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MARRIAGE RECORD.

State of Michigan, }
County of Clinton }

1. Full name of Bridegroom Wilson C. Hastings
2. Residence at time of Marriage St. Johns, Mich
3. Age 24 (date 1875)
4. Birthplace Ohio
5. Occupation Farmer
6. Full name of Bride Mary E. Smith
(Maiden Name, if a Widow)
7. Residence at time of Marriage St. Johns, Mich
8. Age 20 (date 1875)
9. Birthplace Ohio

The parties above named were joined in matrimony at
St. Johns, Mich by me,
this 24 day of November A. D. 1872

In Presence of:
Wm. H. Thomas & St. Johns, Mich
Wm. H. Thomas & St. Johns, Mich

Witness: C. G. Thomas
Wm. H. Thomas

Date: _____ 18__

N.B. White (A) African (C) Indian (W) Native and Indian. If other races, specify what they are. Marriage Certificate requires two witnesses, with residence of each. Marriage Officer, date and signature. Marriage certificate is to be made a record of the same, and which shall be a certified copy of the same. A number in company with the above, and which is to be made a record of the same, and which shall be a certified copy of the same. A number in company with the above, and which is to be made a record of the same, and which shall be a certified copy of the same. A number in company with the above, and which is to be made a record of the same, and which shall be a certified copy of the same.

MARRIAGE RECORD.

State of Michigan, }
County of Clinton }

1. Full name of Bridegroom George A. Otto
2. Residence at time of Marriage St. Johns, Mich
3. Age 34 (date 1840)
4. Birthplace Hillsdale, Mich
5. Occupation Farmer
6. Full name of Bride Esther C. Brown
(Maiden Name, if a Widow)
7. Residence at time of Marriage St. Johns, Mich
8. Age 24 (date 1875)
9. Birthplace Branchway, Mich

The parties above named were joined in matrimony at
St. Johns, Mich by me,
this 11th day of November A. D. 1872

In Presence of:
Wm. H. Thomas & St. Johns, Mich
Wm. H. Thomas & St. Johns, Mich

Witness: C. G. Thomas
Wm. H. Thomas

Date: _____ 18__

N.B. White (A) African (C) Indian (W) Native and Indian. If other races, specify what they are. Marriage Certificate requires two witnesses, with residence of each. Marriage Officer, date and signature. Marriage certificate is to be made a record of the same, and which shall be a certified copy of the same. A number in company with the above, and which is to be made a record of the same, and which shall be a certified copy of the same. A number in company with the above, and which is to be made a record of the same, and which shall be a certified copy of the same.

MARRIAGE RECORDS OF THE REV. C. G. THOMAS

These are pages from the record book of the Rev. C. G. Thomas, a Methodist minister who served at the First Methodist Church in St. Johns 1889 to 1894. In his book not only are the bride and groom named, but also the witnesses, the occupation of the groom, and the birthplace and residence of the principals.

The Rev. Thomas died 100 years ago in Kalamazoo, January 8, 1900. (*The Clinton Republican*, 11 Jan 1900) after giving a rousing sermon. His record book, which can be seen at the archives, includes marriages he performed while in Osceola, Berrien, Cass, and St. Joseph Counties. However, only those which took place in Clinton Co. are indexed on pages 38-41. The addresses given are in Michigan unless otherwise stated.

