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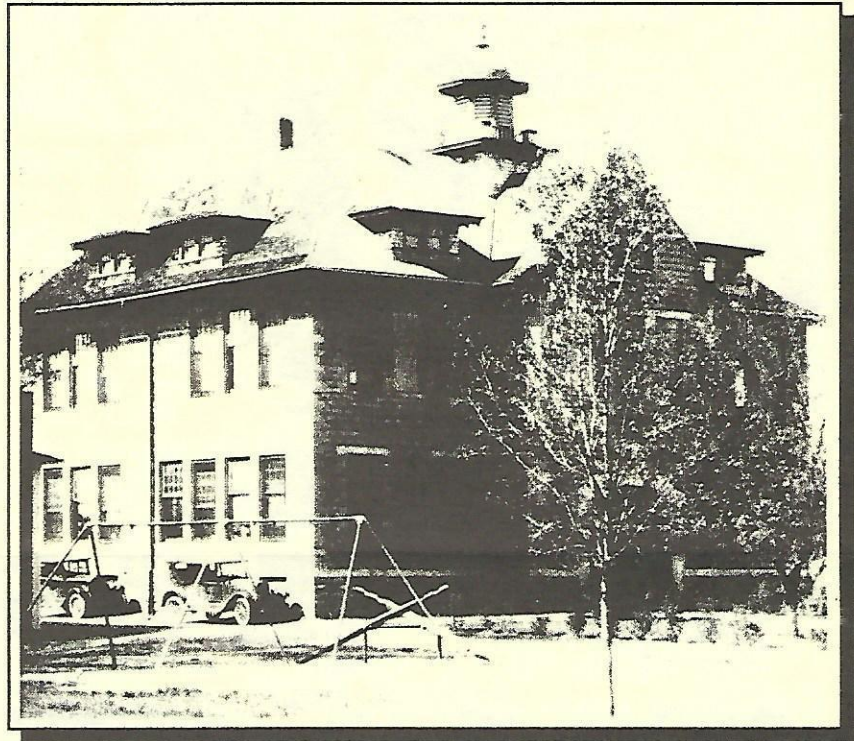
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Maple Rapids High School

Donated by Dorothy Scharnweber
School building was burned in 1945.

RIPSAW CHEER

*Ripsaw, Ripsaw
Ripsaw, Ripsaw, Bang
We are members of the M.R. Gang
Are we? YES!!
We'll, I guess.
Maple Rapids High School
YES, YES, YES!!*



1934 Maple Rapids High School (grades 9-12)

donated & identified by Lois (Bancroft) Dairymple

Front row L-R: 2-Marian Moss; 4-Lorena Fayweather; 5-Lois Bancroft; 6-June VanSickle; 7-Pat Moss; 9-Marian Hicks; 10-Dorothy Kidder; 11-Dorthea Tait. 2nd Row: 1-Helen Smith (teacher), 2-Eunice Crothers (teacher); 3-Mildred Guidet; 5-Ethelyn Woods; 6-Maple Underwood; 7-Shirley Archer; 12-Bernice Nichols 3rd Row: 2-Clair Swanson; 3-Romain Berkhausen; 4-Loree Wolcott; 5-Robert Underwood; 6-Charles Frost; 10-Lloyd Hiner. 4th row: 1-Max J. Paine (Supt.); 4- William Aldrich; 5- Wilbur Gregory; 6-Jack McClow; 8-? Harris; 9-Lionel Jolls; 10-M.M. Palmer (Principal)

MAPLE RAPIDS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

Listed below are students' name and year of graduation. This list was probably compiled for a reunion. Origin unknown.

