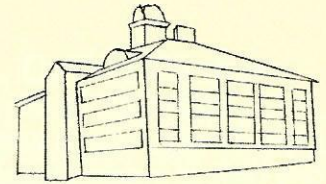




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## ELSIE METHODIST CHURCH

Elsie class was first formed at the log school house one and half miles south of Elsie in the year 1850 with Bro. **Roberts** as leader. In the year 1852 its place of meeting was changed from the log school house south to a frame school house 3/4 of a mile west of the village of Elsie and **A. J. Linman** appointed leader, also its place of preaching--preaching once in two weeks alternating with the Free Will Baptist denomination; also prayer meeting every Thursday evening which have been sustained ever until the present time, although there were times when the numbers was few--sometimes but two, yet enough to claim the promise and always verified it to be true.

In the year 1857 its place of meeting was again changed to 1/4 of a mile north of the village by the removal of the school house to that place. Soon after, as the country became settled the congregation increased accordingly so that the schoolhouse was often too small to accommodate those who attended.

So in the year 1858 measures were taken towards the erection of a church by hewing the timber for a frame and drawing it onto the site and also some lumber as Mr. **Aaron Sickels** had donated three village lots to the society as church property, but the frame was not erected until in the fall of 1859 as the members of the class at that time were not blessed with money to give towards the building of the church, but each gave labor and material as they had time or the materials, but in the summer of 1860, they succeeded in getting the roof on and the floor laid, also had boarded up the sides of the building with poor lumber so as to break the force of the wind, yet gave good ventilation. For seats we cut down a dry pine and sawed it into blocks of a proper length that with them set on end and a board laid on them made a very good seat.

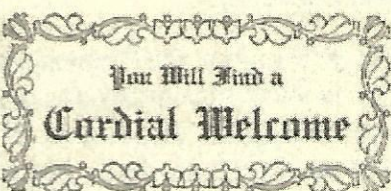
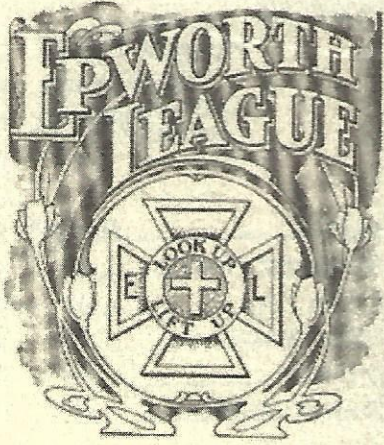
On July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1860, we held our first meeting in the new church and we continued to use it for a place of meeting from that time on only during warm weather the first year, as there was too much ventilation for cold weather, but I think that meetings were held in the church in the winter of '62 and '63, as the house was sided during the summer of '61. In 1864 the work of building was completed; and on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1864, the Church was

dedicated to the worship of God; sermon by Elder **Burns**. There was no begging as there was not one cent of indebtedness upon the church.

A Union Sabbath School was organized in '53 which was run as a Union School during the summer of each year until the church was completed and a Union School until after the Baptists had erected a church of their own which was in the year 1865, since which time a Sabbath School has been sustained the year round as a M.E. Sabbath School and has been the means in the hands of God of leading many of whom the class is now composed to Christ while in their youth.

Since the church was completed, there has been an organ bought, a new pulpit put in the church, a church bell hung to call the tardy ones to Sabbath School and to meeting; also some sheds built to protect the teams from sun and storm of those coming to worship from a distance.

And now as it was thought best to build anew, we have moved the old church back to give place to a new one of more modern style and larger dimensions in order to the better accommodate those who may come to worship and yet there are some of us who do not like to leave the old house for it has been our place of worship for many years. Here God's word has been preached, many souls have been converted, the burden of sin removed, and they made to rejoice in the Savior's love; also His children have met here many times for prayer and praise and found a joyful waiting upon the Lord so when we call to mind these many happy seasons in the old house and think of going out of the old house into the new, our heart is made sad, yet we would go trusting that God's spirit will go with us and that we may (if spared) enjoy His presence in our new house, His children blessed, the lukewarm stirred up, the backslider reclaimed, and sinners brought home to God. (Elsie, Dec 30, 1883; **William T. Tillotson**)

<b>OFFICERS</b>		 <p>You Will Find a <b>Cardial Welcome</b></p> <p><b>Wedge</b></p> <p><b>I</b> WILL earnestly seek for myself and do what I can to help others attain, the highest New Testament standard of experience and life. I will abstain from all those forms of worldly amusement forbidden by the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and I will attend so far as possible, the religious meetings of the Chapter and the Church, and take some active part in them.</p> <p><b>Benediction.</b></p> <p><b>LEADER,</b> The Lord bless thee and keep thee. <b>RESPONSE,</b> The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. <b>ALL.</b> The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. <b>AMEN.</b></p> <p><small>A. H. TARRAGHEDY, PRINTER, CAMDEN, N. J.</small></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ELSIE</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Elsie, Mich.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Topics and Leaders.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">January to July 1903.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REV. A. A. STEPHENS, Pastor.</p>
President,	Mrs. C. D. Bates		
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<p><b>League Meetings Every Sunday</b> <b>at 6:00 P. M.</b></p>			

## Clinton County Historical MUSEUM presents---"Fast Facts"... DeWitt Clinton

The namesake of our County and the first organized City is DeWitt Clinton. He was born at Little Britian, NY in March 1769. The town lies in the Hudson River Valley about halfway between New York City and Albany.

