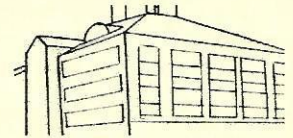




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Erma Warner Begins 69th Year of Teaching

By Wayne Summers

Erma Warner has been a classroom teacher from before World War II and during the term of every president since FDR. While experiencing many changes during her teaching tenure, some things haven't changed. She still shows up at 5:30 every morning without fail and enjoys teaching each new group of fourth graders how to square dance.

While definitive records are lacking, with 68 years of experience Erma may hold the record for the most years of public school teaching in the United States, and she isn't ready to retire just yet.

Erma was born in Elsie, Michigan and graduated from Elsie High School in 1936. Like many young women, she decided to attend the one year County Normal teacher preparation program and entered in the fall with about 25 other women.

On January 7, 1937, Erma was involved in a serious automobile accident that killed Clyde Bates and left her seriously injured. While recovering from a concussion, she was considering dropping out of the teaching program when John Hall visited and offered her a job at the Little Brick School in Duplain Township in the fall for \$75 a month. With a job offer in hand she completed her coursework and began the first of four years at the Little Brick School in the fall of 1937.

Having attended a one-room school, Erma tried to emulate the best teaching she had experienced. In particular she remembers modeling her instructional style after Sarah Snelling who had been her teacher from 5th through 7th grade.

While at the Little Brick School, Erma remembers Walter Thornton building a fire for her each morning and helping out as Santa at the annual Christmas program. Picnics, baseball games against Mead and Colony schools, field trips to Greenfield Village, and hot lunches cooked on a hot plate are cherished memories. She also recalls there being a four hole outhouse for those who liked company.

After four years at the Little Brick she moved on to two years each at the Lake and Oak Grove one-room schools in Shiawassee County. Erma then gave up the rural schools and taught fourth grade for a year in Traverse City. This was followed by a year in Muskegon and six years in Albion. During the summer Erma was attending classes at Central Michigan University where she graduated with a B.A.

in 1953.

With a college degree in hand, Erma set off with her husband to Tucson, Arizona, where she shaved a decade off her official age, neglected to mention her previous 16 years in the classroom, and began teaching at Robison Elementary School as a "first year teacher." In the 1950's Robison Elementary was in an upper middle class neighborhood and Erma remembers teaching the children of Senator Udall and other influential people from Tucson. With time the

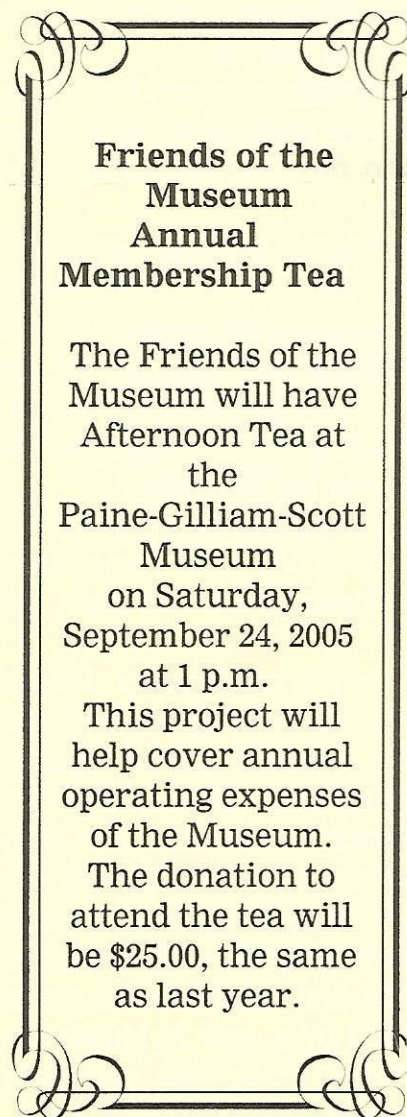
neighborhood has changed and today includes many children from Hispanic homes who speak little if any English.

Erma completed a Master's Degree from the University of Arizona and continues taking classes to keep up-to-date, including three this last school year.

