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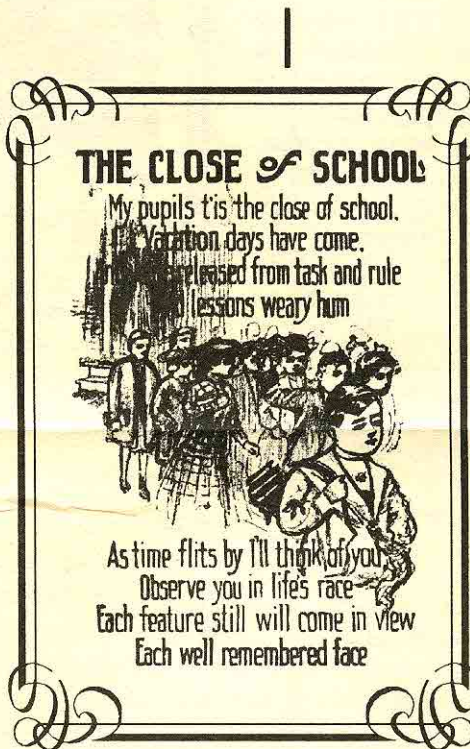
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Way Back To School

A look at the history of Michigan schools provided by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission of Lansing, Michigan in April 1963.

1705 - Marquette unsuccessfully attempted to establish a seminary for French and Indian children at Fort Pontchartrian in Detroit.

1760 - First private schools for English families appeared. Supported by the parents of the attending pupils, these schools were usually held in a single room where the teacher lived.

1787 - The first hint of a statewide school system was set forth by provision of the ordinance of the Northwest Territory, which states that "schools and means of education shall be forever encouraged."

1809 - The establishment of public free schools on a statewide basis by Act of the Northwest Territory.

1817 - A territorial law provided for the establishment of the University of Michigan. Its main objective-development of a system of primary schools to teach writing, arithmetic, English grammar, and elocution. The districts were random and overlapping. The University was to furnish any secondary training. There efforts were generally unsuccessful.

1826 - Lewis Cass, governor of Michigan Territory, declared that a republican form of government can be maintained only by the Virtue and intelligence of the citizens, and that the diffusion of education among the people will result in an appreciation of the value of governmental institutions.

1827 - Territorial legislature passed a law creating an ambitious and complex school system. It was not put into effect, however, because of administrative and financial problems.

1835 - The proposed state constitution required that the legislature shall provide a system of schools that shall be maintained and operated in each school district for a minimum of three months in each year. The Constitution was voted upon and passed in October.

1836 - John D. Pierce was appointed first Superintendent by territory government. Pierce then drafted plans for the organization of primary schools and a state university. One objective was to provide every child in the state with an elementary education.

1837 - Michigan was admitted to the Union by Act of the U.S. Congress. One section in each township was to provide sites to be used for educational purposes. Where this section had been sold or disposed of, the township was required to supply the equivalent of those lands for the same purpose. The proceeds from the sale of such tracts supplied the "primary interest fund" from which a system to finance schools perpetually was established.

1842 - State authority given to City of Detroit to combine two or more districts and gathering all of the children to be taught under roof. The "union" school then was a large, graded facility which was the predecessor to the present high school. Free

public education was provided for all children between 5 and 17 years of age residing in such districts. This law made a city or town the unit for the local administration of the schools.

1871 - The first Kindergarten was established in Michigan by Public Act 119, although it was not added to the public system until 1891.

1874 - In a national test case, the Michigan Supreme Court upheld a decision by a Chancery

Court confirming the legality of raising taxes to provide free high school education. The case has been referred to as the "Kalamazoo Case" as it occurred in Kalamazoo Township, Michigan.

1914 - First public junior college was opened in Grand Rapids.

1938 - Teachers certificates required four years completion of a satisfactory college course, plus successfully teaching three years during the first five years after graduation from college.



**Round School
1910**
Donated by
Gorabelle DeGlerg

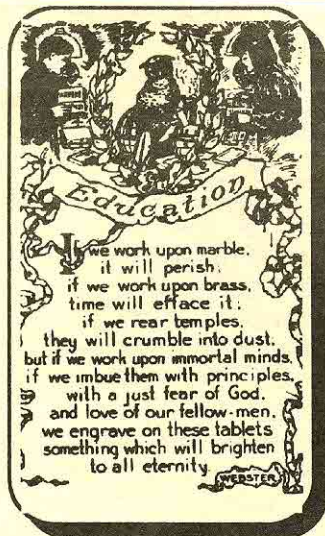


Hard indeed must a man be made
By the toil and traffic
of gain and trade
Who loves not the spot
where a boy he played

