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FAMILY HISTORIES

Featured in this issue are family histories which were submitted ca 1993 for a proposed supplement to the 1980 Clinton County History book. These papers are on file at the archives. (See *Clinton Co. Trails*, Vol. 12, No. 1.)

GLEN ROBERT GURK

by Susan Gurk

Glen Robert Gurk is the middle child of **Roland** and **Betty (Stickney) Gurk** of Lansing, MI. **Susan Kristine (Nedry) Gurk** is the fourth child of the five living children of **Clara Marion (McCarthy)** and **Charles Truman Nedry** of Edmore, MI. Susan came to the Lansing area in 1977 to attend Lansing Community College and become a registered nurse. Glen and Sue bought 10 acres of Clinton Co. land located in DeWitt Twp., in 1981. They were married on September 17, 1983. Glen works as a journeyman pipe fitter at Buick-Olds-Cadillac and Sue is a registered nurse employed by Lansing Community College, Lansing General Hospital (now Michigan Capitol Medical Center), and Michigan State University. Their children attend Bath Schools. **Adele** is in the 4th grade (b Dec. 2, 1983), and **Betty Sue** is in kindergarten (b Mar. 6, 1988). Susan is a 1993 graduate of Ferris State University, receiving the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Her current hobby is doing genealogy research on her mother's paternal grandparents--**John Calvin "Jack" and Carrie Violetta (Colby) McCarthy** of Edmore, MI.

WILBERT THOMPSON FAMILY AND FARM

(1854-1906) by Martha Horton

Adventure stirred young Wilbert Thompson

When in 1854, welcome news of government offers

Reached the Eastern settlers

Which promised them a new beginning

In the Northwest Territory,
He left his native Pennsylvania,
Left his parents and their farmstead.
Shrouds of early morning mist
Had settled on the Alleghenies
As he began his westward journey,
Trails to blaze and murky swamp lands,
Rivers to ford and hostile Indians,
Before he reached the dark interior
Wilderness of Michigan.
When a government grant was given
Of one hundred twenty acres,
Wilbert settled in Bath township
And began his homestead living.
In a clearing, built a log house,
Built a log barn for his livestock,
Cleared the land for crops and pasture,
Cleared stands of hickory and pine trees,
And growths of red oak and hard maple.
Drained the swamps with open ditches.
Planted trees in apple orchard-
Greenings, Maiden Blush and Winesaps.

Indians came and pitched their wigwams
On the nearby lakes and rivers
Close to Wilbert Thompson's cabin.
Potawatomi tribes who wandered
Northward from the Maume river;
Ottawas from Great Lake regions,
Migrant Chippewas from the Northlands
Wearing puckered moccasins
Unfriendly Sauks from Canada
Were driven from the territory
Into the western wilderness
Of vast swamp lands of Ohio.

Wilbert scouted forest thickets,
Hunted bear and deer and foxes,
Bagged wild turkey, grouse and rabbits,
Plenteous game that filled his larder,
Shared the bounty with his neighbors.

Wilbert was welcome at the cabin
Of Moses Smith and daughter Mary,
Pioneers who came from York state.

Mary had gained her education
From a local country school.
When love blossomed from the courtship
Of Mary Smith and Wilbert Thompson,
Mary gave her hand in wedlock.
They settled in his small log cabin.

In the span of years which followed,
They raised ten of eleven children.
All were reared by Baptist precepts.
The daughters learned the art of spinning
Linsey-woolsey for their garments;
Were shown how tallow shaped in molds
Made candles to supply their household.
Learned when bellows flamed the fire,
Beneath the caldron by the hearth,
(Twas rightly done) to cook their victuals.

Sons were taught to break the sod,
Potatoes, maize and grain were planted.
Wood was chopped and corded high.
They learned to master awkward muskets
And snared the wary wolves and foxes.
Family bonded for existence.

Wilbert labored and he prospered;
Built a frame house for his family,
Built a barn for grain and storage,
Housed his hogs, his sheep and cattle,
Built a blacksmith shop soon after,
Rendered service to the settlers.

Children grew, matured and married
Members of their nearby neighbors,
Settled in the small community,
Raised another generation--
Progeny of Thompson family.

