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GARDNER SCHOOL

Gardner School used to occupy the southeast corner of Walker and Airport roads in section 7 of Bingham Township. According to the 1980 *History of Clinton County*, it was named after Samuel Gardner who long ago operated an inn near there. Records show the last school structure there was 735 square feet and was built on the half-acre site in 1880.



GARDNER SCHOOL - Ca 1913

This is the only original photo of this school at the archives. Those pictured are: Blanch Dikeman ; Maragaret LYONS; Oral HALSTEAD; Clare BEAREND; Ambra SIEFERT; Devere RIDENOUR; Edna BECKER; Delma DIKEMAN; Corenna BECKER; Alfred EARNEST; Carl SIEBERT; Laura EARNEST; Lucy L. BALLINGER, Teacher; Oliver MATTER; Johnnie HALSTEAD; Vivla MCCULLUM; Bertha MILLE; Harry EARNEST; Leo L. DIKEMAN; William LYONS. ☺

Contract Between District Board and Teacher



It is hereby Contracted and Agreed, between the District Board of School District No. 2 Frl. in the Township of Bungham County of Clinton and State of Michigan, and Bernice H. Hettler a legally qualified teacher in said county and township, that the said Bernice H. Hettler shall teach the school of said district for the term of Nine months, commencing on the 31 day of August, 1925 and that there shall be _____ vacation periods of _____ days, beginning on the following dates: _____

The said Bernice H. Hettler agrees to faithfully keep a correct list of the pupils, grade and age of each attending school; to faithfully observe and enforce the rules and regulations established by the district board of said district for the external management of said school; and endeavor to preserve in good condition and order the school grounds, furniture and such other district property as may come under her supervision. The said Bernice H. Hettler further agrees to teach the subject of physiology and hygiene with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks and narcotics as is required by law, also to give instruction in regard to the mode by which dangerous communicable diseases are spread, the best methods for the restriction and prevention of such diseases, and will report the facts in regard to all such instruction to the director at the close of the school term or year. The said Bernice H. Hettler further agrees to prepare a report at the close of the school term or year showing the foregoing facts, also the number of days each pupil attended school, the aggregate attendance, the average daily attendance, and the percentage of attendance, together with such other items as the said district board or the commissioner of schools may require, and that all this information and all these reports shall be placed in the hands of the director at the close of the school term or year and prior to receiving the wages for the last month's labor.

The said district board in behalf of said district, agrees to provide a water supply for the school, to keep the schoolhouse in good repair, and the school grounds in good and sanitary condition, to provide proper and necessary fuel, ~~to provide the teacher with a house~~ ~~to purchase and place in the schoolroom the necessary appendages specified in the law,~~ to purchase and place in the schoolroom the necessary appendages specified in the law, to provide the teacher and pupils with proper charts and appliances for giving instruction in the subject above mentioned, and to do all things that will promote the welfare and success of the school, and to pay said Bernice H. Hettler for said service as Teacher, to be faithfully and truly rendered as above stated, the sum of One Hundred Fifteen DOLLARS per month, the same being the amount of wages agreed upon, to be paid on or before the 1st day of July, 1926; provided, that in case the said Bernice H. Hettler shall be dismissed from school by the said district board for gross immorality or violation of this contract, or shall permit her certificate of qualification to expire, or shall have said certificate annulled or suspended by the county board of school examiners or other lawful authority, she shall not be entitled to any compensation from and after such annulment, suspension or dismissal.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 2nd day of July, 1925

Oliver D. Liggett Director.
Ray Simer Moderator.
Geo. Becky Treasurer.
Bernice H. Hettler Teacher

The archives holds a wealth of records on the Gardner School, including copies of other certificates like the one above naming **Bernice H. Hettler**, teacher for the school year 1925-6 in district No. 2 Frl. See also on page 15 the certificate naming **John Foerch** treasurer for 1926-7.

