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Last Session in the Old County Courthouse

August 17, 1998

Before the Honorable Jeffrey L. Martlew, Circuit
Judge

Edited from the court transcript

Judge Martlew: This is the last session of the Clinton County Circuit Court to be held in this building. This court held its first session in this courtroom in approximately October 1871. At that time the United States was still a young republic, less than 100 years old. The nation's attempt at self-disintegration had ended with the conclusion of the Civil War just six years earlier. Ulysses S. Grant was president of the United States. Robert E. Lee had just died without ever receiving a pardon for his participation in the southern rebellion. George Armstrong Custer was in command of the Seventh Cavalry in the Oklahoma territory, and another five years would pass before he would die at Little Big Horn. The telephone, automobile, and the airplane had not been invented; however, one could travel from here to California in about a week's time on the three-year-old transcontinental railroad.

On the world scene, Great Britain was the undisputed military and economic super power of the world. Queen Victoria sat on her throne. Her navy ruled the waves, and the English proudly proclaimed that, "The sun never sets on the British Empire." Winston Churchill had not been born; nor had Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, Joseph Stalin, Franklin D. Roosevelt, or Dwight D. Eisenhower. France was ruled by Emperor Napoleon III, and Otto VonBismarck was chancellor of Prussia, pursuing his aim at a unified German state under the Prussian Kaiser Wilhelm the First.

Clinton County was strictly an agrarian culture, as was most of the United States. The only towns of any

size here were St. Johns and the villages of DeWitt and Ovid. Their business communities were entirely tied to the local farming economy.

One could travel from here to the state's capitol in Lansing on horseback in approximately a day; although, around the turn of the century, 30 years hence, inter-urban railways made that same round trip twice a day.

The world that saw the construction of this courthouse no longer exists, and those who built it could never begin to imagine the world we live in today. **However, this structure has served its purpose well for nearly 127 years.**

FAMILY HISTORIES

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

FLOYD AND FLORENCE BINGHAM

By Dorothy A. LaBar

Floyd, son of **Alexander** and **Elizabeth (Martin) Bingham**, was born in Bengal Twp. on Jan. 10, 1879. He was of English, Scotch, and German Descent.

On Mar. 31, 1909, he married **Florence Burt** of Essex Twp. She was the daughter of **Edwin** and **Harriet (DuBois) Burt**, born on Nov. 17, 1883. They were of Irish, French, and English ancestry.

Floyd and Florence lived their entire married life on a farm located on French Rd., in Greenbush Twp. Besides farming Floyd served as a rural mail carrier for several years.

Florence was a graduate of the St. Johns High School and Clinton Co.

Normal. She taught at the Essex Center and Lowe Schools in Essex Twp.

They had four daughters: **Louise (Harold) Dershem**, **Louise (Mrs. Robert) Curry**, **Anna (Gordon) Grennell**, and **Dorothy (Cecil) LaBar**.

The family were members of the Lowe Methodist Church.

Floyd passed away June 10, 1956, and Florence on Mar. 31, 1957. They are buried at the Lowe Cemetery.

HAROLD AND LOUISE DERSHEM

Dorothy A. LaBar

Louise, eldest daughter of **Floyd** and **Florence Bingham**, was born Mar. 23, 1910, in Greenbush Twp. She was a graduate of Rodney B. Wilson High

School and Clinton Co. Normal. in St. Johns. She taught the Essex Center and Lowe Schools in Essex Twp.

On Mar. 31, 1936, she was married to Harold Dershem, son of **Harlan and Myrtie (Green) Dershem**. They owned and operated farms in Essex Twp. and were members of the Dairy Association.

Their children are: **Margaret (Mrs. William) McDunnell, Richard (Sharon), Marilyn (Terrance) Speer, Nancy (Eugene) Dunkel; and Phyllis (Alan) Moore**. A son, **David**, died in infancy.

As members of the Lowe United Methodist Church, Louise was an active member in the United Methodist Women's organization.

ROBERT & LOIS CURRY

By Dorothy A. LaBar

Lois, second daughter of **Floyd and Florence Bingham**, was born Oct. 31, 1911, in Greenbush Twp. She graduated from Rodney B. Wilson High School in St. Johns and the Lansing Business University. She was employed by General Motors Co. until her marriage to **Robert Curry** on Jan. 16, 1943. Lois is an active member of the Bethel Evangelical Free Church of Owosso.