Wilbert and Mary's frailties
Bonded in their solitude,
Slackened pace and stamina.
Their hearth, a citadel evoked
Flares of homespun memories.
Mary rocked, attentive to
Wilbert's oft repeated tales:

How he joined the Union Army,
 Fought in Michigan's 9th Division
 Of infantrymen from Clinton County.
 Told of casting his first ballot
 For Franklin Pierce, the Democrat
 Who became our 14th president.
 Related sagas of his boyhood
 When Iroquois and Erie tribesmen
 Warred against defenseless settlers
 And pillaged homes in Pennsylvania.

Tragic death occurred when Wilbert
 Homeward bound one afternoon,

As he trod the railroad tracks,
 Failed to hear the warning whistle.
 Mary went into seclusion
 After Wilbert's sudden death,
 Endured two years of loneliness
 Until the day of her demise.

Now, side by side in peaceful rest,
 Mary Smith and Wilbert Thompson
 Share a modest plot together
 In Laingsburg's rural cemetery.
 Their epic sealed in history.

Note: See Thompson family data in *History of Clinton County*, 1980, Family #408. ☺

MARKS AND ESTRAYS

The following data was abstracted by **Wilma Sowle** from an early record book of Greenbush Township. Among other things this book details the marks which early settlers and owners of livestock registered for identification purposes. The "estray" entries describe various stray animals which have been found, by whom, and how they may be reclaimed. The names included are given below along with the year of record. The book which also contains chattel mortgage records may be further examined at the archives

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Auten, Mary E.	1879	Curtis, George	1862
Baxter, C. Chauncey	1855	Curtis, J.L.	1857
Beebe, William F.	1882	Daggett, Reuben	1872
Bennett, J.D.	1863	Daggett, Willard N.	1848
Besley, William	1859;1862	Davies, R.E.	
Bishop, John J.	1889	Davies, W.L.	
Blanchard, Orrin	1877	Doty, Franklin	1888
Blank, N.S.	1882	Eaegle, David L.	1871
Botsford, William C.	1861	Eaegles, Isaac	1855
Brown, B.F.	1866	Ferdon, Lorenzo	1868
Bryant, John F.	1883	Field, Joseph	1880
Budd, Samuel	1868	Finch, Ezra	1884
Buttolph, Frank W.		Fisks, Henry S.	1848
Carr, James V.	1854	Forbes, L.J.	1875
Carter, Charles W.	1879	Fox, John C.	
Caruss, William I.	1867	Gillison, Oliver O.	1850
Cordray, Thomas	1855	Gilson, William	1893
Coverstone, Marcus	1873	Gradt, Charles	1881

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Hait, Davis M.	1864	Russell, D.T.	1870
Hiscock, J.E.	1883	Russell, James	
Holbrook, Edwin	1857	Russell, W.M.	1885
Holmes, David	1874	Russell, William	1882
Ingersol, Oliver	1872	Saclair, S.W.	1885
Jolly, Marcus	1880	Scott, Nelson	1894
Jones, Benjamin H.	1856	Sevy, David	1850;1860
Jones, Elizabeth	1861	Sevy, E.F.	1873
Keen, Peter	1855	Sevy, John	
Kerby, Emeline	1875	Silver, William	
Kieffer, George M.	1897	Simonds, T.C.	1890
Knight, Edwin	1893	Sitts, Edward A.	1867
Knowles, Ann	1880	Smiley, B.F.	1889
Knowles, Charles	1894	Smith, Henry A.	1858
LeClear, W.H.	1892	Smith, Henry V.	1887
Manchester, John	1857	Smith, William B.	1874
Marshall, Frank	1882	Stevens, Edwin C.	1888
Marshall, George H.	1882	Stickney, Thomas	1872
Marshall, William	1879;1882	Stiles, Benjamin	1879
Martin, Charles	1892	Stiles, E.B.	1879
Mathews, Nathan	1861;1863;1872	Stiles, Eben B.	1860
McMaster	1880	Stiles, Glen B.	1869
McMaster, S.	1882	Stiles, James	1849;1860
Morton, M.L.	1887	Strouse, Joseph J.	1879
Mullet/Mullett, S.J.	1878	Teare, Robert	1884
Odle, Laura E.	1863	Thomas, George	1885
Perrin, Henry M.	1881	Tinklepaugh, Erastus	1846
Peters, Philip	1894	Tinklepaugh, John	1854
Pierce, J.D.	1890	Uhrbrock, Lewis	
Post, S.M.	1892	Wagner, Jacob	1856
Putt, B.L.	1882	Wagner, John	1855
Putt, C.L.	1883	Walling, Virgil	1889
Richman, -. C.	1885	Waltrous, G.H.	1882
Richmond, Adam	1856	Watson, W.J.	1894
Richmond, Alvah	1849	Wecas, Frank	1883
Richmond, C.O.	1865;1882	Wesbrook, James	1854
Richmonds, David	1852	West, Samuel	1888;1889
Riddle, Frank D.	1895	Westbrooks, William	1857
Riddle, George H.	1857	Whitlock, Orange	1850
Rummel, Elias	1890	Whitney, George A.	1857
Russell, Adam	1875	Whittacer, N.	1856

