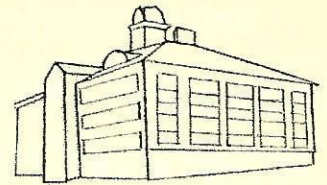




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Ralph Davids Barber

6 Dec 1918 - 31 Jan 1943

The military activity of Corporal Ralph Davids Barber, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Fred J. Barber**, Victor Twp., has been documented by **Larry L. Pfeiffer**. Mr. Pfeiffer's uncle and Barber were in the same tank unit and both were killed in the Tunisian campaign on Jan. 31, 1943. Pfeiffer has done extensive research on all the men in his uncle's company and has recently expanded and updated his detailed account called, *Captain Pete*,

A Biography of Captain James K. Stepro.

Barber's obituary in the *Clinton Co. Republican-News*, 4 Mar 1943, says, "He is believed to be the first Clinton County soldier to make the supreme sacrifice for his country." On 24 Jun 1948 the newspaper also described the return to Ovid of Barber's body, his military funeral, and burial in the Greenwood Cemetery at Vernon, Shiawassee Co. Until then, he had been buried in the temporary cemetery near Tebessa, North Africa.

With Mr. Pfeiffer's permission, we have excerpted and edited his narrative as it relates to Barber:

In March 1942, Ralph Barber was at Fort Knox in Co. B, 69th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Division. The concept of armor was still new and, with war coming, the Army was constantly moving men and units around, forming new outfits. On Mar. 1, 1942, the 69th Armored Regiment was dissolved. Everyone in Co. B, Ralph Barber, included, was moved to Co. H, 1st Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Division. Coming over from Co. D. of the 1 AR to ultimately become the company commander of H, was my great-uncle, James K. "Pete" Stepro, from Corydon, IN, which was only about 25 miles from Fort Knox.

Half of Co. H was support personnel and the fighters were the other half. Ralph Barber was a fighter, serving in Sgt. Andy Stone's 2nd Platoon tank. There were three platoons of five tanks each, plus a command tank and an assistant command tank, making 17. On Apr. 7, 1942, Co. H loaded all their equipment on a train and headed for Ft. Dix, NJ, for staging overseas. They arrived there on Apr. 9 and began to train intensely.

The allies had to do something for morale. They weren't ready to cross into Normandy yet so they decided to go for North Africa, called "Hitler's soft underbelly." The British had the Afrika Korps on the run, chasing them west from Egypt towards Tunisia. It was decided to land

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

- 📖 Photo of Plowman School students ca 1911
- 📖 Misc. papers of Brownie & Girl Scout Troop #120, St. Johns
- 📖 Indigent Civil War Soldiers Associated with Gratiot Co., compiled by Betty Driscoll
- 📖 Rural School Locations, Gratiot Co.
- 📖 Clinton Co. Plat Book, 2003
- 📖 A Century Plus of Schools in Huron Co., OH, 1816-2000
- 📖 South Riley School records; misc. 1895-1931
- 📖 DeWitt-Bath Review; 1980-2003 (microfilm)

QUERIES

Submitted by Carole Henry, 8711 Meridian Rd., Bannister, MI 48807. Looking for any information on Evert Lacy Holcomb. He was in Clinton Co., MI, in 1930/31; believed to have been born in VA; died in Owosso, MI.

troops in Algeria and push east towards Rommel, catching him between the Yanks and the British. It was called "Operation Torch." Part of the 1st Armored sailed on the Queen Mary on May 10.

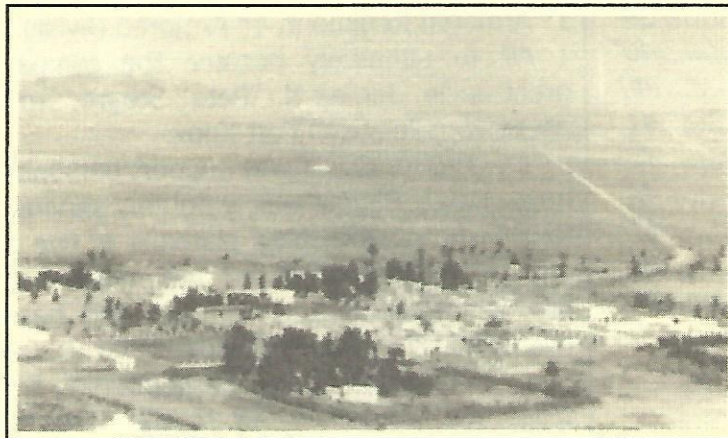
Co. H was delayed until May 31. They were going in after the initial landings but they were going to be landed closer to the fighting. On Memorial Day, May 31, 1942, Pete Stepro and Ralph Barber and 9 other original members of Co. H left the USA to die for their country. Only Ralph Barber (1948) and **Lester Torgerson** (1949) were sent back home to be reburied. They set sail on the U.S. Army Transport, Thomas H. Barry, formerly the steamer Oriente. They arrived in Northern Ireland on June 10 and were stationed at Ballywillwill in County Down.

