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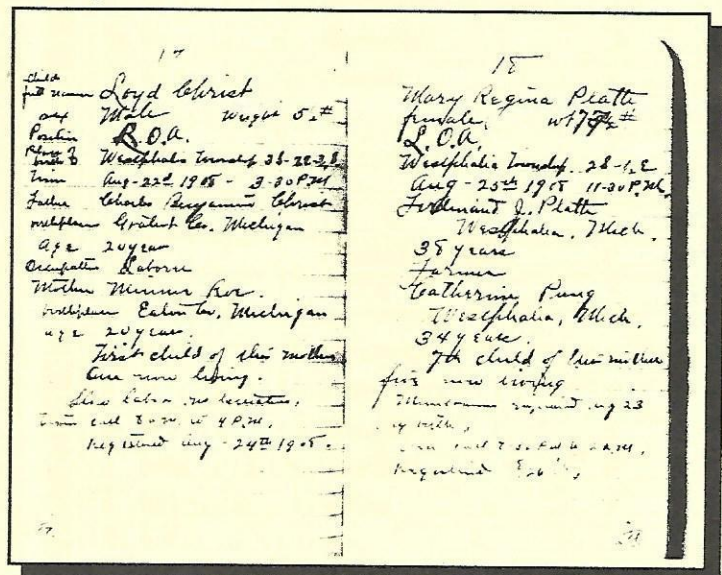
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BIRTH RECORDS OF DR. GUY H. FRACE 1907-1913 CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN



The archives holds the book in which Dr. Guy H. Frace recorded the births he attended in the Westphalia area. There are about 150 births documented including the details he needed to register these births with the county. The births are listed on the following page.

Name of Child	Date of Birth	M/F
Arens (died unnamed)	24 Aug 1910	F
Arens, Mary Katherine	26 Jan 1909	F
Arens, Romilda Josephine	21 Dec 1912	F
Arens, Valerien Albert	20 Sep 1912	M
Baker, Dorothy Elizabeth	25 Jul 1911	F
Baker, Richard Henry	12 Nov 1911	M
Barker, Helenia Anna Mary	18 Feb 1908	F
Barker, Loretta Anna	12 Jan 1913	F
Barker, Roman Englebert	18 Feb 1910	M
Bauer, Elizabeth Mary M.	21 Jul 1913	F
Baur, Frank Carl	13 Oct 1910	M
Baur, Laura Helene	23 Apr 1909	F
Beach, Daisy Leona	16 May 1912	F
Bedenbender, Raymond Joseph	14 Apr 1909	M
Belen, Anastacia Elizabeth	30 Sep 1909	F
Belen, Norbert Christopher	20 Jan 1908	M
Belen, Richard Albert	14 Jan 1913	M
Belen, Rita Pauline	12 Mar 1913	F
Bengel, Edward Peter	20 Nov 1909	M
Bengel, Margaret	27 Jul 1911	F
Biergan, Herman Joseph	19 Mar 1912	M
Blundy, Gertrude	5 Dec 1912	F
Bohr, Edwin John	2 Jan 1913	M
Christ, Loyd	22 Aug 1908	M
Droske, Margaret Anna	29 Jan 1908	F
Fedewa, Agnes Hildegard	21 Jan 1913	F
Fedewa, Antoinette Margaret	27 Sep 1911	F
Fedewa, Christina	13 Oct 1907	F
Fedewa, Harold Albert	9 Sep 1908	M
Fedewa, Harold Nicholas	4 Dec 1912	M
Fedewa, Herman	23 Nov 1910	M
Fedewa, Isadore Frank	24 Sep 1910	M
Fedewa, John William	28 Mar 1912	M
Fedewa, Laura Anna	6 Jul 1909	F
Fedewa, Leonard Karl	17 May 1909	M
Fedewa, Marcella Mary	11 May 1911	F
Fedewa, Roman Joseph	5 Jul 1910	M
Fedewa, Sylvester Edward	1 Mar 1912	M
Feldpausch, Esther Elizabeth	15 Jul 1911	F
Fink, Alfred Edward	14 Jul 1911	M
Fink, Elinora Louise	27 Apr 1909	F
Fisher, Robert John	23 Oct 1910	M
Fox, Walter John	4 Jul 1912	M
Frace, Henry Guy	13 Oct 1912	M
Freund, Irwin Peter	28 Jul 1910	M
Freund, John Clarence	04 Jun 1908	M
Freund, Joseph Robert	18 Sep 1912	M
Frey, Mabel Catherine	14 Nov 1910	F
Gross, Lillian Threaesia	6 Jan 1912	F
Gross, Margaret Gertrude	05 Oct 1907	F

