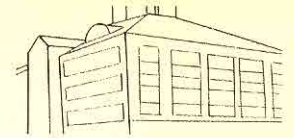




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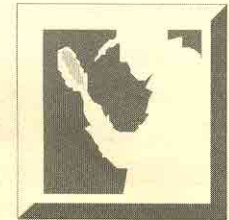
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Clinton County Murders

(Third in a series)
By Wayne Summers



Bernice Blank Murder¹

Bernice Ottoman² was born on October 14, 1911, in Guthrie, Oklahoma. In 1919 she moved with her parents to Jackson, Michigan, where she graduated from Jackson High School. After high school, Bernice enrolled at Michigan State College in East Lansing, graduating with a degree in dietetics in 1932.

George Blank had been adopted at the age of five by **Robert** and **Anna Blank**. Robert had grown up in Essex Township, but had moved to Fulton Township, Gratiot County near the Clinton County village of Maple Rapids. The Blanks were respected members of the community and active in the Congregational Church.

Some residents of Maple Rapids were surprised when George married Bernice on January 7, 1934. Prior to the marriage he had been dating **Ada Reist** who lived in the Village of Maple Rapids. The day after the wedding, George picked up a distraught sixteen year-old Ada and brought her out to the farm. George's father, Robert, went up to the upset girl and told her that she needed to leave George alone; that when a man was married "all other women were out." She left, but her feelings for George continued. After their marriage Bernice taught school and advised a girls domestic science club while George eked out a living farming. Money was tight and they argued regularly. During the summer of 1935, Bernice's younger brother Raymond stayed with the couple and reported, "George makes Bernice cry every day."

January 5, 1936, started like any other winter Sunday. George and Bernice attended church and Sunday School that morning even though Bernice was expecting their first child any day. Later that evening **Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bancroft** and their baby visited with the Blanks playing cards and jackstraws until about 10:30.

As the Bancroft's were leaving, George drove over and turned off the water pipe at a new house they were building on his father's land.

¹ This murder actually took place just north of the Clinton County line in Gratiot County, but it is part of the Maple Rapids community.

² Her first name was Marian, but she went by her middle name.

In his own words, this is what George said happened next. "I came back after turning the water off and I came into the house, in the kitchen door, and was washing my hands when she asked if I had money enough for the baby. That has been a bone of contention for the past three months. I told her I did not have any then but would have some. I then walked into the living room. She was standing back of the stove. She kept talking and nagging about the money and saying, 'We never have any when we wanted it, but always have to wait.' And finally I got mad and told her to shut up about it, and she still persisted in talking about it and then I struck her with my fist." George left the house and drove over to the barn.

Jennie Huff, a telephone operator in St. Johns, received a call from an unidentified screaming woman. She patched the call to sheriff **John S. Barnes** who began monitoring the line. Soon a panicked George Blank came on the line and called his father. Having ascertained the location of the scream, Sheriff Barnes called his deputy, **Earl Cludy**, in Maple Rapids who immediately left for the Blank residence.

A neighbor, **Lloyd Cook**, heard the commotion and ran over to the Blank home. George's father, Robert Blank, arrived and was greeted by his son who said, "There lies my wife and child" pointing to Bernice's charred remains inside the house. Leaving George outside on the porch, Robert and Lloyd entered the house.

Others arrived and found George in the snow, having fallen off the porch. As they were escorting him to a car, a distraught George tore away and ran back into the house.

As neighbors consoled George, the authorities began to look for what caused the fire. In searching the house, they found it odd that only Bernice's body and one chair was burned. While removing Bernice's body, Deputy Cludy noticed a strong kerosene smell. They initially concluded she had been trying to rekindle the fire in the

stove with kerosene when her clothes must have caught on fire. But if that was the case, why was the chair burnt?

On Monday the police found an empty chloroform bottle in the stove. They guessed it must have been used by the Blanks to hold small amounts of kerosene to start the fire. But, how did it get in the stove? Adding to the mystery, when the police questioned the Bancroft's they stated there was a good fire going in the stove and that it was very comfortable in the house when they left at 10:30. With a good fire there would have been no reason to use kerosene.

