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## FIRST U S PRO-FOOTBALL GAME REMEMBERED

by Betty Jane Minsky

It was a success! What else can I say ... the 100th anniversary celebration of the first professional football game in America which was played in Shepardsville July 4, 1885. Our anniversary celebration was right to the day and we've all got **Art Wainwright**, that down-to-earth Channel 10 "On The Road" newscaster, to thank for it. It was he who discovered the 100th anniversary year just two weeks before the Fourth, and from then on a lots of folks shifted into high gear.

I've got to share with you how Art discovered it. He stopped at **Clare Alderman's Store** at Shepardsville hoping to "discover what happened there that might have been historic. In a lot of little towns nothing happens and I wondered if maybe this was a case of someone driving over a mouse on M-21 one day and it caused so much excitement they were still talking about it yet," he said. (I know he'll deny he told me that.)

Imagine his surprise when **Alderman** directed him to a weather-beaten sign out front which indeed noted the historic game. The **Clinton County Historical Society** had placed it there in 1977.

"You need a new sign," Art said when he called me that night on the phone. "They passed the hat at that first football game and raised \$3 which they split among the players and that made them pros. Let's get up a game and pass the hat for a new sign."

I reminded him July 4 was less than 2 weeks away. It was a Thursday. The papers would be hard pressed to get

something in the next edition. "I'll come over tonight. We'll get it written and take it to them tomorrow. We'll just invite people to come out and play," Art said.

The local papers ran the story - front page. And that's how this year's game got started.

With no time to organize committees, we issued an appeal and the response was typical of the 1800's - everyone wanted to help. **Sharon and Jerry Reha** immediately sent a check for \$70 for whatever we needed to get started; he agreed to build the goal posts. **Ted Lewis** offered his sound truck. The **Shepardsville Methodist Church** opened it's doors and offered up the recreation field behind it. The **Ovid-Elsie Schools** lined the make-shift field. Townsfolk stuffed collection boxes placed in Shepardsville and Ovid area businesses agreed to a telephone solicitation to send money. **Goff's** supplied hot dogs; **Alderman's** supplied buns and ice; **Beck's** supplied pop and **Art's wife, Dortha**, baked huge trays of white-frosted cupcakes with red and blue sprinkles, topped with American flags. Players and spectators were so exuberant they stuffed the huge pickle-donation jar. Sweatshirts and hats were quickly imprinted and sold like hot cakes and orders are still coming in. **Ovid Historical Society** members showed up to help and brought along some "Carriage Days" T-shirts for workers to wear.

I'd like to give a complete account but I'm in the process of moving my elderly parents to St. Johns from Wisconsin and the truth is I haven't had time to get with Art to figure out how much money came in (profit will be used to replace the sign) and who all pitched in to help. But you have my promise. For a future issue we'll give you a complete account of everything that happened July 4; who did what; who

contributed; and we'll even glean through the many clippings people supplied us on that 1885 game and reprint some of that.

To contribute send checks to the **Clinton County Historical Society** with a note that it's for the Shepardsville sign.

## **J.Q. FITZGERALD - TRAVELLER**

**John W. Fitzgerald** was born in Coburn, Ontario, 16 March 1845, and came to Brighton, Michigan, at age eight. During the Civil War he served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Michigan Cavalry. He established *The Clinton and Shiawassee Union* newspaper at Ovid in 1879. Then in 1886, after being elected Register of Deeds, he sold the paper. In 1905 he was elected mayor of St. Johns. He became an employee of the St. Johns State Bank where he pioneered the use of newspaper advertising for financial institutions. He was a candidate for congress in 1908. Known as an eloquent speaker, he performed at many functions. He retired in 1917 at the age of 72.

His first wife was **Gertrude Yerkes**, whom he married 7 October 1868. Their children were **Maude I, Howard H., Harry Y.** and **Roy C.** The sons all followed their father in the newspaper business. After Gertrude's death Fitzgerald married **Mrs Lena Martin** in August 1900.

He died 19 September 1931 at his St. Johns home. Following his funeral he was escorted to Mt. Rest Cemetery by a contingent of ex-servicemen. **George Kimble** and **F.W.Redfern**, old comrades in arms, were among those who attended the last rites.

After Fitzgerald's retirement he travelled and wrote extensively to his

friends back home. *The Clinton Republican* published his long letters. The following excerpts regarding his attendance at a Michigan state picnic which was held by the residents there.

I could fill a volume with the heart aches that have come to fortune seekers who have failed in the winning as told at these picnics, as of others who have been successful and have nothing but praise to offer for California. Of course our party visited the Michigan picnic which was held on the 17th inst. in Sycamore Grove...The first thing to do at one of these gatherings is to find your county and register.