Abbott, Bertha Roberts	1918	Bancroft, Wilbur	1932	Bullis, Coyne	1904
Abbott, Donald	1949	Barnes, Rosie Upton	1928	Bullis, Helen	1902
Abbott, Doris Taylor	1920	Barnhart, Newton	1897	Burkholder, Helen Margaret Reist	1940
Abbott, Gerald	1916	Barrett, Edward	1924	Burt, Edna	1908
Abbott, Leslie	1944	Barton, Bernard	1944	Burwell, Maud	1916
Abbott, Raymond	1928	Barton, Carol Craig	1943	Butler, Anna	1905
Abbott, Richard		Barton, Gladys Parr	1915	Butler, Bernard	1907
Abbott, Rodney	1948	Bashore, Dorothy Bennett	1947	Butler, Blanche	1897
Able, Beatrice Woodbury	1918	Bast, Alvina Zimmerman	1947	Camp, Louise B. Allen	1935
Ackley, Betty Warner	1947	Baxter, Walter	1927	Campbell, Wauneta Nicholas	1926
Addington, Maxine Georgia		Baxter, Wayne	1945	Carlin, Edna	1907
Ainsley, King C.	1896	Beck, Imogene Harger	1943	Carter, Bud	1947
Aldrich, Alice Halsted	1933	Bedient, Arthur	1937	Carter, Dorothy	1933
Aldrich, William	1934	Bedient, Phillip	1939	Carter, Kathryn	1945
Aldrich, Woodrow	1935	Begel, Vera	1906	Carter, Lois Martin	1949
Alexander, Paul	1905	Benedict, Gerald	1920	Cartwright, Gladys Kidder	1935
Allen, Claud	1908	Benedict, William	1944	Catlin, Jack	1936
Allen, Dee	1917	Benson, Esther Paine	1919	Chadderdon, Mildred Youdan	1943
Allen, Donald	1946	Benson, Oliver	1918	Chaffin, Wealthy Leddick	1910
Allen, Virginia	1948	Benson, Thelma	1917	Chapman, Dale	1931
Altvater, Gladys	1920	Berkenhausen, Glen	1929	Chapman, Leatha	1918
Anderson, Agatha	1909	Berkhousen, Romaine C.	1935	Chapmen, Mabel Smith	1933
Anderson, Eva Russell	1927	Berkhousen, Willis	1931	Chick, Byron Clare	1945
Anderson, Hessel	1913	Bird, Doris Smith	1930	Chick, Leota Loudenbeck	1945
Anderson, Rosemany Howell	1942	Bissell, Oretta Halsted	1932	Chick, Lyle	1948
Annis, Eleanor	1942	Blank, George	1929	Chick, Margaret Henry	1948
Annis, Etta	1890	Blank, Harry	1897	Chilson, Lulu	1899
Armentrout, Margurite Blem	1947	Blank, Robert C.	1890	Clark, Anna Hood	1926
Arnold, Helen Sutfin	1946	Blemanster, Nellie Keeney	1916	Clark, Spencer	1943
Atwood, Alice	1933	Blemaster, Lyle	1943	Clow, Lottie	1909
Auer, Larry	1949	Blemaster, Wendell	1946	Cole, Frank	1906
Aungst, Joan Auer	1949	Blemaster, Zella Long	1938	Cole, Mary	1909
Austin, Louise Brown	1910	Boling, Cornelia Sowles	1926	Coleman, Cora Price	1914
Bailey, Elizabeth Joyce Cludy	1937	Boomer, Bruce	1947	Collister, Edna Baxter	1918
Bailey, Margaret	1938	Bouch, Gladys Smith	1918	Conklin, Althea Smith	1925
Bailey, Maude A. Day	1935	Bowen, Reva M. Norris	1935	Conklin, Anna Mae Hicks	1942
Baily, Orrison	1936	Bowen, Stanley	1946	Conklin, Ernest	1941
Baker, Beverly Blemaster	1937	Boyle, Mary	1898	Conklin, Inah	1895
Baker, Carie	1907	Bradbury, Edwin	1944	Conley, Forest, Jr.	1938
Baker, Dale	1930	Bradley, Helen	1925	Conrad, Marjorie Matthews	1919
Baker, Leo	1929	Brown, Arthur	1898	Cook, Alta	1914
Baker, Lloyd	1937	Brown, Barbara	1937	Cook, Beatrice Salter	1929
Baker, Marion Hicks	1934	Brown, John	1933	Cook, Lloyd	1913
Bancroft, Bruce	1947	Brown, Lauren	1927	Cook, Lloyd	1937
Bancroft, Jesse	1896	Brown, Lewis	1902	Cook, Velma	1921
Bancroft, Nemo	1922	Brunner, Bernice Gantz	1944	Cope, Franklin	1889
Bancroft, Ruby	1916	Bullis, Clay	1906	Coppernoll, Gladys Upton	1922