As more facts became public, residents of Maple Rapids began to suspect this wasn't an accident, but murder. They wondered if George, a young man brought up in a good Christian home, could have murdered his wife in order to be able to marry **Ada Reist**, his old sweetheart.

On February 24, 1936, a hearing began in front of **Justice Howard L. Potter** to determine if George should be bound over to Circuit Court for the murder of his wife. During the hearing evidence was presented and a series of witnesses testified.

After three and a half days of testimony, George asked to have private talks with first his father, then Ada, and finally his lawyer, **Edward W. Fehling**. At 5 o'clock on Thursday, February 27, in the presence of his lawyer, George began crying and confessed to the murder.

Here is his confession in his own words beginning just after he hit his wife with his fist. "I was still mad – mad enough to kill anyway and it just flashed through my mind that I had seen the chloroform bottle somewhere.

"Then I got back into the car and drove back across the road and got the chloroform bottle out of the cow barn. When I got back into the house she was standing by the archway by the stove and evidently she smelled the chloroform before I got clear into the dining room and she took up the telephone and took the receiver off the hook and screamed. I held a handkerchief over her

mouth and nose and then when I was sure she was dead I put her in the chair. Then something seemed to tell me to get rid of everything and I threw the bottle into the stove and went out to the kitchen and got the fuel oil can and poured it over her and the chair and around the room, then I set fire to the chair. I then remember taking the oil can back to the kitchen and then if I remember rightly I called dad.

"It seemed that I should do something. I think I went out doors. I began to realize what I had done and then went back in to get her out. She had fallen out of the chair and was lying face down on the floor in front of the chair. I am not certain how I tried to get her out.

"I was overcome by smoke and I do not remember when I let loose of her but I remember vaguely that I was in the vicinity of the stove."

At 9:45 that evening George Blank stood before Circuit Court **Judge Kelly Searl**. With his father on one side and Ada Reist on the other, George Blank was given a life sentence to be served in Jackson State Prison for the murder of his wife.

Fred Treadwell and his milk truck, which went through a sink hole bridge, on DeWitt Road between Locher and Lehman Roads. The small girl on the truck is Merle (Lapham) Klaver

ca 1905

Contributed by Mary Lou Courtland



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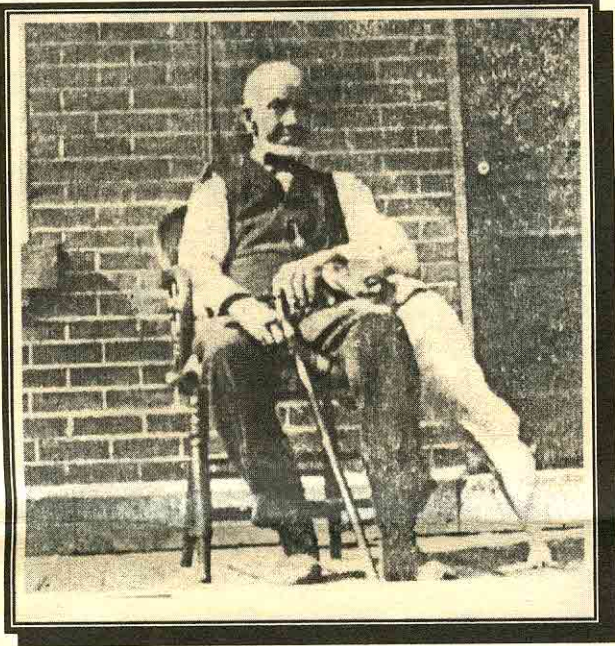
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Clinton County Historical Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum presents---"Fast Facts"...

Emmons, First Settler, City of St. Johns

Written & contributed by Catherine Rumbaugh

In March 2004 of Clinton County Trails, we wrote of the first white man in Clinton County. He was **George Campau**, the nephew of **Joseph Campau** of Detroit, who he sent to establish a trading post. George chose a spot on the Maple River on which his party was traveling by canoes. That spot and area became Maple Rapids and George, the first white settler in 1826, of the soon to be Clinton County.



In the original plat for St. Johns, the village is described as extending from Railroad Street to Baldwin and Ottawa to Whittemore. There were several additions during the early years. One such addition was known as Emmonsville.