"We met and visited with **Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Teeter**, late postmaster of Duplain, who has a fine bungalow home at Alhambra, as well as a store nearby. **Mr. and Mrs. Myrtle Richardson-Acton** and her mother, **Mrs. Mary Richardson-Nicholas**; **Mrs. Guy Norton**, accompanied by her two children and her niece, **Esther Ellis**, the daughter of **Bird Church-Ellis**; **Orrin E. Osborn** and wife, who at one time was a bookkeeper in the St. Johns National Bank, but who is one of those who have made good in the west and is at present the assistant manager of the Wright-Martin Aircraft Corporation, one of the big industries at present and turning out several flying machines daily. I wish to say for the benefit of the friends of Mr. Osborn that he has very greatly improved, age seemingly having developed him into a keen, bright businessman, while the climate of southern California has evidently agreed with him in every way, adding to his avoirdupois something like thirty pounds.

"Then we saw at the picnic **H.W. Tuttle**, formerly a resident of Elsie, and who at one time conducted a meat market in St. Johns. Tuttle is one of those who located just right and into whose hands

dame fortune placed some of her treasure, as he is a landed proprietor here owning besides many houses which he rents, a large apartment house which is so well located that it calls for desirable tenants at all times. He extended an invitation to our party to attend a ball which was to be held in the fine ball room which is located several floors up in the apartment house. He promised everything free, and as all of our acquaintances back east know how **Frank Swain** likes to "trip the light fantastic toe" we consented to make the visit... Mr. Tuttle is no longer the timid gentleman his friends back east remember, but an up-to-date businessman who carries a check book and a good balance at the bank.

"At the Michigan gathering we also met **Mrs. A. M. Eaton**..., well known in Ovid where her husband was a prominent businessman for years. Her home is now Los Angeles and has been for some years."

"We met **Fred Atkin**, a former resident of St. Johns whose father resides just east of the fair grounds. He has been in the west many years and has made good. **Fred Lee**, at one time in the hardware business with **John Chapman**, now a resident of Long Beach, was at the picnic shaking hands with old friends."

"Then we met **Will Wheat**, a brother of **John Wheat**, who was accompanied by his wife, they having come here from Arkansas some years ago, where he settled after leaving St. Johns."

"**Frank Alderman** and wife were present, this city being his home, having settled here some six years ago since which time he has conducted a grocery business here. His brothers are still engaged in the mercantile business at Shepardsville, but Frank says, "'the east is the place to make money all right, but this

is the place to live and enjoy life."

"We met an uncle of **J. Earl Brown**, his father's brother, who has been a resident of this section for years and who has no desire to move back east."

"**C. W. Allison and Mrs. Allison** of Owosso had to register in both Clinton and Shiawassee as they had friends and acquaintances in both counties. They were accompanied by **Mrs. Henry Post**, formerly **Miss Lou Gibbard**, well known in Clinton. Her husband who died but a few months ago was associated with Gillett, the safety razor man who accumulated millions from the sale of the safety."

"We met **Mrs. Elmer Yerrick** whose husband was a prominent shoe dealer in Ovid years ago...having been a resident of this state now for many years."

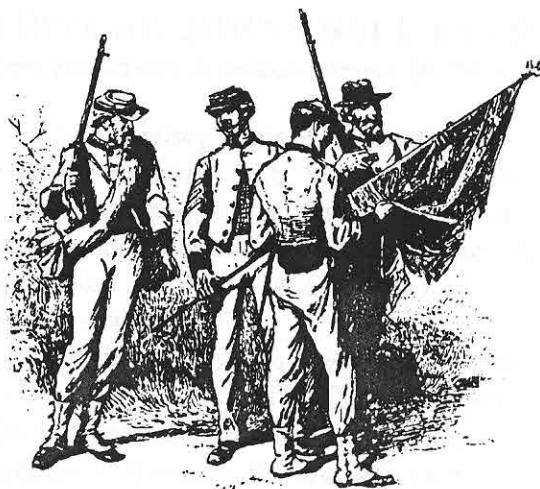
"**Boyd Doyle** and wife were present. Boyd is just as pleasing and engaging in his manners as ever, and to show his desire that our party enjoy life while here, tendered to **Frank Swain** his new Chalmers touring car to drive about the city whenever he wishes. Mr. Doyle has a fine office, and from everything we can gather, is building up a good mercantile brokerage business. His latest addition is the marketing of the product of a marmalade factory to be established at San Gabriel. "One would not think of coming to this part of California without attending a gathering of the Michigan Day people."□

Elections are won by men and women chiefly because most people vote against someone rather than for someone.

