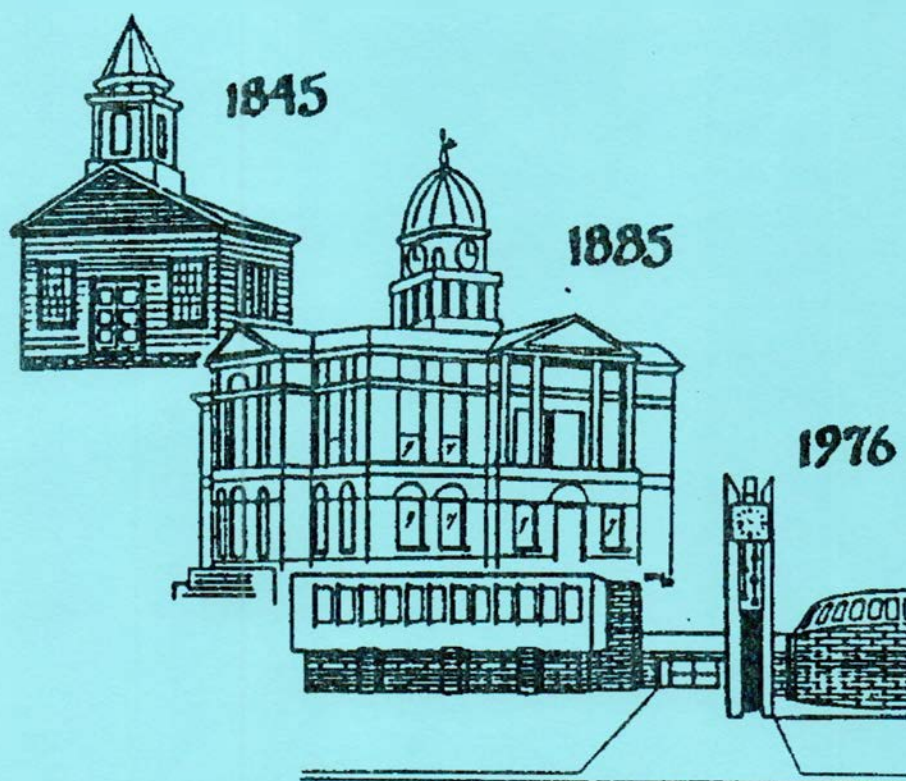


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THE ONE-ROOM SCHOOL

Genealogists become skilled in tracing data about ancestors. We learn the "who" and the "where" and the "when". Don't we often wonder "what" their lives were really like on a day-to-day basis?

An important part of their everyday lives in their younger years was how they learned their readin', ritin', and 'rithmetic so that they could become better functioning and more effective citizens. For myself and the parents or grandparents of many of you, the educational environment was very different from what we know today.



For many in your lineage, the educational process started and ended, sooner or later, in a one room country school. Many of them were fortunate if they were able to stay in school beyond the fourth, fifth, or sixth grade. Eighth-grade graduation from a country school was an event less common than you may think.

Most country schools were taught by a single teacher. In earlier years, this might be a local girl who had herself recently completed the local school program. In about 1911, when my father started teaching, a candidate was required to complete an examination at the county level. If they passed the test, they could be licensed to teach. By about the time of World War II, a prospective teacher was required to complete one year of "county normal" training in order to be certified. Many of our state universities began as "normal schools" for the purpose of training teachers.

The teacher was required to supervise whatever number of school-age children lived within the boundaries of the district. This number could be ten or as many as thirty or forty. Subjects included reading, English, arithmetic, history, geography, possibly hygiene or health, penmanship, and hopefully a little music. Each grade, from kindergarten through eighth grade, had their own lessons in each subject. Teachers also had to help students individually with seatwork. All the while they had to maintain control of the rest of the classroom. This was often not easy when there were several big boys who could not make it through eighth grade but were too young to legally drop out, and who were not eager to be there. Fortunately the teacher was not burdened with all the reports and other red tape which interferes with preparation and teaching today. The teacher also usually had the solid backing of the parents.

The physical facilities were much different than we think of today. School was in session during fall, winter and spring. The building was constructed in whatever manner the district could afford and/or what the people knew how to build. Many were of frame and clapboard construction, usually with large windows for light. Of course all were uninsulated. This made the winter months especially interesting.

Buildings were heated by wood stoves, mostly of the style which we might call pot bellied. It took a while to get them heated up in the morning. Heat moved by two means, radiation and convection. At the people level, the stove surface gave off infrared radiation. This meant that you baked on one side and froze on the other — for who ever could get close enough to the stove. The air at the stove was heated, and then pushed upward by the cold air down closer to the floor. This warmer air then collected up near the ceiling. By lunchtime, the warmer air might fill the upper part of the room and begin to make its presence known down at people level.

Of course there were no electric fans to circulate the air. Lighting consisted of kerosene lamps. Later, schools might have a gas mantle lamp hanging from the center of the ceiling — a definite improvement when window light was insufficient or at night meetings.



However, things were the same at home. Indoor winter attire included warm underwear covering most of the body — plus possibly several petticoats for the girls. Snow pants or the earlier equivalent were a necessity for the long walk to school.

Desks of various sizes were provided. The school library might consist of a few shelves. In front of the desks was a six-foot-long recitation bench. Each class was called up to sit on the bench for their own particular class "recitations" — discussion of their lessons with the teacher.

Sanitary facilities consisted of two small frame buildings at the back of the one-acre lot, one for boys and one for girls. Unheated, of course.

Despite the apparent academic shortcomings of the situation, and how thinly the teacher was spread across too many grades and subjects, there were developmental advantages to attending such a school. You learned to work independently, since the teacher was usually busy with other classes. You learned many things ahead of your grade level by listening to the older students' classes. Often, older students learned skills and responsibility by helping younger students. You learned to function with people with a wide range of ages and abilities.

My father once observed that, despite the advantages of graded classrooms in the town schools, high school valedictorians tended to come from the rural schools. It probably did not hurt that, by living and working on the home farm, children learned to work hard and carry a lot of responsibility at an early age.

The educational experiences of your forbears tended to be much different than your own, even as yours was rather different from what children experience today. Opinions may vary as to which was or is most effective. Realizing these differences in their backgrounds and environments may be of help in understanding the relationships, choices, moves, struggles, conflicts, and losses for which you find evidence in the records. They were real people, too, even as you and I. As we continue our research, may we come to know them better.

Vernon Jones

Perry School

By Betty Dahlem Goostrey
April 30, 2014



I started Kindergarten September 1941. My teacher was Miss Morgan. The only thing I remember was on my birthday, December 7th, that a girl told us about our President had declared war on Japan because of Pearl Harbor.

My first grade teacher was Mrs. Finch. I can't think of anything that year.

My second thru seventh grade teacher was Mrs. Lois Hawes. We always started with the Pledge of Allegiance and sang a song. Then we would listen to the teacher read a chapter from some book. Heidi was one of them.

1945



1947



Perry con't:

We carried our lunches in dinner pails and drank water from the water pail in a dipper.

We played at all three recesses. We played Ante-I-Over by choosing two teams. We had a teeter-totter and a swing. We played a tag game with everyone on the cement porch. As we ran around and got caught, we had to hang on the Flag-pole until someone rescued us. We also played soft ball. In the winter time, we made snowmen and once we built a snow fort to hide in during a snowball fight.

Our lessons always seemed easy for me. Mostly I got A's and B's. Government class was hard for me so I got a C. One election year, teacher let us vote for P^resident and the outcome she voted in the real election.

We had a piano, so on rainy days, we would mess around on it.

When I was in eighth grade, our teacher was Miss Hoffner, who got married around Christmas time and became Mrs. Reist. She gave me piano lessons for helping her clean the floor with a compound sawdust.

The older students helped with lessons for the younger students.

We had a dance lesson to learn the Highland Fling and Mom had to sew me a skirt with a wide circle. Our class went to a final dance group at Charlotte High School. I think it was all country school students.

One time we went to the Olivet theater to see Black Beauty.

I remember one year some mothers brought hot lunches for us to eat. In our health class, we were told to eat fruit for breakfast and the only thing Mom had for us was apples. I usually had cereal or egg and toast. We students laughed when one kid said they ate pancakes every day.

On rainy days when we had to stay inside, we would play London Bridges and when we were caught, we chose apple or orange.

Our school had a huge furnace with space inside the door and we brought potatoes to be baked for lunch. One of our science projects was to wrap corn kernels in wet newspaper and put by the furnace to sprout out.

All thru grades three to eight, I had two girlfriends and one boy until sixth grade. His folks sent him to Olivet. At Christmas time, we would put on a play and songs and poems. I remember the play "Scrooge". My Dad was Santa Clause one year and he got tipsy before time to perform. Boy, I was so embarrassed.



Perry con't:

One time in the evening, we had a box social. The lady to receive a bid was behind a sheet and her shadow was bid on.

Most of all, the kids walked or rode bicycles to and from school. Two or three walked over a mile. I usually had a group of kids to walk with.

One time a girlfriend passed a note to me asking if I knew how babies were born. I shook my head 'no'. When we were out for recess, the boy who was seated behind me got into my desk and took the note to the teacher. She called us in for a talking.

The first couple of years we had to use out-side toilets and the school district built inside toilets off of the coat room. Boy was that great!

My father, Silvion Danlem, attended 1st-8th grades at Perry school. He chose to then go to Charlotte High School and had to provide his own transportation. He always felt the country schools gave the best education!

Hubbard School, Chester Township

Verlin Shaver



We spent a delightful afternoon with Verlin Shaver at the Eaton County Genealogical Society library talking about Hubbard school memories. His nephew Larry Kelley, who wished he could have attended the (by then) closed Hubbard school, brought him in and also shared his memories.

His father, Willard Shaver, directed the school during Verlin's school years. When the school was auctioned off using sealed bids in the late 1950s, Willard bought the school for \$100.00, which included the contents.



These are some pages from a Michigan Tuberculosis Association booklet Verlin had in school.

A few pages of his arithmetic and geography workbooks in 7th grade in 1936.



Gumtown School 1942 (ca)

By Sherry Copenhaver, 2013



My dad, Robert J. Wood, told me
about his school days in the one year
he attended a rural school.

(Story told in 2013.)



Dad went to Gumtown school in his 4th grade, the only year he went to a country school. His parents had bought a farmhouse with 80-some acres about 6 miles from Bellevue and before they moved in, the farmhouse burned. At some point, someone built a frame house on the land and Dad's family moved into that house, which I always referred to as the 'pink house'. This house was kitty-corner from the Gumtown school, close enough that Grandma could holler at the kids to come home and do something for her.

