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MT. REST CEMETERY INDEX PUBLISHED

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Information includes surname and given name of the deceased as well as birth date, death date, burial date, section & lot number. Also included is a title (when available.) The title helps to connect husband & wife or parent & child.

A brief orientation of the cemetery, as well as a map of each section gives you a general location of each burial.

The book is spiral bound and sells for \$15. An order blank is included in this newsletter. Add \$4.25 to cover mailing costs or copies may be picked up at the Archives. For the convenience of those in or around St. Johns, copies are available by calling Arlene Smith, 224-3675.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped with this project. A special thanks to **Dave Miller**, sexton of the cemetery, who graciously allowed us to set up shop in the office, along with several computers, to abstract the records.

Thanks to Mark Van Auken of Capitol City Blueprint, who printed cemetery maps for us to take into the cemetery when we read the tombstones. His ancestors are buried in the Bunday family vault.

Thirty-one members and friends of the Clinton County Historical Society helped, either by extracting records, reading tombstones, helping to in-put information into computer files, and proofing the copy. It took a while, but we did it!

CLINTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

A community hospital in Clinton County was first considered at a meeting on 12 January 1926, and an informal organization was set up to explore the

idea. About 50 people attended the next meeting on 12 April 1926 at which time the investigating committee's recommendations were approved.

A subscription and educational campaign began in May, reaching both village and rural areas. A construction contract was let in 1926, and during 1927 individuals and

societies volunteered to furnish rooms and various departments.

On Armistice Day, 11 Nov 1927, Clinton Memorial Hospital was dedicated to honor the veterans of all American wars. Items edited from The Clinton Republican:

25 August 1927

MEN & TEAMS MAKE DIRT FLY

Seventeen Bengal farmers with ten teams and one St. Johns man with his team made the dirt fly at the Clinton Memorial Hospital grounds Wednesday. Grading started Monday when Charles Bishop, who lives on Mead Street and C.R. Estes, who lives on the Hartman farm just north of town, broke ground. A complete survey had been made by the Clinton County Road Commission engineers, and Clayton Jones supervised the work. Wednesday the Bengal delegation, headed by Chauncey Shaffley and Fred Knight, together with Mr. Bishop, made up a big gang and when five o'clock came the grade in front of the new institution began to take shape. The grade in front of the building slopes gently toward Oakland Street, the street grade line being

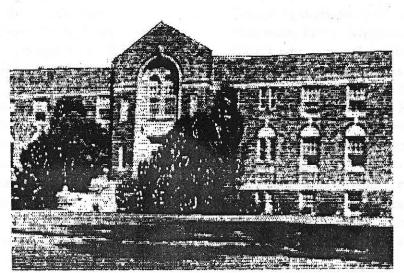
determined by several large elm trees directly in front of the entrance. From the center, the grade will slope away north and

> south, and the entrance and exit driveways will be nearly down to the Oakland Street grade. The walk in the center leading to the front entrance will be built with several steps to the street level. The grade will be made so that people driving on Oakland Street and pedestrians can get a fine view of the

grounds. A good old-fashioned "filling" dinner was served at noon to the volunteer Bengal men on the Frank J. Ward lawn. The Misses Sue and Mable Durkee, Kate Le Vanseler, Mrs. Eva Spaulding and Mrs. Frank J. Ward were the committee from the Woman's Auxiliary who served.

During the afternoon it was found desirable to remove several Lombard poplar trees from the south driveway entrance. Cal Rice and Schuller Marshall made the trip to the Rice farm and secured a quantity of dynamite, and the trees were neatly uprooted.

Those from Bengal who furnished teams were: C.L. Shaffley, Fred Carmack, C.M. Rice, A.H. Blakeslee, E.E. Sturgis, Oral Rice, Tim Cressman, Otto Jacobs, and Fay Williams. Other men who helped were: Frank Rice, J.A. Mosher, Floyd Rice, Fred Knight, Will Ellerbrock, Leroy Pope, Ralph Crowley, and A.B. Phillips.



