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In Memory of

MICHAEL J. PEASE

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Michael will be remembered
as a dedicated genealogist and
a faithful worker on our behalf.



Clinton County Historical MUSEUM presents---"Fast Facts"... MICHIGAN

- Michigan's name is derived from the Indian words "Michi-Gama" meaning Large Lake.
- Michigan was admitted to the Union on January 26, 1837, the 28th state.
- The present Capitol is the state's third Capitol building---one in Detroit and two in Lansing.
- The 19 chandeliers in Michigan's Capitol in Lansing are "one of a kind" – designed especially for the building by Tiffany's of New York. Each weighing between 800-900 lbs. apiece, they are composed of Upper Peninsula copper, iron and pewter.
- The Upper Michigan Copper Country is the largest commercial deposit of native Copper in the world.
- Four flags have flown over Michigan – French, English, Spanish and United States
- 40 of Michigan's 83 counties adjoin at least one of the Great Lakes. Michigan is the only state that touches four of the five Great Lakes. Stand anywhere in Michigan and you are within 85 miles of one of the Great Lakes.
- Sault Ste.Marie, established in 1668, is the oldest town between the Alleghenies and the Rockies.
- Big Mac, arching 5 miles over the Straits of Mackinac to connect the Upper and lower Peninsulas, is one of the world's great bridges.
- Lake Superior is the second largest natural lake in the world, surpassed in size only by the Caspian Sea. Lakes Huron and Michigan are fifth and sixth.
- Michigan has more than 11,000 inland lakes and more than 36,000 miles of streams.
- Some of the longest bulk freight carriers in the world operate on the Great Lakes.

- Ore carriers, one thousand feet long, sail our Inland Sea.
- Ninety species of trees are indigenous to Michigan, more varieties than are native to the entire continent of Europe.

NEXT ISSUE: "Fast Facts"...CLINTON COUNTY

WACOUSTA CEMETERY

On Saturday, May 24, 2003, Watertown Twp. will hold a Memorial Day parade at 11:00 a.m. and a **special ceremony at the cemetery at 12:00 noon to rededicate the restored Soldiers' Monument.** This will be the **102nd anniversary of the original dedication.** Many veterans organizations and representatives of the various branches of the military have been invited to attend and participate in the rededication ceremony. In addition, Civil War groups are planning to have an encampment and re-enactment that weekend. The ceremony will be followed by a community picnic in Looking Glass Park.

The Genealogists of the CCHS have completed a survey of the gravestones in the Wacousta Cemetery and compiled an index covering burials through 2002. The index is printed in two sections: alphabetical order and lot order. An special effort was made to collect data on the Civil War soldiers buried there. That data is printed on the following pages. Documentation is on file at the archives.

COPIES OF THE WACOUSTA CEMETERY INDEX ARE \$30.00 PLUS \$5.00 POSTAGE. THEY ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ARCHIVES OR CAN BE ORDERED BY WRITING TO THE GENEALOGISTS OF THE CCHS, BOX 23, ST. JOHNS, MI 48879.

CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS BURIED IN WACOUSTA CEMETERY

Watertown Township, Clinton County, Michigan

Locations are in Clinton Co. unless otherwise stated.

The Joseph Mason Post of the Grand Army of the Republic was organized 30 Apr 1884 in Wacousta.

Charles T. Andrus, resident of Watertown, enlisted at St. Johns in Co A 23rd Inf MI on 4 Aug 1862, age 25. He mustered out on 28 Jun 1865 in Salisbury, NC. He was born 16 Jul 1837 in Cazenovia, Madison Co., NY. After returning from the army he ran a grist mill in DeWitt. He married Alice Higbee in 1867 and moved to Wacousta in 1876. He applied for a veteran's pension. He died 25 Jan 1924 at his home and is buried on lot 213 old section. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

John C. Backus served in Co E 110th NY Inf. His widow, Sarah applied for a veteran's pension. He died 19 Oct 1881, age 61y 7d, and is buried on lot 99 old section.

Benjamin E. Barnes enlisted at Flint, MI, in 23rd Inf MI, unassigned on 8 Sep 1864, age 44. He received a disability discharge on 26 Oct 1864. He was a resident of the Soldiers' Home in Grand Rapids, MI. While visiting his son, Melvin, one mile south of Wacousta, he died 6 Jul 1899, aged 84. He is buried, *indigent, on lot 107 old section.

Alonzo Olds Bennett, a resident of Riley for 59 years, died at his home in Lynn Haven, FL, 4 Oct 1928, age 83y 17d. At age 17/18/22 he enlisted in Co I 10th Cav MI on 31 Aug 1863. His pension application says he also served in Co A & Co B 10th Cav MI. He mustered out 11 Nov 1865 in Memphis, TN. He married Minerva Alice Upham of Riley who died in 1897. Alonzo married three times and is buried in Lynn Haven, FL. There is gravestone for him on lot 242 old section. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

William B. Bloom enlisted as a substitute in Co K 18th Inf OH on 28 Mar 1865, age 18. He mustered out on 9 Oct 1865. He was born 30 Nov 1845 in Shelby, Richland Co., OH. He worked as a general mechanic. William and his widow Amanda applied for a veteran's pension. He died at home near Wacousta, 24 May 1896, age 50y 5m 24d, and is buried on lot 239 old section.