His teacher was Edna Miller. She did not have very good control over the students. One time, Dad did something that she decided he needed to miss a recess, so she wrote his name on the corner of the chalkboard with the note of no recess. When it came time for recess, all the kids put on their coats, boots and hats (winter time) and Dad did the same thing. Mrs. Miller told Dad he could not go out. There was a stove in the middle of the room and Dad began running from her, with her chasing him around that stove about 3 times. Then, Denny held the door open and Dad scooted out that door and played during that recess. Under his name on the chalkboard then came the note of missing 2 recesses! Due to the unruliness of most students, the County Superintendent, Mr. Wetstone, came to the school and reprimanded them greatly.

Dad said there were rows of desks and each grade would take their turn at the front of the row while Mrs. Miller taught that grade.

The kids caught a squirrel and brought him into the school with them. He had a cage or some type of container and the kids would let him out sometimes (or perhaps he escaped sometimes). They caught that squirrel so many times that he ended up with no fur on his tail. One time, they could not catch him and he jumped up on several things until he ended up on top of the chalkboard. Well, from there, he had to jump down and he jumped down on top of Mrs. Miller's head! She had her hair in a bun and that squirrel caused her hair to come undone and her hair cascaded down her back. She said 'this squirrel is no longer welcome in this school' and Dad took the squirrel home with him.

Dad was part of an escapade where they decided they needed to catch some gophers and take to school. They made a 'water brigade' to pass water along to put in the gopher holes and caught some gophers. The gophers then lived in a box at school and the kids would go peek at them. One day, they smelled an odor and checked out the box and lo and behold *** baby gophers!

When Dad started 5th grade, a lot of country schools were consolidated with Bellevue. Some of the schools were physically moved to the Bellevue school grounds as there was plenty of land there. The kids actually had school in those school houses. Dad had the job of bringing out their lunches to one of the separate school houses, eating lunch with them and taking back anything that needed to go back. Mrs. Miller taught at this school building he took the lunches to.

Gumtown con't:

Dad says the Gumtown school was sold to Bart Armantracht, who used it to store hay in and at some point, the school burned. The farmhouse that Mrs. Edna Miller lived in also burned later and she and her daughter both died from the fire.

Eleanora Gidner Jarrett's 4-H Years



The Busy Bees
1929-1931

McClintic School, Eaton Township



Eleanora in July 2014 with her 4-H pin, certificates and towels she made.

Close-up of her 4-H pin.



Hans Kardell worked with Eaton County farmers and came to the different schools to begin 4-H clubs; sewing for the girls and handicrafts (woodworking) for the boys. Children had to be going on 10 years old or older to join. Eleanora joined her school's sewing 4-H club in 1929 and they named their club The Busy Bees, she told young 'reporter' **Megan Pitcher**. Megan, working with her grandmother Sherry Copenhaver, visited with Eleanora one summer evening to hear about Eleanora's experience with the 4-H organization. Eleanora belonged to the club for three years. Each year, the projects would be more challenging and difficult to complete. There was an Achievement Award ceremony after her first year in the room above the Munger's Hardware store, downtown Charlotte. For the next two years, she displayed her projects in the Eaton County 4-H Fair.



For her first year, 1929-1930, they made linen towels. One towel was hand-hemmed, and the other towel was hemmed using a treadle sewing machine that she remembers must have been at the school as that is where they met for their projects. Her teacher, Marian Ferguson Kline, was her leader this first year.

The material to make these had to be 100% linen and purchased from Richey's Dry Goods store, a local downtown Charlotte merchant for many years. These are the actual towels that she saved throughout the years.

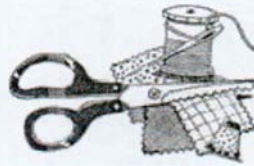


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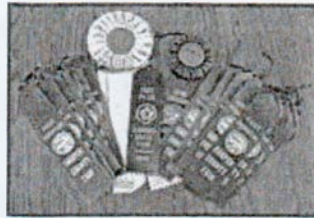
In addition to the towels, the girls designed their own pattern for a dress, then followed the pattern to actually make the dress. Eleanora made a sheath dress.

For her second year, her mother Lulu Gidner was the leader. She remembers making a bright pink smock.

For her third year, her mother again was the leader and this year she made a lined suit, consisting of a jacket and skirt.

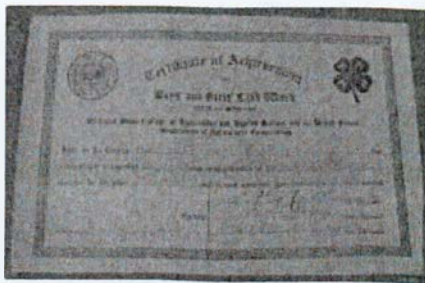


Her smock and suit projects were displayed at the Eaton County 4-H Fair.

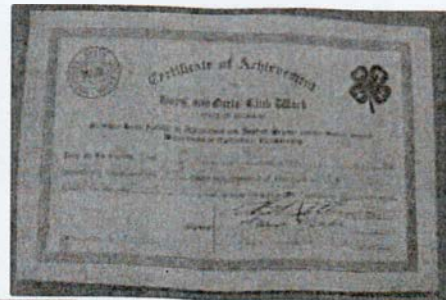


Eleanora's 4-H Certificates

1929-1930 4-H Certificate



1930-1931 4-H Certificate



1931-1932 4-H Certificate



**ACHIEVEMENT DAYS
FOR CLUBS ARE HELD**

CHAMPIONS IN EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT ARE ANNOUNCED—
COUNTY CONTEST IN MAY

Exton County boys and girls enrolled in clothing and handicraft clubs, had their final achievement days, April 12 and 13. At that time, F. O. Lendin and Harold Shiner, assistant State Club leaders, accompanied by Mrs. Gertrude Fricke and Hans Kordel, visited the rural schools participating in the winter club work.

Mr. Lundin judged the boys work and Mrs. Shaver selected the winner among the girls. All members finishing the project received a certificate of achievement and those placing first, in each school will have an opportunity to compete in a county contest, which will be held in Charlotte, May 23.

All clubs are eligible to enter their vehicles at the county fair, where literal prizes will be offered. Due to the bad condition of the roads last winter, the logs in the Sunday school did not finish their project but will show up their work before the county achievement day.

The champions in each school are as follows:

Mr Ellsack school first year. Emma Gelfer, style champion, Donna-belle Elmer; handicraft, first year. Olive Elmer.

Doverton school, second year, sewing club, first place: Kathryn Rogers; state champion, Agnes Anderson; second year champion, Hazelburn H. Darvett Rogers.
Hawthorn school, first year, Lillian Wright, second year, Dorothy Garinger, state champion; Kathryn Crilla, third year, handicraft, Claude Van Dorem.

Heavy school, first year. Florence
Locke; second year, thick and style
Champion, Marvin Locke; first year.
Handicraft, Maryann Locke; second
year. Ralph Van Vlack; third year,
Herald Zimmerman.

Diamonds school, first year, Ott Harris; second year, Vernon Hall; fourth year, Florence Hinder; style champion, Shirley Russell.

Milwaukee school, first year, Gertrude Hartman; state champion, Kathryn Smith.

Bentley school first year, Anita Bentley; style champion, Mary Buchanan.

New Orleans school first year, Mary Fox; style champion, Betty Scott.
Earl school, first year, Edna Wick-
ins.

Wetmore school, first year, Pauline Davidson; style champion, Helen Winger.

Hallendrick school first year. Star-
ville Lindberg; style effeminate. Cary
Cary.

Delia Iffla, first year, Mustang Street.
style champagne. Bessie Mosick; first
year basketball. Harry Hagerty.

style risographos, Maxine Austin.

Yoliet school, handicraft, first year
Paul Murphy; second year, Rolland
Pisler.

Altogether, 124 boys and girls received their certificates of achievement. The most enthusiastic work was

ment. The most outstanding work was exhibited by the boys in the German school handicraft club. Myron Nager acted as leader for this club.

4-H handcraft and sewing club work is being met with much interest in the rural communities and during the last week, several new clubs were organized. The interest and cooperation shown by the rural teachers in this work cannot be more effectively

The boys in the McIntosh school organized the "Tip Top Winners" club and elected Kathryn Stewart, president; Raymond Dewler, vice president; John Bremer, secretary; and Orlo Taylor, treasurer. Other members are Glenn Wood, Merle Fulkraft, Billie Garvey, Orval Fulkraft, Glenn Glous and Howard Gillett. Fred Wood was selected leader by acclamation.

The girls in the McClintock school organized the Busy Bee club and elected Edna Mae Heem, president; Daphne Hild, vice president; Helen Mary Denton, secretary; and Beth O'Neil, treasurer. Irene Olsson, Lars Olsson, Marie Gervy, Emma Olander, are also members. Mrs. Olander was chosen as leader with Mrs. Denton as assistant.

Club work was also started at the Rosend Center school, where the teacher, Mrs. Lila Kinneman, got the children interested. The girls club organized with Margaret Overholt as president, Eda Vedder, vice president; Eleanor Beaulieu, secretary; and Eva VanDer. Treasurer. Other members are Doris Vedder, Vera Brown, Signa Shinn, and Lars Austin. Mrs. Lila Kinneman was assisted in this endeavor

The Ronald Order boys also formed a club and Charles Austin was selected president; Robert Gritter, vice president; Robert Fayer, secretary and Gordon Green, treasurer. Other members are Dale Carpenter, Vern Overholt, Richard Ewing and Dwight Carpenter.

The 4th Handcraft and Sewing contest, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, was held at the Chamber grounds last week. The contest was a success. Approximately 100 boys and girls and 50 girls and boys participated. The contest was held at the Chamber grounds last week. The contest was a success. Approximately 100 boys and girls and 50 girls and boys participated. The contest was held at the Chamber grounds last week. The contest was a success. Approximately 100 boys and girls and 50 girls and boys participated.

Dr. Sackett and Reardon and 12-year Alvin Starnes, city school nurse, had a real job in guiding the beautiful boys and girls of the day. A number of 4-yearers were close competitors for this honor but Dorothy Gearing of Bushfield township and Charles Woodworth, Brenton, were finally chosen to represent the equity in the state contest during the week at East Lansing in July. Grace Melvin, DeLo, and John F. Strang, Combs, took second, in the Junior Health contest, boys and girls between the ages of 10-14. Vera French, Co-

set and Kiana Ward. Vermontville was named champion with Norm Woodworth, Shoshun and Opa Smith. Eaton, second. The style time was another interesting feature of the day and the many attractive dresses showed that the girls and their mothers have been busy last winter. Foyette Northrup, Vermontville was second champion with Katherine Smith, Carroll, second.

Each year, a champion is picked in each project in the various clubs. Later these champions compete in county championships and all county champions in turn attend club work at Michigan State college. The following boys were picked as local champions in basketball club work: "True and Square" club, Delta, Smith McCallister; Handy Hands with the Hammer, Vernonville, Ernest Lindberg; Saw and Hammer boys, Chester Douglas Burdette.