Robert was the son of **Willard and Martha (DeSonia) Curry** of Hemlock, MI. He worked for Buick Motor Co. until his retirement. Robert passed away Apr. 18, 1979.

They lived in the Flint and Owosso, MI, area. Their daughters are: **Harriet (Thomas) Adams** and **Martha (Charles) Hathaway**. Charles died in 1987.

CECIL AND DOROTHY LA BAR

Dorothy A. LaBar

Dorothy, the youngest daughter of **Floyd and Florence Bingham**, was born July 10, 1916. She with her three older sisters were students for their first eight grades at the French School in Greenbush Twp. She is a graduate of Rodney B. Wilson High School and Clinton Co. Normal of St. Johns. Dorothy taught at the Rheubottom and French Schools. Dorothy retired from the State Dept. of Civil Service in 1981. She is a member of Pilgrim United Methodist Church in Bingham Twp.

On Aug. 13, 1937, she married **Cecil LaBar**, son of **Oscar and Lena (Brundage) LaBar** of Crystal, MI. They farmed in Clinton Co. most of their married life. Cecil passed away Dec. 16, 1969.

Their six children were: **Lois (Bruce) Anderson, Dennis (Eunice), Sue (Richard) Hardman, Rebecca (Kent) Daley, Florence Kay** and Michael (Donna). Florence Kay died on July 4, 1956, and Rebecca on Feb. 8, 1983.

SANDER PLINY PINO

By Dorothy (Pino) Sheap

My grandfather, **Sander Pliny Pino**, came to Essex Twp. in Clinton Co. from Kent Co. in 1854. He married **Julia Anna West** in 1878, and they lived in a log cabin about a mile from the Lowe School and Church. To this marriage were born seven boys and one girl: **Ivan, Floyd, J. Arthur, Ralph, Edna, Otto, Austin, and Vernon**.

I remember my father, J. Arthur, telling us that the older ones slept in the loft and that they had to shake the snow from the bed covers before they arose. But it was a wonderful life, according to

all accounts. They lived just across the fields from their Uncle **Herman** and Aunt **Mary Ward** who lived on Colony Road. There were many other relatives and friends living not too far away, some of whom have been written about in *The History of Clinton Co., Michigan*, published in 1980.

They moved to a larger and much nicer farm in 1898 in Gratiot Co. Perhaps the hardships which they endured in their earlier years imbued them with the fortitude and character needed to withstand the heartaches which were to follow. Floyd contracted typhoid fever and died. My father was also stricken with the disease and had to have a leg amputated just below the knee. This tragedy, however, may have transformed the lives of his younger siblings. He had always planned on being a farmer, but he had to face the fact that this would now be impractical for him. He enrolled in Ferris Institute and lived in the loft of a barn, taking care of horses in order to work his way through. Upon leaving, he became a life insurance agent for the Mutual Benefit Life Ins. Co. in Big Rapids and then on to Owosso. It was here that he met his future wife in the Methodist Church where they were both actively involved. Within a year's time he moved to Lansing to become district manager.

He inspired all of his younger brothers and one sister to further their education as much as possible, which they all successfully did. They became teachers, a doctor, a horticulturist, and an engineer. They all helped one another to obtain these goals.

My father travelled by horse and buggy during his early years as an insurance agent over much of his old stamping grounds, often staying at the **Frank Anderson** farm or with **Jim Campbell**. It was not unusual for him to fill in as preacher, Sunday School teacher or leader of the Epworth League if he

were called upon to do so as he travelled about.

J. Arthur Pino and **Addie E. Smith**, a teacher, musician, poet, and scholar, were married in 1911 and had six children: **Ralph, Dorothy Sheap, James Robert, Harriet King, and Edward.**

My husband, **Stanley Sheap**, and I have lived on Turner Road. in Clinton Co. for 48 years, only three miles away from where I grew up on Delta River Road. We have three children: **Catherine, Robert, and Rebecca**, and three grandchildren, none of whom live in Clinton Co.

ATTENTION! IT'S DUES TIME!

Please notice that annual dues are now **\$10** for a single membership and **\$15** for a couple. See form on back page of this newsletter.