*Franklin P. Adams, Nods & Becks*

Vote for the man who promises least; he'll be the least disappointing.

*G.B. Shaw, The Doctor's Dilemma*



## OHIO CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS

At an informal meeting at the encampment at St. Johns, August 23, 1889, the soldiers in the Civil War who served in Ohio regiments and have since adopted the state of Michigan as their place of residence formed an association by electing **William L. Phillips**, Ithaca, president, and **L. F. Conrad**, Wacousta, the secretary to obtain the name, company, regiment, and address and have the same published in the St. Johns papers.

Although over 100 names are listed in this article from *The Clinton Republican*, dated 5 September 1889, only the names of Clinton County residents are repeated here:

Acker, B.; Co I, Reg 103; St. Johns  
Barnes, C.M.; Co I, Reg 103; St. Johns  
Belding, M.; Co E, Reg 68; St. Johns  
Beneman, D. ; Co I, Reg 72, Fowler  
Bradfield, J.P.; Co C, Reg 26, Shep-ville  
Buck, J.; Co C, Reg 128; Forest Hill  
Couter, J.F.; Co A, Reg 64; Eureka  
Crell, D.M.; Co G, Reg 51, Eureka  
Crossett, M.L.; Co A, Reg 128, St. Johns  
Curtis, H.D.; Co 9, Ind. Bat; Maple Rap.  
Dunlap, A.; Co K, Reg 102; St. Johns  
Eddy, L.; Co B, 2 Cav; Elsie

Egert, C.; Co I, Reg 177; St. Johns  
 Engler, F.M.; Co B, Reg 72, Wacousta  
 Fell, A.; Co F, Reg 197; St. Johns  
 Foster, H.; Co D, Reg 38; St. Johns  
 French, D.S.; Co A, Reg 110; St. Johns  
 Hibbard, George; Co F, Reg 188; Eureka  
 Holbrook, J.J.; Co J, Reg 76; Elsie  
 Hugis, W.P.; Co C, Reg 8; St. Johns  
 Hunt, H.; Co E, Reg 49; Shep-ville  
 Jewel, L.; Co H., Reg 15; Wacousta  
 Keiser, J.J.; Co E, Reg 126; Eureka  
 Knight, E.; Co D, 2 h a; Eureka  
 Loomis, L.G.; Co E, Reg 42, St. Johns  
 Marietta, J.M.; Co E, Reg 102; Eagle  
 McCullough, J.; Co I, Reg 104; Duplain  
 Mills, D.C.; Co C, Reg 128; Forest Hill  
 Mock, J.B.; Co D, Reg 48; St. Johns  
 Moris, E; Co K, Reg 55; Eagle  
 Myers, L.M.; Co K, Reg 55; Elsie  
 Pepple, R.G.; Co H, Reg 21; Wacousta  
 Percy, P.S.; Co A, Reg 68; Maple Rapids  
 Perdue, J.V.; Co. H, Reg 55; Eagle  
 Ransom, W.H.; 1 Bat E; St. Johns  
 Reynolds, G.W.; Co D, Reg 10, St. Johns  
 Roberts, D.; Reg 14; Elsie  
 Robson, H.; Co. B; Reg 128; Forest Hill  
 Sherman, S.; Co G, Reg 55; St. Johns  
 Smith, O.T.; Co I, 3d Cav; South Riley  
 Smith, W.H.H.; Co D, Reg 65; Shep-ville  
 Smothers, W; Co G, Reg 88; Eureka  
 Strauss, J.; Co I, Reg 72; Maple Rapids  
 Sturdevant, S.; Co I, Reg 29; St. Johns  
 Summers, E.S.; Reg 68; Wacousta  
 Sutton, W.A.; Co B, Reg 103; St. Johns  
 Trimble, J.M.; Co B, 2 Cav; St. Johns  
 Tromp, W.J.; Co I, Reg 76; St. Johns  
 Whittaker, O.C.; Co H, Reg 103; St. Johns  
 Wilcox, J.G.; Co I, Reg 104; Elsie  
 Wright, C.; Co K, Reg 103; St. Johns  
 Yager, I.; Co F, Reg 102; Shepardsville □

*More than 13,000 Union prisoners died at Andersonville, the largest Confederate military prison. Most died of neglect.*

## FIRST ST. JOHNS BALL CLUB

*from The Clinton Republican, March 26, 1914*

The secretary's minute book for the Monitor Baseball Club, the first ball club to be organized in Clinton County, was recently discovered at the court house. It was dated April 23, 1866, by **P. E. Walsworth**, age 13.

