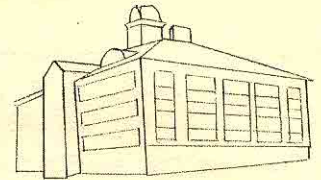




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Clinton County Murders

(First in a series)
By Wayne Summers

David Clark Murder

When we think of murder, our minds tend to envision crime filled cities. Yet Clinton County has been the home of a number of murders from the infamous Andrew Kehoe who murdered 45 children and adults in the Bath School disaster to others that have been mostly forgotten with the passage of time. One of these lesser known murders occurred on January 26, 1883, in Bath Township.

David Clark and his wife Zora¹ had been married for twenty-five years. During the past twenty years they had resided in a small, but comfortable frame house in the northwest corner of Bath Township, near the Victor Township line.

The couple had seven children, five still living. The oldest daughter was 24 and married to Charles Bickford. She had moved back in with her parents because she wasn't getting along with her husband. Next were two sons, William and Reuben aged 16 and 11², followed by two daughters, Lydia and Jessie aged 8 and 5.

During the last few years David and Zora's marriage had been falling apart. As is the case in any small community, the neighbors would gossip about the latest occurrences at the Clark house. It was said that Mrs. Clark had locked her husband and children in the upstairs of the house and he had used an ax to cut the door down. That she had often threatened to kill her husband and had once tried to get her nephew to purchase poison to kill him. That she had accused him of extra-marital affairs and of attempting to kill her and their young daughter. That the couple often quarreled, slept in separate beds, and ate at separate tables. Some told of how David, viewed as a hard working family man, had broken down and cried when telling of his struggles with his wife.

On the day of the murder, the Clark's five year-old daughter had developed an inflammation of the lungs. As David was about to administer medicine to the child, Zora hit his hand, spilling the medicine. She then tried to give the girl medicine the doctor had prescribed for her the previous spring. David and a visiting neighbor, thinking she was trying to kill the girl, took the medicine away and burned it up.

About 7 or 8 o'clock that evening the daughter had a turn for the worse and was thought to be near death. As David knelt over his daughter comforting her, his wife went to his coat and removed the pistol he kept there. She moved up behind him, cocked and fired. The bullet entered his back and lodged in his heart. David stood up and staggered to an adjoining room where the other four children were. He said, "Your mother has shot me in the back." Then he slipped to the floor, removed his vest and died. While her husband was dying in front of their shocked children, Zora was hiding the gun in her bed. Constable Austin of Bath arrived later that night and arrested her.

The next day a coroner's inquest was held before Justice Woodman. Zora claimed not to know why she killed her husband and to have been about 15 feet away when she shot. The coroner, however, stated that powder burns on the victim's vest proved the shot had been fired from close range. The inquest jury found her to be guilty of murder in the first degree. Sheriff Collins took her to St. Johns where she was placed in the county jail.

On Sunday, January 28, 1883, Prosecuting Attorney Fedewa had her examined by five doctors to determine if she was sane to stand trial. Doctors G. E. Corbin, L. W. Fasquelle, S. E. Gillam, A. J. Wiggins of St. Johns.

and N. A. Dryer of Bath judged her to be sane. Dr. Dryer, who had been the Clark family's doctor for ten years, stated in part: "In the case of Mrs. David Clark in my judgment and belief she is a person of small caliber of brain, mentally deficient to quite an extent, consequently subject to fits of monomania, hallucinations, aberration of mind, etc., and controlled by their influences.....Today, according to what I have seen and examined her, I should say that she is sane."

A reporter for the *Clinton Republican* interviewed Zora Clark in her jail cell. She admitted that the couple hadn't gotten along for several years. They didn't sleep or eat together because she was afraid he was trying to poison her. Once she had found a white substance floating on top of some water he had fetched from the well. Another time she discovered something on her plate that looked like poison. One evening while she was sleeping she claimed her husband put an acid in her mouth that burned and turned her face and body black. She admitted to locking her husband in his upstairs room, but said it was to keep him from sneaking out at night to see other women. She claimed that her husband was always threatening to kill her, most recently on the day of the murder. As far as the pistol, she guessed David had bought it because he expected trouble from his son-in-law, Charles Bickman. As far as details about the murder, Zora said she had no distinct recollection of the events leading up to or after the murder.

On Monday, the funeral for David Clark³ took place. It was the largest held in the township up to that date. Mrs. Clark attended at her request. The scene was emotional, especially for the five children. On Tuesday, she was taken to the Eastern Michigan Asylum in Pontiac. Dr. Henry Hurd, a 39 year-old medical superintendent, examined her and found that she had suffered for a long time from delusions that her husband was trying to injure her by poisoning her food, medicine and the air of her room. He concluded that he believed her to be insane and irresponsible for her actions and recommended she be placed in an institution for the insane.

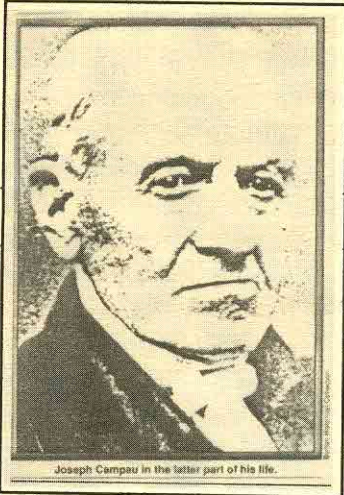
Zora Clark was sent to the Kalamazoo insane asylum. The sheriff and prosecuting attorney felt that justice had been served. The Clark's neighbors thought she had gotten away with murder. One neighbor summed up their feelings in a letter to the editor of the *Clinton Republican*. "Mrs. Clark was known in the neighborhood as Old Zode. Everyone thought she was a hard case, but supposed it was hereditary ugliness, not insanity. If Mrs. C. had a monomania that Clark wished to kill her, very likely it was brought on by her great desire to kill him. I was an attendant in the asylum at Kalamazoo for sixteen months, and saw allkinds of crazy women; yet I never thought Mrs. C. crazy....After five prominent physicians, the next day after the murder, pronounced her sane and accountable he (Prosecuting Attorney Fedewa) brings her the day of the funeral to the scene of her crime, and allows her to witness the anguish of a heart-broken mother and hear the cries of five orphan children. Is it any wonder, after all this excitement, a doctor totally unacquainted with her should call her a monomaniac?"

