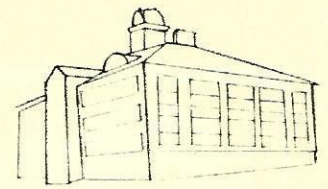




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LIKE OLD TIMES

St. Johns News, 18 Feb 1904 p1 c7

HARD WINTERS RECALLS WEATHER OF
SIXTY YEARS AGO
PIONEERS' HARDSHIP IN 1843
WINTER OF 1843-4 THE MOST SEVERE
EVER KNOWN HERE
SNOW WAS OVER THREE FEET DEEP AND
LASTED FIVE MONTHS
TREES CUT DOWN FOR CATTLE TO BROWSE ON

The protracted cold weather has brought out many stories of hard winters in the past. Of these the winters of 1843 and 1844, just sixty years ago, were probably the most severe, and a few old residents in this part of the state still remember the troubles of the pioneers of Clinton and adjoining counties.

Dorr K. Stowell, who is one of the few surviving pioneers whose memory goes back to that period in Clinton County, gives *The News* some interesting facts regarding those times. He was then a boy of fourteen, living with his father's family in DeWitt, where they settled in 1838 on a small open prairie about four miles from the present village of DeWitt. They were among the very first settlers, Captain David Scott's log house and tavern and Samuel V. Smith's blacksmith shop being almost the only buildings at the site of the village at that time, and the surrounding country was an unbroken forest still inhabited by the Indians. There was no road cut out north of DeWitt and the nearest white neighbor was two miles distant.

He remembers that the snowfall was extraordinarily heavy, beginning early in November and lasting into April. About March 29 his father, Dr. Hiram Stowell, who was then county treasurer, set out on horseback for Detroit to make his settlement with the auditor general. Shortly after his departure, Mr. Stowell's little sister was taken sick and he remembers that when he went for a doctor, he waded through snow nearly waist deep in places. Dr. Stowell was gone about ten days, his daughter having died in the meantime, and on his return the first thaw was beginning.

The pioneers themselves did not suffer much from the severity of the

weather, but there was a great scarcity of food for animals, many of which died from cold and starvation. There being no cultivated hay, they depended in those days upon marsh hay for feeding during the winter of which only the usual amount had been secured. It was cut along the river flats in Bath Township and drawn over the snow for use. Marsh hay is poor feed, being not much, if any, more nutritious than straw, and long before winter was over it became necessary to cut down trees for the animals to browse on. Dr. Stowell kept a man busy for two months doing nothing but cutting down trees for this purpose, the cattle eagerly gnawing the moss and bark off the trees and eating the buds and small branches as far as they could bite them off. The deer suffered equally for lack of food and would follow about with the cattle, browsing on the trees. Dr. Stowell had a large number of cattle which in the summer were driven through to New York state and a number of them died from exposure and lack of food. Captain Scott, the first settler at DeWitt, lost a great many hogs from the same cause, and many sheep.

REMINISCENCE OF G. W. STEPHENS

St. Johns News, 3 Mar 1904 p2 c2

G. W. Stephens, a former pioneer of this county, now of Long Beach, California, adds some interesting reminiscences to those given by Dorr K. Stowell in an interview which appeared in a recent issue of *The News*. He says:

I was greatly interested in the article on pioneer days in your issue of the 18th. I can class myself with those pioneers, for my mother and myself came to DeWitt with my grandfather Hoopie, my mother's father, in March 1845. I was then two years old and saw and realized the hardships of a pioneer life.

A resident of Clinton County for fifty-eight years, I well remember when the county seat was organized at DeWitt. Though a small boy then, I well remember Dr. Stowell as the first doctor in DeWitt. In 1861 I entered the army and was absent from the county a little over four years.

I am now at Long Beach, and it seems like home to see so many St. Johns people here. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Richardson, which was my surprise on returning from the mountains. I understand from them that they have bought the place where they reside, known as the "Old Homestead," a beautiful place, for \$6,000. It is very cheap at that, and they must have made \$1,000 the way property is increasing in value here. There were ninety permits for building last month and a great many improvements including a new pier which will make a great addition to the city. Property has almost doubled in the last three months that I have been here. We have the finest climate in the world. What would you think to walk out to the melon and strawberry fields and pick all you wanted to? This is the place to take comfort in, especially for old people.

The Clinton Republican; 17 Mar 1904; p4 c6

Section Corners (South Lebanon)

Mr. and Mrs. Erford Nash entertained the Elite Society at their pleasant home in Lebanon last week, Wednesday. This society is composed of 12 members, the combined ages of which are 717 years, the oldest being 73 and the youngest being 45. For 11 years this society has met once each year at the home of each member, enjoying their reunions immensely. A very remarkable circumstance is that death has never entered this circle of friends. May they enjoy many more pleasant meetings with their numbers unbroken.