1 September 1927 47 VOLUNTEERS WORK ON GRADE

During the past week 27 teams and 47 men have joined the volunteers who are putting the grounds around Clinton Memorial Hospital in fine shape. The grade in front of the building and on the south end is practically established, and much of the filling has been done on the east side. There is still need for about 20 days' work with teams and extra men on the east side. When that has been completed, one or two teams a day with spike-tooth drags and light graders will put the finishing touches on the grounds and have them ready for seeding this fall.

"By George, I'm glad I came," said Will Kissane, Wednesday, as he with others completed inspection of the new building. "I didn't realize what a complete institution you were building here." Similar expressions were heard from members of each delegation during the week. Each noon after dinner the men made an inspection of the building.

Those who were grading Friday were: Ross Brooks, M.E. Simpson, George Cain, Carl Hecht and Ernest Stevens with their teams. Others who helped were Oral Simpson, William Althouse and C.L. Rising.

The Olive crowd came Monday morning and made great progress on the south end and east side of the building. A knoll lying to the southeast of the building along the grade of the proposed Lansing, St. Johns and St. Louis railroad of thirty years ago was cut down to a level of the surrounding land and used to complete the grade of the south driveway. Those from Olive who came with teams were: Almond Cressman, Harold Sonier, Peter Schafer, William O. Fox, Will Purvis, George Cooper, Jesse Winslow, John Reed, Willis Walker, Howard Plowman, and Bert Chant. Others who helped holding plows and scrapers were: Fred Hammond, Glen Pearson, Delbert Ennest, Frank Jones, Leon Ennest, Ed Cressman, Clyde Pearson, Harold Plowman, and Joe Geller.

Orbie Cleland and his gang from Greenbush raised a cloud of dust around the new building on Tuesday. Robert Marshall of St. Johns joined

the "bee" and drove team all day, and at dinner time, S.L. Marshall ate with his old neighbors. George Judd, too, sneaked in on the feed and paid well for his "eats" by telling the crowd funny stories.

Those who brought teams from Greenbush were: Don Baldwin, Harry Rosekrans, Ernest Wakefield, Orbie Cleland, Lloyd Sherman, Percy Kingsbury and Guy Smith. Others who manipulated the scraper and plow handles were: Lewis Cox, T. Whitford, June Stevens, Ed Fleagle and Robert Marshall.

The fire at the C.M. Rice farm
Wednesday morning prevented some of those who planned to come Wednesday helping.
Four teams and six men with the help of engineer Nathan Moore contributed the work however. Several members of the building committee had dinner with the men at the Ward home, including Father Peek of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Those who came with teams were: Will Kissane, Carl Harris, Chris Eisler and Alton Carroll with Ernest Henning's team. Others who helped were Byron Kissane and John Eisler.

7 November 1929

FOWLER ROOM: When the Clinton Memorial Hospital was built, the Fowler people took a bedroom to be furnished and to be called "The Fowler Room." Mrs. Dr. Schemer and myself conducted the drive. We had it all subscribed and more too. The collections were postponed on account of the sickness of Mrs. Schemer until times made it hard to collect the last few dollars, so I decided to sell tickets to raise this money.

I talked with H. Lewis George, and he gave me a bargain on a cedar chest, donated a pair of feather pillows and took 25 tickets to sell. Mrs. Ann MacPherson Eisler and myself sold the rest. The tickets were drawn at George's Furniture Store October 25, Peter Edinger holding the lucky number. After expenses were paid, I handed \$70 to the hospital which more than paid our debt. I thank all who so cheerfully helped. Mrs. W.W. Kinley. ©

HOSPITAL COLUMN

In the 1920's and 30's, a regular column in the local newspaper was devoted to the Clinton Memorial Hospital news. It listed names of patients admitted during the week and their addresses, newborns, and donors. A representative list of donors and gifts follows:

October 1928

Miss Jessie Creighten - potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers, & sweet cider Mrs. J. Yoder - 6 qts. fruit Sorosis Club, Maple Rapids - barrel of canned fruit