George W. Emmons was born, September 12, 1823, in Seneca County, NY. At the age of 13 he became an indentured servant. The contract was approved and signed by his father, **Philanus Emmons**, Seneca County, NY. The contract bonded him to **George Rogers**, a farmer of Novi, in Oakland County, until the age 21 years. Emmons' mother moved the family to Michigan after the death of his father.

The contract provided Emmons "shall not embezzle or waste the goods of the said Rogers, nor lend them without his consent. He shall not play any cards or dice or any other games of chance. He shall not frequent

taverns, ale houses or tipping houses, and shall not contract matrimony." In return, Rogers agreed to send Emmons to school for 15 months and to provide him with two suits of everyday clothes and a Sunday suit at the end of his contract. When Emmons turned 21 on September 12, 1844, he was given his land, 80 acres, and clothing which Rogers bought for him in Bingham Township.

The 80 acres were in the heart of a great forest, on land where St. Johns now stands. George W. Emmons walked 80 miles from Oakland County to his land and began cutting cordwood as he cleared the tract. By selling the wood, he saved \$50.00 a year, until he had enough money for 40 more acres. He repeated this feat, ending with 160 acres of which he cleared and farmed.

Over half of the 160 acres were inside the present city limits and later were sold as lots. Prior to the founding of St. Johns, his land was known as Emmonsville. Hence, Emmons became the first settler, of what was to become the City of St. Johns, with his arrival in September of 1844.

As a result of his hard work, Emmons became well-to-do and he built the large 3 story red brick house at 306 S. Lansing Street around 1886, having built one at 511 W. McConnell and one at 206 S. Prospect.

Emmons did not cut all his trees. Our City Park was known for years as Emmon's Woods. He was also one of the founders of the St. Johns State Bank.

He came from hardy stock, dying at his home on August 7, 1911, at the age of 87. George W. Emmons, first white man to settle on the future site of St. Johns, overcame poverty and the forest in winning his fortune.

George T. Clark

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The village of DeWitt was once made up of several smaller towns, one of which was New Albany. It was owned by **George T. Clark** who was a merchant in Albany, New York. He purchased it from **Hiram Sheldon** of Cleveland, Ohio, in 1836. Sheldon had laid out a town on the property, but had made no other significant progress. My great great great grandfather, George T. Clark, was born in 1806 to **John and Mary Clark**. An American by birth, his exact birthplace is unknown; however, several of his siblings were born in Newark, New Jersey. In the 1830's he and five other siblings were living in Albany.

George, with the purchase of land in Michigan, became one of many land speculators in the United States at the time. Michigan, having recently been opened for settlement, was attracting many settlers from New York State and New England via the Erie Canal. Establishing New Albany was a joint venture between George T. Clark and his brother-in-law, **Milo H. Turner**. George T. Clark remained behind in Albany, NY, where he promoted the town to potential new settlers and ran his mercantile business for financial support. Milo H. Turner (1807-1891) and his wife, **Caroline M. Clark** (1812-1892), moved to Clinton County in 1838. Milo immediately began to establish the town's infrastructure in order to provide the basic services needed by new settlers.

New Albany soon became a family affair as Milo was joined almost immediately by his brother, **Jesse Foot Turner**. The contributions of both brothers are well documented in early Clinton County history. In the next decade they were joined by their mother, **Mary Ellis Turner**