Among the class lists which cover the years 1878 to 1937 the following students are named with ages:

Term Commencing August 10, 1878

Nellie M. Clancy, Teacher

- | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Becker, Mary - 9 | Haynes, Hattie - 14 | Seibert, Amelia - 7 |
| Blackmer, Frank - 9 | Nestell, Albert - 12 | Seibert, Katie - 12 |
| Coffman, John - 16 | Nestell, Eddie - 9 | Seibert, Tilla - 9 |
| Crichton, Lottie - 7 | Nestell, Freddie - 7 | Sherman, Clarence - 9 |
| Davis, Freddie - 6 | Nestell, Jennie - 14 | Tombs, Addie - 6 |
| Fidling, Charley - 7 | Plunket, Annie - 9 | Wellington, Artie - 9 |
| Foley, Lizzie - 10 | Plunket, Clara - 8 | Wellington, Harvey - 12 |
| Gardner, Celia - 9 | Ridneour, Addie - 13 | Wellington, Katie - 7 |
| Grooves, Claud - 8 | Seibert, Albert - 12 | Wellington, Lulu |
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**Term Commencing March 15, 1886
H. A. Thompson, Teacher**

Atkinson, Willie - 11-1/2
Clapsaddle, Ella - 8.9
Clapsaddle, Willie - 6
Feightling, Charley - 13
Feightling, Helen - 9.4
Ferry, Eddie - 12.1

Ferry, Emma - 9.3
Ferry, Freddie - 7.2
Gardner, Eddie - 8
Haynes, Hattie - 20
Kneeland, Don - 8
Krull, Amanda - 8.3

Krull, Lizzie - 6.4
Moneyheffer, Ransom - 14
Nestell, Freddie - 12.2
Weaver, Sarah - 7
Wellington, Arthur - 15
Wellington, Harvey - 18☺

Acceptance of Office by District Officer.

I do hereby accept the office of Treasurer
in School District No. 2 of the Township of Bingham
Dated, this 22 day of July 1926
Signed, John F. Faersch

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
County of Clinton } ss. Affidavit of District Officer.

John Faersch being duly sworn, says that he has been elected to
the office of Treasurer in School District No. 2 of the Township of
Bingham, that he is a legally qualified voter in school meetings of the said
Township, and that he is the owner in his own right of the property so assessed.

Signed, _____
Subscribed and sworn to before me a H. A. Thompson this 22 day of
July A. D. 1926

My Commission Expires _____ day of _____ 19____
Asa Green
Justice of the Peace or Notary Public.

**SEVERAL PHOTOS OF GARDNER SCHOOL GROUPS ARE HELD AT THE
ARCHIVES.**

This list gives names and year of photo (if known) of people shown: (Some females are listed twice--once under married name with maiden name in parentheses. See photo details under maiden name.)


Aldridge, Hattie - 1884
Aldridge, Sadie - 1884
Altvater, Amelia (Miller)
Atkinson, William - 1884
Becker, George - 1884
Becker, John - 1884
Becker, Mary - 1884
Becker, Tillie - 1884, 1891
Bottom, Nellie (Lamb)
Brenner, George - 1884, 1891
Brown, Clyde - 1900

Brown, Elva/Eva (Ridenour)
Brown, Harriett - 1900
Brown, Millie - 1900
Brown, Nettie - 1900
Burnett, Mary (Teacher) - 1884
Burnett, Wess - 1884
Creighton, Jessie - 1884
Curtin/Curtain, James - 1900
Curtin/Curton, Willie - 1900
Drew, Etta - 1891
Feightling, Cash - 1884

Feightling, Helen - 1884 - 1891
 Foerch, Edwin - 1884
 Foerch, Emma - 1884
 Foerch, John - 1900
 Foerch, Minnie - 1900
 Folley, Lizzie - 1884
 Gardner, Edwin - 1884
 Gardner, Eva - 1891
 Gardner, Minnie - 1884
 Gardner, Nellie - 1884
 Haines, Hattie - 1884
 Hunt, Amy - 1891
 Jackway, Helen - 1900
 Jackway, Leo - 1900
 Kentfield, Anna (Kasper/Krisper)
 Kasper/Krisper, Anna - 1900
 Kneeland, Catherine - 1891, 1900
 Kneeland, Dow - 1884, 1891
 Kneeland, H.B. (Director) - 1891
 Kneeland, H.B. (Mrs) - 1891
 Krull, Amanda - 1884
 Krull, Lizzie - 1884
 Lamb, Nellie - 1900
 Miller, Amelia - 1900
 Miller, August (Moderator) - 1891