ROUND SCHOOL
District No. 6
Lebanon Township,
Clinton County, Michigan
HELEN McVEIGH, Teacher

PUPILS

Irish Messer	Regina Jandernoa
Martha Duffer	Leo Schafer
Geo. Freeman	Eva Jandernoa
Helen Freeman	Henry Schafer
Alton Messer	Theo. Jandernoa
William Freeman	Bernice Salisbury
Robbie Skutt	John O'Connor
Mildred Freeman	Nina Pfeil
Theron Messer	Earl Winans
Mary O'Connor	Lee Rogers
Willie Schafer	Rose Schafer



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**Commencement Exercises
Of
School Dist. No. 2,
Bengal**

Class of 1900 -- Eight Grade

**Nellie M. Travis
Myrtle B. Thurston
Florence E. Scriben
Anna M. Risley
Charlie H. Jury
Ezra C. Sturgis
Milan N. Perry
Frank E. Atkins**

**Miss Frances Church,
Teacher
June 15, 1900**

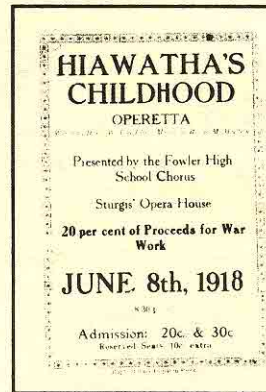


1882 St. Johns graduating class
 l to r- front: Ida May Lyon (age 16) and
 Fred Vanconsant. Rear: Sara H. Pouch,
 Wilbur Clarence Wright and Louise Eliza
 Cook.

Ida Lyon (1865-1937) was born on a farm in Washtenaw County, now lying under the intersection of I-94 and M-14, just west of Ann Arbor. In a few months she moved with her parents to a farm in Bengal Township, and later to St. Johns. She married a graduate of the SJHS class of 1880, John Hoxley Fildew, in St. Johns in 1891. They had two daughters and two sons, all born in St. Johns.

Ida was descended from two unrelated colonial New England families. Her maternal grandfather, Royal C. Lyon bought 300 acres of newly opened land in Bengal Township for \$750 in late 1852. The timing was propitious because in 1853 the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad was surveyed through the township and land was acquired for a town and station at St. Johns. My ancestors continued to live in the County until World War I when they moved to southeast Michigan. (contributed by John Hoxley Fildew, II)

**Fowler High School Presents
 Hiawatha's Childhood
 June 8th, 1918**



High School Chorus

- Isabella Arens
- Albert Armbrustmacher
- Bernice Brown
- Donald Baldwin
- Louise Eiseler
- Bruno Cook
- Vera Eiseler
- Evard Eldridge
- Alta Gillett
- Merton Eldridge
- Florence Jones
- Francis Kinley
- Mildred Kinley
- Annie MacPherson
- Ettie MacPherson
- Bernadine Malay
- Esther Meyers
- Opal Mundell
- Reatha Mundell
- Erna Pasch
- Hilda Pasch
- Beatrice Pung
- Nina Pfeil
- Naomi Smith
- Reva Wakfield
- Bernice Willyoung

- Andrew Flegler
- Raymond Halfman
- Howard Jolley
- Duward Long
- Marion Piggott
- Norman Pohl
- Milton Rice
- Lloyd Snelling
- William Snelling
- Claude Stow
- Herman Ulrich
- Earl Weinans
- Delouise Rochon
- Redina Snyder
- Clara Waltz

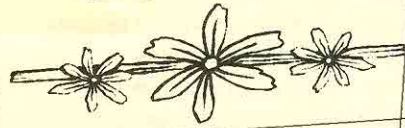
Characters

- Hiawatha as a Child Scenes I & II** - W. Snelling
- Hiawatha as a Youth Scene III** - Andrew Flegler
- Nokomis** - Esther Meyer
- Mudjekeewis** -- West Wind -- Norman Pohl
- Iago** -- The Boaster - Donald Baldwin
- Indian Youths** - Lloyd Snelling, Bruno Cook, Herman Ulrich & Raymond Halfman
- Little Indian Maiden** - Bernadine Malay
- Indian Maidens** - Alta Gillett, Bernice Willyoung, Annie MacPherson & Louise Eiseler
- Fire Flies** - Gerald Snelling, Esther Waltz, Cecelia Piggott, Gertrude Dunnebach, Virginia Hafner, Gertrude Martin, Esther Miller, Bertha Eldridge
- Warriors, Wind Spirits, Phantoms, Youths, Maidens**
 Erna Pasch at Piano
 Irene Schemer Gillett, Director

1893  1894

District No. 6
Lebanon Township
Elton Haring, Teacher

School Board
M.M. Messer, Director
John Dieffenderfer, Moderator
Harvey Murwin, Assessor