Recently she has been hiring her own aide to assist in the classroom. A former student and bilingual, he is, she says, the reason she continues teaching. Not only does he assist with discipline, but also serves as an interpreter so she can communicate with her many non-English speaking parents.

In Arizona Erma was recognized two years ago when the district named a new school building in her honor. Last spring she was the subject of newspaper and television reports for her "52 years" as a classroom teacher, which is an Arizona state record.

While admitting she is nearing the point when she will need to consider retiring, Erma Warner still looks forward to going to school every day and helping a new generation learn their multiplication facts and how to do-si-do.



**Friends of the
Museum
Annual
Membership Tea**

The Friends of the Museum will have Afternoon Tea at the Paine-Gilliam-Scott Museum on Saturday, September 24, 2005 at 1 p.m.

This project will help cover annual operating expenses of the Museum.

The donation to attend the tea will be \$25.00, the same as last year.

SCRAPBOOKS

The archives holds at least ninety scrapbooks, most of which were kept by an individual to save paper memorabilia of interest to that person or their family. These scrapbooks are not as artistically arranged and enhanced as those currently being created but remain a valuable research resource. Also held are scrapbooks of these organizations:

Blue Star Mothers
Brownie & Girl Scout Troop No. 120
Clinton County Historical Society
St. Johns Child Study Club
St. Johns Morning Musicale
St. Johns Professional Woman's Club

Recently acquired, is a scrapbook which was maintained to document the activities of the Clinton County Federated Women's Clubs. It spans sixty years (1904-1964) and contains an account of each meeting; related newspaper articles; annual program booklets of the various member clubs; photographs; minutes; and a myriad of other related papers.

Scrapbook notes say the first meeting took place in St. Johns at the Congregational Church. Mrs. F. A. Travis of St. Johns was elected president. The second meeting was held in the home of Miss Mary Smith in St. Johns. Three clubs were represented. Later meetings were held at various county churches, the Hotel Steel, and the Masonic Temple in Maple Rapids. The following last record entered was written by the historian:

"The Clinton County Federation of Women's Clubs was organized in the fall of 1904. The clubs of the county were invited to St. Johns by the Ladies Literary Club. A constitution was adopted and officers elected. The minutes of this meeting were lost.

— The —
Victor Civic Club
 —

CLUB MOTTO
 Be Not Simply Good—
 Be Good For Something.

—

CLUB COLORS
 Green and White

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Organized—1919
 County Federated—1921
 State Federated—1924

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MEETINGS
 Third Thursday of Each Month
 at 2:00 P. M.

*Sixty-Ninth Annual
 Announcement*

**St. Johns Woman's
 Club**

ORGANIZED 1891
 Federated (State) 1895
 Incorporated 1913
 Registered (State Library) No. 266

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CLUB COLORS: Green and White

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GENERAL MEETINGS
 First and Third Wednesdays
 of each month at 2:00 P.M.
 October 4, 1961 — April 18, 1962

GOLDEN JUBILEE

50th

ANNUAL CONVENTION

of the

Clinton County Federation
 of Women's Clubs

Wednesday, May 5, 1954

METHODIST CHURCH
 Maple Rapids, Michigan

HOSTESS CLUB
 Maple Rapids Sorosis Club
 Miss Marie Roberts, President

"In the years of 1905 thru 1908 the annual meetings were held in the fall. Spring meetings commenced in 1909. All early records in the book list just the officers and the date of the meeting. In 1922 a committee was appointed to purchase a marker to be placed in Rochester Colony. (This has since been moved to Friendship Park when the road was widened and paved.) In June 1924, 9 clubs were represented; in 1925, 10 clubs were represented...

"I have had the book since 1961 and have endeavored to keep a complete record of all

happenings of all clubs in the county. Most of the clubs have responded to my requests for their program books and their president's annual report....

"The scrapbook is getting full and well worn. I would like to make a suggestion that someone of our county clubs make the County Federation a gift of a new scrapbook on this, its 60th birthday anniversary."

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. John Spencer, County Historian, 1961-1964

Their constitution states the object of the federation: "to bring into relations of mutual helpfulness, reciprocity, co-operation and service, the various clubs and organizations of women throughout the county, to study the prevailing needs of the time and to support such projects as will further its interests, culturally, morally, and physically."