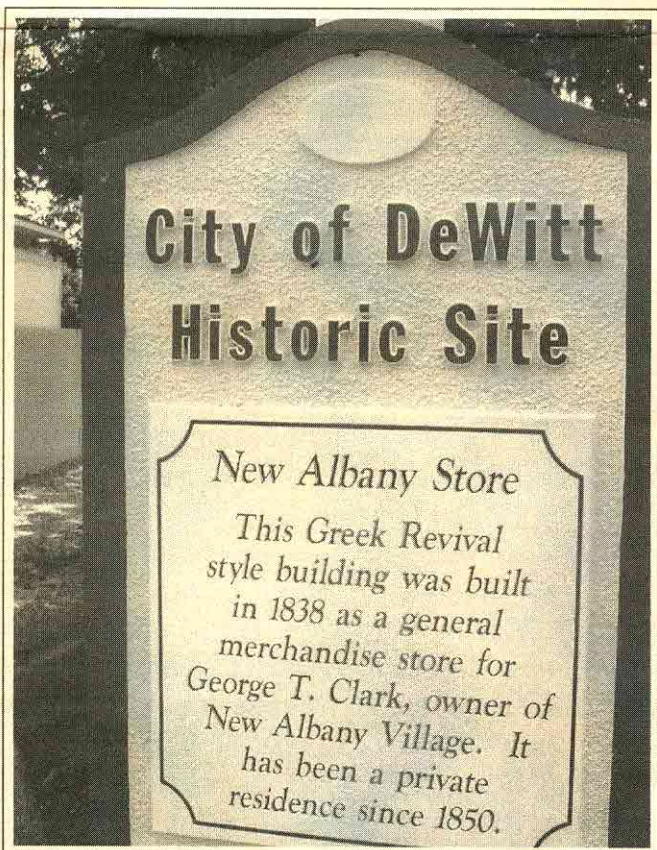
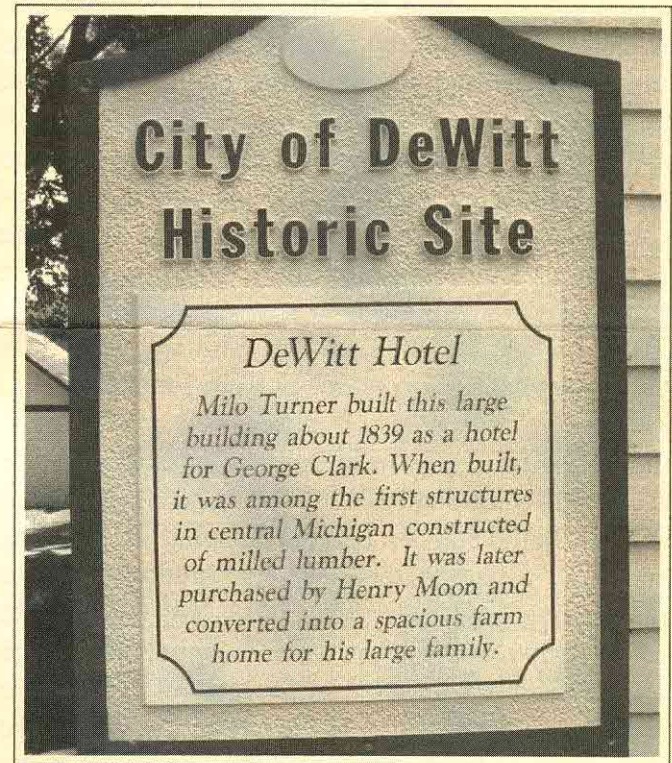
(1772-1841), and their brothers **Joseph H.** (1794-?), **Samuel** (1798-1848), **John Wesley** (1800-1883), **William Ray Ellis** (1809-?), **Peter Helmer** (1813-?), and **Don Carlos** (1815-?); as well as, George T. Clark and his sister, **Elizabeth Clark Everard** (1814-?), and all their families.

The Turners and Clarks focused primarily on mercantile businesses, mills and real estate. Both families had mercantile experience. John Turner, the father of the Turner brothers, was a millwright who had taught his sons the trade. The 1840's were marked by success and failure, as well as joy and grief. While they played a major role in establishing DeWitt's and Clinton County's infrastructures by building a hotel, residences, stores, and mills, and holding numerous political and social positions, they also found it difficult to attract settlers. As a result they lost much of their real estate for failure to pay taxes. They also held positions in the state government and were influential in the establishment of Lansing as the state capital. The DeWitt Cemetery recorded births and deaths in the families.

Tragedy struck in May of 1849 when George T. Clark and his wife Jane died in DeWitt within days of each other. This event was to drastically change the lives of the Clark and Turner families. George and Jane were buried in the DeWitt Cemetery. They left their two young children, **Sarah Jane Clark** (age 6) and **Roswell Theodore Clark** (age 2), orphans. Plans for other Clark family members to move to DeWitt were cancelled and instead the orphans returned to Albany, NY, in the custody of their uncle, **Joseph Clark**, a merchant there. Most of the Clark family remains in Albany, NY, today. Once in Albany the young orphans were raised in separate families about 25 miles apart. Sarah Jane was raised with a family acquaintance, **John C. Hulbert**, in Saratoga, NY, and Roswell Theodore with his paternal aunt, **Sarah Ann Clark Richardson**, in Albany.