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 Woodard, Triangle club, Glaston
 Alfred Innes, third year work
 Harold Reynolds, first year, The Top
 Winters club, Eaton, Ode's T
 first year, Harvard College, sec
 year; Mary Mills, Carmel, Pen
 Kilian, first year, Joe Hawk, Je
 second year; Happy Hammett, Beate
 Maynard Locks, second year, Joh
 Willet, third year, Harold Zim
 man, fourth year; Wylie
 Franklin, Deane, Percy school
 Andre Brunon,

In the final contest, the following century champions were chosen—first year, Lavin Woodward; second year, Russell Collette; third year, Alden Tines; fourth year, Harold Thunman; and, eleven clubs with 64 members fifty-six of them finishing, compete in this contest.

In the evening club work and style show, local champions were picked as follows—Merry Eight, Sunfield, sewing, Theresa Nemeth, style, and Andy Frank; Blamack Day Bros, Local.

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Florence Dickson, Esplanade club member was chairman of the adjourned meeting. Charles Woodworth acted as host. Leader of the members of the club participated in furnishing a very good reception.

F. O. Landolt, Mrs. Harriet Hunter and Miss Sylvia Whelan, assistant state club leaders, judged the work and picked the champions.

The local club leaders all deserve a lot of praise for their untiring efforts in convincing the boys and girls to join the club work again.

Valley School Memories From the Cotsman Sisters

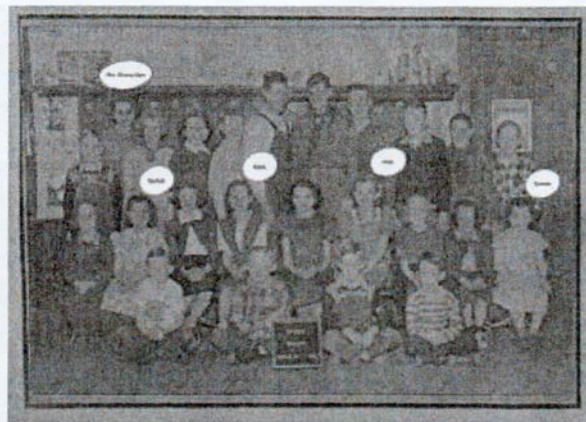
The Cotsman sisters lived $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the Valley school in Carmel Township and attended the school from the years of about 1946 through 1959. They were 4 girls on a farm with hard working parents and a love of nature. Their parents' families came from Russia. Their father, Nicholas Kaczmarek (legally changed to Cotsman) lived on his parents' family farm in Mt. Pleasant when he met their mother, Anne June Yacyshun (called Jacksyn) at a wedding in Cleveland where she lived. Their families knew each other. Their father swept their mother off her feet and moved her to his farm for the first 5 years, then to an 80 acre property in Charlotte. While the farm was very important to their father, he did work at General Motors to make a living for the family. The sisters were:

Rosemary (Rosie) Cotsman: Attended about 1946-1954

Nikki Cotsman Wykstra: Attended about 1947-1954

Darlene K. Cotsman Place (Ohio): Attended about 1949-1957

Evonne Lea Cotsman Raymond: Attended about 1951-1959



This is one of the years (1951) that all four sisters attended together.

Three of these four sisters are living (Rosie passed away in 2006) and one of them, Nikki, heard about the Eaton County Historical Commission Rural School Project and contacted her sisters about it. They had a wonderful time remembering things and reminding each other of the good old school days. They have all shared some of their memories with us.

Nikki's Memories - 2014

My 8th grade was at the Charlotte High School because my Country Valley School teacher went to my parents and coaxed them to pay \$48 to have me go to town a year early. She said I had read every book on hand in the school and wanted me to get additional learning that the town school would provide. I remember that it was a "big deal" for our family and it was perfect because of my love of science. I ended up correcting papers for Mr. Cronheim during my study hall -- he was my eighth grade science teacher. (At my age, now, I am a retired teacher -- elementary reading plus grades one through five.)



Cotsman con't:

Valley School--Eaton County, Michigan 1947 --1954 (approximately)



My learning and my joy at the one room school--grades 1 through 7

It was not all joy----I did explode with anger on one occasion and tried to beat up on Scott who was constantly harassing me during recess. My mother happened to be delivering her homemade soup to our lunch time and she was in a state of shock as Scott and I were being separated by our teacher. I was usually a well-mannered person. This was a time that delivered me peace for the rest of the days at Valley and Scott and I became friendlier from that day on. Then, there was the time we spent the day cleaning up the grounds of the schoolyard. I woke in the middle of the night and my parents stared at me in disbelief. My body was swollen and my eyes almost shut. They took me to the hospital and I stayed home from school 3 to 4 weeks recovering from poison ivy allergy. I received painful shots for many days. I certainly do recognize the plant and started an interest in botany from that experience. But I returned to school with dried scabs from all the blisters that were everywhere. I sat in a rocker next to our coal and wood stove as the heat helped the extreme itching. My classmates were kind.

The school was a good education for life. The rules were strict for quiet and we were in parent -- teacher conference whenever it was needed. Our teachers were all women and we did not know much about them. They did not share their other lives. We wondered but that kept the discipline even though our teachers had many different personalities. I owe much to my final teacher in 7th grade. Her name was Durkin or something similar. She did not consult with me but she campaigned for me with my parents first. It was her idea that I should not attend Valley in my eighth grade because she had no more books available for me to read. She gave me a paperback poetry book at the end of the year and my parents paid \$48 for tuition for me to attend the High school eighth grade class. It was such a boost to my science interest and to my new love of poetry (I had memorized "The Highwayman" by Alfred Noyes and the Legend of Bishop Hatto at Valley)---so, therefore, I have the opinion that the Teacher of the Valley School was of utmost importance. Since I am a humble teacher of elementary, Reading Consultant, and Reading Recovery, I know you never think you are doing enough. There are always decisions to be made for the lesson. My teachers remained with Valley or they left after one year. It is a blur of memories but I do know Mrs. Garn and Mrs. Durkin by name. They affected me with their service to me. Every teacher had to help us with a Christmas program for parents and she allowed the older students to make up the back room as a "haunted house" for our younger students. Halloween parties were very big at our school. (Teachers put in extra hours.)

My opinion of Valley as a young child was filled with curiosity and fun with friends. But it was also a means to do my own investigations with books. We did not have a strong science foundation but we could have reports for independent study. We also helped others who needed practice with something. Co-operative learning came about naturally and that was the big "buzzword" a few years ago in education. The small group co-operation did help us in our jobs of adult life. I never felt better or worse than another classmate (only Judy and I were in the same class). We just studied the same things and grew together in our basic skills. We just went different ways for independent study. I loved going to the town library to get more books. My mother was also an avid reader. She even investigated concerts and plays at Michigan State so her 4 daughters would broaden their horizons.

My Dad worked the farm but he also worked at General Motors in Lansing. We did help with chores, harvesting, and even hunting for rabbit and pheasant. He did say he knew a son would have done better but we would laugh and ignore the remark. Dad was of the Old Country and we could not argue with him. As an adult he grew mellow and we loved his new self.



Cotsman con't:

Competition was also a part of our way at Valley. We had softball games with other one room schools. This was high drama and we did not get much in the way of physical education so we had to invent the proper way to do things. I have felt that MUSIC and Physical Education suffered in the little school. Also, I never took an art class until I entered college at WMU in Kalamazoo. I had three minors for teaching—art, group science, and English. My art classes were astounding to me. I found that art had rules and if you followed those rules, you could produce wonderful things. In fact, I took one "beginning" ceramics class and loved the challenge. For 22 years, I told my family, "When I retire, I will take a ceramics class" ---- I did and for 6 years, I created many pots, bowls, sculptures of fish, and the 'Wheel' was my friend.

The music I see my grandchildren involved in has seemed to be so enjoyable, that I think confidence with an instrument (voice as well) helps to enrich any life. We did enjoy our singing at the Valley School and the teacher's often did play the piano. We did not think music was a skill so we did not even try. Piano lessons were done through your parent's pockets.

Knowing the skills of physical fitness was lost in the little school but we could always walk, run, and certainly climb trees. Not bad at all for endurance. We also rode bicycles.

At one time, one of my teachers asked us to debate the value of a ONE room school. My memory is dim on the actual event, but I do remember I was on the offense in the matter and it was hard to debate because I felt good about my education there and did not want to hurt feelings. I think I stuck to the premise that you had to be less shy in the big schools. You had to be a friend to get friends and you needed to know many people to know what was going on in the world. (We just started to get television).

Today is so different, but so scary with Facebook, instant texting, and cameras everywhere. So far, my 7 grand* children are thriving. I am grateful to be alive in this era. I wrote a term paper in high school about "Predictions of the Future" --- We are here. 1984 was a little early in it's dreary controlled life with Big Brother (if you read the actual book during that actual year as I did) but the computer has accelerated every phase of our life. 0000h for the life at Valley School with less information hitting your airwaves (wi fi).

Thank you for letting me share those times of joy and gaining confidence.

Sincerely,

Nikki *Cotsman Barry Wykstra*

Darlene's Memories - 2014

I don't have any old school pictures from the old one room school house. Doesn't matter. I paint a picture in my head of those days, much better than any snap shots, anyway. It was fun, wasn't it?

Playing "Any-I Over" with a softball over the School house roof, then running around trying to tag the kids on the other side.

Playing "Between the Two Trees" hide and seek (remember those two big trees at the rear of the school grounds)?

Playing "Work Your Way Up (to Bat) Softball Games" on the ball diamond in back of the school.

Cotsman con't:

Trying to be a Gymnast on the Trapeze that came with the new playground swing set.

Collecting "Fool's Gold" limestone rocks from the rocks lining the driveway. JoAnn and I did that a lot. We thought we were really finding gold. LOL! Silly Us.

Going "Morrel Mushroom Picking" with Mrs. Garner along the river bank of that little creek next to the school. Picking wild flowers along the road, on the way walking home from school. You always found those beautiful white trilliums, better than any of us.

Our little corner of Library shelves filled with all of the Classics. That's where I started to read all of the Dog stories (White Fang, Call of the Wild, Old Yeller, etc.) I loved those books. I'm sure you did too. One year that Mean old Teacher who started a hot lunch at school, where mothers took turns at bringing Soup or Chili for our lunch. Then, the teacher would take her turn on one day and make her Yucky Potato Soup that made us all Gag. She gave up on that idea after so many of us threw up at recess from it.