Corson, Fred	1938	Fayrweather, Bessie	1900	Hankey, Raymond	1943
Cotton, Elwyn	1947	Fedewa, Ethelyn Wood	1936	Hansen, Thelma Loudenbeck	1939
Cowles, Glen	1922	Feighner, Dale	1943	Hanson, Onahbelle Millard	1917
Cowles, Maynard	1939	Fell, Mildred	1931	Harger, Roy	1949
Craig, Clare	1944	Fell, Robert	1933	Harris, Don L.	1935
Craig, Reba Underwood	1918	Ferman, Ray	1943	Harris, Frank	1932
Craig, Verne	1918	Fielder, Marie Remer	1945	Harris, Marion	1929
Craner, Shirley F. Archer	1935	Finley, Isabella	1901	Harris, Willard	1937
Crawford, Jesse	1898	Fitzpatrick, Norma Falor	1949	Hart, Eloise	1925
Creasinger, Chandler	1903	Floate, Claire	1926	Hart, Harry	1906
Creasinger, Cleo	1901	Floate, Maxine Smith	1929	Hart, Lucy	1907
Crook Floyd	1908	Foerch, Doris Tait	1937	Hart, Lyman	1943
Crook, Ruth Groom	1909	Foerch, Lorene Fayrweather	1933	Hart, Mable	1903
Crook, Sylvis	1906	Foley, Frank	1910	Hart, Pearl	1899
Crosby, Magdalena Hood	1942	Ford, Wendell	1924	Hastings, Marguerite	1926
Crowner, Mina	1893	Forrest, Lyle	1948	Helms, Joy Tingley	1939
Cummings, Pauline Newton	1915	Fox, Vera	1902	Henry, Cecil	1940
Cushing, Abigail Stevens	1926	Frisbie, Lionel	1924	Henry, Irene Houseman	1944
Dalrymple, Lois Bancroft	1934	Frost, Charles W.	1934	Henry, Kenneth	1942
D'Amore, Geraldine Tait	1944	Frost, Melvin	1945	Hershberger, Carol (Slagel)	1949
Darling, Norman Sutfin	1932	Frost, Shirley Roberts	1937	Hewitt, Mae	1907
Davidson, Omar	1909	Fuller, Edmond	1898	Hewitt, Ralph	1906
Dean, Beth Halsted	1937	Fuller, Eva	1892	Hicks, Ellis L.	1941
Dean, Nelda Smith	1944	Fulton, Laura	1897	Hicks, Elston	1929
Decker, Eva Conley	1940	Gallagher, Maxine Riker	1941	Hicks, Fred D.	1943
Denkema, Ada Reist	1934	Gallagher, Neva	1922	Hiller, Mary Corson	1943
Dershem, Beatrice Burnham	1946	Gamble, Athol	1915	Hiner, Clyde	1915
Diehl, Alberta Cook	1944	Garcia, John	1942	Hiner, Howard	1930
Downs, Maggie	1896	Garcia, Lewis	1939	Hiner, Lloyd	1934
Drost, Emogene Chick	1943	Garcia, Rebecca	1947	Holiday, Barbara Newcomb	1948
Drown, Maxine Upton	1947	Gavenda, Jean Abbot	1942	Homer, Frances Sowle	1940
Dunning, Mayme	1895	Gerhold, June Corson	1945	Hooker, Clarence	1905
Dush, Wayne	1945	Gerth, Joan Gage	1947	Hoover, Loretta	1928
Dush, William	1945	Gibson, Ronald	1948	Hope, Evelyn Cook	1931
Eggleston, Florence Cowles	1925	Gillespie, Eileen Gardner	1945	Horr, Leon	1895
Eldred, Boyd	1920	Glazier, Frances Snider	1940	Howard, Lois	1945
Eldred, Orville	1915	Goodknecht, Helen Conklin	1949	Howe, Helen Cowles	
Eleson, Norma Bullis	1917	Graham, Gerald	1921	Howe, Lloyd	1901
Eleson, Robert	1942	Grantham, Eugene	1937	Howell, Ardis	1939
Elgaard, Pauline Antes	1924	Green, Omah Webster	1930	Howell, Laura	1895
Ellis, Lee	1935	Gregory, Wilbur C.	1934	Howell, LaVere	1926
Ellis, Ruby Baxter	1935	Griffith, Ella Hicks	1932	Howell, Mary Ellen Doyle	1939
Elton, Bertha	1908	Groom, LaVerne	1916	Hubbell, Ivah	1894
Ely, Richard W.	1941	Grubaugh, Carl	1925	Hull, Theda Underwood	1925
Ernst, Beth Boak	1929	Grubaugh, Floyd	1922	Humphrey, Wanda Upham	1943
Esch, Myrtle	1914	Grubaugh, George	1918	Huntley, Agnes	1931
Eyer, Betty Johnson	1946	Grubaugh, Louise	1923	Husted, Frances	1947
Face, Hosea	1890	Halsted, Frank	1943	Husted, Leda Underwood	1928
Face, LeRoy	1914	Halsted, Vada Box	1944	Husted, Marion	1927
Falor, Eulah M. Woodbury	1947	Halsted, Virgil	1941	Hyde, June Van Sickle	1934