In October, after 4 months of training in Ireland, Co. H moved across the Irish Sea and set up camp at Chester, England. Co. H began loading their tanks on the Duchess of Richmond, a Canadian liner. They sailed a few days later, having to take a circuitous route because neutral Ireland was absolutely filled to the gills with Nazi spies watching the coast. They arrived in Oran and began a slow march towards Tunisia.

On Jan 31, 1943, Co. H was ordered to keep the Germans from coming through Faid Pass. The Germans withdrew into the pass and H was ordered to follow. Ralph Barber was a loader in the turret of Sgt. **Andy Stone's** M4 Sherman tank. Also in the turret was loader **Herbert Baird**. Down below, in the hull, were tank driver **Bruce McNew** and machine gunner **Elmer Sutton**. Pete Stepro, the company commander, suspected this might be an age-old trick, and it was. As soon as the company got inside the pass they found the Germans waiting. My uncle ordered everyone to withdraw, but Andy Stone's tank was up front and took a shell in the turret. All three men, including Ralph Barber were killed.

The two men down below escaped through a belly hatch. Andy Stone and Herbert Baird are buried in Carthage along with my uncle, James K. Stepro, who was killed in action two weeks later at Sidi bou Zid on the opening day of the Battle of Kasserine.

(We were unable to include in this excerpt the many descriptive battle details and other interesting insights. Larry Pfeiffer says that he is a volunteer at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial in southern Indiana where Lincoln's mother is buried. He has also written a book about that cemetery. Contact him at 8417 W 400S, Hanover, IN 47243-9111)



Town of
Sidi bou Zid

Clinton County Historical Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum presents---"Fast Facts"...NAMING OF CLINTON COUNTY

Our County was named Clinton by thirteen members of the Legislative Council of the Michigan Territory, meeting in Detroit on March 2, 1831. The Territorial Governor was Lewis Cass.

In 1835, the First Governor of Michigan, Steven T. Mason, named DeWitt as the County Seat.

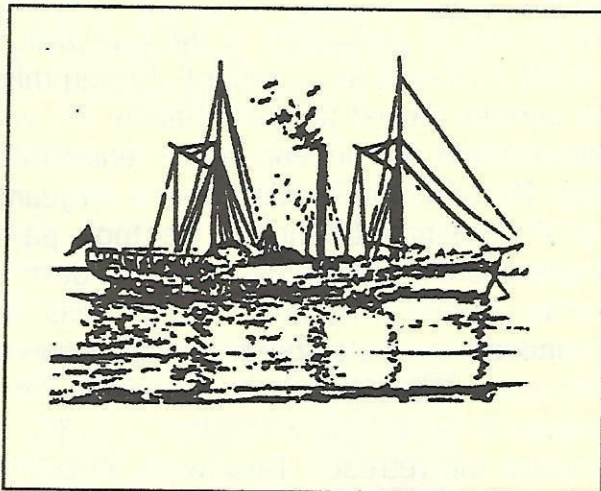
Both were named in honor of DeWitt Clinton, a Governor of New York who led the long fight for the Erie Canal and directed its construction.

The thirteen members of the Legislative Council represented settlers and fur traders throughout Michigan and the present state of Wisconsin.