Henry M. Burnes, resident of Riley, enlisted as a substitute for Alonzo VanGelder in Co F 23 Inf MI on 10 Oct 1864, age 17. He transferred to Co E 28th MI Inf 15 Jun 1865 and was discharged 19 Jul 1865 at Detroit, MI. He was born in 3 Nov 1847 at Leslie, Ingham Co., MI. He married 1st. 25 Nov 1866, Mary H. Stone; married 2nd. 15 Nov 1919, Mrs. Frances Blizzard. He died 9 Jun 1923, age 75y 7m 6d, and is buried on lot 84 old section. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Luther Fitch Conrad enlisted in Co B 180th Inf OH on 31 Aug 1864, age 25. He was mustered out in Charlotte, NC, on 12 Jul 1865. He was born at Sharon Center, OH, on 23 May 1839 and spent his early life as a school teacher. He died 10 Mar 1911 at Watertown Center and is buried on lot 36 section A. Luther and Lou M., his widow, applied for a veteran's pension. He was a GAR member.

Henry P. Cutler, enlisted in Co E 30th Inf MI on 6 Dec 1864, age 23, and mustered out 30 Jun 1865 in Detroit, MI. He was born in 1841. He died 12 Nov 1924 and is buried on lot 185 old section. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Lyman I. Daniells enlisted in Co I 10th Cav MI, age 22, on 31 Aug 1863 at Watertown. He mustered out at Memphis, TN, on 11 Nov 1865. He died 8 Jan 1889, age 47y 6m 22d, and is buried on lot 46 old section. He and his widow, Sarah M., applied for a veteran's pension. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Asa B. Daniels enlisted at Watertown in Co F 3rd Inf MI on 13 Jan 1864, age 18. He was wounded about 15 Jun 1864 and discharged on 7 Jun 1865 from Mower Hospital, Philadelphia, PA. Veteran's pension applications were made by him, and his parents Martha and Andrew P. Daniels. He died 28 Dec 1865, age 19y 2m 25d, and is buried on lot 193 old section.

Thomas J. Davis enlisted at Marshall, MI, in Co C 1st Eng MI on 12 Oct 1861, age 24. He was promoted to full artificer. He received a disability discharge on 20 Jun 1862 in Nashville, TN. Thomas and his widow Abigail M. applied for a veteran's pension. He was born in 1833 and died in 1907 and is buried on lot 131 old section.

Samuel M. Dillingham, resident of Clinton Co., enlisted age 19, Co B 8th Inf MI, age 19. He was attached to the 20th Inf MI 7 Jan 1864 and returned 6 Apr 1864. He mustered out Co B 8th Inf 22 Sep 1864 in Petersburg, VA. He was born 18 Jun 1841 and died 31 Mar 186-, age 22y 9m, in Alexandria, VA. He is buried on lot 42 old section. Jane Dillingham (mother) applied for a veteran's pension.

Charles L. Doebler / Doubler served 35 months in Co A 9th Cav MO and Co A 10th Cav MO. He was admitted to the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in NY, age 53. Charles and his widow Julia E. applied for a veteran's pension. He was born in Germany and died, *indigent, in Watertown 24 Apr 1908. There is no marker on his grave on lot 14 section A.

Rodolph / Rodolphus Durfey served in Co E 3rd Light Artillery NY. He was born in NY. He died 26 Jan 1882, age 47y 6m, and is buried on lot 81 old section.

Francis M. Engler enlisted in Co B 72nd Inf OH on 2 Nov 1861, age 20. He was listed as a prisoner in Andersonville Prison, at Ripley, MS, on 11 Jun 1864. On 10 Jun 1865 he was mustered out at Camp Chase, OH. He applied for a veteran's pension. He died in Grand Ledge, MI, 19 Mar 1934, aged 92 years, and is buried on lot 231 old section. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Timothy Furl enlisted in Co H 11th Inf NJ on 9 Jul 1862. He mustered out 6 Jun 1865 in Washington, DC. He was born 17 Sep 1847 in Newton, Sussex Co., NJ. He married Eugenia M. Huguelet 20 Nov 1884. Timothy and Eugenia applied for a veteran's pension. He died in Lansing, MI, 9 Aug 1925, and is buried on lot 104 old section. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Elisha I./J. Higbee/Higby enlisted at Eagle in Co E 7th Cav MI on 9 Sep 1864, age 44. He died of disease 10 Dec 1864 in Winchester, VA. Mary E. Higbee, his widow and Mary E. Higbee, a minor granddaughter, applied for a veteran's pension. He was born on 26 July 1820 and is buried on lot 213 old section.

Abel B. Hill resident of Wacousta enlisted in Co A 14th Inf MI on 1 Oct 1864, age 18, as a substitute for Lewis C. VanDyne. He mustered out on 18 Jul 1865 in Louisville, KY. He was born 4 May 1844 in Cattaraugus Co., NY. He married Mara A. Tate on 28 Mar 1866. He died 4 Jul 1919 at the Soldiers' Home in Grand Rapids, MI, and is buried on lot 85 old section. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Bartlett B. Hill, resident of Watertown, enlisted at St. Johns in Co G 23rd Inf MI on 11 Aug 1862, age 19. He died on 6 Apr 1864 in Knoxville, TN, and was buried in National Cemetery, Knoxville. He was born in 1843. His mother, Olive Hill, applied for a veteran's pension. There is a gravestone for him on lot 69 old section.