¹Some sources give her name as Izora and others Zolinda.

² William, Reuben and Lydia's ages are estimated from census records.

³David is buried in the Reed Cemetery, Victor Township.

CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL PAINE-GILLAM-SCOTT MUSEUM PRESENTS..... "FAST FACTS"....CLINTON COUNTY and the JOSEPH CAMPAU CONNECTION



Once Michigan's wealthiest citizen and Detroit's largest landowner, few Detroiters today can recall anything more about Joseph Campau than the avenue named in his honor.

Joseph Campau, a dealer in furs, educated five nephews in the Indian languages and the trading post business. He sent them to locate land in other areas of Michigan to establish trading posts. Paddling canoes they came up the rivers and built establishments to trade with the Indians. Three of those locations became Saginaw, Grand Rapids and our county's Maple Rapids.

Clinton County's first white settler was, grandson, George Campau, who started an Indian Trading Post near present-day Maple Rapids in 1826. George also purchased the first land owned in Clinton County by a white man.

Milcah (Milly) Campau Frace, George's second cousin, was Joseph's youngest son's, Alexander, daughter. Six years after her marriage to Dr. Guy Henry Frace in 1901, the family moved to Westphalia, then to St. Johns in 1914. She died in 1949.

After the death of the last surviving family member, the estate was willed to their Episcopal Church. Many artifacts and items of historical interest were donated to the P-G-S Museum and some were purchased for which the Historical Society is most grateful. The Detroit Historical Society recently borrowed one of these gifts, a statuette of Joseph, for Detroit's 300th Anniversary.

In the old Detroit City Hall building, which has been demolished, a life-size statue of Joseph, created by the famous sculptor, Julius Melcher, stood for many years. The statuette, donated to the Museum, was also by Melcher, possibly a model of the life size one. It is not known whether the life-size statue still exists.

Since the 1708 arrival of the Campau brothers from Montreal, Canada to Detroit, many offsprings have made pioneer history for Detroit, many Michigan counties and **especially our Clinton County.**

Next Issue: "The Railroad."

VOLUNTEER STAFF

The Archives of the CCHS is completely staffed by dedicated volunteers. They assist those who visit the archives, and those who write, phone, or send email requests. They abstract information from local newspapers; compile obituaries, preserve photographs and valuable records, maintain files, and create indexes to old records. Numerous other duties, not already mentioned, keep them busy week after week for the benefit those interested in Clinton County families. To acquaint you, they are:

- **Thomas Thiell**, who for at least ten years has driven over 25 miles every Thursday and Friday to keep the archives open some later hours and do research for others.
- **William Serviss** is another long-time volunteer, researcher, and invaluable, technical guru.
- **Janet Dunn**, since 1989 the irreplaceable aide on Tuesdays, performing a myriad of duties; such as, clipping and filing newspaper articles and maintaining the archived newspaper and newsletter collection.
- **Mary Lou Courtland** has worked since May 2001 tirelessly entering information into databases; staffing the archives on Mondays, and helping with research and in other areas on Tuesdays.
- **Carole Henry**, another 25-mile commuter, is at the archives on Tuesdays. She acts as courier; maintains the bulletin board, processes photographs, and helps out in all areas as the situation arises.
- **Rowlan Smith** has been assisting with research for the last year and helps staff the archives on Mondays.
- **Ralph Temple** began this year volunteering to help with research. He is usually at the archives on Mondays.

Thanks to all!

Melinda Hulse of Mt. Pleasant to Mary E. Jeffereys of Eureka

Clinton Co. News; 25 Feb & 18 Mar 2001

Original article in *Clinton Co. Republican-News; June 1925*

What settlers who came to Clinton Co. nearly 80 years ago had to endure and the sort of a life they led is interestingly pictured by Mrs. Melinda Hulse of Mt. Pleasant [in a letter] to Mrs. Mary E. Jeffereys of Eureka. Mrs. Hulse, who is 82 years old, came to Duplain Twp. with her parents at the age of three and has lived in this county all her life up to the last few years.

Well sister, I don't know what to write that will be interesting to you unless I write about some of my childhood days, so I will tell you some of the things that I can remember way back.

In 1849 my father and Mr. **Eagle** decided to come to Michigan, so each one had a team of horses, a covered wagon, loaded in their bedding, clothing, dishes, and families, and started. Mr. Eagle had seven children. Father had three: myself, brother Jim, and Mary was a baby.

Mr. Eagle had two cows behind his wagon. Father had one cow and a 2-year old heifer. They did not get started until afternoon. They stopped at a farm house for the night. One of Mr. Eagle's cows got out in the night and started back home. In the morning Mr. Eagle and father went back on horseback after her when they found she got back home.

They started with her but she got past them. They started back after her. When they got in front of Aunt **Rachel Schenck's** house, Aunt Rachel was out in the road. They told her to head the cow off, so she picked up a stone, threw it at the cow and knocked her down. Then they got a rope on her and brought her back, but it took all that day. Mrs. Eagle and mother were worried so while they were gone.

I can't remember much about the rest of the journey, only I would get tired of riding and want to walk.

The first place we landed was at **John Tinklepaugh's** in the woods. All the family that was there were John Tinklepaugh, his son Rastus and on the farm that was Uncle **Add Hulse's** afterward, a family lived in a little shanty by the name of **Chappell**. There was an empty log house across the road from Tinklepaugh's and we moved into that and stayed there that winter while father built a log house and cleared a piece of land for a garden, some potatoes and corn to be planted in the spring. Mother taught the Tinklepaugh boys and girls their ABC's that

winter.