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Old Fashioned Christmas

1860 Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum

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Nov. 24th - Dec. 22nd

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Clinton County Normal School Graduates

Name	Address	Graduated	Name	Address	Graduated
Acker, Aldene Frances	St. Johns	17 Jun 1930	Baylis, Erma	Elsie	27 Jun 1918
Acre, Isabelle A.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1916	Beckett, Helen E.	St. Johns	18 Jun 1909
Ainsley, Mabel N.	Gr Ledge	16 Jun 1908	Bedaine, Veda D.	DeWitt	18 Jun 1909
Albaugh, Letha Dora	Ovid	5 Jun 1928	Beebee, Estella E.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1910
Alberts, Lysle C.	St. Johns	14 Jun 1912	Begel, Vera	St. Johns	13 Jun 1907
Aldrich, Essie	Ovid	27 Jun 1918	Benton, Bessie M.	St. Johns	18 Jun 1909
Aldrich, Ruth Aileen	Ovid	12 Jun 1923	Bertram, Mabel	Fowler	5 Jun 1928
Allen Bertha	Eagle	Jun 1905	Biergans, Dorothy Frances	Eagle	12 Jun 1923
Anderson, Jean Caroline	St. Johns	31 May 1927	Bills, Harriet	St. Johns	Jun 1906
Anderson, Jessie Mary	DeWitt	17 Jun 1924	Bingham, Flora Louise	St. Johns	17 Jun 1930
Andrews, Ethel Mae	St. Johns	16 Jun 1910	Bishop, Gertrude Auriel	St. Johns	15 Jun 1925
Andrews, Margaret Loretta	St. Johns	15 Jun 1926	Bishop, Helen Janet	St. Johns	5 Jun 1928
Andrus, Alice Florence	Wacousta	5 Jun 1928	Bishop, Izilla	St. Johns	18 Jun 1915
Andrus, Margaret Annette	Wacousta	15 Jun 1926	Bixby, Pearl M.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1911
Ash, Lucile I.	St. Johns	11 Jun 1929	Black, Vera B.	Wacousta	21 Jun 1921
Atherton, Gertrude Mary	Portland	31 May 1927	Blizzard, Merle M.	St. Johns	18 Jun 1909
Atherton, Margaret C.	Portland	13 Jun 1922	Bloom, Irene Adel	Wacousta	17 Jun 1930
Avery, Martha Ferne	St. Johns	19 Jun 1913	Bloomfield, Josephine Mae	Laingsburg	5 Jun 1928
Babcock	Bath	17 Jun 1930	Bomersheim, Clara E.	Lansing	16 Jun 1911
Bailey, Bertha Ellen (Hines)	West Branch	13 Jun 1922	Boots, Eithel M.	Pompeii	12 Jun 1914
Baird, Ora Evelyn	DeWitt	17 Jun 1924	Brandt, Leona Marie	St. Johns	24 Jun 1920
Baker, Esther E.	Ovid	16 Jun 1911	Brandt, Stella Grace	St. Johns	13 Jun 1922
Baker, Fleita M.	Ovid	11 Jun 1929	Brink, Rachel Charity	St. Johns	17 Jun 1930
Baker, Josephine	Ovid	11 Jun 1929	Brown, Arvilla	M/pl Rapids	13 Jun 1907
Baker, Stuart Kenneth	St. Johns	13 Jun 1922	Brown, Gladys E.	St. Johns	17 Jun 1924
Baker, Veva	Shepardsville	21 Jun 1917	Brown, Lois I.	St. Johns	11 Jun 1929
Balcam, Lureta Alberta	St. Johns	17 Jun 1924	Brown, Margaret		Jun 1906
Baldwin, Millie	Fowler	Jun 1906	Brown, Millie	St. Johns	Jun 1906
Baldwin, Pearl	Fowler	13 Jun 1904	Brown, Vivian Grace	Fowler	31 May 1927
Ballinger, Eva M.	St. Johns	21 Jun 1917	Bryant, Neva Louise	Elsie	17 Jun 1924
Ballinger, Lucy L.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1911	Buehler, Blanch E.	Bath	18 Jun 1915
Bancroft, Hazel Irene	St. Johns	15 Jun 1926	Buehler, Opal	Ovid	11 Jun 1929
Bancroft, Neita M.	M/pl Rapids	21 Jun 1921	Buehler, Pearl Margaret	Gr Ledge	16 Jun 1910
Bancroft, Ruby	Fowler	27 Jun 1918	Burch, Etta	Hubbardston	Jun 1905
Barnard, Lilah M. (Doty)	DeWitt	14 Jun 1912	Burnes, Marie L.	St. Johns	27 Jun 1918
Barnes, Ruth Maud	Shaftsbury	17 Jun 1930	Burnett, Bernice Mae	Bath	17 Jun 1924
Barnhart, Clara Belle	St. Johns	16 Jun 1908	Burnett, Elna	Bath	11 Jun 1929
Barrett, Frances C.	St. Johns	19 Jun 1913	Burt, Florence	St. Johns	13 Jun 1904
Bateman, Vida	DeWitt	Jun 1905	Campbell, Genevieve	St. Johns	21 Jun 1921
			Campbell, James	M/pl Rapids	13 Jun 1904