The meeting or the organization was held at this newspaper's office on April 16, 1866, and **James S. Ried** was elected president; **Ransom Plumstead**, vice president; **Leroy C. Whitney**, secretary; and **Robert Smith**, treasurer.

A committee of three appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws consisted of **Ed. Cahill**, **H.S. Hilton**, and **J.S. Ranney**. Mr. Cahill and Mr. Ranney were also constituted a committee to solicit members, and Mr. Ranney was requested to procure suitable balls for the use of the club, and that he might have the necessary funds with which to purchase the balls, a subscription of \$2.50 was raised.

The second meeting was held on Apr 21 in the office of **Judge Sickles**. On the evening of May 31, a special session was called to consider the advisability of accepting the challenge of the Owosso ball club. After due deliberation, the boys decided to allow the Owosso team to come to St. Johns and cross bats with the fellows of the first nine; and on June 8, 1866, a bit of history was made when for the first time a visiting nine played ball in the St. Johns ball grounds, now the spot where the court house stands.

The first attempt at uniform was simply to furnish the players with caps. A later arrangement was made to provide members of the team with blue pants with white stripes on side; caps of blue merino with a white star on top, blue elastic belts, red

canvas shoes, and white shirts.

The first meeting of the next season was held on March 29, 1867, with **Hon. Randolph Strickland** in the chair. That season the assessment reached \$2 per member and at meetings held at frequent intervals new members were voted in.

The last meeting of which a record was kept was a special one held on July 13 when the team voted to attend the tournament at Detroit on August 13 and enter into the third class.

The following were among the list of members who boosted the first baseball team:

Brown, M.D.	McCabe, A.H.
Brown, M.V.	Patch, G.L.
Carrier, C.M.	Plumstead, R.
Chapman, Charles	Randolph, L.G.N.
Collins, J.H.	Ranney, J.S.
Cranson, J.H.	Reid, James W.
DeWitt, Warren	Rockfellow, J.R.
Eaton, Charles	Scatergood, E. M.
Hoffman, W.N.	Sickles, Dennis
Holton, George M.	Sickles, William
Hunt, A.O.	Smith, N.C.
Johnson, W.S.	Smith, R.
Kipp, Charles	Strickland, R.
Lewis, John	Turner, Daniel
Lucas, Parker	Walker, Samuel
Marshall, Emery	Whitney, Casper □

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## ☺ HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**PICNIC** will be held at 6:30 p.m. on August 14th at the home of Myrna Van Epps, 9731 Riverside Drive, Wacousta, (on the S. side of river on S. side of road.) Bring a dish to pass & table service.

HOLBROOK  
 Name of Compiler Joyce HALBROOK  
 Address 123 Thompson St.  
 City, State Springfield, Mass. 01109  
 Date Nov. 1981

Ancestor Chart  
 Person No. 1 on this chart is the same  
 person as No. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

Chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

b. Date of Birth  
 p.b. Place of Birth  
 m. Date of Marriage  
 d. Date of Death  
 p.d. Place of Death

4 Curtis George GRUBAUGH  
 (Father of No. 2)  
 b. 30 Aug. 1870  
 p.b. Gratiot County, Mich.  
 m. 14 April, 1895 - Gratiot Co. Mich.  
 d. 24 Sept. 1950  
 p.d. Detroit, Mich.

2 Leon Earl GRUBAUGH  
 (Father of No. 1)  
 b. 21 June 1896  
 p.b. Gratiot County, Mich.  
 m. 27 Dec. 1922, Clinton Co., Mich.  
 d. 10 March 1956  
 p.d. Denver, Colo.

5 Isla Belle NICHOLS  
 (Mother of No. 2)  
 b. 29 July 1878 (7)  
 p.b. East Jordan, Mich.  
 d. Jan. 1940  
 p.d. Alma, Mich.

1 Joyce Aletha (GRUBAUGH) HOLBROOK  
 b. 7 Dec. 1923  
 p.b. Salem, Mass.  
 m. 14 March 1948 - Detroit, Mich.  
 d.  
 p.d.

6 Edward Elmore KEISER  
 (Father of No. 3)  
 b. 3 July 1869  
 p.b. Shanesville, Ohio  
 m. 14 Nov. 1895 - Greenback Twp.  
 d. 7 July 1954  
 p.d. Ovid, Mich.