**Clinton County Federation Of
 Women's Clubs**

Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting To Be Held At The
 Congregational Church, Ovid, Michigan

Tuesday, May 27, 1930

Morning Session, 9:30 Eastern Standard Time

Community Singing—"America The Beautiful" Miss Vivian Fox, Director
 Invocation Reverend Wilfred A. Eley, Ovid
 Greetings of Welcome Mrs. E. C. Smith, Ovid
 Response Mrs. Ray Anderson, Maple Rapids
 Instrumental Solo—"May Brocées," Gustav Lange,
 Gladys Lowe Hartman, Ovid

Roll Call of Clubs—
 Sorosis Club—Maple Rapids
 Civic Club—Victor
 Woman's Club—St. Johns
 Ladies' Library Club—Ovid-Duplain
 Friday Afternoon Club—Bath
 DeWitt Woman's Club—DeWitt
 Child Study Club—St. Johns
 Woman's Literary Club—Elsie
 Crescent Club—Ovid
 Progressive Club—Ovid

Business Session
 Vocal Solo—"A Brown Bird Singing," by Haydn Wood
 "There are Fairies at the Bottom of our Garden"
 by Liza Lehmann Barbara Bates, Ovid
 Poetry Mrs. Leon F. Miner, Owosso, State Chairman of Poetry

Luncheon 12:30 o'clock at the Methodist Church

Afternoon Session at 1:30 o'clock

Quartet—"Happy Birds," by Hilton
 "Come Where the Lillies Bloom," by Thompson
 Mrs. H. S. Beardlee, Mrs. I. W. Taft, J. L. Gumaer and O. E. Smith
 Address—"The American Home," Mrs. G. E. Arnold, Albion
 President of Southwestern District
 Pipe Organ Solo—"The Bells of Aberdovey," by Stewart
 "The Holy City," arranged by Ashford Mrs. Frank Guile, Ovid
 Art Mrs. Herbert Hankins, Owosso, District Chairman of Art
 Vocal Solo—"Just to be Glad," by Kloma
 "Willie's Prayer," by Ashford Miss Esther Hubbard, Ovid
 Club Forum In Charge of Mrs. G. G. Hunter, St. Johns
 Past President of Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs
 Community Singing—"America" Miss Vivian Fox, Director

OFFICERS OF FEDERATION

President Mrs. Arthur Squiers, Ovid
 Vice President Mrs. William E. McWilliams, Maple Rapids
 Recording Secretary Mrs. Lewis Hilger, Elsie
 Corresponding Secretary Mrs. R. V. Reed, Ovid
 Treasurer Mrs. William Harris, Bath

ACME SOCIETY

Ovid 1962-1963

Members & Their Birthday

Doris Byrnes	Mar. 10
Dale Crosslan	May 7
Doris Darling	Jan. 25
Virginia Dunkel	June 29
Carol Enos	Dec. 22
Dora Goodrich	Aug. 2
Charline Hallead	Nov. 4
Catherine Hallead	Apr. 13
Norma Johnson	June 22
Marie Leonard	Oct. 17
Elsie Love	Oct. 16
Clara Maron	Nov. 13
Mary McCreery	Apr. 20
Brenda Mead	Sept. 1
Mary Ann Mizga	Oct. 31
Letta Parker	June 5
Calista Reed	Sept. 1
Helen Richards	May 24
Barbara Vaniman	Aug. 14
Maxine VanSice	Apr. 13
Rosemary Valke	Jan 29
Loretta Warren	Sept. 29
Esther Wilson	Oct. 20