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Carmack, Louise	St. Johns	15 Jun 1926
Carroll, Bernice Louise (Rice)	St. Johns	16 Jun 1916
Carter, Lida M.	Elsie	Jun 1906
Carter, Loa	Elsie	13 Jun 1904
Cartright, Florence E.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1908
Cater, Vira	Lansing	Jun 1905
Chant, Treva Beatrice	St. Johns	13 Jun 1922
Church, Nell	St. Johns	12 Jun 1914
Clandenning, June J.	Gr Ledge	16 Jun 1908
Clark, Arthur	DeWitt	13 Jun 1907
Clark, Bessie V. (Green)	Eagle	19 Jun 1913
Clark, Ethel M.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1910
Clark, Mary G.	Bath	21 Jun 1917
Clark, Vera Maude (Ferguson)	Laingsburg	12 Jun 1923
Cleland, Bernice	St. Johns	11 Jun 1929
Coe, Viola Ruth	St. Johns	15 Jun 1925
Coffman, Helen May	St. Johns	21 Jun 1917
Coffman, Marian	St. Johns	12 Jun 1914
Coffman, Mildred Doris	St. Johns	17 Jun 1930
Coffman, Queen Esther	St. Johns	16 Jun 1916
Cole, Mary	St. Johns	16 Jun 1910
Coleman, Laura	Shaftsbury	13 Jun 1907
Coleman, LeRoy C.	Shaftsbury	14 Jun 1912
Collins, Gladys	Merle Beach	21 Jun 1921
Conklin, Althea Linda (Smith)	St. Johns	15 Jun 1926
Conklin, Iona E.	Lansing	14 Jun 1912
Cook, Erma Maude	Elsie	31 May 1927
Cook, Margaret Ellen	Elsie	15 Jun 1925
Cool, Ruby M.	St. Johns	Jun 1905
Corbin, Frances	Lansing	16 Jun 1908
Corwin, Grace A.	St. Johns	19 Jun 1913
Costigan, Edith	Bath	Jun 1905
Cotton, Stella	DeWitt	13 Jun 1907
Cox, Doris L.	St. Johns	11 Jun 1929
Cramer, Angeline	Wacousta	19 Jun 1913
Crawford, Oneta	St. Johns	5 Jun 1928
Creaser, Bernice	St. Johns	27 Jun 1918
Cressman, Thelma Mae	DeWitt	5 Jun 1928
Crowner, Donna	St. Johns	27 Jun 1918
Curren, Birdie Mozelle	St. Johns	15 Jun 1926

Curren, Golden, Ruth	Ashley	15 Jun 1926
Curtis, Theo R.	St. Johns	11 Jun 1929
Cutler, Francis E.	Lansing	16 Jun 1916
Cutler, Marcus Vernon	DeWitt	15 Jun 1926
Daggett, Arlene G.	Elsie	12 Jun 1923
Damon, Edna Eiseler	Fowler	18 Jun 1915
Davis, Allene Laura	St. Johns	15 Jun 1926
Davis, Bess M.	St. Johns	18 Jun 1909
Davis, Ida Lucile	St. Johns	17 Jun 1924
Davis, Katherine	St. Johns	16 Jun 1910
Davis, Mildred Ellen	St. Johns	13 Jun 1922
Davis, Muriel C.	St. Johns	11 Jun 1929
Davis, Wilma Jeanette	Wacousta	31 May 1927
Dayton, Myrtie E.	Lansing	16 Jun 1908
DeLong, Thelma	St. Johns	18 Jun 1915
Dennis, Majel E.	Laingsburg	13 Jun 1923
Devereaux, Alma Louisa	DeWitt	31 May 1927
Devereaux, Maud	DeWitt	14 Jun 1912
DeVries, Helen Louise	St. Johns	17 Jun 1930
Dewitt, Ninah E.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1911
Dewitt, Pearl	St. Johns	Jun 1906
Diller, Evelyn Mae	St. Johns	15 Jun 1925
Doty, Lilah M.	DeWitt	14 Jun 1912
Doty, Lola B.	DeWitt	12 Jun 1914
Doyle, Kathryn E.	St. Johns/Detroit	19 Jun 1913
Drake, Lucile Roxana	Owosso	17 Jun 1930
Drake, Orpha M.	St. Johns	11 Jun 1929
Driskill, Mary Viola	St. Johns	15 Jun 1925
Eaton, Darthea A.	St. Johns	11 Jun 1929
Eddy, Bessie E.	St. Johns	Jun 1906
Eiseler, Edna	Fowler	18 Jun 1915
Eldridge, Eliza A.	St. Johns	14-Jun-12
Ellinger, Alice Delitia	Elsie	31 May 1927
Elliott, Tissa Irene	Lansing	18 Jun 1909
Ellis, Ruby	St. Johns	12 Jun 1923
Esch, Gertrude Anna	Lansing	5 Jun 1928
Esch, Margaret Helen	DeWitt	17 Jun 1924
Eschtruth, Lucetta M.	Bath	5 Jun 1928
Eschtruth, Martha B.	Bath	11 Jun 1929
Falk, Leonora Emma	Fowler	5 Jun 1928

