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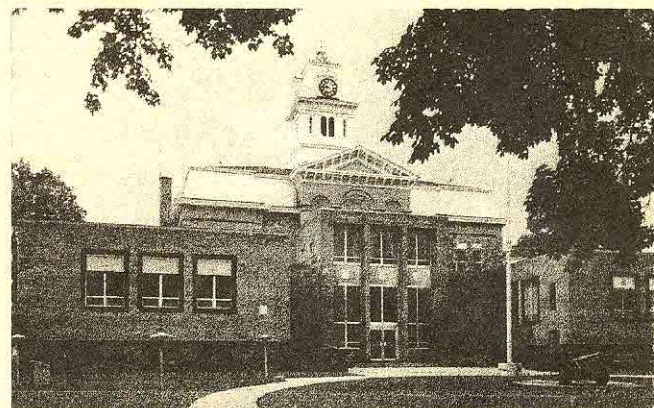
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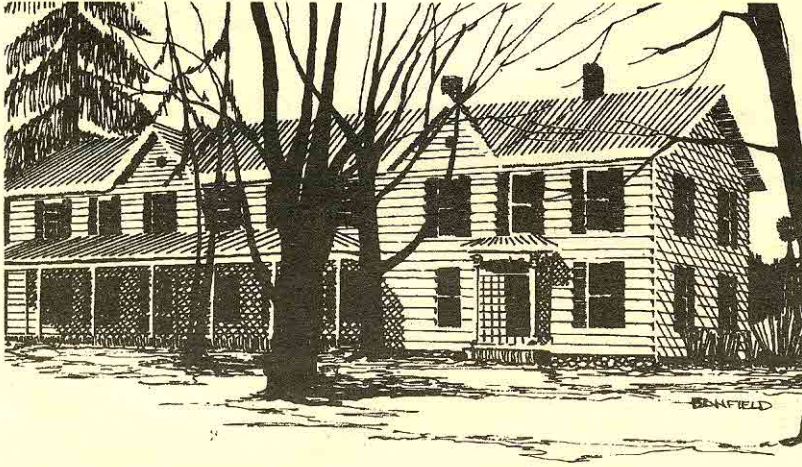
Clinton County Court House 1886



Clinton County Court House, 1998

Take a good look at her, for she will soon be only
a memory☺

FRENCH'S CORNERS



This farm house was built in 1856 and was originally called Coleman's Tavern and used as a stagecoach inn.

Colonel David French bought it in 1879, closed the tavern, expanded the house and renamed it the "Park House" advertising it as a summer resort. It has changed hands many times since. The Walsworth owned it the late 1920's.

FARM MEMORIES

Elizabeth A. (Brunson) Kutsche

Mrs. Kutsche was born in St. Johns 12 May 1924, the daughter of Laurence William and Olive Anna (Beach) Brunson. She now lives in Richland, MI. She worked at the Veteran's Adm. Medical Center in Battle Creek for nearly 20 years before her retirement. Her article first appeared in the *Kalamazoo Gazette*, 28 June 1997. She writes of her Aunt Mary Walsworth's farm at the corner of French Road and US-27 in Greenbush Twp. which is commonly called "French's Corners."

In the late 1920's and into the 30's I spent a lot of time at my Aunt Mary's farm just north of St. Johns. Many years ago it was a stagecoach stop, and even had a ballroom on the third floor. I can still remember walking about, aware of the musty smell, the tattered-but-fancy wallpaper, and even a tiny stage. At harvest time 10 or 12 threshers would be hired. I remember struggling down the back steps and across the yard to plank "tables" under the trees, with giant pans holding huge roasts, piles of mashed potatoes, vegetables, freshly made bread, pies, cakes, cookies, and buckets of

coffee and lemonade. Stuffed with food from their noon dinner, the men would flop down under the trees for "forty winks," and then return to the fields.

The barns were huge and smelled of sweet hay, and I enjoyed swinging from ropes attached to beams high above.

If I was especially good, I would be allowed to ride one of the huge plow horses when they were led to the woods to fell trees. It seemed so far off the ground, I held tight to the mane, my little legs sticking straight out over its fat sides.

Almost every spring there would be a lamb to feed, warm and wiggly and fun for a city kid. The tenant farmer's family provided playmates, and he built a playhouse for us. Lambs, cats, dogs, and piglets were our "children." the only pet names I remember were Aunt Mary's mallard ducks, "Mr. and Mrs. Hassenpfeffer."

When my brother was little, my mother let us spend time together on the farm, but he was less than well behaved! He discovered the shallow pans of milk cooling in a low cupboard, waiting for the cream to rise.