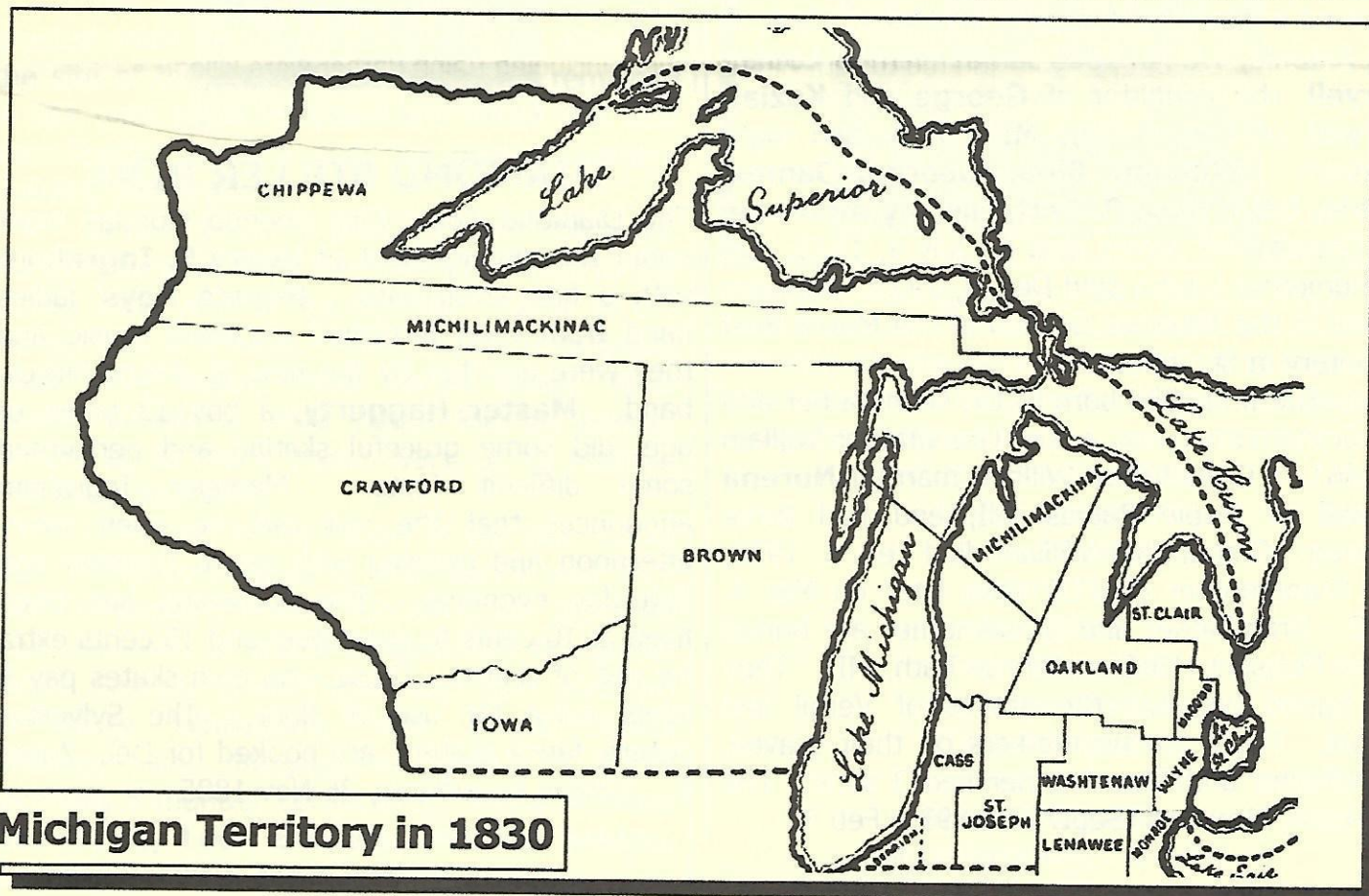
Among those who chose the name Clinton County were Henry Schoolcraft whose recorded Indian legends were immortalized in Longfellow's epic poem, "Hiawatha".

The President of the Legislative Council in 1813 was Abraham Edwards of Lenawee County. He was a passenger on the first voyage from Buffalo to Detroit, on the Great Lakes Steamship, "Walk-in-the-Water".

Next Issue: "Clinton County and the Joseph Campau Connection"



Walk-in-the-Water Steamship



KNICKERBOCKER GENEALOGY

by R.H. Knickerbocker, July 29, 1999

Gr. Gr. Grandfather **Andrew Knickerbocker** of PA and Gr. Gr. Grandmother **Lavina (Crad) Knickerbocker** of NY had one son, Gr. Grandfather **James Augustus Knickerbocker**. James was born June 9, 1844, in Bradford, Steuben Co., NY. As a small child, James moved with his parents to Chatham Co., PA. At age 17 James enlisted in the 171st Pennsylvania Volunteers to participate in the Civil War. James served 3 months as a corporal. During this period his parents moved to Hubbardston, MI, where he joined them at the end of his enlistment. On Aug. 10, 1864, he reenlisted as a sergeant in Co. D, 3rd Michigan Infantry. He took part in 14 engagements, including the hardest fought battles of the Civil War. James was seriously wounded at Gettysburg. Although the 1st Michigan was the only regiment in direct engagement at Bull Run, the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th covered the retreat. They were among the last of McDowell's forces to reach Arlington.

