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UPCOMING GENEALOGY PROGRAMS

Nov. 3, Judge Robertson at Capitol Savings and Loan in St. Johns. He will speak on using probate court records.

Dec. 1, Christmas party at Capitol Savings in St. Johns.

Jan. 5, 1987 General discussion of goals and problem solving for the Gealogists. Capitol Savings and Loan, St. Johns.

February 2, 1987 Family history tapes presented by Janet Tiedt. Capitol Savings and Loan, St. Johns.

March 2, 1987 Michigan History by Arlene Lounds, Capitol Savings and Loan, St. Johns.

April 6, 1987 Election of new officers. Also, Janet Snyder will have a program on Gazateer and Directory. This will be at the Archives in DeWitt Charter Township Hall.

All programs start at 7:30pm.

ANY AND ALL RECORDS WANTED

If you have any records of a historical nature, please let the Genealogists of Clinton County make a copy for a permanent record. We appreciate any information for our library. Future generations of genealogists will enjoy what you bring in now.

MAPLE RAPIDS GRADUATING CLASS OF 1909

Agatha Anderson

Polly Jenne

Ruth Groom

Mary Cole

Omar Davison

Lottie Clow

Earl Sturgis

Taken from a class picture of 1909.
JM Sturgis-Snyder

September 12, 1907
Republican News

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IMPUT NEEDED BY EDITOR

If you have any ideas or information you would like to see in this newsletter, please contact the Clinton County Genealogists at 4700 Brook Rd., Lansing, Michigan 48906.

Among the great chain of events that occurred during Michigan's quest for statehood, perhaps none stands out more prominent than the now infamous "Toledo War". This incident has, over the past one hundred and fifty years, been a subject of great controversy among historians just as it was a tremendous controversial issue in the 1830's.

Setting aside the issue of the "war" and all debate that has proceeded it, DeWitt is proud to hold among its roster of prominent early pioneers, a veteran of that struggle, Addison U. Cook.

Addison was born in Bennington Co., Vermont in 1817, a son of Elisha Cook, Jr. Addison's paternal grandfather, Elisha Cook, Sr., descended from a proud old New England family which dated its American beginnings to the 1640's in the colony of Massachusetts, and his paternal grandmother, Abigail (Williams) Cook, was a direct descendant of the venerable Roger Williams, founder of Providence, Rhode Island.

As a child, Addison was brought by his father to the territory of Michigan where they settled in Salem township, Washtenaw county. They remained there for several years, living among numerous other branches of the large Cook family. It was from Salem that Addison answered the call to arms for the conflict that would later be known as the "Toledo War".

The war itself has become a source of amusement by later historians; somewhat of a joke. Perhaps it was viewed as such at the time by men like Addison Cook; merely a lark mixed with a bit of adventure. Whatever his opinion at the time, Cook, then only 18 years of age, took the situation serious enough to receive the rank of Lieutenant by the young Stevens T. Mason, then governor of the territory.

Following the war, in 1839, Addison migrated further into the interior of Michigan, to the wilderness of Clinton county. It is not recorded if anyone in his immediate family accompanied him but it is known that many members of his extended family

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(aunts, uncles, and a host of cousins) also settled in the DeWitt area during this period.

In 1842, Addison married a local DeWitt girl, Antoinette Alexander and soon after, settled down into a rural-life on their 80 acre farm in section 31 of Olive township. This union was blessed with two children, Eddie and Ada.

Antoinette Cook died rather young on November 5, 1857, at the age of 32 years. Faced the burden of being a single parent, Addison continued to farm in the DeWitt area amid the security of friends and family, all of which kindly referred to him as "Uncle Addison". He died at Lansing on August 6, 1897, at the home of his daughter Ada (Mrs. Edward H. Bedell). Family sources state that he was buried in the DeWitt cemetery beside his long departed wife, although, if true, the grave of this rare veteran of an important Michigan event, remains unmarked and forgotten.