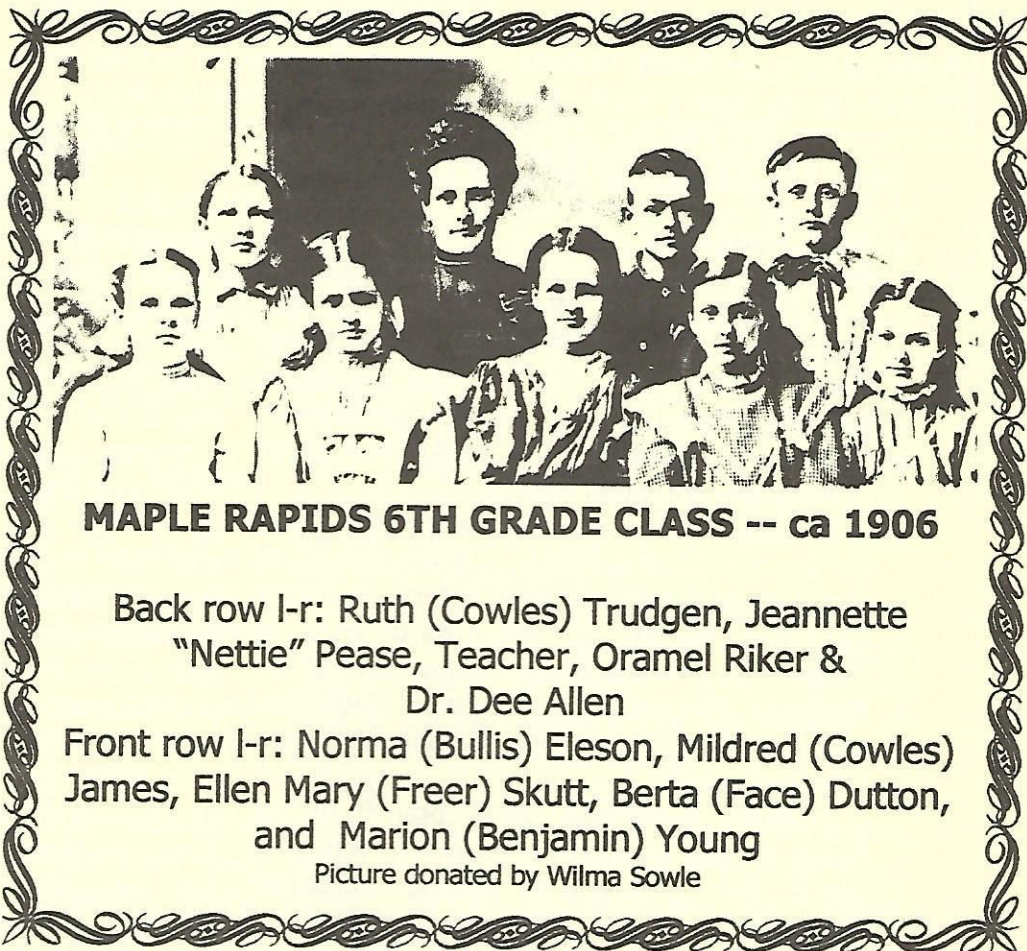
Hyke, Lawrence	1944	Loudenbeck, Don	1941	Newton, Anna	1894
Ike, Agnes Stevens	1945	Loudenbeck, Doris Jean Upton	1944	Newton, Helen	1915
Ingraham, Kate	1902	Loudenbeck, Kenneth	1942	Newton, Maidie	1889
Irwin, Merrill	1923	Loudenbeck, Max	1942	Newton, May	1905
James, Mildred Cowles	1917	Lowe, James	1939	Nichols, Bernice	1934
Jaquish, Donald	1929	Lowe, Lois Chick	1947	Nichols, Bill	1936
Jenner, Polly	1909	Lowe, Pauline Abbott	1939	Noonan, Fred	1931
Jewett, Leatha	1910	Lowe, Rowland	1947	Noonan, Thomas	1929
Johnson, Flossie Hamilton	1922	Mabie, Betty Auer	1947	Nunemaker, Marvin	1942
Jolls, Linol	1934	Makara, Helen	1941	Nunemaker, Minnie Parkerson	1943
Jolls, Lucille Slagel	1936	Makara, Jean Conklin	1941	O'Dell, Jeanie Lowe	1922
Jolls, Ruth Settingington	1930	Malloy, Kathleen Wood	1944	Osborn, Stanley	1945
Jones, Edna	1902	Mann, Marion C. Wanless	1938	Owen, Claud	1898
Jones, Julia Fell	1937	Marten, Joyce Sillman	1948	Paine, Hazel VanSickle	1913
Jones, Kenneth	1920	Martin, Bruth	1926	Paine, Lucille Abott	1942
Jones, Marian	1919	Martin, Edna	1918	Paine, Maurice	1942
Jones, Maud	1905	Martin, Gertrude Smith	1922	Paine, Maxwell J.	1910
Jones, Myrtelle	1907	Martin, Pauline	1908	Paine, Paul E.	1917
Jones, Virginia Winsor	1949	Martin, Porter	1922	Papciak, Gwen Creaser	1939
Kackey, Virginia Miller	1949	Matthews, Mildred Irwin	1920	Parish, Dorothy Kellogg	1947
Keelon, Donna Corson	1947	McClelland, Lucille Wood	1941	Parkerson, James E.	1941
Keeney, Ethel	1906	McClow, Edward	1908	Parks, Laura	1902
Kekel, Ruth Abbott	1941	McClow, Jack	1934	Parmalee, Margaret	1919
Kelley, Katherine Perrien	1944	McClow, Leatha	1907	Parr, Delta Winsor	1925
Kidder, Richard	1938	McKinney, Elmer	1922	Parr, Glen	1926
King, Mary Louise	1944	McNeil, Glenn E.	1915	Parr, Maud	1901
Kirby, Donna Woodbury	1947	McNeil, Joy Osborn	1912	Parr, Merle	1906
Kirvan, Alden	1944	McNeil, Ruby	1915	Parr, Oro	1894
Kirvan, Gordon	1945	McPherson, Frank	1890	Parr, Steven	1910
Kirvan, Wayne	1939	McWilliams, Barbara VanSickle	1939	Parr, Theo	1920
Kohlmeijer, Louise Baxter	1924	McWilliams, Eugene	1938	Payne, Judd	1890
Kraus, Ella Baxter	1925	McWilliams, Kenneth	1940	Payne, Lynn	1910
Lambie, Nina	1905	Meier, Dorothy Allen	1942	Payne, Maggie	1890
Lamey, Gloria Sillman	1943	Messer, Avis Moss	1922	Payne, Myrtie	1897
Lamphere, Fred	1899	Messer, Donald	1942	Payne, Pansy	1906
Langdon, Donna Rae Cook	1937	Messer, Floyd	1946	Payne, Verne	1894
Lapham, Neita Bancroft	1920	Millard, Cecil	1916	Penix, Luludale Skinner	1942
Larkin, Geraldine Loudenbeck	1938	Miller, Florine Wilson	1944	Peters, Mildred Guidet	1934
Larkin, Richard	1936	Miller, Glenna Loudenbeck	1945	Phillips, Mary Wright	1937
Larsen, Dorothy Tyler	1938	Misukaitis, Rosemary Freed	1940	Phillips, Parmer	1936
Larson, Marietta Dush	1942	Moore, Kenneth	1938	Pierce, Kate	1907
Leddick, Clayton	1895	Moore, Raymond	1936	Pincik, Shirley A. Slocum	1946
Leddick, Emerson	1896	Morey, Marian Russell	1918	Porter, Barbara Jean	1944
Leddick, Mary	1899	Moss, Barstow	1906	Powers, Dawn Sillman	1945
Leslie, Myrtelle Lewis	1924	Moss, Ben	1913	Pratt, Coyt B.	1935
Lewis, Byron	1930	Moss, LeRoy H.	1890	Price, Charlotte	1910
Lewis, Lloyd (Robert)	1945	Moss, Phyllis Horr	1923	Priest, Virgiline Bennett	1936
Lewis, Roscoe	1901	Mulford, Marguerite	1921	Prior, Thelma Shear	1927
Linebaugh, Florence Cowles	1925	Nelson, Lola Wiggins	1929	Pullon, Thelma Crook	1929
Long, Alvin	1940	Newman, Mabel Frazier	1923	Quirk, Rita Somers	1943