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Fedewa, Theresa M. (Sohn)	Fowler	12 Jun 1923
Ferguson, Esma S.	St. Johns	31 May 1927
Ferguson, Vera Maude	Laingsburg	12 Jun 1923
Finch, Marie F.	St. Johns	16-Jun-11
Fineis, Irene A.	Fowler	14 Jun 1912
Fishburn, Ruth A.	St. Johns	19 Jun 1913
Fisher, Neva Vera	St. Johns	24 Jun 1920
Fisher, Ruby F.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1916
Fitzpatrick, Dorothy Grace	St. Johns	5 Jun 1928
Fitzpatrick, Rachei Catherine	Hubbardston	31 May 1927
Flowers, Hartzell Roberta	St. Johns	17 Jun 1930
Flynn, Helen Georgria	Laingsburg	15 Jun 1926
Flynn, Mary Arlene	Laingsburg	17 Jun 1930
Footitt, Frank	St. Johns	16 Jun 1910
Footitt, Maud E.	St. Johns	18 Jun 1909
Forward, Bernice B.	DeWitt	Jun 1909
Foster, Effie C.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1910
Foster, Erna Harriet	St. Johns	31 May 1927
Fox, Blanche A.	Fowler	16 Jun 1910
Frank, Cerelda E.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1916
Frayer, Weltha Irene	St. Johns	15 Jun 1925
Gage, Irma Mae	St. Johns	31 May 1927
Garlock, Velma L.	DeWitt	16 Jun 1911
Gates, Harriet Irene	Shepardsville	16 Jun 1910
Georgia, Viola Eileen	St. Johns	13 Jun 1922
Gerrow, Evva A.	Merle Beach	21 Jun 1917
Gerrow, Gladys Viola	DeWitt	15 Jun 1926
Gillett, Nola Minnie	Eagle	17 Jun 1930
Gower, Mabel Lylle	Eureka	21 Jun 1917
Grafe, Lucile	Ovid	15 Jun 1925
Green, Bessie V.	Eagle	19 Jun 1913
Green, Susie M.		16 Jun 1911
Gregory, Gladys	St. Johns	19 Jun 1913
Gregory, Mildred	St. Johns	14 Jun 1912
Grimes, Marion Elizabeth	St. Johns	15 Jun 1925
Grinnell, Fern Opal	Laingsburg	31 May 1927
Haker, Gertrude	Bath	19 Jun 1913
Haker, Gertrude	Bath	11 Jan 1914
Halsey, Hazel Louise	St. Johns	12 Jun 1923
Halstead, Laura N.	St. Johns	12 Jun 1914

Hamlin, Mildred May	Portland	17 Jun 1924
Hanratta, Anna	St. Johns	Jun 1906
Hardtke, Alice M.	Lansing	11 Jun 1929
Harris, Anna	St. Johns	13 Jun 1904
Hart, Lucy B.	M'pl Rapids	16 Jun 1908
Hart, Mary Ellis	St. Johns	18 Jun 1909
Harvey, Cora Emma	DeWitt	17 Jun 1930
Hastings, Mona M.	Wacousta	6-Jun-1915
Hathaway, Alice M.	St. Johns	12 Jun 1923
Heacox, Irene Mildred	St. Johns	17 Jun 1924
Hemenway, Berilah	Fowler	14 Jun 1912
Hendrson, Veda Gray	St. Johns	17 Jun 1930
Herbison, Ethel G.	Bath	18-Jun-1909
Herbison, Irene G.	Bath	18 Jun 1909
Herriott, Mildred	St. Johns	27 Jun 1918
Hess, Florence Catheryn	Elsie	5 Jun 1928
Hettler, Bernice Hester	St. Johns	17-Jun-1924
Hettler, Blanche Helen	St. Johns	17 Jun 1924
Hettler, Neva M.	Ovid	19 Jun 1919
Hicks, Bessie Mae	St. Johns	16 Jun 1908
Hicks, Izilla Bishop	St. Johns	18 Jun 1915
Hiner, Bertha Ellen	West Branch	13 Jun 1922
Hoffman, Eva May	Portland	31 May 1927
Holbrook, Nellie L.	St. Johns	12 Jun 1914
Howe, Gertrude	DeWitt	16 Jun 1910
Huggett, Austie B.	St. Johns	18 Jun 1909
Huggett, Florence V.	St. Johns	12 Jun 1914
Huggett, Grace Louise	St. Johns	17 Jun 1924
Hugus, Stella L.	Shepardsville	16 Jun 1910
Hunter, Grace	Gr Ledge	Jun 1905
Hunter, Jessie M.	Lansing	16 Jun 1911
Hunter, Lucile H.	Gr Ledge	16 Jun 1908
Huntoon, Mary Coleta	Ovid	16 Jun 1910
Huot, Ethel Lenora (Mizza)	St. Johns	17 Jun 1930
Hurd, Gertrude (Howe)	DeWitt	16 Jun 1910
Hutchison, Elonore Anna	Ovid	12 Jun 1923
Hyman, Mildred H.	St. Johns	21 Jun 1917
Ide, Norman D.	DeWitt	18 Jun 1909
Ike, Mildred I.	Eagle	21 Jun 1921
Ingersoll, Myra N.	Elsie	21 Jun 1921