Clinton's family were wealthy and important people. His father, General James Clinton, served with the American forces in the Revolutionary War. His uncle, George Clinton, was governor of the state.

The young DeWitt was educated at Kingston Academy, then went on to Columbia. At the age of 17 he graduated from college at the head of his class. After studying law, Clinton became private secretary for his uncle, the Governor. This set the stage for a long career in politics.

DeWitt Clinton was tall, handsome, high-tempered and ambitious. He had many friends and many enemies during his life. He was a leader of Thomas Jefferson's Republican party, which in spite of its name was the father of today's Democratic party. From 1800 until his death in 1828, Clinton served his city and nation, as U.S. Senator, Mayor of New York City for ten years and governor of the state for nine. In 1812 he ran unsuccessfully against James Madison for the presidency.

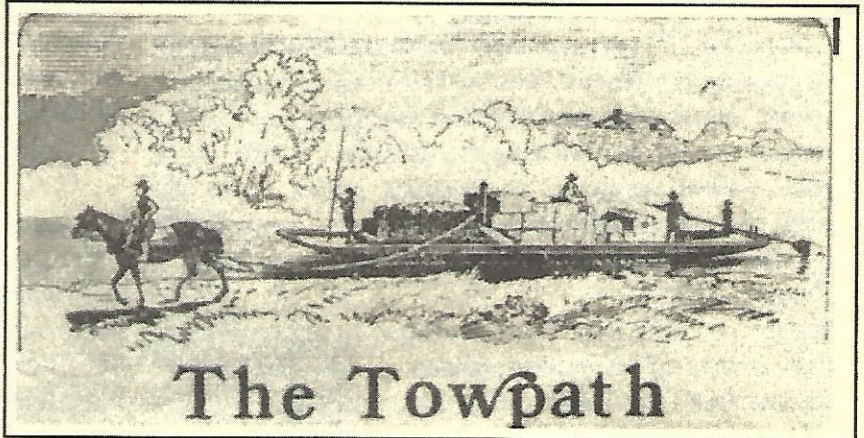
Clinton put through many needed reforms in New York. He started the public school system. He greatly improved conditions in hospitals and insane asylums and abolished the law of imprisonment for debt. But all accomplishments were overshadowed by Clinton's greatest work -- the building of the Erie Canal.

Perhaps his dream started as a boy, watching the tall-masted ships go by, or when he saw Robert Fulton make the first steamboat trip up the Hudson River in the Clermont in 1807. Clinton's dream became an idea to link all the waterways together, forming one clear passage from New York City to the Great Lakes. Commerce between East and West would be immensely increased and the stumbling wagon train on the hilly roads would give way to the heavily loaded barge gliding along the smooth waters of a canal.

Clinton fought hard for his idea, beginning in 1810, as a Senator and harder while governor of New York when he received funds from the state for his project. It took eight years and nearly eight million dollars, unheard of figures in those days. Enemies predicting financial ruin for New York State, called the project, "Clinton's Big Ditch" and "Clinton's Folly."

Governor Clinton boarded a flag draped ship at Buffalo for the first trip through the canal. The usual mule or horse was replaced with four fine white horses moving along the towpath. All along the canal they were greeted by villagers, brass bands, bells, flags and cannon salutes. Another vessel followed Clinton's party, carrying Indians, bears, deer and eagles, this was to symbolize the joining of East and West.

On November 4, 1825, the Governor's ship sailed down the Hudson and into New York harbor. In a solemn ceremony, Governor Clinton picked up a barrel of fresh water from Lake Erie and poured it into the salt water of New York Harbor. This, "the Marriage of the Waters," was the climax of DeWitt Clinton's life, and a turning point in American history. Note: Previously it took 20 days to go from New York City to Buffalo, now it took 6 days. It cost \$100.00 to ship a ton of freight between the two cities and after the Erie canal it cost only \$5.00. The Erie Canal provided an easier route for pioneers to travel to Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.



**NEXT ISSUE: FAST FACT: THE COMMITTEE WHO NAMED THE COUNTY AND CITY.**

## MORE ON "BUB" ABEL

See previous issue of *Clinton County Trails*, June 2003.

William A. "Bub" Abel was born 17 March 1846 in Livingston Co., Mich. He died 6 June 1918 in Bath Twp., Clinton Co., Mich.

*The Descendants of Oliver Abel*, compiled by Roger Berg, has lately been contributed to the archives and details William Abel's lineage.