THREE SCORE & TEN

A series of items appeared in various issues of *The Clinton Republican* from Jan. 21 to Mar. 14, 1901. The newspaper's readers sent in names of "old settlers" of whom they had knowledge. The articles which follow have been edited, but still contain all names mentioned in the originals.

Jan. 31, 1901

H.B. Bliss of St. Johns, one of the old settlers here, says he would like to know how many people there are in the county over 70 years old. *The Republican* will publish the names and location if they are sent in.

Feb. 7, 1901

We have several octogenarians living in or near Elsie. We have three ladies whose combined ages will reach the very respectable figures of 260, lacking a few months. **Mrs. Butts**, who will be 87 in April; **Mrs. Elizabeth Hill**, whose birthday occurs next August, and **Mrs. C.L. Chase**, whose 86th birthday is this week Thursday. (Elsie)

J.B. Randolph of Westphalia says, "Tell Mr. Bliss that I am not over 70, but was born in the territory of Michigan in 1831, so if he can beat that he is an old Michigander."

Feb. 14, 1901

My name is **John C. Brunson**, was born July 20, 1822, in East Bloomfield, Ontario Co., NY, and came to Victor, MI, Oct. 23, 1845. Mar. 5, 1846, I bought the land I now live on and it has been my home ever since. I am now 78y, 6m, and 13d old. My farm consists of 153 ½ acres with no mortgage or other debts which is my life's monument.

Joseph Terry lives on section 19 of Victor. He was born in Tompkins Co., NY, on May 7, 1829.

Feb. 18, 1901

Joseph Scott, St. Johns, father of **Mrs. C.E. Knapp**, is 84 and works at the cooper trade every day.

I was born Sept. 10, 1815, in NY state, Yates Co., town of Starkey, moved in Michigan in 1837, one of the old settlers. **Mrs. C.L. Millard**, Fowler.

Mrs. Eliza A. Weeks is 79. She was born in Cambridge, MA, and came to Michigan in 1849 and has resided in Lebanon ever since. **Ralph Hoge**.

Mrs. Margaret Rose of Bath was born in Steuben Co., NY, Dec. 17, 1802, came to Michigan in 1836, and to Clinton Co. Apr. 12, 1838, and settled on the farm where she still lives with her son, **William H. Rose**. She is in good bodily health and intends to pass the century mark on this side of Jordan. When she came to Bath, DeWitt and Bath townships were one.

Feb. 21, 1901

E.W. Cobb was 71 years old last June. His wife, **Anne (Sickels) Cobb**, was born May 19, 1831, so is not quite 70 yet. They have lived on one farm 45 years, and both have lived in the state since they were children. **Mrs. E.W. Cobb**, Elsie.

My father **Sylvester Carter**, lives in Duplain, was born in Chesire Co., NH, in Sept. 4, 1815. I think he came to Clinton Co. in 1837 and settled in Duplain, where he has since resided. **Mrs. Sarah Kelly**, Durand.

Day Payne says he was born Dec., 1831, in the territory of Michigan and has never Feb. 21, 1901 been out of the state. **W.E. Warner.**

March 14, 1901

Seeing the notice for the aged of Clinton Co., I send my name, **Joshua Rapalee**, as one of the pioneers. I was born in Yates Co., NY, July 12, 1820. I came to this farm when the country was a wilderness with only an Indian trail to guide me. I found a little log hut for a home 45 years ago. Another of the friends who came from dear old Yates Co. is **Mrs. Mary Winfield** of Shepardsville, who will be 84 if she lives until the second day of Apr. She is still able to build her fires, see to her chickens, and with some help do her own cooking and keep her home. (Jessie area)

I send you the name of an old pioneer, **Mrs. Sarah Parker** of Victor. Mrs. Parker will be 86 years old the 19th of this month. She came from NY state to Victor in 1836, and she has always lived on the same farm. Her husband died the 4th of July 1863. She has eight children living and five that have crossed the river with their father. **J.W.**

Montague (Price)

Mrs. Sarah Norris was born in Essex Co., NY, in 1817, came to Wayne Co., MI, in 1837. She came to Clinton Co. in 1839, where she has since resided, and is nearly 84 years old. (St. Johns)

I am 74 years of age and have lived in Clinton Co. 35 years. **Sarah A. Floate**, (Maple Rapids)

OVER 70

Leonard S. Aldrich, Maple Rapids, 71
Mrs. George Allen, DeWitt, 80
John Anderson, Essex/Maple Rapids, 78