Quick as a wink, his grubby little hands were swishing 'round and 'round. Stopped from that he grabbed the ash drawer in the wood stove and yanked it upside down onto the linoleum. While that was being rescued, he ran over to the kitchen table. Over went the ink bottle! My mother declared to her sister, "You just didn't keep him busy enough!" Not a well-received idea, for sure.

To this day when I smell the fragrance of tomato leaves, I am transported back to Aunt Mary's great kitchen, off which was my bedroom. Lying there on a hot, still summer afternoon, admonished to take my nap, I would hear the music of the sink faucet, "drip, drip, drip." So peaceful, so soothing for a tired child.

One night the big tabby cat, my favorite, had her kittens on the foot of my bed. Such excitement, all the rustlings and squealing.

I had been warned if this should happen, to lie very still so as not to disturb her.

My aunt had a problem one cold, wet spring. Lambs began arriving, and it was too cold for them in the barn. So she spread tar

paper and straw on the floor of the den where they stayed until they could brave the weather. One day when she came home from errands they had gotten out and were jumping over sunbeams from the windows in the living room!

Mice are not welcome on a farm, but there was a tiny field mouse that used to come out of the woodwork whenever music was on the radio, seeming to move with it, and scooting to its hole when it stopped.

One of our chores on the farm was to help move rocks to build stone walls, and over time two outdoor fireplaces. Enraged at a neighbor who was going to plow over a pioneer cemetery [French Road Cemetery], Aunt Mary hitched the horses to the stone boat and gathered up the few headstones that were left. They found a new resting spot in her fireplaces and stone walls.

My Aunt Mary was quite a gal and definitely made a difference in her world. Children today really miss out on the simple pleasures of childhood and its slower, healthier pace. ☺

HISTORIC DEDICATION OF MARKER FOR MUSEUM

Mark Wednesday, July 29, on your calendar.

Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum staff, directors and volunteers have shifted into high gear preparing for the 7 p.m. July 20 sign dedication in front of the museum across from the courthouse in St. Johns.

This is your personal invitation from everyone at the Museum, and from your president. Please come and bring your family and friends. A gala evening is planned.

Better yet, if you want to help call Catherine Rumbaugh at 224-7402 (home). There are all kinds of projects and committees to prepare for this event and everyone's help is welcome.

Included will be the formal unveiling of the sign, which was a gift to the Museum from the St. Johns Rotary Club. The sign is an official Michigan Historical Commission marker and will add prestige and draw visitors to our Museum.

Following the dedication, refreshments will be served and guided tours of the Museum will be given.

Hope to see you there

Betty Jane Minsky,

Historical Society president. ☺

SIXTH SIBYLLINE BOOK 1903 ST. JOHNS HIGH SCHOOL

This yearbook lists all alumni and year of graduation, as well as the complete class of 1903.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YR.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YR.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>YR.</u>
Aikin, Fred M.	1889	Brooks, George	1903	Collins, Cora L.	1897
Albertson, Edwin	1901	Brown, Bula	1901	Cone, Vera	1903
Allen, Esme	1903	Brown, Millie	1903	Cook, Louisa E.	1882
Allison Louis B.	1889	Bryant, Lloyd	1903	Cook, Thane	1903
Andrews, Ida	1878	Buck, Frank P.	1893	Corkin, Edward	1903
Ash, Ethel	1894	Buck, Robert	1895	Cowles, Austin	1894
Ash, Russell	1903	Bullis, Helen	1903	Cowles, Charles N.	1889
Ash, Winfield K.	1899	Bunday, Madge	1893	Cowles, Ralph	1894
Atkins, Frank	1903	Bunday, Nellie	1883	Crandall, Eva	1903
Avery, Park S.	1903	Burley, Catherine	1903	Crawford, Carrie	1903
Babcock, Charles	1879	Burnes, Ivah	1903	Cronk, James	1903
Bailey, Lena M.	1897	Burt, Florence M.	1903	Cross, Winnie	1903
Bair, Clark	1901	Bush, Lysle	1903	Curtis, Nellie	1885
Baker, Estella E.	1891	Butler, Carolyn A.	1896	Daboll, Winifred	1894
Baldwin, A.D.	1885	Butler, James	1879	Daggett, Floyd	1902
Baldwin, Belle G.	1891	Campbell, Kath.	1903	Davies, Mary	1879
Baldwin, Pearl M.	1903	Carpenter, Ruby	1903	Davies, Nettie L.	1888
Ballinger, Minnie	1901	Casterline, Ione	1903	Davis, Bell	1875
Bannister, Iva	1903	Casterline, Oral E.	1899	Davis, Glenn L.	1903
*Baylis, Richard E.	1896	Castle, Earl	1900	DeClair, Addie	1881
Beckwith, Lloyd	1903	Chapin, Anna	1880	DeGursa, Edith	1903
Beckwith, Marcia	1902	Chapin, Leora	1894	Dean, Addie E.	1888
Besley, Lena	1900	Chapin, Myron B.	1903	Deane, Amy E.	1889
Bigelow, Neva	1903	Chapman, Alice	1900	Denton, Phoebe E.	1893
Bingham, Pearl	1901	Chick, John	1901	Dewitt, Fred J.	1903
Bishop, Florence	1903	Chick, Pauline	1903	Dewitt, Lee	1903
Bishop, Ruth	1903	Church, Cora	1903	Dewitt, Lucile E.	1899
Black, Mabel	1903	Church, Flora	1902	Dewitt, Pearl	1903
Blanchard, N. M.	1898	Church, Frances M.	1898	Dexter, Florence	1903
Bond, Bessie	1903	Church, Jennie	1903	Dobson, Nellie	1903
Bond, Gertrude	1903	Clark, Arthur	1903	Dodge, Earl	1903
Bond, Ivah	1903	Clark, Berton	1901	Dooling, Edward L.	1890
Bond, Mertie	1903	Clark, Edith	1902	Dooling, Gert. C.	1894
Boron, Alvin	1903	Clark, Esther	1887	Dooling, John C.	1886
Boughton, Web. M.	1903	*Clark, Lilibel	1875	*Dunn, William	1881
Boyd, Hattie	1879	Clark, R.G.	1903	Durkee, Mabelle	1903
Brainard, Cora	1881	Clark, Rena	1903	Durkee, Susie C.	1891
Brainard, Hattie R.	1886	Eaton, Ella M.	1890	Everest, Edith	1903
Bray, Hazel	1903	Emmons, Grace	1898	Everest, Mildred	1903
Bromley, Brownie	1887	Cochrane, Ada J.	1889	Everest, Charles	1903