Evidently, Abel was a well-known character who for many years was called upon or volunteered to comment on local events. The following edited excerpts from his newspaper columns and speeches are intended to illustrate the extent of his writing.

### Bath Republicans

The whole republican ticket, from Dan To Bershebee, was elected in Bath last Monday. Abram Harris headed the greenback and Isaac Dryer the democrat, then the Homeopaths and Allopaths fused and put in a pure water, bright water temperance ticket with Newell A. Dryer for the head. Newell has done some very good work for the republican party and we sincerely hope that he isn't going to sell out or swap horses just now in the middle of the stream. We are glad he has taken a bold front for the cause of temperance but in this cold climate it will take something stronger than wind or water to carry a man into the White House.

(*Clinton Republican*; 17 Apr 1884)

### Patriotism

The Wacousta "P" says he would not wipe his old shoes on Bub's patriotism. Whew! How we fourth-class postmasters can swim. He also boasts that he has sacrificed more for his country in one day than we have in a lifetime. Hold on a minute! When the wave of secession struck us in the stomach, Bub wasn't quite 14 years old. I was compelled to stay inside the garden gate until my brogans grew to be a size larger.

Before the war was over I was permitted to go down there and get a taste of its unpleasantness. I not only lost my health and hair, but I also lost a big, red-headed gal that promised to be mine if I ever came back. I hadn't gone two weeks before she up and married a little, spindle-shanked, tariff-for-revenue democrat. Talk about sacrificing for your country! (*Clinton Republican*; 11 Aug 1887)

### Charity

Charity toileth not. Neither does she spin, neither does she wear a bustle. Yet, I say unto you that Grover Cleveland in all his glory was not arrayed like charity.

The other day I heard a man make an expression

about the G..A. R. [Grand Army of the Republic] that struck us right in the pit of our hardtack department. At first I had a notion to get mad but I was afraid I might get licked if I did, so I didn't say much, but kept up a deuce of a thinking. Finally I breathed what I had heard to a few of my comrades, and they breathed it to a few more, and in less time that it takes for our beloved legislature to raise the fees on marriage licenses, it had spread all over town and stirred up quite a large feeling of bad breath. The man, hearing of what had been said and how the boys felt, came to me and stated that what he had said was only intended for a joke and that he had always been a friend to the soldiers and sincerely wished them well; and now, in justice to this man and in the name of the GAR, let us bury the hatchet at once.

(*Clinton Republican*; 13 Jun 1889)

### Defending the GAR

Since his "accidency," the governor, had the penny wisdom to veto the GAR appropriation, it has brought to the surface the largest swarm of green flies, water snakes, snapping turtles, and copperheads that have been known to exist since treason made a stab on Fort Sumter. We had begun to flatter our-selves over here in Bath, after so much tile draining and cleaning up of swamps and sloughs of despond, that we would not be bothered with the water snake and copperhead of yore.

Only last week a middle-aged copperhead, stuck his head up out of the grass, ran his little forked tongue out and with a hissing voice said, "It's all damned nonsense to stew flowers and make a parade over soldiers' graves. They are a lazy, shiftless, dishonest set of deadbeats." How does that strike you comrades?

(*Clinton Republican* 18 Sep 1890)

### At the Convention

The weather was blowing about 18 parsnips fine last Tuesday when the delegates from Clinton boarded the west-bound train for Pewamo to nominate a lawmaker for the ensuing two years. I was induced to go for my health as the doctors told me that nothing was more exhilarating to a weak mind and empty stomach than a few sniffs of Pewamo air.

After dinner the Ionia delegation arrived with a full head of steam and valves open. The engineer's name was Kidd, and there are no flies that hold a camp meeting on his cranium, you bet. The meeting was called to order and Kidd took the floor. He stated, as near as I can remember, that the candidate who should represent us in the state senate from this district should be a man who wasn't too proud to wear dirt under his fingernails

and he must have hayseed in his hair and an ear of corn in his pocket, and a pumpkin vine around his neck. He said that Clinton county must wait until the clouds roll by and not try to force or "Steel" our way into the senate this year.

This struck us in the stomach like last year's doughnut, and we all felt as though we had been eating green cucumbers.

*(Clinton Republican 18 Sep 1890)*

#### New Binder

All the forepart of the season and up till the wheat was aching to be cut, the machine agents in this vicinity were thicker than candidates are around the nozzle of a county convention. I was buttonholed early and late to buy a Buckeye, a Bullseye, a McCormick, or a Walter A. Wood, or something else until I really didn't know whether I was in the body or out.

The Buckeye feller offered to put in a new roller process and corn sheller if I would buy of him. The Bullseye feller said his machine was a cylinder escapement, full-jeweled and warranted to run eight days without winding, and he would put in a brand new extension table, a freedman's burial, a set of rocking chairs, and Cleveland hat. When I kept store I used to throw out inducements to save advertising. If a lady came in to buy a couple of yards of red flannel and a little pink calico, I always made it a point to throw in a dozen safety pins and a spool of thread. If they wanted a pound of saleratus [baking soda], I would give them a picklé dish and three boxes of matches. This kept up business and made competition lively.