November 1928

Frank Smith - apples

Mrs. William Smith - pumpkins & squash

Anthony Droste - vegetables

Mrs. Wm. Alderman, Henry Schaefer, Joseph Platte, William H. Bohr - canned fruit

Mrs. Ada Rosekrans - pumpkins, squash, carrots & chili sauce

Eureka E.V. Aid Society - canned fruit, vegetables, pickles, jam & jelly

Mr. & Mrs. John B. Spitzley, Westphalia - pears, carrots, canned fruit

Mr. & Mrs. George Parmenter, Ovid - potatoes & squash

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Underhill, Ovid - squash

Mr. & Mrs. F.L. Ramsey, Shepardsville - beets

Mrs. F.D. Cleveland, Ovid - squash, canned fruit & jam

Mr. & Mrs. D.B. Shepard, Shepardsville - potatoes, beans & vegetables

Mr. & Mrs. E.C. Norris, Ovid - carrots & jelly

E.H. Shultz, Ovid - cabbage, squash & pumpkins

Greenbush M.E. Aid Society; Thursday Club, St. Johns - canned fruit, pickles, & jelly

Fowler primary school children - scrap books & picture books

Mrs. Asa Driskill - jelly

Starr Aid Society, Watertown - canned fruit, vegetables, pickles, jelly & jam

Miss Jessie Creighton - hickory nuts

Mrs. L. Katherine Langan, Cass City, MI - cash

Mrs. Charles Schraeder - lard

Mrs. Edward Sehlke, DeWitt - cabbage, rutabagas, canned fruit & jelly

Mertie Miner - canned fruit & jelly

Nina Waldron, Lulu Boak & Alma Pfiel - canned fruit

Angie Sillman & Pearl Sillman - canned fruit, vegetables, tomatoes & apple butter

Mrs. Dana Grove - canned fruit & jelly

Emma Mundell; Lebanon Aid Society - canned fruit, vegetables, pickles, jelly & jam Mr. Redfern - magazines

September 1929

Bert Sigafoose - cabbage & sweet corn ©

REGISTERED PHYSICIANS - CLINTON COUNTY - 1900

as listed in The Clinton Republican - 2 August 1900

Name	A	В	C	D	Name	A	В	C	D
Abbott, J.T.	61	OV	29	R	Leonard, E.S.	65	ov	36	R
Banta, P.H.	26	WE	6^	R	McGillicuddy	29	SH	2	R
Beal, G.H.	30	EL	8	R	McPherson, G.	60	FO	33	E
Bliss, G.E.	54	MR	25	Н	Morrison, R.G.	62	SJ	28	EB
Brown, D.F.	43	EL	5	H	Palmer, Henry	43	SJ	13	R
Buck, R.C.	26	SJ	1	R	Pingel, John	62	RI	25	H
Campbell, O.B.	48	OV	25	R	Pollard, J.W.	39	SJ	12	R
Corbin, G.E.	69	SJ	45	R	Post, S.M.	52	SJ	29	R
Dodge, J.B.	42	SJ	18	H	Sanborn, R.H.	62	MR	39	E
Dooling, J.V.	25	SJ	1	R	Sanford, T.M.	36	DE	7	R
Dryer, N.A.	62	BA	36	A	Schemer, E.	42	FO	6	R
Dunn, F.C.	28	SJ	8	R	Schoenith, J.	49	WE	3	R
Gillam, S.E.	55	SJ	31	R	Simmons, R.	52	DE	22	H
Hart, A.O.	29	MR	6	R	Sleight, R.D.	25	MR	3	R
Hart, Eugene	28	EU	6	A	Squair, H.D.	26	SJ	3	R
Hart, Hamlet	68	EU	22	A	Swaney, H.N.	41	EA	15	R
Havens, Mary P.*	63	SJ	29	H	Taylor, J.E.	39	OV	14	R
Havens, William	69	SJ	35	H	Travis, J.H.	52	EL	23	R
Hinkson, J.E.	29	WA	5	R	Way, A.B.	61	EL	34	E
Hill, J.B.	56	OV	28	E	Weller, M.	46	SJ	18	R
Jones, Lafayette	57	SJ	34	R	Wilson, E.D.	29	BA	3	R
Knapp, C.E.	57	SJ	33	R	Wilson, S.J.	.50	WA	3	R

^{*} Mrs. Havens is the only female physician in the county.