OVER 70

Geo. B. Andrus, Greenbush, 75
Phineas D. Andrus, St. Johns, 77
George Arnold, Eagle
M/M Calvin Art, Wacousta
Mrs. Avery, Eagle
Mr. Balduf, DeWitt
Mrs. Charles Barstow, Maple Rapids, 80
John H. Bartlett, Ovid
Mrs. Caroline Bement, DeWitt, 80
Allen Bennett, Westphalia, 72
Archabald Bennett, Westphalia, 70
Mrs. Jerusa Berden, Maple Rapids, 84
M/M Biam, Eagle
John Blass, DeWitt, 80
Charlotte A. Bliss, Riley, 86
H.B. Bliss, Bingham, 75
Horatio S. Bliss, Riley, 70
Stebbins C. Bliss, Riley, 86
Mrs. Elizabeth Blizzard, M. Rapids, 76
Henry Blizzard, Riley, 70
Petter Brandie, Westphalia, 82
Artemus Briggs, Eagle, 78
Mrs. H. Briggs, Eagle, 76
Hiram Briggs, Eagle, 82
Mr. Bronson, DeWitt
Mrs. Amy C. Brown, Maple Rapids, 70
Hiram W. Brown, Maple Rapids, 72
Isaac Brown, Eagle, 83
O.R. Burbank, Olive, 74
Dewitt Butterfield, Olive
Mrs. Rachel Call, Maple Rapids, 86
Mrs. Mary Ann Carpenter, Eureka, 85
A.L. Casterline, Maple Rapids, 72
Mrs. Chadwick, DeWitt
David Clark, Eagle, 83
Mrs. David Clark, Eagle
Emery Cook, Riley, 70
Ransom Cook, Maple Rapids, 77
S.M. Cook, DeWitt
Martin L. Corbin, Watertown
Mr. Cowling, DeWitt, 80
Mrs. Melinda Culp, Riley,
T.R. Cumpton, Eagle, 82
George Cupit, Riley, 70
Mrs. Viena Cutler, Riley, 72

OVER 70

Nelson Daniells, Wacousta
 M/M Dart, Eagle
 M/M Desprez, DeWitt
 J.M. DeWitt, St. Johns
 Mrs. Jane DeWitt, St. Johns
 Mrs. Jane Dillingham, Westphalia, 84
 Mrs. Marie Dills, Olive
 William Dills, DeWitt, 80
 Mrs. Charles Doty, Eagle
 Mrs. Nancy Drake, Maple Rapids, 88
 William Dravenstatt, Eagle
 Mrs. Joseph Eddy, Eagle
 Luther Eddy, Eagle, over 80
 Mrs. Martha Eiseler, St. Johns, 85
 George W. Estes, St. Johns
 Mrs. Farrier, Riley
 N.F. Fenner, Bingham, 70
 Mrs. Norman Fenner, Olive, 71
 James A. Ferguson, Essex, 89
 Thomas Ferns, Riley, 84
 Mrs. Thomas Ferns, Riley, 77
 Mrs. Melinda First, Maple Rapids, 69
 Edward Fitzgerald, Westphalia
 Sarah A. Floate, Maple Rapids, 74
 Mrs. William Frost, Riley
 Mrs. Frye, Westphalia, 83
 Mrs. Abby Fulton, Maple Rapids, 77
 Mrs. Polly Gage, Olive
 Mrs. Jane Gay, Riley, 77
 Giles J. Gibbs, St. Johns, 71
 Mrs. Gillet, Olive
 A. Gillett, Olive
 M/M Goodrich, DeWitt
 Mrs. Eliza Goss, M. Rapids, 75
 Mrs. Emeline Grant, St. Johns, 89
 Thomas Green, Eagle
 Dr. D.W. Halsted, Maple Rapids, 81
 B.F. Hammil, Riley, 80
 Mrs. B.F. Hammil, Riley, 77
 Albert Harlow, Watertown
 Jay Harper, Maple Rapids, 70
 W.W. Harrington, Maple Rapids, 70
 Mr. Hart, Wacousta, 80
 M/M Hart, DeWitt
 L.C. Hazen, Westphalia, 72