Jiles / Giles Hill enlisted in Co I 4th Inf MI on 4 Mar 1865, at Watertown, age 18. He died of disease in Victoria, TX, on 26 Oct 1865 (or 6 Nov 1865), age 20y 4m 3d. He was buried in the National Cemetery at Brownsville, TX, Grave #885. His widow, Hilda, applied for a veteran's pension. There is a gravestone for him on lot 38 old section.

John G. Hines served in Co M 2nd Cav OH. He died in Watertown on 13 Oct 1874, age 37y 1m 26d. He is buried on lot 127 old section. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Brainard T. Ide was born 27 Dec 1840. As a resident of Howell, MI, he enlisted in Co K 4th Inf MI on 20 Jun 1861, age 21. He mustered out 20 Jun 1861 and died of disease at Georgetown, DC, on 23 Aug 1861. He is buried on lot 53 old section.

John D. Ingalls, resident of Clinton Co., enlisted at Ft. Wayne in Co D 5th Inf MI on 22 Aug 1861, age 23. On 15 Dec 1863 he re-enlisted at Brandy Station, VA, and mustered out 5 Jul 1865 at Jeffersonville, IN. He was a wagoner. He was born in Canada 22 May 1828. He married Delia Vedder. He died 2 Dec 1880, age 52y 6m 10d (or 53y 6d 11m), in Watertown and is buried on lot 172 old section.

Lesley Jewell served in Co L 1st OH Heavy Artillery and Co H 15th Inf OH. He was born in 1845, died in 1912, and is buried on lot 42 section A. He applied for a veteran's pension as an invalid in 1880. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Francis M. Jones enlisted at Riley in Co K 3rd Cav MI on 28 Mar 1865, age 16. He transferred to Co M on 9 Jun 1865 and was discharged at St. Louis, MO, on 28 Aug 1865. He was born in 1849. He died in Lansing, MI, on 14 Jan 1927, age 77, and is buried on lot 4 old section. Francis and his widow Mary applied for a veteran's pension. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Charles BJD. Land enlisted in Co F 3rd Inf MI on 5 Jan 1864, age 18. He was wounded in action on 16 May 1864 and transferred to Co F 5th Inf MI on 10 Jun 1864. He mustered out 5 Jul 1865 in Jeffersonville, IN. He was born in Norfolk, England, on 11 Jun 1846. He married 1st to Jennie Case of DeWitt. In 1911 he married 2nd to Emma Baker of Watertown and in 1918 they moved to DeWitt. He applied for a veteran's pension. He died 4 Feb 1924, aged 77y 7m 24d, and is buried on lot 54 old section. He was a member of the GAR.

Wilson Lee enlisted in Co E 18th Inf MI on 6 Sep 1864, age 34. He was born in 1829 and died at his home west of Wacousta on 24 Nov 1900, age 72. He is buried on lot 254 old section. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Charles V. Lewis enlisted in Co I 4th Inf MI at Watertown on 8 Mar 1865, age 17. He died 4 Nov 1865 San Antonio, TX, and was buried in the National Cemetery, Brownsville, TX, Grave #887. His mother, Catharine Bigford, applied for a veteran's pension. There is a gravestone for him on lot 65 old section which gives his death date as 28 Oct 1865.

Henry Patterson Loomis enlisted in Co F 176th Inf NY on 8 Nov 1862, age 23. He was a POW on 23 Jun 1863 at Brashear City, LA, and was paroled on 29 Jun 1863. He mustered out on 16 Nov 1863 in New York, NY. He died at his home in Watertown Twp. on 29 Apr 1918, age 77, and was buried, *indigent, on lot 115 old section. Henry and Geraldine, his widow, applied for a veteran's pension. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

John H. Lowell enlisted at Perry, MI, in Co A 23 Inf MI on 3 Sep 1864, age 35. He mustered out 28 Jun 1865 in Salisbury, NC. He applied for a veteran's pension. He died 13 May 1898 and is buried on lot 212 old section. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Seymour A. Manzer enlisted at Romulus, MI, in Co K 1st Sharpshooters on 8 Dec 1863, age 18. He transferred to Co F 5th Inf MI on 23 Dec 1864. He was discharged at Washington, DC, on 21 Jun 1865. He was a physician and surgeon. He died 19 May 1891, age 31, and is buried on lot 155 old section. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Robert G. Mason, resident of Clinton Co., enlisted in Co C 2nd Cav MI on 23 Sep 1861, age 31. He was a saddler and was promoted to Full Veterinary Surgeon on 22 Mar 1863. On 22 Oct 1864 he was discharged in Nashville, TN. Robert and his widow, Mary E., applied for a veteran's pension. He was born in 1828. He died at his home 28 Feb 1901 (or 2 Mar 1901) and is buried on lot 89 old section. He was a member of the GAR and the Masonic Lodge.

Temple Meadows served in Co G 18th Inf TN in the Confederate Army. He died 13 Jun 1879, age 51, and is buried on lot 86 old section.