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Ingersoll, Theron L.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1911	Loomis, Hazel G.	Lansing	18 Jun 1909
Irrer, Esther Katherine	Fowler	31 May 1927	Loomis, Ruth A.	St. Johns	18 Jun 1909
Irrer, Louise Auguste	St. Johns	17 Jun 1930	Loree, Maurie C.	Ovid	16 Jun 1910
Isbell, Florence W.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1910	Ludwick, Dora L.	Wacousta	16 Jun 1908
Isbell, Jessie F.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1908	MacArthur, Martha [Principal]		-
Ives, Ardis Mae	DeWitt	17 Jun 1930	Mahar, Ella L.	Merle Beach	18 Jun 1909
Jarvis, Ford B.	Hubbardston	19 Jun 1913	Mankey, Lucile	Eagle	27 Jun 1918
Jarvis, Ruby Pauline	Hubbardston	18 Jun 1915	Mankey, Rose	Eagle	27 Jun 1918
Johnson, Cecil [Principal]		-	Martin, Eleanor	Fowler	13 Jun 1904
Johnson, Cecile Lucile	St. Johns	15 Jun 1925	Martin, Leona Rosina	Fowler	5 Jun 1928
Johnson, Helen Althea	St. Johns	12 Jun 1923	Matthews, Cressie	Ashley	12 Jun 1923
Jolls, Lula Marie	M'pl Rapids	15 Jun 1926	Matthews, Eva	Ashley	24 Jun 1920
Jolly, Mary A.	St. Johns	18 Jun 1915	Mauer, Hazel E.	Hubbardston	16 Jun 1910
Jones, Edith R.	DeWitt	21 Jun 1917	Maurer, Bernice M.	Hubbardston	16 Jun 1910
Jones, Evah B.	DeWitt	19 Jun 1919	McCreery, Lulu F. [Principal]		-
Jones, Florence Eloise	St. Johns	13 Jun 1922	McCreery, Myrtle	Bay City	16 Jun 1908
Jones, Hellen Allison	St. Johns	17 Jun 1930	McCrum, Agnes D.	Portland	11 Jun 1929
Jones, Myrtelle	M'pl Rapids	18 Jun 1909	McCulloh, Martha Mae	Cullom, IL	13 Jun 1922
Jones, Rosa	Hesperia	14 Jun 1912	McFarren, Cassie Elizabeth	Bath	5 Jun 1928
Jones, Vera E.	DeWitt	11 Jun 1929	McKinley, Eva	St. Johns	14 Jun 1912
Jumper, Alice Marguerite	St. Johns	5 Jun 1928	McMillan, Ellen I.	Hubbardston	11 Jun 1929
Karcher, Blanche	St. Johns	18 Jun 1909	McNaughton, Florence	Shepardsville	12 Jun 1914
Keeney, Hazel Virginia	St. Johns	24 Jun 1920	McPrangle, Olga Julia	Fowler	15 Jun 1926
Kesby, Agatha	St. Johns	24 Jun 1920	Mehney, Eugenia Lucille	St. Johns	15 Jun 1926
Kinley, Frances	Fowler	19 Jun 1919	Mehney, Thelma May	St. Johns	13 Jun 1922
Krepps, Lena May	St. Johns	13 Jun 1922	Meninger, Marietta C. (Post)	Fowler	21 Jun 1917
Ladd, Nina	St. Johns	24 Jun 1920	Merrill, Pauline Addorene	Wacousta	15 Jun 1926
Lake, Lucy	St. Johns	13 Jun 1904	Mesler, Marguerite	St. Johns	5 Jun 1928
Lake, Maude	St. Johns	13 Jun 1904	Miller, Clara	St. Johns	-
LaNoble, Margaret A.	Bath	18 Jun 1915	Miller, Daisy	St. Johns	19 Jun 1913
LaVange, Fletcher	Bath	16 Jun 1910	Miller, Esther Marie	Fowler	17 Jun 1930
Leach, Bessie Sophia	St. Johns	17 Jun 1924	Miller, Ireta D.	St. Johns	-
Leach, Ethel LaVern	St. Johns	12 Jun 1923	Miller, Mildred Ethel	St. Johns	31 May 1927
Leavitt, Lucille Gertrude	Elsie	31 May 1927	Miner, Eva	Ovid	13 Jun 1907
Lee, Marian Margaret	Lansing	17 Jun 1930	Mizza, Ethel Lenora	St. Johns	17 Jun 1930
Lewis, Ethel	St. Johns	19-Jun-19	Mock, Zulah	St. Johns	18 Jun 1915
Lewis, Mary Euphemia	St. Johns	16 Jun 1910	Mohnke, Louisa	Fowler	14 Jun 1912
Lewis, Oral Irene	St. Johns	5 Jun 1928	Moinet, Cleo C.	DeWitt	11 Jun 1929
Lewis, Viola	St. Johns	Jun 1905	Moore, Hazel	St. Johns	27 Jun 1918
Loomis, Dollie	St. Johns	Jun 1906	Moore, Mabel I.	St. Johns	21 Jun 1921