Rev. Thomas' Marriage Records of Clinton County

HUSBAND	H BIRTHPLACE	WIFE	W BIRTHPLACE	MARRIAGE DATE
Abbott, J. Riley	Hamilton Co., NY	Waldron, Sarah L.	England	03 Oct 1893
Able, George W.	Ingham Co.	Marsh, Minnie	Bath	25 Aug 1894
Albro, William	Duplain	Havens, Alice E.	Greenbush	08 Apr 1893
Archer, Jesse George	Wellington, OH	Webster, Bell	Essex	27 Mar 1890
Atkinson, Charlie A.	Bingham	Craig, Sarah D. (Durkee)	Oneida Co., NY	21 Mar 1891
Atkinson, George	Bingham	Britton, Victoria	Essex	09 Nov 1893
Austin, Levi W.	Elsie	Oberlin, Mary E. (Mrs)	IN	11 Nov 1889
Avery, Sumner F.	IA	Eddy, Harret	Eagle	06 Jan 1892
Baker, Charles C.	Sodus, NY	Pulver, Viella	Wayne Center, NY	06 Aug 1891
Barrett, Henry	Gratiot Co.	Riddle, Nora	Greenbush	21 Sep 1893
Beckett, Fred H.	Oakland Co.	Smith, Mary L.	Olive	12 Sep 1893
Bensinger, Wilson E.	OH	Smith, Amy F.	Duplain	09 Nov 1892
Bird, William A.	-- Allegan Co.	Barker, Hattie E.	Traverse City	22 Feb 1894
Bradner, Edward J.	Duplain	Brainard, Hattie R.	St. Johns	27 Aug 1892
Bradner, Harry W.	Duplain	Hamilton, Dellia	Dallas Co., IA	12 Apr 1890
Brass, Arthur	Duplain	Mills, Maud	Banister	25 Jan 1894
Brookings, Arthur C.	ionia	Dunkel, Mattie M.	Olive	05 Jan 1892
Brown, Harvey R.	Eagle	McCrum, Jennie	Eagle	26 Aug 1891
Burke, William H.	MI	Henderson, Anna M.	St. Johns	22 Nov 1893
Cagwin, Joel E.	Rome, NY	Kenyon, H. Loretta	Summerset, NY	15 Feb 1894
Caruss, Grant S.	Greenbush	Fields, Stella	Bingham	19 Sep 1893
Caswell, Francis S.	Carson City	Rice, Emma L.	Dallas	21 Jun 1894
Cattermole, W.J.	Park Dover, Can.	Wallings, Nora	Eureka	23 Jan 1894
Chamberlain, Charles	Ontario Co., NY	Stubbs, Elizabeth (Harris)	Patterson, NJ	03 Jul 1893
Chant, Charles C.	Clinton Co.	Sumner, Catharine B.	St. Johns	06 Jun 1894
Clark, Dexter	Ovid	Myres, Nora	Ovid	20 Apr 1891
Clark, Reuben S.	Victor	Howe, Susan F.	Oakland Co.	30 Nov 1891
Cole, Monroe D.	OH	Carter, Rena M. (Tripp)	OH	04 Nov 1893
Cole, Urwin G.	Lansing	Welch, Hattie May	St. Johns	20 Feb 1890
Cole, Willie	Tipton, OH	Hallenbeck, Ida M.	St. Johns	25 Dec 1890
Collins, James F.	Beamsville, Can.	Bolton, Ella	DeWitt	10 Jul 1893
Cook, Jacob J.	Washtenaw Co.	Studd, Minnie	Pewamo	21 Jun 1899
Cooper, Edward G.	Lebanon	Jones, Eva M.	St. Johns	14 May 1891
Cornwell, J.M.	Tiber, NY	Hoag, Isadore (LaRue)	Lyons, NY	31 Dec 1890
Corwin, William P.	NY	Clark, Geo. May	MI	06 Jun 1893
Courtright, William J.	Genesee Co.	Henderson, Bertha	DeWitt	14 Dec 1893
Cregan, Nicholas R.	Providence, RI	German, Sadie	Gerard, IL	24 Sep 1893
Cruthers, Albert L.	Millington	Phelps, Lizzie	Bengal	08 Jun 1892
Damon, Fred	Bengal	Ellet, Mary	Napoleon	17 Oct 1893
DeLong, William	OH	Hoerner, Mary	Westphalia	31 Dec 1890
Detwiler, Jacob	Canada	Hyler, Carrie	OH	27 Aug 1890
DeWitt, William M.	DeWitt	Krepps, Rose E.	Olive	27 Aug 1891
Dobson, Albert E.	Wayne Co.	Sherwood, Sarah	England	22 Nov 1892
Dorner, A.W.	OH	Havens, Hattie	Greenbush	27 Sep 1890
Doty, W.C.	Gratiot Co.	Price, Lavina S.	Olive	01 Aug 1893
Drake, Milton	Bengal	Phelps, Nellie	Bengal	24 Nov 1890
Dunn, Charles S.	St. Johns	Harvey, Mary L.	Bengal	19 Sep 1893