Names of Pupils

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Lewis Murwin | Lee Winans |
| Estella Murwin | Orvis Messer |
| Lula Stone | Anna Hale |
| Myrtle Hale | Frank Williams |
| James Williams | Fergus O'Conner |
| Lydia Messer | Ruby Messer |
| Ila Messer | Myrtle Howard |
| Louise Schulze | Roy Grove |
| Barney Studt | Lennon Messer |
| Deo Hale | Jennie Guernsey |
| Gertie Guernsey | George McVeigh |
| James McVeigh | Lee Killam |
| Edith Cronk | Albert Studt |
| Iva Winans | Nettie Webster |
| Charlie Smith | Jasper Catlin |
| Merton Frank | Oliver Norton |
| Ernest Williams | Fred Norton |
| Frank Studt | Lela Warne |
| Vernie Hale | Roscoe Hale |

Page School
District No. 2

Duplain Twp., Clinton Co., Michigan
1928-1929



Hazel Bancroft, Teacher

School Officer
George W. Kridner - Director
W.A. Oberlin - Moderator
Artie Henry - Treasurer

Pupils

- Alexander Bohil John Bohil
Arlington Brewbaker
Lionel Brewbaker Onalee Brebaker
Gerald Carroll
Robert Clark Wilma Dobias
Ester Henry
Ross Henry Frank Karek
Mildred Karek
George Kridner Glendon Kridner
Leonard Loop
August Lyons Ilene Lyons
Bessie Podolak
Mary Podolak Milo Podolak
Donald Richard
Billy Roof Paul Roof
Oliver Roof
Benny Zamarron Dan Zamarron
Jennie Zamarron Louise Zamaarron

Junior Senior Prom
Maple Rapids H.S. 1943

PROGRAM	CLASS ROLL
<p>Toastmaster Vada Box</p> <p>Welcome Katherine Perrine</p> <p>Response Dale Feighner</p> <p>Dancing and Table Games</p> <p>Class Colors: Rose and White</p> <p>Class Motto: "Time changes and we change with it".</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SENIORS</p> <p>Minnie Parkinson F. D. Hicks Rhoda Duggett Imogene Harger Dale Feighner Raymond Hankay Spencer Clark Maurice Rikar Lyman Hart Pvt. James Bowie</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JUNIORS</p> <p>Irene Houseman Ilene Houseman William Benedict Leslie Abbott Mary Louise King Doris Reichert Bernard Barton Lawrence Hyke Hilda Wanless</p> <p>William Wanless Gloria Morrison Winifred Schulte Emogen Chick June Reichert Rita Somers Carol Craig Wanda Upham Pvt. Frank Halstead</p> <p>Leonard Smith Richard Blocum Doris Jean Upton Alden Kirvan Kathleen Wood Katherine Perrine Alberta Cook Vada Box</p>

PROGRAM.

- Processional March.
Class Poem—"Our Ships at Sea."
Piano Solo.....Adam Geibel
Miss Katie Roche.
Essay—"Our Ships at Sea".....Della Kelch
Music—Violin and Piano.....Miss Katie Seibert and Mr. J. Foerch
Recitation—"How He Saved St. Michaels".....M. Stansbury
Vina Doty, John Parks, and Frank Klesling.
Piano Solo—(a) "May Flower Two Step".....W. Beebe
(b) "Rag Time".....Miss Kittie Fay.
Essay—"Fleeting Hours".....Loah Stowell
Vocal Solo—"Rosa Lee".....H. C. Verzer
Miss Edna L. Prink.
Essay—"Dispelled Shadows".....Linda Sherman
Music—Violin and Piano.....Miss Katie Seibert and Mr. J. Foerch
Essay—"Rocks Ahead".....Della Klesling
Piano Duet—"Grand Etude Galop".....Quidant
Misses Katie Roche and Kittie Fay.
Essay—"Honor Not 'Honors' Shall Be Our Goal!"
Bertha Kelch
Presentation of Diplomas.....Mr. R. M. Winston
Chorus—"Good Night".....Eighth Grade
Music—Piano and Violin.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
of
School District No. 4,
...Bengal...