Name of Child	Date of Birth	M/F
Harr, Marvin Joseph	27 May 1911	M
Harr, Melvin William	27 May 1911	M
Hengesbach, Clarence Edward	12 Dec 1909	M
Hengesbach, Francis Anthony	30 Aug 1912	M
Hengesbach, Lillian	02 Apr 1913	F
Hufnagel, Marion Elizabeth	8 Dec 1910	F
Hufnagel, Walter Peter	09 Apr 1913	M
Kloeckner, Arthur Anthony	4 Feb 1910	M
Kloeckner, Harold John	17 Jan 1909	M
Kloeckner, Helena	17 Apr 1911	F
Kolp, Rita Thresia	17 Jul 1913	F
Lehman, Englebert	2 Aug 1911	M
Lehman, Lillian Anna	2 Dec 1911	F
Lehman, Raymond Jacob	26 Sep 1909	M
Lenneman, Lorina Caroline	21 Sep 1909	F
Lenneman, Victor Francis	23 Mar 1912	M
Lennemann, Albert Anthony	11 Jul 1912	M
Lennemann, Norman Joseph	9 May 1910	M
Martin (stillborn)	17 Aug 1909	M
Martin, Ambrose Francis	28 Nov 1911	M
Martin, Margaret Mary	20 Jan 1910	F
Martin, Marion Catherine	7 Apr 1910	F
Miller, Edwin Jacob	26 Jul 1908	M
Miller, Floyd John	23 Aug 1911	M
Miller, Theodore	9 Nov 1909	M
Mueller, Cecelia	05 May 1913	F
Mueller, Henry Louis	23 Feb 1911	M
Platte, Alphonse Ferdinand	5 Sep 1909	M
Platte, Bertha Ottillia	1 Feb 1910	F
Platte, Ester Theresia	04 Mar 1913	F
Platte, Frances Catherine	09 Apr 1913	F
Platte, Francis William	21 Aug 1912	M
Platte, Leon Herman	4 Oct 1910	M
Platte, Marion Margaret	4 May 1911	F
Platte, Mary Regina	25 Aug 1908	F
Pung, Florian Joseph Anthony	24 May 1913	M
Pung, Magdaline	16 Feb 1911	F
Pung, Matilda	5 Aug 1912	F
Radamacher, Lillian Dorothy	20 Feb 1911	F
Rademacher, Sylvester Christ	26 Mar 1909	M
Schaefer, Kenneth Loyd	9 Dec 1912	M
Schafer, Catherine Loretta	23 May 1912	F
Schafer, Lorena Marie	31 Jul 1913	F
Schafer, Marion Rosa	4 Jun 1912	F
Schmidt, Isadore Michael	29 Dec 1911	M
Schmidt, Isadore William	30 Jul 1913	M
Schneider, Clarence John	18 Feb 1911	M
Schneider, Clemens Mathias	25 Sep 1909	M
Schneider, Dorothea Anna	27 May 1911	F
Schneider, Edward Anthony	21 Jul 1909	M

Name of Child	Date of Birth	M/F
Schneider, Herman Mathias	10 Nov 1907	M
Schneider, Leonard Peter	20 Apr 1909	M
Schneider, Raymond Anthony	11 Nov 1907	M
Schrauben, Adeline Regina	29 Nov 1909	F
Schrauben, Agnes Marie	13 Nov 1911	F
Schrauben, Dorothy Gertrude	9 Feb 1912	F
Schrauben, Harold William	9 Nov 1910	M
Simon, Fidelis Carolina	30 Jan 1913	F
Simon, Floran Carl	21 Mar 1910	M
Simon, Harold Peter	5 Sep 1909	M
Simon, Laura Mary	19 Aug 1913	F
Simon, Rewella Katrina	13 Oct 1907	F
Sines, Ruth Caroline	08 Aug 1913	F
Smith, Catherine Mary	20 Apr 1912	F
Smith, Charles William	21 Aug 1909	M
Smith, Edmund John	25 Aug 1907	M
Smith, Frank	11 Jul 1910	M
Smith, Helena Rosalia	28 Dec 1912	F
Smith, Herbert William	5 Dec 1908	M
Smith, Leonard John	22 Nov 1907	M
Smith, Louis Michael	5 Jul 1911	M
Smith, Roman Anthony	23 Jul 1913	M
Smith, William Frederick	2 Dec 1912	M
Snitgen (died unnamed)	10 Jul 1913	M
Sontag, Aurelia Maria	27 Jul 1912	F
Spitzley, Alfred Frank	26 May 1909	M
Spitzley, Paulina Rosa	2 Jun 1908	F
Steppig, Victor John	7 Apr 1911	M
Stump, Chester Frank	21 Jan 1908	M
Stump, Herbert Anthony	6 May 1909	M
Stump, Louis Alfred	16 Apr 1909	M
Stump, Peter Edmund	18 Nov 1909	M
Stump, Wilhemina Matilda	27 Jan 1912	F
Thelen, Bernita Mary	17 Mar 1912	F
Thelen, Charles John	26 Jul 1912	M
Thelen, Clara Catherine	30 Dec 1912	F
Thelen, Lorena Catherine	27 May 1911	F
Thelen, Norbert Joseph	19 Mar 1913	M
Thelen, Robert Louis	31 Oct 1912	M
Wacker, Alfred Anthony	19 Mar 1908	M
Weiber, Aldel- Elanora	15 Sep 1912	F
Weiber, Alfred Edward	5 Sep 1912	M
Weiber, Beatrix Milberg--	23 Jul 1909	F
Weiber, Magdalena Anna	28 Feb 1913	F
Williams, Perlee Charles	6 Jul 1911	M
Wohlfert, Basilius August	22 Jun 1908	M
Wohlfert, Cyrillus Frank	2 May 1910	M
Wohlfert, Dorothy Margaret	13 Apr 1913	F
Wohlfert, Ester Lurelia	26 Aug 1912	F
Zimmer, Celia	13 Oct 1910	F
Zimmer, Henry	9 Aug 1912	M
Zimmer, Mary	24 Apr 1913	F