Redfern, Alice	1893	Skutt, Wayne	1929	Tait, Alfred	1946
Redman, Florence Voden	1931	Skutt, Wendall	1930	Tait, Joy	1933
Redman, Ilene Houseman	1944	Slagel, Max	1946	Tait, Robert B.	1940
Rice, Robert	1938	Slagel, Roger	1941	Tait, Virgil	1942
Richards, Julia	1924	Slagel, Warren	1942	Telzlaff, Irene Hicks	1938
Ridenour, Janet	1949	Slocum, Mildred Ridenour	1945	Thompson, Fergus	1936
Ridge, Dameth	1925	Slocum, Richard	1944	Thompson, Mildred Kellogg	1942
Ridge, Dorothy Mae	1926	Smalley, Mary Fell	1939	Thrush, Beulah Reist	1938
Riker, Maurice	1943	Smalley, Vera M. Smith	1935	Townsend, Eldred	1929
Riker, Oramel	1917	Smith, Alma Roberts	1908	Trudgeon, Ruth Cowles	1916
Robert, Fred	1931	Smith, Belva Lockwood	1925	Tyler, Dick	1946
Roberts, Arthur	1916	Smith, Charles	1918	Tyler, LeAnne Floate	
Roberts, Elizabeth Johnson	1948	Smith, Claud	1920	Underhill, Blanche Randolph	1916
Roberts, Flora	1908	Smith, Cyril	1927	Underwood, Acil	1921
Roberts, Gayle	1932	Smith, Dorothy Loudenbeck	1942	Underwood, Evelyn Kirvan	1941
Roberts, Howard	1915	Smith, Gerald A.	1926	Underwood, Madge Smith	1921
Roberts, Lewis	1902	Smith, Kathryn	1940	Underwood, Robert	1934
Roberts, Marie	1914	Smith, Leonard	1944	Upham, Wayne	1939
Roberts, Roy	1924	Smith, Lester L.	1938	Upton, Maple L. Underwood	1935
Roberts, Terry	1912	Smith, Lloyd	1937	Upton, Robert	1942
Rogers, Edna Upton	1927	Smith, Lyle	1922	Upton, Virginia Clark	1947
Rowe, Gertrude Noller	1947	Smith, Mary Lou Wilson	1948	VanHoesen, Florence	1910
Ruess, Thelma Hart	1921	Smith, Percy	1942	VanHoesen, Ralph	1910
Rumsey, Marjorie Smith	1925	Smith, Velman	1898	VanKleek, Laura Price	1914
Russell, Rhoda Dagget	1943	Snyder, Betty Slagel	1944	VanSickle, A.J.	1932
Ryan, Alden	1924	Snyder, Duane	1944	VanSickle, Beth	1931
Ryan, John	1942	Snyder, Mary	1905	VanSickle, Harry	1914
Ryan, Kenneth	1948	Snyder, Myron	1908	VanSickle, Joe	1945
Ryan, Lulu Jolls	1925	Somers, George	1938	VanSickle, Lyman	1942
Ryckman, Iva Brown Johnson	1936	Somers, Leo	1939	VanSickle, Paul	1916
Schmidt, Albertine Bailey	1940	Songer, Pauline Wood	1946	VanSickle, Glen	1910
Schmidt, J. D.	1935	Sowle, James	1943	Vermilyea, Viola Jolls	1927
Schmidt, Robert	1945	Sowle, Wilma Cowles		Waidely, Vera Gruesbeck	1926
Schulze, Kenneth	1937	Spress, Esther Annis	1945	Wakefield, Edwina Foley	1929
Schulze, William	1933	Stead, Charles	1932	Wakeman, Margaret Abbott	1939
Scott, Harriet Moss	1934	Stead, Clara	1896	Waldron, Cyrus	1918
See, Dorothea M. Tait	1935	Stead, Thomas	1896	Walker, Anna Slagel	1943
Sessions, Irma	1897	Stevens, Hazel Wanless	1942	Walker, Verne	1896
Sever, Marion Moss	1934	Stevens, Lila Krauss	1949	Wanhainen, Jeanne Eleson	1942
Sharick, Evelyn Slagel	1945	Stevens, Richard	1949	Wanless, William	1943
Shelters, Mildred Owen	1916	Stevens, Theresa Gage	1946	Ware, Jane Bedient	1942
Sherman, David	1929	Stewart, James	1948	Warner, Allie	1907
Sherman, Grace	1924	Stewart, Winifred Schulze	1943	Warner, Alta	1907
Sherman, Leslie	1928	Stoddard, Gene	1948	Warner, W.E.	1899
Sherwood, Evelyn Baylis	1943	Sturgis, Earl	1909	Warren, Franklin Jr.	1948
Shook, Dorothy Craig	1940	Swanson, Clare	1936	Warren, June Rieckart	1943
Sigafoose, Maxine H. Stevens	1935	Swatman, Pauline Tait	1941	Warren, Madelyn	1931
Simon, Doris Riechart	1944	Swigart, Edna	1896	Warren, Nina	1907
Simonson, Alta	1919	Swigart, Raymond	1898	Wayne, Kenneth	1924
Skinner, Wilma Baker	1925	Sypher, Bernetha	1933	Webster, Lyle	1894