HUSBAND	H BIRTHPLACE	WIFE	W BIRTHPLACE	MARRIAGE DATE
Durkee, Frank M.	Oneida Co., NY	Atkinson, Alice A.	Bingham	29 Jan 1890
Dutton, Charles R.	Westphalia	Hicks, Irene E.	St. Johns	26 Nov 1889
Edmonds, George E.	NY	Nash, Cora A.	Delhi	01 Jan 1890
Field, Leonard S.	Oakland Co.	King, May	NY	11 Dec 1890
Forbes, Clarence E.	NY	Reed, -- C.	DeWitt	03 Apr 1894
Fraser, Andrew	Canada	Sharp, Sarah E.	Dallas	21 Dec 1892
Frazell, F.H.	Lansing	Thomas, Bertha L.	NY	02 Aug 1893
Gardner, Clark H.	Eureka	Dola, Marietta	Greenbush	29 Mar 1893
Gay, Richard	Bingham	Barnes, May C.	Bingham	17 May 1893
Gillett, Hudson S.	DeWitt	Thorpe, Catherine	DeWitt	27 May 1893
Gillson, Arthur D.	Greenbush	Coomer, Adella	Essex	14 Nov 1891
Glazier, Charles E.	NY	Smith, Clara	NY	19 Jun 1894
Goss, S.A.	PA	Tewkesbury, Emma E.	Perry, NY	07 Sep 1892
Halstead, William C.	Clinton Co.	Goddard, Nora	Greenbush	20 Aug 1894
Hart, George E.	Bath	Sleight, Emily	Bath	25 Feb 1890
Hazen, Sibley	Eagle	Pennington, Hetty	Eagle	19 Jul 1890
Hicks, Henry	Canada	Welch, Bell		20 Nov 1889
Hicks, William Y.	Dresden, Ontario	Jenks, Mamie	Wellington, OH	12 Oct 1891
Hill, Arthur W.	WI	Palmer, Sarah	Lenawee Co.	14 Apr 1892
Hill, Tyler	Bengal	Brown, Cora A.	Bengal	29 Oct 1891
Hiller, Fred	OH	Unger, Ellen May (Neles)	Lapeer Co.	14 Dec 1893
Holden, George H.	Victor	Burkhart, Mary	Olive	03 May 1893
Hostetler, Herschel V.	OH	Young, Viola A.	Bengal	20 May 1891
Howard, Charles H.	Greenbush	Leitch, Ida	Wayne Co.	25 Apr 1893
Hulbert, James T.	Essex	Alvers, Isbell	NY	12 Apr 1893
Hulse, Horace B.	Eaton Co.	Lyon, Octavia L. (Lee)	MI	04 Feb 1891
Hunter, Fred	England	Shehey, Mary		24 May 1893
Hyatt, George B.	Tyrone	Thornton, Elda	Oakfield	24 Dec 1890
Ingraham, Harvey	NY	Smith, Mary E.	NY	29 Apr 1891
Irving, Fred H.	Vermontville	Smith, -imerie?	St. Johns	22 Apr 1893
Jones, Almearon G.	Olive	Gardner, Celia A.	Bingham	15 Oct 1890
Jones, George A.	Middleburg	Sumner, Mary (McVoy)	Middleburg	10 Oct 1892
Jury, Elmer S.	Essex	Bond, Cora M.	Essex	20 Dec 1892
Keeler, Charles S.	Eaton Rapids	Phelps, Nora E.	Clinton Co.	29 Jul 1894
Kelley, William T.	Essex	Carey, Addie W. (Wright)	Ionia Co.	09 Jul 1892
Knowles, Lois T.	NY	Wesley, Dora S. (Mrs)/ Martha Rice	Clinton Co.	14 Aug 1894
Krouss, George	NY	Snyder, Ida A.	OH	26 Mar 1891
Labadie, Oliver G.	South Bend, IN	Davis, Loie Clara (Mrs)	Detroit	11 Oct 1893
Landenburger, Jacob A.	OH	Newton, Jennie (Stoll)		11 May 1893
Larkins, Frank	Bingham	Owen, Nettie	Olive	20 Nov 1889
Lathrop, William	Alleghany, NY	Smith, Lizzie M.	St. Johns	25 Dec 1890
Ledbeter, Thomas J.	Detroit	Wieand, Ida	Greenville	12 Apr 1894
Lyon, Henry M.	Essex	Dimon, Cora	Essex	11 Aug 1890
May, William	St. Johns	Emmons, Pearl	St. Johns	31 Dec 1890
McClain, William J.	IN	Ferrier, Franc	St. Johns	26 Feb 1890
McIntyre, Ellsworth	Olive	Pratt, Nellie F.	Northville	12 Oct 1893
McKinney, Bostock	Gratiot Co.	Waldo, Morilla M. (Abbott)	IN	17 Oct 1892