Mrs. Garner asked me to tutor little Dennis in his reading, because he was having a hard time in 2nd grade. I was about 4th or 5th grade. And I also tutored a little girl in math, which also helped to cement those learning abilities in my own head. Being in a one room of all grades, was a good way to help others learn, and us to relearn the basics well. There was a general feeling of helping each other, that made all of the subjects in school more interesting and accessible. I don't remember ever hating school or learning. It was the boys who got me so interested in science. The one room school house was a very good learning experience. I'm sure the teachers had a lot of work to do, but they did a very good job of it.

Oh well, fond memories. Thanks for the reminder. It truly was a wonderful experience for us, as well as educational.



The and My Experience of attending
a one room school house.

First off I have to tell & say that my
sisters and I had to walk or ride bikes
to the school. And it was a mile & a half.
That made it quite excruciating. And the
stretch of highway that we had to go on
was dangerous & scary. I had sisters
that went to the same school, but a
great part of the time I felt alone in
my being there. I was a happy &
content child. And I was very interested
in learning. I did not expect to
have all the experiences that I got with
the going to school. I feel that there
was more life lessons learned than
academic learnings. However it may
have been 50 to 50. It was joyfull
exciting & fun going to the school.
The school was very unique, and
I felt that the variety of children
and grades were a special thrilling
event.

2.

The fact of variety seemed to create a submissive reaction & control over us.

When ever the silence was broken, the teacher demanded silence and explained many things. Rules & standards were put in place. To tell or say everything about this subject of a one rm. school house would entail writing a book. So I'm trying to condense as much as I can. As a woman of 68 years old, I find it hard to believe that I spent 8 years going to the school. I feel that 8 yrs. should have given me a pretty good education. But I can hardly remember any learning that I recieved. It was a huge learning experience of life. I loved my country home & parents. But I always very much looked forward to being in school. However, some teachers were telling me not to read some books. It's hard to explain everything. Some teachers were not good teachers. Often they would get confused.

3.

My education began with reading and keeping track of time on the clock which the teacher asked of me. It was a big responsibility on her behave. It made me proud + I felt very good to do this for the teacher. The only one to be choosen out of all the other children. Speaking of only one. I was an only one of my grade level. It sort of made me feel bad as well as good. Sometimes out sider teacher's came in to our school for special teachings. These teacher's were terrific in many ways. I learned more and remembered better. One of these teachers shounded English Grammar into me. I am very thankfull + gratefull to her for this. I was not allowed to read a big beautifull science book. Or a psychology book from the book shelf. I was encouraged + read a geography book, which was wonderfull. I read a civics book. I read + practiced Arithmetic. I read some History. I read some literature. I tried very hard to learn + remember things about the nice large maps that the teacher tried teaching us about astronomy + world countries.

4.
 If I were to explain in long lengths or give details I would be writting too much. I don't know where all the time went. I don't remember reading as much as I think I could have. I wish I did read more. Living in the country on a farm and going to a school like a one rm. school house comes with big responsibilities. And when you a child growing up its not easy managing everything. Faith, trust, confidence, determination, focus, & concentration, and even more are great attributes to success. I feel that children of the cities schooles don't have to deal with big scary responsibilities, so they are not disticted like we were. a person needs to love the bread that feeds them. So I don't dispute the Good that I recieved from the school & my parents home country farm. A person has to live with what they have & find a way to be happy with it.

Our school was Valley school Dist. #5 I believe. I also believe it was very special. It had a big bell in a steeple on the top front of the roof.

5.

It was outstanding, a spectacle to behold. We had a swing set, a lg. slide and a diamond area for softball, in the surrounding area. Lg. lawns on both sides of the school, however beyond that was heavy weeded areas. A sm. creek with a bridge on the road was situated a short distance from the school. One teacher gave us a lesson on hunting for mushrooms on the banks of the creek, and rattle snakes resided in the weeded swamp area near by. We had to be careful about this very much. Dogs sometimes came into the school yard. And one time an opossum crawled by in the back yard. Occasionally a snake would be lying on the steps that lead into the school. Thank goodness for boys. They were asked to help get rid of it. Someone that owned horses, came + gave us a showing of them. The front piece of lawn also had flowers in it. It was very nice + pretty. There were very big trees in the back + one side, and also there were some sm. trees. I enjoyed the swings quite a bit. I got hurt real bad one time when playing softball. As to this day, I'm very thankful I'm ok.

I was pitcher and one of the big older boys ⁶ were batting and when I pitched ^{he} ~~he~~ ^{batted} the ball came searing & hit me in the forehead. I almost went unconscious. I'm not mad I just was very hurt. Being on the hurt subject, I also was hurt badly on the knee when riding home from school on my bike. I skided on the gravel on the side of the road. It hurt real bad & I had a lg. stone stuck under my torn skin. I think I had to see a Dr.

Far as getting hurt, other children also got hurt in different ways, at different times. However, we all survived ok. and conflict, fights, or arguments. We all had these to. I don't believe we had too large of happenings that changed things too much. But what events we did have were plenty big enough. It very much seems inconceivable that it was 8 years of education.

One spectacular thing I remember is the many huckleberry trees that we had on the side of the road. I feel famous like Huckleberry Finn. With all the experiences & this too. I compare myself to him. I gorged down on tons of berries nearly every day. It was fun,

and the berries were delicious. Our school 7.
was a very special school, and I feel that our
teachers were very special teachers also. They
had a lot to cope with + handle. A typical
fantasy of a mouse running up the belfry rope
was something that actually took place in our
school. We had special programs that we
worked on for a Christmas showing for the
parents. These were the extraordinary things
to our education.

In summary I feel that our school
was extraordinary and beautiful. Many
typical things took place and yet we all
survived and got an education as well.
The school insighted a lot of fears +
worries by the children + parents. But
all was eased with having play as
a big part of the schooling. It was
exciting, thrilling, and fun. Getting an
education was sort of minor to all the
experiences that unfolded. I feel that a
life experience was what it was most.
It was spectacular and makes me
feel gratified, nice, + joyed that I
could be a part of the dynamic history
of life. I'm satisfied and happy.

By Evonne Raymond

Gettysburg, Maryland July 7, 2014

I went to Gettysburg to follow up on Eli Cook who is one of my ancestors. A conversation there with Gettysburg National Park long time Historian John Heiser provided directions. He was able to direct me to the exact spot on Little Round Top where The Berdan Sharpshooter 25 year Gettysburg Reunion Photo of Eli Cook with the weapon was taken. Eli Cook was in the Berdan 1st U.S. Sharpshooter Company I, one of the Berdan Sharpshooter Companies from Michigan. Berdan Sharpshooters were a separate group of Sharpshooters from the Michigan Sharpshooters. Mr. Heiser indicated that most whom had their photo taken during the 25 reunion of Gettysburg had it taken at the location where they were positioned during the battle. Eli Cook, Corporal at Gettysburg, promoted to Company I 1st Sergeant on the Battlefield of the Wilderness, was in the second Group of 100 Berdan Sharpshooters sent with 200 of the 3rd Maine to locate CSA General Longstreet around lunch time the second day of the battle of Gettysburg. A short hot battle took place at Pitzer Woods. For this part of the battle they were issued 100 rounds each and were said to have expended an average of 95.

One Berdan Sharpshooter who was captured and walked through the Confederate area later indicated that there were bodies everywhere after that battle. The Sharpshooters then backed up onto Little Round Top where they remained during the Big Battle the second day –the killing field directly in front of them. The whole area of the battle was well within the sharp shooters weapon range. You will note that the stones are stacked higher where Eli Cook's head is located in the photo.

Looking over the top behind that point is Devil's Den about 400 yards down the mountain. Additionally this is close to where Chamberlain stopped the Confederates from coming up the back south end of Little Round Top. The sharpshooter's remained in the same area throughout the next day until General Meade ordered them to clear out the remaining 27 or so from Devil's Den. He is said to have watched as this was accomplished. Fire was directed on Devil's Den long enough for artillery to load and zero in on Devil's Den. The Berdan Company from close to Detroit made the final assault in the capture. Only one Berdan Sharpshooter was shot during the capture of Devil's Den. The bullet hit something hard he was carrying and he was not wounded.



Charles Stevens author of "Berdan U. S. Sharpshooters" writes in his book that "the Confederate Sharpshooters captured at Devil's Den were the most ragged bunch he had ever seen". Hiram Berdan when deciding what Berdan Sharpshooters memoirs needed to be written about had Charles Stevens write the book. Eli Cook kept extensive Field Notes of the battles, including soldiers killed, wounded and captured, which he sent to Hiram Berdan. The field notes are missing –they may be in a vault in Washington DC? To give you an idea of what kind of shot these sharpshooters were, apparently there were wild turkeys near the farm after he returned from the war. Eli Cook liked to hunt them and was said to always use a rifle, and always to shoot them in the head.

The Polar Bear Force in Arctic Russia

In the summer of 1918 President Woodrow Wilson, at the urging of our allies in Britain and France, sent an infantry regiment to north Russia to fight the Bolsheviks (the first Communists) in hopes of persuading Russia to rejoin the war against Germany. The 339th Infantry with the first battalion of the 310th Engineers and the 337th Ambulance and Hospital Companies were chosen from the Detroit and Michigan areas.

Additional units and soldiers were chosen from all 50 states, and from the battlefronts of France.

These men were called to brave the cold arctic snows and fight long battles in temperatures of sixty-degrees below zero, under the midnight sun of arctic Russia.

Those that survived called themselves "**The Polar Bears**". When WWI ended, these men expected to be immediately called home, like all other regiments around the world. That call, for these men, never came. They were left to fight a savage enemy in Northern Russia eight long months after WWI had ended.

There has never been a regiment more tested. They became one of the most highly decorated regiments in all of WWI. (*Voices of a Never Ending Dawn* from the internet).

<http://www.usar.army.mil/ourstory/commands/85SC/History/Pages/History-Through-Photos.aspx>



A few of the men from Charlotte and Eaton County were:

Rocco LaTorre—Rocco was a Private First Class in the 339th Infantry. He was honorably discharged May 14, 1919 and arrived in the U.S. July 12, 1919. He was entitled to travel to Charlotte, Michigan. Rocco was born in 1895 son of **John LaTorre** and **Rosa Seacella** in Sicily and married March 17, 1920 to **Ila Williams**. He died January 30, 1986 and is interred in Maple Hill Cemetery.

James W. Sanders—Born at Eaton Rapids June 7, 1886, son of **Chas. Sanders & Jennie Rudesell**. He was promoted to Corporal August 12, 1918 at Stoney Castle, England. He received his Honorable Discharge July 18, 1919. His first marriage was June 20, 1910 to **Bertha Sanders**. His second marriage was to a **Mable Tanner** of Charlotte, daughter of **John Tanner & Clara Foote**. James died June 21, 1956 and is interred at Maple Hill Cemetery.

