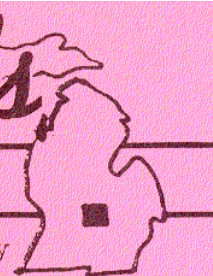


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APOLOGIES TO KENNETH COIN

Several articles in the first issue of the Clinton County Trails should have been attributed to Kenneth Coin. We apologize for neglecting to do so. Kenneth is so willing to share his knowledge of the history of this area, we forget to give him credit when credit is due.

BOOK WANTED

We have in the Archives the index to PORTRAITS AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORDS, KALAMAZOO, ALLEGAN AND VAN BUREN COUNTIES. 1892. We would like very much to acquire the book to go with the index. If any one knows the whereabouts of this, please contact us at 4700 Brook Rd., Lansing, Michigan 48906.

TIME TO JOIN

Send your dues to Janet Tiedt, 551 N. Main Street, Fowler, Mich., 48835. (\$4.00 Single member, \$7.00 couple.) Your dues includes membership in the Clinton County Historical Society and the Genealogy and Museum Divisions of the Society. We must understand the past to better appreciate the future.

SOUTH BINGHAM

Maple Rapids Dispatch, Feb. 21, 1889 Wm. H. Norris, the first settler in South Bingham, died last Monday morning, aged 78 yrs. He settled in 1843 upon the farm where he died. Mr. Norris assisted in organizing a Methodist Society in 1840. He served as town clerk in 1843, and township treasurer in 1844-46; and was a charter member of the Clinton County Pioneer Society.

FOR SALE

Several publications are for sale at the Clinton County Archives. History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, 1880. \$47.00 Headlight Flasher Along the Grand Trunk Railway System, \$3.00. Historical Tours of Clinton County, \$1.00. Records of Rev. G. S. Northrup, \$5.00. Cemeteries in Clinton County, \$1.00.

ELMER E. EMMONS

Son of P. D. Emmons. Operated a business in St. Johns, Michigan. Emmons Cider and Vinegar Company from 1896 till 1937. He shipped 70 to 80 cars of vinegar annually and provided a market of more than 1,100 tons of apples each year. Mrs. Emmons preceded Elmer in death Oct. 27, 1937. He died October 16, 1945.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are due to Janet Tiedt. Janet has just been appointed to the Clinton County Historical Commission by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners. This Board is presently comprised of Geneva Wiskemann, Betty Moore, Jeanne Temple, Alta Reed and is now complete with Janet's appointment. This Board oversees historical projects for the county, having been instrumental in markers at the church in Ovid, in Westphalia, at Parmely's gravesite, at the airport in DeWitt Charter Township. The Commission has held contests for school children and has tried to share a sense of history in our community.

INFORMATION WANTED

Please let us know what you would like to see in future publications.

BUSINESS PEOPLE

Charles Roundville	meat market prop
Winans & Bell	harness making & repairs
Samuel McCracken	blacksmith
Martin Webster	blacksmith
Fred E Cross	White & Victor sewing machines
Hane & Thompson	buggies, carriages & horses
C L White	blacksmith
Ira Floate	painter of houses & carriages
Morris Morganthau	suit maker
I H White	penmanship teacher
Geo. H Newton	agricultural implements
E R Terry	livery prop.
Frank Longwood	hoop manufacturer
S Ingraham	barrell maker
Baker & Wimble	salloon keepers
Wm Sullivan	salloon keeper
Wm Schneider	boot & shoe maker
J Merz	boot & shoe maker
John Smith	barber
W L Hane	saw mill
R M Swigart	druggist retired
Casterline & Son	masons
O G Perry	Perry House prop.
L Daily	Hotel
H E Terry	school principal
Mrs. Libbie Anderson	teacher
Miss Nora Ryan	teacher
Miss Etta Reed	teacher
Rev J B Knott	Methodist pastor
Rev Cyrus Mendenhall	Cong. Church
Rev J A Dobson	Cong. Church
R S Van Scoy	village pres.
H F Auten	lawyer
A T Cross	lawyer