OVER 70

Hiram Helms, Maple Rapids, 78
 Mrs. Henning, DeWitt
 Edward Hewitt, DeWitt
 Chester Hildreth, Eagle
 Mr. Hoerner, Westphalia
 Mrs. George Holmes, DeWitt
 M/M W.D. Holt, Olive
 Stephen Howard, Eagle
 Mrs. Mary A. Howe, Maple Rapids, 80
 Philander Howe, Olive
 Martin Hubbell, Maple Rapids, 76
 Seth Hunt, St. Johns
 Mrs. William Jennison, Eagle
 Mrs. Mary Jones, Riley
 Nathan Jones, St. Johns
 Mr. Jutting, DeWitt
 A.O. Kent, Riley, 73
 Mrs. A.O. Kent, Riley, 70
 Isaac Jones, Bengal, 80
 Mrs. John Kimble, Riley, 70
 John R. Kimble, Riley, 77
 Mrs. Mary Lance, Fowler, 73
 Mrs. Helen Lee, Eagle
 Mrs. Lerg, DeWitt
 Valentine Lewis, Lebanon, 86
 Mrs. Jacob Lott, DeWitt
 John Marshall, DeWitt
 George Martin, Eagle
 Mr. Martzke, DeWitt, 80
 Frederic Mayer, Olive
 Robert Mason, Wacousta
 George McCrumb, Eagle
 Mr. Merrihew, Olive, 90
 J.N. Merrihew, DeWitt, 99
 John Miller, Westphalia
 William Miller, Wacousta
 I.M. Molineaux, Riley, 77
 Mrs. I.M. Molineaux, Riley, 70
 Josiah Monroe, Eagle 77
 Benjamin Moore, M. Rapids, 78
 Mrs. Sarah Moses, Watertown
 M/M William Munger, Eagle
 William R. Norton, Bath, 80
 Joseph F. Owen, Lebanon, 80
 Mrs. Joseph F. Owen, Lebanon, 71

OVER 70

Anthony Parkhouse, DeWitt
Edward A. Parmelee, St. Johns, 89
John Patrick, Eagle, 74
Day Payne, Maple Rapids, 69
Mrs. J.L. Payne, Maple Rapids, 69
James L. Payne, Maple Rapids, 75
Mrs. Mary Peet, Fowler
Mrs. Percy, Maple Rapids, 78
Perry S. Percy, Maple Rapids, 76
James K. Petteys, Maple Rapids, 79
Mrs. Petteys, Maple Rapids, 78
Mrs. S.A. Pierce, Olive
John Pinkney, Lebanon
Peter Pinkney, Lebanon
Henry L. Pratt, Riley 71
W.J. Richardson, Maple Rapids, 72
H.L. Richmond, Greenbush, 73
George K. Riddle, Greenbush, 85
R. Reed, Riley, 78
John O. Riley, St. Johns 86
Mrs. John O. Riley, St. Johns, 72
Mrs. William Roberts, DeWitt
J.S. Rodgers, Olive
Mrs. Rose, Eagle, 83
Mary Rose, Westphalia, 72
Mrs. William Ross, St. Johns, 76
Luther Rumsey, 82
Holbrook Sanford, Westphalia, 72
Elvira A. Sevy, Greenbush, 70
O.S. Sevy, Greenbush, 76
Charles A. Sloan, DeWitt
Mrs. Smalley, Olive
Anna E. Downer Smith, DeWitt, 75
M/M George Smith, Westphalia
Joseph Snyder, Riley, 70
William Sperry, Olive
Henry Stanchell, St. Johns, 71
M/M Solomon B. Stone, Watertown
M/M D.K. Stowell, St. Johns
Alfred Sturgis, DeWitt
Mrs. Sabrina Temple, Riley, 75
Mrs. John Thomas, Lebanon, 73
Mrs. VanAuken, DeWitt
M/M John Wandel, Riley
Charles J. Warner, Maple Rapids, 70

OVER 70

Mary Weatherwax, Westphalia, 84
Mrs. Mary Welsh, Maple Rapids, 80
George West, Wacousta, 85
William White, Olive
Russel Whitney, Maple Rapids, 72
Mrs. Russel Whitney, Maple Rapids, 69
George Widman Sr., Olive
Levi Wilkinson, Eagle, 80
Elias Williams, Maple Rapids, 89
Henry Williams, Riley, 77
J.E. Williams, DeWitt, 80
Junia B. Yates, Maple Rapids, 75

CHARTS

On page 45 is a **Benedict** family chart which was compiled by **Gerald C. Benedict**, 2525 Aspen Way, Sandpoint, ID 83864. His chart on **John Barrett** 1809-1879 is also on file at the archives.