Some sample entries on the following page

MARKS AND ESTRAYS con't

•**James Stiles'** mark: Crop off the right ear, and a slit in the end of the left ear.

Orange Whitlock's mark: Crop off from the left ear and a slit in the end of the right ear. **Alvah Richmond's** mark: Crop off from the left ear and a notch in the underside of the right ear. **L.M. Richmond**, Town Clerk.

•**Jacob Wagner's** mark for cattle, sheep, and hogs: A square crop off the right ear and a hole in the left ear. Mar. 17, 1856. **M. Avery Chappell**, Twp. Clerk.

• **J.L. Curtis's** mark for cattle, sheep, and hogs: A crop off the end of the right ear. April 15th 1857.

• Came into the enclosure of the subscriber about the 23d November 1857, a yearling steer, light red with a small star in his forehead. Greenbush Dec 2d 1857, **Edwin Holbrook**.

•**George K. Riddle** mark for cattle, hogs, and sheep: A small "V" in the end of the left ear. Dec. 9, 1857.

•**James N. Besley's** mark for cattle and ... a gash cut through the dew lop or brisket, forming a lip in the loose skin. Recorded this 15th day of April A.D. 1873. **Robert E. Davies**, Township Clerk.

•Came into my enclosure about the 22d day of October, two hogs or swine about one year old, both spotted black and white. The owner is hereby requested to prove property, pay charges and damages and take said property away. Residence NW 1/4 section 9, **Ann Knowles**. Recorded this 3rd

day of November 1880. **Robert E. Davies**, Township Clerk.

•Taken up by the subscriber about the 12th of November 1880, one spring heifer calf, color red with star in forehead, white belly, and some white on its legs. The owner is hereby requested to prove property, pay charges, and take said heifer away. Recorded this 2nd day of December, A.D. 1880, -?- **McMaster**. **Robert E. Davies**, Township Clerk.

•Taken up by the subscriber, **Franklin Doty**, one two-year old heifer, color strawberry roan, one horn broken off a little on the right side. The owner is hereby requested to prove property, pay charges, and take said heifer away from my premises on the NW 1/4 of section five in the township of Greenbush. **Franklin Doty** by **Samuel West**. Recorded this 27 day of April A.D. 1888. **Robert E. Davies**, Township Clerk.

•Came into my enclosure about the 25 of May 1889, one head of swine about 6 months old, a sow color black with white nose. The owner is hereby requested to prove property, pay charges and take said animal away from my premises being the SW corner of section 17 in Greenbush. **John J. Bishop**. Entered on Record this 27 day of May 1889, **Robert E. Davies**, Township Clerk.

•**Henry A. Smith's** mark for cattle, hogs, and sheep: a "V" in the end of each ear. April 19th 1898. ☺

HISTORICAL SOCIETY LOSES THREE MEMBERS

When a group loses one of its key members, it suffers, but when a small group, like the Historical Society has become, loses three members in a short time, the loss is great. All three were active members. John Rumbaugh, who with his wife, Catherine, created and maintained the Payne-Gillam-Scott Museum. Dorothy Cressman held offices in both the Historical Society and the Genealogists Committee from its beginning. Esther Crosby was also a member of long standing. All were pillars in the community. They will be missed.



JOHN RUMBAUGH



DOROTHY CRESSMAN



ESTHER CROSBY



REMEMBER WHEN

Clinton County Republican-News
St. Johns, Michigan 25 July 1957.

Starting this week on this or the facing page, is a new little column entitled, "I Remember When..." It's written by a fellow who terms himself "The Old-timer," and we can assure you he knows where of he writes. You can guess who he is if you wish. We'll keep his secret.

Note: "The Old-timer" may have been **Schuyler L. Marshall** (23 March 1886 - 18 July 1961) previous editor of *The Clinton County Republican-News*. See an editorial and autobiography in the same newspaper on 27 July 1961, section 2, page 6. The archives staff was unable to find any columns after 28 November 1957.