Column A = Age

Column B = Post Office Address: BA=Bath DE=DeWitt EA=Eagle EL=Elsie EU=Eureka FO=Fowler MR=Map.Rapids OV=Ovid RI=Riley SH=Shep'ville

SJ=St.Johns WA=Wacousta WE=Westphalia

Column C = Number of Years engaged in practice

Column D = School of medicine: A=Allopathy E=Ecletic Botany H=Homeopathy R=Regular ©

[^] Weeks.

JOHN W. SMITH, BARBER-MAPLE RAPIDS

(edited from Clinton County RepublicanNews 5 Mar 1931)

After 50 years of barbering in Maple Rapids, John W. Smith sold his barber shop Monday to Ray Crawford. While plying his trade with razor, shears, and clippers, Mr. Smith has won his way into the hearts of his fellow townspeople by whom he has affectionately been called "Uncle Johnnie" for years. That he has also played an important part in the romance of the people is not to be doubted. Who knows how many hearts have been won by the smooth shaves, neat hair cuts, and stylishly bobbed hair acquired in his shop?

Born in Hillsdale Co., Mr. Smith spent most of his life within seven miles of Maple Rapids. When small he moved with his parents to Gratiot Co. where they established a home in the wilderness 1/2 mile north of where the Stonebrook Church now stands. His schooling began in the old Reynolds School, a log structure which was located 1/2 mile west of the present site of the Reynolds School in Fulton Twp. As a youth he worked for the Swigarts and other farmers.

Mr. Smith came to Maple Rapids
March 1881 and was employed by
Clarence E. Baker from whom he learned
the barber trade. The barber shop was at
that time in the front end of the basement
of the bank. During the three or four
months of the year he was in Mr. Baker's
employ, the barber shop occupied a
building owned by William Schneider
which adjoined the north side of the
Commercial Hotel on the east side of N.
Maple Avenue. But Mr. Schneider sold
the building to William Sullivan who

wanted to put in a saloon. Accordingly, Mr. Baker received \$50 to vacate the building, so the barber shop was moved back to the basement of the bank.

In 1882 Mr. Smith bought the business of Mr. Baker, and in the spring of 1885 Mr. Smith moved his equipment to the room on the ground floor in the north end of the bank building where the barber shop has been located for the past 46 years.

Mr. Smith has maintained a well-equipped, up-to-date barber shop. In Mr. Smith's opinion, the greatest improvement in the barbering business in the last 50 years is the electric clippers. In spite of the modern improvements, upon a visit to the shop one would also find a relic which brings back memories of days gone by. This is a cup case containing some of the old-time individual cups of patrons, each cup bearing the name of its owner.

Mr. Baker has since passed away as have also H.A. Ingraham, Byron
Townsend, Verne Stofs, Philip Fockler,
Bert Winans, Gene Pettit, Lee
Younglove, George Marsh and Clyde
Allen, nine of the men who have been employed by Mr. Smith.

Only three men are now living here who were also here as young men when Uncle Johnnie first began to barber. They are: Jay Webster, Elmer McCracken and Orva M. Snyder.

Mr. Crawford came here from Grand Rapids and finished learning the trade of Mr. Smith by whom he has been employed for eleven years. Both he and Mrs. Crawford, the former Miss Goldie Foss, a local girl, have many friends here. In connection with the barber shop, Mrs. Reha Pearl of Middleton will operate a beauty parlor. ©

SPRY OLD RESIDENTS OF VICTOR

(The Clinton Republican, 2 March 1905)

I wonder how many sections can boast, of as many men and women that have seen the suns of more than eighty summers as reside on the four roads surrounding section 3 in the township of Victor.

Starting at the Congregational Church and going east, we find E.F. Edwards who held the office of post master for upwards of twenty years and is as spry as many a man twenty years his junior. The next is Mrs. James Upton who has been in Michigan since 1856. Mrs. Upton, although some lame, is able to walk to the neighbors. Next is J.W. Beckwith who came to Michigan in 1862. Mr. Beckwith is able to do a good day's work at many kinds of farm labor. The next is Abram Houyck who came to Michigan some time in the [18]50's.