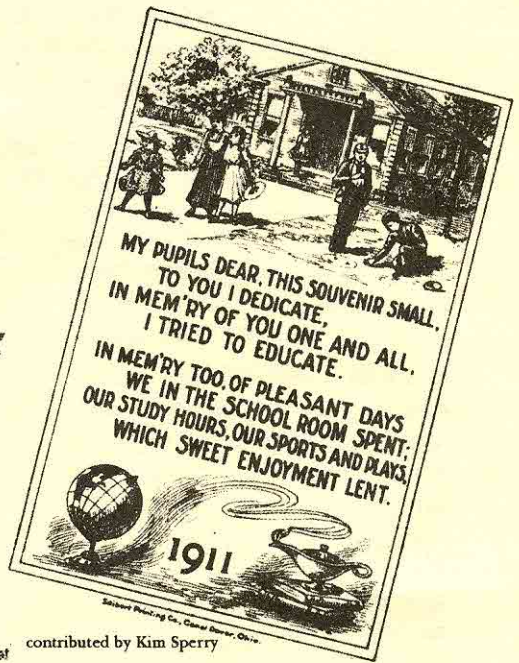
Class of '97—Eighth Grade.
DELLA KELCH,
LOAH STOWELL,
LINDA SHERMAN,
DELLA KIESLING,
BERTHA KELCH.

MISS ANNA RYAN, Teacher.
MOTTO:
"Honor Not 'Honors' Shall Be Our Goal."

OLIVE CENTER SCHOOL
 District No. 1
 Olive Township, Clinton County, Mich.
 BESSIE M. BENTON, Teacher

PUPILS

Helen Barnes	Ernest Knapp
Alton Taylor	Dorothy Klaver
Maggie Sperry	Roy Harper
Oscar Mees	Clifford Lamberson
Johnnie Klaver	Frankie Huguélet
Bertha Hiner	Glenn Harper
Charles Mees	Nettie Sperry
Mabel Klaver	Hazel Treadwell
Glenn White	Florence Klaver
Clyde Lapham	Lucile Sauvageot
Gertrude Brya	Noble Sperry
Iva Treadwell	Myron Howe
Lydia Klaver	Charles Clark
Clarence Klaver	Howard Sperry
Irene Walker	Lula Walker
Augustus Lapham, Director	
William Treadwell, Moderator	
Jerry B. Howe, Assessor	



Of all the Memories of the past School Memories are the ones that last contributed by Kim Sperry



Souvenir
 1911

*Though lost to sight to memory dear
 Thou ever wilt remain
 One only hope my heart can cheer
 The hope to meet again*

ROWELL
PUBLIC SCHOOL
 District No. 1 (rd)
 Duplain Twp., Clinton Co., Mich.
 IVAH BEHL SIEVERT, Teacher
 School Board
 George Morrice, Director
 E. E. Hall, Treas.
 Frank Ewer, Moderator

PUPILS

Myra Voorhees	Naomi Rice
Dorothy Morrice	Charlie Morrice
Volney Moore	Hiram De Vries
Glenn Cornell	Ralph Coraell
Amornia DeVries	Laura Burgess
Mary Burgess	Carl Gillett
Dean Bond	Howard Burgess
Luman Hall	Hugh Bond
Ulus Ringer	Clarence Henderson
Don Ringer	Harold Annis
Lysle Annis	Howard Argersinger
Alex Morrice	Arthur Burgess
Hazel Argersinger	Vera Salisbury

GROVE
PUBLIC SCHOOL
 District No. 1
 Victor Twp., Clinton Co., Mich.
 CLAUDE L. GOING, Teacher

PUPILS

Loereta A. Giffels	Eighth Grade	Thelma E. Post
Gladys W. Post		Vida B. Balcom
Israel B. Crane		Andrew S. Ridenour
Floy A. Upton		Clarence W. Post
Glenn A. Walters		Clark L. Gregory
Doris M. Parker	Seventh Grade	Dorothy L. Parker
Blanche A. Curtis		Hazel M. Curtis
Annie R. Rowley		Lewis D. Thornton
Joe E. Rowley		Frank C. Upton
		Loyd S. McCarty

School Board
 Jas. B. Crane
 Wm. M. Curtis
 G. F. Baker



'Tis Education forms the common mind, just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined

PUPILS—Continued

Paul S. Crane	Fifth Grade	Paul L. Griffels
Norman D. Thornton		James McCarty
Robert A. Post		Bernice L. Warren
Nina B. See		Ethel See
		Vera D. Salisbury
Marguerite H. Upton	Fourth Grade	Dana D. Parker
Donna B. Parker	Third Grade	Golda B. Underhill
Elmer L. Tubbs		
Florence R. See	Second Grade	Genevieve Z. Post
Beatrice M. Warren		
Blanche Marie Montague		Florence A. Salisbury
Gladys S. Mulder		Blanche Bernice Walters
Bert M. Ordaway		Leo K. Mulder
	First Grade	
Zelma I. See		Lureta A. Balcom
Cyril O. Giffels		Jack N. Gregory
James B. Underhill		Herman P. McCarty
Arnold S. Post		Edna I. Balcom
Evora I. Montague		Vivian A. Doty

donated by Virginia Ritsema

RODNEY B. WILSON HIGH SCHOOL - 1925

A restored photograph of the students and staff of Rodney B. Wilson High School in 1925 was presented to the St. Johns Public School Board of Education by the Family Resource Center on July 17, 2000. It is on permanent display at Wilson Center, as the former school building is now called. The Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum also holds a copy of this large picture. Mr. and Mrs. Clark Gregory donated another copy of the picture, including identification, to the archives. Names listed are:

?, Beulah	Butler, Lyndon	Findlay, Gertrude
Acker, Ardene/Aldene	Campbell, James	Fitzpatrick, Doyle
Aiken, Morris	Carey, Ruth	Flowers, Hartzell
Anderson, Jean	Carmack, Everett	Flynn, Arlene
Andrews, Elmer/Elmo	Carroll, Fern	Foerch, Ernest
Anselm, Stephen/Maurice	Carter, Walter	Foerch, Wayne
Armstrong, Arlene (Tchr)	Caspar, Fred	Foster, Edna
Ash, Lucille	Cassidy, Eloise	Fox, Vivian
Atherton, Gertrude	Cleland, Bernice	Frank, Aurleah
Atkinson, Minnie	Coffman, Mildred	Frink, Geraldine
Atkinson, Rose	Cook, Arden	Frink, Harold
Bair, Carl	Corbus, Howard (Prin.)	Fritz, Katherine
Baldwin, Florence	Cowles, Martin	Gage, Irma
Barnes, Harold	Cox, Doris	Geiger, Russel
Barnes, Lucille	Cox, Laura	Gillespie, James
Beard, Gladys	Craun, Harold	Gillette, Bertha
Bearndt, William	Crawford, Oneta	Gillson, Evelyn
Beck, Gaylord	Cronkite, L.J.	Gilson, Mildred
Beck, Maynard	Crosby, Lawrence	Gilson, R.G.
Bingham, Lois	Crowell, Hazel	Gilson, Russell (Tchr.)
Bishop, Frank	Crowley, Reva	Gladstone, Ellen
Bishop, Helen	Culver, Betty	Gladstone, Margaret
Bixby, Bernice	Cutler, Neil	Glaspie, Kathryn
Blakeslee, Charles	Davies, Donald	Glover, Ellsworth
Blumberg, Beatrice	Davis, Kenneth	Green, Esther
Blunt, Iva	Davis, Muriel	Grimes, Esther
Bond, Gladys	DeLaiere, Mary	Grubaugh, Audrey
Bond, Mary	DeRose, John	Halstead, Ruth
Br----, Esther	DeVries, Helen	Hankey, Robert
Bradley, Lynn	DeVries, Lillian	Hannun, Homer (Tchr.)
Bradley, Lyle	DeWitt, Helen	Harris, Gerald
Bray, Eva	Diller, Donald	Hart, Robert
Brew, Edith (Tchr.)	Dimond, Robert	Harvey, Cora
Brink, Gertrude	Dockham, Walter, (Cust.)	Harvey, Doris
Brink, Rachel	Dombrof, Lola	Heibeck, Beatrice
Bristol, Julia	Doyne, Francis	Hempstead, Donald
Brooks, Irving	Drake, Orpha	Henderson, Veda
Brown, Irene	Drake, Margaret	Heuer, Marguerite,
Brown, Lois	Dutcher, Geraldine	Hewer, Vergene
Brown, Earl	Eaton, Darthea	Hodge, Gordon
Brown, Neva	Eaton, Madeline	Horn, Raymond
Brown, Wilbur	Eaton, Thelma	Hostetler, Mildred
Bryant, Dorothy	Ellinger, Alice	Huey, Jane
Bryant, Margaret	Ellinger, Royal	Hugget, Clare
Bryant/Brandt, Wilbur	Ellis, Kent	Hunt, Grace (Tchr.)
Buck, Frank (Supt.)	Ernst, Clarence	Irrer, Doris
Bullard, R.G.	Farrier, Alice	Irrer, Louise
Bunge, Raymond	Fegeur, Lucy	Jackway, June
Burch, Catherine	Ferguson, Esma	Judd, Richard
Butler, James	Fields, Elwell	Jury, May