Miller, August (Mrs) - 1891
 Mummery, Edna - 1891
 Nessell, Albert - 1884
 Nessell, Edwin - 1884
 Nessell, Fred - 1884
 Nessell, Hattie - 1884
 Reeb, Jake - 1884
 Reeb, Lena - 1884
 Ridenour, Elva/Eva - 1900
 Ryan, Ann (Teacher) - 1891
 Seibert, Albert - 1884
 Seibert, Amelia - 1884
 Seibert, Catherine - 1891
 Seibert, Freida - 1891
 Seibert, Paul - 1891
 Seibert, Walter - 1884
 Seifert, Maggie - 1884
 Seifert, Valentine - 1884
 Shaver, Catherine (Kneeland)
 Shubel, Harriett (Brown)
 Siebert, Amelia (Teacher) - 1900
 Stoerch, Elmo/Elmos - 1900
 Stoerck, George - 1891
 Weaver, Sarah - 1884, 1891
 Wellington, Harry - 1884 ☺

Acceptance of Office by District Officer.



I do hereby accept the office of Moderator
 in School District No. 2 Fel. of the Township of Bingham
 Dated, this 13 day of July 1925
 Signed, Guy Limerick

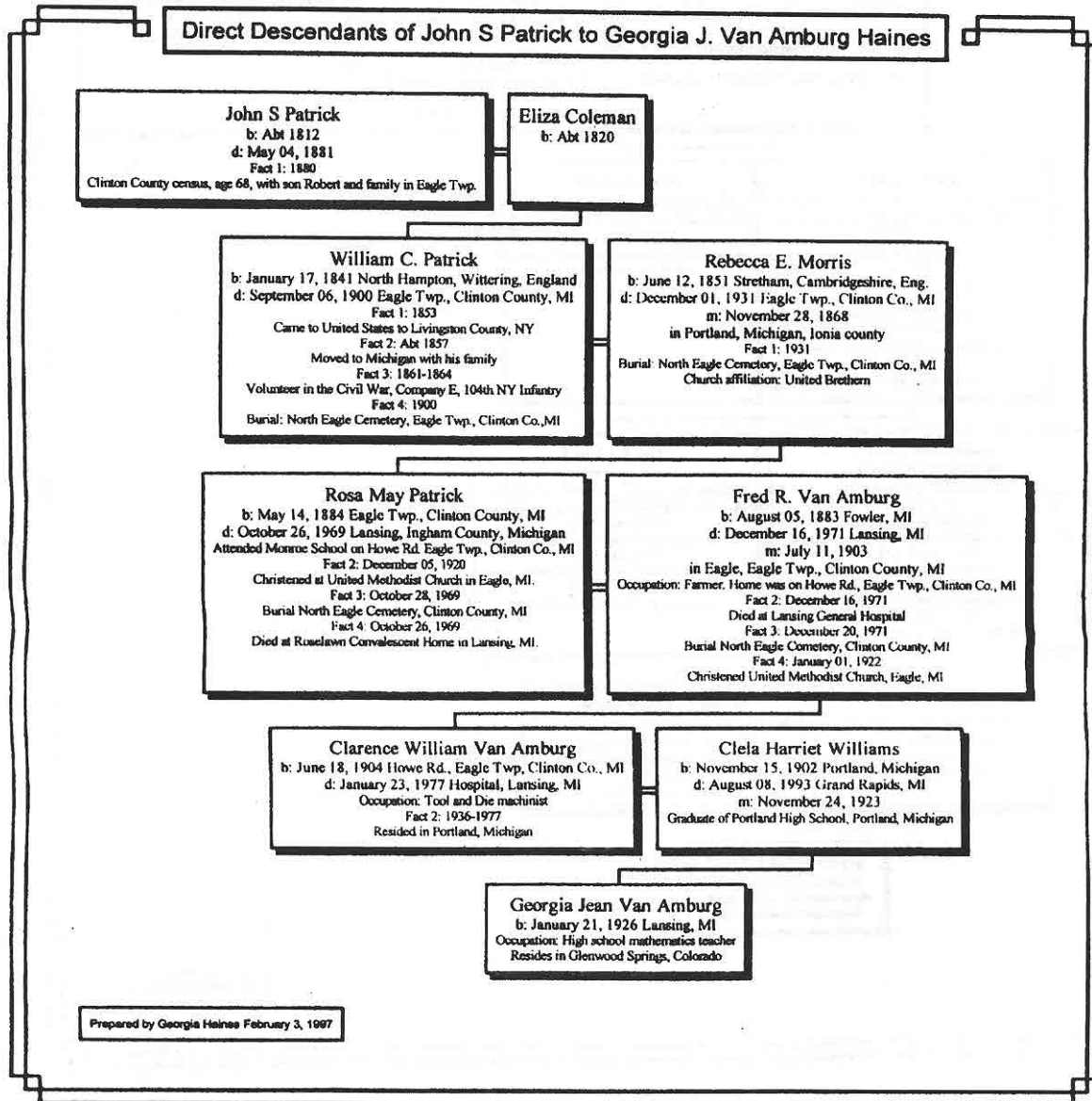
STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. Affidavit of District Officer.
 County of Mac }