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Everest, Will M.	1903	Haynes, Cora M.	1899	Judd, Thurza M.	1899
Fedewa, Anna	1903	Henderson, Agnes	1901	Jury, Arthur	1901
Fedewa, John	1903	Henderson, A.M.	1890	Jury, Cassie	1902
Fedewa, Mamie	1900	Henderson, Glenn	1902	Jury, Charles	1903
Feek, Ivory	1903	Henderson, Glenn	1902	Jury, W.J.S.	1899
Fell, Glenn	1903	Henderson, Ina	1901	Kelch, Della	1902
Fildew, Etta J.	1887	Henderson, Iva A.	1899	Kellogg, Rosetta	1887
Fildew, John	1880	Henderson, Jennie	1903	Kelly, Alice S.	1897
Finch, Dale I.	1903	Henderson, Louis	1895	Kelly, Mabel	1899
Fleagle, Fred	1902	Henderson, Ralph	1903	Kelly, Margaret A.	1892
Fleagle, Nellie H.	1887	Henderson, Robert	1903	Kelly, Robert	1903
Foerch, Eula	1903	Hildreth, A.J.	1899	Kentfield, Ray	1903
Foley, Mary	1903	Hogan, Edward L.	1899	Kenyon, H. Loretta	1890
Foley, Nellie	1903	Holbrook, Blanche	1903	Kinmond, Alex.	1894
Foster, Cora	1902	Holbrook, Edith M.	1899	Kinmond, Mar. A.	1890
Fowler, Leah I.	1892	Holbrook, Lem. G.	1890	Kipp, Albert	1894
Freeman, Henry	1885	Holly, Ethel	1903	Knapp, Charles F.	1891
Fry, John	1903	Holmes, Alice	1903	Knapp, Ellen	1901
Fry, Lucia K.	1896	Holmes, George R.	1897	Knapp, Frank W.	1896
Gage, Arthur	1903	*Holmes, Grace M.	1899	Kneeland, Cath.	1903
Gibbard, Henry F.	1890	Holmes, H. Glenn	1897	Kniffin, Hugh	1901
Gibbs, Lizzie L.	1886	Holt, Sherrill M.	1890	Knight, Ernest	1902
Gibbs, Louis D.	1887	Holton, Helen	1900	Koeplinger, Hazel	1903
Giffels, William C.	1903	Hope, Clara	1895	Krepps, Loa	1895
Gilson, Mary	1903	Hope, M. Agnes	1897	Krepps, Maude	1903
Gilson, Maud	1900	Hope, M. Agnes	1898	Lake, Maud	1901
Goette, Blanche	1900	Howe, Elma	1903	Lake, Ota M.	1887
Goldthwaite, Mabel	1903	Howe, Loyd	1902	Lapham, Jennie	1884
Goodes, Minnie M.	1889	Hubbard, Martin D.	1888	Laughlin, Arthur I.	1899
Gordanier, Russell	1902	Hugus, Edna E.	1897	Lawton, Dora	1903
Gorsuch, Elmer	1881	Hull, Raymond	1900	Loomis, Mary	1884
Graham, Eliz. E.	1897	Hulse, Edward	1903	Lyon, Bertha	1894
Greene, Chester	1884	Hunt, DeWitt	1884	Lyon, Charles	1901
Griswold, Etta	1903	Hunt, Grace P.	1891	Lyon, Edwin	1880
Hall, Alberta M.	1897	Isbell, Jessie	1903	Lyon, Harry	1903
Halsey, Luna V.E.	1889	Jamison, Paul	1894	Lyon, Ida M.	1882
Hamilton, Lulu	1900	Jenison, Della	1903	Lewis, Viola B.	1903
Hamilton, Roy	1901	Johnson, Alfred	1903	Livesay, Glenn	1903
Hart, Don	1903	Judd, Ethyl	1903	Livingston, Eug. A.	1897
Hart, Maud	1900	Hunt, Lena A.	1888	Loomis, Leonard S.	1890
Hart, Myrtle F.	1886	Hunt, Mary D.	1886	Lyon, Mattie	1902
Hathaway, Glenn	1898	Isbell, Florence	1903	Malthouse, Mamie	1903
Harper, Ray	1903	Judd, Gayton	1903	Mann, Frank	1903
Harris, Anna	1901	Judd, George	1902	Marshall, Schuyler	1903
Hawley, Fred	1883	Judd, George	1903	Mathews, May	1875