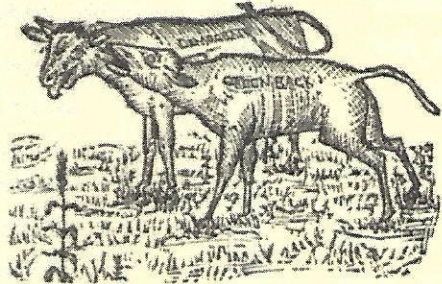
Well, after I had been bothered with these Lansing and Laingsburg agents until I lost my temper and hat, I finally wrote over to **Rob Swigart** to see what he would do on a binder. He wrote back that he could sell me a six-octave, flute harmonica Champion binder as cheap, if not cheaper, than these other agents and would throw in the following articles, to wit: one pair of suspenders' one box of blacking; one pair of cuff buttons, two pairs of gents socks, 12 x 16; one Waterbury watch; one cast iron monkey wrench; two mouth organs; one embroidered night shirt, and an instruction book

This struck me right in fly time and as an embroidered night shirt don't grow on every bush in these dog days, I harnessed up old Ben and Sal and lit out for St. Johns. I found Rob on top of a Champion binder hurraing for Harrison, but we soon quieted him down and loaded up the machine and got back to Bath just as the roosters were fixing to crow the second time. An expert went along, and in less time than it took the supreme court to knock the horns off from the squawbuck acts of '91, we had the thing running at full speed.

It has a self-threading shuttle and runs so still that you can hear a fly step on the courthouse steeple 25 miles away. There is a nice silk parasol over the driver's seat where he can set leaned back in his sofa-bottom chair and read about the democrats laying the Homestead trouble to Bill McKinley, while his team goes leisurely along.

*(Clinton Republican; 4 Aug 1892)*

**THEY FUSE**



After a Lively Row The Democrats and Green-backers "Harmonize."

As Illustrated by **THE REPUBLICAN'S** Special Artist "Bub Abel."

Two souls with but one appetite,  
Two hearts that beat for spoils.

### William A. Abel

William (Bud) A. Abel was born in Michigan March 17, 1846, and was a son of John B. and Sarah (Wheaton) Abel; the former is deceased; the latter is still living, aged 85 years. In August, 1867, he united his fortunes for life with Anna Knapp who was born in Michigan in 1846. Her father, Phillip Knapp is deceased, but her mother, Louisa Knapp is still spared. As the fruit of this marriage, seven children were born, Lloyd V., Eva A., Artemus J., George W., Minnie A., Sarah A. and Nellie D. Comrade Abel served a short time in the Union army during the late unpleasantness. He had been engaged in farming when he was enrolled March 1865 as a private in Co. E., 16<sup>th</sup> Mich V.I., 1<sup>st</sup> Brig., 3d Div., 5<sup>th</sup> A.C. April 25, 1865, he was internally injured and was treated for same in hospital at Alexandria, Va., till June 29, 1865, when he was granted an honorable discharge at that place. He took part in the engagement at Petersburg and several skirmishes up to the surrender of Lee. Comrade Abel has held various offices of trust having been J.P. six years, county clerk two years, notary public at present, pension agent, and is granted permission to practice in pension and war department [sic]. He is a member of George Anderson Post, he is a farmer by occupation and his P.O. address is Bath, Mich.

(from *Presidents, Soldiers, Statesmen...*, *Soldiers Edition*,  
Vol. II, H.H. Hardesty, 1896; p1183)

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preserve and maintain  
historical resources for  
future generations.*

**FYI - Membership dues for 2004 are coming due in December. They are \$15.00 for single membership and \$20.00 for a couple.**

**See form in the back of this newsletter for more information. Your mailing label will indicate the year through which you are paid.**

## The Farmer's Map



**With the professional assistance of Terry Shaffer, this 24" x 32" Michigan map, dated 1873 or '74, was recently opened out from its pocket-sized folder, repaired, and mounted using archival materials. It hangs now at the archives to be appreciated in all its amazing details by those who visit. The donor is unknown, but written on the back of the folder is, "A. J. Rust, East Saginaw, Mich.; died Sept. 18, 1874, 7:30 a.m."**

### RECENT ACQUISITIONS

- 4 current snapshots of Lemm School building
- Family group charts on Benedict, Annis, Cross, Jones, & Perrigo
- Plowman School students 1930
- Rockwell, Farrier, Vredenburg, & Stimson genealogical data
- Descendants of Oliver Abel 1773-1848
- Descendants of George Aldrich 1605-1682/3