William S. Miller, resident of Riley, enlisted at St. Johns in Co G 23rd Inf MI on 18 Aug 1862, age 27. He received a disability discharge on 26 Feb 1863 (or 28 Jun 1865) in Bowling Green, KY. He was born in 1835 and died in 1905. He is buried on lot 43 old section. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

William W. Morgan served in Co F 111th Inf NY. He was born in 1842 and died in 1922. He is buried on lot 5 section A. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

William H. Murton enlisted in the 106th Inf NY, age 21. He was born 5 May 1841 in Macomb Twp., St. Lawrence Co., NY. He married Sarah I. Clark on 15 Jan 1868. He died 29 Jun 1923, age 82y 1m 24d, and is buried on lot 7 section B.

Frederick H. Oding/Odin was drafted into the 10th Inf MI on 22 Sep 1864. He mustered out 6 May 1865 in Jackson, MI. He was born in Germany 16 Dec 1832 and died at home in Riley 11 May 1909. He married Mary Pingle in 1858. He is buried on lot 200 old section. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Ampster/Ampster B. Otto, resident of Hillsdale Co., MI, enlisted in Co K 10th MI Inf on 5 Dec 1861, age 43. He received a disability discharge on 25 Jul 1862 in Cincinnati, OH, and applied for a veteran's pension 5 Apr 1875. He was born in Lyons, NY, in March 1813 and came to Michigan in 1834. He died at the home of his son, Elonzo C., on 28 May 1904, aged 91. He was buried on lot 181 old section. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Joel E. Parks enlisted in Co B 85th Inf NY on 17 Sep 1861, age 25, and received a disability discharge on 9 Feb 1863 in Washington, DC. He enlisted in Co Batty E 4th Heavy Artillery NY on 29 Aug 1864, age 28. He mustered out 3 Jun 1865 in Alexandria, VA. He applied for a pension. On 10 Sep 1931 he died at the home of his son, Elmer, in DeWitt, age 96. He is buried, *indigent, on lot 12 old section. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Henry J. Patterson, resident of Clinton Co., enlisted at Grand Rapids in Co G 3rd Inf MI on 13 May 1861, age 21. He re-enlisted as a musician on 24 Dec 1863 at Brandy Station, VA, and transferred to Co F 5th Inf MI on 10 Jun 1864. He mustered out 5 Jul 1865 in Jeffersonville, IN. He was born 19 Dec 1839/1840 and died 16 Aug 1922, aged 82y 7m 27d. He is buried on lot 50 old section.

William Ransom/Ranson enlisted at Grand Rapids, MI, in Co L 3rd Cav MI on 29 Feb 1864, age 44. He joined the regiment on 18 Jun 1864 at DeVall's, AR. He mustered out on 12 Feb 1866 in San Antonio, TX. His widow Abigail applied for a veteran's pension. He is buried near lot 138 old section.

Reuben E. Ripple enlisted at St. Johns in Co C 2nd Inf MI on 19 Mar 1864, age 44. He entered Harper Hospital on 8 Jun 1865 and was discharged on 15 Jun 1865 in Detroit MI. He died in Wacousta in Apr 1889 and was buried, *indigent, on lot 186 old section. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Benjamin Franklin Sanburn/Sanborn enlisted in Co I 10th Cav MI on 12 Sep 1863 at Watertown, age 44. He mustered out 12 Sep 1863 at Memphis TN, on 11 Nov 1865. He died 17 Nov 1913; age 70y 2m 15d. He is buried on lot 45 old section.

Elliott Barber Shadduck of Eagle enlisted at St. Johns in Co G 23rd Inf MI on 18 Aug 1862, age 26. He was sick 10 Jul 1863 at New Albany, IN. He was born in 1836 and died in 1869. He is buried on lot 74 old section.

Thomas A./U. Shirts, resident of Sherman, MI, enlisted in Co E 19th Inf MI at Sturgis on 7 Aug 1862, age 19. He was wounded in action at Allatoona, GA, 25 May 1864 and mustered out in Washington, DC, on 10 Jun 1865. He was born in Ashland, OH, on 30 Mar 1842/1843. On 4 Apr 1867 he married Barbara Kossal. Thomas and Barbara applied for a veteran's pension. He died in Lansing, MI, on 15 Oct 1926, age 83y 6m 15d and is buried on lot 230 old section. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Adoniram / Adoniaran Judson Smith enlisted at Flint, MI, in Co H 23rd Inf MI on 3 Sep 1864, age 37. He was mustered out at Salisbury, NC, on 28 Jun 1865. He was born in Auburn, Oakland MI, on 24 May 1828. He married Laura Lowell in 1850. Adoniram and Laura applied for a veteran's pension. He died, age 69, in Watertown Twp. 28 Oct 1897. There is no marker where he was buried, *indigent, on lot 212 old section. He served Watertown Twp. as clerk and justice of the peace. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Edward Francis Somers enlisted in the 68th Vol OH and was discharged after three years at Chattanooga, TN. He re-enlisted in Co H 14th Inf OH and became a prisoner at Andersonville. He was discharged at Washington, DC, in 1865. He was born in Harrison OH, 17 Aug 1843; married Sarah Rose in 1874; and died 23 Jan 1928 age 84y 5m 6d. Edward and Sarah applied for a veteran's pension. He is buried on lot 47 section B. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

John N. Stansell, enlisted at Riley in Co I 10th Cav MI on 16 Sep 1863, age 43. He was discharged 21 Nov 1865 in Detroit. He was born in NY in 1820 and died in Riley on 24 Oct 1884, age 64. He is buried on lot 72 old section.