George's death destroyed many dreams as even the Turner brothers slowly dispersed. In 1852 Milo and his brother, Jesse, went to California where they settled in Amador County. There they both had illustrious careers and their lives are well documented in local history books. John Wesley, Peter Helmer, Don Carlos, and William Ray Ellis went to South Dakota where they continued the family tradition of political service, building mills, and establishing new towns. **John Wesley Turner** is today known as **Father Turner** in Turner County, South Dakota.

Little remains of the Clarks or Turners in DeWitt today as no known descendants exist in the area, but the DeWitt Hotel which Milo and Jesse built in 1839 still stands on the hilltop on the southeast corner of South Bridge and East Webb Streets as a testament of their presence and impact in the area. The county's historical documentation clearly recorded their activities and contributions.



Note: Despite both having lived in upstate New York, no connection has yet been found between George T. Clark and the family of Daniel and David Clark of Eagle. Neither is there a connection to James Turner of the historic Turner-Dodge Mansion in Lansing.

[Photos contributed by Ralph Temple]

PRESIDENTS, SOLDIERS, STATESMEN (CONTINUED)

See Vol. 19, No. 1 & 2

ANDREW J. CHAPMAN was born in Wayne Co., O., May 28, 1834, and was a son of **Daniel D.** and **Bethiah (Smith) Chapman**, deceased. Coming to Clinton Co., Mich., in 1854, he was married four years later to **Aurelia D. Wilcox** who was a daughter of **David P.** and **Sallie (Wakly) Wilcox**, deceased. The offspring of this marriage is three children: **Albert P.** (married **Rose B. Hill** by whom he had one child, **Miles L.** He married secondly **Bell Morgan**, and they had one child); **Anna M.** (married **A. C. Pratt** and they have two children, **Viola** and **Verna**); and **Hannah B.** (married **Alfred Lance** and they have one child, **Pearl**). He was married, secondly, in Feb. 1888 to Mrs. **Delia Vedder Ingalls**, whose first husband **John D. Ingalls** served in the late war and a record of his service will be found in this volume. When the war began, Comrade Chapman was engaged in farming. He cast his lot as a soldier with Co. G, 23 Mich. V.I., July 30, 1862, at East Saginaw, Mich. In 1863 he was placed on patrol duty in Frankfort, Ky., ten days; he was also on guard and picket duty. Although he took part in no regular engagements, he was under fire at Berryville and followed Bragg for ten days. In Jan. 1863 he entered hospital at Bowling Green, Ky., where he remained for three weeks; was transferred to Louisville two weeks and Quincy, Ill. He was furloughed for the latter hospital for fifteen days and returned to same at the end of time. The typhoid fever disabled him to the extent that he was no longer fit for field duty and he was honorably discharged Sept. 16, 1864, at Quincy, Ill. His brother, **John**, served in 105 Ind. V.I.. His father served in the War of 1812 and was wounded in action. He died from fever when his son was 14 years old. His grandfather served in the Rev. War and was killed by the Indians. His nephew, **J. Z. Chapman**, served in the late war and was captured several times. Comrade Chapman has a pension. He belongs to G. W. Anderson Post, and he is a farmer near DeWitt, Mich., which is his P. O. address..(*Presidents, Soldiers,*

Statesmen...; Hardesty; 1896 Soldier's Edition; Vol II; p 1198)