HUSBAND	H BIRTHPLACE	WIFE	W BIRTHPLACE	MARRIAGE DATE
McPherson, J.F. (Dr)	Canada	Baldwin, Etta J.	NJ	12 Aug 1890
McTaggart, James E.	Burnsides	Arthur, Anna	MI	01 Aug 1892
Miller, Charles H.	Mt. Pleasant	Carpenter, Lillian M.	Ann Arbor	05 Sep 1891
Miller, Wilbur	Berrien Springs	Morris, Malia	Watertown	19 Sep 1893
Moore, Charley	WV	Steavens, Minnie	Greenbush	26 Aug 1894
Nash, Edwin	Ingham Co.	Edmonds, Lizzie	NY	05 Apr 1894
Norton, David	Maple Rapids	Parish, Alice	Hillsdale Co.	11 Aug 1894
Oding, William H.	Riley	Kelly, Ada	Westphalia	26 Dec 1893
Otto, Elonzo C.	Hillsdale	Bevens, Estella E. (Jackson)	Brockway	11 Nov 1892
Parker, John D.	Victor	Newman, Florence	Olive	27 Dec 1893
Parks, Clarence J.	MI	Hart, Nancy M.	KS	24 Mar 1892
Phillips, David B.	Orion	Longcor, Carrie A.	NY	25 Jan 1893
Pratt, Lomon H.	NY	Boult, Lillie May	St. Johns	18 Mar 1893
Pulsipher, Clinton	Hillsdale Co.	Moore, Cora	IN	22 Apr 1893
Reed, Addison	Almont	Wiggins, Anna (Whitney)	Greenbush	05 Sep 1894
Reynolds, Thaddeus G.	OH	Mosher, Maud B.	NY	09 Apr 1891
Rider, Charles H.	Orleans Co., NY	Brown, Julia (Mrs)	Clinton Co.	06 Dec 1893
Riker, George L.	Hillsdale	Atwell, Ida	Clinton Co.	20 Sep 1893
Rochan, Domina	Canada	Sage, Maud	St. Johns	06 May 1893
Ross, Herold C.	Lansing	Gross, Lucy E.	Edgwood	27 Apr 1894
Sage, Hiram A.	Niagara Co., NY	Pouch, Lizzie	Stark Co., OH	16 Sep 1891
Sanbourn, Benjamin F.	NY	Barnes, Louis		22 Mar 1893
Saxton, Charles	Canada	Engler, Rose	Riley	30 Aug 1890
Scott, Winfield	PA	VanCleve, Myrtie	Isabell Co.	10 Nov 1893
Shaman, William	Germany	Walker, Mollie	Riley	17 Feb 1894
Shuultz, F.R.	St. Johns	Cramer, Emma	Bingham	19 Sep 1893
Siefert, George	OH	Miller, Barbara	Canada	08 Dec 1892
Slater, Frank	St. Johns	Feazel, Viola	Gratiot Co.	13 Dec 1893
Smith, Archie	Lebanon	Dixon, Hattie	Lebanon	04 May 1893
Stevens, Eugene S.	Eaton Co.	Meacher, Clara (Sells)	Duplain	28 Nov 1893
Stevens, Milton A.	Clinton Co.	McPherson, Clara V.	Clinton Co.	06 Oct 1892
Stevens, Orrin F.	Jefferson Co., NY	Signs, Ora (Finney)	Eagle	16 Oct 1891
Studt, Fred	Dallas	Lyon, Myrtle	Lebanon	14 Oct 1891
Sturgis, Ernest E.	Bengal	Cook, Hattie M.	MI	15 Jun 1892
Sturgis, Lucine	Bengal	Shafley, Theresa M.	Canada	05 Sep 1893
Sutfin, Daniel A.	NY	Crook, Cora S.	OH	24 Jan 1893
Sutfin, Emmet H.	Ovid	Andrus, Rose L.	Greenbush	22 Oct 1890
Throop, George	Victor	Touse (?), Flora	St. Johns	30 Dec 1890
Tucker, George L.	Clinton Co.	Cook, Grace O.	Mason	24 Nov 1891
Tyler, Daniel James	Bath	Morgan, Charlotte Amelia	Delhi, Ingham Co.	21 Sep 1893
Vail, Arthur A.	Victor	Vigis, Hattie	Springfield	25 Jan 1893
Vail, William	DeWitt	Havens, Nora	WI	17 Apr 1893
VanDyke, Charles A.	Riley	Tubbs, Addie	Ovid	02 May 1893
VanSlyke, James A.	MI	Bond, Lizzie	MI	04 Dec 1889
Viges, Philip	Oakland Co.	Gates, Ella M.	DeWitt	01 Jan 1894
Walling, Elmer E.	OH	Lapham, Flora F.	Bingham	05 Nov 1893
Warden, J.H.	NY	Duncon, Lillie (Baker)	Ovid	30 Aug 1890

HUSBAND	H BIRTHPLACE	WIFE	W BIRTHPLACE	MARRIAGE DATE
Watkins, W.G.	PA	White, Maud E.	Greenbush	14 Apr 1894
Welter, Henry J.	NY	Sherman, Nellie	Bengal	20 Jan 1891
Westbrook, Loyd	MI	McKinney, Minerva	MI	30 Sep 1891
Wetherbee, Peter	OH	Baker, Jennie M.	Greenbush	01 Nov 1890
White, Lorenzo A.	MI	Rideout, Margaret E. (Vanderhill)	NY	27 Aug 1890
Whiton, Walter G.	OH	Whiton, Ella M. (Carpenter)	MI	28 Feb 1894
Wicks, Dean G.	Canada	Morse, Ida M.	PA	19 Jan 1893
Woodsworth, William	NY	Mason, Sarah, Whaley	Saratoga	02 Dec 1890
Wooley, Berton M.	Duplain	Chase, Mable B.	Elsie	02 Sep 1893
York, James S.	Genesee Co.	McArthur, Mary	Bridgeville	03 Jul 1893

MARRIAGE RECORD.