Webster, Nettie	1903
Weeks, Adelaide Fayrweather	1930
Welhousen, Althea M. Wolcott	1935
Wells, Bonnie	1890
Wells, Minnie	1890
Wesner, Ruth Rumsey	1937
White, Eda Cumberworth	1910
White, Edith	1892
White, Grover	1905
White, Harrion	1905
White, Wendell	1948
Wiggins, Blanch	1931
Wiggins, Paul J.	1926
Williams, Betty J. Paine	1939
Williams, Nelda McWilliams	1948
Wilson, Shirley Smith	1946
Wilson, Wheeler	1946
Winsor, Gerald	1927
Winsor, Kenneth	1925
Wolcott, Ora	1934
Wood, Herbert	1944
Wood, Robert	1938
Woodbury, Doris	1924
Wright, Alfred	1923
Wright, Arnold	1901
Wright, Clayton	1930
Wright, Donald	1932
Wright, George	1894
Wright, Ivalene Freed	1942
Wright, Keith	1929
Wright, Kenneth	1928
Wright, Lorraine Underwood	1941
Yoder, Fern Slagel	1940
Youdan, Claud	1897
Young, Geraldie Hyke	1945
Zook, Wesley	1943

SURNAMES

- **Virginia Watterson-3450**
Camden Circle, Carlsbad, CA, 92008. **Hewitt, Hyatt, Cole, Annis, Van Patten & Lansing.**
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- **James Wood - 2323 Six Mile Rd., Remus, MI 49340. Timothy Sargent, Johnathan H. Smith & James Wood.**



MAPLE RAPIDS 6TH GRADE CLASS -- ca 1906

Back row l-r: Ruth (Cowles) Trudgen, Jeannette "Nettie" Pease, Teacher, Oramel Riker & Dr. Dee Allen

Front row l-r: Norma (Bullis) Eleson, Mildred (Cowles) James, Ellen Mary (Freer) Skutt, Berta (Face) Dutton, and Marion (Benjamin) Young

Picture donated by Wilma Sowle

**23rd Annual
VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS**

Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum
WEST SIDE COURTHOUSE SQUARE
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Nov. 28th: Dan Haviland-Native Am. Flute Maker
Dec 5th: SJHS String Quartet
Dec. 12th: SJHS String Quartet
Dec. 19th: The Music Family - The Ferdens

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FAMILY HISTORIES

Featured here are family histories which were submitted ca1993 for a proposed supplement to the 1980 Clinton County History book. (See Clinton Co. Trails, Vol. 12, #1)

HEWITT-VAN VELZOR

By Barbara VanVelsor

John VanVelzor was the first ancestor in America, emigrating from Holland ca1800, to Westchester County, New York. His son **Elisha** was born in 1791 on Van Courtlandt Manor in New York. He married **Elizabeth Barrett**. They had three children, **Jefferson**, **Charity** and **Reuben** (b. 3 Jun 1822- d.1908) in Allegheny Co., New York.

In 1844 Reuben married **Saphronia Case** (b. 24 Jun 1818-d.1901). They moved to Michigan and homesteaded a farm in Victor Township, section 20 on Alward Road in Clinton Co., which is presently owned by **Barbara VanVelsor**. Reuben & Saphronia had 6 children: **Josephine**, **Carrie**, **William**, **Ona** and **Frank**.

William VanVelsor (only branch of the family to spell his name with an "s".) was born on 2 Nov. 1852. He married **Eleanor Conway** (b. 23 Sep 1860) on December 20, 1886. They had 5 children: **Ray**, **Roy**, **Luella**, **Lila** and **Edna**.

Roy VanVelsor was born on 20 Jul 1889 in St. Johns where his father operated a grocery store on Clinton Avenue. He married **Birdella Stichler Chadwick** (b. 11 Feb 1887) on 9 Feb 1921.

MERRITT TEMPLE

By Ralph L. Temple

Merritt Temple, first in his family, came to Clinton County, Michigan, from Vermont in 1861. They came here to join **David** and **Samantha Bliss**, **Sabrina Temple's** parents. The Bliss's came here in 1848 via the Erie canal and by steam ship from New York to Detroit. They were among the first settlers of Riley township. Their descendants have all resided in Clinton County, Michigan. All family members are buried in either Boughton Cemetery in Riley Township or the Colony Cemetery in Duplain Township.

PERRY-OBERLA

By Betty J. Randall

Abram Perry and his wife, **Emily (Emma) Guyer**, daughter of **Frederic** and **Mary Bacon Gier**, purchased 40 acres in Lebanon Township for \$400 from **Barbara Balcom**, April 23, 1859. The fact, unusual at the time, that Emily was also a purchaser, may be an indication that Abram was already suffering from consumption that killed him at the age of 28 in 1860 and he was providing for Emma and their children. Abram was buried in the Beach Cemetery beside an infant son, **Francis**, who died in 1855. Emma was left with a son, **Henry Franklin** (Frank) b. 1855 - d. 1930) and a daughter **Sarah (Nettie)** b. 1857.

In 1864, Emma married **Barnhart Oberla** (Barney Oberley) of Duplain Township. His first wife, **Roxanna**, had died in 1861 leaving him with three children: **Albert**, **Russella (Della)**, and **Alfonso**. Barnhart was born in Saverque, France, and was a veteran of the Mexican War (Co. G, 15 Reg. Inf.) and the Civil War (Co. D, 1st Mich. Cav.). The Oberla's lived in Duplain Township until moving to Wayland Township of Allegan County. Children born to this marriage were: **Freddy** (died as infant), **Alice E.**, **Caroline**, and **Jay**, all of whom lived in the Middleville/Wayland area.