EDWARD CLARK was born in Franklin [sic] Co., Mich., March 28, 1841, a son of **Cariel** and **Rebecca (Wilsie) Clark**, deceased. He was married first in 1866 in this country [sic] to **Mary E. Norris**, and they had the following children: **Edward**; **Ida**; **Aaron**; **Lovie**, dec.; **Lawrence C.**; and **Laton**. He was married secondly April 1893 to **Emma E. Place** who was born June 6, 1841, a daughter of **Gilbert** and **Mary (Sherman) Place**, deceased. Comrade Clark tendered his services as a soldier in defense of the North and performed faithful service. He had been engaged in farming when he was enrolled Sept. 6, 1864, as a private in Co., K., 20 Mich. V.I., 3 Brig., 3 Div., 9th A.C. He contracted diarrhea in service from which he still suffers. He was detailed a short time to build forts just after the first battle in which his Regt. participated. He took part in several important battles: Southside R.R., Front of Petersburg, and all the other engagements of his command up to the surrender of Lee. He was granted an honorable discharge June 9, 1865, at Jackson, Mich. His grandfather Clark served in the War of 1812. His father served in the late war for one year, being a member of the 8th Mich. V.I. A brother **David** served in same Co. as our subject and has the same war record. Comrade Clark was a member of Wm. Showerman Post until it disbanded. He is successfully engaged in farming and his address is Bath Michigan. (*Presidents, Soldiers, Statesmen...*; Hardesty; 1896 Soldier's Edition; Vol II; p 1199)

FREDERICK CLISE, who is now past 83 years, is still living, as is his wife **Margaret (Gordon) Clise** at the age of 74. He was a son of **Jacob** and **Christena Ringes Clise**, deceased. His wife's parents, **William** and **Phoebe (Mills) Gordon**, have also passed away. The subject of this sketch is the father of twelve children, as follows: **Mary** (married **Gilbert Lybacher**); **Martin V.** (born in Martin, N.Y., March 10, 1841, now deceased); **Harriet** (married **Martin Vandebeck**, now dec.); **Martha** (married **David Mecom**); **Jacob** (now dec., was born in Dent Co., N.Y., Dec 17; 1846); **Fred A.** (married **Susan Newcomb**); **Ella** dec.; **Emmott** and **Emma**, twins (The former married **E. Bachelor** and the latter is the

wife of **Wm. Goodrich**, a record of whom appears in this volume.); **Darwin** dec.; **Helen** (married **Wm. Titus**); and **William** (married **Lizzie Stevenson**). Our subject had two sons who served their country in the hour of peril: **Jacob** (who enlisted at the age of 18, Sept. 1862, as a private in 7th Mich. V.I. He took part in but one engagement, that of Antietam, where he was wounded by gunshots in arm and abdomen. He was taken to hospital where he expired Sept. 17, 1862.); **Martin** (enlisted when 19 years old as a private in 7 Mich. V.I. He was under fire at Bull Run, but did not participate in the engagement. His Regt. was detailed on guard duty at Washington. While serving as such, he was accidentally wounded which resulted in his death March 19, 1862.). Our subject resides in Bath, Mich. (*Presidents, Soldiers, Statesmen...*; Hardesty; 1896 Soldier's Edition; Vol II; p 1200)



Rural One-Room School Project

Wayne Summers has recently begun collecting information for a planned book on the rural one-room schools of Clinton County. This project

will not include private, parochial, consolidated schools, or most multi-room village schools.

Wayne is seeking pictures, printed school histories, and memories of these rural schools which anyone would be willing to give, copy, or loan for the project. Any donated materials will be given to the archives. All loaned items will be copied and returned unharmed.

Please contact Wayne for details. He can be reached through e-mail: wsummers@edcen.ehhs.cmich.edu; telephone: 517-669-5905; or mail: Wayne Summers, 13119 Farm Lane, DeWitt, MI 48820. Material may also be dropped off at the archives.

South Riley School

Sect 34, District No. 4 Frl., Riley Twp.

Teacher's note: "Apr. 26. ____, third grade, missed a number of spelling words and then, instead of staying, went home. He went through a broken window while I had stepped into the hall to see some of the little folks I had started for home. The next morning when he saw me get my strap he went home again. Friday, ____'s father came to school and among other things objected to my whipping _____. Monday he again went home after missing some words. Tuesday morning I sent him home. He hasn't been back since."

The following chart lists students' names as they appear on the teachers' records of the South Riley School for the terms (spring, fall, winter) in the years indicated. Their grades and ages in the various terms are also listed below (grade - age). The original records include teachers' comments and students' marks in the subjects taught.