3 Jessie Aletha KEISER  
 (Mother of No. 1)  
 b. 2 Jan. 1897  
 p.b. Clinton Co., Mich.  
 d.  
 p.d.

7 Wilkena Aletha WIDEMAN  
 (Mother of No. 3)  
 b. 25 April 1872  
 p.b. Gratiot Co., Mich.  
 d. 29 Dec. 1953  
 p.d. St. Johns, Mich.

Joseph Matthias HOLBROOK  
 (Spouse of No. 1)  
 b. 22 Sept. 1920 d.  
 p.b. Baltimore, Md. p.d.

8 Franklin Benjamin GRUBAUGH  
 (Father of No. 4)  
 b. 10 Nov. 1840  
 p.b. (Ashland) Richland Co. Ohio  
 m. 27 Feb. 1864 - Gratiot Co. Mich.  
 d. 24 March 1926  
 p.d. Essex, Mich.

9 Mariah M. (Matilda?) WASHINGTON  
 (Mother of No. 4)  
 b. 1846  
 p.b. Wayne, Co., Mich.  
 d. 7 May 1919  
 p.d. Detroit, Mich.

10 William L. NICHOLS  
 (Father of No. 5)  
 b. 1854  
 p.b. Hillsdale Co., Mich.  
 m. 4 July 1874 (6) Morenci, Mich.  
 d. 29 March 1905  
 p.d. St. Louis, Mich.

11 Arletta PUGH  
 (Mother of No. 5)  
 b. 20 Dec. 1850  
 p.b. Chesterfield, Ohio  
 d. 6 Feb. 1906  
 p.d. St. Louis, Mich.

12 John S. KEISER  
 (Father of No. 6)  
 b. 21 Oct. 1841  
 p.b. Tuscarawas Co., Ohio  
 m. 20 Oct. 1866 - La Grange Ind.  
 d. 17 Aug. 1915  
 p.d. Clinton Co., Mich.

13 Sarah Ann BIDDLE  
 (Mother of No. 6)  
 b. 22 May 1847  
 p.b. Tuscarawas? Ohio  
 d. 8 Jan. 1919  
 p.d. Mason Co., Mich.

14 William WIDEMAN  
 (Father of No. 7)  
 b. 21 March 1839  
 p.b. Medina Co., Ohio  
 m. 29 Jan. 1871  
 d. 16 Feb. 1912  
 p.d. Clinton Co., Mich.

15 Anna Harriet BARRUS  
 (Mother of No. 7)  
 b. 2 April 1855  
 p.b. Cayuga Co. N.Y.  
 d. 13 July 1885  
 p.d. Clinton Co., Mich.

18 Joseph GRUBAUGH  
 (Father of No. 8)  
 b. 19 Dec. 1790 - Ashland, Ohio  
 m. 1 Sept. 1820 (Ashland, Ohio)  
 d. 26 July 1896 - La Grange, Ind.

17 Jane VAN ZILE  
 (Mother of No. 8)  
 b. 26 Oct. 1795 - Ashland, Ohio  
 d. 19 July 1874 - Gratiot Co. Mich.

18 James WASHINGTON  
 (Father of No. 9)  
 b. ca 1857 - 1860  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

19 Martha L. WOOTEN  
 (Mother of No. 9)  
 b. N.C.  
 d. 1 June 1886 - Gratiot Co., Mich.

20 William NICHOLS  
 (Father of No. 10)  
 b. 1811  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

21 Adaline BENNETT  
 (Mother of No. 10)  
 b. 1813  
 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

22 John PUGH  
 (Father of No. 11)  
 b. 7 July 1825 - VA  
 m. 5 Aug. 1851 - Gratiot Co. Mich.  
 d. 5 March 1907

23 Lavina MURPHY  
 (Mother of No. 11)  
 b. 5 Feb. 1833  
 d. 26 June 1870

24 Joseph KEISER  
 (Father of No. 12)  
 b. 1 July 1816 - Stark Co. Ohio  
 m. 17 Jan. 1839  
 d. 14 Sept. 1887 - Clinton Co., Mich.

25 Susanna HARMON  
 (Mother of No. 12)  
 b. 18 May 1820 - Hamilton Co. Ohio  
 d. 14 Feb. 1896 - Clinton Co.

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## COUSINS AND WHERE TO DRAW THE LINE

By Arlene (Conley) Smith

Many of us have a very hazy idea about all the different kinds of cousins there are, so let's get these outlying buds on the family tree sorted out. It is a good idea to know just who your relatives are. Forewarned is forearmed!

First of all, there are the **FIRST COUSINS**, the sons or daughters of one's aunt or uncle. In case you haven't seen any of your family for years, your first cousins were those little kids who were always around the house whenever you were taken to visit your aunt as a child.