Dr. Guy H. Frace

edited from the *Clinton Co. Rep.-News*, 29 June 1950
 Dr. Guy H. Frace, 76, of St. Johns, the oldest practicing physician in Clinton Co., died 29 June 1950. The well-known "country doctor" had been practicing medicine for more than 52 years.

In May, 1948, he was honored by Wayne - University College of Medicine Alumni Association as one of 10 surviving members of the 1898 class at the Detroit College of Medicine. In Sept. of that same year, Dr. Frace was honored by the Michigan Medical Society for his 50 years of practice. He was a member of the initial medical staff at Clinton Memorial Hospital 23 years ago.

Dr. Frace was married to Miss Milcah Campeau in Saranac in 1901, and she preceded him in death on Feb. 26, 1949.

Following his graduation for the Detroit College of Medicine in 1898, Dr. Frace went to Grand Rapids and served for a year as house physician at Butterworth Hospital. The following year he entered private practice in Grand Rapids. In 1907 he moved to Westphalia and continued his practice there until 1914, when he came to St. Johns.

Surviving are a son, **Guy, Jr.**, of St. Johns and a daughter, Mrs. **Amory Cotchett** of Wyandott. Burial was in Mt. Rest Cemetery.

PAINÉ-GILLIAM-SCOTT LOANS CAMP AU STATUE

By Catherine Rumbaugh

Detroit's 300 year history is a part of Clinton County's legacy. Preserved at the Clinton County Historical Society's Paine-Gilliam-Scott MUSEUM are portraits, photos, a statue, family history, and genealogy of the Detroit family of Joseph Campau. The items were a gift of the Episcopal Church of St. Johns, who inherited the estate of **Dr. Guy and Milcah Campau Frace**.

Milcah, known as Milly and Dr. Guy Frace lived in Grand Rapids, Westphalia and moved to St. Johns around 1914, living at 408 E. Walker Street.

Milly's grandfather was **Joseph Campau**, whose youngest son, **Alexander Timothy Campau**, was her father.

The Campau name had arrived earlier to Clinton County. One of Joseph's nephews, **George**, was sent to establish an Indian Trading Post on the Maple River. George arrived in 1826 in the area that became Maple Rapids.

The gifts of the Campau-Frace family are artifacts of our County's important early history and one the Museum is proud to own.

The Detroit Historical Museum heard of the material the Paine-Gilliam-Scott Museum had in their possession through the Michigan History Magazine in which we were mentioned in an article on Campau.

Our Campau 30" statuette, crafted by master sculptor Julius Melchers, is on loan to the Detroit Historical Museum for two years for the exhibit "30 WHO DARED" commemorating the celebration of Detroit's 300th birthday. Joseph Campau (fur trader and Detroit's largest land owner of the early 19th Century; **John Askin** (early businessman, fur trader and civic leader); **Julius Melchers** (master sculptor and teacher who opened an art school in 1858) and 27 others are featured in this exhibit.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