Kathe, Edith
Kelly, Elis
Kieffer, Helen
Kimball, Hazel
King, Maurice
Knight, Marjorie
Knight, Olive
Krauss, Wilma
Kuhns, Bernard (Tchr.)
Lamb, Esther
Letts, Lullavine
Lewis, Pauline
Livingston, Alden
Locher, Mildred
Locher, Ray
Luton, Dorothy
Manley, Margaret
Marajas, Felix
Marshall, Nellie (Lib.)
Marshall, Ruth
Martin, August
Martin, E.J. (Tchr.)
Martin, Robert
Martis, Paul
Martzke, Justin
Matthews, Mary
McCormick, Ina (Sec.)
McKinney, Hale
McMacken, Catherine
McMacken, Lois
Mehney, Margueritte
Mehney, Harold
Mehney, Rostan
Mesler, Florence
Mesler, Thelma
Messler, Marguerite
Michels, Ted
Miller, Ireta
Miller, Mildred
Miner, Russel
Moinet, Clio
Moon, Eleanor
Morrell, Clifton
Moss, Paul
Morton, Francis
Murray, Dorothy
Murray, Lloyd
Murton, Ellen
Murton, Raymond
Myers, Donna
Myers, Olive
Marajas, Hilda

Newton, Lucy
Ney, Marian (Tchr.)
Norris, Helen
Norris, James
Palmer, Porter
Parr, Ward
Patterson, N.C.
Payne, Doris
Payne, Arnold
Peck, Hazel
Pope, Fern
Pope, Vernon
Post, Helen
Pouch, Francis
Rahl, Elaine
Raymond, Mildred
Reed, Helen
Rhynard, Jack
Rice, Elsie
Rice, Katherine
Ridenour, Don
Robinette, Lois
Rogers, Mary (Tchr.)
Rosa, Mrs. (Tchr.)
Rosekrans, Glen
Rummell, Laura
Russell, Polly
Ruth, Paul
Ruth, Robert
Sammon, Alice
Sanders, Keith
Schafer, Laura
Scoggins, Allan
Scott, Elsdon
Serviss, King
Serviss, Marguerite
Sevey, Audrey
Seyrek, Matilda
Shaft, Lila
Shattuck, Paul (Tchr.)
Sherman, Bernice
Shiple, Edward
Shiple, Robert
Shoup, Lawrence
Silm, Lillian
Silvernail, Letah
Simpson, Lawrence
Smeltzer, Auburn
Smeltzer, Pauline
Smith, Arvine
Smith, Chuck
Smith, Connor

Smith, Helen
Smith, Henry
Smith, Hilda
Smith, Lillian
Speck, Irene
Starr, Milton (Tchr.)
Stead, Dama
Stead, Maurice
Stedd, Elwin
Steere, Arthur
Stevens, Edna (Tchr.)
Stevens, Myron
Stoerck, Hazel
Stone, Frank
Sturgis, Bernice
Swagart, Frank
Swagart, Richard
Tabor, Florence
Tabor, Howard
Tabor, Th--ss
Taylor, Raymond
Tipton, Corwin
Townsend, Harriet
Travis, Delbert
Tripp, Helen
Turner, Arlene
VandeMear, Floyd (Tchr.)
VanVleet, Marian
Vincent, Elmo
Walker, Gayle
Walker, Geraldine
Walker, Helen
Walsworth, Pete
Wardelich/Waidelich, Alva
Warner, Clare
Warren, Gladys (Tchr.)
Warren, Max
Weatherbee, Edith
Weber, Irene
White, Nina
Whitney, Noble
Wilke, Fern
Williams, Ronald
Wineland, Harold
Woodhams, Mary
Worden, Mildred
Young, Majel
Zavitz, Ernie
Zischke, Mabel



**St. Johns
Football team
of 1912**

**Stanley Lyon
Fildew (age 16)
middle row,
extreme left
center back,
maybe Harry
Mack.**

**Donated by
John Hoxley
Fildew II**

**St. Johns High School
Class of 1927
Commencement Exercises
Thursday Evening, June 2, 1927**

Rodney B. Wilson High School Auditorium

Rose Adalaide Atkinson
Maynard J. Beck
Wilbur Dale Brown
Bernice Helena Cleland
Hazel Rosella Crowell
Thelma Jeannette Eaton
Dorothy Ann Esch
Bertha Lurene Gillett
Ruth Mildred Halstead
Dorothy Jane Huey
Alice M. Jumper
Mary Helen Marlin
Marguerite E. Mesler
Dorothy Marie Murray
Elsie Marian Rice
Florence Ellen Taber

Florence Jeanette Baldwin
Helen Jeanette Bishop
James Horace Campbell
Harold E. Craun
Mereta Pearl Davis
Nathan Kent Ellis
Dorothy Grace Fitzpatrick
Evelyn May Gillson
Robert Junior Hearn
Clare C. Huggett
Cecil Alta Kentfield
Ruth Eleanor Marshall
Thelma Irene Mesler
Harold Leader Norris
Lylyan Irene Smith
Nina Alice White