There are two kinds of first cousins; and please don't say, "I know: little girl and little boy cousins." The two kinds of first cousins I mean are known as **ORTHO COUSINS** and **CROSS COUSINS**. Ortho cousins, also known as **PARALLEL COUSINS**, are the children of two children in one family married to two in another family. Cross cousins are the children of your brother or sister and are cross because they aren't ortho.

My father's brother's children (or sister's children) would be my cross cousins. First cousins often grow up, though you wouldn't think it to look at them as children. When they grow up, they usually get married to some strange looking person and have children of their own. These children are your **FIRST COUSINS, ONCE REMOVED**. Perhaps you have been going along thinking that your cousin Herb, the cross one whom you kicked out of the

house last year, was your first cousin, once removed. If so, this will come to you as a surprise. If your first cousins, once removed grow up and have children too--and they will do it--then those children will be your **FIRST COUSINS, TWICE REMOVED**, and you will be getting to be a little old at this point.

That brings us to **SECOND COUSINS**.

The children of your grandparents' brothers and sisters are second cousins, and if second cousins have children, those children are **SECOND COUSINS, ONCE REMOVED**. Their children are **SECOND COUSINS, TWICE REMOVED**.

Children of your grandparents' brothers and sisters will be your **THIRD COUSINS**, etc.

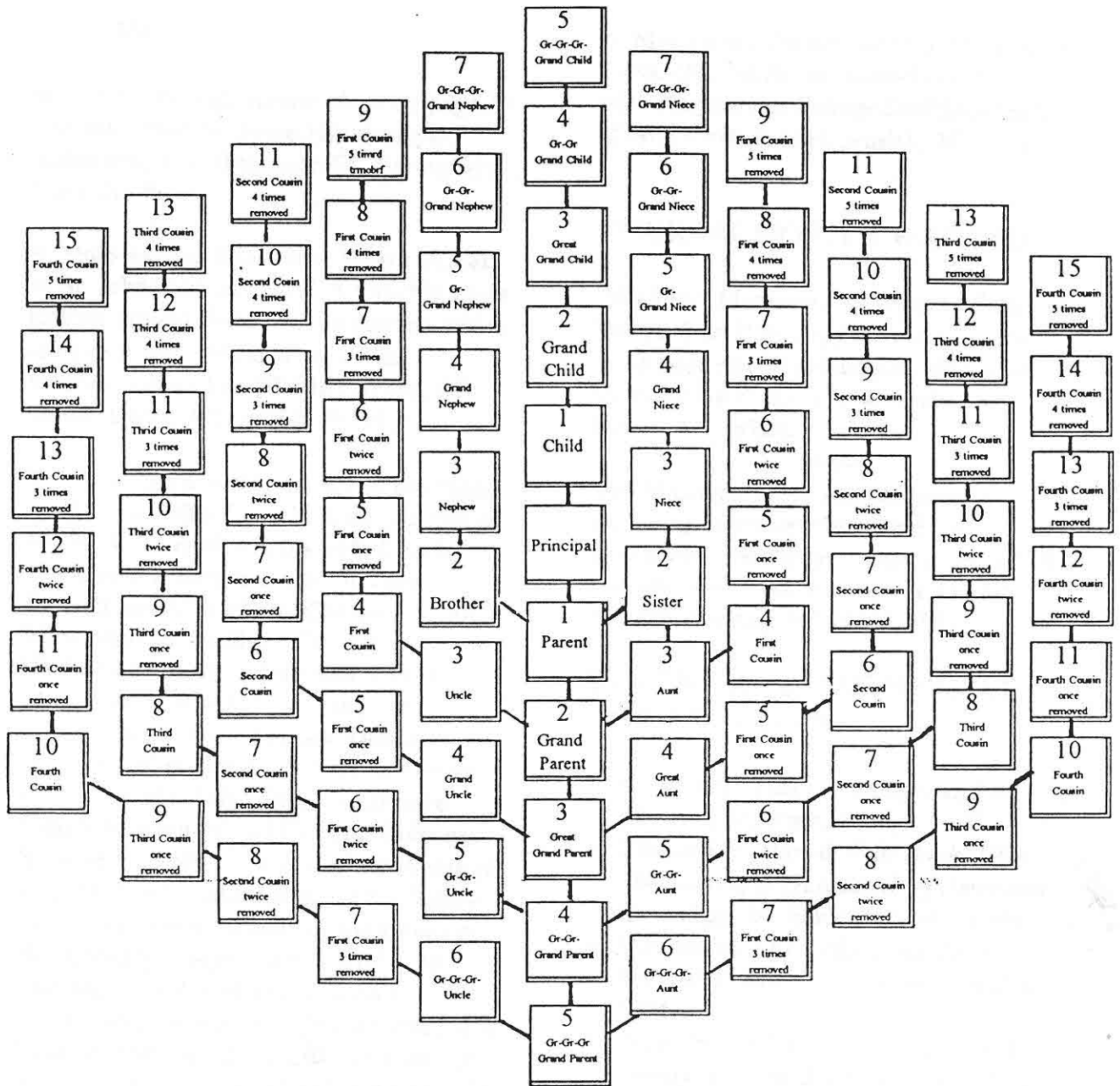
If you haven't had enough by then, it is possible to go on. There are two kinds of **FIFTH COUSINS: NOBODIES AND CELEBRITIES**. If a fifth cousin is a nobody, then the family tie is very remote. In fact, he needn't think he can come around and try to borrow money. If, however, a fifth cousin is a famous person, the relationship is something else again, and a special term, **SECOND COUSIN**, is used to describe it. As for **THIRD COUSINS, TWICE REMOVED**, they are all famous. Otherwise, they simply wouldn't be worth the trouble of having. □