State of Michigan, }
County of Clinton }

1. Full name of Bridegroom, J. H. Gardner
2. Residence at time of Marriage, Carid, Mich.
3. Age, 25 Color, white
4. Birthplace, Carid, Mich.
5. Occupation, Physician
6. Full name of Bride, R. Miller Burroughs
(Maiden Name, if a Widow,) Ellie Kaper
7. Residence at time of Marriage, Carid, Mich.
8. Age, 25 Color, white
9. Birthplace, Carid, Mich.

The parties above named were joined in matrimony at
St. Johns by me,
this 30th day of August - A. D. 1892

IN PRESENCE OF †
Edward A. Ware of Carid Mich
Miss May Lyon of " "

SIGNED, ‡ C. G. Thomas
J. C. Wood

Dated, _____ 18__

* (W.) White. (A.) African. (I.) Indian. (W. I.) White and Indian. If other races, specify what.
† Every Marriage Certificate requires two witnesses, with residence of each.
‡ Having official station and residence.
All persons authorized to solemnize Marriages are required by law to make a record of the same, and within ninety days after such marriage deliver to the County Clerk of the County in which the Marriage took place, a certified copy of such record. A neglect to comply with the above, and refusal to deliver, on demand, to the parties joined, a Certificate of Marriage, or a false or fictitious entry, is punishable by a FINE NOT EXCEEDING ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, AND IN DEFAULT OF PAYING THE SAME, BY IMPRISONMENT IN THE COUNTY JAIL UNTIL SAID FINE IS PAID, but not to exceed the period of ninety days.
(Be very particular to fill all blanks.)

MARRIAGE RECORD.

State of Michigan, }
County of Clinton }

1. Full name of Bridegroom, Charles Sawyer
2. Residence at time of Marriage, Walden, Mich.
3. Age, 23 Color, white
4. Birthplace, Canada
5. Occupation, Farmer
6. Full name of Bride, Rose Engle
(Maiden Name, if a Widow,) et.
7. Residence at time of Marriage, Kelly, Mich.
8. Age, 20 Color, white
9. Birthplace, Kelly, Mich.

The parties above named were joined in matrimony at
St. Johns by me,
this 30th day of August - A. D. 1892

IN PRESENCE OF †
Mrs L. A. Thomas of St. Johns, Mich.
Miss Bertha Thomas " "

SIGNED, ‡ C. G. Thomas
Jan 2, 00

Dated, _____ 18__

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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.)

DOAK-DAYTON

by Alice L. (Mrs. John Dayton) Robertson

James and **Lydia Doak** left Rochester, NY, about 1854 with their daughters **Hattie** and **Caroline Adelia** and at least a part of Lydia's family from the deceased **Nathaniel Brown**. They bought land in the St. Johns area (first at Grand Ledge) where he was a farmer and land developer. Due to a broken marriage, James married a young woman, **Mahala**, and lived in West Bingham next to his dau. **Adelia, Mrs. A. Bradley Fitch**. He d in 1882 and was buried in St. Johns cemetery.

Lydia Doak, believed to have been born Phelps, lived with her dau. Maria Brown Foster Bush and died in 1896 at the home of her grandson, **Charles Foster**. She was also buried in St. Johns Cemetery, but neither Lydia's or James's graves have been found.

Harriet Doak married a son of **Samuel Buell Dayton, Charles E.** They moved to Lansing and in 1890 went on to Oregon. Harriet and Charles had children: **Arthur** who had a daughter, **Barbara**; **Dr. Floyd** (never married); and **Ada** who married Rev. **John Robertson**. They had **John Dayton Robertson** who was taken at age two weeks when his parents died and raised by his grandmother. She lived to be 94.

John Dayton Robertson married and has five children. His son **Alan** has a son **Adam**, aged 3.

DAYTON-PHILLIPS-ROBERTSON

by Alice L. (Mrs. John Dayton) Robertson

Samuel Buell Dayton's parents were **Samuel** and **Mary Gardiner/Gardner Dayton** of Long Island, NY. They lived for a time in Cuba, Tompkins Co., NY, and some of the family remained there.

Samuel married **Lucinda Phillips** and traveled to Michigan buying the first of many properties, 40 acres at Eaton Rapids in 1837. He bought and sold properties in at least three counties: Clinton, Ingham, and Eaton. He died suddenly in 1867 at Watertown, and was buried in Delta Center Cemetery in a plot owned by **Philip Philips** who is believed to be Lucinda's father. The Philips family disappears from view leaving few traces.

Samuel's son, **Charles E.**, who also has a stone in Delta Center Cemetery, remarried after his wife's death. **Harriet Doak** and their family went on to Salem, OR.