In the spring we moved in our own house. Father had to go to Ionia to get flour and groceries. Sometimes we would get out of flour so father made a grater out of a tin pan. Then he would take ears of corn, grate them up into meal. Sometimes we would get out of soda so mother would take coals, cover them with a bowl, and they would be white ashes when she lifted the bowl. She used that for soda.

We always had plenty of maple sugar. There was lots of wild game. Father was a great hunter, so we had meat of some kind when we wanted it. The deer had a runway just west of the house. They had a hard beaten path like sheep make. I have seen ten deer at a time running one behind the other in that path. Many a time I stood outdoors and listened to the wolves howling not far from where you now live.

As settlers came later, they built a school house on the corner of Mr. Eagle's farm, the corner south of Eureka now. They had benches for seats and boards along the walls to lay our books on so we had to sit with our backs to the teacher.

There was a fireplace built out of sticks and stone where the fire was. The chimney was built out of sticks plastered with mud. When we got cold we could sit on a bench by the fire to get warm. Sometimes the fire would send out sparks and burn holes in our dresses.

Our teacher was **Harriet Eagle**. One day she fainted and fell on the floor. We didn't have any water pail so we carried the water in a coffee pot. Her brother grabbed that and upset it on her face. There wasn't much water in it, but it brought her to. We carried water from that spring on my place--all a solid wilderness then, just a path through the woods.

No Eureka there then. There was a woods from our house to the school-house. I have seen deer beside the road as I was going to school. They did not seem afraid.

Later on a minister came, so we had preaching at the schoolhouse. His name was **McKnight**. Then a Mr. **Besely** organized a Sunday School. He was the superintendent. He taught the children to sing. I think that is where Mr. **Beck** lives now.

Mr. Besely's daughter took a piece of white cloth and made a banner. She put the letters "Sunday School" on it and in the corners sat a yellow bird. She had it on a standard to carry it with a string at the bottom corners to keep it steady. We met at the schoolhouse and marched to the woods.

She and two other big scholars carried the banner. They went ahead and the rest followed, a lot of little barefoot girls and boys. The girls with calico sunbonnets, the boys with straw hats that their mothers had braided out of straw. Everyone seemed to feel so happy. None were dressed better than others to make them feel bad.

They all had a piece to speak. My, I was scared. Mother said my face was red as a beet, but I did not forget any of my piece.

Then came the Fourth of July. They had a celebration in the woods at the west end of father's land. They had two speakers come from some place. They built a platform and covered it with branches and wild roses to keep out the sun; had two chairs put there for them to sit in. I thought they must be some wonderful beings to have things fixed so nice for them.

Everyone brought something to eat. They had long tables fixed to eat on. In the center of the table was a roast deer with a wreath of those wild lilies around his neck. Then at night they all met at father's house and danced all night. **Bill Hobart** was there. He was a big, tall fellow and made his legs fly around so that I thought he was a funny dancer.

Then more settlers first came there. Lots lived in houses without any floors. They split logs into slabs and called it "puncheon." They had that laid

down for their bedsteads to sit on. The rest would be dirt packed hard. Their bedsteads were made out of poles with elm bark woven in the bottom for the straw ticks to lay on.

They had their stick fireplaces, had a crane that swung out and in to hang kettles on to cook in. They had round flat kettles with long legs and iron covers. They put their bread in that and sat it on a bed of coals and covered the lid with coals. That is the way they baked their bread.

Father seemed to be a little better situated than the rest for we had a stove and a floor in our house, but we had the pole bedstead. For brooms they took a small sapling, whittled down one end for a handle, then split the other end all into slivers. We had to sweep with that, but there wasn't such a thing as a carpet then.

What would folks think if they had to sweep and cook that way now? But folks seemed to enjoy themselves then for all they had to endure.

Father had a hard job for the first winter after we came to Michigan. One of the horses got fast in the stable and choked to death. Then in the spring the heifer that he brought with him got mired and starved to death. He hunted the woods for weeks before she was found. She had got in the mud so deep the water was running over her back. She had eaten everything as far as she could reach. So father cleared his farm with one horse.

Just as he was getting things comfortable, mother died leaving him with five motherless children. That was the hardest of all. Oh, how hard for me, the oldest one.

PRESIDENTS, SOLDIERS, STATESMEN

H. H. Hardesty, Publisher

This archives has copies of two editions of this title. These books contain mostly national and Civil War history; however, the last section of each is made up of brief biographies of approximately 200 Michigan Civil War veterans. Probably many other editions, under this title and using this format, exist having been compiled by the publisher in various areas and years.

The books do not include all veterans but evidently only those who subscribed and submitted their biography. The biographies usually tell the veteran's birth date, term of service, battles, family members (including wife's parents), occupation, address, ancestors and other relatives who served in the military, and miscellaneous other information of interest to genealogists.

This index on the pages 7- 10 of this newsletter is for the following two versions:

- **1894 Soldier's Edition** which lists veterans from a broad Michigan geographical area including, for example, Fenton, Grand Blanc, Flint, and North Branch.
- **1896 Soldier's Edition** which includes **Clinton Co.** veterans and those from other mid-Michigan counties (Ionia, Gratiot, Montcalm, etc.)

THOMAS ANDERSON was a native of Scotland where he was born Dec. 25, 1843. His parents, long ago numbered with the dead, were **Gabriel and Sarah (White) Anderson**. He was married first in January 1858 to **Jane Pinyard** who was born in 1841. Three children were the issue of this marriage: **Robert, Rose B., and Maud**. He was married secondly, Sept 1890, to **Jetora Holmes** who was born in Macomb county, Mich., Dec. 15, 1850. Her father, **M. Holmes**, is deceased, but her mother, **Sarah A. (Siel)**, is still spared. During the civil War, our subject's patriotism was shown in all loyal directions. He had been engaged in farming when he was enrolled Nov. 1862, in Co. B, 7th Mich. Cav.; he was transferred to Co. I, 9th Ill. V.C. Jan. 1864, in Chicago, Ill. Nov. 1864 his right eye was shot out by rifle ball during a skirmish, for which he entered hospital at Nashville for three months. July 3, 1863, he was detailed at Gettysburg as dispatch bearer for General Custer, serving in that capacity for six months. Nov. 24, 1864, he was wounded at Lenville, Tenn., and left on the field to die. He stayed with a citizen near Pulaski for one month, and when able left for his command. He lay in the woods two weeks until reported to provost marshal. January, 1864, he was furloughed for two weeks and returned to Springfield, Ill., at end of time. The following are his battles:

LaGrange, Holly Springs, Elk River, Gettysburg, Falling Waters, Williamsport, Culpeper, Brandy Station, and several others, receiving his final honorable discharge Apr. 27, 1865, at Eastport, Tenn.