Dr. S H Welling
 Dr. W F Reed
 Dr. C E Knapp
 Dr. Edwin Doty
 Dr. R H Sanborn

Albert Sherwood	freight handler	Maple Rapids & Fowler
S P Creasinger	Essex Flouring Mill prop	
S P Creasinger	Maple Rapids Bank	
E G Bement	dry goods & groceries	
J W Hunt	merchant	
W H Owen & Co	dry goods & groceries	
E D Moss & Son	dry goods & groceries	
Reed Bros.	dry goods	
O F Peck	hardware	
W A Nixon & Co	hardware	
Martin & Cramer	groceries	
John Chick & Son	groceries, glass ware & crockery	

Creasinger & Hunt
W L Aldrich
Naldrett & Price
Miss Elliott
F H Cross
Alfred Shaw
Roundsville & Chick
C C Taylor & Son
Hewitt Simeon
J Eli Jones
Terry Lewis
O P Case & Son

drugs, books & Gifts
druggist
millinery & fancy goods
millinery & fancy goods
jeweler
groceries, fruits etc
Hotel
cabinet ware, door frames & casings
cabinet maker
lumber mill
foundry
wagons & cutters

Abstracted by Wilma Sowle

First settlement in the County at Maple Rapids, by Geo. Campau for trading post in 1826. John Cushway preceded Campau in proprietorship but was a temporary resident while Campau became a permanent settler, entered government land in Essex township on November 30, 1832.

Hiram Benedict settled in same township about same time Essex Township was approved March 9, 1843.

Geo. Campau first individual land owner in the township and probably in the Co. by purchase of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 8 Nov. 30, 1832
Did not establish residence there until 1835.

Makitoquet's large band of Indians on Maple River was CHIPPEWAS.
Maple Rapids was existing between 1850 & 1860

Trading Post established by Campau in 1835. Not until 1852 were steps taken toward founding a village. In 1852 Wm. Hewitt bought 240 acres of Solomon Moss, built a dam and saw mill, completed in 1853. During that year he plotted a village, established a store and was elected supervisor of Essex. In 1867 it was discovered that the plot had not been placed on record. Was newly surveyed and replotted. Completed on July 22, 1867

Maple Rapids Dispatch 1891
The Maple Rapids Mfg. Co. has an order for several hundred boxes for the Fruit Dryer in Ithaca to pack evaporated fruit in.
Also orders for a number of ironing tables.

NEWSPAPERS ON MICROFILMAT THE CLINTON COUNTY ARCHIVES

<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Alma Argus	9Oct 1896
Alma News	13 Oct 1888
Alma Record	10 June 1887
The American (Maple Rapids)	17 Dec 1925
American Enterprise (Elsie)	Christmas 1880
Ashley Argus	7 Apr 1887
Ashley News	*27 Feb 1891 - 21 Feb 1929
Ashley World	*10 Feb 1898 - 3 Nov 1914
Bannister News	*16 Nov 1894 - 29 Mar 1895
Bannister Times	1892 (one issue)
Brother Nathan's Yankee Clipper (Elsie)	Mar 1873
Carson City Gazette	*25 May 1888 - 25 Oct 1923
Carson City Herald	1 July 1882
Clinton & Shiawassee Union (Ovid)	*29 Oct 1880 - 2 Dec 1881
Clinton Co. Independent (St. Johns)	*20 Apr 1870 - 7 Apr 1881
Clinton Co. Republican (St. Johns)	*17 Feb 1858 - 26 Oct 1882
Clinton Co. Republican News (St. Johns)	1 May 1924 - 22 Apr 1937
Clinton Independent (St. Johns)	*19 Jan 1882 - 16 Sept 1886
Clinton Republican (St. Johns)	*3 June 1864 - 29 Nov 1923
Corunna Mail	29 Jan 1885
Daily American (Owosso)	*28 Mar 1896- 25 June 1896
DeWitt Motor	*23 Oct - 25 Dec 1896
DeWitt News	*15 Nov 1894 - 24 Jan 1895
DeWitt Sentinel	3 Dec 1914
DeWitt Weekly Advertiser	*9 Aug 1957 - 29 Aug 1968
Die Westphalia	10 Nov 1886 - 15 Dec 1886

*Miscellaneous Issues

Newspapers on Microfilm (page 2)