Quincy Lycurgas Taylor enlisted in Co I 6th Inf MI on 29 Mar 1864 at Albion, MI, age 21, and also served in Co I 6th Heavy Artillery MI. He mustered out 20 Aug 1865 at New Orleans, LA. He was born in Albion 13 Mar 1843 and married Mrs. Adelaide M. Cook 22 Feb 1882. Quincy and Adelaide applied for a veteran's pension. He died 6 Jan 1914 in Wacousta and is buried, *indigent, on lot 142 old section. He served Watertown Twp. as justice of the peace, was a Notary Public. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Arlow Townsend enlisted in 1863 Co E 3rd Light Artillery NY. He was born in Conquest, Cayuga Co., NY, on 17 Dec 1843 and married Jenny/Jane A. Butterfield in 1866. He died in St. Johns on 6 Aug 1899 and was buried, *indigent, on lot 143 old section. Arlow, Jane, and grandson Charles E. Townsend applied for a veteran's pension.

Julian Townsend enlisted in Co E 3rd Light Artillery NY on 29 Apr 1861, age 22. He was discharged on 22 May 1863. He was born in Cayuga Co., NY, 13/14 Nov 1837 and married Mary Ann Ellsworth 12 Nov 1857. He died at the Wacousta home of Carl Miller, grandson, on 13 Nov 1923 and is buried in lot 98 old section. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Smith A. Townsend enlisted in Co C 9th Heavy Artillery NY on 30 Aug 1864, age 22. He mustered out on 6 Jul 1865 in Washington, DC. Smith, Mary M., his widow, and Clayton S. Gillette, a grandson, applied for a veteran's pension. He died 30 Sep 1889, aged 57y 11m 13d. He is buried on lot 80 old section.

Mortimer VanAuken served in Co I 76th Inf NY and Co D 76th Inf NY. He died in Watertown Twp. 25 May 1903 and was buried, *indigent, on lot 86 old section. Mortimer and his widow Alice applied for a veteran's pension. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Peter H. VanDuynes enlisted in 1st Light Artillery NY on 21 Oct 1861, age 25, and received a disability discharge on 18 Sep 1862. He was born in 1825 and died at his residence, one mile west of Wacousta, on 3 Dec 1890, age 66. His widow Lilly applied for a veteran's pension. He is buried on lot 232 old section.

Alonzo Waldron, (AKA Alonzo C. Force and Alonzo Fisco), resident of Harrison IL, enlisted in Co L 8th Cav IL on 18 Sep 1861. He entered service in Co K 4th Inf MI as substitute for William P. Service and was sent to regiment 15 Apr 1863. He was discharged 11 Nov 1863 at Bealton, VA. He enlisted in Co I 10th Cav MI on 26 Jan 1864, age 18. He mustered out 11 Nov 1865 in Memphis, TN. He applied for a veteran's pension. He was born in 1845. He died in 1925 and is buried on lot 194 old section. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

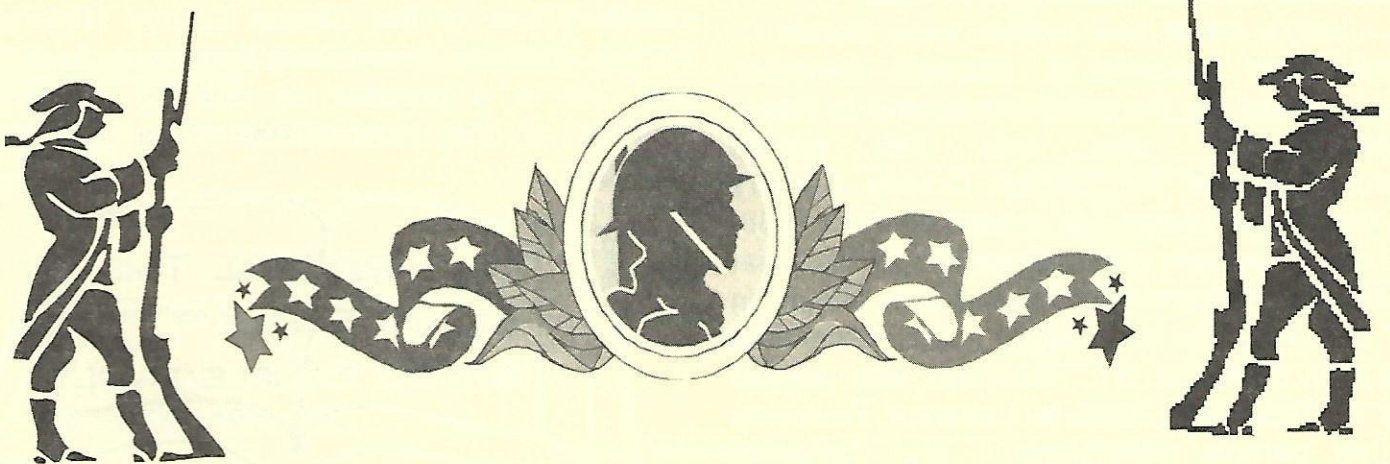
James M. / W. Warren enlisted at Riley in Co K 3rd Cav MI on 11 Mar 1865, age 40. He transferred to Co E on 9 Jun 1865 and mustered out at San Antonio, TX, on 12 Feb 1866. He was born in Pulaski, Jackson Co., MI, 1 Dec 1844. On 4 Jul 1867 he married Josephine M. Peck who died 18 Oct 1868. On 17 Nov 1875 he married Frances L. Pratt. He died in Lansing, MI, ca 4 Feb 1926, age 81, and is buried on lot 249 old section. James and Frances L., his widow, applied for a veteran's pension. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Enoch Watkins enlisted in Co I 47th Inf IN. He was discharged in Sep 1863, but re-enlisted. While home on furlough he married Rachel Farthing on 17 Mar 1864. He was discharged in Oct 1865. He was born in Wayne OH, 9 Nov 1838. He and his family came to Lyons, MI, in 1890. On 4 Feb 1927 he died at his home on Harrison St., Grand Ledge, MI. He is buried on lot 24 section B.