- ◆ Scrapbook documenting Clinton Co. Cemetery Restoration Project 1999-2000; by Betty Driscoll
- ◆ *Descendants of Thomas Kenney, "Sir Knight;"* by Becky Idzkowski; 2000.
- ◆ *The Loyalist John Partelo of NY & Quebec...;* by Janet Partlow & Mary Malland; 1996.
- ◆ *Family History of Franz Feldpausch & Christina Goerge;* by Marjory (Schmitz) Platte; 1993.
- ◆ *Family History of Peter Joseph Schmitz & Elisabetha Kruecher (Mueller); ;* by Marjory (Schmitz) Platte; 1997.
- ◆ *Family History of Eberhard Platte & Theresia Boltes; ;* by Marjory (Schmitz) Platte; 1987.
- ◆ 50th Wedding Anniversary Scrapbook; by Ray & Goldie Moore.
- ◆ Alward Lake Cemetery Aid Cook Book; 1940's.
- ◆ *History of The Plowman School District,* by Charity (Van Dyke) Pearce.
- ◆ *...; St. Johns News,* 2 June 1898.
- ◆ St. Johns High School students & teachers; photo; 1921 w/indentification.
- ◆ Lineage of **Francis Cooke to Douglas C. Huggett** (Soc. of Mayflower membership)
- ◆ Family group sheets of **Eldridge E. & Amanda Susan (Tyler) Levan; Anson Lyman & Mary E. (Scott) Tyler; and Palmer Cornelius & Augusta Ann (Tyler) Parsons,** compiled by **Stuart B. Tyler.**
- ◆ *Ernest F. Henning Letters,* by **Merritt and Dorothy Scharnweber.**
- ◆ *Family History of Chester E. Crosby,* by **Ginger Crosby.**
- ◆ Pedigree charts of **Loyal James Laird and Joyce Carol LaFlame**

Members Offer Help

Joyce C. LaFlame-Laird, 101 Bejac Circle, Battle Creek, MI 49017-1717. jclaird3@home.com offers to do look-ups in Calhoun Co., MI.

Douglas C. Huggett, (721 East Roberta, Waukesha, WI 53186 Huggy@execpc.com sent the following message:

"I have finished a genealogy of the **Taber** line. I have been accepted into the Mayflower Soc. of Plymouth, MA (State #1117, General #68800)... I noticed that many connections were in Clinton Co. and many other individuals in Clinton Co. are eligible to join the Mayflower Soc. also. They can use my application and add to it...The Clinton Co. eligibles would be those who can prove direct descendents to the following:"

Taber, Moses Dennis & Sally (Bancroft)

Easton/Eaton, Irwin MacIntosh & Alvira (Taber)

Eaton, Clell Irving & Maude (Gage)

Huggett, Clare Cecil (M.D.) & Madelyn Alvira (Eaton)

Mr. Huggett's application and other genealogical material compiled by him is on file and the archives.

Family Group Sheets

See the family group sheets on pages 6 & 7 which were prepared by **Stuart B. Tyler**, 1206 Bonnie Lane, Cleveland, OH 44124. Mr. Tyler also supplied a chart on the **Palmer Cornelius & Augusta Ann (Tyler) Parsons** family and the Michigan marriage record of **Eldridge Levan & Amanda Tyler**--all of which are on file at the archives.

FIRST TAXICAB

TO COME TO ST. JOHNS

"St. Johns News, 9 January 1910"

Retrieved by Hal Cogswell

The first taxi-cab to be added to the large number of horseless carriages owned in St. Johns arrived in the city yesterday from Grand Rapids. It is for Mrs. Ida H. Rawson and is a beauty. It is a four-passenger cab, finished outside in dark blue the inside upholstered in a pretty grey. It has all the up-to-the-minute improvements, runs by electricity and the interior and lamp lights are four-candle power light bulbs. The batteries develop 18 horsepower and it can step along at about an 18-mile clip. The cost of such a wagon is from \$2,800 to \$3,000 according to interior finish and this one looks plenty good enough to come in either class

New Location for Genealogist/Society Meetings

Clinton County Genealogist meetings will now be held at the First Bank, located downtown St. Johns on the 1st Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Hope to see you there!

Historical Society Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. At First Bank the first Monday of January, April, July & October.