DEATHS 1881 The Clinton Independent Aug 3, 10, and 17, 1882

MONTHDAY	NAME	PLACE	AGE	CAUSE
26 Jan	Allen, Clarrie B.	OV	8m	inflam of lungs
28 Jul	Arthur, Lily	VI	17y 2m 15d	consumption
16 Aug	Ash, Annie	BE	14y 6m	diphtheria
13 Oct	Bachus, Jonothan C.	WA	61y 11m 20d	nervous debility
09 May	Bahr, Mary	WE	3m	
04 Mar	Baker, Ernest R.	GR	8y 2m 12d	diphtheria
28 Feb	Baker, Josephine	BI	26y	consumption
04 Aug	Banks, Lillie	BE	3m 9d	cholera infantum
30 Aug	Barke, Dwight D.	VI	10m 5d	dysentery
15 May	Barker, Henry P.	VI	49y 1m 10d	typhoid pneum
15 Dec	Bartlett, Nancy A.	OV	54y 7m 20d	liver complaint
04 Sep	Bartlett, Praxania	DU	76y 2m 24d	dysentery
26 Oct	Bauerly, Louisa	OL	14y 4m 10d	diphtheria
21 Sep	Beandt, Retta	RI	20y 2m 3d	childbirth
28 Apr	Bell, John	BI	72y	paralysis
12 Jul	Bengel, Anna H.	WE	2y 10m	diphtheria
07 Jul	Bengel, Barbara	WE	5y 3m	diphtheria
30 Dec	Bengel, Johana M.	WE	1y 3m	
3 Nov	Benton, Mary L.	RI	34y 2m 4d	cancer of womb
10 Oct	Besley, George F.	BI	3y 10m 10d	diphtheria
31 Oct	Bishop, Clara	GR	1y 11m	diphtheria
01 Jun	Blodget, Annie	BI	30y	consumption
28 Feb	Blonday, Anna	WE	70y	
28 Oct	Bolander, Lucy	LE	22y 5m 23d	spinal complaint
26 Jul	Bradkearst	LE		
07 Jun	Brenneman, Eliza	LE	31y 8m 27d	measles
24 Oct	Brown, Lateadtia	WE	55y	cancer
21 Mar	Burke, Conrad H.	WA	51y 2m 10d	inflam of lungs
01 Mar	Butler, Martha	BI	74y	old age
15 Feb	Campbell, Hattie	ES	3y 1m 10d	scarlet fever
09 Aug	Carter, P.E.	DU	69y 6m 24d	heart disease
05 Aug	Case, Hannah	VI	78y 4m 29d	spinal meningitis
30 Sep	Case, Oscar	OL	8m 4d	diphtheria
10 Sep	Castel, Avus	ES	2m 2d	cholera infantum
19 Nov	Cavanaugh, Andy	BI	12y	diphtheria
15 Nov	Cavanaugh, James	BI	15y	diphtheria
16 Aug	Cavanaugh, Kate	BI	20y	consumption
20 Nov	Cavanaugh, Nora	BI	7y	diphtheria
17 Nov	Cavanaugh, Thomas	BI	5y	diphtheria
17 Dec	Center, Lydia	OV	83y	old age
05 Sep	Chalker, Mabel M.	OV	6m 10d	spinal complaint
28 Dec	Clark	LE		
21 May	Classie, Wanzel	EA	67y	dropsy
12 Nov	Coakley, Mahala	BI	39y 3m 7d	consumption
05 Apr	Cobb, Susannah	DU	88y 7m 8d	old age
22 Oct	Cockeran, Willie H.	BI	12y 10m	diphtheria
12 Mar	Collins, Harriet B.	BI	33y	blood poison
24 Jul	Conture, Charley I.	RI	1y 11	heart disease
16 Sep	Cook, Polly	WA	78y	dropsy
01 May	Cooper (child of Annie)	BI	infant	
29 Jan	Cooper, Annie	BI	28y	childbirth