James became ill in August of 1865 and received a disability discharge on Mar 1, 1866, in San Antonio, TX. In 1868 James married **Louisa Coryell**, the daughter of **George** and **Keziah Coryell** of Carson City, MI. They had eight children: **William, Bina, George, James, Libbie, Edith May, Robert, and Jay Ambrose**. Gr. Grandfather James died on July 4, 1925. Gr. Grandmother Louisa died Dec. 4, 1933. Both are buried in the Veterans Section of the Mount Rest Cemetery in St. Johns, MI.

The first child born to Gr. Grandfather and Gr. Grandmother was a son, Grandfather **William** in 1861. Grandfather **William** married **Norena Atwell** of Maple Rapids, MI, and had three children: Grandfather **William** died Feb. 1, 1932, and Grandmother died 32 days later on Mar 4, 1932. Grandfather and Grandmother are buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Bath, MI. They are buried between the graves of **Vergil** and **Harold**. There are no markers on their graves. Grandfather and Grandmother had 3 sons: The first-born, **Howard** (Sept. 27, 1893 – Feb 3,

1949), **Vergil** (1895-1916), and **Harold** (1899-1959). In 1923, Howard married **Grace Irene Price**. They had one son, **Robert Howard Knickerbocker**, born Feb. 8, 1925. On June 7, 1947, Robert married **Neva Kathryn Adams** from Guernsey Co., OH. Kathryn was born on Dec. 29, 1925. Robert and Kathryn have resided in Aiken, SC, since 1981. Robert and Kathryn have two sons; **Mark Claude Knickerbocker**, born Apr 26, 1848, and **Steven Howard Knickerbocker**, born June 9, 1952. After graduation Mark secured a teaching position in Australia. Mark resides in Essendon, Victoria, Australia. After graduation, Steven served in the USN and is now involved in computer operations in NC. He married **Kathy Anne Babula** in 1982 and they reside in Charlotte, NC. They have 1 daughter, **Aubrey Anne Knickerbocker**, born Aug. 7, 1992.



DIAMOND ROLLER RINK

The Diamond Roller Rink opened Monday night under the management of **Henry S. Ingraham** with a fine attendance. **Horace Keys'** ladies band from Ovid furnished excellent music and they were assisted by the new St. Johns bicycle band. **Master Haggerty**, a boy 13 years of age, did some graceful skating and performed some difficult feats. Manager Ingraham announces that the rink will be open every afternoon and evening with music Tuesday and Saturday evenings. The admission has been fixed at 10 cents to spectators and 15 cents extra for use of skates. Those who own skates pay 5 cents extra for use of floor. The **Sylvester** sisters, fancy skaters, are booked for Dec. 7 and 8. *Clinton Republican*; 26 Nov 1885

Brown School

Dist. #8 Frl., Eagle Twp.

Brown school closed several days ago. Miss **June Strong** has been the efficient teacher for the past five years, but will teach the North Eagle School the coming year. Mrs. **Agnes Lietzke**, who has taught the higher grades in Eagle six years, has been secured for the coming year in the Brown district.

The schoolhouse was prettily trimmed and is a very pleasant place. A bountiful potluck supper was served and nearly the whole district was present to enjoy it.

This schoolhouse is not much like those of years ago. The first schoolhouse in Brown district was made of logs and stood near the residence of **Albert Pederson** south of the corner. It was only a small building and was destroyed by fire some years afterward.

The next was also a log building and was situated near the house of **Mark Brokaw**. That also burned.

The next, a good, frame building was erected some time in the late 60's and stood on the site of the present building. This remained in use until about 25 years ago when that also was leveled by fire and the present cement building was erected.

Several beautiful pictures adorn the walls. For several years a picture was presented to the school each year by the teacher. Some of the former teachers were: **Miss Nellie Robinson, Miss Lina Boice, Miss Elvira Niles, Miss Aurilia Scaddin, Miss Lizzie Pierce, Austin Bates, A. E. Hart, Mont Kerr, J. C. Morris, and Nate Stevens.**