TOM THIELL

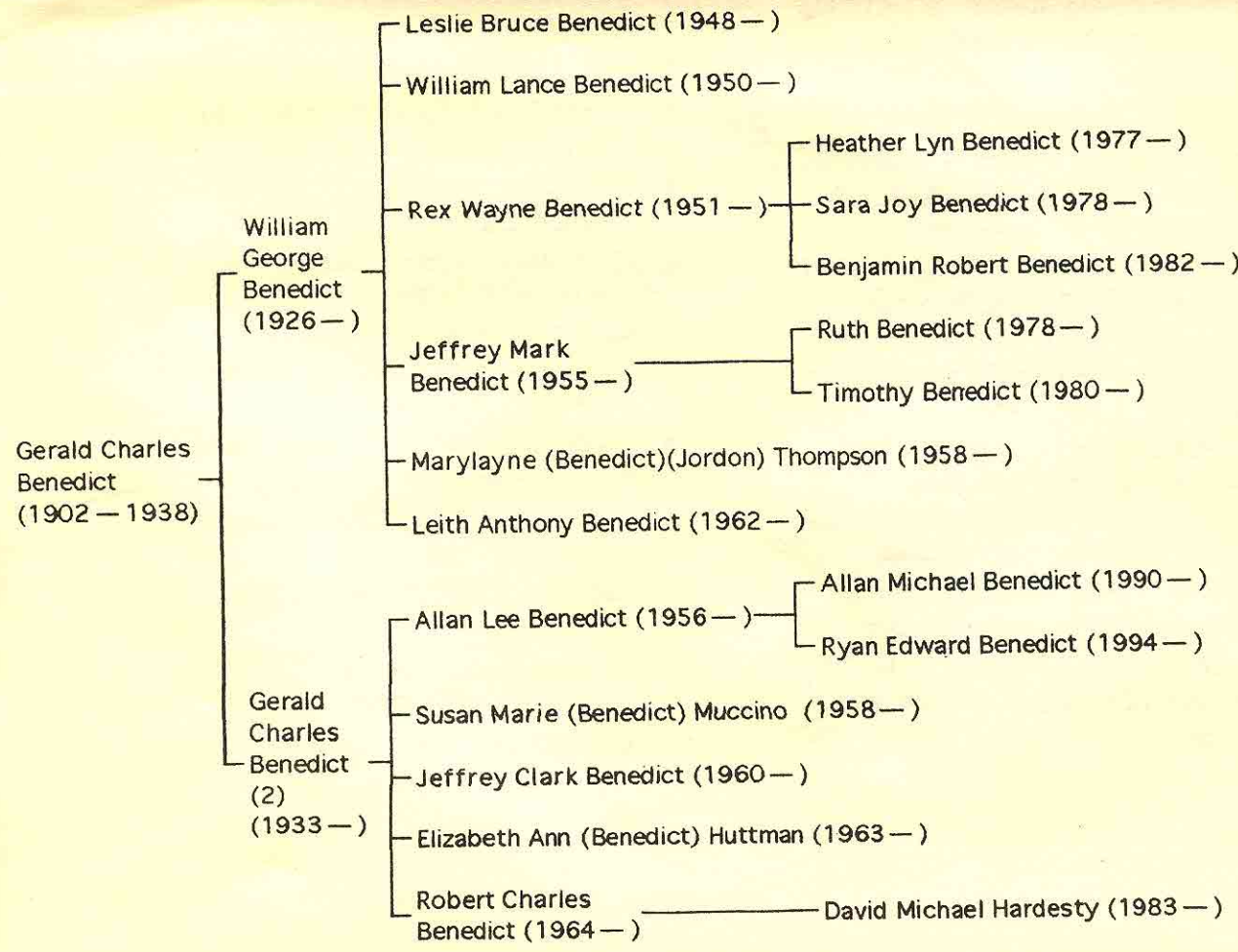
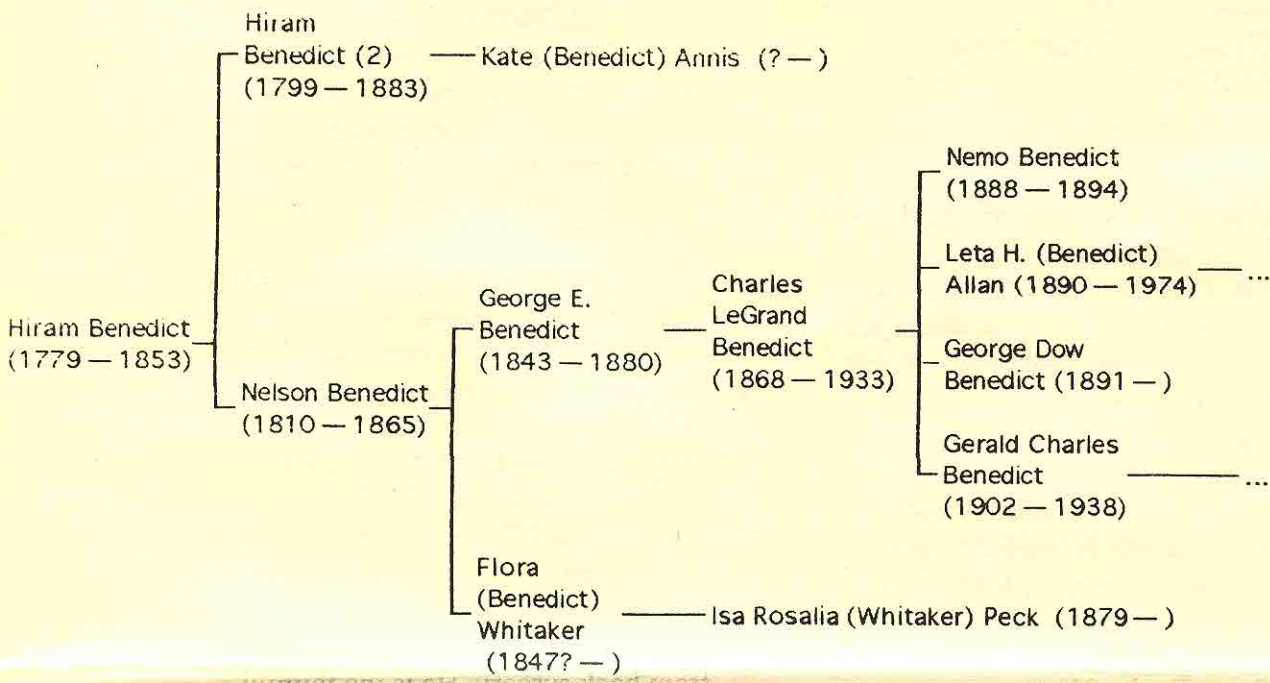
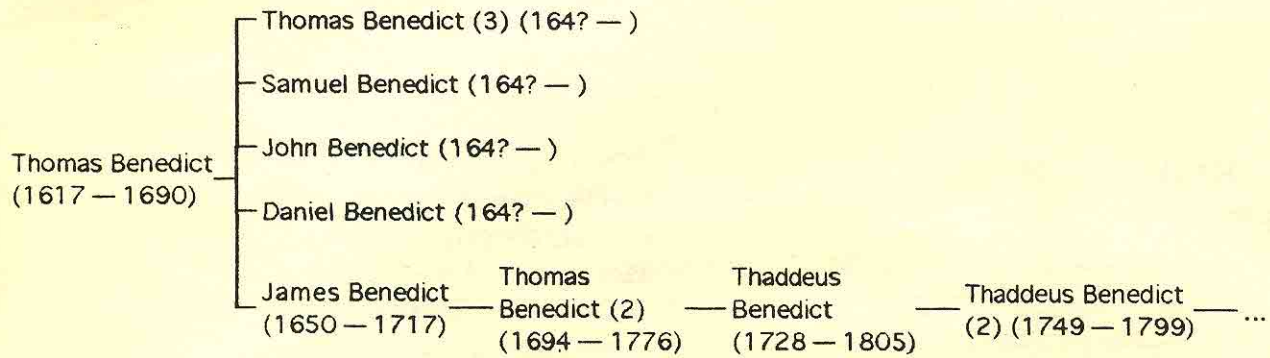
Keep Tom Thiell in mind as he recovers from back surgery. He is the faithful volunteer who keeps the archives open on Thursdays and Fridays. Tom hopes to be back on duty by mid-February.