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*Maxam, Alice	1881	Norton, Guy	1901	Scott, Henry	1901
Maxam, Jennie L.	1891	O'Connell, Mamie	1903	Scriven, Florence	1903
McCabe, Esther	1900	Olcott, Marie G.	1892	Seibert, Amelia	1894
McCabe, Ethel	1903	Osgood, Clarence P.	1899	Seibert, Paul G.	1897
McCabe, Ralph	1903	Osgood, Daisy	1902	Seifert, Carl	1903
McCracken, Floyd	1903	Padley, Harry G.	1897	Shaver, Lula	1903
McCracken, Julia	1900	Paine, Carrie	1880	Shaver, Ola	1888
McDonald Florence	1903	Palmer, Frances	1875	Shaver, Zylpha	1891
McDonald, G.A.	1887	Parks, Charles	1903	Shaw, Aurilla	1903
McDonald, G.M.	1899	Parks, John	1903	Shaw, Leone A.	1903
McFarlan, Kath.	1898	Parr, Ernest	1900	Shepard, Ida	1880
McFarland, Robert	1892	Parr, Lyman	1903	Sherman, Aley	1903
McGregor, Nellie	1903	Parr, Maud	1902	Sherman, Emma	1903
McKee, Charles R.	1903	Peck, Hazel	1903	Sherman, Linda	1902
McKee, Emma	1903	Penny, Hazel	1903	Sherman, Linda	1903
McKnight, Daisy	1903	Perkins, Florence	1901	Shulters, Inez	1903
McPherson, Edwin	1903	*Perrin, Ella L.	1888	Shulters, William L.	1896
McPherson, Wm.	1903	Perrin, Lucy E.	1886	Siefert, Lulu	1903
McQuiston, Jas. O.	1893	Petrie, Alex K.	1890	Smith, Ezra	1875
Mead, Jessamine	1903	Petrie, George	1886	Smith, Irving	1902
Merrill, Margaret	1903	Petrie, Janie	1888	Smith, Jesse	1902
Merrill, Oliver	1902	Petrie, John	1888	Smith, Julia G.	1899
Merrill, Robert	1903	Rahl, Edith	1900	Smith, Velma B.	1903
Metz, Maud A.	1887	Reeb, M. Ethel	1903	Smith, William A.	1889
Miller, Clarence	1903	Reynolds, Marshall	1903	Spaulding, Edna C.	1887
Moore, Alice	1875	Rice, Edgar B.	1898	Spaulding, O.L.	1891
Morrison, Robert	1903	Richards, Henrietta	1892	Spaulding, Tho. M.	1897
Morse, Anna	1884	*Richardson, Geo.	1894	Skinner, Bernice	1898
Morse, Dolly	1884	Richmond, Winnie	1903	Skinner, James	1875
Moss, Anna	1903	Robinson, Cora H.	1886	Sleight, Glenn	1903
Moss, Nona	1903	Pierce, Charles	1903	Smith, Ada B.	1903
Moss, William J.	1893	Pierce, John	1903	Smith, Belle	1885
Mountain, Jos. R.	1891	Pouch, Harry H.	1897	Smith, Cally	1898
Moore, Lois	1903	Pouch, Sarah H.	1882	Smith, Ella	1898
Moreland, N. May	1890	Pulfrey, Bessie A.	1896	Sperry, Flora B.	1896
Morris, Edna B.	1903	Pulfrey, Gertrude S.	1896	Sperry, Myra B.	1893
Morris, Opal	1903	Root, Nelson	1894	Sperry, Roy M.	1892
Morrison, Jay	1903	Ryan, Anna	1877	Sprague, Lilly	1902
Munger, Olive	1900	Ryan, Ellen	1886	Stansell, Fred	1879
Munger, Roy	1901	Ryan, Michael	1880	Stanton, Lillian	1903
Murdock, Eugene	1902	Sage, Lena E.	1888	Steel, G. Glenn	1897
Nelson, Frances A.	1897	Sage, Ralph	1888	Steel, Robert G.	1886
Nichols, Alice	1879	Sanford, Ida M.	1889	Stephens, Victor	1903
Nichols, Fred	1898	Schemer, Irene	1903	Stephenson, Al. M.	1887
Norton, Fane	1903	Scott, Harry	1901	Stephenson, A.E.	1886