John C. Adams—Born in Michigan, Farmer, son of **W. R. Adams & Nellie Foster**. He married **Fannie Mead** of Mulliken, daughter of **Rufus J. Mead & Edith Boyer**. He was a private in Co. M. Reg. 339th Infantry. He entered the service on June 24, 1918 at Camp Custer.

Peter Csatlós—Earned a Distinguished Conduct Medal from the North Russian expedition, the 85th Division's participation. In a 1943 newspaper article about Memorial Day, '*Salute to the Dead*', **Peter Csatlós** was in charge of the firing squad. Peter was born in 1891 and passed away March 23, 1981. He received his Honorable Discharge as Corporal in the 2621st AAF on November 1, 1946 at Barksdale Field, Louisiana.

Elmer R. Ottney—Earned his Honorable Discharge July 7, 1919 at Camp Custer, Michigan. He was a Private 1st Class Co. E, 339th Infantry. He was born in Jackson, Michigan. Elmer was the son of **John Ottney & Amelia Shaw**. On Feb. 25, 1914, he married **Mable Edgle**, daughter of **Chas. Edgle & Harriet Wilcox**. Elmer passed away of diabetes July 8, 1933. He is interred at Maple Hill Cemetery.

Polar Bears con't:

Clifford L. Wonser—Born September 1892 at Mulliken, Michigan. He was a Private in the 85th Division, 339th Infantry and received an Honorable Discharge July 7, 1919 at Camp Custer, Michigan. He died of revolver wounds June 3, 1929 and is buried in Meadowbrook Cemetery, Roxand Township.

Howard L. DePue—Received his Honorable Discharge July 7, 1919. He was a member of Co. E, 339th Infantry. He enlisted May 27, 1918 at Charlotte.

These men were all given travel pay back to Michigan after the U.S. Army realized they were still in Russia eight months after the war had ended. There were many others who served as **Polar Bears** but these were the ones I found information on at the Eaton County Genealogy library.

Researched and submitted by: Mary Jean Baker

The Miller Farm, Eaton Rapids
By Deb Malewski

At 7 acres, the Miller Farm in Eaton Rapids is one of the largest historical sites in Eaton County. It's often referred to as "the best kept secret" when people enter the property and realize all that is tucked behind the big Miller Barn #1 on State Street, just a few blocks from downtown Eaton Rapids.

The Miller family moved to the stately home in the late 1800's from Lansing, as they felt the city was encroaching too close to their farm there. In 1896, hoping to increase their dairy income, they started producing ice cream. Those first hand-cranked gallons grew to a major production over the years, and their one farm grew to 11. Eaton Rapids became known as the "Ice Cream Capital of the World" due to the success of the Miller Dairy. They had stores all over Michigan and Indiana, and won numerous awards for their incredible ice cream.

Miller Ice Cream is no longer made, and the Miller family is gone. But their farm remains and is now a small historical village and museum, and is under the care and ownership of the Eaton Rapids Area Historical Society. Period buildings were built or moved to the property to showcase the vast collection of local history there in addition to the original buildings. The Miller house, the ice cream factory and barn are now joined by the Wright One-Room Schoolhouse, a blacksmith shop, the Plains Church, the Jean Kline Block (downtown Eaton Rapids storefronts from the turn of the 20th century, including a photography studio, general store, barber, beauty shop, printer, undertaker, and Horner Woolens exhibit), the factory museum, and the fully functioning ice cream parlor. Several of the buildings are available to rent for weddings, open houses, dinners, meetings, parties, and other special events.

The farm is generally open on Wednesdays during the summer months, along with event days, and the Miller ice cream parlor is open every weekend. Please call or email for tours of the farm and for group visits.

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Photo by Deb Malewski

The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum

224 S. Main St. Eaton Rapids MI 48827

www.garmuseum.com

<https://www.facebook.com/GARBrainerdPost111MemorialHallAndMuseum>

(517)256-9460

The museum is open the first two Wednesdays of each month from 10-5pm and patriotic holidays

The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall and Museum is located in downtown Eaton Rapids, at 224 S. Main. The museum is located in the actual building that the James B. Brainerd Post #111 met, and is just a block from the GAR Island Park, where the members of the Eaton County Battalion (a group comprised of posts from Eaton Rapids, Charlotte, Dimondale, Grand Ledge, Mulliken, Vermontville, Bellevue, Olivet, Sunfield, Pottersville, and Partello) met every August for their encampments.

The Museum opened in the fall of 2013 and was established with just a small part of Don Limpert's collection. Don has collected G.A.R. relics for most of his life, and having the original hall was an important consideration in his purchasing the building and creating the museum. The upstairs of the hall served as the meeting place for both the G.A.R. and the Woman's Relief Corps from about 1883 to 1922, and the post was disbanded in 1929. During this time, the downstairs was usually rented out to various merchants and at one time served as a bowling alley.

The museum features special exhibits about the Civil War, the local James Brainerd Post, Abraham Lincoln, and also a wide variety of Grand Army memorabilia. Special programs are offered. Memberships are available.

The Grand Army of the Republic Hall as it looked in the 1800's.

Center light colored building with an awning to the left of the white shorter building.



Asher and Bertha Sackett

William and Mercy (Canfield) Sackett were the parents of Asher Charles Sackett, who was born January 2, 1869 in Eaton County, Michigan. Asher married Bertha Elizabeth Frith on September 16, 1891 in Sunfield Township, Eaton County, Michigan. She was a daughter of Edward and Sophia (Raymond) Frith. Bertha was born February 2, 1869 in Bellevue, Sandusky, Ohio.

They lived most of their life in section 13 of Sunfield Township, and celebrated both their 50th and 60th wedding anniversary. They had two daughters, Gertrude Louise and Mary Carolyn, and they adopted a boy, Heber Sackett.

Bertha passed away on July 26, 1957 and Asher on February 10, 1961. They both were in their home on Dow at the time of their deaths.

Notes for Asher Charles Sackett:

"The Sunfield Sentinel, Sunfield, Eaton County, Michigan, Thursday, February 16, 1961

Asher C. Sackett Buried Monday, February 13

Asher Charles Sackett, of R.1 Sunfield passed away at his home on Dow Road, Friday, February 10, 1961. He was 92 years of age and a retired farmer.

He was born January 2, 1869 in Sunfield Township, son of William and Mercy Sackett. Mr. Sackett spent his entire life in the area. He was a member of the Dow Methodist Church.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ben Donaldson of Chelsea and Mrs. Charles Lawther of rural Sunfield; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, February 13, from the Mapes Fisher Funeral home in Sunfield. Officiating at the two o'clock rites was the Rev. Maurice Glasgow of Mulliken. Burial was made in Welch cemetery in Sunfield Township.

Lester Jackson, Leroy Jackson, Darrell Bacon, Philip Baker and Richard Baker were pallbearers."

Notes for Bertha Elizabeth Frith:

"The Sunfield Sentinel, Sunfield, Eaton County, Michigan

Mrs. Bertha E. Sackett Taken by Death

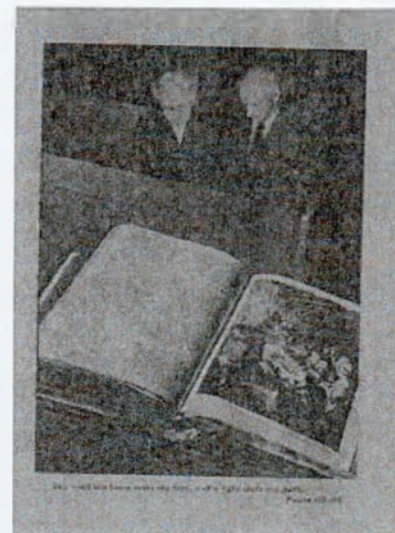
Funeral services were held for Mrs. Bertha Elizabeth Sackett of rural Sunfield from the Mapes Funeral Home Sunday afternoon, July 28. Mrs. Sackett passed away early Friday morning in her home on Dow road after a long illness. She was 88 years of age.

The Rev. George Barns of the Dow Methodist church officiated at the three o'clock funeral service. Interment was made in Welch Cemetery in Sunfield Township.

Mrs. Sackett was born at Bellevue, Ohio February 2, 1869, the daughter of Edward and Louise Frith. On September 16, 1891 she was united in marriage to Asher Sackett who survives. The deceased lived in the Sunfield area for 74 years and was a member of the Dow Methodist Church. Survivors include her husband, Asher, two daughters, Mrs. Mary Lawther of Sunfield and Mrs. Louise Donaldson of Dearborn; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Zura Upham of Rio, Wisconsin; also several nieces and nephews. A son, Heber, passed away in 1952.

Pallbearers were J. W. Welch, Philip Baker, Lester Jackson, Noble Sackett, LeRoy Jackson and Stanley Jackson."

Sackett con't:



Generation No. 2

Gertrude Louise Sackett was born April 26, 1896 in Michigan, and died February 9, 1983 in Sylvan, Washtenaw County, Michigan. She married Benjamin Richard Donaldson on June 16, 1916. He was born July 18, 1893 in Michigan, and died September 26, 1980 in Superior, Washtenaw County, Michigan. They were the parents of two sons: David Duane Donaldson (July 4, 1918 – Sept. 30, 1993) and Wilbur Morris Donaldson (August 8, 1919 – April 22, 2001).

Heber Frith Sackett was born December 15, 1901 in Michigan, and died February 11, 1952 in Fremont, Newaygo County, Michigan. According to records of Susie Bishop Jackson, he was adopted by Asher Sackett. Heber married Unabelle Marie Pierson on June 25, 1927 in Sparta, Kent County, Michigan. She was a daughter of Alfred and Hulda (Bloomberg) Pierson. She was born June 3, 1909 and died April 5, 1991 in Fremont, Newaygo County, Michigan. They were the parents of three children who were born while they lived in Wisconsin. Heber and Unabelle 'Jane' Sackett were buried in Maple Grove Cemetery.

"Sunfield Sentinel. Feb 14, 1952, Page 4, Dow News

Mr. and Mrs. Asher Sackett received word of the death of their son, Heber Sackett, at Fremont. Monday evening. Funeral was held Thursday at Fremont. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Donaldson and Mrs. Mary Lawther of Dearborn came Thursday morning and Mr. and Mrs. Sackett accompanied them to Fremont for the funeral. Mr. and Mrs. Noble Sackett also attended the funeral."

Mary Caroline Sackett was born November 18, 1904 in Sunfield Township, Eaton County, Michigan, and died November 7, 1988 in Roselawn Manor, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan. She married Charles Fleming Lawther on June 28, 1927, son of John and Isabell (Pennell) Lawther. He was born April 30, in Honeoge, New York, and died August 20, 1986 at his residence, Sunfield Township, Eaton County, Michigan. They were the parents of seven children. For several years they lived in Sunfield Township caring for her aged parents. Mary and Charles Lawther were buried in Welch Cemetery, Sunfield Township, Eaton County, Michigan.