David S. Wells of Gratiot Co., MI, enlisted in Co D 9th Inf MI age 27; then in Co E 9th Inf MI on 17 Sep 1861 at Newark, age 28. He was discharged for disability at Elizabethtown, KY, on 27 Feb 1862. He was born in Hartford, CT, 22 Sep 1833. He married Hannah Jones on 14 Feb 1857. He died 10/30 May 1910, 76y 8m 8d and is buried on lot 78 old section. Hannah as a widow applied for a veteran's pension. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Nathan S. Wells, resident of Clinton Co., enlisted at Ft. Wayne in Co D 5th Inf MI on 14 Aug 1861, age 23. He re-enlisted at Brandy Station, VA, on 15 Dec 1863 and was mustered out on 5 Jul 1865 at Jeffersonville, IN. He was born in Hartford, CT, 13 Aug 1835 and married Lydia Smith on 3 Jul 1867. He died on 20 Sep 1911, age 76y 1m 7d. He is buried on lot 101 old section. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.

Henry C. Williams, resident of Clinton Co., enlisted at Ft. Wayne in Co D 5th Inf MI on 22 Aug 1861, age 38. He was discharged at Philadelphia, PA. He was born in Chenango Co., NY, on 19 Jul 1823. He married 1st Sarah J. Andrews 4 Jul 1854 who died 22 Jan 1864; married 2nd Susan T. Jones 27 Aug 1865 who died 25 Jan 1869. Henry died ca 16 Nov 1911, age 88, and is buried on lot 120 old section. He was a member of the Joseph Mason Post #248 of the GAR.



BENEDICTS GIVE MICROFILM READER-PRINTER

A \$4,500 gift from Gerald and Shirley (Clark) Benedict made it possible for the genealogists to purchase a microfilm reader-printer for the archives in December 2002. Researchers will now be able to use the many reels of microfilmed census records and newspapers stored there to full advantage. The Benedicts stated that they were glad to be able to do something for the community in which they grew up. The archives staff is profoundly grateful for this most generous contribution.

Following is a short biography which Gerald wrote for the newsletter and pedigree charts which he compiled on himself and Shirley.

Extended charts on Gerald are on file at the archives.

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GERALD & SHIRLEY (CLARK) BENEDICT

by Gerald Benedict, 2003

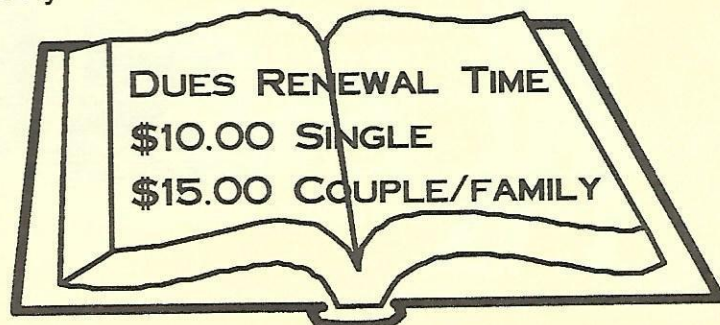
Shirley Clark and Gerald "Jerry" Benedict were born in the Clinton County Memorial Hospital in 1933, three weeks apart. Shirley's parents were Orla and Wilma (Bolton) Clark, who farmed at their residence in Bengal Township for several decades. Orla was also a rural mail carrier and retired from the Postal Service in 1958. Orla passed away in 1962 and Wilma in 1982.