FAMILY GROUP NO. _____

Husband's Full Name Anson Lyman Tyler

This information Obtained From: _____

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband	
<u>Descendants of Job Tyler</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>1808</u>	<u>Wilmington</u>	<u>Windham</u>	<u>VT</u>		
<u>1840 census Leicester NY</u>	<u>Marr.</u>	<u>c. 1833</u>		<u>Livingston</u>	<u>NY</u>			
<u>1850 - Avon "</u>	<u>Death</u>	<u>5 Aug</u>	<u>1868</u>	<u>Ovid</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>MI</u>		
<u>1860 - Pavilion "</u>	<u>Burial</u>			<u>Maple Grove Cemetery</u>				
<u>1850 - Philadelphia PA</u>	Places of Residence <u>W. Avon NY 1831 Leicester NY 1840 Avon NY 1850 Pavilion NY 1860</u>							
<u>1860 - " "</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Cooper</u>	<u>Church Affiliation</u>		<u>Military Rec.</u>	<u>Civil War 1862-65</u>		
<u>1870 1880 + 1900 census of Ovid MI</u>	<u>His Father</u>	<u>Stephen Tyler 1754-1833</u>	<u>Mother's Maiden Name</u>	<u>Sarah Alford 1767-1817</u>				
<u>1880 census Bushnell Twp MI</u>	<u>Wife's Data</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>City, Town or Place</u>	<u>County or Province, etc.</u>	<u>State or Country</u>	<u>Add. Info. on Wife</u>
<u>Clinton Co. Historical Soc. marriage records</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>c. 1812</u>			<u>Avon?</u>	<u>Livingston</u>	<u>NY</u>	<u>Gives her age as 48 in 1860</u>
<u>" " "</u>	<u>Death</u>	<u>4 Nov</u>	<u>1872</u>	<u>Ovid</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>MI</u>		
<u>" " "</u>	<u>Burial</u>			<u>Maple Grove Cemetery</u>				
<u>Compiled by B. Tyler</u>	Places of Residence							
<u>Address 1206 Bonnie Lane</u>	<u>Occupation</u>		<u>Church Affiliation</u>		<u>Military Rec.</u>			
<u>City, State Cleveland OH 44124</u>	Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each marr.							
<u>Date February 2001</u>	<u>Her Father</u>	<u>Ezekiel Scott 1770-1852</u>	<u>Mother's Maiden Name</u>	<u>Sarah Burnett 1772-1859</u>				

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. info. on Children
<u>F</u>	<u>1 Mary E.</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>c. 1836</u>			<u>Livingston</u>	<u>NY</u>		<u>living with parents in 1860 at age 24</u>
	<u>Full Name of Spouse</u>	<u>Death</u>							
		<u>Burial</u>							
<u>F</u>	<u>2 Augusta Ann</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>c. 1840</u>			<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>		<u>Gives age as 20 in 1860</u>
	<u>Full Name of Spouse 1825-1892 Palmer C. Parsons</u>	<u>Marr.</u>	<u>c. 1860</u>						
		<u>Death</u>							
		<u>Burial</u>							
<u>F</u>	<u>3 Sarah A.</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>c. 1843</u>			<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>		<u>in 1860 the name is Emma at age 17</u>
	<u>Full Name of Spouse</u>	<u>Marr.</u>							
		<u>Death</u>							
		<u>Burial</u>							
<u>F</u>	<u>4 Amanda Susan</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>20 March</u>	<u>1848</u>		<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>		<u>Buried in same plot as parents but without Eldridge</u>
	<u>Full Name of Spouse Eldridge E. Levan</u>	<u>Marr.</u>	<u>31 March</u>	<u>1868</u>	<u>Ovid</u>	<u>Clinton</u>	<u>MI</u>		
		<u>Death</u>	<u>8 Nov</u>	<u>1932</u>					
		<u>Burial</u>			<u>Ovid's Maple Grove Cemetery</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>		
<u>M</u>	<u>5 Franklin M.</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>c. 1849</u>			<u>Livingston</u>	<u>NY</u>		<u>Is age 1 in 1850 age 10 in 1860</u>
	<u>Full Name of Spouse</u>	<u>Marr.</u>							
		<u>Death</u>							
		<u>Burial</u>							

Notes: Anson enlisted as a private in the New York 151st Volunteers at Lockport, NY Aug. 23, 1862 and was mustered out in Washington, D.C. June 26, 1865. He applied for an invalid pension due to having a hernia. This application was filed at Ovid July 25, 1868. This claim was later abandoned (probably due to his death just a few days after filing the claim) In 1850 Anson's nephew, Chester W. Tyler, at age 15 is living with him in Avon. Neither the National or New York Archives have a record of Chester's Civil War service. The Levans and the Parsons each had 7 children. Both families were in Ovid in 1870, but in 1880 the Parsons were in Bushnell Township (Montcalm Co.) MI. Eldridge was born in Pennsylvania about 1837 and entered the service from Philadelphia where he lived with his parents, William and Mary.

Form A1, Family Group Sheet by The Everton Publishers, P. O. Box 468, Logan, UT 84301. Publishers of The Genealogical Helper. Send for a free catalogue with list and full descriptions of many genealogical aids.

FAMILY GROUP NO.