Guy Limerick being duly sworn, says that he has been elected to
 the office of Moderator in School District No. 2 Fel. of the Township of
Bingham, that he is a legally qualified voter in school meetings of the said
 district, that his name appears upon the assessment roll of Bingham
 Township, and that he is the owner in his own right of the property so assessed.

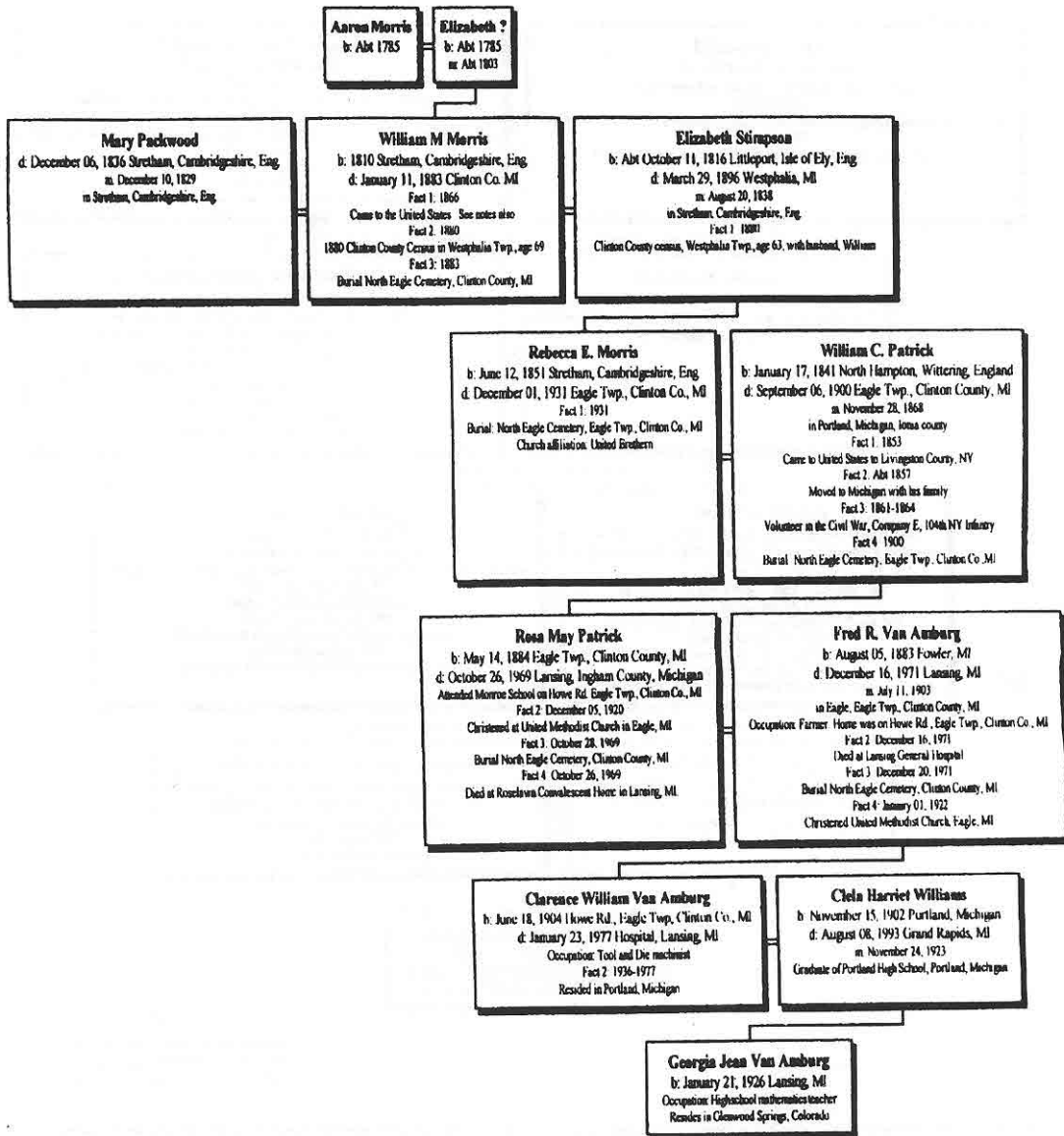
Signed, Guy Limerick
 Subscribed and sworn to before me a Justice of the Peace this 13th day of
July A. D. 1925
 My Commission Expires July 4 day of July 1927
Wm B. Benson
 Justice of the Peace or Notary Public.