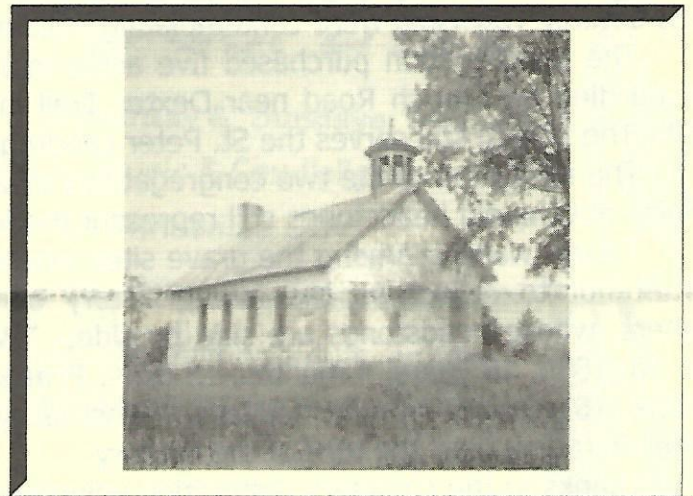
Following is the report of the last school year: The percentage of attendance was 96.7 with 33 pupils enrolled. Eighth grade diplomas were awarded to **Rena Selden** and **Margaret Kerr**. Seventh grade certificates were awarded to **Betty Whitmore, Rex Davis, Adda Brailey, and Magdalene Pohl**. Pupils receiving 5 months' certificates: **Rena Selden, Rex Davis, Leon Brokaw, Mildred Selden, Barbara Jeffrey, Jean Jeffrey, Louise**

VanAmburg, Raymond VanAmburg, Gale Selden, and Forest Selden.

The following pupils received certificates for being neither tardy nor absent for the last five months: **Cecelia Pohl, Magdalene Pohl, Dorothy Pohl, Charles Jr. Hiar, and Rose Mary Pohl**. Penmanship awards were as follows for the last three months: **Charles Jr. Hiar, grade 6; Barbara Jeffrey, Betty Jean Stevens, Cecelia Pohl, Dorothy Pohl, grade 4; Louise VanAmburg, grade 2.**

Prizes for bon ami silhouettes on windows: First place tied by **Rena Selden** and **Charles Jr. Hiar**; second place to **Magdalene Pohl**; honorable mention to **Betty Whitmore.**

Clinton Co. Republican-News, 20 Jun 1935



Brown School-Eagle Twp- Sect. 18, Sept 1987

Following are the names of the pupils of Brown School who have been neither absent nor tardy during the month of March:

Catherine Dutcher

Velda Dutcher

Bert Fell

Harry Fell

Mary Fell

Fern Shepard

Beatrice Snyder

Reeva Snyder.

Kenneth Wheeler

Marian Wheeler

Clinton Republican, 3 Apr 1913

EACH HEADSTONE TELLS A STORY

Wright Road old Lutheran Cemetery

Nuffer, Ernst, Pausch, Luecht, Hacker—there's a story behind each family name etched on headstones at the old Lutheran cemetery on Wright Road.

Many of the surnames are familiar to congregation members of the present-day St. Paul and St. Peter Lutheran churches, whose roots lie in the St. Peter Congregation of Dallas township established in 1861 and later known as St. Peter Evangelical Protestant Church.

Jacob and Anna Nuffer donated the three acres of land on Wright Road between Dexter Trail and Jason Road where the original frame church and parsonage were constructed in 1867. **Frederick Luecht** was one of the first vestry men serving the congregation, which was incorporated Jan. 7, 1869.

The arrival of new German immigrant families into the area in the late 1870's prompted changes in the structure of the congregation. **John N. Fowler** and his wife, Elizabeth, donated a site on Sorrell Street in the fledgling village of Fowler in 1878 where the present-day St. Paul Lutheran Church is located. That congregation took the name of Evangelic St. Paul Lutheran Church in February 1888.

During the same time period, members of the original St. Peter congregation who lived on farms in Riley Township were contemplating building a new church closer to their homes.

The congregation purchased five acres in 1886 from Mr. and Mrs. **Edward Boughton** for that building on Church Road near Dexter Trail in Riley, where the cornerstone was laid July 15, 1888. The church still serves the St. Peter congregation.

The relocation of the two congregations meant the "old cemetery" was used less and less for burials—but the old headstones still represent the foundation of each parish.

Today, walking among the grave sites where the headstones now stand straight and tall, it's difficult not to reflect on the family history of each individual resting there—like the Hacker brothers, whose headstones are side by side: "**William A. Hacker**, son of Cha. and Mary, died Nov. 30, 1884, 19 years, 4 months, 15 days; **Frank Carl Hacker**, son of Chas. and Mary, died Dec. 8, 1884, 16 years, 9 months, 17 days." Most likely, the Hacker family lost its sons to the influenza pandemic raging near the turn of the century.

Thanks to the cemetery restoration volunteers, the lives of William and Frank Hacker are able to be remembered. (Reprinted from the *Clinton Co. News*, 21 Sep 2003; by permission.)