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Stephenson, C.A.	1887	Turner, Roy	1901	Welhusen, Elsie	1903
Stephenson, Don.	1902	Upton, John	1884	Weller, Carl	1903
Stockwell, Emma	1903	Upton, LeRoy	1903	West, Vernon	1900
Stout, Cora	1879	Upton, Ruth	1903	Wetherell, Blanch	1903
Stowell, Clara	1903	VanSice, Addie	1880	Wetherell, Lizzie	1903
Strickland, Hattie	1880	VanSickle, Carl	1903	Wheat, Eloise	1903
Strickland, M. All.	1878	Vangieson, Fred B.	1897	Wheat, Leon	1900
Sturgis, Ada L.	1898	Vauconsant, Frank	1903	Whetstone, Dor.	1903
Sturgis, Ezra	1903	Vauconsant, Frank	1882	Whetstone, Mary	1903
Sturgis, Ivah	1900	Vreeland, Hattie	1888	Whitlock, Burt	1903
Taber, Anna W.	1897	Wager, Mabel	1903	Wiggins, Ralph	1903
Talmadge, Ells.	1902	Walbridge, Zoe	1903	Wilbur, S. Henry	1890
Teachout, Flor. M.	1899	Walker, Eva L.	1892	Wilcox, Elizabeth	1903
Thompson, Dawn	1903	Walter, Evelyne	1903	Wilkinson, Loie	1878
Thompson, Geo. W.	1886	Wandel, Nora E.	1893	Wilson, Florence	1891
Thompson, Herbert	1880	Ward, Carlie	1878	Wing, Eugene	1903
Tinkham, Theo	1903	Ward, Myron	1900	Wolcott, Stella M.	1892
Todd, Pearl	1902	Ward, Ralph	1902	Woodard, Mabel	1900
Townsend, Theo.H.	1897	Warren, Agnes M.	1899	Woodbury, LeRoy	1903
Tows, Millie A.	1896	Warstler, Eli	1875	Woodbury, Lee	1900
Travis, Nellie	1903	Washburn, Minnie	1903	Woodbury, Lynn	1899
Travis, Ora	1891	Watkin, Jay	1900	Woodruff, Seta V.	1896
Trimble, Charles	1903	Watson, Letha	1902	Wright, Wilbur C.	1882
Tucker, Susie	1903	Watson, Virginia	1903		
Turner, Carrie I.	1887	Weatherwax, Effie	1902		

*deceased by 1903 ☺

MAPLE RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS Class of 1898 -9th Annual Commencement

Bell, Minnie;music	Hewitt, Nellie; music	Redfern, Ms; duet
Boyle, Mary;graduate & essay	Long, R.H. (Rev);invocation	Skinner, M.G.; Principal
Brown, Arthur;graduate & essay	Crawford, Jessie; graduate & essa	Smith, Velma; graduate & essay
Bullis, Otto;presentation of diplom	Fuller, Edmon; graduate & essay	Snyder, O.M.; music
Carman, A.O. (Rev) -benediction	Owen, Claud; graduate & essay	Swigart, Raymond - graduate & essay ☺
	Provin, L.S. (Miss); solo	