MONTHDAY	NAME	PLACE	AGE	CAUSE
27 Aug	Cotes, James G.	OV	8m 7d	spinal disease
25 Mar	Cotes, Rosa	OV	27y 4m 29d	typhoid pneum
08 Aug	Cox, Willie	ES	6m 23d	inflam of bowel
04 Dec	Coy, Elizabeth	BI	45y	paralysis
03 Oct	Cronk, Laura	LE	10y 7m 9d	diphtheria
30 Jun	Cross, Q. (Mrs)	BI	48y	cancer in stomach
12 Oct	Crowley, Mary J.	ES	47y 8m	quick consumption
30 Apr	Culver, Elizabeth	BA	19	consumption
29 May	Danks, Elizabeth	LE	56y 11m 19d	nervous debility
18 May	Davis, Oliver	DU	84y 3m 7d	old age
08 Nov	Deenham, William	DE	52y 3m 5d	hemorrhage of lungs
27 May	DeVries, Margaret	BI	67y	dropsy
23 Aug	Dew, Chesley	RI	62y	murdered
13 Dec	Dewitt, Clyde	EA	6m 7d	inflam of lungs
15 Oct	Dexter, Mary A.	GR	20y 5m 17d	consumption
24 Jun	Diller, Jacob Jr.	GR	42y 1m 1d	epileptic fit
01 Sep	Dixon, Alfred	OL	9m	diphtheria
28 Aug	Dixon, Olive R.	OL	11y 11m 26d	diphtheria
30 Nov	Dockham, Alice M.	BI	22y	diphtheria
15 Nov	Doll, John	WE	1d	
21 Nov	Dow, John J.	GR	13y 6m 14d	diphtheria
05 Nov	Durkee, Hattie B.	BI	21y 22d	diphtheria
18 Aug	Eggleston, Polly R.	LE	32y 4m 18d	billious fever
29 Jan	Ellett, Rosa	DA	1m 15d	inflam of lungs
13 Sep	Elliott, Jonathan	WA	31y 10m 21d	quick consumption
18 Apr	Ellis (child of Frank)	BE	31d	
11 Jul	Ellis, Wisner	BE	74y 7m	tumor in bowels
18 Oct	Ewers, Grace	ES	2d	
17 Aug	Faiver, Ferd	WA	1y 4m 28d	epileptic fits
15 Aug	Fedewa, Frederick	WE	2y	
22 Oct	Ferguson, John H.	ES	29y 9m 21d	suppose heart dis
05 Jul	Ferry, Edwin	BI	11m 3d	cholera infantum
19 Dec	Fitz, Lydia	VI	74y 4m 14d	typhoid pneum
25 Aug	Fondell, Angeline	VI	8m 22d	convulsions
22 Aug	Forman, Ida B.	RI	2y 26d	diphtheria
27 Nov	Forsyth, Caroline	VI	54y 1m 7d	inflam of lungs
29 Sep	Fortress, Robert F.	BI	1y 5m 16d	membranous croup
16 Aug	Fridy, Francis	BI	24y	heart disease
21 Jan	Gardner, Elmer	BI	1m 7d	cholera infantum
12 Oct	Garlock, Levi	WA	61y 2m 12d	inflam of stomach
09 Jul	Garrison, Susan	OV	52y	heart disease
31 Aug	Gay, Bert	BI	4m 20d	cholera infantum
08 Sep	Gillman, Luther	DA	70y 1m 21d	paralysis
26 Jul	Goddard, William D.	GR	19y 3m 26d	typhoid fever
22 Feb	Grajr, Mary	WE	75y	
03 Jun	Greene, Thomas	GR	29y 2m 13d	consumption
16 Oct	Grisson, Francis D.	BI	15d	cholera infantum
17 Nov	Grove, Ola M.	LE	1y 1m 27d	diphtheria
31 Oct	Hamilton, Eliza T.	ES	66y 3m 27d	typhoid fever
25 Nov	Handy, Thomas	LE	29y 10m 2d	boiler explosion
25 May	Hart, Albina	WA	56y	
22 Nov	Hath, Emily	VI	80y 2m 22d	plurisy
01 Oct	Hause, Benjamin F.	BI	5y	membranous croup



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02 Sep	Hayes, William H.	BE	1y 5m 20d	dysentery
26 Aug	Hays, William	DA	70y	heart disease
15 Sep	Heer, Jonathan	WE	5y 9m	diphtheria
23 Apr	Heidt, Frederick	DE	4y 4m 4d	diphtheria
21 Apr	Henion, Mattie J.	LE	3y 24d	inflam of lungs
15 May	Hepler, Mary	BI	38y	inflam of kidney
31 Jul	Herbison, David	BA	4y 3m	inflam of brain
08 May	Hettler, Julia	DA	14y	typhoid fever
14 Aug	Hicks	RI	3d	measles
05 Jun	Hicks, Sarah	WA		quick consumption
13 Apr	Hildreth, Lydia	ES	77y 3m 28d	palsy
15 May	Hitler, Julia	BI	13y	typhoid fever
28 Nov	Hohn, Dora	RI	79y 2m 7d	dropsy
02 Nov	Holmes, David	GR	86y 2m 15d	kidney complaint
12 Jul	Holmes, Julia	BI	2m	cholera infantum
19 Aug	Houghton, Ray	BA	1m 8d	cholera infantum
02 Jan	Hubbell, Ruth M.	ES	76y 8m	neuralgia & old age
22 Oct	Hudkins, Jacob P.	GR	28y 2m 21d	diphtheria
07 Mar	Huntoon, Neddy	RI	3y 6m 27d	diphtheria
17 Aug	Isler, Martin	BI	33y 2m	heart disease, etc.
25 Sep	Jackson, Mary	BI	3y	diphtheria
27 Nov	Jacobs, Lily B.	RI	7y 6m	typhoid fever
25 Jan	Jeffries, Luella	GR	1y 3m 3d	inflam of lungs
23 Apr	Jeneson, R.D.	VI	1y 4m	measles
21 Aug	Jeran, Stephen	VI	23y 11m 3d	drowned
15 Jun	Keusch, Jonathan	WE	4y	
15 Sep	Kise, Schuyler	BI	80y 6m	cholera morbus
11 Mar	Klie, Walter	DA	1y	epileptic fit
22 Sep	Kline, Henry W.	RI	1y 10m 17d	dysentery
24 Jan	Knapp, Lydia C.	OL	42y 6m 18d	measles
17 May	Knickerbocker, Robbie B.	ES	3m	spinal disease
25 Jul	Kruger, Duretta	DA	64y	dropsy
28 Aug	Kruger, Ferdinand	DA	66y 2m 13d	inflam of bowel
05 Feb	Landenburger, Ida	WA	2y 1m 27d	scarlet fever
18 Apr	Lapham, Byron	BI	10y 2m	typhoid pneum
10 Nov	Larkin, William	WE	27y 1m	diphtheria
05 Oct	Lehman, Joseph	WE	15d	
05 Sep	Long, Mary	DA	2y 6m	inflam of lungs
20 Oct	Lord, John	BI	52y	measles
09 May	Maier, Christopher	WA	51y 2m 26d	inflam of stomach
21 Mar	Martin, Charity	GR	52y	consumption
29 Apr	Marvin, George	BI	21y	inflam of bowel
03 Apr	Matthews, Whitman S.	ES	74y 9m 15d	inflam of bowel
07 Oct	Maycroft, Harriett	DE	73y 8m 7d	heart disease
25 Nov	McConnell, William J.	WA	18y 10m 20d	malig erysipelas
15 Oct	Millard, Jessie	LE	11y 7m	diphtheria
13 Mar	Miller, Caroline	WE	12y	
19 Jun	Miller, Theresa	DA	2y 3m 20d	disease of stomach
04 Aug	Minnick, Mary	BA	80y	cancer
10 Dec	Morton, Seth	DE	85y 7m 10d	old age
25 Mar	Moss, Hiram I.	ES	56y 9m 7d	abcess of liver
27 Aug	Moyer, Bertie	EA	2y 3m 29d	diphtheria
30 Apr	Murray, Lottie	BI	13y 5m	measles, etc