The Dispatch (Maple Rapids)	16 Sept 1897
Dry Goods Leader (Ovid)	one issue - undated
Elsie Enterprise	*4 Apr 1895 - 24 Oct 1895
Elsie Leader	*16 Aug 1884 - 8 Aug 1885
Elsie Sun	*9 Jan 1885 - 22 Oct 1936 3 June 1943 - 26 Aug 1965
Elsie Visitor	Mar 1899
Fowler Post	3 Mar 1938 - 30 Dec 1965
Gratiot Co. Democrat (Ithaca)	5 Jan 1881
Gratiot Co. Gleaner (Ashley)	*11 Oct 1888 - 10 Oct 1889
Gratiot Co. Herald (Ithaca)	6 Jan 1888
Gratiot Co. Journal (Ithaca)	*9 Mar 1877 - 17 Oct 1907
Gratiot Co. News (Ithaca)	26 Oct 1894
Holiday Druggist (Elsie)	Dec 1893
The Independent (Corunna)	19 Dec 1884
The Independent (St. Louis)	19 Dec 1895
Ithaca Times	13 Apr 1883
Lyons Herald (See Fowler Post)	
Maple Rapids Dispatch	*22 Apr 1882 - 5 July 1923
Maple Rapids Druggist	Oct 1884
Maple Rapids Messenger	23 Feb 1877
Maple Rapids Press	*15 Jan 1931 - 30 July 1942
Michigan Catholic (Detroit)	3 Feb 1887
Middleton News	*25 Oct 1935 - 24 Jan 1936
Mt. Pleasant Morning Sun	*5 Dec 1978 - 22 Sept 1980
Muir Tribune	1 Dec 1893
North Star News	3 Oct 1890
Odd Change (Owosso)	19 Mar 1879
Our Drug Store (Elsie)	one issue 1882

Newspapers on Microfilm (page 3)

Ovid Register	21 May 1880
Owosso Press	11 Sept 1895
Owosso Weekly Press	28 Jan 1885
The Republican (St. Louis)	25 Mar 1887
The Republican Leader (St. Louis)	29 Dec 1893
St. Johns Prohibitionist	22 Aug 1884
St. Johns Weekly Sun	6 May 1891
St. Louis Herald	14 Sept 1883
St. Louis Leader	22 Oct 1884
St. Louis Sunday Sayings	27 July 1884
Saturday Evening Post & Ashley News	*27 Aug 1895 - 24 July 1897
Saturday Post (Ashley)*	14 Aug 1897 - 28 Aug 1897
Shiawassee Co. American (Owosso)	1 Apr 1887
Shiawassee Co. Atlas (Corunna)	4 Feb 1879
Shiawassee Co. Reporter (Owosso)	*1 Apr 1887 - 6 Aug 1897
Shiawassee Greenbacker (Laingsburg)	8 May 1884
Shiawassee Republican (Owosso)	21 May 1879
The Times (Owosso)	15 June 1883
Vernon Inter-Lake	23 Apr 1886
Weekly Advertiser (Ovid)	8 Apr 1882
Wolverine Farmer (Ithaca)	May 1891
Young Folks' Weekly Home Visitor (Elsie)	8 May 1880

Compiled by Myrna A. VanEpps

*Miscellaneous Issues

"Deacon" Marvin First to Clear Watertown Land

Calvin Marvin, more familiarly known as "Deacon" Marvin, was undoubtedly the first settler to break ground in Watertown Township. Marvin had three sons, all of whom cleared farms close to the parental home. They constructed a rude camp in which they all lived during the first months while chopping away trees for homes. Many others soon followed them for it did not take long to find that the broad rich acres of this township were among the most fertile in the county.

The "Waterloo Joint Stock Company" was organized in 1837 and land was purchased and platted for the village which is now Wacousta. A saw mill, grist mill and a store were opened by the company who employed Charles R. Spicer as their resident agent. The company proved a financial failure and a lease was granted to Spicer who soon quit and returned to New York. Later the property was acquired by others. N. I. and Nelson Daniells came in 1848, repaired the mill and soon had a thriving business, grinding as high as four hundred bushels of wheat a day.