CRESCENT CLUB

Ovid 1963-1964 ~ In Memoriam

Mrs Hugh Anderson	Miss Etta Montague
Mrs. George Barber	Mrs. A. D. Mosser
Mrs. David Barrus	Mrs. Anna Parrish
Mrs. Arthur Binger	Miss Mary Olson
Mrs. John Chaffee	Mrs. C. F. Scudder
Mrs. E. R. Daggett	Mrs. L. M. Sheldon
Mrs. Beryl Elliott	Mrs. Clarence Smith
Mrs. Edward Eiserman	Miss Lillian Spivey
Mrs. George Gleason	Mrs. Clara Stadel
Mrs. Frank Green	Mrs. Arthur Treat
Mrs. Jewel Grove	Miss Florence Town
Mrs. James Hoag	Mrs. W. C. Westley
Mrs. Thomas Hyslop	Mrs. Fred Wert
Mrs. W. N. Jenks	Mrs. L. C. Whittemore
Mrs. A. S. Jorae	Mrs. Myrtle Wilson

ST. JOHNS WOMAN'S CLUB

1961-1962

PAST PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Mary Babcock	1891-1908
Mrs. S. D. Watson	1908-1910
Mrs. H. W. Morris	1910-1911
Mrs. H. M. Perrin	1911-1912
Mrs. Mary Weller	1912-1913
Mrs. F. M. Spaulding	1913-1914
Mrs. Martin Weller	1914-1915
Miss C. A. Shaver	1915-1916
Mrs. William Bird	1916-1917
Miss Kate LeVanseler	1917-1918
Miss Mary Smith	1918-1919
Mrs. M. R. VanDeusen	1919-1920
Mrs. DeWitt H. Hunt	1920-1921
Mrs. R. J. Merrill	1921-1922
Mrs. H. B. Huey	1922-1923
Mrs. L. A. DeWitt	1923-1924
Mrs. G. E. Morton	1924-1925
Miss Kate LeVanseler	1925-1926
Mrs. B. C. LeVanseler	1926-1927
Mrs. Jesse Sullivan	1927-1928
Mrs. E. A. Livingston	1928-1929
Miss Esther Clark	1929-1930
Mrs. Robert H. Shaw	1930-1931
Mrs. Arthur Henthorn	1931-1932
Mrs. C. G. Symmonds	1932-1934
Mrs. Mabel Axtell	1934-1936
Mrs. S. L. Marshall	1936-1938
Mrs. Harold F. Millman	1938-1940
Mrs. Floyd Robinson	1940-1942
Mrs. Donovan E. Smith	1942-1944
Mrs. Dick DeGroot	1944-1946
Mrs. Manning Bross	1946-1948
Mrs. Wade Olin	1948-1949
Mrs. Maxwell Smith	1949-1950
Mrs. George H. Brooks	1950-1952
Mrs. Robert E. Benson	1952-1954
Mrs. Alan R. Dean	1954-1956
Mrs. Kenneth Jones	1956-1958
Mrs. Winchell Brown	1958-1960

SOROSIS CLUB

Maple Rapids

1962-1963

In Memoriam

Francis Terry	1907
Libbie Anderson	1907
Sarah Payne	1908
Elizabeth Barstow	1909
Gladys Hartman	1915
Amanda Bell	1919
Helen Hewitt	1920
Jennie Decker	1923
Lucretia Sanborn	1925
Eva Hoover	1927
Myra Burk	1927
Maude Foote	1928
Ella Martin	1929
Lelia Face	1930
Daisy Barnard	1931
Floy Plews	1934
Ara Paine	1934
Bertha Redfern	1936
Nettie Lowe	1939
Ida Convis	1939
Mary Pinkney	1940
Louell Mosher	1941
Carrie Snyder	1943
Frances Parmalee	1945
Daisy Matthews	1945
Kittie Roberts	1946
Nina Reist	1946
Kate Fell	1947
Minnie Reed	1947
Eva Baden	1947
Pauline Abbott	1947
Jennie Ford	1948
Elizabeth Casterline	1948
Nettie Irwin	1949
Estella Hyde	1949
Mertie Smith	1951
Pearl Brown	1952
Mary Groom	1953

Cora Sawyer	1954
Kate Britten	1954
Bertha Cosner	1954
Maidie Newton	1954
Neva Smith	1957
Effie Ostrom	1957
Arthella Howsare	1958
Myrtella Benson	1958
Edna Bamber	1958
Zaida Baxter	1960
Mary Fehling	1960