25 July 1957 ---the business section of Clinton Avenue was a dirt road. In a rainy season, approaching from the north, one could see the reflection of the corner arc lights in the mud flowing from the south. City employees, armed with a wide brush, attempted to keep the

crosswalks clear. By the time a man could sweep from one side of the street to the other, the mud would have crept across at the starting point. Women crossing the street carried their long skirts high--sometimes above their shoe tops.

1 August 1957 ---the first brick pavement was put on Clinton Avenue. The contractor's name was **McKay**. He was red-headed and a capable handler of men. There was no loafing, as workmen placed each brick in place by hand. One merchant in the lower block protested vigorously--said the cost would bankrupt him and all other small merchants. It didn't. Like most public improvement detractors, within a year he was bragging about the beautiful business street in St. Johns. A huge stockpile of paving bricks, piled at the intersection of Higham and Clinton was the resting place of one of the late **O.W. Munger's** buggies Halloween night of that year.

8 August 1957 ---the night father came and told that Newton Hall had burned. This early opera house was located on East Walker Street on the site now occupied by the American Legion parking lot and was a landmark of early St. Johns and the center of many entertainment features of the day. "East Lynne," "Ten Nights in the Barroom," and many other favorites were played by traveling stock companies. Also, on occasion, local talent used to occupy the stage, generally as a benefit for some worthy cause or charity.

15 August 1957 ---the present city park was "Emmons Woods." It was a convenient place for students to spend pleasant days after skipping school. Without going into particulars, it was also the place where many a local romance budded, if not blossomed. If one wishes to speculate on whom and when, they might study the initials cut and still decipherable on bark of some of the ancient beech trees at the park. The city purchased this sixty-acre tract from the Emmons estate in 1916 for park purposes. Not until 1934-35 were facilities for baseball, football, and tennis provided. At one time, according to the late city clerk, **William Cochran**, the city had taken \$400 more in

valuable timber from the park than it had spent in improving it.

29 August 1957 ---the Clinton County Agricultural Fair was about the biggest event of the year in St. Johns. It had its financial ups and downs over the years. While pumpkins, rutabagas, and potatoes, along with needlework, quilts, and canned fruit, got the attention of the farm folks who flocked in each fall, the horse racing was the exciting feature.

We recall seeing a tragic duel between two speedy stallions one hot afternoon. Dillard Online, a beautiful chestnut owned by **Dave Erwin** of Mason, was pitted against Elbrino, a bay stud driven by a **Mr. Clark** of St. Johns. Elbrino won the first heat. When they came out for the second heat, Dillard Online, always well behaved, reared and screamed a challenge at Elbrino at the head of the stretch, reared again and fell backwards, dead. He is buried on what used to be the infield, one mile south of State on Lansing Street. Rumor had it that his owner, Erwin, doped him heavily between heats.

19 September 1957 ---**Walter Ferguson** had a barbershop in the store now occupied by the **Durkee** sisters. **Rev. Blanning**, new Congregational minister, arrived in town on a Saturday. After spending the day settling his family in the manse, he started late in the afternoon downtown to get a shave. Ferguson's sign was the first he saw. He stopped and climbed into a chair, the only customer. Fergy, a dwarfish little man, approached, lathered Blanning's face, and judging by the minister's dirty blue jeans, asked the minister, "Carpenter?" "No," answered the amused cleric. "Plumber?" Fergy continued. "No." "Work down to the Mason's?" persisted the little barber. "No." Curious Fergy was disgusted with being answered in monosyllables. "Well then, who in hell are you?"

29 September 1957 ---the Clinton County Country Club was organized. While some citizens objected to the location seven miles north believing that, had it been located in any other direction, it would have served more people, they swallowed their objections and supported the project. Many subscribed liberally and became active members. Among others was the late **Otis Fuller**, retired warden of Ionia Reformatory. Fuller lived with a sister and nephew, Dr. **Arthur Corbin**, a dentist whose office was above Fergy's barbershop. Both bachelors and eccentrics, Fergy and Corbin furnished their business neighbors many a laugh with their feuds. Dr. Corbin became an enthusiastic, if not skillful, golfer. His scores soared, but when his companions in a foursome would claim a par or a birdie, Doc would always, say, "Put me down for the same."