NORTH EAGLE CEMETERY

The Eagle Cemetery, known as the Simon [sic – aka Simmons or North Eagle], was cleared 54 years ago. Levi Wilkinson, who is now 82 years old, cleared the land and was appointed sexton. Mr. Wilkinson has acted in this capacity for 54 years and during that period has dug about 600 graves which includes all the graves in the cemetery.

St. Johns News; 23 Oct 1895

CEMETERY RESTORATION PROJECT

The Lutheran Cemetery owned by St. Paul Lutheran Church in Dallas Twp. and the East Plains Cemetery in Lebanon Twp. were both restored during past summer continuing the Cemetery Restoration Project. Since 1998 volunteers, originally guided by former resident Betty Driscoll, have straightened and repaired gravestones and cleared debris and brush from the county's cemeteries.



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1881 August Deaths

24	21 Jan	1881	Murray, Phebe Ann	Bl	1m 7d	cholera infantum
25	29 Jan	1881	Naumes, Catherine	Bl	28y	childbirth
26	28 Feb	1881	Naumes, Mary C.	Bl	26y	consumption
27	01 Mar	1881	Naumes, Peter	Bl	74y	old age
28	12 Mar	1881	Neill, Bertha Agnes	Bl	33y	blood poison
29	25 Mar	1881	Nelson, Corydon C.	Bl	71y	old age & fever
30	27 Mar	1881	Newman, Mary M.	Bl	57y	consumption
31	17 Apr	1881	Nichols, Mary	Bl	1y	measles
32	18 Apr	1881	Nichols, Reuben	Bl	10y 2m	typhoid pneum
33	28 Apr	1881	Norris, Charles A.	Bl	72y	paralysis
34	29 Apr	1881	Parks, Addison	Bl	21y	inflam of bowel
35	27 Apr	1881	Parks, Ida	Bl	16y 5m	measles
36	30 Apr	1881	Pasch, Annie E.	Bl	13y 5m	measles, etc
37	01 May	1881	Pasch, Henry P.	Bl	32y	inflam of bowel
38	01 May	1881	Patrick, John C.	Bl	infant	
39	04 May	1881	Patrick, Mead M.	Bl	7y 5m 18d	measles
40	05 May	1881	Patterson, Thomas H.	Bl	58y	consumption
41	06 May	1881	Patterson, Willie S.	Bl	7y	scar fev & dipht
42	13 May	1881	Pease, Philo P.	Bl	72y	paralysis of lungs
43	13 May	1881	Peck, Lucy	Bl	29y	cancer of breast
44	15 May	1881	Perry, Martin V.	Bl	38y	inflam of kidney
45	15 May	1881	Platte, Clara	Bl	13y	typhoid fever
46	27 May	1881	Post, Carrie E.	Bl	67y	dropsy
47	01 Jun	1881	Post, Henry	Bl	30y	consumption
48	30 Jun	1881	Pray, Volney E.	Bl	48y	cancer in stomach
49	05 Jul	1881	Price, Alex. Lyman	Bl	11m 3d	cholera infantum
50	09 Jul	1881	Prine, John H.	Bl	24y	consumption
51	11 Jul	1881	Prosser, Belle A.	Bl	9m 28d	cholera infantum
52	12 Jul	1881	Pruden, Dora A.	Bl	2m	cholera infantum
53	23 Jul	1881	Pulman, Louis	Bl	1y 10m	cholera morbus
54	24 Jul	1881	Pung, Catharina	Bl	4m	cholera infantum
55	01 Aug	1881	Pung, Peter	Bl	1y 4m	diarrhoea
56	13 Aug	1881	Pung, Sophia	Bl	16y	diphtheria
57	16 Aug	1881	Rademacher, Gerdrud	Bl	20y	consumption
58	17 Aug	1881	Rall, Charles	Bl	33y 2m	heart disease, etc.
59	30 Aug	1881	Reynolds, Marshall E.	Bl	15m 8d	diphtheria
60	31 Aug	1881	Rhoads, John	Bl	4m 20d	cholera infantum
61	10 Sep	1881	Richmond, Cornelia	Bl	14y 7m	diphtheria
62	15 Sep	1881	Richmond, Ida E.	Bl	80y 6m	cholera morbus
63	20 Sep	1881	Roberts, Sally	Bl	31y 14d	childbirth
64	21 Sep	1881	Robertson, Anna	Bl	11y 11m 23d	diphtheria
65	25 Sep	1881	Robinson, Adelbert C.	Bl	3y	diphtheria
66	29 Sep	1881	Robinson, Marianne	Bl	1y 5m 16d	membranous croup
67	01 Oct	1881	Robinson, Nellie	Bl	5y	membranous croup
68	07 Oct	1881	Robson, Nancy M.	Bl	13y	diphtheria
69	10 Oct	1881	Rossow, Louis	Bl	3y 10m 10d	diphtheria
70	16 Oct	1881	Russell, George L.	Bl	15d	cholera infantum
71	20 Oct	1881	Russell, Isaac M.	Bl	12y 27d	diphtheria
72	20 Oct	1881	Ryan, William	Bl	52y	measles
73	22 Oct	1881	Sage, Leroy W.	Bl	12y 10m	diphtheria
74	23 Oct	1881	Sanford, Chilson	Bl	36y 7m 18d	typhoid fever