Samuel had other children, including a son, **Dallas**. Samuel stems from **Ralph Dayton**, who arrived in Connecticut about 1638, and there is research back to England in the 1200's.

EARL JAMES WHITLOCK

by Joyce (Mrs. Earl James) Whitlock

Earl J. Whitlock was born on July 25, 1921, at the family farm in section 28 of Greenbush Twp., the son of **Earl O. and Emma (Crom) Whitlock**, grandson of **William J. Whitlock**. This farm has been in the same family since its purchase in 1838.

He received his formal education at the Richmond School and Rodney B. Wilson High School in St. Johns, graduating in 1940. He then went to work in Lansing for the John Bean Co. World War II began in 1939, and in 1942 Earl was drafted into the Army Air Corp. He was eventually stationed at an airbase in Norwich, England, where he served the remainder of the war.

Upon his return, he has worked in various factories around Lansing, finally retiring from Oldsmobile in 1986. He married **Joyce Cavalieri** on Nov. 27, 1948. They have continued the family tradition of residing in Clinton Co. by living in DeWitt Twp. Earl was one of the charter members of the Twp. Fire Department when it was reorganized in 1965.

Their family consists of three sons, **James, David, and Gregory**, all of whom have been involved serving the public in their respective communities at some point in time. James, born July 29, 1950, is now an elementary school principal in Lapeer, MI. He was married May 6, 1972, to **Krista Waterson** of Lansing. They have three children: **Michele, Anthony, and Michael**. David, born January 5, 1952, is a school teacher presently working in the state correctional system. . David served one term as a Clinton Co. Commissioner from DeWitt Twp. (1977-78). Gregory, born March 22, 1956, also works for the State of Michigan at present. Greg previously served as DeWitt Twp. clerk for seven years (1980-87).

EPITAPHS

The *New York Mail* (ca June 4, 1880)

In wandering through the various resting places of the dead, one might well exclaim, "Where are the sinners buried?" Surely their graves are not here; the inscriptions on marble, shaft, or slab indicate the resting places of the good alone. But in going here and there through old cemeteries, especially in England, one often comes across inscriptions strangely unlike those of the present day. Let us pass by the ordinary ones and read some of the extraordinary ones.

The two wives of Thomas Sexton are buried in a churchyard near Newmarket. Upon the grave of the first one is the following:

**Here lies the body of
Sara Sexton.**

**She was a wife that never vexed one. I
can't say so much for the one at the
next stone.**

Here is another:

**Here lies my dear wife, a sad slattern
and shrew. If I said I regretted her, I
should lie too.**

On a tombstone in Cyford:

**Here, deep in the dust,
The old, muddy crust
Of Nell Batchelor lately shoven;
Who was skilled in the arts
Of pies, pudding and tarts,
And knew every use of the oven.
When she had lived long enough
She made her last puff—
A puff by her husband much raised—
Now here she doth lie,
In hope that her crust may be raised.**

In memory of Katheryn Gray, who kept a pottery shop at Chester:

**Beneath this stone lies old Katherine
Gray,
Changed from a busy life to lifeless
clay;
By earth and clay she got her pelf,
But now is turned to earth herself.
Ye weeping friends, let me advise,
Abate your grief and dry your eyes,
For what avails a flood of tears?
Who knows but in a run of years,
In some tall pitcher or broad pan
She in her shop may be again.**

But enough for the fair sex, Let us see if the sterner sex can boast of anything better. We will begin with the lawyers. In the churchyard at Norfolk we find:

**God works a wonder now and
then; He, though a lawyer, was an
honest man.**

And in Stepney Churchyard, London, upon a lawyer named Strange:

**Here lies an honest lawyer—that's
Strange!**

And upon a collier:

**Here lies the collier, John of
Nashes, By whom death nothing
gained, he swore; For living, he
was dust and ashes, And being
dead, he is no more.**

Here is one which I fear the majority of the male sex will never deserve:

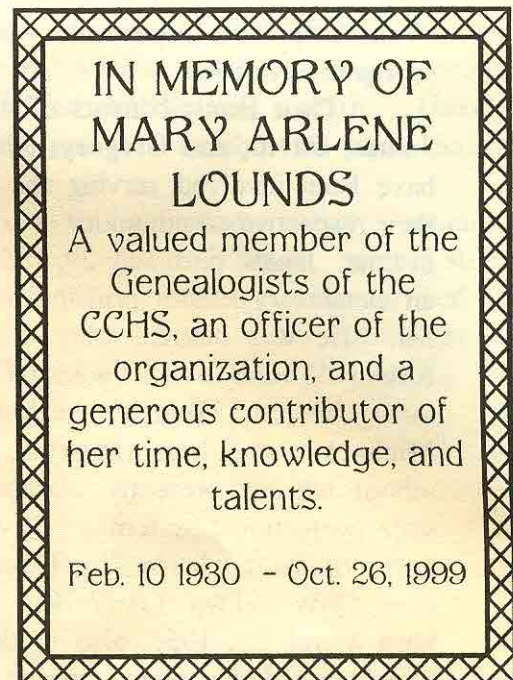
**An honest fellow here is laid, His
debts in full he always paid; And
what's more strange, the neighbors
tell us, He brought back borrowed
umbrellas.**