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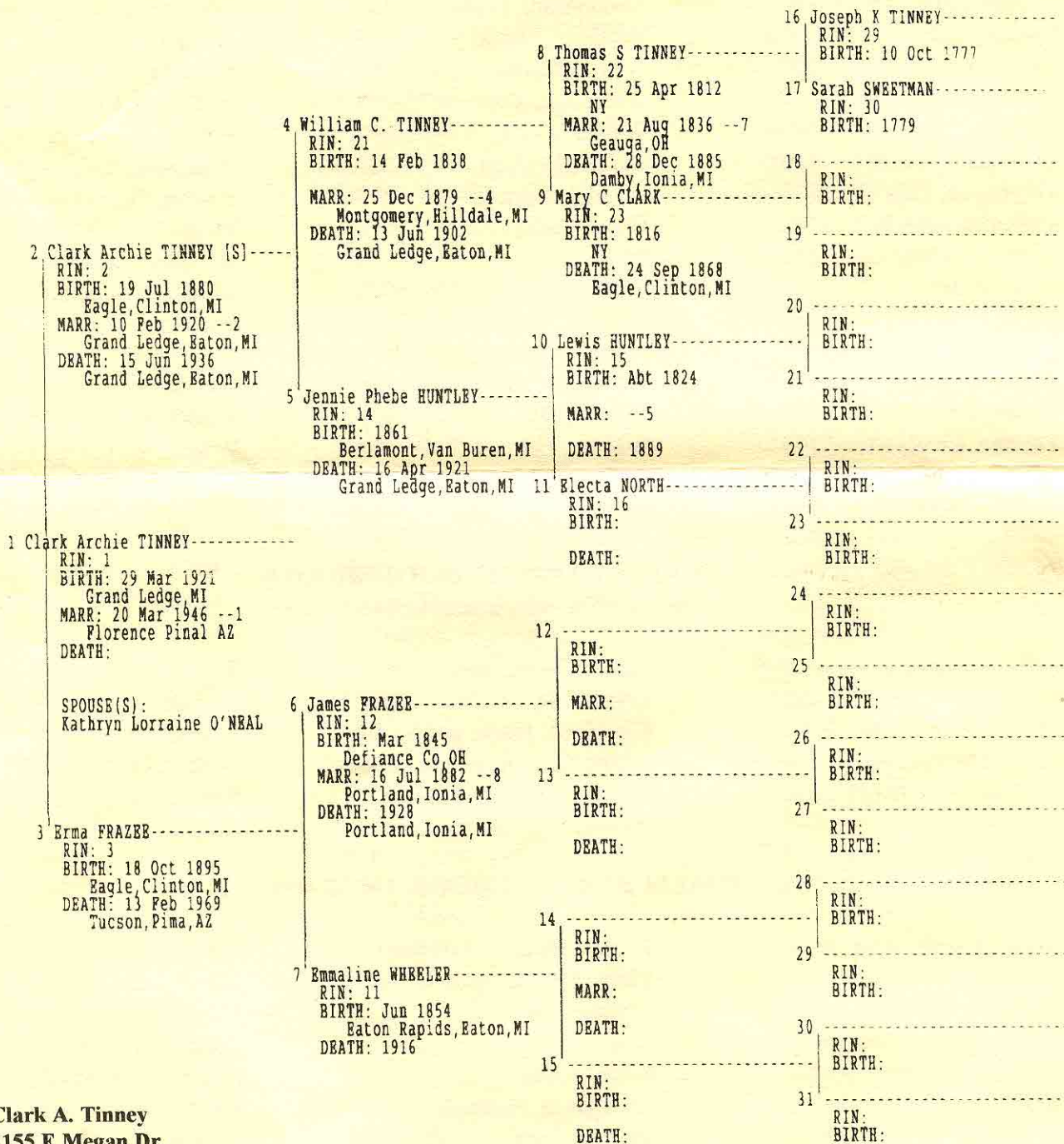
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Baur, William	Kincaid, Genevieve	Miller, John - Treasurer
Belen, Robert	Kincaid, Royal	Noeker, Rosa
Cohr, Olivia	Kinnee, Geryl	Pohl, Laura
Droste, Arnold	Koch, Arthur	Rademacher, Matilda
Droste, Peter	Mangerich, Rudolph	Rademacher, Simon
Fritz, Carl	Martin, Anna	Schneider, Andrew

Schneider, Arnold
 Schneider, Rosa
 Simon, August
 Smith, William - Moderator

Snitzen, Anthony
 Director Snitzen, Leo F.
 Spitzly, Susanna
 Spitzly, William
 Thelen, Bennie