Contributed by Jill Smith

NORTH EATON BAND



Circa 18??

The North Eaton Band was in the Potterville area, and Joy's great grandfather, some of his relatives, and great uncle were in the band. Mr. Hartell, who had Hartel Road named after him was also in the band. The names on the photo are W. Robinson, J. Bodell, Amos Krebs, L. Hartell, H. F. Martin, G. Stoner, Frank Freer, C. S. Martin, S. Royston, C. H. Carpenter, L. Potter, E. F. Potter, Amos Boody, L. S. Shaler, E. Stoner and M. J. Boody.

Submitted by Joy Black

Record of the Examination of Candidates for Teachers - 1870s

Last Name, First Name and Location

Abel, Rosie E.: Potterville	Loaz, Emma: Grand Ledge
Adams, H. E., Mrs.: Charlotte	Lombard, Jennie E.: Vermontville
Adams, Jane: Eaton Rapids	Lombard, Jennie: Vermontville
Adams, Laura: Partello / Eaton Rapids	Long, Alice C.: Charlotte
Ahlem, Cora M.: Center	Loomis, Cynthia: Eaton Rapids
Ahlem, Cora: Charlotte / Center	Loomis, Frank: Bismark
Aiton, Robena: Vermontville	Love, Florence
Albro, Thankful: West Windsor	Lovell, Celestia: Grand Ledge
Allen, Edith	Lovell, Solemna: Grand Ledge
Allen, Sarah J.: Chester	Luce, Mary: Charlotte
Allen, Sarah: Charlotte	Lumbard, Orren N.: Charlotte
Andrews, Ella: Bellevue	Lumbert, Orin N.: Charlotte
Andrews, Wesley: Kalamo	Lumbert, Orrin N.: Charlotte
Angel, Summer: Olivet	Luscomb, Charles E.: Olivet
Annis, Lallie: Eaton Rapids	Luscomb, Frances E.: Bellevue
Annis, Sally A.: Eaton Rapids	Luscomb, Frankie: Bellevue
Annis, Sally: Eaton Rapids	Lynett, William H.: North Lansing
Arnold, Ed G.: Chester	Lyon, Anna
Arnold, Emma J.: Charlotte	Macumber, Ann: Grand Ledge
Arnold, Ophelia A.: Charlotte	Malone, George R.: Lansing
Ashley, Maggie: Dimondale	Maltbey, Lizzie J.: Grand Ledge
Ashley, Walter: Olivet	Maltby, Lizzie J.: Grand Ledge
Atkins, Fanny E.: Delta	Maltby, Lizzie: Grand Ledge
Aulls, Hattie A.: Charlotte	Mapes, Minnie: Bellevue
Babcock, Celeste: Charlotte	Martin, May: Charlotte
Babcock, Celestia: Kalamo	Mason, Flora: Bellevue
Backus, Dwight: Grand Ledge	Matteson, Caroline: Eaton Rapids
Bacon, D. W.: Charlotte	Matteson, Julia: Bellevue
Bacon, Mason H.: Charlotte	Maxsom, Nora: Charlotte
Bacon, Mortimer E.: Charlotte	Maxson, Nora L.: Charlotte

Bacon, Worlin B.: Charlotte

Baker, Flora: Vermontville

Baker, J. I.: Carlisle

Baker, John I.: Carlisle

Baker, John: Carlisle

Baker, Maude

Bangs, Grace F.: Bellevue

Barager, Mary: Charlotte

Barber, Libbie: Bellevue

Barnard, Laura E.: Eaton Rapids

Barnum, Carrie

Barnum, Rubie A.: Vermontville

Barton, Rose M.: Eaton Rapids

Barton, Rose: Eaton Rapids

Bates, A. W.: Charlotte

Beecher, Lucy: Olivet

Beers, Amanda: Bellevue

Beers, Angus: Grand Ledge

Belnap, Stella

Bemis, Wallace W.: Lansing

Benedict, Martha W.: Bismark

Benedict, Martha: Bismark

Benedict, Mary E.: Vermontville

Berry, C. D.: Bellevue

Berry, Elsie J.: Charlotte

Berry, Elsie: Grand Ledge

Berry, Estella J.: Grand Ledge

Berry, Estella: Grand Ledge

Bingham, Gertrude L.: Grand Ledge

Birchard, Estella M.: Bellevue

Birchard, Estella: Bellevue

Birchard, Fitch: Bellevue

Maxson, Russell: Charlotte

Maynard, Darwin J.: Potterville

Maynard, Horace S.: Dimondale

Maynard, Laurin J.: Potterville

McArthur, Belle: Charlotte

McCabe, Jessie: Grand Ledge

McCall, Florence

McCarger, James F.: Roxand

McCarger, James: Roxand

McCarger, Mary A.: Roxand

McCarger, William A.: Roxand

McCartney, Mary E.: Nashville

McClintic, Alice E.: Charlotte

McClintic, Alice: Charlotte

McCormack, Atwood: Grand Ledge / Potterville

McCormack, Unknown: Potterville

McCotter, Lizzie: Vermontville

McDonald, Lucy: Charlotte

McIntyre, Lona

McKenney, Emma: Lansing

McKinney, Emma A.: Lansing

McManus, Emma: Eaton Rapids

McNaughton, Carrie J.: Charlotte

McQuown, L.: East Windsor

Mead, Belle: Kalamo

Mead, Cora

Mead, Wealtha: Kalamo

Mead, Wealthy: Kalamo

Menter, Alice E.: Eaton Rapids

Menter, Melissa C.: Eaton Rapids

Menter, Melissa: Eaton Rapids

Merriam, Addie: Charlotte

Bissikimmer, A. C.: Lansing
 Blanchard, Charles C.: Grand Ledge
 Blanchard, Laura: Grand Ledge
 Blodgett, Charles C.: Eaton Rapids
 Blodgett, Charles L.: Eaton Rapids
 Bodine, Emma: Vermontville
 Bollous, Mary: Bellevue
 Bossan, Jennie
 Bosworth, Ada L.: Olivet
 Bosworth, Eliza: Vermontville
 Bosworth, Rosa: Vermontville
 Bouton, Gilbert: Bellevue
 Boyce, Aphie E.: Grand Ledge
 Boyd, Eliza M.: Vermontville
 Boyer, Henrietta
 Bradford, Alvin L.: Eaton Rapids
 Brener, George W.: Lansing
 Bromberg, Marena
 Brossean, Jennie A.: Charlotte
 Brosseau, Jennie A.: Charlotte
 Brosseau, Jennie: Charlotte
 Brown, Anna: Bellevue
 Brown, Etta: Olivet
 Brown, Olive S.: Olivet
 Brown, Oril L.: Olivet
 Bryan, Rhoda S.: Charlotte
 Bryan, Rhoda: Charlotte
 Buck, Jennie: Charlotte
 Buell, Effie M.: Charlotte
 Buell, Effie: Vermontville
 Buell, S. D.: Olivet
 Burger, Meda S.: Eaton Rapids
 Burked, Frank E.: Potterville

Merriam, Virginia: Charlotte
 Merrill, Katie
 Meyers, Wesley: Eaton Rapids
 Mikesell, Cora
 Miller, Albert: Eaton Rapids
 Miller, Alice: Eaton Rapids
 Miller, Libbie A.: Charlotte
 Miller, Libbie: Charlotte
 Mills, Sophia J.: Potterville
 Mills, Sophia Z.: Potterville
 Mills, Sophia: Potterville
 Moon, Marie: Eaton Rapids
 Moore, John T.: Bellevue
 Moore, Rhoda R.: Chester
 Morrison, Alice M.: Vermontville
 Moss, Minnie G.
 Moyer, Zuilla: Roxand
 Mudge, Allie R.: Nashville
 Mulvany, Anna M.: Bellevue
 Mulvany, Anna: Bellevue
 Mulvany, Sarah A.: Bellevue
 Mulvany, Sarah: Bellevue
 Munger, Wesley: Eaton Rapids
 Munson, Jennie E.: Charlotte
 Munson, Jennie: Charlotte
 Murray, Ada: Olivet
 Murray, Maggie: Bellevue / Kalamo
 Murray, Polly: Charlotte
 Nelson, Eugenia: Kalamo
 Nevins, Bartlett A.: Lansing
 Newark, Wallace E.
 Newcomb, Flora: Bellevue
 Newland, Helen M.: Olivet

Burked, John F.: Potterville
 Burked, John Y.: Potterville
 Buroghs, Josehpine: Springport
 Bush, Fred
 Bushnell, Kate: Vermontville
 Butcher, Theodore: Potterville
 Butterfield, Ellen: Olivet
 Buxton, Mary: Nashville
 Bygbe, Nancy: Lansing
 Calder, Carrie: Grand Ledge
 Callahan, Nettie: Charlotte
 Callender, Jessie: Bellevue
 Canfield, Irving
 Carey, Manda: Grand Ledge
 Carman, Cora V.: Potterville
 Carman, Cora: Potterville
 Carpenter, Merinda: Charlotte
 Carpenter, Olivia J.: Grand Ledge
 Carrier, Elmer: Lansing
 Casey, Amanda: Grand Ledge
 Casey, Manda: Grand Ledge
 Casey, Mary E.: Grand Ledge
 Casey, Mary: Grand Ledge
 Casey, Rebecca: Grand Ledge
 Chadwick, Daniel: Grand Ledge
 Chamberlain, Cynthia: Charlotte
 Chamberlin, Sarah A.: Vermontville
 Chance, Teresa J.: Vermontville
 Chance, Teresa: Vermontville
 Choate, K. W.: Delta
 Choate, Nettie: Grand Ledge
 Choate, R. W.: Delta / Grand Ledge
 Claflin, Alva P.: Charlotte

Newland, Ida H.: Olivet
 Nichols, Emma: Grand Ledge
 Nichols, Mattie: Grand Ledge
 Nichols, Olive: Eaton Rapids
 Nichols, Zona: Grand Ledge
 Niles, Ella: Eagle
 Nixon, Frances: Grand Ledge
 Nixon, Wesley: Potterville
 Northrup, Guilford: Kalamo
 Northrup, Hubert O.: Kalamo
 Northrup, L. M.
 Norton, Dora E.: Olivet
 Norton, Flora E.: Olivet
 Norton, Nina
 Noyce, Ella: Nashville
 Oatley, Mary E.: Clinton Junction
 Ohlinger, Israel: Dimondale
 Ohlinger, Ograel: Dimondale
 Osborn, Annie R.: Charlotte
 Osborn, Lillian E.: Charlotte
 Otto, Loana: Grand Ledge
 Ovenshire, Ida: Bellevue
 Owen, Ada: Bellevue
 Palmer, Celeste: Olivet
 Parsons, Mary: Lansing
 Parsons, Nannie: Olivet
 Patten, Clara
 Patten, Frances E.: Olivet
 Perkey, Alfred: Charlotte
 Perky, Alfred: Charlotte
 Perry, George A.: Brookfield / Eaton Rapids
 Phelps, Mattie C.: Charlotte
 Phelps, Mattie C.: Charlotte