Maple Rapids Dispatch 1891

The Maple Rapids Mfg. Co. has an order for several hundred boxes for the Fruit Dryer at Ithaca to pack evaporated fruit in. Also orders for a number of ironing tables. First settlement in the County at Maple Rapids, by Geo. Campau for trading post in 1826. John Cushway preceded Campau in proprietorship but was a temporary resident while Campau became a permanent settler, entered government land in Essex Twp. on Nov. 30, 1832. Hiram Benedict settled in same Twp. about same time. Essex Twp. was approved Mar. 9, 1843. Geo. Campau first individual land owner in the Twp. and probably in the county by purchase of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 8 Nov. 30, 1832. Did not establish residence there until 1835. Makitoquet's large band of Indians on Maple River was Chippewas. Maple Rapids was existing between 1850 and 1860. Trading Post established by Campau in 1835. Not until 1852 were steps taken toward founding a village. In 1852 Wm. Hewitt bought 240 acres of Solomon Moss, built a dam and saw mill, completed in 1853. During that year he plotted a village, established a store and was elected supervisor of Essex. In 1867 it was discovered that the plot had not been placed on record. Was newly surveyed and replotted, Completed on July 22, 1867.

OLD LETTER OF SYLVANUS BACHELDER
BATH TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR 1852-1855, 1870.

The following comes to us from Glen Bachelder of East Lansing, Michigan, a great great grand nephew of Sylvanus Bachelder. The letter is one of many that Sylvanus had written to his brother James Bachelder of Alamo, Kalamazoo County. The town of Perry that is mentioned several times in the letter, refers to Perry, Wyoming County, New York. Rufus and Lowell Bachelder were brothers who "went west" and were not heard from again. Make Edgerly was probably a cousin as Sylvanus' mother was Sally Edgerly. The "Secret Societies" may have been related to "The Hunters", part of the Patriots War. The letter reads as follows...

Bath, Clinton Co, Michigan
June 4th, 1859

Mr. James M. Bachelder,

Dear Sir, I received your letter in due time and was glad to hear from you and of your good health, also your increase of boys. Was very sorry to hear that you had not got entirely weaned from Perry. Give up such an idea as to ever going back to Perry the last place that I should ever think of going to live, in my circumstances. Sell out by all means and come out here where there are folks. You say you want to get nearer a market, well here is the place to come. I will tell you of some of the advantages and privileges we enjoy and expect to.

We are within ten miles of the city of Lansing the capital of the state. Within six miles of Okemos where there is a flour mill and steam saw mill. In a thickly settled neighborhood we have a large frame school house within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile.

Three religious society's in the place numbering in all nearly one hundred members, and to cap all we have the railroad within four miles. This road runs from Amboy in Hillsdale County to Lansing, thence to Owosso in Shiawassee County from thence to Traverse Bay on Lake Michigan. It is intended to have the road from Lansing to Owosso

finished by the first part of November. We shall be within six miles of a depot and four miles of a station.

If you sell come out here instead of going to Perry. Wheat is worth \$1.50 per bushel, corn \$1.00, potatoes $\frac{4}{5}$, oats $\frac{4}{5}$, other things in proportion.

Weather cold, frost last night, not hard. Forgot to tell you that we are well and trust you are the same and getting weaned from Perry.

Rufus and Lowell I can't know anything about. Probably they are in California. I have not heard from Perry since last fall Captain Melcher lives near Okemos, Make Edgerly lives in the village of Okemos cabinet making I was there last week they were all well.

Elder Martin, the United Brethren presiding elder was here a short time since. He informed me he was to hold two quarterly meetings in your town this month I told him of your living in Alamo and to inquire you out. Go and hear him preach it won't hurt you although he sometimes preaches against "Secret Societies". As soon as you get this sit right down and answer it immediately and don't be so heedless. A host of love and respect to you all.

Ever yours,
Sylvanus Bachelder

Olive

The Clinton Independent, Jan. 17, 1884 P5, C4

Two of the old people have passed away during the past week. They are Mrs. Ione Dilts age 87 and Henry Alward age 82.

Eagle

The Clinton Independent, Thurs., Jan. 10, 1884 P4, C2

Last Sat. morning Jesse Monroe died of cancer at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Longyear, at age 92 yrs. 8 mos. "Uncle" Jesse Monroe as he was familiarly called, emigrated to Mich. with his family from Buffalo, N. Y. He went to the town of Eagle, Clinton Co., then an almost unbroken wilderness, penetrating into the woods 4 miles from any settler and located on 160 acres of land which he had purchased from the Federal government the year before. . . . His widow died in 1870 and since her death he has lived with his children. His daughters are: Mrs. J. M. Turner, Mrs. P. Webber, Mrs. J. W. Longyear, Mrs. D. L. Case all of this city and Mrs. Dr. Turner of Dewitt. He also leaves three sons. (Jesse Monroe is listed in the 1840 Clinton Co. Census.)