VICTOR CIVIC CLUB

1963-1964

Active Members

Manie Barrett
Lelah Coleman
Belle Covert
Mabel Dennis
Vida Exelby
Ann Giffels
Ruth Grossman
Harriett Heil
Esther Jones
Gladys Jorae
Myrtle Ketchum
Mable Moore
Carrie Patterson
Mable Plunkett
Ida Rittenburg
Loereta Scott
Geraldine Underhill
Irene Upton**
Nina Vall
Mildred Warren
Eda White***
Ethel Whitney

Deceased

Grace Beckwith**	Jessie Sleight
Etta Giffels	Lilly Nichols
Katherine Beckwith	
***Times President	

WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB

Elsie 1963-1964

Members

Viola Allen	Stephanie Marton
Cordelia Bashore	Emily Maynard
Blanche Bates	Mary Melvin
Louise Bennett	Rosemary Moore
Elizabeth Blakely	Cleo Parks
Alice Bloomer	Ruby Parks
Edith Carter	Ruth Peltier
Orpha Clement	Dortha Platner
Jean Cobb	Neva Richards
Doris Conklin	Thelma Rule
Thelma Conklin	Mary Schaadt
Myrtle Cook	Hilda Schumacher
Maude Craven	Viva Scott
Esther Dorman	Madeline Seybert
Lenore Foran	Barbara Smith
Mae Goodrich	Ouida Smith
Hope Green	Rose Smith
Twila Grenlund	Vina Smith
Geraldine Hawes	Nellie Spiegel
Olive Heideman	Ethel Stull
Elizabeth Hess	Genevieve Tethal
Florence Hinkley	Gladys Vincent
Leota Kajdas	Neita Wight
Neva Keys	Ruth Williams
Fern King	Donna Wooley
Agnes Lewis	Evelyn Wooley

Honorary Members

Hazel Blayney Maud Ellis Elsie Fizzell

In Memoriam

Edna Show	Hattie Tillotson
Retta Bates	Mabel Wooley
Nellie Knight	Hulda Jones
Almeda Wooley	Emma Hall
Nellie Schenck	Florence Steadman
Sarah Snelling	Sara Show
Alice Crell	Emily Bell
Lena Keys	Urbana Hamilton

Lauramayette Williams

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Bath 1951-1952

Active Members

Mrs. R. Briggs
Mrs. Roy Boutwell
Mrs. Aseal Brook
Mrs. Glen Bristol
Mrs. A. J. Cable
Mrs. Arthur Clark
Mrs. Fred Cochran
Mrs. Fred Dennis
Mrs. Gould
Mrs. Emil Hegerberg
Mrs. LeVere Harte
Mrs. Ralph Hobert
Mrs. Carl Lane
Mrs. Ada McFarren
Mrs. Abbott Nelson
Mrs. Howard Pierce
Mrs. Byron Robson
Mrs. George Robson
Mrs. R. Schoals
Mrs. Frank Smith
Mrs. Elymas Smith
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Mrs. John Watling
Mrs. Nellie Wilkins

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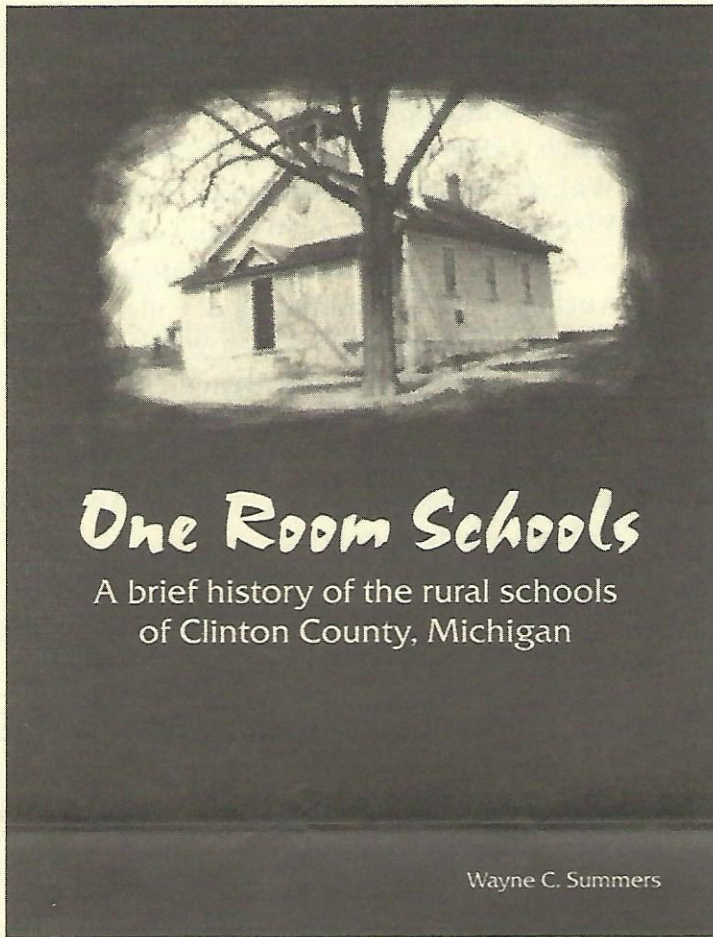
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One Room Schools Book Now Available