Husband's Full Name Eldridge E. Levan

This information Obtained From:

"Descendants of Job Tyler" Clinton Co Historical Society Marriage records of Clinton County LDS Library IGI (PA)	Husband's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
	Birth	c. 1837	Philadelphia ? Philadelphia		PA	Eldridge is age 23 in 1860 and living with his parents in Philadelphia
	Chr'nd					
	Marr.	31 March 1868	Ovid	Clinton	MI	
	Death					
	Burial					

E. Levan's military records 1860 Philadelphia census	Places of Residence	Ann Arbor, MI at time of his marriage				
	Occupation	Store clerk	Church Affiliation	Military Rec. Civil War 1861-65		

1870, 1880, 1900 and 1910 censuses of Ovid	Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each man.	m. Philadelphia 1871				
1900, 1910 and 1920 census of Owosso, MI	His Father	William Levan b. PA 1792	Mother's Maiden Name	Mary Ann Tomkins b. PA 1798		

1850 census of Avon, NY	Wife's Full Maiden Name	Amanda Susan Tyler				
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Amanda's 1932 obituary	Birth	20 March 1848	Avon ? Livingston		NY	
	Chr'nd					
	Death	9 Nov 1932				
	Burial		Ovid Maple Grove Cemetery		MI	

Compiler <u>Stuart B. Tyler</u>	Places of Residence	Living alone in Ovid in 1910				
Address <u>1206 Bonnie Lane</u>	Occupation		Church Affiliation	Military Rec.		

City, State <u>Cleveland OH 44124</u>	Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each man.					
Date <u>February 2001</u>	Her Father	Anson Lyman Tyler 1803-1868	Mother's Maiden Name	Mary E. Scott c. 1812-1872		

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. info. on Children
	1 Madeline	Birth	Oct 1868	Ovid	Clinton	MI	in Merrill NE in Nov 1932
	Full Name of Spouse Johnson	Death					
	2 Ella "Nellie"	Birth	c. 1871	"	"	"	in Seattle WA in Nov 1932
	Full Name of Spouse Straus	Death					
	3 Gertrude	Birth	April 1873				in Owosso MI in 1900, 1910, 1920 and 1932
	Full Name of Spouse ¹⁸⁶⁴⁻¹⁹²⁹ Louis B. Goff	Death	6 Feb 1955	both buried Ovid's Maple Grove Cemetery			
	4 Adelaide	Birth	c. 1875	Ovid	Clinton	MI	in Chicago in Nov 1932
	Full Name of Spouse Jameston	Death					
	5 Edwin	Birth	c. 1877	"	"	"	
	Full Name of Spouse	Death					
	6 Frank	Birth	Oct 1885	"	"	"	
	Full Name of Spouse	Death					
	7 Marie	Birth	Jan 1889				in Mayville MI in Nov 1932
	Full Name of Spouse Stewart	Death					
		Burial					

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Notes: In 1870, the widow, Mary E. Tyler is living with the Levans in Ovid. Mary has real estate valued at \$1000 and personal property with a value of \$1300. In 1900 Amanda is the head of the family in Ovid with son Frank age 14 and daughter Marie 11. Although Eldridge is not listed with his family in the 1900 census, Amanda describes her marital status as married for 32 years. Eldridge enlisted in the PA 23rd Infantry at Philadelphia as a private in 1861 and was promoted to 2nd lieutenant in April 1864 while serving with the PA 88th Regiment.

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.)

James Leonard Johnson Family

by James L. Johnson

I was born on August 12, 1947, in Detroit, MI, the oldest son of **Leonard William Johnson** and **Lettie Marion Giddings Johnson**.

I came to St. Johns in March 1952. At that time my father came to work with my grandfather, **William Johnson**, who had come to St. Johns in 1950. I am a graduate of Rodney B. Wilson High School, class of 1966. I served in the U.S. Navy from 1966 to 1970 during the Vietnam War.

On Nov. 21, 1970, in DeWitt, MI, I married **Dianna Rose Ellis** of DeWitt. Dianna was born on Sept. 14, 1951, in Lansing, MI, the daughter of **Richard Guy** and **Ethel Rose (Pennell) Ellis**. Dianna graduated with the first class of the new St. Johns High School in 1970. We now reside at 7256 Francis Road in Riley Township.

We have three children: **Cheryle Marie** b Sept. 29, 1972, **Michael James** b Apr. 19, 1975, and **Amy Lynn**, b Feb. 15, 1979. Cheryle graduated from the St. Johns High School in 1991 and Michael in 1993.

I am employed by General Motors Corporation in Lansing, MI, and am a member of the UAW Local 652. I am also a part-time farmer. Dianna is employed as a customer service manager at the Wal-Mart store in St. Johns. We are both 4-H leaders and are the 4-H Fair Poultry Project chairpersons. The children have also been active in 4-H.