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Morris, Opal	St. Johns	13 Jun 1907	Piggott, Agnes	Fowler	Jun 1906
Morrison, Dorothy	St. Johns	21 Jun 1921	Piggott, Margaret	Fowler	Jun 1905
Morrison, Effie C. (Foster)	St. Johns	16 Jun 1910	Piggott, Vera S.	Fowler	16 Jun 1911
Morrison, M. Wilber	DeWitt	18 Jun 1909	Pitchford, Emma J.	DeWitt	21 Jun 1917
Mosher, Adah	St. Johns	24 Jun 1920	Plowman, Hazel D.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1911
Murton, Sarah Ellen	St. Johns	31 May 1927	Plowman, Queen E. (Coffman)	St. Johns	16 Jun 1916
Myers, Bessie F.	Fowler	16 Jun 1910	Plowman, Ruth	St. Johns	16 Jun 1916
Myers, Donna Lee		11 Jun 1929	Plunkett, Louis Arthur	Laingsburg	15 Jun 1926
Myers, Helena R.	Fowler	21 Jun 1917	Post, Charlotte M.	Fowler	27 Jun 1918
Newman, Archie M.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1908	Post, Helen E.	Elsie	31 May 1927
Newman, Effie M.	St. Johns	Jun 1906	Post, Marietta Charlotte	Fowler	21 Jun 1917
Newman, Norma Grace	St. Johns	24 Jun 1920	Pratt, Esther Elizabeth	St. Johns	15 Jun 1926
Nichols, Eva B.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1908	Pratt, Sophia Doris	St. Johns	17 Jun 1930
Norris, Harold Leader	Ovid	5 Jun 1928	Price, Ethel Blance	St. Johns	13 Jun 1922
Openlander, Mabel	Gr Ledge	Jun 1906	Puetz, Pauline A. (Merrill)	Wacousta	15 Jun 1926
Oyer, Edna Mae	Elsie	13 Jun 1922	Puetz, Elsie Rice	St. Johns	5 Jun 1928
Oyer, Esther Ruth	Elsie	12 Jun 1923	Puetz, Hazel	Merle Beach	12 Jun 1914
Palmer, Henrietta F.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1916	Pulfrey, Ezma	St. Johns	19 Jun 1913
Parker, Lydia Ida	Laingsburg	19 Jun 1913	Pung, Margaret Anna	Fowler	5 Jun 1928
Parks, Ethel B. (Richards)	St. Johns	16 Jun 1916	Putnam, Clara B.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1910
Parks, Opal Mildred	DeWitt	15 Jun 1926	Putt, Helen Zelma	St. Johns	16 Jun 1910
Parks, Winnifred Anna	DeWitt	15 Jun 1926	Ray, Vuryl A.	Eagle	16 Jun 1910
Parmenter, Hilda Irene	Shepardsville	5 Jun 1928	Raymond, Beatrice	St. Johns	19 Jun 1919
Parr, Merle	M'pl Rapids	18 Jun 1909	Redowty, Ivah (Treadwell)	DeWitt	16 Jun 1916
Patterson, Carrie A. (Peck)	St. Johns	14 Jun 1912	Reeb, Ethel M.	St. Johns	Jun 1906
Patterson, Myrtle G.	Fowler	14 Jun 1912	Reed, Helen Gladys	DeWitt	5 Jun 1928
Payne, Charlotte M. (Post)	Fowler	27 Jun 1918	Reed, Pansy E.	Laingsburg	14 Jun 1912
Payne, Doris L.	St. Johns	17 Jun 1930	Remaley, Josephine Grace	Ovid	12 Jun 1923
Payne, Gertrude [Principal]		-	Rhynard, Ethel (Lewis)	St. Johns	19 Jun 1919
Peacock, Florence M.	Shaftsbury	17 Jun 1930	Rice, Bernice Louise	St. Johns	16 Jun 1916
Peck, Carrie Aletha	St. Johns	14 Jun 1912	Rice, Harriet	Laingsburg	19 Jun 1919
Pederson, Rose Mankey	Eagle	27 Jun 1918	Richards, Elizabeth Ann	St. Johns	17 Jun 1924
Phillips, Anna	St. Johns	13 Jun 1907	Richards, Ethel B.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1916
Phillips, Gertrude A.	St. Johns	18 Jun 1915	Richards, Grace	Fowler	13 Jun 1904
Phillips, Zella Mildred	St. Johns	12 Jun 1923	Roberts, Flora Annetta	M'pl Rapids	18 Jun 1909
Phinney, Cassie Carolyn	St. Johns	17 Jun 1924	Robinette, Lois M.	St. Johns	11 Jun 1929
Phinney, Florence L.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1916	Roby, Maude	Okemos	Jun 1905
Piatt, Elma G.	Laingsburg	11 Jun 1929	Rohrer, Marjery H.	Lansing	16 Jun 1916
Pierce, Grace	Lansing	27 Jun 1918	Rose, Edward D.	Eagle	14 Jun 1912
Pierson, Eulah Violet	Laingsburg	15 Jun 1926	Rosekrans, Doris H.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1911