Next is Israel Crane who has resided on the farm where he now lives for upwards of twenty years. The next is John C. Brunson who came to Michigan almost sixty years ago. Mr. Brunson soon moves to St. Johns because he finds that the work on a hundred and fifty acres of land a little too hard and too much of it for a "boy" of his age.

These people have all grown old gracefully, and all but two are actively engaged in some kind of farm labor and are a comfort to themselves and their friends. Long may they live and retain their faculties. ©

"VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS" AT MUSEUM

Every Wed. from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m., Nov. 30 - Dec 29, the Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum invites the public to view the 1860 Historic House with 6 rooms of period furniture and 7 rooms of exhibits and artifacts, all decorated with fresh cedar for the Christmas season. Special music from 7 - 8. Admission fee: donation. ©

COURT HOUSE WILL BE REDECORATED

(Clinton County Republican-News, 23 April 1925)

After doing duty for about 18 years, the old wallpaper in the court house corridors, offices of the county clerk, register of deeds, treasurer, and road commissioners will be torn down and replaced by new decorations, according to the decision of the board of supervisors' committee on buildings and grounds. The woodwork will be varnished and the walls painted.

This committee, composed of Frank Stone, Ned Hall, and Herbert Armbrustmacher, has also decided to put new ceilings on the boiler and coal rooms in the basement and put a new coat of asphalt on the roof. The matter of fitting up the new supervisors hall and committee rooms in the basement with desks and chairs was also taken under consideration, but no definite action was taken.

Contracts for the decorating material and work were let to Hunts Drug Store and Herman Ike. Fred Tremper will spread the new roofing.

CHARTS

On page 44 is 4 generation chart of **Harold Kassner Swiler**, showing early residents of southwest Clinton County.

On page 45 see the ancestor chart of Bonnie Jean (Ridenour) Conlin whose paternal family was in Lebanon, Essex, and Greenbush Townships. ©

Name of Computer Lamela K. Swiler (wife of Wayne)

George tranklin:

Address 13051 AINGWORTH RO

City, State Lake Messa, MI

Date 7-7-1996

FOUR GENERATION LINEAGE CHART Chart No._ b. 6 MARCH 1830 p.b. OHIO m. p.m. d. 14 OCT 1906 p.d. MICH, Eliza Tane COPENHAVER 23 NOV 1840 p.b. OHIO d. 13 APR 1905 p.d. MICH. b. 25 JUL 1835 p.b. Weathers field, New York m. 1858 p.m. New YORK d. p.d. FLTON b. p.b. d. Feb. 1885 p.d. Mathias KASSNER b. 22 AUG 1822 p.b. BAUERIA, GERMANY m. p.m. d. 10 MAY 1878 p.d. MECOSTA CO., MI Magdalene NEUSWANGER b. Y DEC 1817 P. D. YOLKERS HAUSEN, GERMAN, d. 1889 p.d. HINTON TWP., MICH. Andreu b. 2 JAN 1830 P. B. BEKN, SWITZERLAND m. 1857, p.m. SWITZERLANDO d. 12 MAY 1901 p.d. LAKEVIEW, MICHIGAN Magdalene JAPR 1838 p.b. HOLA BAD, SWITZERLAND d. 1 JAN 1921