We pause before a stone in Luton Churchyard, and this is the warning it gives us:

**Reader, I have left a world in
which I had a world to do,
sweating and fretting to get rich—
Just such a fool as you.**

We will close this grave subject with one from Stirling Castle, about thirty miles from Edinburg:

**Our life is but a winter day,
Some only breakfast and away;
And are full fed.
The oldest man but sleeps
And goes to bed.
Large is his expense
That lingers out the day,
He that goes soonest
Has the least to pay.**



IT'S DUES TIME!

YOO HOO, THEY'RE DUE!

Please pay your dues for the year 2000 soon. Dues are \$10 for a single membership and \$15 a couple. See form on back page of this newsletter. Your mailing label indicates the last year for which you have paid.



GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS

It has been necessary to change the regular meeting place of the society due to the closing of the Community First Bank in St. Johns. Arrangements have been made to hold the meetings in the Bement Library Building. They are usually at 7:30 on the first Monday of every month. Plan to attend:

Jan. 3 Program on the Archives

Feb. 7 Betty Driscoll speaks on the Cemetery Restoration Project.

ON THE NET

(from Ancestry.com) The National Archives can provide copies of specifically identified pages of Federal population census schedules, ordered by mail, using NARA Form 82. To order

Form 82 (limit 6 per order), write to:

National Archives & Records Adm.