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Rounds, Shirley M.	Bath	18 Jun 1909
Rowley, Pearl	Laingsburg	27 Jun 1918
Rowley, Sadie	Laingsburg	27 Jun 1918
Sage, Leta Alberta	St. Johns	12 Jun 1914
Sammon, Helen Bertille	St. Johns	15 Jun 1926
Sandford, Mable Olive	St. Johns	13 Jun 1922
Saylor, Vida Mae	Elsie	12 Jun 1923
Schoak, Helen B.	Laingsburg	12 Jun 1923
Searles, Maud E.	DeWitt	16 Jun 1910
Searles, Zoa	DeWitt	16 Jun 1916
Seffens, Ida Louise	Ovid	15 Jun 1926
Sessions, Ella Muriel	St. Johns	24 Jun 1920
Sherman, Thelma May	St. Johns	15 Jun 1926
Shuart, Verna E.	Wacousta	13 Jun 1907
Siefert, Lulu	St. Johns	Jun 1905
Silvernail, Bertha	St. Johns	13 Jun 1907
Simon, Anna Margaret	Fowler	21 Jun 1917
Simon, Paulina	Fowler	16 Jun 1911
Skarett, Bernice F.	Laingsburg	18 Jun 1909
Skinner, Neva	St. Johns	13 Jun 1907
Smith, Althea Linda	St. Johns	15 Jun 1926
Smith, Doris Evelyn	St. Johns	15 Jun 1925
Smith, Eleanor Juanita	Lansing	15 Jun 1925
Smith, Florence Louise	St. Johns	15 Jun 1925
Smith, Frances (Kinley)	Fowler	19 Jun 1919
Smith, Lillian Nora	St. Johns	5 Jun 1928
Smith, Mary J.	St. Johns	21 Jun 1921
Smith, Mathilda	Bath	18 Jun 1915
Smith, Mattie [Principal]		-
Smith, Thelma Naomi	Fowler	15 Jun 1925
Snyder, Ella E.	St. Johns	12 Jun 1914
Sober, Sadie I.	Lansing	18 Jun 1915
Sohn, Eleonora A.	Fowler	21 Jun 1917
Sohn, Theresa M.	Fowler	12 Jun 1923
Soiner, Gertrude A.	St. Johns	18 Jun 1915
Sooy, Mary Arlene (Flynn)	Laingsburg	17 Jun 1930
Spangler, Mary E.	Bath	21 Jun 1917
Spangler, Vera May	St. Johns	19 Jun 1913
Stampfly, Doris M.	Bath	18 Jun 1915
Stampfly, Florence	Bath	18 Jun 1915

Stampfly, Gladys	Bath	18 Jun 1915
Stead, Inez M.	St. Johns	Jun 1906
Stevens, Abigail Frances	Elsie	31 May 1927
Stevens, Edith May	St. Johns	15 Jun 1926
Stevens, Gladys E.	St. Johns	27 Jun 1918
Stevens, Gladys E.	St. Johns	13 Jun 1922
Stevens, Pauline Evelyn	St. Johns	13 Jun 1922
Stockwell, Edna	St. Johns	19 Jun 1919
Stone, Alton G.	Wacousta	21 Jun 1921
Stone, Clara N.	Wacousta	21 Jun 1921
Stone, Lucille Elizabeth	Eagle	15 Jun 1926
Strauser, Geneva M.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1910
Strong, Aria Mae	Eagle	24 Jun 1920
Strong, June Irene	Eagle	17 Jun 1930
Strong, Linna Vera	Eagle	15 Jun 1925
Studt, Earl Kenneth	Pewamo	15 Jun 1925
Studt, Muriel	Pewamo	19 Jun 1913
Summers, Lucile	DeWitt	21 Jun 1917
Summers, Nell C.	Wacousta	18 Jun 1915
Sweet, Florence	Bath	14 Jun 1912
Taber, Claude M.	St. Johns	27 Jun 1918
Taber, Florence Ellen	St. Johns	5 Jun 1928
Taber, Howard Colby	St. Johns	31 May 1927
Taylor, Zelma Viola	DeWitt	15 Jun 1926
Thomas, George W.	Gr Ledge	Jun 1906
Thompson, Dawn Ora	St. Johns	Jun 1906
Thorne, Violet Mae	Pewamo	15 Jun 1925
Tolles, Florence Marie	St. Johns	19 Jun 1913
Tranchell, Carmen	St. Johns	16 Jun 1910
Treadwell, Ivah	DeWitt	16 Jun 1916
Treat, Blanche Lodica	St. Johns	5 Jun 1928
Treat, Phyllis Aletta	St. Johns	17 Jun 1930
Ulrich, Clara E.	Fowler	19 Jun 1913
Umstatt, Gertrude May	Elsie	31 May 1927
Umstatt, Mary E.	Elsie	11 Jun 1929
Upton, Doria M. (Stampfly)	Bath	18 Jun 1922
Upton, Marguerite Helen	St. Johns	13 Jun 1922
Upton, Pearl A.	Laingsburg	16 Jun 1911
Vail, Hattie	St. Johns	14 Jun 1912
Vail, Henrietta F. (Palmer)	St. Johns	16 Jun 1916