Grand River City was established by Erastus Ingersoll, one of the forebears of the Ingersoll of "Dollar Watch" fame, in the summer of 1834. It was on the boundary line of Eaton and Clinton on Section 35, but failed to gain any headway as did hundreds of these "paper" villages all over the state.

Submitted by J. M. Snyder

WASHINGTON'S BIRTH DAY.

THE COMMITTEE RESPECTFULLY SOLICIT YOUR COMPANY
AT THE ASSEMBLY ROOM OF

ROWLAND S. VANSCOY,
IN DE WITT,

ON TUESDAY, THE 22d DAY OF FEBRUARY NEXT, AT 4
O'CLOCK, P. M.

Committee:

CYRUS W. UTLEY,	}	W. W. WILKINSON,
S. U. ALEXANDER,		CHARLES H. WALLACE,
DAVID P. BLISS,		ADDISON WOODRUFF,
GEO. SIMMONS,		G. STEVENS,
EMERY COOK,		CHARLES PARKER,
SILAS FISH,		LOREN PATTRIDGE.

Good Music will be in Attendance.

DE WITT, January 12th 1853.

Bill, 1,75

List of Men Registered in Victor Township, Clinton Co., Mich.
Sept. 12, 1918.

	Age		Age
HAKER William Fred	18	COLBY George Vernon	39
ROSE Murl James	18	REED Arthur Ainsworth	39
JORAE Ira Nicholas	18	STICHLER D. L.	39
DAVIS Arnold Jessie	18	MORRILL Levi Gilbert	39
PIERSON Glen Waldo	18	NEWMAN Myron Claude	40
POST Robert Arthur	19	ARTHUR Loyal Downey	40
SHOWERMAN Earl William	19	VAN GIESON Fred B.	40
SLEIGHT John Donald	19	MONTAGUE Lloyd	40
SWARTHOUT Wesley George	19	HENNLEY Thomas James	41
GILLILLAND Luis Gale	20	KENNEDY William Wilbert	41
WHITNEY Alva John	20	MILLER Delbert	41
ROBINSON Fred B.	21	WAUVLE Guy Vernon	41
JONES Ralph Harlo	32	HENDRICK Henry	41
LAW Thomas Hugh	32	MONTAGUE Henry W.	41
J(OLLEY/Jorae) ? Wm. Robert	32	MARSH George	41
COLBY J. C.	32	STICHLER Grant W.	41
SMITH Earl Roy	32	CHURCHES Alva Edward	41
TUBBS Claud Henry	32	UNDERHILL Sylvester Venius	41
WHITE Wm. Harold	33	REW Herbert Layton	41
PARKER John Raymond	33	BALCOM Henry Otis	41
GREEN Luther D.	33	JONES Charles Vernon	41
SMITH Fred	33	PLUNKET Arthur Frederick	41
BECKWITH Robert Lloyd	34	FOSTER Edwin Thomas	42
SMITH Clair Ezra	34	DEVINE Leroy C.	42
ARTHUR Loyal B. Don	34	SEE Hervey H.	42
BROWN Elton Chancy	34	COTES John William	42
THOMPSON Roy J.	33	PLUNKETT Thos. James	42
BALLENTINE Wm. J.	35	ALLEN George William	42
ASHLEY George E.	35	HILLS Leon J.	42
HUYCK Roy Ayers	36	CASE Albert B.	42
PIERSON Howard W.	36	PARKER Clarence W.	43
BEARDSLEE Earl Howard	36	LOCKE Charles Wm.	43
ORTNER Erving Roy	36	BROWN Edward A.	43
ARTHUR Clyde J.	37	BABCOCK Duane	44
BABCOCK Norris	37	MONTAGUE James Wesley	44
BUEHLER Rudolph	37	SHEEHAN Charles Henry	44
PIERSON Luther Earl	37	GREEN Mark Stanley	44
CRANKSHAW Samuel Perry	37	CURTIS Charles Stephen	44
MONTAGUE Earl	37	ISELL Geo. L.	44
MARTIN Earl	37	MILLER Dwight H.	45
SMITH Eddie Martin	38	WOODHAMS Elijah E.	45
DEVINE W. R.	38	NEWMAN Miles James	45
SEXTON Zeph	38	HUNSTED Henry Cordon	45
UNDERHILL Ernest Friend	38	EISERMAN Wm. John	33
WERT John Brunson	38	CORTRIGHT Ralph	34
VAN DYNE James Edward	38	KUNTER Herman Wm.	44*
MORRISON Robert David	38	PICARD Frank	39**
SHUMAKER Daniel Ervin	38		
WHITNEY Arthur Lyon	38		
BABCOCK Samuel	39		
HAGERTY Lee S.	39		