We are pleased to announce the publication of *One Room Schools: a brief history of the rural schools of Clinton County, Michigan*. This 128 page book was written by Wayne Summers and is published by the Genealogists of the Clinton County Historical Society with any profits going to the Genealogists.

The book gives the location and a brief history of over 150 school districts that once operated in Clinton County. The book includes a number of vintage photographs along with school memories and anecdotes.

One Room Schools is expected to be available by October 15. The book can be purchased at the Archives in DeWitt for \$15 or by sending \$15 plus \$2 shipping and handling to The Genealogists of the Clinton County Historical Society, P.O. Box 23, St. Johns, MI 48879.

This is the first of a planned two part project. The second portion scheduled for 2006 will include a series of CD-ROMs with scans of school census records along with additional photographs and source documents.

PRESIDENTS, SOLDIERS, STATESMEN (continued)

See Vol. 19, No. 1

WILLIAM R. HOWLAND was born Apr. 9, 1845, in Alabama, N.Y., and was a son of **William. And Mary M. (Hall) Howland**. The former is living; the latter has passed away. He united his fortunes for life with **Amanda E. Plowman** Jan. 1, 1872, in this county. She was born in Oakland Co., Mich., in 1854, a daughter of **James E. and Louisa (Gillette) Plowman**, both deceased. As the fruit of this marriage, six children have been born: **Casper A., W. E., Bessie L., Jessie, Mary A., and Bert**. Comrade Howland was engaged in farming when the war broke out. In July 1863 he enlisted from Alabama, N.Y., when 17 years old, and served in the ranks of Uncle Sam until the close of that memorable conflict. He entered the ranks of Co. L, 8 N.Y. H.A., 2d Brig., 2d Div., 2d. A.C. August 1864, he was wounded at Reams Station with sabre in right thumb. November 1862 he had been confined in hospital with typhoid fever for thirty days. He was furloughed for thirty days and reported for duty at end of time. Oct. 27, 1864, he was captured at Hatchers Run but cleverly escaped two

hours later. He was transferred to Co. H., 10 N.Y. V.I. He bore conspicuous part in the battles of Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna River, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Deep Bottom, Ream Station, Hatchers Run, Richmond, and Lee's surrender. He was honorably discharged July 12, 1865, at Harts Island, N.Y. The 8th N.Y. Art. is accounted in history as having lost more men in one battle (Cold Harbor) than any other Regt. in the Union Army. Comrade Howland belongs to Chas., E. Grisson Post, 156. He owns a feed store and his address is St. Johns, Mich.