*I found this humorous bit of information in a scrapbook belonging to my mother's mother, Grandma Ada (Crothers) Payne.*

*My father had his humor too, but my mother didn't always find it so funny. His favorite saying was..."Of all my wife's relations, I like myself the best." I bought a plate for him with that saying on it. It came up missing and I asked my dad where it was. He laughed and said "your mother threw it at me." □*







This chart shows the direct line relationship to the principal person (center of the tree) from the great-great-great grand parents (center bottom) to the great-great-great grand children (center top.) Solid lines indicate the path of descendency.

Numbers indicate the degree of kindship, to the principal person, according to the law. "Full cousins" appear at the base of the verticle lines. "Ascending cousins" appear above full cousins and "Decending cousins" are below "full cousins."

# The Kindred Tree

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## QUERIES

■ The **Grubaugh/Keiser** chart on page 19 was submitted by **Joyce (Grubaugh) Holbrook**, 123 Thompson St., Springfield, Mass 01109

■ Does anyone know how **Wight Street** in St. Johns got its name? I found it while driving around there and am curious which relative it was named for-if it was a relative. (from **Pat (Wight) Geyer**, 601 Manor Drive, Albion, MI 49224.)

■ I have come across an article published in 1879 on **John Coryell**. John was son of **David A. Coryell** and his wife **Charity**. The article mentions a dau. of **John Coryell** and wife **Mary Ellis** who became **Mrs. Andrew Dunlap** of Clinton Co., MI. [Wife #2 of John Coryell was **Mrs. --- McAnally Waddell**.] Looking for descendant of **Mrs. Andrew Dunlap** (or her sister, **Mrs. John Garner**, who lived in White Lake, MI) They would have been b between 1816-1830 near Pultney, Steuben Co., NY. I would like to know if they have information back on the family or know the whereabouts of the **David A. and Charity Coryell** family Bible. In exchange I will give any of John's descendants a copy of all the information I have on both David A's. ancestors and on the ancestors of Charity. (Fills a notebk.!)

My particular need is to prove birth & birth place of **Andrew**, b 13 Jul 1800 in NJ, son of David A. & Charity; exact d date & place for David A. (poss. Dec. 1835 in Saline, Washtenaw Co. or Ridgeway Twp., Lenawee Co., MI) and for proof of m of David A. & Charity in northern NJ. (from **Lynne Laurence Gregory**, 6542 Renwood Lane, Annandale, VA 22003-2039. Phone 703-256-7674.)

■ Mrs. Gayle Carson, 2028 S 120th E ve, Tulsa, OK 74128 is researching the following names; **Schoendorf/Shindorf, Music; Coffey; McCormick, Wilkes.**□

## YOUR MEMORIES WANTED

"Michigan Memories," a feature of the Detroit Free Press, appears each Sunday. Send your story to Michigan Memories, Detroit Free Press, 321 W. Lafayette, Detroit MI 48226.

and/or

The Michigan Historical Museum is soliciting memories for its public collection. Send your memory and a \$10 contribution to the museum at 717 W. Allegan, Lansing MI 48918. □