Gaylord G. Beck
Gertrude May Brink
Ruthe Rae Carey
Jessie Oneta Crawford
Alice Geraldine Dutcher
Gertrude Ann Esch
Russell William Geiger
Audrey E. Grubaugh
Marguerite Fern Heuer
Bertha June Jackway
Mildred Elma Locher
Harold J. Mehney
Eleanor Charlotte Moon
Helen Gladys Reed
Myron E. Stevens
Mabel Viola Zischke

Original donated by Jackie Lankford

HENOLOGY

The Clinton Republican, 8 Dec 1892 Maple Rapids. **S. B. Bowley**, in the Grove District, has just completed an \$80 hen house and has a window 5' x 15' in the south side, and so arranged as to utilize the sun's heat for the benefit of the hens. **J.C. Blemaster** of the same neighborhood has a hen house well under way which is 16' x 24', and from appearances, we judge it will have a window about 4' x 24' in south side also. Henology is becoming quite a study with many of our successful farmers.

Query

Submitted by **Laurel J. Simon**, 429 Melrose Drive, Richardson, TX 75080. Researching **William James Hayes**; [**Goodwith S. (Shippee)** m 1st]: **Wm. J. Hayes** [m 2nd Alard]; **Lucinda Amelia Shippee**; and **James Bruce Hayes**, b in Ovid, 4 Jan 1888.

CEMETERY RESTORATION PROJECT

Betty Driscoll and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization have completed their restoration of Boughton, Merrihew and Beach Cemeteries. A series of cemeteries was also restored by this group in 1999. As told in the previous issue of this newsletter, Ms. Driscoll utilizes the aid of trustees from the Clinton County Corrections Department, General Motors Work Release Program personnel, and numerous other volunteers to accomplish the task.

In an article for the *St. Johns Reminder* she wrote about one marker in Merrihew which the crew lifted and reset, the one for **Albert Norris**. The marker reads, "Albert Norris died in the Libby Prison in 1862."

Ms. Driscoll says that Riley Twp. has erected a new fence on the east roadside entrance to the Boughton Cemetery.



Donated by Eleanor
(Kowalk) Barnes

1924 DeWitt High School 10th Grade Class

Back row: Frances Brya, Mildred Elma (Locher) Kowalk, Helen Gladys (Reed) Spayde, Florence Jeanette (Baldwin) Beardsley, Lois (Keck) Brinkhoff, Gertrude May (Brink) Gregory, Nina Alice (White) Adams. Middle row: Eleanor (Moon) McKinney, Margaret (Drake) Williams, Clarence H. Fuerstenau, Florence Lietzke, Bertha June (Jakeway) Brink. Front row. Lyle Morris, Robert Robb.

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.)

Roy & Mamie (Melvin) Gibson Family

by Jean Gibson

Joshua LeRoy Gibson, "Roy," at age 29, and **Jemima Hall Melvin, "Mamie,"** at age 32, were married in March of 1922 in Jackson Co. and went to live in a two-story house on the southeastern corner (70 acres) of Airport and Chadwick Roads in Olive Twp., Clinton Co., purchasing the property from A.D. "Deb" Devereaux. Both buyer and owner later had a difficult time to keep the property during the depression.

Mamie, born July 12, 1890, the daughter of **Alexander** and **Barbara (Hall) Melvin**, had come with friends from Aberdeen, Scotland, to Toronto, Canada, leaving behind her parents and siblings. From there she went to Jackson, MI, where a brother-in-law **John Knight** and son **Alex** lived having previously come from Scotland. Later her sister **Barbara** came to join her husband John. Barbara and John later moved to Detroit where they raised their children **Alex, John, Barry,** and **Eddy**. This family often went to Mamie and Roy's farm to visit and spend the weekend.

Roy was born May 3, 1893, on Jackson Road, south of Breckenridge in Gratiot Co. to **George** and **Annie (Ladyman) Gibson**. Roy had a half-brother **Charles** from his father's first marriage. He also had an older brother **Ted** who died at age 16. Later Roy and his parents moved to Rives Junction in southern Michigan where his father had first lived after arriving here from England. Roy worked in a brick factory there. It was during this time that he met Mamie.

Charles had bought a farm and remained in Gratiot Co. He married **Maude Shaw** and to this union were born two children **Henry** and **Dorothy**. After the death of Roy's mother, his father married a third time.

Mamie and Roy spent all their years together at the same farm, raising various

crops and animals. They sold milk, hogs, and eggs. They had little recreation outside of visiting relatives and friends and going to town. Sometimes they attended the Farmers' Club, which was a neighborhood get-together, and they went to the Simmons School Christmas programs. Mamie received her citizenship papers on Dec. 7, 1942, of which she was very proud.