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1881 August Deaths

75	02 Nov	1881	Sawyer, Lorenzo D.	BI	1m 2d	diphtheria
76	05 Nov	1881	Schafer, Lena	BI	21y 22d	diphtheria
77	12 Nov	1881	Schray, Charles A.	BI	39y 3m 7d	consumption
78	15 Nov	1881	Servis, Bessie V.	BI	15y	diphtheria
79	17 Nov	1881	Sevy, Mertie	BI	5y	diphtheria
80	19 Nov	1881	Sharp, Jennie	BI	12y	diphtheria
81	20 Nov	1881	Shay, Willie	BI	7y	diphtheria
82	22 Nov	1881	Sherman, Olive	BI	5y	diphtheria
83	30 Nov	1881	Shumway, Jeremiah	BI	7y	diphtheria
84	30 Nov	1881	Siefert, Tillie	BI	22y	diphtheria
85	04 Dec	1881	Simmons, Atwell	BI	10y	diphtheria
86	04 Dec	1881	Simpson, Nora	BI	45y	paralysis
87	06 Dec	1881	Slater, Mary A.	BI	6y	diphtheria
88	21 Mar	1881	Slater, Willie	DU	22y 3m 10d	consumption
89	03 Apr	1881	Sloat, John O.	DU	27d	
90	05 Apr	1881	Smith, Harvey A.	DU	88y 7m 8d	old age
91	18 May	1881	Smith, Rosa	DU	84y 3m 7d	old age
92	09 Aug	1881	Smith, Silas	DU	69y 6m 24d	heart disease
93	10 Aug	1881	Spencer, Sarah	DU	54y 4m 14d	female disease
94	12 Aug	1881	Strickland, Randolph	DU	9m 17d	cholera infantum
95	04 Sep	1881	Strong, George E.	DU	76y 2m 24d	dysentery
96	29 Jan	1881	Sturgis (son of Corwin)	DA	1m 15d	inflam of lungs
97	11 Mar	1881	Sturgis, Eva M.	DA	1y	epileptic fit
98	29 Mar	1881	Sturgis, Henry J.	DA	8m	inflam of lungs
99	28 Apr	1881	Sullivan, Johana	DA	15y	typhoid fever
100	29 Apr	1881	Sweet, Jonathan A.	DA	9m 25d	congestion of lungs
101	03 May	1881	Teidt, Ida	DA	29y	cancer of stomach
102	08 May	1881	Tetdelee, George	DA	14y	typhoid fever
103	19 Jun	1881	Thomas, Edward	DA	2y 3m 20d	disease of stomach
104	25 Jul	1881	Thomas, Edwrd J.	DA	64y	dropsy
105	28 Aug	1881	Tinney, Betsy A.	DA	66y 2m 13d	inflam of bowel
106	26 Aug	1881	Travis, George	DA	70y	heart disease
107	30 Aug	1881	Ulrick, Mary H.	DA	20y 9m 4d	consumption
108	05 Sep	1881	Upton, Shadrach B.	DA	2y 6m	inflam of lungs
109	08 Sep	1881	VanDusen, Caroline	DA	70y 1m 21d	paralysis
110	24 Sep	1881	Vickory, Freddie	DA	47y	typhoid fever
111	12 Oct	1881	Voorhees, Ralph S.	DA	47y	dropsy
112	13 Oct	1881	Vreeland, Gertie S.	DA	3y	diphtheria
113	23 Dec	1881	Wagner, Nellie	DA	41y 3m	accident
114	25 Jan	1881	Walderon, Warren H.	GR	1y 3m 3d	inflam of lungs
115	22 Feb	1881	Walker, Harry	GR	10y 3m 24d	pneumonia
116	04 Mar	1881	Warner, Julia	GR	8y 2m 12d	diphtheria
117	16 Mar	1881	Waters, Mary	GR	11m 16d	brain fever
118	21 Mar	1881	Waters, Sarah	GR	52y	consumption
119	12 Apr	1881	Way, L.L.	GR	1m 25d	measles
120	17 Apr	1881	Weatherbee, Amos M.	GR	20y 5m 15d	typhoid fever
121	03 Jun	1881	Webb, Lulu J.	GR	29y 2m 13d	consumption
122	12 Jun	1881	Webb, William W.	GR	29y 9m	consumption
123	24 Jun	1881	Webber, Elizabeth	GR	42y 1m 1d	epileptic fit
124	26 Jul	1881	Weber, Elizabeth	GR	19y 3m 26d	typhoid fever
125	27 Jul	1881	Wellington, Elbridge G.	GR	11y 1m 21d	killed by tree-fall