DESCENDANT CHARTS

Georgia J. (VanAmburg) Haines of 31 Chaparral Circle, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601, has sent us four descendant charts illustrating her many roots in Clinton County. See them on pages 17 - 20



Direct Descendants of Aaron Morris to Georgia J. Van Amburg Haines



Prepared by George Haines February 6, 1987

Direct Descendants of Patrick S. Van Amburg to Georgia J. Van Amburg Haines

Patrick S. Van Amburg
 b: 1823-1826 New York
 Fact 1: 1870
 In Clinton County, Dallas Twp., census with wife and 4 children.
 Fact 2: 1850
 In Plymouth Twp., Wayne County, MI census with wife Elizabeth and son Charles
 Fact 3: 1850
 1850 census reports Prudence DeHaven, age 14 living with Charles and Elizabeth.
 Fact 4: 1870
 Census stated he is a farmer with \$1200 of real estate.

Elizabeth Dehaven
 b: 1825-1827 Pennsylvania
 d: September 29, 1874 Clinton County, MI
 Fact 1: 1850
 The 1850 census for Plymouth Twp., Wayne County, MI gives place of birth as PA.
 Fact 2: 1850
 Prudence DeHaven, age 14, is living with Patrick and Elizabeth.

Charles Henry Van Amburg
 b: September 27, 1847 Plymouth Twp., Wayne County, MI
 d: June 22, 1908 Fowler, Clinton County, MI
 Civil War Vet., railroad worker, Fowler Village Marshall, Street Commissioner
 Fact 2: December 15, 1863
 Mustered into service in the Civil War, Company 1, 22nd Infantry
 Fact 3: June 26, 1865
 Transferred to the 29th Infantry
 Fact 4: September 15, 1865
 Honorably discharged from the Civil War

Frances A. Parks
 b: August 06, 1854 Dallas Twp., Clinton County, MI
 d: November 07, 1918 St. Johns, Clinton County, MI
 m: August 02, 1870

Fred R. Van Amburg
 b: August 05, 1883 Fowler, MI
 d: December 16, 1971 Lansing, MI
 Occupation: Farmer. Home was on Howe Rd., Eagle Twp., Clinton Co., MI
 Fact 2: December 16, 1971
 Died at Lansing General Hospital
 Fact 3: December 20, 1971
 Burial North Eagle Cemetery, Clinton County, MI
 Fact 4: January 01, 1922
 Christened United Methodist Church, Eagle, MI.