ABRAM H. HYLER was born in Morrow Co., O., April 21, 1831, and came to Clinton Co., Mich., 27 years ago. Mrs. Hyler (who, before marriage, Dec. 2, 1852, in South Woodbury, O., was **Henrietta Gardner**) was born Sept. 25, 1834, in Peru Twp., Morrow Co., O. Mr. and Mrs. Hyler are the parents of twelve children: **Charles C.** (dec.); **Ernest A.** (married **Lizzie Charton**); **Lillian** (dec.); **Byron** (dec.); **George I.** (dec.); **Esther A.** (dec.); **John B.**; **Carrie E.** (married **Jacob Detwiler**); **Annie E.** (married **Arthur Butts**); **Bertha A.** (dec.); **William D.**; and **Abram J.** Comrade Hyler's wife's parents, **Benjamin and Esther (Baldwin) Gardner**, have passed away. Comrade Hyler was 31 years old when he went forth to help save the Nation. He had been employed as a carpenter when he enrolled as Corp. in Co. C, 85 O.V.I., June 11, 1862, in the Ohio Home Guards. He contracted rheumatism in service which resulted in his death June 12, 1879, in Morrow Co., Ohio. His brother, **Columbus**, served in the late war in three months' service. His wife's father served in the late war; her brother, **George**, served from Ohio under two enlistments. Mrs. Hyler resides in Bath, Mich.

JOHN D. INGALLS was born in Canada, May 22, 1828. The maiden name of his wife, to whom he was married in this county, was **Delia Vedder**. She was born in Orleans Co., N.Y., Oct. 23, 1836. Her parents were **Henry and Delia (Timmerman) Vedder**, deceased. Of this union were born three children: **Charles** (married **May B. Howe** and they have one child, **Herbert**); **Nellie** (married **Geo. Williams** and they have one daughter, **Maud**); and **Minnie** (married **Grunold**). Comrade Ingalls was one of the brave soldiers to respond to the president's call for troops. He had been engaged in farming when he was enrolled Aug. 22, 1861, at the age of 33 years as a private in Co. D, 5th Mich. V.I. A ball glazed his leg inflicting a slight wound but he did not enter hospital. He received two furloughs in service and returned for duty as expiration of each. He bore conspicuous part in the battles of Williamsburg, Siege of Yorktown, Fair Oaks, Peach Orchard, Glendale, Malvern Hill, Bull Run, Grovetown, Chantilli, Fredericksburg, Ft. Cedars, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wapping Heights, Kelleys Ford, Locust Grove, and Mine Run. He was honorably discharged Dec. 26, 1863, at Brandy Station and immediately re-enlisted as wagoner in Co. D, 5th Mich. V.V.I., serving in that capacity till finally honorably discharged July 5, 1865, at Jeffersonville, Ind. His wife's brother, **George**, served in a N.Y. regt. He died Dec. 2, 1880, at Watertown, Mich., from dropsical consumption.

ALBERT JONES was a son of **Nathan and Rachel (Foster) Jones**, deceased, and was born in Riley Twp., Clinton Co., Mich., Sept. 24, 1845. He was married Nov. 9, 1867, in St. Johns, Mich., to **Mary E. Day**, and they had two children: **Fred W.** and **Agnes R.** His wife was born in Onondaga, N.Y., Nov. 3, 1848, and passed away in Riley Twp., this county, Aug. 27, 1890. Her parents, **Charles and Mary (Harvey) Day**, are also deceased. He was married, secondly, to **Ellen Smith** Apr. 23, 1894. Her father, **John Smith** and her mother, **Nancy (Johns) Smith** are deceased. She was formerly married Dec. 5, 1858, to **William. Stifler**, by whom she had three children: **George W.**, **Talestia**, and **John W.** When treason trailed our flag in the dust, like thousands of other boys, he shouldered his musket, enlisting as a private Dec. 1864, in Co. E, 30 Mich. V.I. In June 1865 he was granted a leave of absence of ten days and reported to his command at end of time. He took part in several skirmishes and was honorably discharged July 2, 1865, in Detroit, Mich. He had three brothers in action: **Nathan**, **Francis M.**, and **Andrew J.** His present wife's brother, **Silas**, served in 10 Mich. Cav.; her paternal grandfather served in the Continental Army during the Rev. War. Comrade Jones is a member of Joseph Mason Post, and his wife belongs to Mason W.R.C. He is at present engaged in farming, and his address in South Riley, Mich.

SAMUEL KINNEY, son of **Alpheus and Amy (Dodge) Kinney**, deceased, was born in Medina Co., Ohio, