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## LEBANON FARMER'S CLUB Secretary's Book 1896-1899

A book containing minutes and lists of members of the Lebanon Farmer's Club about 100 years ago was recently acquired by the Archives. One page is reproduced below.

Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1897

The December meeting of the Lebanon Farmer's Club was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. H. Wingus.

The program was as follows:  
Music: Groves Orchestra  
Reading and approval of the minutes of the last meeting.  
Paper by Mrs. H. J. Holmes, entitled "Making Farm life Enjoyable."  
She said "The subject infers that farm life is not enjoyable but must be made so. This is not the case true, it is and should be as enjoyable as life anywhere."  
She first took the negative side of the subject and showed

(Lebanon Farmer's Club continued)

The minutes reveal that at most meetings a "paper" was presented and then discussion was held on its topic. Music, recitations, dinners, and other entertainment was also devised.

On Apr. 1, 1897, the membership of 46 resolved that the mortgage tax law was an unjust measure and that they were decidedly opposed to it.

At the next meeting on May 6, the topic was *System in Housekeeping*. Mrs. **Mrs. Jay Sessions** stated, "If order is the first law of heaven, it is or should be in every well regulated home. Have a system for your work. Do certain things on certain days or at certain times of the day. Women are, as a rule, slow to adopt new facilities for doing their work and are, therefore, more or less to blame for their condition for generally the husband is willing to provide for her comfort so far as he is able. Women should strive to be cheerful at all times, as that adds largely to the happiness of the home."

Another paper at that meeting was presented by **Lewis Bently**, and was titled, *Corn Culture*. Mr. Bently advised, "Sod ground should be used. Plow 3 or 4 inches deep as shallow plowing will hold the moisture. Roll the ground smooth, harrow well, mark both ways. When the corn is coming up, put a spoonful of ashes to each hill to kill cut worms."

County organization was the issue on Feb. 2, 1899. "The Lebanon Farmer's Club is not in favor of a county organization" was the resolution recorded. On Dec 2, 1898, after discussing the possibility of adding the 9<sup>th</sup> grade to the country schools, the majority stated they were not in favor of that.

At other meetings club members discussed child rearing, insurance, temperance, women' suffrage, and farm

legislation. Genealogists will appreciate that many names are mentioned in this little treasure of a book.

### Lebanon Farmer's Club Membership

Jan. 5, 1899

Abbott, M/M C.F.  
Abbott, M/M F.  
Avory, Date  
Avory, Mary  
Bamber, M/M  
Bancroft, M/M D.  
Frank, Ed  
Doil, M/M James  
Gaddy, M/M. H.  
Hanlan, M/M Thomas  
Harrison, J.  
Hiner, Bert  
Holmes, Mrs. H.S.  
Howard, Myrtle  
Kentfield, Margaret  
Lambie, M/M James  
Lamphere, M/M Frank  
Martin, M/M Charles  
Messer, Levi  
Messer, Lydia  
Messer, M/M M.M.  
Morris, M/M George  
Murwin, Mrs. H.  
Murwin, Stella  
Patrick, M/M B.S.  
Peet, Ellsworth  
Piggott, M/M F.  
Pinkney, Mrs.  
Rogers, M/M David  
Sessions, Irma  
Sessions, M/M Jay  
Smith, M/M Eli  
Smith, Velma  
Vincent, Mrs.

## DE WITT SCHOOL ALUMNI

**C. Lawrence Feightling**, deceased, of DeWitt compiled a list of the alumni of the DeWitt School. He was president of the 1922 class. These records which cover the years 1896 through 1929 are held by the archives. In the transcription printed below, addresses are in Michigan unless otherwise stated. Names in parentheses are maiden names. The year probably indicates the year of graduation. Those listed as "deceased" are as noted in the records.

Jessie <u>Anderson</u> ; 1921; 904 Burch, Lansing	Bessie (Heil) <u>Chapman</u> ; 1908; deceased
Rilla (Henderson) <u>Anderson</u> ; 1921; St. Johns	Donald <u>Clark</u> ; 1914; Lansing
Albert <u>Arink</u> , Supt.; 1917	Edna <u>Clark</u> ; 1922; DeWitt
Ella <u>Baird</u> ; 1920, Bath	Lorna <u>Clark</u> ; 1922; DeWitt
Evelyn <u>Baird</u> , Pres.; 1921; Bath	Julia <u>Clements</u> ; 1897; deceased
Gordon <u>Baldwin</u> ; 1915; 813 Fayette, Lansing	Jessie (Harris) <u>Coates</u> ; 1901; 729 Chicago , Lansing
Lila (Doty) <u>Barnard</u> ; 1911; DeWitt	Gladys <u>Collins</u> ; 1920; St. Johns
Clarence <u>Bauerle</u> ; 1921; Lansing	Elgie (Pierce) <u>Crossman</u> ; 1901; 429 Park Lane, East Lansing
Florence <u>Bauerle</u> ; 1913; deceased	Hazel (Lankton) <u>Cuolahan</u> ; 1916; S. Bingham; Lansing
Mrs. Mark <u>Beardslee</u> ; 1925; DeWitt	Paul <u>Cuolahan</u> ; 1912; S. Bingham, Lansing
Leon <u>Blizzard</u> ; 1921, Merle Beach	Blanche (Lewis) <u>Cutler</u> ; 1907; DeWitt
Linden <u>Boch</u> ; 1921; 1115 Tuscola , Saginaw	Donovan <u>Cutler</u> , Vice Pres.; 1920, DeWitt
Donald <u>Brainard</u> ; 1929	Francis <u>Cutler</u> ; 1915; 1707 Drexel, Lansing
Myrtie <u>Brainerd</u> ; 1924; Lansing	Vernon <u>Cutler</u> ; 1923; DeWitt
Mrs. Don <u>Brinkerhoff</u> ; 1925; Lansing	Arthur <u>Dagget</u> ; 1912
Maude (Brazee) <u>Brown</u> ; 1897; deceased	Francis (Hurd) <u>Dean</u> ; 1909; 3271 Hazelwood , Detroit
Eva <u>Brya</u> ; 1923; DeWitt	Gerda (Jayne) <u>Dean</u> ; 1896; DeWitt
Francis <u>Brya</u> ; 1925; DeWitt	Norma <u>Desmond</u> ; 1924; 418 Fairview, Lansing
Grover <u>Buchan</u> , Supt.; 1922-23	Dow <u>Devereaux</u> ; 1922; DeWitt
Edgar <u>Burke</u> , Supt.; Eureka; 1897-8	Frances <u>Devereaux</u> ; 1921; DeWitt
Edna <u>Burke</u> ; 1923; Lansing	Althea <u>Dillingham</u> ; 1924; 525 W. Main , Lansing
Ethel <u>Burke</u> ; 1929	Gerry <u>Dills</u> ; 1904; 287 Palmer E., Detroit
Agnes (Lerg) <u>Butler</u> ; 1906; Williams, AR	Albert <u>Doty</u> ; 1919; DeWitt
George <u>Butler</u> ; 1917; St. Johns, c/o Frink's Shoe Store	Helen <u>Doty</u> ; 1920; DeWitt
Myrtle <u>Butler</u> ; 1924; 308 Fairview, Lansing	Louis <u>Drake</u> ; 1901; DeWitt
Joyce <u>Camp</u> ; 1929	Ruth (Moses) <u>Draپر</u> ; 1919; 2847 23 <sup>rd</sup> , Detroit
Maude (White) <u>Carl</u> ; 1899; 531 N. Butler, Lansing	
Doris (Masall) <u>Carter</u> {Mrs. Theo.}; 1915; 1109 S. Washington, Mt. Pleasant	
Edna (Farrier) <u>DuBreuil</u> ; 1920; DeWitt	

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Laurits Dunham; 1921; DeWitt  
 Fern Hamer Dunlap; 1913; DeWitt  
 Wilhemena Easton; 1922; DeWitt  
 Flossie Eldridge, Vice Pres.; 1921; DeWitt  
 Daniel Ellwanger; 1910; DeWitt  
 Edith (Stalker) Emery {Mrs. Charles};  
 1910; 825 Chevrolet , Flint  
 Hazel Farrier; 1914; DeWitt  
 Helen Feightling, Secy.-Treas.; 1920  
 Lawrence Feightling, Pres.; 1922; DeWitt  
 Clarence Fuerstenau, Supt. 1924  
 Caryl Gall; 1915, DeWitt  
 Hugh Gibbs, ; 1899; Lansing Alice (Gall)  
Gilberd; 1915; 319 N. Main, Ann Arbor  
 Glenn Gillett; 1911; deceased  
 Gertrude Goodrich; 1923; DeWitt  
 Elizabeth (Lerg) Goodwin; 1901;  
 Hastings, NB  
 Mrs. Clark Gregory; 1925; St. Johns  
 Carl Grinold; 1929  
 Gerald Hammond; 1917; DeWitt  
 Blanche (Buehler) Hart; 1912; Bath  
 Mrs. Eric Hartman; 1924; Lansing  
 Clara (Knaup) Haskill; 1916; 209  
 Westmoreland , Lansing  
 Elno Hath; 1899; 325 E. Franklin, Lansing  
 Pearl (Baird) Hath; 1910; Bath  
 Gladys (Haltermann) Hayhoe; 1915; St.  
 Johns  
 Alvera Henning; 1923; DeWitt  
 Bertha (Magsig) Henning; 1913; DeWitt  
 Rhine Henning; 1901; DeWitt  
 Velma (Garlock) Henning; 1910; Mason  
 Victor Henning; 1910; Mason  
 Josephine Heiler; 1911; 218 S.  
 Washington , Lansing  
 Katherine Heiler; 1914; 218 S.  
 Washington , Lansing  
 Lyle Hepfer; 1921; Lansing  
 Donald Hewitt; 1911; 30 Gladstone ,  
 Windsor, Ontario, Canada  
 Marguerite (Woodruff) Hopkins; 1907;  
 deceased  
 Myron Howe; 1914; DeWitt  
 Bessie (Stampfly) Hugulet; 1915; Merle  
 Beach  
 Herbert Hurd; 1911; Lansing  
 Edna Ingersoll; 1918; St. Johns  
 Dorr Irish; 1917; St. Johns  
 Muriel Jason; 1918; St. Johns  
 Emma Kaufman; 1910; deceased  
 Karl Keck; 1921, DeWitt  
 Earl Kelly; 1923; DeWitt  
 Mrs. John Klaver; 1924; DeWitt  
 Mable (Henning) Klaver; 1916; DeWitt  
 E.J. Kleinert, Supt.; 1929  
 Archie Kowalk; 1922; Lansing  
 Hazel Kowalk; 1921; Lansing  
 Mrs. Herbert Kowalk; 1925; DeWitt  
 Lorena Kowalk; 1923; DeWitt  
 Merle (McLouth) Krass; 1899; DeWitt  
 Hazel Leland; 1919; Seebass Products, 505  
 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> , New York, NY  
 George Lerg; 1910; 990 King , Denver,  
 CO  
 Maude (Rose) Lester; 1911; 4363 37th ,  
 Portland, OR  
 Gertrude Lietzke; 1918; DeWitt  
 Lillie Lietzke; 1919; DeWitt  
 Marguerite Lietzke; 1918; DeWitt  
 Orville Lietzke; 1923; DeWitt  
 Oswald Lietzke; 1915; DeWitt  
 Bessie (Webb) Linn; 1907; 937 Genessee ,  
 Hollywood, CA  
 Ardis Livermore; 1929  
 Etta Livermore; 1906; deceased  
 Thelma Livermore; 1924; DeWitt  
 Raymond Locher; 1924; DeWitt  
 Clifford Loesch; 1929  
 Alvin Lorenz; 1921; DeWitt  
 Gladys (Stampfly) Lorenz; 1912;  
 Laingsburg  
 Randolph Lorenz; 1911; Laingsburg  
 Minnie Loroff; 1922; DeWitt  
 Arthur Magsig; 1917; DeWitt  
 Florence (Klaver) Magsig; 1917; DeWitt  
 Charley F. Mankey; 1920; DeWitt  
 Leo Martzke; 1923; DeWitt  
 Lawrence McConnell; 1924; DeWitt

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Flora (Vail) McGuire; 1898; 200 Osborn ,  
Joliet, IL  
Jean McKinney, 1929  
Eleanor (Moon McKinney, 1925; DeWitt  
Maggie (Reed) McMillan; 1898; 705  
Poplar, Peabody, KS  
B.J. Milburn, Supt.; 1912  
Beatrice Moon; 1929  
Bert V. Moon; 1901; DeWitt  
Harry Moon; 1899; DeWitt  
Kate (Pierce) Moon; 1898; 1232 Chelsea ,  
Lansing  
L.A. Murdick, Supt.; 1918; Alma  
Rilla Newman, Secy-Treas.; 1921; DeWitt  
Lyle Norris; 1925; Tisdale , Lansing  
Cornelia Norton; 1929  
Ida (Lerg) Osborn; 1908; 234 S. Ivy ,  
Medford, OR  
Almina (Sloan) Parker; 1913; L'burg  
Carlyle Parkhouse; 1918; 611 N. Clemens,  
Lansing  
Leatha (Weismiller) Parkhouse; 1919; 611  
N. Clemens, Lansing  
Floyd Parks; 1915, DeWitt  
Hershell Parks; 1926  
Margarete Parks; 1922; DeWitt  
Edwin Pate; 1911; 5771 Hillsboro ,  
Detroit  
Lena (Moses) Peeler; 1917; 255  
Manchester, Battle Creek  
Iva Peltier; 1929  
John Pennell; 1913; DeWitt  
Lucile (McLouth) Petersnuger; 1903;  
deceased  
Mrs. Melvin Pettit; 1924; 719 E. Grand  
River, Lansing  
A.J. Phelps, Supt.; 1903-4, 1906-8; E.J.  
Pierce store, E. Michigan , Lansing  
Alta (Gunnison) Pierce; 1897; 305 Cass ,  
Monroe  
Lelah (VanFleet) Pierce; 1909; 115 Grand  
River Ave, Howell  
George Pike; 1897; deceased  
Glenwood Pike; 1923; DeWitt  
Nellie (Cortright) Place; 1917; Lansing  
Mrs. Fred Prine; 1925; 1011 Oakland  
Waunita (Rockwell) Putman; 1915; 206 N.  
Prospect, St. Johns  
Chester Raby; 1916; DeWitt  
Harlan Raby; 1924; DeWitt  
James Ranney; 1897; R1, DeWitt  
Iva (Treadwell) Redoty; 1915; DeWitt  
Charles Reynolds; 1899, DeWitt  
Lamont Reynolds; 1921; DeWitt  
Elizabeth (Keck) Richmond; 1920;  
DeWitt  
Florence Ridenour; 1923, DeWitt  
Maude (Devereaux) Ridenour; 1911; 117  
E. Elm , Lansing  
William Robb; 1925; East Lansing  
Edna Roosa; 1922; 634 W. Madison,  
Lansing  
Zoa (Searles) Rossow; 1915; 319 Lathrop,  
Lansing  
Harry Rouse; 1904; DeWitt  
Lora (Truesdell) Rouse; 1903; 206 W.  
Grand River, Lansing  
Gaylord Schafer; 1926  
Edward Schavey; 1899; DeWitt  
Fred Schavey; 1899; St. Johns  
Lois Schoals; 1929  
Byrl (Linn) Scott; 1907; deceased  
John Seeger; 1913; 520 W. Jefferson,  
Lansing  
Ernest Shafley; 1924; 420 Highland SE;  
Grand Rapids  
Lorna (Woodruff) Shipley; 1910; Harbor  
Beach  
P.H. Shoemaker, Supt.; 1913-15  
Flora (Pennell) Sibley; 1901; deceased  
Lilah (Parkhouse) Sibley; 1915; DeWitt  
Celia (Sipley) Simmons; 1899; 226 W.  
Willow, Lansing  
D. Ray Simmons; 1901; 141 Monterey ,  
Detroit  
Harold Sipley; 1914; Lansing  
Walter Sipley; 1913; DeWitt  
Sadie Smalley; 1923; DeWitt  
Caryle Smith; 1910; 313 Rumsey , Lansing  
Clair Smith; 1923; DeWitt  
Eugene Smith; 1908

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Edna (Pate) Smith; 1904; St. Johns  
 Laura (Williams) Smith; 1914; 419  
 Dorance Place, Lansing  
 Lola (Doty) Sober; 1912; 1530 Ballard,  
 Lansing  
 Helen Spade; 1925, DeWitt  
 Leo Spade; 1926  
 Bernice Stampfly; 1923; Bath  
 Florence Stampfly; 1914; Bath  
 Helen (Dills) Stampfly; 1906; DeWitt  
 Norma (Beadle) Stanford {Mrs. Cash};  
 1909; Clare  
 Margarete Stanton; 1923, Bath  
 Bertha Staub; 1917; DeWitt  
 Thomas Staub; 1914; DeWitt  
 Friend Steele; 1898; Eureka  
 Lucile Steinhardt; 1922; Bath  
 Dorothy Stewart; 1929  
 Pansy (Peabody) Stewart; 1906; Lansing  
 Goldie Stoy; 1929  
 Ralph Strahle; 1924; DeWitt  
 Walter Strahle; 1923; DeWitt  
 Marie Talksdorf; 1929  
 C.B. Tanner, Supt.; 1901  
 Mrs. Rodney Taylor; 1924; DeWitt  
 Bertha Tibbets; 1919, DeWitt  
 Gertrude (Devereaux) Todd; 1913;  
 DeWitt  
 Ila Treadwell; 1912; DeWitt  
 Sadie Trumble, Supt.; 1919; DeWitt  
 Fred Tucker; 1899; DeWitt  
 Doris (Stampfly) Upton; 1912; RFD  
 DeWitt  
 Eva (Simmons) VanFleet; 1901; 255  
 Grove , Highland Park  
 Erin (Wilcox) VanSickle; 1913; Northville,  
 MI  
 Isabell Voisnet; 1924; DeWitt  
 Louis Voisnet; 1898; Bath  
 Alfred Voltz; 1921; DeWitt  
 Mrs. Lawrence Wakefield; 1926  
 Donald Ward; 1923; DeWitt  
 Victor Ward; 1929  
 Amelia Wardell; 1915; DeWitt  
 Clarence Watt; 1919; DeWitt

Loy Smith; 1926  
 Roy Smith; 1910; 313 Rumsey , Lansing  
 William M. Smith; Supt.; 1896; St. Johns  
 Ada (Simmons) Webb; 1901; 2010  
 Jerome, Lansing  
 L. Lois Webb, Pres.; 1920; 2010 Jerome,  
 Lansing  
 Mildred Weismiller; 1922; 619 S.  
 Magnolia, Lansing  
 Rueben Weismiller; 1917; 619 S.  
 Magnolia,  
 Will Wetherell; 1898; 519 Magnolia ,  
 Bellingham, WA  
 B.H. White, Supt.; 1910-11; 528 Maple,  
 Battle Creek  
 Grover C. White, Supt.; 1909; Okemos  
 Nina White; 1925; DeWitt  
 B.J. Wilbur, Supt.; 1920; Eureka  
 Mrs. Dale Williams; 1925; Mt. Clemens  
 Floyd Williams, ; 1899; 1334 N. Chestnut,  
 Lansing  
 Hannah (Leland) Wilson; 1918; Lansing  
 Mildred Witchell; 1926  
 B.O. Withall, Supt.; 1916  
 Donald Woodruff; 1907; 1522 Dime Bk.  
 Bldg., Detroit  
 Lawrence Woodruff; 1909; DeWitt  
 Ralph Woodruff; 1921; DeWitt  
 Agnes (Lewis) Wyman; 1914; Clare  
 Lucile Yanz; 1929  
 Bernard Zeeb; 1914; Bath  
 A.D. Zehner; 1921; South Bend, IN  
 Gertrude Zischke; 1921; DeWitt  
 Glenna Zischke; 1923; DeWitt  
 Grace Zischke; 1922; DeWitt  
 Mabel Zischke; 1924; DeWitt

### 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.**

**Your mailing label will indicate the latest year you have paid.**

## 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.)

### CLARENCE J. AND MINA MC CUNE

By Mildred M. Sample

At the top of the hill that is now a part of Solon Road of DeWitt Twp. there is an old house, presently unoccupied, but owned by **Rae Gene Frederickson**, a great granddaughter of **Clarence** and **Mina McCune**. The McCunes originally came from the town of Allegan. In 1913 they purchased the original 40 acres from a **Mr. & Mrs. Robinson** and moved into the old log house on the premises. It had two stories but no covering of any kind on the inside of the logs. It had been chinked up with plaster on the outside.

The log barn, even more dilapidated than the house, stood just at the rise of the hill where the buggy trail that connected them to the main road, now Turner St., ended. Turner ran from Lansing to DeWitt before US 27 was ever heard of. Below that hill a railroad track cut the farm in two parts, sort of dividing the hilly part on the west half from the swampy part to the east. Interurban trolley cars traveled back and forth from Jackson to St. Johns daily at certain specified times. In my high school days that was my mode of travel to and from school. Sometime in the 1930's it was discontinued.

East of this railroad track there was another hill, very high hill, much higher than the one on which the house and barn stood. In 1920, when US 27 was begun, the McCunes sold the dirt from their part of the hill to build this part of the highway. What a time they had just at the southeast corner of the farm. The

heavy fill dirt just squashed out the black mud and turned a spot several rods across upside down. (I have been told that this area was the site of a lake several years ago.) That same thing happened again in 1933 or 1934 when the pavement was widened and the other half of the hill was used. Originally the north half of the hill was a gravel pit owned by the Michigan Railroad Co. When the road (US 27) was first being built, a prison gang was housed by the gravel pit area for labor on the road. I was ten at the time, and as the men carried water from our well for camp use I enjoyed watching them. One of them gave me a handbag he had made in prison. I guess now I would be a little afraid but had no fears then.

The McCune family grew and grew. They gave me, their eldest daughter, a large lot on the northeast corner of the farm for a wedding present. My husband and I live here to this day. Later my father sold lots along the south side of Solon Road and, in fact, built three of the houses. Solon Road was a gift from him to the county to make sure a road would be built there.

The old log house and barn have long since been torn down. In 1916 my father and his father built the house at the top of the hill where the rest of his seven children were born and raised. They managed to eke out a living on those hills, he working part time at the Reo Motor Car Co. Later he quit the shop and raised cows to supplement his income.

My father was a great believer in education and went without many of the necessities of life to make sure his children got as good an education as they

wanted. Tuition for secondary schools was high back then.

Yes, the McCune family grew and grew and now numbers very close to 200 not counting any spouses or step-children. Mr. McCune lived to well over 93; his first wife, my mother, predeceased him by 22 years. I believe he was a good solid citizen of Clinton Co., and more specifically the township of DeWitt. But, of course, I'm prejudiced.

## VIRGIL AND MILDRED M. SAMPLE

By Mildred M. Sample  
My husband, **Virgil Sample**, originally from Evart, MI, and I have lived here at 1001 Solon Road, DeWitt, MI, since long before Solon Rd. was named or the houses numbered. We were given this lot on the northeast corner of their farm by my parents, **Clarence** and **Mina McCune** in 1929 as a wedding present. The following January we moved into a tiny house, new and unpainted. There was no well at first and no electricity until 1941. All five of our children were born there. After ten years we tore down the little house and built a larger, little more modern house in 1940.

The children and I all attended the Hurd School, District #9, of Clinton Co. and the DeWitt Schools for many years. Now, all the children are grown and have families of their own. They are the parents of our 24 grandchildren who, in turn, became the parents of 45 more. There is even a great, great grandson who lives in Harrison, MI.

Most of our large family have spent their lives thus far in and near DeWitt. Our two sons, as well as seven of our grandsons and one granddaughter are now, or were, in the U.S. Navy or the U.S. Marines. Some of the grandsons are at present non-commissioned officers.

Our first daughter, **June Minier**, and her husband, **Raymond**, lived in the DeWitt area and in St. Johns for many years. At retirement they made their cottage at Chippewa Lake into a larger, permanent home. June retired from the Michigan Department of treasury as an office supervisor in Individual Income Tax in May of 1990. Raymond retired in Sept. of 1989 as highway foreman on state highways in Clinton Co.

Our first son, **Gene**, and his wife, **Marilyn**, both retired in Apr. of 1992 from Michigan Department of Labor, he with fifteen years of service in the Bureau of Safety and Regulations as Safety Supervisor, and Marilyn as Secretary to the Director of Labor, with 31 years of service. They are building a house on a mountain in North Carolina at a place called Maggie Valley.