Rosa May Patrick
 b: May 14, 1884 Eagle Twp., Clinton County, MI
 d: October 26, 1969 Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan
 m: July 11, 1903
 in Eagle, Eagle Twp., Clinton County, MI
 Fact 2: December 05, 1920
 Christened at United Methodist Church in Eagle, MI.
 Fact 3: October 28, 1969
 Burial North Eagle Cemetery, Clinton County, MI
 Fact 4: October 26, 1969
 Died at Roselawn Convalescent Home in Lansing, MI.

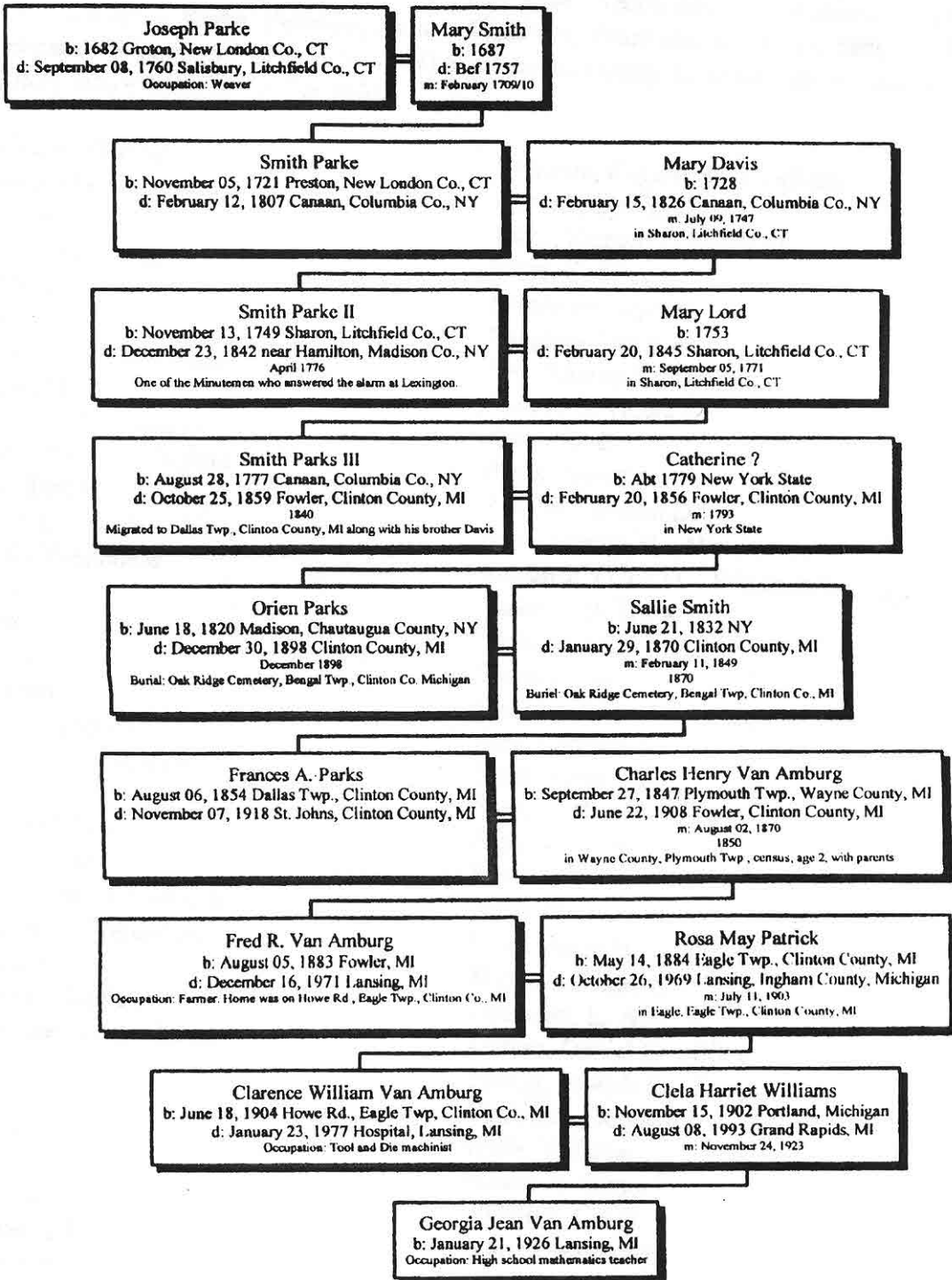
Clarence William Van Amburg
 b: June 18, 1904 Howe Rd., Eagle Twp, Clinton Co., MI
 d: January 23, 1977 Hospital, Lansing, MI
 Occupation: Tool and Die machinist
 Fact 2: 1936-1977
 Resided in Portland, Michigan