Henry Franklin Perry married **Jessie Sarah Gott** of Jackson County in 1878. They lived in Duplain Township until moving to Greenbush Township. Their children were **John M.** who married **Bessie Kidney** and lived in Irving, Barry County; **Ray Abram** who married **Ocie Miller** and lived in St. Johns; and **Gladys Emma** who married **Ralph Silvernail** and lived in Greenbush Township. (**Nettie**) **Sarah** married **William Corson** and lived in Middleville, Barry County.

FIEDERLING-MUELLER

By Sally Bozung

Peter and **Katharina Fiederling Moeller**, along with their four children, came to America in 1889. Their children were: **Peter R., Anna Maria, Burkhardt** and **Caspar**. A fifth child, **Anna Katharina**, died at the age of 4 while still in Dertingen, Germany.

Anna Maria (Mary) married **Leland Baxter** March 19, 1905. His parents were **Leland Rufus** and **Mary (Reynolds) Baxter**. Leland Jr.'s siblings were **William, Loyal, Harmon, Edna, Albert** and **Byron**.

Anna & Leland had had seven children: **Louise, Ella, Walter, Wilton, Ruby, DeWayne** and **Bursil**.

Frank and Ella (Baxter) Krauss were the parents of three daughters born nine years apart: **Lila Ann (Stevens), Jody Dell (Bozung)** and **Polly Sue (Matheson)**.

QUERIES

- ❖ Submitted by **Judith Beavins**, 26 Chelsea Court, Glen Mills, PA 19342. Beavinsj@yahoo.com. Seeking parents of **Frances Sabrina Pattridge** b.1841; and info on **Hiram Franklin Utley**, resided in Lansing 1859; buried in Alma.
- ❖ Submitted by **James G. Kelly**, 2743 Village Ct., Pekin, IL 61554. Needs birthplace (more specific than "near Trier") of ancestors of **Willems** family of Fowler. Gr-father, **Peter Willems**, was b and raised there, m Margaret; migrated to Blue Island, IL, leaving 3 of their 5 children behind.
- ❖ Submitted by **Carol A. Tolley**, 14132 Whitecap Ave., Hudson, FL 34667; 7272-862-5053. Seeking information on the Eagle Artillery, thought to have been formed in Eagle, Clinton Co., MI, ca 1850's-1860's, of which **Thomas Allen** was a lieutenant. What was its purpose?

SAMUEL DEXTER

Judge Samuel W. Dexter, for whom Dexter Trail in Clinton Co. is named, built a home 1843-45 near Dexter, MI, naming it Gordon Hall. Today the building and surrounding property is owned by the University of Michigan. To facilitate its preservation, the university currently is petitioning the Washtenaw Co. Historic District Commission to designate the house and site as a historic district. The building was listed on the state and national registers in 1958 and 1972, respectively.

The Clinton Co. Archives has been given a copy of the final report of the Historical District Study Committee. It includes, not only a detailed description and history of Gordon Hall, but also extensive biographical information on **Samuel Dexter** and his family. It recounts of the death from scarlet fever in 1833 of Dexter's 2-year-old son, **Riley**, which occurred as the Dexter colonizing party (about eight or nine families from New York) crossed Clinton County blazing a trail to Ionia. Riley was buried along the trail in Bengal Township. He was the first white child buried in Clinton Co.

According to this report, **Samuel Dexter**:

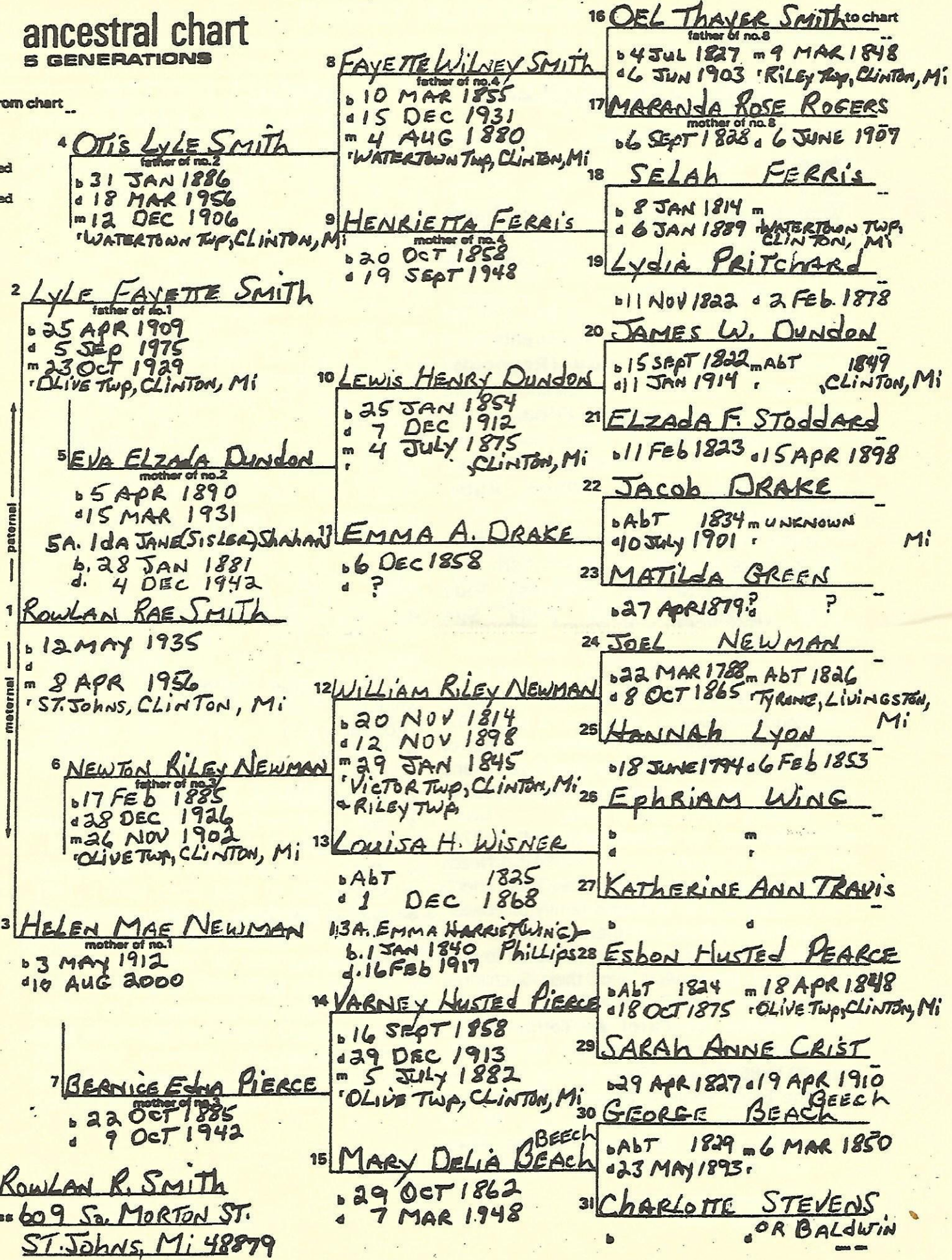
- ❖ Was the first Chief Justice of Washtenaw County
- ❖ Was a University of Michigan Regent
- ❖ Was publisher of first Washtenaw County Newspaper
- ❖ Was involved with the Underground Railroad
- ❖ Was an outspoken abolitionist
- ❖ Hosted Presidents Polk and Buchanan at Gordon Hall
- ❖ Is regarded as founder of Ionia
- ❖ Platted Ionia and Saginaw
- ❖ Established the Village of Byron, Shiawassee Co.

ancestral chart

5 GENERATIONS

from chart ..

b=born
m=married
d=died
r=resided



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Clinton has Failed to Reach Waste Fat Quotas

Clinton-County Republican-News; 26 Apr. 1945; p4

During the 23 months that the fat salvage program has been in operation in Clinton County, we have reached our quota only once, according to a report issued this week by Dr. B. L. Bates, county salvage chairman. Dr. Bates' report appears below:

"In the hope that our citizens may be stimulated in their efforts to save more waste kitchen fats, the Clinton County Salvage Committee presents the following facts which show how it stands with the other 82 counties of the state. The record extends from April, 1943, to March, 1945. The figures are furnished by the rendering companies which collect the salvage from the grocers and butchers.

"The State Salvage Committee assigned us a quota of 3,500 pounds per month which has been reached only once during the 23 months—in May, 1943. Just how the quota was established is immaterial. The fact that an average of 23% of the counties do make their quotas each month shows that the figure is not far wrong. In only eight of these months have we been above the state's average.

"On the face of it, Clinton's records

looks bad, especially since we have made such a fine showing in the salvage of metal, paper, used clothing, rags, stockings, and tin cans. Examination shows, however, that much of the fat salvage is turned in to cities lying just outside our boundaries—Hubbardston, Pewamo, Portland, Grand Ledge, Lansing, and Laingsburg—with only two of our cities drawing from out the county, Elsie and Ovid. In spite of this handicap, Clinton has sent 56,377 pounds of fats from our own stores since April, 1943, even though our monthly average is 1,355 pounds short of our quota...

"The irony of the situation is that now with meats scarcer than ever, our government is calling for more and more waste fats. In order that our fighting lads may not run short of ammunition, we must save every drop. Clinton turned in 3,444 pounds in Feb. or 90% of its quota. This was our best report in months. Can we do better?

"And don't forget, your grocer expects you to return every tin can you take from his store. Paper Trooper collections in the schools are exceeding predictions. Final pickup for the school year now in progress and complete reports will be soon be published."

YES, WE NEED YOU!!!

It's time for 2002 annual membership dues. They are only \$10.00 for a single membership & \$15.00 a couple.

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Your mailing label indicates the date up to which you are paid.**

Thanks for being a part of preserving Clinton County's past!!

➤ **The Archives of the Clinton County Historical Society** are located at 16101 Brook Road in the DeWitt Twp. Community Center. Volunteers are there to give research assistance from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays & Fridays.
Phone: (517) 482-5117 ext. 142.

➤ **The Genealogists of the CCHS** meet the first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm in the First Bank community room, located downtown St. Johns. The **Historical Society meetings** are held at 7:00 at the First Bank, the first Monday of January, April, July & October.

➤ **The Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum** is located on the west side of the Courthouse Square in St. Johns. Open April 1 - Dec 31. Sunday 1:00-4:00 p.m. & Wednesday 2:00-7:00 p.m.

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