Name	Wi 90-1	Sp 1891	Fa 1891	Wi 91-2	Fa 1892	Sp 1894
Bourassa, Albert			1-6	1-6	1-7	2-8
Bourassa, Arthur				2-		6-14
Bourassa, Emma						1-5
Bourassa, Fred			3-13	3-13	3-13	6-16
Bourassa, Georgiana			5-14	6-14	7-15	8-17
Bourassa, Grace			5-14	6-14	7-15	8-17
Burnes, B.A.					Tchr	
Cliff, Lilah		2-8	3-9	3-9		6-12
Cliff, Lottie					2-10	
Cliff, Mabyn						2-7
Conkite/Cronkite, Ildrie/Ildie	8-15	8-14	8-15	8-15		
Craun, Bessie		4-10	3-10		5-11	7-14
Craun, Edward/Edwin	6-14			6-16		7-18
Craun, Ernest		1-7	1-8		1-9	4-12
Craun, Howard	5-12	5-12	5-13	6-14	7-13	7-16

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Craun, Nelda		5-15					Plass, Mattie	8-15	8-16	8-16	8-16		
Craun, Willard		5-12	5-13	6-14	7-14	7-16	Reed, Effie	8-18					
Craun, Zelda			5-15		5-16		Robinson, David	7-15			8-		
Dills, Blanche	8-15	8-14	8-15	8-15			Rounds, Carrie						1-5
Dills, Ella	8-13	8-13	8-13	8-13	8-14	8-16	Rounds, Henry						3-12
Dills, Hugh	3-10	4-10	3-11	3-11	3-12	6-14	Rounds, Nellie						2-7
Doyle, Fannie				8-13			Sias, Clara						3-10
Doyle, John		1-7	1-8		1-9		Sias, Yapple						2-7
Doyle, Thomas	4-13	5-12	5-12	6-13	5-14	7-16	Signs, Bertha		4-13		5-12		
Eddie/Eddy, Harry		1-7	1-8		1-9	6-11	Smith, Joie/Josie		2-6	3-7	3-7	3-8	6-10
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Farrier, Pearl	3-10	4-9	5-10	5-10	5-11	8-14	Stephens/Stevens, Sarah	3-11	4-11	3-12	5-12	3-12	8-15
Feasel, Viola					5-14		Stevens, Blanch		1-7	1-7	1-8		
Ferl, Edna						1-5	Stevens, Clair/Clara	5-13	5-12		6-13		7-16
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Holland, Eda					1-7		Stevens, Fred						1-7
Holland, Edith			1-8				Stevens, Lena						1-6
Holland, Erma		1-10	1-10	1-10			Stevens, Otis		1-7	1-7	1-8	1-8	3-11
Hungerford, Allie	8-21						Stone, J.B.	Tchr					
Hungerford, Minnie	8-17			8-			Sturdevant, Bertha		1-7	1-8			
Hungerford, Willie	7-15			8-		7-19	Sturdevant, Willie		1-9	1-10			
Johnes/Jones, Aggie				3-13		4-17	Terwilliger, Tunis	7-15			8-		8-19
Kent, Bertie	8-19						VanGilder, Elmer		2-8	2-8	2-8	2-9	
Love, Elmer	8-18			8-			Warren, Lola		1-7				3-10
Love, Frank	7-17						Watson, R.F. (Mrs)						Tchr
Love, Ida	7-16						Wetherbee, George		5-14	5-14	6-15		
Love, Jesse		2-8	2-8	2-9	2-9	6-11	Wetherbee, Ida		8-16				
Love, Sadie	3-10		5-10	5-11	5-11	8-14	Wilson, Louis						
Miller, Arthur	8-19						Wright, Isabelle						2-8
Miller, Claud						7-18	Wright, Vina						3-13
Miller, Glenn		2-7	2-8	2-8	2-9	6-11	Zischke, Charles		1-7	1-7	1-7	1-9	2-10
Miller, Maud		2-7	3-10	3-8	3-9	6-11	Zischke, Clara					1-5	2-7
Miller, Verna	4-13	4-13	5-13	6-14		7-16	Zischke, Nettie		1-8	1-8	1-8	1-10	3-12
Naracon, Fannie			Tchr	Tchr									
Palmer, Barnie			3-9										
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Philips, Louis						3-9							

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Bill Serviss is taking a well-earned break from his varied offices in the historical society and his volunteer work at the archives. He recently resigned as chairman of the Genealogists Committee, a position he held more than once. He also served multi-terms as the society's treasurer. We acknowledge with gratitude his many years of service.



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