## ***SURNAMES***

Members may submit five surnames to be published in this newsletter, as space permits, when they pay their membership dues. See form on last page of this issue. Non-member may submit five names for a \$2.00 fee. Address below are in Michigan unless otherwise stated.

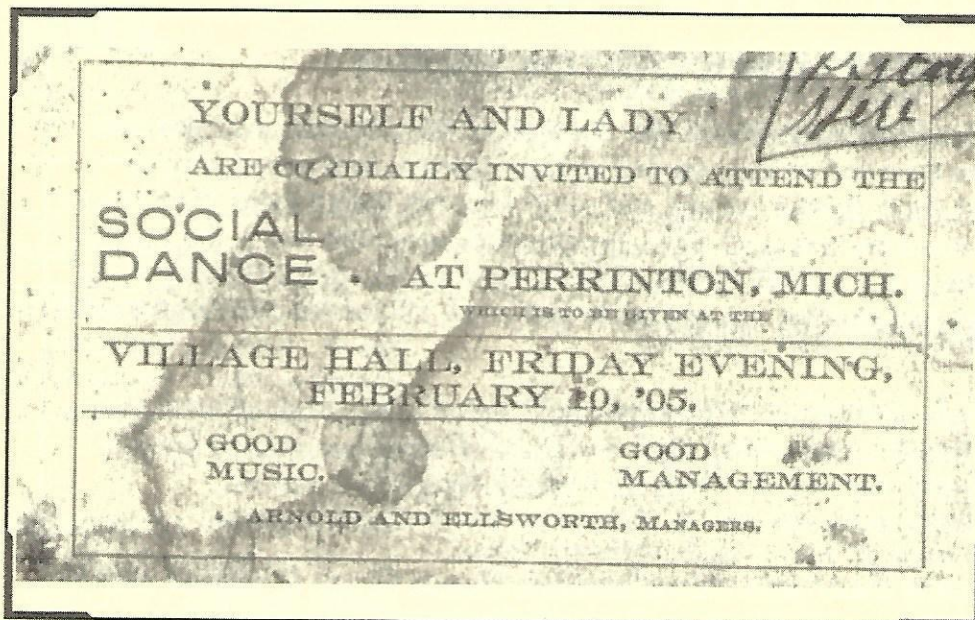
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**Diane M. Simkins:** 760 W. Coville Circle, Palmer, AK - **Briggs, Wolf, Warren, Anderson & Thayer**  
**Marcia Porter:** 2216 Kensington, Missoula, MT - **Carpenter, Miller, Knapp, Simmons, Frisbie**  
**Kay & George Gallup:** 423 White Pine, Lansing - **Gallup(Gallop, Gallup), Cogswell, Bailey & Copsey**  
**Alice Ward:** 531 S. Francis Ave., Lansing - **Griffin, Hoffman, Parks, Sargent, Lansing & Hollister**  
**James & Joice Archer:** 8695 S. Chandler, Laingsburg - **Hafelein, Bensinger, Hyatt, Cogswell & Galvin**  
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**Bonnie Burkhardt:** 1500 Bayberry Park Circle, Canton - **Haker, Pervorse, Rice & Burdick**  
**Dianne Stanuszek:** 324 Jay St., St. Charles - **Hall, Maffit, Manning, Sawyer & Tripp**  
**Virginia Watterson:** 3450 Camden Circle, Carlsbad, CA - **Hewitt, Hyatt, Cole, Annis & Lansing**  
**John Castle:** 761 E. Columbia St., Mason - **Howe, Castle, Dopp, Treadwell & Wright**  
**Patricia Kirkwood:** 2750 W. 232nd St., Torrance, CA - **Wagner, Shaw, Henry, Dagget & Stiles**  
**Myrna VanEpps:** 9731 Riverside Dr., Grand Ledge - **VanEpps, Wakefield, Sliker, & Thurston**  
**Mark & Diane Carlson:** 501 E. Walker St., St. Johns - **Harry Mack & Home photos**  
**John H. Fildew II:** 1105 Harvard Rd, Grosse Pointe - **Fildew, Charles W. Lyon, Willard Lyon & Alexander**  
**Georgia Becker:** 1660 Lillian, Westland - **Bunting, Marshall, Kiser, Becker & Brown**  
**Peggy Lee Bailey:** 8742 Royce Drive, Sterling Heights - **David Miller, Israel C. Carpenter, Gilber E. Carpenter, Charles & Lillian Miller, George & Esset Green**