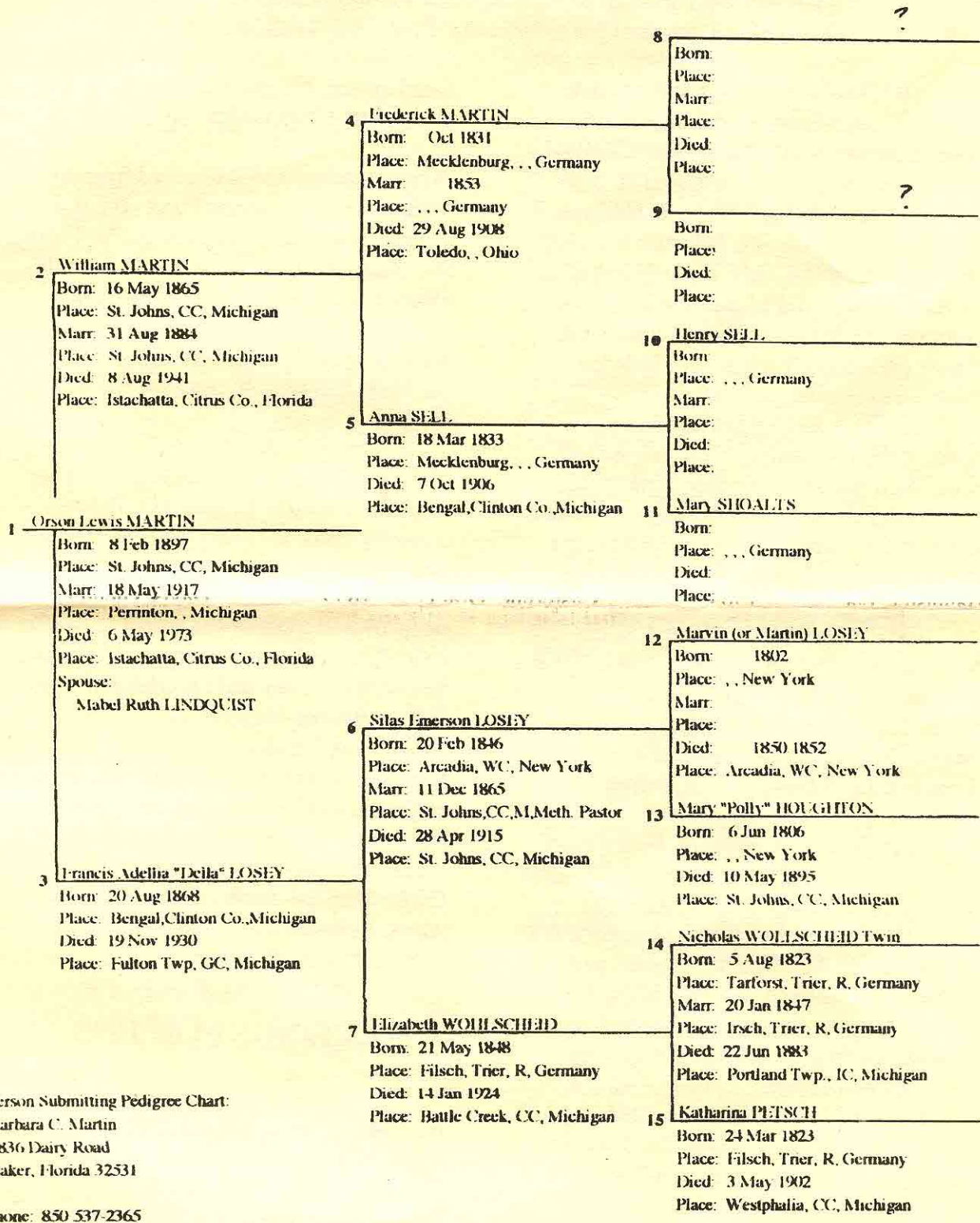
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 Thelen, Robert
 Wahl, Herman
 Weber, Henry ☺

5 GENERATION CHART SUBMITTED BY CLARK ARCHIE TINNEY



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4 GENERATION CHART SUBMITTED BY BARBARA C. MARTIN



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 Barbara C. Martin
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 Baker, Florida 32531
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FAMILY HISTORIES

Featured here is a family history which was submitted ca 1993 for a proposed supplement to the 1980 Clinton County History book. (See *Clinton Co. Trails*, Vol. 12, #1.)

JOHN BARTON BAKER FAMILY

by Leanne K. Walling

John Barton "Bart" Baker was b. in Ovid, MI, Mar. 6, 1885, son of **William H. and Edith L. (Doe) Baker**. He m. **Ethel Mae Yariger** in Shepardsville, MI, June 27, 1906. Ethel was b. in Ovid July 16, 1888, daughter of **Harve Sober and Linnie Yariger**. She was raised by her grandparents, **Samuel & Sarah (Stitchler) Yariger**, in a little log cabin on Shepardsville Road.

The Baker and Yariger families were some of the first settlers in the South Ovid area. Sam and Sarah Yariger came to this area from Pennsylvania in the mid-1800's in a covered wagon pulled by oxen. Bart was a farmer and carpenter most of his life while Ethel was a homemaker.

Bart d. May 3, 1960; Ethel d. at the glorious age of 99 on August 4, 1987. Ethel and Bart rest at Maple Grove Cemetery in Ovid. They had five children: **Leita Marjorie, Fleita Mae, Reva Althea, Leonard Jay "Jack," and Winifred Jeanne**.