126	15 Oct	1881	Wheeler, Addie R.	GR	20y 5m 17d	consumption
127	22 Oct	1881	Wheeler, Buddy B.	GR	28y 2m 21d	diphtheria
128	31 Oct	1881	White, Flora B.	GR	1y 11m	diphtheria
129	02 Nov	1881	White, Freddie	GR	86y 2m 15d	kidney complaint
130	13 Nov	1881	White, Maud	GR	5y 7m 21d	diphtheria
131	17 Nov	1881	Williams, Cynthia	GR	1y 12d	membranous croup
132	21 Nov	1881	Williams, Harriett	GR	13y 6m 14d	diphtheria
133	21 Nov	1881	Wilson, John	GR	62y 8m 4d	cancer
134	23 Nov	1881	Woodruff, Riley D.	GR	4y 7m 22d	diphtheria
269	19 Oct	1881	Young, Artie	BI	24y 5m	diphtheria
270	23 Oct	1881	Zotal, Jeremiah	DA	3y	diphtheria

CCHS PUBLICATIONS



- ❖ **Past and Present of Clinton County, Michigan**; by Judge S. B. Daboll; 1906; reprint 1987; 572 pp; index. \$40 + \$5 postage + \$45
- ❖ **Historical Date Book of Clinton County**, biographical sketches of prominent & representative citizens; 47 pp.; stapled binding. \$5 + \$1 postage = \$6
- ❖ **The Way We Were**; 18 reproduced postcards, vintage views of St. Johns buildings. \$5 + \$1 postage = \$6

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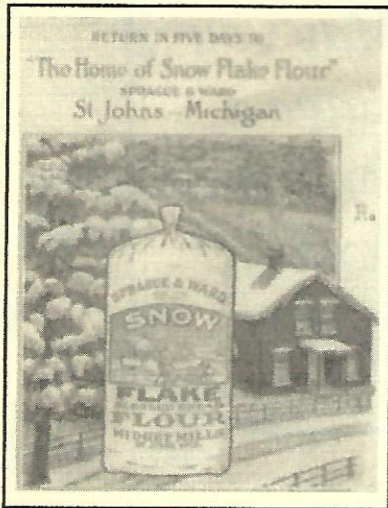
- ❖ **Mt. Rest Cemetery Records, St. Johns, Michigan, 1855-2000**; Pub. 1996, Rev. 2001, 227 pp; comb binding; 11,000+ records. \$30 + \$5 postage = \$35
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Sprague & Ward Elevator

The Sprague & Ward Elevator, recently sold to the Clinton Co. Farm Bureau, is being torn down preparatory to moving to the new location on West Railroad Street at the foot of Brush Street.



This elevator is one of the old landmarks of St. Johns. Mr. Sprague [Charles S.] purchased the building of Ed. Brown some 35 years ago, who was a successor to the firm of Gillett & Anstey who operated it more than 40 years ago. Mr. Sprague started in the business with F. M. Squair as partner. About six years later Mr. Sprague purchased Mr. Squair's interest and continued alone until the entrance of M[yron] E. Ward about eight years ago. In the beginning the elevator was only of 8,000 bu. capacity, but many additions have been added since then, including the flour mill a few years ago. For about 12 years there was a beanery in connection with the elevator, but for the past six years have picked no beans.

The building is expected to be on its new location some time next week. It is stated that work will begin soon thereafter on the new Grand Trunk depot on the ground vacated by the old elevator.

Clinton Republican, 29 July 1920

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✈ **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. E-mail address: ccgensoc@yahoo.com. The **Historical Society meetings** are held 30 minutes prior to the Genealogist's meetings at Firstbank, the first Monday of January, April, July & October.

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

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