Our second daughter, **Evalle Church**, was content to be a housewife and grandmother to six lively ones. Her husband, **Clayton**, retired from his position as warehouse supervisor at the Michigan Military Establishment in April of 1987. They have lived here on Solon Road for forty years.

Lyle "Cork," our second son, is at present manufacturing coordinator at the Lansing Car Assembly, Division L.A.D. of General Motors. He has worked there for 39 Years. His wife, **Lorraine**, is head cashier at Cedarway Shell Oil Co. in Mason, MI. They will both retire in a year or so and make their home in Punta Gorda, FL.

Our youngest, **Vivian Graham**, is employed at the BCN Health Central in Lansing as a switchboard operator. Her husband, **William**, is currently employed by Olsten's of Lansing.

Virgil and I are both retired--he from the Motor Wheel Corp. of Lansing where he spent 36 years, and I from the Michigan Department of Public Health in



27 A. ARCH 1997

Date

Linda Lee Martin Busse

Name

14740 DeWitt Rd.

Street Address

Lansing Mi. 48906-9361

City

State

2 Howard Joseph Martin

Father

BORN 29 September 1921

WHERE Spring Creek Twp, Elk Co., Pa.

WHEN MARRIED 2 July, 1947

WHERE First Methodist Church, Lansing, Mi.

DIED

WHERE

WHERE

Linda Lee Martin

BORN 9 July 1944

WHERE St. Lawrence Hospital, Lansing, Mi.

WHEN MARRIED 12 December 1975

WHO Richard James Busse

WHERE First United Methodist Church, Lansing, Mi.

DIED

WHERE

Library of Michigan

# PEDIGREE CHART

4 David Henry Martin

Paternal Grandfather

BORN 25 March 1894

WHERE Portland, Me., Pa.

WHEN MARRIED 12 June 1915

WHERE Spring Creek Twp, Elk Co., Pa.

DIED 10 April 1967

WHERE Warren State Hospital, Pa.

5 Ellen Christina Lance

Paternal Grandmother

BORN 12 March 1896

WHERE Spring Creek Twp, Elk Co., Pa.

DIED 24 January 1944

WHERE Elk County Gen. Hospital, Rigtley, Pa.

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George

8 Jeremiah H. Martin

Great Grandfather

BORN 8 Aug 1854

WHERE Addison, Steuben Co., N.Y.

WHEN MARRIED 3 July 1893

WHERE Du Bois, Clearfield Co., Pa.

DIED 28 January 1937

WHERE Spring Creek Twp, Elk Co., Pa.

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16 Alfred Martin

Gt. Gt. Grandfather

17 Mary Jane Onan

Gt. Gt. Grandmother

18 David Holloway Henderson

Gt. Gt. Grandfather

19 Amelia Crytzer

Gt. Gt. Grandmother

20 August Anton Anderson

Gt. Gt. Grandfather

21 Anna Katrina Peters de Tier

Gt. Gt. Grandmother

22 Anders Andersson

Gt. Gt. Grandfather

23 Kristina Larsson

Gt. Gt. Grandmother

24 Amable DuBreuil

Gt. Gt. Grandfather

25 Emilie Jaret-dit-Beauregard

Gt. Gt. Grandmother

26 Lars Pearson

Gt. Gt. Grandfather

27 Anna Johnson

Gt. Gt. Grandmother

28 George Farrier

Gt. Gt. Grandfather

29 Susanna Huggett

Gt. Gt. Grandmother

30 Nicholas Herblet

Gt. Gt. Grandfather

31 Mary Barbara Thiebeau

Gt. Gt. Grandmother

32 Celestin DuBreuil

Great Grandfather

BORN 9 February 1854

WHERE St. Cesaire, Quebec, Canada

WHEN MARRIED 12 July 1883

WHERE Chicago, Ill.

DIED 28 June 1904

WHERE Escanaba, Mi.

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Clinton Co. where I worked as a secretary and supervisor for 21 years.

We and some of our family are members of the Lansing Seventh Day Adventist Church where Virgil served as a deacon for many years and I as Secretary/Treasurer. We are quite well for our advanced years and are very happy. We like Clinton Co., especially this spot on Solon Road; and indeed, why not? I have lived on this north side of the old McCune farm for more than 80 years.