Leita, b Feb. 24, 1908, m. **Dolan Hart** Nov. 13, 1942, in Colorado, and they resided in Lansing, MI, until Dolan d. Aug. 18, 1959; Leita d. Apr. 3, 1973. Leita worked in an insurance office for several years, and Dolan was a veteran of WWII where he was in the Air Force, stationed in England, and then retired from the Curtiss Candy Co. They had no children.

Fleita, b. Aug. 6, 1911, m. **Noah Brainard "Bill" Aiken** Dec. 24, 1931, in Jackson, MI, and they resided in Lansing and

East Lansing, MI, most of their lives until retirement. Fleita is a retired Lansing School

District teacher, and Bill retired from the Michigan State Accident Fund. Bill d. Feb. 2, 1985. Fleita currently lives in Bradenton, FL. They had three children: **Annette B., Sharon Jeanne, and George Barton**.

Reva, b. Nov. 4, 1914, never married nor had any children. She resided most of her life in Howell, MI, until she d. Oct 24, 1979.

Leonard, b. Oct. 12, 1917, m. Violet Anderson Oct. 13, 1937, in Indiana. They formerly resided in Crystal, MI, and currently reside in Ovid. Jack has been a very successful businessman in every endeavor he has undertaken, ranging from motel owner/operator to carpenter, camper builder, to the LP gas business. Violet is a homemaker. They had two children: **Dolan Jay and Karon Kay**.

Winifred, b Apr. 24, 1926, m. **Gerald Walter** Oct. 14, 1944, in Ovid. Gerald was employed as a seed corn salesman and d. May 15, 1983. Jeanne retired from the dental office in Ovid and currently lives in Ovid. They had three children: **Randall Allen, Robert Kent, and Leanne Kay**.

GENEALOGISTS MEETINGS FOR 1998 -99

Tentative schedule for the 98-99 meetings are posted as scheduled. There are openings for anyone wishing to present a program. Contact Maralyse Brooks.
July 6 - Community First Bank Room

Aug. 3 - Arlene Lounds Home - Picnic
Sep. 14- Community First Bank Room
Oct. 5 - Community First Bank Room
Nov. 2 - Archives, Myrna Van Epps
Dec. 7 - Arlene Smith Home, Xmas party

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society will meet quarterly at the Community First Bank at 7 pm 1/2 hour before the genealogists meeting. Mark these dates on your calendar so that you won't need to be called. The first Monday in October, January, April and July. Remember the Genealogists meet the first Monday of every month at 7:30 at the Community First Bank, unless otherwise notified in the news paper.

MEETINGS QUERIES

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

●Submitted by **Howard Young**, 701 Church St., Santa Rosa, CA 95405. Seeking information on **David B. Cranson** who settled in Clinton Co. around 1837. Willing to share information on **Cranson** and **Baldwin**.

●Submitted by **Barbara (Carpenter) Martin**, 5836 Dairy Rd., Baker, FL 32531.e-mail; <barbaramn@aol.com.> Who were parents of **Frederick Martin**? He was b 1831 in Mecklenburg, Germany; m 1853 to **Anna Sell** (dau of **Henry and Mary (Shoalts) Sell**) emigrated to Bengal Twp., Clinton Co., MI, 1856; d 1908 and buried at Mt. Rest in St. Johns, beside Anna. He and Anna may have been charter members of St. John's Lutheran Church. Children were: **Mary** (m **Snow**); **Augusta** (m **William Seifert**); **William** (m **Adellia Losey**); **Frank**

Jan. 4 - Community First Bank Room
Feb. 1 - Community First Bank Room
Mar. 1 - Community First Bank Room
Apr. 5 - Community First Bank Room
May 3 - Archives, Myrna Van Epps

(m unknown); **Carolina** (m **James Massey**); **Emma** (m **Alex Bingham**); **Matilda** (d young). I would like to hear from descendants or other researchers.

RESEARCHING THESE SURNAME

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.

●**Submitter: Jerrine Mead**, 6137 N Shepardsville Rd., Elsie, MI 48831: **Mead, Betzer, McEwing/McEuen; Doyen & Moore.**

●**Georgia Haines**, 31 Chaperral Circle, Glenwood Springs CO 81601: **VanAmburgh, Parks, Morris, Patrick.**

●**Gerald C. Benedict** 2525 Aspen Way, Sandpoint, ID 83864 e-mail <jbenedic@micron.net>; **Benedict; Clark; Barrett.**

RECENT ACQUISITIONS AT THE ARCHIVES

- Maple Rapids Public Schools 9th Annual Commencement Program; 1898.
- Clinton Co. Church Directory; 1948.
- Allen School students ca 1915, 3 snapshots.
- Souvenir Booklet Westphalia School, Dist. No. 2; 1907-8.
- Pioneer History & Atlas of Steuben Co., NY.