Clela Harriet Williams
 b: November 15, 1902 Portland, Michigan
 d: August 08, 1993 Grand Rapids, MI
 m: November 24, 1923
 Graduate of Portland High School, Portland, Michigan

Georgia Jean Van Amburg
 b: January 21, 1926 Lansing, MI
 Occupation: High school mathematics teacher
 Resides in Glenwood Springs, Colorado

Prepared by Georgia Haines February 3, 1997

Direct Descendants of Joseph Parke to Georgia J Van Amburg Haines



COMPANY I 10th MICHIGAN CAVALRY

Clinton County men composed most of Company I, 10th Michigan Cavalry. On 25 September 1919 they held their 23rd annual reunion in St. Johns according to an article in *The Clinton Republican* of 2 October 1919. Of those attending the reunion, only four were veterans of Co. I: **William Coverstone** of Mt. Pleasant; **Morris Parks**, Pewamo; **Alonzo Waldron**, Wacousta; and **E. A. Sitts**, St. Johns. Only six veterans of Company I were living. The article continues to name the volunteers from Clinton County who enlisted in Co. I in 1863:

Adams, William - Greenbush	Ketchum, Eugene B. - Bingham
Averill, Paul J. - Olive	Kimball, Lyman
Bailey, Andrew	Kirby, Emmett - Greenbush
Bailey, Enos B. - St. Johns	Kline, Godfrey
Babcock, Oliver	Lattimore, Myron J.
Bacon, Charles	Laughlin, James A.
Baker, George W. - Greenbush	Lee, Samuel S. - DeWitt
Baker, Stephen H.	Matthews, Gould E.
Bennett, Abram - Westphalia	Owen, B. B.
Birmingham, Orlo W. - Duplain	Parks, Alexander
Blizzard, William T.	Phillips, Lorenzo D.
Brink, Joseph L.	Rose, Charles H. - Watertown
Brown, Fred - Westphalia	Rossmann, Frank H. - Watertown
Brown, James	Sanborn, B. Frank
Brown, John	Sanborn, Jackson A.
Burroughs, Edwin	Sears, Alvin
Bushnell, Edwin	Shulters, James M. - Bingham
Chase, Oscar - Bingham	Sitts, Edmond H.
Cohen, Charles O. - Lebanon	Smith, Emery B.
Cook, Abram	Spears, John - Riley
Cook, Richard - Olive	Stanswell, John W.
Coverstone, William	Stiles, W. W.
Daggett, Willard N. - Greenbush	Stiles, Warren
Daniels, Lyman J. - Watertown	Stone, Jesse E.
Densmore, Linus	Thomas, Zenus J.
Esler, William J. - Eagle	Townson, L. A.
Farnham, George M. - St. Johns	Tucker, Daniel C. - Riley
Ferris, Chancey	Tucker, Joseph S. - Riley
Force, Alonzo	VanVleet, Denison
Force, John W.	Wells, William
Grant, Isaac	Whitlock, Samuel
Harrington, Isaac H.	Williams, Charles
Hathaway, Daniel S.	Winans, Anthony
Hoople, Charles J.	Wright, Elliott ☺
Huggett, George J.	



Co 1 10th Michigan Cavalry

TROWBRIDGE STORY OF THE 10TH MICHIGAN

In Vol. 40 of *Michigan Soldiers and Sailors in the Civil War*, an account written by General Luther S. Trowbridge details the organization of that unit in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1863 and its progress, hardships, and battles throughout the war until the men were mustered out in Jackson, Michigan, in November of 1865.