3 October 1957 ---the night that St. Johns Chamber of Commerce held a celebration featured by the crowning of a peppermint queen. Those were the days before wilt and other diseases hit the peppermint crop. Clinton County was properly designated the "peppermint capital of the world," although Kalamazoo denied this slogan. Be that as it may, came the night of the celebration. It was a cold, rainy and windy night. The crowning platform was erected on the National Bank corner, and the late Governor **Frank Fitzgerald** journeyed from his home in Grand Ledge to do the honors. Several citizens were gathered to welcome him--among others, the late, pious, and gentlemanly county clerk, **John Walker**. Fitzgerald, endowed with a salty vocabulary, arrived at the appointed place, cold, wet, and shivering. John Walker nearly fell out of his chair when the governor shouted, "If I hadn't promised, I wouldn't have come this far on such a night to kiss no peppermint queen. Sheriff **Jack Barnes** just laughed.

24 October 1957 ---there were eleven saloons operating in St. Johns. All of them seemed to do a pretty good business, and each had its clientele.

Fred Terry, located just back of the present location of Parr's Pharmacy on Walker Street, likely had a corner on the business and professional men's business--men who liked to "sneak in for a quicky;" and seldom was there complaint of trouble or drunkenness originating from Fred's place.

A Grand Rapids brewery used to operate on the east side of the lower block and sell Silver Foam exclusively. **Billy Knickerbocker**, **Fred Halsey**, **Charley Moinet**, and **Wes Baughan** were a few of the popular bartenders of those days.

Saturday nights were colorful then. That was the night when the country people came to town to trade and meet their neighbors, It was a poor Saturday night when there was not one to three fist fights on Clinton Avenue. Husky country boys steamed up by several beers used to go out looking for the champion of some other neighborhood, and for no good reason except to see who was the best man would slug, gouge, knee, and otherwise batter one another. Those were the days when the **Cordrays**, the **Hankeys**, the **Greens**, and other husky brother teams had awesome reputations for mayhem.

31 October 1957 ---the late **Sears Clark** (R. G.'s father) retired from active participation in the Clark Hulse clothing business and devoted most of his time to merchandising classy driving horses from his barns at the corner of Lansing and Higham Streets. In those days one of the marks of distinction of any citizen who had "arrived" was to drive a pair of high-steppers on a fancy carriage.

Every farmer had one or more driving or carriage horses. Many of them raised one or more colts each year. Mr. Clark would tour the surrounding farms, and when he saw a

three-year-old with particularly fine formation and color, he would pay the farmer better than average price for it. He then brought the animal to his stables in St. Johns and started its education. Proper feeding, grooming, trimming, and doctoring would convert the farm animal into a slick, stylish, high-stepping animal.

In this process a nearby blacksmith, "**Dug**" **Mead**, would assist in shoeing the animal so that it had plenty of action. Also, it is rumored, before a certain Buffalo, New York, buyer arrived to purchase for the eastern city markets, Mr. Clark would use some ginger root in a strategic part of the animal's anatomy. Result: The horse came out of the stable high-lived and prancing.

For scores of Clinton County farm-raised colts found homes in eastern cities hauling the fancy carriages in which the stylishly dressed wives and daughters of wealthy socialites rode. Incidentally, Mr. Clark was reputed to have made handsome returns on his investments in horse flesh.

21 November 1957 ---early in this century when the hometown brand of baseball was a popular outlet for those athletically inclined and a favorite spectator game, every small town had a baseball team, and rivalry between towns was keen --sometimes punctuated by fist fights between the rival rooters.

Charley "Peg" **Stephenson**, a local boy, lost a leg hopping freight cars on the Grand Trunk but it did not dampen his love for the game. He was catcher when the late **Curt Bradner**, later newscaster for WWJ Detroit, was a pitcher.

Both Peg and Curt loved a practical joke. Frequently during a game Curt would call time because his catcher, Peg, needed to adjust his uniform. The umpire usually granted the request. Peg would then canvas the spectators for the loan of a hammer and carpet tacks. Someone planted in the crowd for that purpose would furnish them. Peg would then pull up his

pant leg, expose his wooden leg, take the hammer and tacks and nail his drooping sock onto the wooden portion of the artificial leg. Sometimes the lady spectators would faint, and the male part of the crowd would howl with glee.

Peg's forebears were pioneer merchants in St. Johns. Bradner left the Republican-News to become a very popular Detroit reporter and broadcaster.