The Township Board met at the clerks office April 17, 1841. Present F. Oliver E.H. Utley Inspector F. Turner & Milo H. Turner. Appointed Isaac Hewit Director of Poor to fill vacancy for Isaac Hewit not qualifying.

Audited the following accounts

1 F. Oliver	\$1.00
2 H. Alexand T Treasurer 1839 & 40	5.00
3 I.R. Pearssall	2.75
4 E.H. Utley	3.00

Saturday, July 17, 1841 Township Board met at the clerks office. Present E.H. Utley W.A. Hewit & Milo Turner & proceeded to a deed for a burying ground.

Audited the following accounts

5 in favor of Milo H. Turner	\$11.50
6 " " also of I.F. Turner	11.25
6 E.H. Utely	3.00
7 F. Oliver	3.50
8 D.I. Stout	2.00
9 W.A. Hewit	5.50

Adjourned

Mr. H. Turner Ck

E.H. Utley chr protom

When the new frontiers were being settled and before fencing was built, it was practice to let domestic animals run and feed together. Marks were for identification of the animals.

Descriptions of Marks taken and Recorded in the Township of Dewitt Clinton Co. Mich.

- John Goulds Mark no. 1
a slit in the left ear
Recorded this first day of Nov AD 1837
Sylvester Scott, Clerk
- Asa Parks Mark no. 2
a slit in the right ear
Recorded this first day of Nov AD 1837
Sylvester Scott, Clerk
- David Scotts Mark no. 3
a half penny taken from the underside of the right ear
Recorded this first day of Nov AD 1837
Sylvester Scott, Clerk
- Sylvester Scotts Mark no. 4
a half penny taken from the underside of the left ear
Recorded this first day of Nov AD 1837
Sylvester Scott, Clerk
- Orange Fergusons Mark no. 5
a square crop taken from the end of the left ear
Recorded this fifteenth day of Dec 1837
Sylvester Scott, Clerk
- Robert McKuz? Mark no. 6
a round hole in the right ear
Recorded this fifteenth day of Dec 1837
Sylvester Scott, Clerk

Sept. 12, 1907
Rep. News.

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Adams, J. H.	for candlestick for clerk's office
" "	for table for courtroom
Allen, M. S.	sundry items
" "	sundry items for county offices & jail
Avery, H.	county canvasser
" "	supervisor (three terms)
Bachelor, S.	county canvasser
" "	supervisor (three terms)
Baker, J.	justice
Bawasse, J.	wolf certificate
Blair, Milo	printing
" "	publishing (three times)
Blood, D. H.	sup't of poor (two times)
Brown, "of Lebanon"	receiver of "poor support"
Brown, Wm.	receiver of "poor support"
Brunson, W.	justice
Burrett, P.	county canvasser (twice)
" "	supervisor (twice)
Burrows family	reciever of "poor support"
Calder, A.	county canvasser
" "	supervisor
Cater, W.	wolf certificate
Child, M. A.	for blanks (paper products?)
" " "	constable (twice)
Chingun	wolf certificate
Cone, L.	witness fee
Cranson, D. B.	witness fee
Craven, R. E.	supervisor
Daggett, W. N.	wolf certificate
Daniells, N. I.	county canvasser
DeLong, A.	constable
" , Aury	constable
Dennison, J. S.	county canvasser & special messenger
Dutton, G. F.	county canvasser
" " "	for conveying Lebanon election returns to county clerk
" " "	supervisor (three times)
" " "	witness fee
Edwards, J. D.	for boarding prisoners
Ellwood, S. D. & Co.	blank book & paper
Estes, George W.	county canvasser
" " "	supervisor
Fedewa, J.	county canvasser
" "	witness
Ferris, Thomas	witness
Fish, H.	constable
Fitch, E.	county canvasser
" "	supervisor (two times)
Frary, S.	county canvasser
Fuller, Geo.	witness (two times)
" "	receiver of "poor support"

The following are extracts from the "Annual Report" of the Board of Supervisors of Clinton County, for the year ending October 12th 1853, as published in the Clinton Express, Nov. 19, 1853 (Vol. 4 No. 42). All items listed here are expenditures with the exception of the two marked (*) which are revenue.