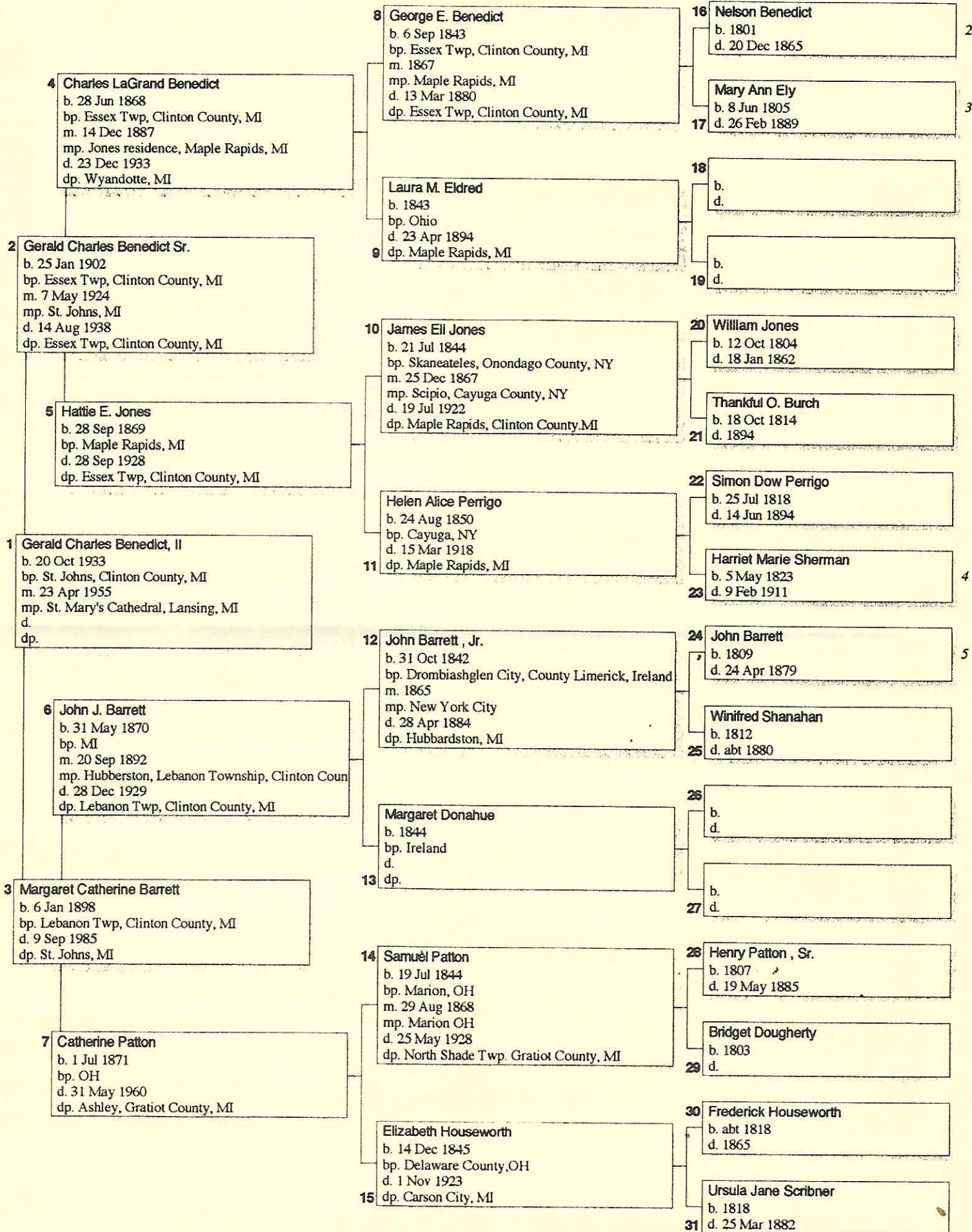
Jerry's father and mother were Gerald C. Benedict and Margaret C. (Barrett) Benedict. Gerald farmed the Benedict homestead in Essex Township and also was the course superintendent of the Clinton County Country Club during the thirties. He passed away in 1938. The homestead was originally settled by his great grandfather Nelson and great-uncle Hiram in 1827 after they and their father, Hiram, Sr. moved there from Saratoga, NY. Margaret, who passed away in 1985, was born in Lebanon Township and her parents were John J. and Catherine (Patton) Barrett.

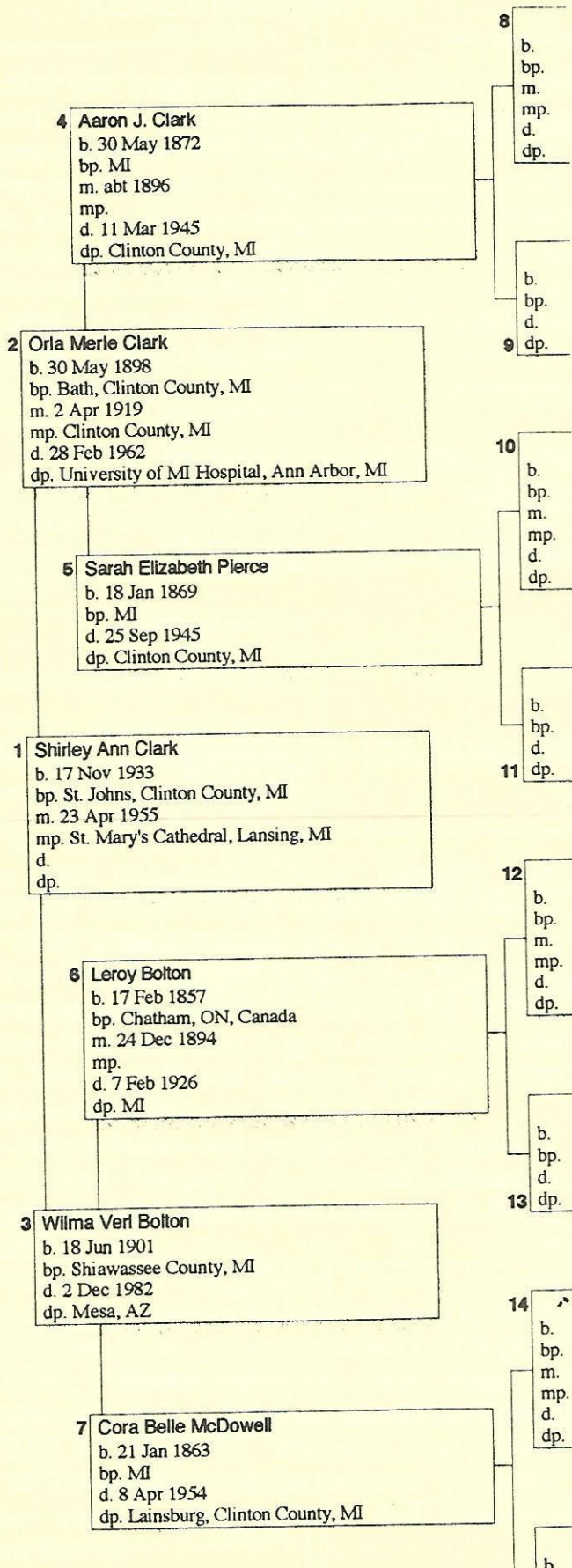
Shirley and Jerry attended Rodney B. Wilson High School, both graduating in 1952. They married in 1955 while Jerry was still serving in the Army. Following his release, he attended MSU and received a degree in law enforcement. While at MSU, he worked as a patrol officer for the East Lansing Police. Following his graduation, he was accepted as a special agent with the Bureau of ATF. He retired from the Bureau in 1983 after serving in four different states and Washington, D.C. The last years of his career were spent as the special agent in charge of the Louisville, KY, district office. Shirley and Jerry have five children of which only one lives in Michigan. The other four live in Idaho, Kentucky, and Washington.