Claflin, Amos: Charlotte
 Claflin, Anne: Charlotte
 Claflin, Jennie: Charlotte
 Clandemming, Lizzie: Grand Ledge
 Clandenning, Lizzie: Grand Ledge
 Clandensening, Lizzie: Grand Ledge
 Clark, Ida: Olivet
 Clark, Lizzie: Grand Ledge
 Clark, Lyman B.: Marshall
 Clarke, Jane E.: Charlotte
 Clements, William J.: Charlotte
 Cochran, Saftie L.: Eaton Rapids
 Cole, Bessie: Grand Ledge
 Cole, Clarence C.: Charlotte
 Collier, Granville J.: Olivet
 Collie, Maggie
 Collier, Hattie: Springport
 Collier, M., Mr.: Springport
 Coon, Julia: Roxand
 Cooper, Elizabeth J.: Bellevue
 Cornish, Addie: Olivet
 Cory, Mary J.: Vermontville
 Courtright, C. E., Mrs.: Springport

 Cruson, Sarah J.: Eaton Rapids
 Cruson, Sarah L.: Eaton Rapids
 Dairs, Ellen L.: Vermontville
 Dale, Lily M.: Olivet
 Darling, Elsie: Eaton Rapids
 Darling, Mary R.: Eaton Rapids
 Darling, Mary: Eaton Rapids
 Davies, W. R., Mr.: Charlotte
 Davis, Ellen L.: Vermontville

Phillips, Alice
 Phillips, Anna E.
 Pittenger, John M.: Nashville
 Porter, W. L.: Lansing
 Post, Josephus: Eaton Rapids
 Potter, Homer W.: Eaton Rapids
 Potter, Victoria L.: Eaton Rapids
 Potter, Victoria: Eaton Rapids
 Power, Lydia L.: Pottersville / Parma
 Powers, A. P., Mrs.: Charlotte
 Prescott, Alice
 Preston, John: Sunfield
 Putnam, George A.: Clinton Junction
 Quaile, M.: Grand Ledge
 Quale, Marquette: Grand Ledge
 Raidle, Olive: Charlotte
 Randall, William: Grand Ledge
 Rasey, Effie
 Rathbun, Mary: Grand Ledge
 Rathburn, Mary L.: Grand Ledge
 Raynor, Nettie
 Raze, Edwin E.: Bellevue / Eaton Rapids
 Reade, Ida A.: Dimondale

 Reed, Cynthia: Roxand / Center / Grand Ledge
 Reed, Irene: Olivet
 Reed, Lida
 Reed, Mary A.: Olivet
 Reynolds, Herbert G.: Eaton Rapids
 Reynolds, Josephine: Bellevue
 Reynolds, Olina: Bellevue
 Reynor, Leonora: West Windsor
 Rider, Mary V.: Charlotte

Davis, Ellen: Vermontville

Dean, Charles W.: Chester / Vermontville

DeCamp, Dennis C.: Charlotte

Decke, George: Grand Ledge

DeCoo, Anna: Grand Ledge

DeGraff, Maria: Grand Ledge

Degraff, Marra A.: Grand Ledge

Degraff, P. S., Mr.: Charlotte

Degraff, Prudence: Grand Ledge

Dewey, Lula

Dillingham, Rosetta: Grand Ledge

Dobson, Martha: Kalamo

Dodge, Manly C.: Charlotte

Dodge, Manlyle: Charlotte

Dorman, Mabel

Dow, Eliza: Charlotte

Downs, George E.

Downs, George S.

Doxsie, Georgia: Grand Ledge

Duffey, Dora

Dunbar, Della

Dunbar, Mary M.: Eaton Rapids

Dunbar, Mary: Eaton Rapids

Dutton, Jennie: Eaton Rapids

Dwight, Jeanette

Earl, Minnie: Kalamo

Eaton, Mahlon D.: Kalamo

Edwards, Ella J.: Eaton Rapids

Eiler, Mary: Grand Ledge

Eiler, Myra: Grand Ledge

Eller, Myra: Grand Ledge

Elliott, Marion M.: North Lansing

Roberts, Dorothea: Charlotte

Roberts, Frankie

Robinson, Anna: Grand Ledge

Robinson, Emma: Grand Ledge

Rogers, Clara: Eaton Rapids

Rogers, Cynthia: Bellevue

Rogers, Hattie: Lansing

Rogers, Pierce: Bellevue

Rorabeck, Adell: Eaton Rapids

Rosier, Eliza

Rugg, Leo H.: Eaton Rapids

Russell, Charles T.: Grand Ledge

Russell, Charles: Grand Ledge

Russell, Newton: Grand Ledge

Sanders, Emma: Grand Ledge

Santee, Hannah: Charlotte

Santee, Mary: Charlotte

Saroyer, Nellie M.: Pottersville

Sawyer, Ellen M.: Pottersville

Schroh, Emma

Scott, Belle: Charlotte

Scout, Mary A.: Bellevue

Scout, Mary: Bellevue

Searls, Sarah G.: Charlotte

Searls, Sarah: Sunfield

Sears, Wesley: Eaton Rapids

Seeley, Helen

Seelye, Fannie: Eaton Rapids

Seelye, Fanny: Eaton Rapids

Seelye, Rose M.: Charlotte

Seibley, Emma: Lansing

Severance, Emma

Ellis, A. A.: Grand Ledge
 Ellis, Cora: Kalamo
 Ellis, Eva: Vermontville
 Elmer, Caroline: Brookfield
 Emerson, Loella: Eaton Rapids
 Ervay, May: Charlotte
 Esler, Myra: Grand Ledge
 Evarts, Ellen M.: Grand Rapids
 Farley, Nellie: Bellevue
 Fay, Dell O.: Bismark
 Fay, Wesley: Bismark
 Field, Mae E.
 Figg, Albert: Sunfield
 Fitzgerald, Flora: Bellevue
 Fitzgerald, Jennie: Bellevue
 Fitzgerald, John W.: Grand Ledge
 Fitzgerald, Louise: Bellevue
 Fletcher, Belle: Bellevue
 Fleury, Alvin G.: Chester
 Flitcraft, P. R.: Charlotte
 Flower, Nora E.
 Fogle, Jennie
 Foote, Ella: Charlotte
 Ford, Sarah B.: Potterville
 Fox, Edwin A.: Brookfield
 Fox, Garry C.: Eaton Rapids
 Fratt, John W.: Eaton Rapids
 Freeman, Stanley: Eaton Rapids
 French, Mary E.: Dimondale
 French, Mary: Dimondale
 French, Nettie G.: East Windsor
 French, Nettie: Dimondale
 Frost, E. R.: Eaton Rapids

Sexton, Lucia L.: Olivet
 Shaw, W. A.: Chester
 Sheldon, J. Warren: Eaton Rapids
 Sheldon, Louisa: Springport
 Sheldon, Sylvia: Springport
 Shepard, Helen: Kalamo
 Sherd, Mary: Eaton Rapids
 Sherman, Nancy M.: Charlotte
 Shrontz, Hettie
 Simmons, Juliette: Charlotte
 Simpson, W. H.: Grand Ledge
 Sisco, John W.: Grand Ledge
 Skidmore, Lucia C.: Grand Ledge
 Skinner, Alice M.: Dimondale
 Skinner, Cora L.: Lansing
 Skinner, Cora: Lansing
 Skinner, Martha J.: East Windsor
 Slade, Alice: Nashville
 Smith, Delia S.: Charlotte
 Smith, Dell: Charlotte / Grand Ledge
 Smith, Gettie: Bellevue
 Smith, J. Warren: Eaton Rapids
 Smith, Joseph W.: Eaton Rapids
 Smith, Letitia
 Smith, Oscar F.: Springport
 Snell, James T.: Charlotte
 Snider, Helen: Bellevue
 Snider, Ida M.: Bellevue
 Snider, Ida: Bellevue
 Snider, Susan: Bellevue
 Southworth, Lyda E.: Charlotte
 Southworth, Lydia E.: Eaton Rapids
 Southworth, S. M., Miss: Charlotte

Frost, E. R.: Eaton Rapids
 Frost, E. Rice: Eaton Rapids
 Frost, Esther L.: Delta
 Frost, John W.: Eaton Rapids
 Fuller, J. R., Mrs.: Eaton Rapids
 Fuller, John K.: Eaton Rapids
 Fuller, John L.: Eaton Rapids
 Gage, Emma: Bellevue
 Gallery, Emma A.: Eaton Rapids
 Gallery, Emma: Eaton Rapids
 Gallery, Emmart: Eaton Rapids
 Gallery, Katie E.: Eaton Rapids
 Galusha, Dell J.: Olivet
 Galusha, Dell: Olivet
 Galusha, Nell E.: Olivet
 Galusha, Nell: Olivet
 Gaylord, Ada L.: Potterville
 Geer, Florell: Eaton Rapids
 Gibson, Lucy M.: Bellevue
 Gibson, Lucy: Bellevue
 Gibson, Wilber H.: Bellevue
 Giddings, Aurelia: Eaton Rapids
 Giddings, Martha: Eaton Rapids
 Gillingham, Alfred J.: Charlotte
 Godfrey, Frances: Eaton Rapids
 Godfrey, Frankie C.: Eaton Rapids
 Godfrey, Frankie: Eaton Rapids
 Goodrich, Ida A.: Charlotte
 Grace, Anna: Charlotte
 Granger, Lucy: Vermontville
 Grant, Sarah: Kalamo
 Green, Kate: Olivet
 Green, Libbie

Southworth, S. M., Miss: Charlotte
 Southworth, Susan M.
 Southworth, W. D.: Potterville
 Spafford, C. D.
 Spafford, Dalbett: Carlisle
 Spafford, Delbert: Carlisle
 Spafford, O.: Carlisle
 Spaulding, Phebe
 Sperry, Harry A.: Eaton Rapids
 Spoor, Katie: Eaton Rapids
 Sprague, Frank A.: Vermontville
 Sprague, Frank: Vermontville
 Sprague, Minnie: Vermontville
 Staly, Allison
 Stearns, Nettie: Danby
 Stinchcomb, Daniel: Sunfield
 Stinchcomb, David: Sunfield
 Stiry, Cornelia: Charlotte
 Stockley, Lucy A.: Bismark
 Stockley, Lucy: Bismark
 Stockwell, Cyrus B.: Charlotte
 Stoddard, Adell: Eaton Rapids
 Stoddard, Della: Eaton Rapids
 Story, Cornelia: Springport
 Strong, Orpha: Charlotte
 Summers, Lizzie J.: Charlotte
 Summers, Mary J.: Charlotte
 Swift, Alden B.: Kalamo
 Swift, Carrington E.: Onondaga
 Swift, Carrington: Eaton Rapids
 Swift, Louise N.: Lansing
 Swift, Mary O.: Lansing
 Sykes, B. F.: Bellevue