Attn: NWCTB

700 Pennsylvania Ave., NW

Washington, DC 20408-0001

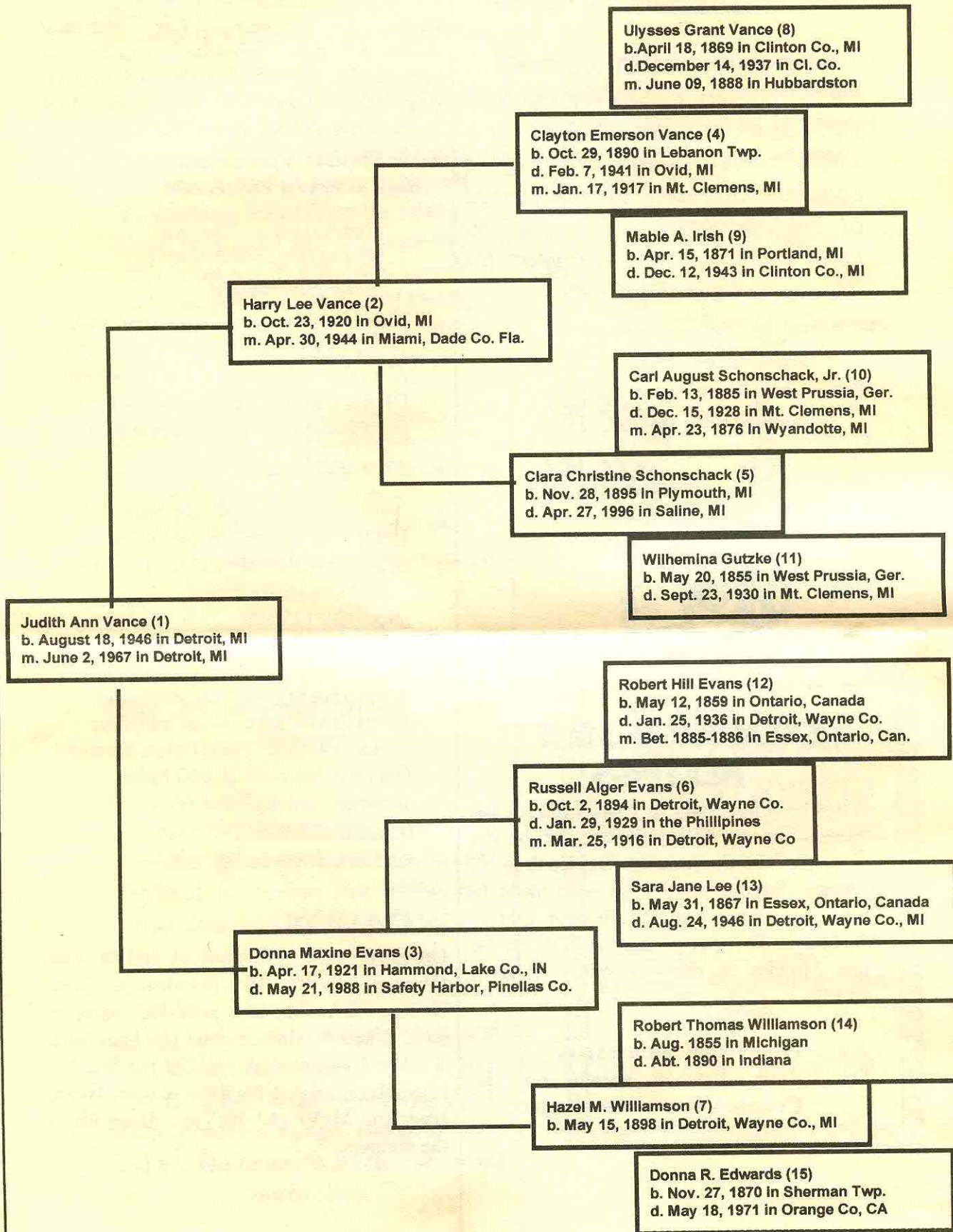
inquire@nara.gov

- (from *Genealogy Bulletin*, Sept.-Oct. 1999) If you are planning a trip to the Allen Co. Public Library in Ft. Wayne, IN, log onto this address to ask for a free Genealogy Visitor's guide packet: www.fwcvb.org.
- (from *Genealogy Bulletin*, Sept.-Oct. 1999) For information about The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, contact <http://128.125.109.137/IOOF/FamilyResearch.html>
- (from *Ancestry Bulletin*, Sept.-Oct. 1999) If you have Italian ancestry, contact POINT. Their Italian Surname Database has over 28,000 Italian surnames, among other resources. <http://members.aol.com/pointhomepg/home.htm>

CHARTS

On page 46 see the chart of **Judith Ann (Vance) Lowery**, 195 Brookstone Crest, Newnan, GA. She also provided charts on Nos. 8 and 9 which extend the lines back another 3 generations. This data and her research on related families—**Cowe, Dean, Irish and McVeigh/ McVay**, is on file at the archives.

Ancestors of Judith Ann Vance (1)



AT THE ARCHIVES

THE VOLUNTEERS

Without the volunteers at the archives, many resources would be inaccessible, many jobs would be left undone, and open hours would be fewer. Give these faithful people a round of applause:

Janet Dunn Jackie Lankford

Bill Serviss Wilma Sowle

Tom Thiell

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

- Genealogy on Vance, Cowe, Dean, Irish, and McVeigh/McVay.
- *The Descendants of Henry S. and Hannah W. Marshall.*
- Records of Stoney Creek School, Dist. #7 frl., Bingham Twp.
- Photo of students and teachers at St. Johns High School in 1925.
- Records of the Georgia and Oak Ridge Cemetery Restoration Project.
- The following book has been purchased for the archives with memorial money given by Betsy (Tompkins) Randall in memory of her aunt, Helen (Tompkins) Hiller:
Michigan Place Names: The History of the Founding and the Naming of more Than Five Thousand Past and Present Michigan Communities by Walter Romig, 1986

RESOLVE in the next century to label your photographs. We have recently been given a collection of about fifty wonderful photos taken in the late 1800's and early 1900's by Clinton County photographers. However, none of the photos are identified. The names Behrens, Juenker, and Nuffer appear on included scraps. Can anyone help to name these People?

SURNAMES

Members may submit five surnames to be published in the newsletter, as space permits, when they pay their membership dues. See form on last page of this issue. Non-members may submit five names for a \$2.00 fee. Addresses below are in Michigan unless otherwise stated.

- **Betsy J. Randall**, 10462 E. St., Reed City, 49677, dbrandall@jackpine.com **Silvernail, Sitts, Perry, Tompkins, Sullivan.**
- **Susan Hartt**, 140 S. 15th St., San Jose, CA 95112, scotte@ix.netcom.com, **Eddy, Myers/Myres, Sly, Arnold, Garver/Garber.**
- **Georgia Becker**, 1660 Lillian, Westland, MI, howie31@JUNO.COM **Mary A., Robert L., and Louisa C. Bunting; Thomas G. And Agnes Georgia Marshall.**

21st Annual Victorian Christmas

Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum
(1860 Historic House)
West Courthouse Square
St. Johns

NOV. 28TH to DEC. 26TH
Saturdays & Sundays: 1-4 p.m.
Wednesdays: 2-8 p.m.
Wed. Evenings: Luminaries,
Music and Candlelight
Closed: December 25th

Wednesday Evening Performances:
Dec. 1: "Mint Condition" Barbershop
Quartet
Dec. 8: String Quartet - St. Johns High
School
Dec. 15: Harpist, Frank Wittig of
Germany

Come enjoy a Family Treat