## ***U-V SHIELDS***

Ultra violet shields have recently been installed on the fluorescent bulbs in the archives room. The shields will filter out approximately 96 percent of the ultra-violet light emissions which are detrimental to paper. The cost of the shields was approximately \$200 and was paid for by the Genealogists of the Clinton County Historical Society. This protection was recommended by Terry Shaffer, a preservation expert. Thomas Thiell, volunteer staff person, accomplished the installation.

## ***ON-LINE DATABASE***

Wayne Summers of DeWitt has spent a tremendous amount of volunteer time in the last couple years entering into a database the births and deaths from the index cards at the archives. Upon completion of the project, which is near, he estimates that he will have entered over 34,000 death records and 2,200 early births. All this data can be accessed and searched on the internet on the genealogists' web page at [www.dewittlibrary.com/CCHS/](http://www.dewittlibrary.com/CCHS/) because of the efforts of Mr. Summers and those of his son Jonathan Summers who wrote the code for the search engine.



**FREE SEMINAR**  
 On October 18, 2003, the Library of Michigan and the Michigan Genealogical Council are offering a free genealogy seminar at the Library of Michigan. Registration forms can be downloaded from the library's website <[www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov)>. Click on October is Family History Month; then on October Calendar

- ⇒ **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/](http://www.dewittlibrary.com/CCHS/)
- ⇒ **The Genealogists of the CCHS** meet the first Monday of each month at 1:00 pm November to March or 7:30 pm April to October in the Firstbank community room, located downtown St. Johns. E-mail address: [ccgensoc@yahoo.com](mailto:cgensoc@yahoo.com)
- ⇒ **The Historical Society meetings** are held 30 minutes prior to the Genealogist's meeting the first Monday of Jan., April, July & Oct.
- ⇒ **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**

**LIST 5 NAMES YOU ARE RESEARCHING**

Mr./Mrs./Miss _____	_____
Address _____	_____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	_____
Phone _____ New _____ Renewal _____	_____
E-Mail Address _____ Date _____	_____

ANNUAL DUES to join both the Clinton County Historical Society and the Genealogy Committee are \$15 single and \$20 a couple/family. Membership is based on the calendar year and includes a subscription to the quarterly newsletter, *Clinton County Trails*. Checks should be made payable to the Clinton County Historical Society and mailed to P.O. Box 174, St. Johns, MI 48879. Research queries should be addressed to: Genealogists of the Clinton County Historical Society, P.O. Box 23 St. Johns, MI 48879.

## Gratiot County Indigent Civil War Soldiers

The book, *Gratiot County, Michigan, Indigent Civil War Soldiers*, by Betty Driscoll, contains over 320 bound pages of research into the lives and military service of those Soldiers who were buried at county expense. While many did not die in Gratiot County, and some were not buried there, their ties to the community meant their deaths would become part of two books which were later lost in the vault at the Gratiot County Courthouse. Many of the earliest deaths found in these books, *Gratiot County Burial Records for Indigent Soldiers, Sailors and Marines*, are **not recorded** in the official Gratiot County Death Records.

The original books contain more information than death records of the era. They offer details on surviving family members, place of residence and death, date and place of burial, branch and unit of military service, rank, funeral costs, and much more. They also contain histories of several Spanish-American War Soldiers who died indigent and were buried at Gratiot County expense.

Driscoll's book is a compilation of the original records and data from a variety of sources used to prove those records. A copy of the index is available at no charge, but only email requests will be honored. Send requests to: [bdriscoll@voyager.net](mailto:bdriscoll@voyager.net). The book is \$60 plus \$5.50 for postage. Orders may be sent to: Betty Driscoll, 9394 W. Silver Lake Road, Mears MI 49436.