Marvele Marie

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p.b. BARRY CO, MI

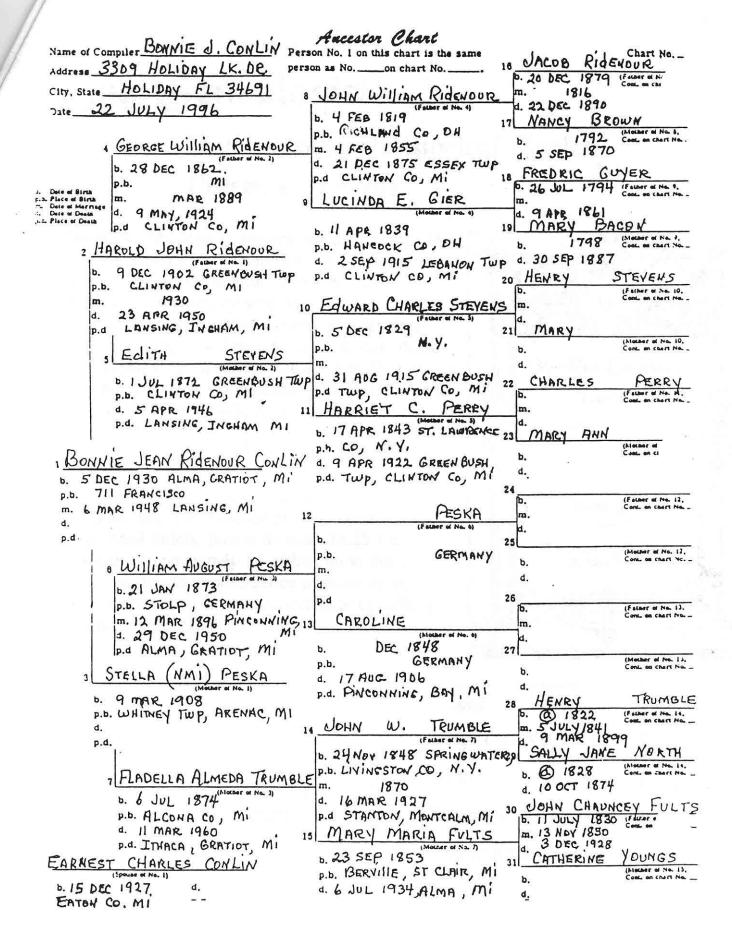
9 JUL 1923 (Spouse)

p.d. Lakeview, MICHIGHIO

8 OCT 1858

d. 26 June 1946 p.d. Altona, MICH.

P.b. BERN, SWITZERLAND



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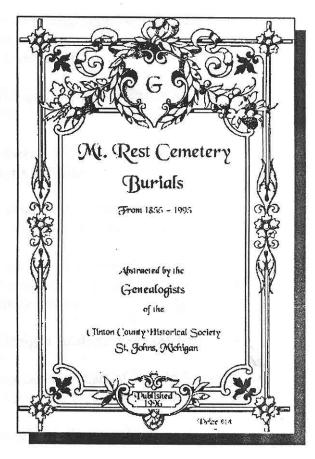
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Please send all queries (with SASE) to Query Editor, Clinton County Trails, Box 23, St. Johns, MI 48879.

- Submitted by Mrs. Pamela K. Swiler, 13051 Ainsworth Road, Lake Odessa, MI 48849: Lafayette Swiler and Eliza Jane Copehaver marriage date and place? Daniel F. Saxton death/burial date and place? Ann Pelton Saxton birth and death/burial place?
- Submitted by Jeff Miller, 7488 17th
 Lane, NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-4756: Wants information on Stephen,
 John, and Diane (Warren) Wheeler.
- Submitted by LaVerne Root, 5953 North Stiles Road, Ludington, MI 19431: Wants to correspond with anyone working on Pennington and Ray families. ©

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NEW VOLUNTEER

Jackie Lankford is now giving several hours of her time on Tuesdays for the benefit of the archives. Many thanks to her and others who help in various ways.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS AT THE ARCHIVES

- Indices to 1870 Michigan Federal Census: Jackson, Lenawee, Washtenaw, Monroe, Oakland and Wayne Counties, including Detroit.
- Guide to Michigan Genealogical & Historical Collections at the Library and State Archives of MI.
- Michigan Centennial Farms as of July 1996.
- Crimson & Gold, 1925 yearbook of Ferris Institute.
- Scalpel, 1932 yearbook of Michigan Hospital School of Nursing.
- 5-generation chart of Bonnie Jean (Ridenour) Conlin and various Conlin family papers.
- Michigan Rushers memorabilia.
- 4-generation chart of Harold Kassner Swiler, and descendants of John Swiler.
- Sturgis family genealogy.
- Sherman Pioneers in Michigan.
- Genealogy of the Blanding Family with Blanden, Blandin, Blandon.
- Cogswell genealogical papers. [©]