EASY ON THAT BOOK!

To open a new book and not destroy its binding, be gentle. Place the book with its spine on a smooth surface. Let the covers fall down. Alternately open a few pages at the back and then at the front, gently pressing each section open near the spine until you reach the center of the volume. Do this several times if necessary. Never force the back of the book making it "crack."

CHANDLER'S MARSH

Look in the Nov.-Dec. 1998 issue of the *Michigan History Magazine* (page 52-3) for an article on Chandler's Marsh by LeRoy Barnett, former Michigan State Archivist.



DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library now includes the following records on microfilm which pertain to Michigan:

- Wayne Co. probate index.
- World War I draft Reg. Cards.
- Elmwood Cem. Records (Detroit)

LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN

At the Nov. 1998 Michigan Genealogical Council meeting, it was reported that the Library of Michigan has received many new items provided by the Abrams Foundation grant including:

- Civil War gravestone inscriptions.
- N Carolina colonial records.
- Texas census & soundex. (all).
- Iowa Co. vital records (7 Cos.).
- Ontario census records.
- Many passenger list items.
- Florida census & soundex (several).
- Louisiana 1880 & 1900 soundex.

QUERIES

- Submitted by **Robert G. Ingersoll**, PO Box 2271, Walnut Creek, CA 94595-0271: Looking for information on **Estherette (Mosser) Corey** wife of **David Ralston Corey**, of the firm **Sunderlin & Corey** in Hubbardston in 1880. She was born 7 Mar 1845 in NY; married 2 Oct 1865 in Pewamo, MI; had dau **Mary Patty Corey** b 1866.
- Submitted by **Alice (Stine) Getman (Mrs. Elias G.)**, 853 Phoenix, South Haven MI 49090-1537: Is **Mary J. Hickox**, who is listed in the 1880 census as living in Ovid, the widow of **Obadiah Hickox** and from Rochester, NY, (there in 1850).

- Submitted by **Virginia (Kosht) Starks**, Ponca City, OK 74604: Looking for parents of **Guy C. McIntyre**, father of **Nellie (McIntyre) McIntosh**. He was born 4 July 1820 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, married Elizabeth Goodrich in DeWitt 28 Jan 1848, served in the Civil War, and died 6 Mar 1898 in Vilas SD. Elizabeth lived in Shepardsville until her death in 1912.
- Submitted by **Anatole Nassau**, 17145 Braxton St., Granada Hills, CA 91344: Seeking info on **Sarah I. (Hollister) Ball**, b 19 May 1825 in Ovid, and her parents. Sarah m **Dr. James Ball** 23 July 1854.
- Submitted by **Lois Miller**, 3406 Warren Meadville Rd., Cortland, OH 44410 (E-mail LDISM3@PRODIGY.NET) Seeking and willing to share info on **Darius Comstock & Susannah (Mayhew) Warren.**, possible descendants of **George H. Warren**.

ACQUISITIONS

- ◆ *Maple Rapids Paper Railroads*, by Merritt B. Scharnweber.
- ◆ Newspaper clippings of Josephine (Pearce) Tucker.
- ◆ *God's Word is our Great Heritage*, A history of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fowler, MI, 1878-1996.
- ◆ *Sowle Kindred Newsletter*, 1974-1998 and index to same.
- ◆ Lowe School 1902, photo of teacher and students.
- ◆ DeWitt High School alumni list 1896-1929.
- ◆ *Index of Deaths, 1897-1952, Aurelius Twp., Ingham Co., MI.*
- ◆ *Index of Burials 1838-1986, Jewett Funeral Home of Mason, MI.*
- ◆ Lebanon Farmers Club record book.

ACQUISITIONS (continued)

- ◆ **Maurice Schneider & Anna Mary Handze** genealogy.
- ◆ 1860 Michigan Federal Mortality Schedule Abstracts, Alcona to Kalamazoo Cos.
- ◆ **Benedict** family chart.
- ◆ **Barrett** family chart.
- ◆ *A Guide to Michigan Archival Resources.*
- ◆ Pedigree chart of **Linda Lee (Martin) Busse.**

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(Yes, you have seen this once before in this issue.)

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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.

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