Frederic Gier/Guyer Family

by Betsy J. Randall

Frederic Gier/Guyer was born 26 July 1794 near Hagerstown, Maryland, the 7th child of **Henry Gier** (Revolutionary War, Lancaster Co., PA, Militia) and **Catherine Stamm**. After moving across Pennsylvania and Ohio, Frederic settled in Essex Twp., Clinton Co., MI, some time before 1860 with his family: wife, **Mary Bacon** (d 1887); son, Henry (1819-1891) who was "demented;" daughters, **Katherine** (1824-1892), **Mariah** (1828-1908), **Emily/Emma** (1836-1917), **Lucinda** (1839-1915), and **Minervia** (1840-1918).

Katherine married **Isaac Reynolds**. Their children were: **Joseph, Jonathan, Wesley, Mary, William, Flora,** and **Cora**.

Mariah married **Benjamin Baker** and they lived in Greenbush Twp. Their children were: **Francis, Charles Edward,** and **William**.

Emily married 1) **Abram Perry** and their children were: **Henry Franklin** and **Nettie Sarah**. 2) **Barnhart Oberla** and their children were **Freddy, Alice, Caroline,** and **Jay**.

Lucinda married **John Ridenour** and their children were: **Margaret, Susan, George W., James H., John Benjamin, Jacob F., Lucinda M., William H.,** and **Sarah**.

Minervia married **Newell Bannister** and their children were: **Ransom, Francis B.,** and **Susan M**.

Frederic died Apr. 9, 1861, and is buried in the Beach Cemetery, as is his wife, Mary, who died Sept. 30, 1887. There are many descendants of these families in the Maple Rapids area.

Cemetery Reclamation Project

Betty Driscoll, the inspiration behind the Clinton Co. Cemetery Reclamation Project, reports that they are planning to work in the following cemeteries this summer: Bray in Bengal Twp., Alward Lake in Olive Twp., South Riley in Riley Twp., and possibly Prairie in Essex Twp. This is the third year of the project which was organized in cooperation with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Clinton County, with the support of the respective township boards.

The cost of the project is projected at \$2,100. Funds will be used to purchase cement, construction adhesive, wood for foundations, herbicide, chain saw fuel, gravel, and other miscellaneous items. New volunteers are welcomed. There is a special need for a nearby farmer with bucket on his tractor to lift heavy stones) and a neighbor who will allow use of outside water faucet. Contributions of cash or supplies are greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to BB/BS, PO Box 322, St. Johns, MI 48879. Other contacts are: Betty Driscoll 231-873-4159 bdriscoll@voyager.net; Corky Chamberlain 517-224-4284; or Karen Holiday 517-626-2050.

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VanDyke-Culp-Plowman School

from a history by **Agnes Pike Steinhardt**;

read: 9 Aug. 1936 at the Plowman School reunion

The data for this history was obtained from three sources; namely, a record of early events written by **William H.H. Knapp**; a biography of **Hiram & Lucy Tucker**, written by their grand-daughter, **Ella (Simmons) Pike**; and a sketch of the **William Van Dyke** family written by his daughter, **Charity (VanDyke) Pearce**.

William Van Dyke came from New York state in 1844 accompanied by his wife and five children. He arrived at the home of **Atwell** and **Lovina Simmons**, Riley's first pioneers, who gave Mr. VanDyke and family the use of a log building which had been their first home here and which was being used by Mr. Simmons as a cooper shop.

Mr. Van Dyke began immediately to make a clearing large enough for a log house on land in Sect. 24 which he had purchased from the government. This land was 2-1/2 miles north and west from the Simmons homestead and about 1/2 mile west of the present schoolhouse. It was winter and the snow was deep but the family moved in before the house was completed. Quilts were used for doors and windows. This land is now owned by **William Coffman**.

A school district, comprising nine square miles, was organized in 1848. The meetings called for this purpose were held at the home of **Atwell Simmons**. A schoolhouse was built in 1849 on Section 31 on land later known as the **Varney Pearce** farm. The VanDyke children were included in the census of school-age children.

In 1850 **Hiram** and **Lucy Tucker** came from New York state and located on Sect. 13 where **Clate Plowman** now lives. Before her marriage Mrs. Tucker had been a school teacher in her home state. Although there were now eight children in her family with ages ranging from sixteen years to one year and she was experiencing all the hardships of pioneer life, she found time to teach a select school in her home. Her own and the younger VanDyke children were her pupils. The VanDyke children walked through the woods following the path

by means of blazed trees. This was the first school in this vicinity.

As new families came to locate in Dist. No. 1 of Riley and Olive, the schoolhouse soon became too small to accommodate the number of pupils and the question of building a new schoolhouse was agitated. It was finally decided to divide the district into three districts. In 1852 or 1853 Dist. #3 of the Twp. of Riley was organized and was called the VanDyke School District.