## CHARTS

On page 9 see the pedigree chart of **Linda Lee (Martin) Busse** illustrating her many connections to Clinton Co. families.

## QUERIES

- Submitted by **Ms. Leslie Jensen**, 3791 N. Evergreen Dr., Pleasant View, UT 84414: Seeking info on **Reuben Mason**, d Clinton Co. 29 Oct 1871 ca age 73. His wife was **Theonica**, and their children were **Reuben, Wm., Sara, Elisa, James & Henry**, ages ranging from 13-21. Has descendants names **Keen**.
- Submitted by **Peggy Churches**, 12410 Nichols Rd., Burt, MI 48417: Seeking info on **Wm. S. Tibbits**, his wife, parents, and siblings. Wm. was b in St. Johns; d 20 Dec 1954 in Flint.
- Submitted by **Susan Schmidt**, PO Box 218, Elberta, MI 49628: Working on genealogy of her father, **Raymond Smith** b 2 Aug 1923 in Evart, MI; his fa Geo. W. Smith b 2 May 1874 in Duplain; his grfather **Wm. W. Smith**, b 11 Oct 1954 Courtland Co, NY; his gr-grfather **Hiram Smith**.

- Submitted by **Mrs. Marion E. Bates**, 1403 Mould Ave., Niles, MI 49120. Looking for info. on **George Marion Haire**, son of **Franklin & Julia Haire**. Lived in Clinton Co. area in 1880's.
- Submitted by **Barbara K. Toy**, 4329 McCreary Rd., Erie, PA 16506: Seeking info on **Warren W. & Ida A. (Stewart) Kelch**, parents of **Benjamin Franklin Kelch**, b 1873, Bengal.
- Submitted by **Debra Hood**, R #1, Box 4, Aline, OK 73716: Seeking info on the bros. of **Wm. G. Kinney**, b 1876, bur. Hurd Cem. Bros. are Richard & George who once owned land in Olive and perhaps moved to Ontario before Civil War.
- Submitted by **Virginia (Kosht) Starks**, 73 Stoneridge Rd., Ponca City, OK 74604 (e-mail [cimarron@poncacity.net](mailto:cimarron@poncacity.net)): Looking for parents of **Guy C. McIntyre**, father of **Nellie (McIntyre) McIntosh**. He was b 4 Jul 1820 in Montreal, Quebec, Can.; m **Elizabeth Goodrich** in DeWitt, MI, 28 Jan 1848; served in Civil War in Michigan Cavalry; d 6 Mar 1898 in Vilas SD. Elizabeth lived in Shepardsville until her death in 1912.

**TOM THIELL IS BACK ON THE JOB** at the Archives on Thursday and Friday afternoons from 2-6. Yeah!

**CEMETERY RECLAMATION**  
The Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Clinton Co. have organized a project to clean up and repair Oak Ridge Cemetery in Bengal Twp. Please contact Betty Driscoll (517-224-8729) or BB/BS (517-224-8552) and volunteer your help.

## RECENT ACQUISITIONS AT THE ARCHIVES

- *Genealogy of Reuben Brown & Descendants*
- *Gratiot Co. Atlas & Plat Book, 1975*
- *Sheldon L. Wight, His Story*
- Michigan Death Index 1867-1882
- 5-generation chart of **Diane M. (Wolf) Simkins**

## 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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- ◆ **MARY ANN WOOD** 407 W Cherry St., Potterville 48876-9752: **Wood, Haynes, Willert, Wilson, Dingman.**
- ◆ **GARY CONKLIN**, 5800 E. Centerline Rd., St. Johns 48879: **Conklin, Loynes, Linman.**
- ◆ **SANDRA POST**, 2375 W. Clark Rd., Lansing: **Longcor, Bond, Stutson.**
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- ◆ **CAROLE HENRY**, 116 Omar Lane, St. Johns 48879: **Salisbury, Eli & Hiram Burch, Falor, Bishop, Hoover.**
- ◆ **BRUCE ANDERSON**, 200 Dexter Rd., Eaton Rapids 48827: **VanAuken, Havens, Cutler, Philpot, Dewstoe.**
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