Early on the unit was assigned to Camp Nelson, Kentucky. "The stay at Camp Nelson was exceedingly unpleasant, the weather intensely cold, and much sickness in camp. ... and some hospitals not well constructed for cold weather, as many men were reported as having frozen to death in them," writes Trowbridge.

Trowbridge led the men of the 10th on several missions to burn railway bridges in Tennessee. At the end of the war they were assigned to "guard every road, bridge, ford, and ferry" to thwart the escape of Jefferson Davis.

The account mentions a long list of contacts with the enemy, while colorfully describing battles, retreats, victories, errors,

foraging for food and supplies, and courageous actions by individuals.

"Whether acting on the defensive, as at Strawberry Plains, Morristown, McMillan's Ford, and Abbott's Creek, or on the offensive, as at Carter's Station, Morristown, Blue Springs, Greenville, Bean's Station, Rogersville, Flat Creek and Henry Court House, it was always the same cool, courageous, and reliable body of citizen soldiers...

"It is and ever will be a source of profound satisfaction that he was permitted to serve with such a manly, resolute, courageous, and patriotic body of men. He rejoices with them in their enviable record of hardships patiently endured, dangers bravely met, and victories nobly won," concludes Trowbridge.

Statistical Summary

Total enrollment...1,886
Killed in action...13
Died of wounds...12
Died in confederate prisons...11
Died of disease...121

22 Discharged for disability.-.80. ☺

PRESERVING YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS

The same advice has recently been mentioned in two different articles regarding your valuable photographs

Photo preservation expert, Peter Galassi, was quoted in the January 1997 issue of *House & Garden*, (p 114), "Have your color photos printed on Fujicolor paper which lasts two to four times longer than any other."

A *Detroit Free Press* article (12 Jan. 1997, p 6-K) quotes Henry Wilhelm, a highly regarded photo preservation expert. His first recommendation is to take your film to a lab that uses Fujicolor paper. "Fujicolor prints on display will last more than four times as long as prints on any other color negative paper before significant fading occurs." The article goes on to state that under normal conditions, framed prints using this paper will keep their bright colors for 75 years or more or for much longer when stored in an album or box.

In this second reference, Paul Allen, an Eastman Kodak representative disputes Wilhelm's claim. Allen says, "Our tests indicate that under average conditions prints on Kodak paper should last at least 50 years, and in albums, 100 years or more. Since 1995 Kodak has offered a lifetime guarantee. If anything happens to pictures taken with Kodak color film printed on Kodak paper, from fading to being crumpled in the washing machine, we'll reprint them, for life." The guarantee applies only to prints made since 1995. To take advantage of this service, customers can call toll free 1-800-242-2424, says the article. ☺

RESEARCHING THESE NAMES

Members may submit five surnames to be published in this newsletter, as space permits, when they pay their membership dues. See form on last page of this issue.

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● Submitter: **Mary H. MYERS**, 131 E. Williams (May - Nov.), Ovid, MI 48866; 1201 8th Ave (Nov - Apr), Palmetto, FL 34221. **Gersham MYERS** Herkimer, NY) **John BRANDT** (Perry, MI); **Justin SPANGENBERG** (Perry, MI); **Alex SIMPSON** (Laingsburg, MI; **Johanna BRESNEHAN** (Clinton Co.,MI.)

● Submitter: **Miriam RANDOLPH**, 2622 E. Gratiot Rd., St. Johns, MI 48879. **FITZ RANDOLPH; SHOEMAKER.**

● **Vernon J. TEW, JR.** 1218 Tulip Trail, Mesquite, TX 75149-6040. **PARKER; CRANE; COTES; SIMPSON; BUTLER.** ☺

IONIA COUNTY GEN. SOC.

Interested in the newly organized Ionia Co. Genealogical Society? Contact Pam Swiler 13051 Ainsworth Road, R#3, Lake Odessa, MI 48849 (616) 374-3141. ☺