* Naturalized

** Canadian 1st Papers

Abstracted from the Sexton
Collection - by Wilma Sowle

SIMMONS SCHOOL (Fractional No. 8) 1898-1899
Olive, Riley and Watertown townships, Clinton County.

This one room schoolhouse was located on Cutler Road on section 36 of Riley township. The following from a souvenir pamphlet that had been presented by the teacher Marcus D. L. Cutler, and in the collection of the DeWitt public library. The student names have been alphabetized from the original.

MARCUS D. L. CUTLER,	Teacher
SCOTT PIKE,	Director
IRA KNAPP,	Moderator
ALBERT WHITAKER,	Assessor

BACON, FRED	PHINNEY, ALBERT
BACON, ROB	PHINNEY, CLARENCE
COOLEY, HENRY	PHINNEY, WILLIE
FERRIS, ELMA	RANDALL, EDNA
FERRIS, HUBERT	RANDALL, MAUD
HARRIS, ETHEL	REED, GEORGE
HOUGHTELLING, ERNEST	REED, HARRY
KNAPP, EDITH	REED, SADIE
KNAPP, ELLA	SIGNS, CLYDE
KNAPP, MARTHA	SIGNS, LAURA
KNAPP, SAMUEL	SIGNS, NETTIE
LEWIS, EARL	SMITH, HARRY
LIETZKE, ALVINA	SMITH, RAY
LIETZKE, EMMA	STEVENS, BLANCH
LIETZKE, FRED	YANZ, ROBERT
LIETZKE, HENRY	YANZ, RODOLPH
MARTZKE, MINNIE	ZISCHKE, ERNEST
NEWTON, CHARLIE	ZISCHKE, RINIS

The above submitted by Arlynn G. Gantz

MAPLE RAPIDS GRADUATING CLASS OF 1909

Agatha Anderson
Polly Jenne
Ruth Groom
Mary Cole
Omar Davison
Lottie Clow
Earl Sturgis

Taken from a class Picture of 1909...JM Sturgis-Snyder

COPY OF THE ORIGINAL PAPER FILED IN MAPLE RAPIDS

We, the underigned, agree to pay \$18.00 each toward the buying of the following described property; The N 10 acres of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, Twp 8 R 3 Clinton Co. Mich. The property now being used for a ball diamond and the like. This contract will be null unless signed by at least 40 signers. Said land, if procured, is to be turned over to the village of Maple Rapids for a ball park, tourist camp or such other purposes as the majority of the signers here to shall agree upon. Said money to be paid to the First State Bank, Maple Rapids, Michigan, who is turn will turn it over to C. R. Hall, 1044 Majestic Bldg., Detroit, the present owner. Said money to be paid by Oct. 1, 1928.

Signers,

C. D. Crook,	B. L. McDonald	Henry McFarland
Dee N. Allen	V. L. Kirby	Archie Smith
M.R.H.S. Athletic Assoc. by M. J. Paine	William Weaver	J. M. Settingington
H. A. Annis	Earl Cludy	J. M. Roberts
S. P. Horr	Frisbie and Son	N. D. Rumsey and Son
John Howe	Loudenbeck Bros.	Ned P. Keys
H. M. Face and Sons	Thad Kidder	R. S. McPherson
James J. Wright	C. J. Mundell,	J. W. Smith
Skutt & Cowles	C. F. Abbott	R. C. Blank
Upton Lumber & Hdwe Co.	Otto Bullis	A. E. Cowles
C. W. Britten	Dr. McWilliams	F. A. Travis
W. W. Baker	Dr. E. R. Eleson	R. D. Rice
Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Townsend	L. C. Brown	Some others paid \$5 and \$10
	Lloyd Cook	dollars. 53 Signers in all.



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