Gardner, W. C.	county canvasser
Gillet, L.	wolf certificate
Gould, A.	attorney
Greenwood, M.	county canvasser
Hale, J. R.	county canvasser
Halsted, B.	wolf certificate
*Hamer, Jas. L.	court fine
Harrison, Z. H.	wolf certificate
Hewit, W. A.	county canvasser
" " "	supervisor (two terms)
Higbee, E.	county canvasser
" , E. J.	county canvasser
Hill, C.	supervisor (three terms)
Hobert, Wm.	witness fee
" "	for attending court as constable
Holbrook, E.	county canvasser
Hollister, I. T.	county canvasser
" " "	justice
" " "	witness fee
Hungerford, L.	supervisor
Hunter, H.	for (twice) countersigning county orders
" "	supervisor (three terms)
Jameson, T.	supervisor (three terms)
Johnson, H. A.	wolf certificates (two)
Johnson, N. H.	wolf certificates (two)
Jones, H.	sup't of county poor (twice)
Kneeland, B. F.	supervisor
Lee, A.	for attending court as constable (twice)
Leffingwell, C. W.	attorney
Lewis, George W.	county canvasser
Loomis, D.	constable
Lutes family	receiver of "poor support"
Lyon, H. E.	wolf certificate
McKeen, J. F.	county canvasser
" " "	constable
McOmber, W. A.	jailer
McPherson, D. F.	county canvasser
McVeigh, J. A.	county canvasser
Matthews, Sarah A.	receiver of "poor support"
Merrihew, J. W.	county canvasser
" " "	supervisor
Nelson, J.	witness fee
Niles, E.	county canvasser
" "	supervisor (two terms)
Niles, O. J.	as sheriff
Olin, D.	as deputy sheriff
Olmstead, J.	receiver of "poor support"
Ott family	receiver of "poor support"
Pattridge, A. W.	sheriff
" " "	& Co. for paper & etc.
Pearl, O. M.	supervisor (two terms)
" " "	witness fee
Platte, P.	receiver of "poor support"

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Plowman, W. T.	county canvasser
" " "	supervisor (three terms)
Post, H.	county canvasser
Read, F. R.	supervisor
Reed, A.	witness fee
Richmond, A.	constable
Robbins, T.	receiver of "poor support"
Rogers, Lois	witness fee
" R.	witness fee
Russell, A. G.	supervisor
(S)chwab family	receiver of "poor support"
Shaw, H.	witness fee
Shepard, W.	witness fee (twice)
Silverwood, W.	supervisor (two terms)
Smead, Wm.	constable
Smith, H.	witness fee
" S. B.	county canvasser
Snyder, ?	receiver of "poor support"
Solomon "(Indian)"	wolf certificate
Soule, J. Jr.	justice
Stiles, J.	witness fee
Stoddard, G. W.	receiver of "poor support"
Strickland, R.	county canvasser
" "	justice (twice)
Sturgis, D.	supervisor (two terms)
Swargart, L.	county canvasser (twice)
Swarthout, H.	witness fee
" , L.	witness fee
Tabor, J. W.	county canvasser
Thornton, I. S.	witness fee
Townson, Alfred	receiver of "poor support"
Tucker, J. P.	county canvasser (twice)
" " "	justice
Turnop, John	wolf certificate
Utley, W. P.	constable
" " "	for notifying Victor of Election
" " "	as under sheriff
" , Wm.	for bookcase for Register's office
" , "	for sheriff & for lumber
Vance, J.	supervisor (two terms)
Van Gieson, M.	witness fee (twice)
Van-gon-gunk	wolf certificate
Van Horn, L.	wolf certificate
Warren, R.	receiver of "poor support"
Webb, W. W.	deputy sheriff
Weldon, N.	receiver of "poor support"
Whitlock, O.	witness fee
Willson, Joseph	wolf certificate
Witchell, Mrs.	receiver of "poor support"
Wonderly, J.	wolf certificates (three)
Wood, Wm.	justice
Woodham, J.	witness fee
*Zeluff, Sarah J.	court fine