## RECENT ACQUISITIONS AT THE ARCHIVES

- ▶ *Kosht-Kost-Kast Genealogy*, 2nd Ed., by Starks & Esperson, 1995.
- ▶ *Clinton Co. Atlas & Plat Book*, 1994.
- ▶ *The Source, A Guidebook of American Genealogy*, by Eakle & Cerny, 1984.
- ▶ *U.S. Military Records: A guide to Federal & State Sources*, by Neagles, 1994.
- ▶ *Ancestry's Red Book: American State, County & Town Sources*, by Eichholz, 1992.
- ▶ *Ships Passenger Lists, NY & NJ, 1600-1825*.
- ▶ *Ships Passenger Lists, National & New England, 1600-1825*.
- ▶ *History of Cambridge, MA, 1630-1877*.
- ▶ *Descendants of Francis (John) Baxter, & miscellaneous papers regarding Baxter family*.
- ▶ Various issues of the following newsletters:

*Connections* (Kimball family)

*The Pied Cow* (Chadbourn family)  
*Sanborn Signatures* (Sanborn family)  
*Nexus* (New Eng. Historic Gen. Soc.)  
*Mayflower Quarterly* (Gen. Soc. of  
Mayflower Descendants)  
*Genealogical Helper*  
*Littlefield Family Newsletter*  
*Hawkes Talks* (Adam Hawkes Family)  
*Hanscom Family Newsletter*

- Genealogical material on the following surnames:

ALLERTON, ANDREWS, BABB, BARTLETT, BATCHELDER, BATT, BOYNTON, BRACKETT, BRADISH, BRADSTREET, BREED, BROWN, CARGILL, CHADBOURNE, CHAPLIN, CHASE, CHIPMAN, CHUTE, CLARK, COBB, COIT, COLE, COOK, COOMBS, CRESSEY, CUSHMAN, DEERING, DINSMOOR, DODGE, DOW, DUNHAM, EATON, ELDER, EMERY, EMMERSON, FISK/FISKE, FOLSOM, FOSTER, FRENCH, GOODWIN, GOULD, GREENLEAF, GREGG, HALE, HALL, HAMBLÉN/HAMBLIN, HARMON, HARRIMAN, HEARD, HINCKLEY/HINKLEY, HOLBROOK, HOLLAND, HOWARD, HUTCHINSON, IRISH, JACKSON, JENKINS, JENNEY, JEWETT, JORDAN, KIMBALL, KNIGHT, LIBBY, LITTLEFIELD, LIVERMORE, LORD, LOWELL, MAXWELL, MAYBURY, MC ALLISTER, MC KEEN, MC LAUGHLIN, MERRIAM, MERRILL, MILLIKEN, MITCHELL, MOOR, MOORE, MUNSON, NEEDHAM, NESMITH, NOYES, PARKE, PEABODY, PERKINS, PIKE, PILLSBURY, RANDALL, RICH, RICHARDSON, ROBERTS, ROBIE, ROLF, RUSSELL, SANBORN, SAWYER, SHATTUCK, SHERMAN, SMALL, SMITH, SNOW, SPENCER, STARBUCK, STEVENS, STONE, STORM, STURTEVANT, SWETT, SYMONDS, THOMPSON, THURSTON, TILLEY, TOZER, TUTHILL, TUTTLE, WARD, WATTS, WEARE, WEBB, WEBSTER, WENTWORTH, WHEELER, WHEELWRIGHT, WHITE, WHITMORE, WILLARD, WILLOUGHBY, WINSHIP, WOODMAN. □

## DID YOU SAVE THESE?

The archives staff has lately indexed the historical society's newsletter, *The Clinton Independent*, except for several missing

issues. Please note, that if you have any issues from 1977 (Vol. I) or Nos. 1 and 3 from 1978 (Vol. II), we would like to photocopy them for our files. □

## HALLOWEEN TRICKS

The editors want to compose an article about Halloween pranks. Would you send us some of your favorites--vintage or modern? If requested, you will remain anonymous. We don't want to send anyone up the river!

Does your family have a traditional prank. Did your village experience an especially innovative one? Did you dream up one you never dared to use? We'd love it if Box 23 was absolutely stuffed with tricky ideas. □

## EQUIPMENT TO GO

The Genealogists' Committee has started the process of disposing of some little-used equipment that is crowding needed working space at the archives. Please let us know by August 1st if you could use any of the following machines:

- Xerox microfilm reader; possibly use for at-home projects.
- Recordak microfilm reader for 16mm film.
- Information Design microfilm reader; Model 201-1.
- Micro Design microfiche reader; Model 4010. □

## ARE YOUR DUES DUE?

Check the upper right-hand corner of the label on this newsletter to see when your dues were last paid. We need and want you as a contributing member. To send dues, refer to last page of newsletter.