28 November 1957 ---the name "**Hicks**" was a prominent one in St. Johns. Of course, everyone is familiar with the fact that the Hicks Store is the oldest mercantile establishment in Clinton County. The late **John Hicks** started in DeWitt in 1949 (sic) and later moved his store to St. Johns. His son, the late **John C.**, succeeded him in both the store and the St. Johns National Bank. But there were other "Hicks's."

Back in the days before there were ready-made shoes for sale, **O.G. Hicks** was one of the town's custom shoemakers. His place of business was located about No. 2 Clinton Avenue. He made fancy shoes for young boys with gold or red toes. **DeWitt Hunt**, now well along in his 90's, is possibly the only living person who wore some of O.G.'s creations.

O. G.'s brother, **George Hicks**, also a shoemaker, used to be located with the late **George Judd, Sr.**, who did custom tailoring. Once this store was robbed of its entire stock. A favorite amusement of the two Hicks shoemakers was to send unsuspecting small boys around to other stores to borrow some "strap oil." George Hicks was the shortest man in the St. Johns Commandery Knights Templar --marched in the last set of 3's, and the tall men up front delighted in marching fast enough to make little George trot to keep up. 😊

SEARCHING THESE SURNAMES

Members can 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. Non-members can submit five names for a \$2 fee.

•Peggy L. **Bailey**, 8742 Royce Dr., Sterling Hts, MI 48313. **Israel Carpenter; David Miller; E. Bancroft; Esset Green; & Catherine Westhoeffter.**

•Bonnie **Burkhardt**, 43751 Verdun Ct., Canton, MI 48188. **Burdick; Pervorse; Rice.**

•John E. Castle, 761 Columbia St., Mason, MI 48854-1305. **Castle; Howe; Wright; Dopp.**

•Patricia **Wight Geyer**, 601 Manor Drive, Albion, MI 49224. **Johnson Greene; McWethy; Wight; Gibbs.**

•Elizabeth **Hinkley**, 2059 Bergholz Rd. N.E., Mechanics Town, OH 44654-9055. **Parker; Crane; & Cotes**

•Becky **Idzkowski**, 1427 E. Wildcat Rd., St. Johns, MI 48879-9167. **Kinney/Kenney; Rate/Rattie; Moore/Populas; Idzknwsky/Jakubielski; Shellito.**

•J.C. **Laird**, 101 Bejac, Battle Creek, MI 49017-1717. **Keeney; Smith; Frost; Lee & Warren.**

•Mr/Mrs Peter J. **Motz**, 1201 Hapmshire Dr., St. Johns, MI 48879-2407. **Motz; Dianda & Buchkoe.**

•Jill A. **Olney**, 5096 Sleight Rd., Bath, MI 48808. **Vail; Cushmen; Havens & Tyler.**

•Ms. Diane **Simkins**, 3124 Dean Lake Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. **Briggs; Warren; Anderson; Wolf & Partello.**

•Rowlan R. **Smith**, 609 S. Morton St., St. Johns, MI 48879-2107. **Newman; Smith; Pierce/Pearce & Ferris.**

•Janet M. **Tiedt**, P.O. Box 44, Fowler, MI 48835-0044. **Fischer; Tiedt; Mohnke & York.**

•Mrs. Marvel **Lippert**, 37333 8th Ave., Zephyrhills, FL 33541. **Parks; Case (Edward), Black (Matthew & Edward); & Butterfield.**

•Mrs. Alice **Ward**, 531 S. Francis Ave., Lansing, MI 48912-3815. **Parks; Hoffman; Rhodes; Griffin & Sargent.**

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RECENT ACQUISITIONS AT THE ARCHIVES

- Descendants of **Thomas E. Reeve, Thomas Hastings, Anton Buechel, and Nathan Hixson** compiled by **Steve Schafer.**
- Miscellaneous early papers, scrapbook, and record book regarding Greenbush Twp.
- Ledgers of VanSickle & Glaspie Drug Store in 1800's.
- Photos of Greenwood School students 1945 & 1954.
- Pedigree chart & other genealogical papers on **NORRIS.**
- Pedigree chart & other genealogical papers on **HOLLISTER.**
- Pioneer History & Atlas of Steuben Co., NY. 1850 Clinton Co. census on computer disk. •*Detroit & Milwaukee Railway Co. at St. Johns, by Merritt B. Scharnweber.* •Souvenir Booklet Westphalia School 1907-1908. ☺