The VanDyke Schoolhouse was built of logs, 14 x 14 feet, with a shake roof and slabs for floor. Basswood logs about a foot in diameter were split in two. These were placed flat surface up, and with large wooden legs inserted on the underside, they formed seats which reached nearly across both sides of the building. Holes were made in the walls into which were driven large wooden pins. Then planks were laid across the pins for desks. The blackboards consisted of three boards about three feet long, each one foot wide. This building, completed in 1854, was located a few feet south and west of the house built many years afterward by **Gust Yanz** and now owned by **Mrs. Robinson** and son **Elmer Braun**.

The first term of school was taught in the winter of 1854-55 by **Nancy Dalrymple**. **Lucy Tucker** and her sister, **Rhoda Wilber**, also taught in this building. In the winter of 1855-56 **William H.H. Knapp** was the teacher. The district board at this time was: **Hiram Tucker**, director; **Jonathan Henderson**, moderator; **William VanDyke**, assessor. The names and ages of scholars at that time were as follows:

Charlotte Beedle	11
Francis Beedle	16
Mellissie Beedle	9
Miron Beedle	17
Richard Beedle	8
John Blizzard	8
Henry Henderson	9
Julia Henderson	14
J. Barney Knapp	15
John D. Knapp	17
Charlotte Tucker	6
Esther M. Tucker	13
Helen M. Tucker	10
Mary Priscilla Tucker	8
Charity Van Dyke	7

Herman VanDyke	13
James VanDyke	16
Lewis VanDyke	23
Martha VanDyke	14
Sarah VanDyke	5

During the winter of 1859-60, Wm. Knapp again taught this school. The scholars were: **Martha, Herman, Charity, Sarah, and James VanDyke; John and Alice Culp; George and Elizabeth Blizzard; David Hildreth, Ira George, Sarah, Polly, and Mark Knapp; Esther, Helen, Priscilla, Charlotte, and Joseph Tucker; Lester, Lucy, Henry, Emily, and Joseph Bons.**

William Blizzard, with his family, settled on Sect. 19 in Olive in 1855.

In 1860 a part of Olive Twp. was annexed and this then became Fractional Dist. #7, Riley and Olive. At this time an effort was made to change the schoolhouse site to a more convenient locality and to build a schoolhouse better fitted for the purpose, but on account of prejudice and ill feeling the necessary two-thirds majority could not be obtained. Consequently, after several meetings had been held, the effort was given up until 1862 when meetings were again held for the same purpose. The site was then changed to 80 rods south of the present school site. **J.B. Bond, Samuel Knapp, and William Knapp** were appointed as committee to draft a plan for the building which was to be of logs. A plan was adopted which would cost about twice the amount prescribed by law for a log building. The work was undertaken by William Knapp for \$75 and the residents of the district were to assist with the work. The building was finished in time for the summer school of 1863 and was called the Culp Schoolhouse.

The first teacher was **Hortense Wilsey**. William Knapp taught the winter term of 1863-64. Later teachers in this building were: **Mary Partridge, Angeline Reynolds, Dell Wilsey, Jane Shaw, Frances Alleban** (sister to **Dr. Topping** of DeWitt), **Charity VanDyke, Estella Cook** c1871, **Ella Simmons** c1872, and **Viola Cook** c1875.

Once more the school outgrew the capacity of the building and the site was again changed to its present location on the SE corner of Sect. 13. A frame building costing

\$500 was erected in the summer of 1877. William H.H. Knapp was the first teacher in the new building during the winter of 1877-78. The names of the pupils at this time were: **Mortimer, Francis, Charles, Ida, and Charlotte Beedle; Charles and Rolla Barton; Fred, Thomas, and Catherine Blizzard; Nathan and George Ash; Charles and Edward Cole; Louis Barnard; Mary Feazel; Almon, Leslie, Charles, George, and Emma Farrier; George, Percy, and Al Gillet; Ada and Aletha Smith; Martin, John, and Lydia Jane Knapp; Frank Ingram; Celia Miller; Clayton and Clifton Plowman; Charles and Arthut Chant; Nellie Merchant; and Rolla Taylor.**

A few of the later teachers were: **Seymour Watson, J.B. Stone, Hiram Simmon** c1886-87; **Jennie Gallagher, Bert Burns, Darwin Utter, and Will Oding.** **Agnes Pike** taught the fall term in 1902; **Eva Simmons**, later.

The schoolhouse faced the east until 1905 when it was turned to face the south. The school terms in the early days could not have been very definite and regular, as I notice in the records of the late William Knapp that many of the pupils of the VanDyke School one year attended the Simmons School the following year where Knapp was also employed as a teacher for several years.

[The VanDyke School later came to be known as the Plowman School. Thanks to Rowlan Smith for giving this material to the archives.]

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