He had three brothers in service: **Gabriel** was in Andersonville prison fourteen months; **James** and **Robert** served in Mich. Regt. His second wife had three uncles in service: **William, Henry and James Siel**, all in Mich. Regts. Comrade Anderson is a member of Billy Begole Post 127, in which he was commander one year and S.V.C. two terms. He is at present engaged in farming near Maple Rapids, Mich., which is his post office address.

(*Presidents, Soldiers, Statesmen...*; Hardesty; 1896 Soldier's Edition; Vol II; p 1185)

EDWARD BLACK was born in New Jersey Jan. 12, 1833, and was a son of **John and Sarah (Nixon) Black**, deceased. June 9, 1855, at Monroe, N.Y., he was married to **Hannah Parliment**, and their hearthstone has been graced with thirteen children: **Edward, Aaron, John, Emma, James, Leonard, William, Eliza, Peter, Wesley, Minnie B., Terry, and Mary**. When Pres. Lincoln issued a call for troops to

defend the nation's cause, his patriotic love for freedom actuated him to enlist Oct. 7, 1861. He was enrolled from Monroe, N.Y., as a private in Co. A., 1st N.Y. Eng., and Mech. He was in due time promoted to the ranks of Corp. and Sergt. Jan. 21, 1864, he was honorably discharged and veteranized in same command, thus obtaining a veteran's furlough of thirty days. He was detailed at Hilton Head to gather timber. He was actively engaged in the battles of Ft. Wells, Ft. Pulaski, Charleston, Pocotalogo, Jacksonville, Garry Ford, Ft. Fisher, Petersburg, and James Island. He was granted his final honorable discharge July 19, 1865, at Hilton Head, S.C. His brother **Matthew** served in the war. His wife's brother, **James**, was taken prisoner and died from gunshot wound received in action. Our subject may be addressed at DeWitt, Mich., near which place he is successfully engaged in farming.

(*Presidents, Soldiers, Statesmen...*; Hardesty; 1896 Soldier's Edition; Vol II; p 1189)

HORATIO BLISS. **David and Samantha**

(**Griswald**) **Bliss**, deceased, are the parents of our subject who was born in Wilmington, Vt., April 17, 1830. He was united in the bonds of matrimony, July 1859 to **Lucinda Hildreth**, who was born in Tompkins county, N.Y., July 22, 1837. She was a daughter of **Jonathan and Lydia (Gifford) Hildreth**, deceased.

One child has been born to them--**Harry G.** Being a loyal and true patriot of his country, our subject was enrolled Aug. 11, 1862, at St. Johns, Mich., in Co. G. 23 Mich. V.I., 2 Brig., 2 Div., 23 A.C. Dec. 1862 he was ill with chronic diarrhea and was kept in hospitals at Roaring Forks and New Albany for two months. Aug. 1, 1863, he was treated in hospitals at Cincinnati and Camp Dennison four weeks with jaundice. Feb. 1864, he entered hospital at Knoxville where he was treated for one month when he was transferred to Nashville thirteen months until honorably discharged April 17, 1865. Apr. 15, 1863, he was furloughed for twenty days and again Nov. 1, 1864, for twenty days, returning at expiration of each. May 1, 1864, he was detailed as gardener at Nashville till discharged. He fought at Campbell station and Siege of Knoxville and several others. He had three brothers in service; **Augustus and Stephen** in Mich. Eng. and Mech.; and **Sidney** in Co. G. 23, Mich. V.I. His wife's brother, **Charles**, served in 8th Mich. V.I. Comrade Bliss is a member of C.E. Grisson Post, 156. He is a farmer by occupation and his address is Riley, Mich.

(*Presidents, Soldiers, Statesmen...*; Hardesty; 1896 Soldier's Edition; Vol II; p 1190).

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Name	Birth Date	Last Residence
Adams, Delos	3 Jul 1841	Ortonville, Oakland
Adams, George W.	20 Jul 1836	Fenton
Adams, John Q.	ca 1842	Grand Blanc
Alcott, William H.	20 Aug 1840	
Allen, Willard B.	16 Feb 1835	Flint
Alyea, Warren C.	18 Sep 1832	Attica
Armstrong, James		Flushing
Austin, John W.	17 May 1843	Five Lakes
Baker, Charles	17 May 1847	Grand Blanc
Baker, Joshua J.	8 Feb 1842	North Branch
Balcom, Edgar C.	10 Oct 1837	Otter Lake
Ballard, Lamont	12 Feb 1835	Attica
Barber, William	May 1835	Mt. Morris
Barney, Marion C.		Flint
Beacham, Lemuel	ca 1820	Imlay City
Beardsley, Orange	1825	Montrose
Beebe, Warren S.	31 Aug 1830	Lapeer
Bessey, Oscar N.	16 Jan 1844	Dryden
Bevens, Samuel	16 Aug 1825	Imlay City
Bonney, Moses	18 Jul 1847	King's Mills
Bothwell, James	6 Jul 1820	Oregon
Botsford, Benjamin A.	24 Aug 1821	Fenton
Bowern, George Jr.	15 Nov 1849	Thayer
Bradshaw, George	20 Mar 1838	Lapeer
Bradshaw, Harrison	23 Nov 1840	North Branch
Broadwell, W. H.	4 Feb 1833	Columbiaville
Buchanan, Henry T.	ca 1840	Grand Blanc
Burdick, Walstin H.	1841	Otterburn
Bush, Louis	20 Feb 1836	Silver Wood
Butcher, William	18 Jun 1838	Fenton
Campbell, James	ca 1848	Atlas
Casler, Solomon W.	28 Feb 1835	Otter Lake
Cayrl, Simon N.	5 Nov 1827	Columbiaville
Childs, Earl K.	21 Mar 2828	Milford
Chrouch, George W.	9 Oct 1843	Shaftsbury
Clark, Levi C.	19 Jun 1825	Imlay City
Clauga, Francis	31 Jul 1842	Five Lakes
Collins, Levi H.	8 Jan 1840	Grand Blanc
Cramer, Jacob D.	1819	Atlas
Crankshaw, George	10 Aug 1842	Elba
Crosby, Albert	25 Feb 1833	Flushing
Cross, David A.	1844	Flushing
Curiston, Thomas	22 Feb 1841	Lapeer
Curle, Stewart S.	28 Apr 1840	Flushing
Darby, Charles	1841	Swartz Creek
Dean, Charles L.	12 Oct 1844	Perry
DeLong, Enos D.	14 Sep 1841	Flushing
VanDeusen, Andrew M.	30 Jul 1847	Elsie
Denton, Emery	25 Aug 1839	Grand Blanc
Dibble, Clark	12 Nov 1840	Fenton
Dibble, George	31 Mar 1842	Flushing