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Valentine, Lucile Pearl	DeWitt	12 Jun 1923
VanVleet, Dorothy Antoinette	St. Johns	12 Jun 1923
VanVleet, Dorris Bell	St. Johns	12 Jun 1923
Volk, Helen E.	Eagle	11 Jun 1929
Volz, Irene Myrtle	DeWitt	17 Jun 1930
Wade, Edna Marie	Lansing	24 Jun 1920
Wakefield, Enid	Fowler	31 May 1927
Waldo, Nell	Wacousta	18 Jun 1915
Walker, Clara E.	Ovid	21 Jun 1921
Walker, Lucille M.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1911
Waltz, Esther Marie	Fowler	31 May 1927
Ward, Allie C.	Lansing	13 Jun 1907
Warner, Allie	St. Johns	7 Mar 1908
Warner, Alta	St. Johns	16 Jun 1908
Warren, Nina E.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1908
Warstler, Gladys	St. Johns	18 Jun 1915
Watline, Zella	Bath	14 Jun 1912
Weaver, Alice Mildred	Ovid	13 Jun 1922
Weaver, Eva	Elsie	27 Jun 1918
Weaver, Gladys E.	St. Johns	12 Jun 1914
Weaver, Pearl A.	St. Johns	21 Jun 1921
Webster, Ruth	Bath	13 Jun 1904
Weismiller, Leatha	DeWitt	24 Jun 1920
Welhusen, Elsie	St. Johns	13 Jun 1904
Weller, Marvel Matilda	St. Johns	17 Jun 1924
Welter, Eleanor Ilene	Ovid	15 Jun 1926
Welter, Flora Josephine	Ovid	31 May 1927
Welton, Mary E. (Woodhams)	St. Johns	31 May 1927
Wert, Mary Alena	Laingsburg	15 Jun 1925
Westbrook, Georgia Leone	Ovid	5 Jun 1928
Wetherell, Blanche	DeWitt	Jun 1905
Wetherell, Lizzie	DeWitt	Jun 1905
White, Helen Marie	St. Johns	17 Jun 1930
Wilcox, Myrtle	St. Johns	19 Jun 1913
Wilkins, Eulenna	Eagle	21 Jun 1917
Williams, Florence Elizabeth	Fowler	17 Jun 1930
Wilmot, Leonore	Shepardsville	16 Jun 1916
Wilson, Nienah A.	St. Johns	16 Jun 1911
Wilson, Pansy Marie	Bath	5 Jun 1928
Wise, Elizabeth	St. Johns	27 Jun 1918

Wiseman, Dorothea Leone	Fowler	17 Jun 1930
Wood, Isaac Peter	Fowler	16 Jun 1908
Woodbury, Lois A.	St. Johns	21 Jun 1921
Woodhams, Mary Eleanora	St. Johns	31 May 1927
Woodruff, Florence L.	St. Johns	12 Jun 1914
Woodworth, Josephine Louise	Ovid	15 Jun 1925
Yarger, Eleanor Boyd	Ovid	15 Jun 1926
Young, Majel Edith	Bath	17 Jun 1930
Youry, Hazel A.	Bath	21 Jun 1921
Zacharias, Bernice	St. Johns	19 Jun 1919
Zacharias, Florence L. (Phinney)	St. Johns	16 Jun 1916
Zischke, Gertrude Julia	DeWitt	13 Jun 1922
Zischke, Mabel Viola	St. Johns	5 Jun 1928

ABSTRACTED FROM ACCOUNT BOOK OF WILLIAM WILLARD

- Cleaning blankets: Aply glycerine to raw yolk of eags let soak in and wash out with sopy water.
- Cough Syrup: Ex Wild Cherry (1 oz); paregoric (1 oz); chloroform (1 oz); ex licorice (1 oz); linseed oil (1 oz) glycerine (1 oz); 1 qt water. 2 lbs white sugar. Boil. When cold add the oil.
- Dead Shot to Pane: 1/2 oz oil red cedar; 1/2 oz hemlock; 1/2 oz spirits amonia; 1/2 oz tr capricorn; 1/4 oz camphor; 1/4 oz chloroform; 10 oz. alcohol.
- Bed Bug Medican: 1 pt. of alcohol; 1 oz. corrosive subpliment. Mix the two together and use every morning for a while. Apply with a feather. Pison.

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Clinton County Normal Class of 1928

2nd Row, far right: Mabel Zischke - 3rd Row, thrd from left: Florance Taber

Back Row, 4th from left: Wilma Cressman -

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