The Benedicts remained in Kentucky until 1989, when they moved to Idaho. Shortly thereafter, Jerry became interested in genealogy and began researching his and Shirley's lineage. This endeavor led to the writing of his autobiography (*I Had The Right To Remain Silent*) encompassing his 36 years in law enforcement. His service included tenure with two different military services, the Army Security Agency and the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, the Michigan Secretary of State, the East Lansing PD, ATF and the Oldham County, Kentucky, sheriff's office.

Over the years, Jerry and Shirley have returned often to Clinton County and visited relatives and friends. Most of the Benedict family have been laid to rest in the Sowle Cemetery, as will Shirley and Jerry. His brother William and wife, Joyce, will also eventually be there. Jerry has made extensive use of the Clinton County Historical Society archives, researching documents from the past. He is a member as well as a charter member of the Hubbardston Area Historical Society.







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RECENT ACQUISITIONS

- *The Report*; Ohio Genealogical Society quarterly; 2001-2002
- Ohio Genealogical Society Newsletter 2001-2002
- *Mayflower Quarterly*; misc issues 1973-2002
- *Index to 1951 Marriages*, as printed in the *Clinton Co. Republican-News*
- Winfield & Josephine (Earl) Scott family data
- Huggett family research
- DeWitt Sesquicentennial souvenir book, 1982
- Photographs: Frank & Clementine (Redoutey) Fredey; Mary Nauman; Mary Viemont
- School Director's book, Cramer School, Dist. #5, Bingham Twp., 1930-1940
- Membership roster Joseph Mason Post #248 GAR, Wacousta
- Heritage Quest genealogy magazine 1985-1999, CD Rom
- Forest Hill History compiled by Bertha Light (original version)
- Forest Hill History (retyped, reorganized & exhibits added) by Robert F. Bliss
- Leona & Louise Sauvageot Photograph
- Island School Annual Reports, 1924 & 1925

QUERIES

Submitted by **Bob Keith**, 228 Mission Serra Terrace, Chico, CA 95926. Bkeith@suchico.edu. Looking for other researchers on the DeWitt area families of **John B. & Lucinda Clark** with sons **William and Edgar**; and **William & Mary F. (Reynolds) Clark**. She was the dau of **S.V.R. Reynolds**.

Research Fee Schedule

Research (includes up to ten copies and postage)
= \$10.00 per hour

Minimum Fee = \$10.00

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County Normal Graduates

The data on Clinton County Normal graduates in the previous issue was taken from two volumes of class records which covered the years 1904-1930 and which are held at the archives. These records also tell the age of the graduate and their grades in a list of subjects.

➤ **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. Web Page: www.dewittlibrary.com/cchs/

➤ **The Genealogists of the CCHS** meet the first Monday of each month at 1:00 pm November through March or 7:30 pm April through October in the Firstbank community room, located downtown St. Johns. The **Historical Society meetings** are held 30 minutes prior to the Genealogist's meetings at Firstbank, the first Monday of January, April, July & October. E-mail address: ccgensoc@yahoo.com

➤ **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.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

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Genealogist New Meeting Times

The genealogists are trying new meeting times this year. Spring & Summer months (April through October) will remain the same - 7:30 p.m. at the Firstbank located in downtown St. Johns. The Winter months (November through March) they will meet at 1:00 p.m. also at Firstbank.

**VISIT: Paine-Gillam-Scott Historic House MUSEUM —
Spring Opening, Apr. 9th**

Sundays 1-4 & Wednesdays 2-7

Admission: Donate for preservation

Celebrating: WRIGHT BROTHERS FIRST FLIGHT