Downing, George A.	15 Oct 1843	Lapeer
Drumm, Albert M.	1 Oct 1847	Henderson
Dart, Edward S.	1821	Swartz Creek
Dunker, Frederick C.	3 Sep 1827	Montrose
Dye, Charles	ca 1841	Flint
Bentley, Samuel D.	11 Aug 1846	Swartz Creek
Eckler, Lemings J.	10 Sep 1838	Almont
Eldred, Elijah C.	1 Feb 1825	Montrose
Ellsworth, John	14 Aug 1839	Lapeer
Emery, John	6 Sep 1846	Mt. Morris
Enders, Harry H.	ca 1841	Goodrich
Ewing, Edwin I.	17 Apr 1840	Perry
Falkinberry, Dewitt C.	30 Apr 1824	North Branch
Farquharson, George	13 Sep 1841	Lapeer
Foskett, William	5 Nov 1829	North Branch
Gable, Martin	24 Mar 1843	Swartz Creek
Gallinger, Henry	5 Apr 1832	North Branch
Goodale, Francis W.	7 Oct 1845	Farmer's Creek
Grey, I. W.	9 Jul 1822	Columbiaville
Griffith, George W.	22 Oct 1842	North Branch
Hackett, Edward E.	23 Feb 1841	Owosso
Haggadone, William	28 Mar 1830	Imlay City
Haines, A.W.	17 Feb 1844	North Branch
Hall, Sylvester M.	20 Nov 1836	Thornville
Halstead, Milo B.	22 Dec 1830	Bennington
Harrington, Wesley	10 Feb 1844	Dryden
Harwood, Willard	19 Mar 1843	Imlay City
Hawley, Hanford H.	3 Nov 1833	Perry
Hendrick, N. Thomas	16 Dec 1832	Clifford
Hewitt, Charles	25 Nov 1839	Laingsburg
Hill, Michael	ca 1842	Morris
Hiscock, William	5 May 1832	Montrose
Hollingsworth, John	5 Jul 1845	Flint
Howell, Joseph F.	22 Sep 1818	Dryden
Hubbell, John A.	ca 1845	Ovid
Hubert, John	3 Nov 1833	Attica
Huntley, James	13 Oct 1847	Imlay City
Hutchings, Henry	17 Mar 1836	Perry
Hutton, Philo M.	1 Jun 1830	Attica
Irving, George W.	1 Jun 1846	Clayton
Jennings, Almer B.	31 Oct 1843	Grand Blanc
Jennings, Eli J.	ca 1838	Goodrich
Jerome, Samuel C.	6 Oct 1837	Flint
Johnson, Frank	5 Sep 1846	Lapeer
Kahl, Henry H.	12 Sep 1836	Brent Creek
Kelch, John	16 May 1845	Mt. Morris
Kendall, Simeon B.	25 Jan 1829	Perry
Kenyon, Daniel L.	1847	Montrose
Kindre, Daniel A.	5 Jan 1830	Attica
King, Michael	22 Sep 1839	Drake, Lapeer Co.
Klech, Richard M.	14 Apr 1842	Silverwood
Lake, Samuel	17 Jul 1842	Elk

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Lannon, Conrad	1846	Montrose
Lason, Charles E.	1844	Atlas
Leavitt, Joel	3 Oct 1840	Carland
Leland, Edward	11 Oct 1830	Laingsburg
Linzey, Charles B.	10 May 1841	Owosso
Livermore, William B.	23 May 1844	Lapeer
Lombard, Horace	24 Dec 1846	Lapeer
Lutz, John N.	21 Jun 1845	Shaftsbury
Lyons, Walter S.	4 Nov 1825	Black's Corners
Mallett, Lewis	8 Oct 1829	Montrose
Mann, James M.	28 Jun 1826	Imlay City
Marsh, Edward C.	25 Oct 1846	Flint
Martin, William H. J.	ca 1849	Flushing
McAuley, James	26 Aug 1818	McAuley
McClain, Eli W.	12 Feb 1834	Bennington
McClintock, Gilman J.	27 Sep 1832	Laingsburg
McNeil, Baker	12 Feb 1848	Imlay City
McNitt, Albert	18 Aug 1836	Montrose
Moon, Charles H.	3 Aug 1830	Attica
Mosey, Frank	26 Oct 1842	Montrose
Mosier, Abraham	3 Sep 1833	Montrose
Newall, George E.	18 Sep 1842	Flint
Newcomb, Daniel	8 Jun 1818	Lapeer
Newman, Benjamin		
Ott, Ellis	16 Apr 1837	Owosso
Parker, M.L.	1848	Owosso
Pasco, Edwin	3 Feb 1839	Pittsburg
Perry, Oliver H.	8 Dec 1844	Flushing
Phelps, Cyrus	ca 1838	Flushing
Phipps, John H.	12 Aug 1835	Oxford
Pollock, James W.	1832	Flushing
Porter, Albert	18 Aug 1833	Metamora
Randell, William P.	22 Jul 1836	Ortonville
Reed, Horace K.	28 Apr 1830	Imlay City
Reede, William H.	30 May 1840	Grand Blanc
Robinson, Isaac K.	25 Jul 1808	Lapeer
Roney, George	12 Jan 1844	Lapeer
Roney, John W.	6 Apr 1819	Dryden
Ross, William	17 Aug 1841	Henderson
Rothgeb, Elijah	12 Apr 1839	Perry
Ruess, Gottlob	6 Jun 1842	Bennington
Rutherford, Lyman	30 Aug 1833	Imlay City
Sadden, Charles W.	ca 1845	Grand Blanc
Sanborn, Edgar F.	15 Feb 1847	Perry
Sanborn, Lucius	ca 1843	Hadley
Sayre, Daniel B.	ca 1830	Atlas
Schnabel, Philip	25 Mar 1826	Owosso
Schrambling, James	10 Aug 1824	Imlay City
Seymour, James B.	16 Nov 1840	Flint
Shaft, William H.	22 Feb 1845	Shaftsbury
Shars, Theodore	25 Jan 1841	Imlay City
Shephard, Andrew T.	16 Oct 1844	Lapeer