Their son **Melvin Roy Gibson** was born Sept. 12, 1924. While home he spent most of his time helping his dad with the farming. Any extra time was spent playing ball. After Melvin's graduation from St. Johns High School in 1943 he held various jobs as well as farming rented ground. On Dec. 19, 1948, he married **Jean Ione Farrier** at the DeWitt Community Church. Melvin and Jean lived on his recently purchased farm further west on Chadwick Road. He continued farming and later also drove school bus for the St. Johns Public Schools while Jean taught school for several years in many schools within the county; and also retired from the St. Johns Public Schools. They had five children: **Paula Jean, Beckie Jo, Tod J., Ted M.,** and **Lon R.** All are now married with families of their own and living in the area.

In March of 1975 both Roy and Mamie went to live in a nursing home in St. Johns when Roy, after several small strokes, could no longer take care of things at home. Mamie died while there on Aug 6, 1975. Their first great grandchild **Jodie Renae Pettigrew** was born just a few weeks before her death. Roy died of pneumonia on June 28, 1981, after being moved to another nursing home located north of St. Johns. Both are buried near the front of the DeWitt Cemetery.

Now Roy and Mamie's grandson **Ted**, his wife **Barbara (Hodges)**, and their three children **Andrea, Luke,** and **Elizabeth** live in that two-story house on the southeastern corner of Chadwick and Airport Roads.

Group Sheet of Gabriel D. Longcor & Phebe E. Misner

Family Group Sheet

Husband: Gabriel Dean Longcor

Born: November 21, 1806 in: Wantage, Sussex Co., NJ
 Married: June 25, 1841 in: Sussex Co., NJ
 Died: June 22, 1867 in: Shepardsville, Clinton Co., MI
 Father: John Longcor
 Mother: Sarah Dean/Deen
 Other Spouses:

Wife: Phebe E. Misner

Born: October 27, 1822 in: Sussex Co., NJ
 Died: December 24, 1885 in: Ovid Twp. Clinton Co., MI
 Father: Jacob Misner
 Mother: Mary
 Other Spouses:

CHILDREN

1	Name: Julia Ann Longcor Born: March 1, 1842 Married: September 11, 1870 Died: June 1, 1916 Spouse: George H. Miller	in: Milo, Yates Co., NY in: Shepardsville, Clinton Co., MI in: Ovid Twp. Clinton Co., MI
2	Name: James M. Longcor Born: December 5, 1844 Married: August 27, 1871 Died: September 26, 1928 Spouse: Adra A. McIntyre	in: Milo, Yates Co., NY in: St. Johns, Clinton Co., MI in: Ovid Twp., Clinton Co., MI
3	Name: Matilda Longcor Born: June 30, 1846 Married: December 25, 1871 Died: February 21, 1902 Spouses: George W. Ives, John B. Rice	in: Milo, Yates Co., NY in: Shepardsville, Clinton Co., MI in: Fulton Twp. Gratiot Co., MI
4	Name: Byron Asher Longcor Born: February 27, 1847 Married: May 27, 1868 Died: January 24, 1935 Spouse: Eliza Jane Welter	in: Milo, Yates Co., NY in: New York in: Salem, Marion Co., Oregon
5	Name: Gideon O. Longcor Born: May 19, 1849 Married: June 4, 1869 Died: September 15, 1929 Spouse: Sarah L. Dunn	in: Milo, Yates Co. NY in: Milo, Yates Co., NY in: Milo, Yates Co. NY
6	Name: Timothy S. Longcor Born: November 23, 1850 Married: November 19, 1880 Died: April 3, 1898 Spouses: Helen Margaret Bartlett, Emily Stutson	in: Milo Yates Co., NY in: Vernon, Shiawassee Co., MI in: Shepardsville Clinton Co, MI
7	Name: Ira L. Longcor Born: March 16, 1852 Married: October 23, 1878 Died: December 3, 1927 Spouse: Rosabelle Glover	in: Milo, Yates Co., NY in: Aurora, Hamilton Co., Nebraska in: Chadron, Dawes Co, NE
8	Name: Emmet Jesse Longcor Born: February 22, 1858 Married: December 5, 1880 Died: March 15, 1936 Spouse: Estella M. Acre	in: Milo, Yates Co., NY in: Laingsburg, Shiawassee Co., MI in: Wheeler Twp., Gratiot Co., MI
9	Name: John Jacob Longcor Born: April 2, 1859 Married: January 27, 1882 Died: December 14, 1929 Spouse: Elizabeth C. Ferry	in: Milo, Yates Co., NY in: Ovid, Clinton Co., MI in: Salem, Marion Co., Oregon
10	Name: Elmer A. Longcor Born: May 5, 1861 Married: October 25, 1893 Died: Aft. 1936 Spouse: Annie J. Kelley	in: Milo, Yates Co., NY in: Chadron, Dawes Co., Nebraska in: Chadron, Dawes Co, NE

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