Green, Libbie
 Green, Lillian A.: Vermontville
 Green, Lillian A.: Vermontville
 Griest, M. O.: Charlotte
 Griffin, Alice: Vermontville
 Griffin, Ida: Vermontville
 Grinnell, Ada: Bellevue
 Grinnell, Herbert: Vermontville
 Grinnell, Joseph: Bellevue
 Griswold, Katie: Vermontville
 Hadden, Dora: Olivet
 Hadley, Nettie: Vermontville
 Halbert, Dellie: Grand Ledge
 Hale, Elida: Eaton Rapids
 Hale, Flora J.: Charlotte
 Hale, Libbie R.: Eaton Rapids
 Hall, Bertha A.: Charlotte
 Hall, D. R., Mrs.: Vermontville
 Hall, Elva: Charlotte
 Hall, Huldah A.: Bismark
 Hall, Huldah: Bismark
 Hall, Minnie: Bellevue
 Hallern, Mary A.: Olivet
 Hamilton, Adelbert: Eaton Rapids
 Hamilton, Maggie: Bellevue
 Hamlin, Heber: Eaton Rapids
 Hampton, Martha S.: Chester
 Hampton, Martha: Chester / Charlotte
 Hampton, Nora M.: Chester
 Hanchett, Mary: Charlotte
 Hancock, Albert: Grand Ledge
 Hapton, Martha: Chester
 Hare, Lillian

Sykes, B. F.: Bellevue
 Sykes, Benjamin F.: Charlotte
 Sykes, Hettie: Bellevue
 Sykes, Jared F.: Bellevue
 Sykes, Kittie: Bellevue
 Sykes, Vera: Bellevue
 Taber, Frank A.: Grand Ledge
 Taft, Millie: Carlisle
 Taylor, Benjamin F.: Chester
 Taylor, John E.: Lansing
 Taylor, Melissa C.: Grand Ledge
 Teall, Edwin: Hastings
 Terrill, Hattie D.: Potterville
 Thomas, John: Charlotte
 Tiffany, Adell
 Tilton, Flora A.: Eaton Rapids
 Tilton, Flora: Eaton Rapids
 Tinker, W. D.: Kalamo
 Tinker, William P.: Kalamo
 Tinkham, Russell F.: Grand Ledge
 Tirrill, Alice S.: Charlotte
 Titus, Amanda: Charlotte
 Todd, Emma: Charlotte
 Todd, Libbie
 Topping, Alice F.: Olivet
 Tower, Cyrus: Charlotte
 Tower, E. C., Mrs.: Charlotte
 Tracy, Isaac B.: Vermontville
 Treadwell, Mina
 Treat, Carrie
 Treat, Frances
 Tubbs, Rebecca: Charlotte
 Turner, Ophelia C.: Bismark

Harmon, Estella: Potterville
 Harpster, Grace M.: Charlotte
 Harpster, Henry W.: Grand Ledge
 Harpster, Henry: Delta / Charlotte
 Harpster, Isaac M.: Delta
 Harrington, Dell: Grand Ledge
 Haskell, Carrie: Olivet
 Hatch, Albina E.: Potterville
 Haven, William H.: Eaton Rapids
 Haven, William: Vermontville
 Heckshire, Victor: Kalamo
 Hendee, Eliza M.: Charlotte
 Hendee, Eliza: Charlotte
 Henry, G. R.: Charlotte
 Henry, Maggie: Grand Ledge

 Hess, Helen J.: Brookfield /Eaton Rapids
 Hess, W. P.: Brookfield
 Hess, W. Pierce: Eaton Rapids
 Hess, Wellington R.: Eaton Rapids
 Hewett, Ella J.: Grand Ledge
 Higbee, Ella M.: Potterville
 Higbee, Ellie M.: Potterville
 Hines, Hattie: Delta
 Hixson, Abram N.: Grand Ledge
 Hixson, Abram: Grand Ledge
 Hixson, Huldah: Grand Ledge
 Hoffman, Josie A.: Maple Grove
 Holbrook, E. P., Mr.: Lansing
 Holbrook, E. R.: Lansing
 Honse, Joseph: Chester
 Horn, Charles H.
 Horton, Cora

Turner, Ophelia: Vermontville
 Uhl, Hattie L.: Charlotte
 Uhl, Mary S.: Charlotte
 Uhl, Mary: Chester
 Uhl, Mattie L.: Charlotte
 Uhl, Mattie: Chester
 Umbarger, Anna
 VanAnde, Mattie
 Vanande, W. E.: Brookfield
 Vanauken, C. J.: West Windsor
 VanAuken, Chauncey F.: West Windsor
 VanAuken, William H.: West Windsor
 VanAuken, William: West Windsor
 VanTassel, Della
 VanWinkle, Fannie: Eaton Rapids

 VanWinkle, Jennie: Eaton Rapids
 Vosbough, Alice: Bellevue
 Vosburg, Alice A.: Bellevue
 Vosburg, Alice: Bellevue
 Wade, Ella: Leslie
 Wade, George H.: Charlotte
 Wade, George: Carlisle
 Walker, Celia: Charlotte
 Wallace, Della: Grand Ledge
 Waller, Marietta: Potterville
 Walling, Angelia: Charlotte
 Wallington, Ella D.: Grand Ledge
 Wallington, Ella: Grand Ledge
 Walter, Hattie: Lansing
 Ward, Ida: Charlotte
 Wareham, Nellie C.: Grand Ledge
 Warner, Phebe

Horton, Mary: Vermontville
 Horton, Zella: Dimondale
 Hosler, Nettie: Olivet
 Howell, C. C.: Charlotte
 Howell, William C.: Center
 Huckins, Ella: Eaton Rapids
 Hunsberger, Wesley A.: Olivet
 Hunsiker, Pearly: Bellevue
 Hunt, Viola: North Lansing
 Hunter, A. D.: Olivet
 Huxtable, Mollie: Delta / Grand Ledge
 Ingersoll, Minnie: Delta
 Inselman, Mary E.: Roxand
 Ives, Winnie: Olivet
 Jackson, Leroy: Potterville
 Jackson, Minnie: Potterville
 Jacobs, Lou, Miss: Roxand
 Jarvis, Alice C.: Delta
 Jarvis, Alice: Delta
 Jarvis, Ettie: Delta
 Jenne, Eugene H.: Vermontville
 Johnson, Clara V.: Bellevue
 Johnson, Clara: Bellevue
 Johnson, Mattie F.: Grand Ledge
 Johnson, Mattie: Grand Ledge
 Johnson, Nettie: Grand Ledge
 Jones, Emma: Grand Ledge
 Jones, Florence: Grand Ledge

 Jones, Freeman A.: Grand Ledge / Springport
 Jones, Freeman: Grand Ledge
 Jones, Homer: Grand Ledge
 Jones, Truman: Grand Ledge

Warren, Loie: Bellevue / Nashville
 Washburn, M. L., Mrs.: Eaton Rapids
 Washburne, Kate L.: Eaton Rapids
 Watson, William: Grand Ledge
 Weddle, Emma A.: West Windsor
 Weeks, Eliza J.: Bismark
 Welling, Sarah M.: Grand Ledge
 Welling, Sarah: Eaton Rapids
 Wells, Mary A.: Bellevue/Charlotte
 Wells, Mary: Chester
 Wells, Sarah G.: Eaton Rapids
 West, Noyes S.: Eaton Rapids
 Wetmore, Ella: Charlotte
 Wheaton, Clara
 Wheaton, Zella L.: Charlotte
 Whitaker, Emma: Eaton Rapids
 Whitcomb, Allie: Olivet
 White, Ada: Charlotte
 White, Emma F.: Charlotte
 White, Lucretia: Vermontville
 Whitney, Minnie H.: Jackson
 Whittaker, L. A.: Eaton Rapids
 Whittaker, Libbie: Eaton Rapids
 Wiles, Ella: Eagle
 Willis, Anna: Olivet
 Wilson, Anna: Grand Ledge
 Wilson, Daniel G.: Charlotte
 Wilson, E. L.: Charlotte

 Wilson, Gene: Kalamo
 Wilson, Hattie A.: Eaton Rapids
 Wilson, Hattie: Eaton Rapids
 Wilson, Riley N.: Charlotte

Joy, Luther: Springport
 Keep, Elva: Grand Ledge
 Keep, Helen M.: Grand Ledge
 Keep, Helen: Grand Ledge
 Keith, Nettie: Bellevue
 Kelley, Anna V.: Olivet
 Kennedy, Jessie L.: Vermontville
 Kennedy, Jessie: Nashville
 Kennedy, L. M., Mrs.: Grand Ledge
 King, E. R., Mrs.: Charlotte
 Kinnie, Eugene: Vermontville
 Knight, Marcus F.: Eaton Rapids
 Knight, Marcus: Eaton Rapids
 Knowlson, Emma M.: Eaton Rapids
 Koon, Mary: Dimondale
 LaFever, Floyd R.: Eaton Rapids
 Lake, Mary: Eaton Rapids
 Lan, Nellie O.: Eaton Rapids
 Lankton, Eugene: Bellevue
 Latham, C. K.: Charlotte
 Law, Nellie O.: Eaton Rapids
 Law, Nellie: Eaton Rapids
 Leach, Asenath: Bellevue
 Ledy, Carrie: Lansing
 Lee, W. M.: Olivet
 Legg, Peter
 Lewis, Cora
 Lewis, Maria: West Windsor

Wilson, Riley: Charlotte
 Wilson, Wesley: Kalamo
 Wines, Norah: Albion
 Wing, Frank: Bellevue
 Winn, Alice: Eaton Rapids
 Winn, John E.: Eaton Rapids
 Winnie, Ida: Eaton Rapids
 Witte, Mary: Bismark / Nashville
 Wolcott, Augusta E.: Eaton Rapids
 Wood, Clark C.: Grand Ledge
 Wood, Clark: Grand Ledge
 Wood, Frances M.: Bellevue
 Wood, Frances: Bellevue
 Wood, John: Eaton Rapids
 Wood, Margaret: Bellevue
 Wright, Ellard: Eaton Rapids
 Wright, Iva S.: Olivet
 Wythe, Ellen M.: Lansing
 Wythe, Ellen: Lansing
 York, Dell: Bellevue
 York, Maria: Bellevue
 York, Marie E.: Bellevue
 York, Marie: Bellevue
 Young, Alice: Delta
 Young, Daird: Vermontville
 Young, David: Bellevue