Sheppard, Thomas H.	4 Apr 1824	Imlay City
Shumar, Jacob M.	23 Nov 1840	Dryden
Skinner, Francis E.	18 Dec 1831	Lapeer
Slocum, Edward H.	ca 1844	Flint
Smith, Havilah	27 Mar 1833	Montrose
Smith, Henry M.	11 Jun 1830	Lapeer
Smith, Orlando J.	24 May 1846	North Branch
Snell, Albert B.	ca 1843	Swartz Creek
Snyder, Birney M.	13 Mar 1845	Imlay City
Southworth, Silas B.	10 Apr 1830	Ovid
Spitler, George J.	1 Feb 1831	Henderson
Stanton, John	6 Jun 1841	Ovid
Stephens, J.C.C.	9 Mar 1836	Mt. Morris
Stichler, R.M.	9 Aug 1837	Perry
Stiff, W.C.	20 Nov 1843	Burton
Saint John, Samuel H.	1 Feb 1843	Imlay City
Stone, William	22 Feb 1832	Flushing
Stout, Spencer C.	8 Apr 1827	Flushing
Taylor, Alexander	ca 1844	Imlay City
Taylor, Alfred L.	25 Oct 1846	Elba
Taylor, James H.	30 Mar 1829	Metamora
Thomas, Cooley H.	23 Jun 1829	Sageville
Thomas, Shubald H.	27 Jun 1844	Flushing
Todd, Hanford E.	ca 1830	Flint
Townsend, Octavus	10 Dec 1837	Hadley
Tripp, Winfield S.	28 Mar 1840	Hunter's Creek
VanKleek, Romain	3 Dec 1839	Dryden
Vosburg, Ralph	17 Jan 1838	Grand Blanc
Waite, Miles	4 Dec 1836	Imlay City
Warner, John	15 Feb 1828	Montrose
Webster, Alanson	14 Feb 1841	Attica
Wells, Charles L.	23 Dec 1844	Perry
Weston, Edwin A.	18 Feb 1861	Lapeer
Weston, Lester J.	23 Nov 1842	North Branch
Wheeler, Isaac	2 Apr 1845	Flushing
White, John	19 Feb 1828	Chapin
Widger, Alpheus C.	5 Sep 1843	Imlay City
Wilber, Wesley G.	2 Apr 1837	Silverwood
Wilbur, William H.	25 Aug 1840	Swartz Creek
Williams, H.H.	Oct 1841	Fenton
Williams, John	11 Jun 1830	Imlay City
Williams, Simon C.	3 Mar 1830	Lapeer City
Wing, Charles T.	25 May 1837	Perry
Wright, Tiffney S.	21 Aug 1833	Perry
Curry, Lewis V.	ca 1838	Fenton
Dickerman, Edward H.	ca 1840	Fenton
Durfee, Edgar	23 Apr 1843	Fenton
Fuller, Harrison W.	10 Aug 1840	Elsie
Fuller, Otis B.	6 Jan 1826	Dryden
Gibson, Frederick E.	28 Jun 1844	Durand
Hewitt, John E.	ca 1836	Fenton
Johnston, William D.	22 Feb 1843	Flint

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Lanz, Charles	15 Aug 1842	Ionia
Knickerbocker, James	9 Jun 1844	Maple Rapids
Korcher, Gottlieb	17 Nov 1827	St. Johns
Lovrien, Charles B.	26 Sep 1838	Ionia
Marsh, Charles	24 Sep 1830	Bath
Marsh, C.S.	31 Jan 1843	Lyons
Marsh, James	28 Dec 1819	Hubbardston
Marshall, John C.	12 Feb 1831	DeWitt
Mankey, Charles	ca 1829	Fowler
McCoy, Charles	25 Aug 1845	Lake Odessa
Meade, Arthur	25 Nov 1843	St. Johns
Miller, Wilmer	13 May 1838	Maple Rapids
Minier, Francis B.	19 Sep 1820	Palo
Moser, Samuel	1825	Lake Odessa
Moyer, Jonathan C.	16 Nov 1831	Maple Rapids
Myer, Elias H.	Dec 1843	St. Johns
McCrossen, Christoph	14 Apr 1839	Smyrna
Nash, Harrison	10 Aug 1814	Maple Rapids
Nash, Henry H.	6 Apr 1845	Maple Rapids
Newhouse, Simon	27 Jul 1842	Muir
Newman, James A.	1846	Bath
Newman, Silas W.	7 Aug 1847	Bath
Osburn, Samuel	28 Sep 1821	Ionia
Parmenter, Russell B.	17 Mar 1830	Ionia
Patterson, Seldon J.	25 Mar 1830	Eureka
Pattengill, William H.	5 Aug 1839	Sebewa
Patterson, John	25 Dec 1837	St. Johns
Petrie, John R.	22 Nov 1830	Sebewa
Phillips, Wilson M.	21 Oct 1843	Belding
Pierce, William	3 Mar 1823	Bath
Pinkerton, Handy A.	14 Oct 1847	Ionia
Potter, W.F.	23 Jan 1832	Laingsburg
Pound, Asa	19 Mar 1834	Laingsburg
Purdy, George	14 Aug 1837	Smyrna
Rathburn, Paris	6 Apr 1829	Muir
Reed, John C.	13 Oct 1844	Maple Rapids
Reed, Otis H.	23 Apr 1822	Portland
Reeves, Lafayette	20 Jul 1826	Otisco
Rider, Charles H.	22 Nov 1839	St. Johns
Rogers, Eli R.	1 Dec 1840	Smyrna
Robb, Andrew	16 mar 1831	St. Johns
Russell, Joseph A.	1824	Lake Odessa
Ryan, Richard	1830	Hubbardston
Sadler, Cyrenius H.	20 Jul 1835	Muir
Sage, William H.	6 Jun 1845	Fowler
Saxton, Daniel F.	23 Jul 1835	Portland
Sayles, John	3 Aug 1845	Belding
Shivley, Daniel	16 Dec 1839	Lansing
Schveni, John P.		Hubbardston
Schofield, Benjamin F.	26 Nov 1849	St. Johns
Scott, John H.	19 Aug 1842	Ionia
Severance, Melvin A.	4 Jun 1833	Belding

Sexton, Job W.	24 Jul 1841	Geary
Sexton, Zephaniah	23 May 1839	Price
Shaffer, Joseph	Aug 1841	Ionia
Shire, Henry	1837	Lake Odessa
Showerman, William	5 Oct 1825	Laingsburg
Signs, Jeremiah	26 Oct 1841	Saranac
Tuttle, Almond	1 Nov 1835	Ionia
Siple, John	1840	North Lansing
Sleight, James D.	Feb 1840	Geary
Smith, Alfred R.	28 Mar 1842	Bath
Smith, Austin T.	20 May 1840	Bath
Smith, Ransellaer K.	17 Feb 1826	Hubbardston
Soughders, Joseph H.	15 Feb 1833	Portland
Sowle, Horace A.	23 Mar 1834	Maple Rapids
Stead, Joseph	18 Nov 1844	Maple Rapids
Steadman, Thomas A.	13 Jan 1832	Lyons
Stevens, Benevolent H.	26 Apr 1841	Portland
Steere, David	20 Oct 1844	Palo
Stevens, Edwin C.	5 Dec 1830	St. Johns
Stevens, Harmon	8 Jul 1822	Ionia
Stickles, Joseph R.	6 Mar 1846	DeWitt
Stinehart, Theodore	12 Dec 1837	DeWitt
Stimson, G.W.	14 Jul 1845	St. Johns
Stoughton, Alfred W.	3 Feb 1832	Bath
Sturdevant, James	3 Jul 1844	South Riley
Sweeney, William H.	12 Oct 1844	Bath
Thompson, Wilbert	7 Sep 1830	Laingsburg
Tooker, Hiram L.	10 Apr 1840	Bath
Treat, Hiram D.	29 Aug 1838	Ovid
Upton, Hart L.	23 Jun 1827	Victor
Friend, George E.	18 Feb 1846	Sebewa
Carpenter, Elkenah L.	20 May 1819	Sunfield
Underwood, Seymour	26 Jun 1832	Belding
Vanscoy, George	12 Dec 1846	Bath
VanOrsdol, Amos C.	21 May 1835	Shepherdsville
Wager, Andrew H.	26 Jun 1844	DeWitt
Watkins, Vernon C.	14 Dec 1845	Lake Odessa
Wendall, James H.	12 Dec 1832	Ionia
Way, Nathan C.	17 May 1821	Portland
West, Daniel W.	25 Aug 1825	Ionia
West, George H.	17 Oct 1837	Ovid
Wheeler, Gilbert	19 Jun 1823	Ovid
Wherry, William M.	25 Mar 1843	Bath
Wilder, Henry M.	20 Mar 1837	Muir
Wilson, Harvey	19 Nov 1840	Ovid
Wilson, John W.	9 Nov 1833	Bath
Wilson, Warren	20 May 1838	Bath
Wilkinson, Thomas	14 Apr 1843	Palo
Williams, Charles	May 1845	Matherton
Wohfron, Henry	1839	Laingsburg
Wood, Russell	9 Apr 1823	Haslett Park
Worden, James H.	14 May 1830	Victor
York, George B.	10 Dec 1841	Lake Odessa
Toynton, William	25 Aug 1830	Muir

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Marsh, Alvah H.	12 Jun 1836	Fenton
Marsh, Benjamin F.	23 Sep 1841	Fenton
Abel, William A.	17 Mar 1846	Bath
Abraham, John	1829	Lyons
Allen, Thomas R.	8 Feb 1843	Ionia
Anderson, James	12 Aug 1828	Maple Rapids
Anderson, Thomas	25 Dec 1843	Maple Rapids
Barrows, Henry	22 Mar 1840	Palo
Bates, Hosea B.	26 May 1833	Sebewa
Beard, Jacob F.	15 Apr 1823	Lake Odessa
Beedy, Cyrus	18 Feb 1844	Smyrna
Berry, Edwin R.	26 Jan 1839	Belding
Bever, Martin	22 May 1838	Lake Odessa
Bice, Joseph	31 Mar 1827	Portland
Black, Edward	12 Jan 1833	DeWitt
Bliss, Horatio	17 Apr 1830	Riley
Bliss, Stephen C.	19 Apr 1814	Riley
Bradley, Henry	7 Jan 1826	Lyons
Briggs, John	10 Feb 1812	North Lansing
Bronson, William S.	22 Apr 1822	DeWitt
Brown, Alonzo	1845	Otisco
Brown, Charles	27 Sep 1841	Belding
Brown, George W.	Dec 1850	Shiloh
Brown, General M.	30 Sep 1839	Belding
Burdick, L.D.	Apr 1829	Ovid
Burkett, John	11 May 1830	Muir
Carpenter, Jonah H.	14 Feb 1817	Sunfield
Carter, George W.	8 Feb 1847	Bath
Casterline, Abram L.	8 Oct 1829	Maple Rapids
Case, Schuyler	24 Jul 1840	Belding
Chapman, Andrew	28 May 1834	DeWitt
Choates, W.	11 Jan 1845	Belding
Clark, Edward	28 Mar 1841	Bath
Clark, Josias C.	6 Dec 1826	Rosina
Clise, Frederick	ca 1813	Bath
Conklin, Allen	5 Aug 1843	Ionia
Cover, George W.	ca 1844	Lake Odessa
Covert, James	10 Dec 1841	Ovid
Cranson, Samuel F.	3 Nov 1825	Hubbardston
Credit, Henry	1829	Belding
Croel, William A.	14 Apr 1841	Lyons
Dalrymple, Aaron M.	24 Feb 1834	Palo
Davis, James	31 Aug 1847	St. Johns
Dinsmore, Ezra J.	22 Jul 1839	Danby
Deatsman, Charles	19 Jul 1830	Sebewa
Drumheller, Jacob	4 Jun 1812	Bath
Dryer, Allen	14 Jun 1840	Bath
Etson, Wilbur	Sep 1839	Lyons
Evans, Christopher C.	30 Jan 1845	St. Johns
Evans, Jacob W.	Sep 1842	Portland
Evans, Joseph F.	2 Feb 1850	Bath
Farrer, Isaac	6 Jul 1839	Muir

Filkins, Marvin A.	21 Sep 1832	Belding
Fish, Valentine	3 Feb 1832	St. Johns
Fleischer, John C.	15 May 1839	Ovid
Friend, Francis A.	20 May 1844	Portland
Gauss, John	27 Mar 1837	Palo
Gage, William B.	1 Sep 1846	Matherton
Gates, Wesley	20 Oct 1837	Saranac
Evans, John	Nov 1823	Bath
Geisenhafer, Jacob	Jul 1830	Lansing
Gibson, James	7 Dec 1830	DeWitt
Gitchell, Martin C.	7 May 1844	Ovid
Goodrich, William H.	26 Jun 1846	Bath
Gladding, William H.	8 Jun 1846	Lyons
Graft, George	3 Jun 1835	Portland
Green, Thomas H.	12 Apr 1836	St. Johns
Grieves, John	4 Jan 1847	Saranac
Grove, Henry	14 Jan 1845	Hubbardston
Haas, Levi	16 Nov 1840	Maple Rapids
Hair, Jacob	26 Dec 1837	Portland
Hair, Joseph	18 Apr 1841	Portland
Hall, Smith	7 Oct 1845	DeWitt
Harris, Ambrose	25 Dec 1844	Muir
Harrington, Benjamin	18 Dec 1838	Belding
Harrington, John	23 Jul 1829	Ionia
Hath, James M.	31 Mar 1833	DeWitt
Haviland, Charles E.	1 Apr 1840	Bath
Hayesmen, William E.	18 Oct 1844	Ionia
Heiler, Theodore	14 Jan 1833	DeWitt
Helms, Hiram	1 Mar 1832	Maple Rapids
Hoges, Ralph	5 Sep 1849	Hubbardston
Holley, Ralph W.	17 Oct 1828	DeWitt
Houston, Archibald	Oct 1825	Hubbardston
Howland, William R.	9 Apr 1845	St. Johns
Hummel, Jacob J.	1842	South Cass
Hunt, Abram	11 Dec 1821	Collins
Ingalls, John D.	22 May 1828	Watertown
Hylar, Abram H.	21 Apr 1831	Bath
Irish, Welcome M.	25 Dec 1839	Pewamo
Hunt, Smith A.	10 Jan 1840	Fowler
Jeffers, Ira S.	28 Oct 1844	Palo
Jenkins, Lorin F.	15 Nov 1842	Portland
Jessup, Andrew	26 Nov 1844	Matherton
Johnson, Edward	21 Feb 1841	Lyons
Jones, Albert	24 Sep 1845	South Riley
Jones, Lester F.	24 Dec 1830	Ionia
Kart, Samuel	2 Apr 1844	Lake Odessa
Kanouse, Francis	11 Aug 1832	Ionia
Kinney, Samuel	6 Nov 1838	Maple Rapids
Leach, Wesley H.	22 Apr 1843	Shiloh
Ransom, Lewis	6 Feb 1846	Shepardsville
Lansbury, Nelson	2 Mar 1846	Shepardsville
Knowles, William	15 Jan 1828	Ionia

Civil War Biographies (cont.) - STEPHEN C. BLISS, whose parents, David and Samantha (Griswald) Bliss, are deceased, was born in Windham county, Vt., April 19, 1814. He was married Oct. 1845 in Wilmington county, Vt., to **Marilla Moore**, who was born in 1819 and passed to her reward in the fall of 1866. The issue of this marriage was five children: **George, Mary, Clark, Martha, and Franklin**. He was married secondly, Oct 1867, in Riley twp., this county, to **Charlotte Temple**. When the war cloud settled over our country, our subject was engaged in farming. He was enrolled Sept. 12, 1861, at Ionia, Mich., when 47 years of age as a private soldier in Co. E, 1st Mich. Eng. & Mech. Jan. 5, 1863, he was detailed as nurse in hospital at Louisville, Ky., and served in this capacity for thirteen months. He was granted his honorable discharge Nov.2, 1864, at Atlanta, Ga. His son, George, served in Mich. Regt. Two brothers, **Horatio and Augustus** also served their country. His present wife had two brothers in action: **Thomas and Othol** in N. Y. Regt. Comrade Bliss is at present engaged in farming and his address is Riley, Mich.

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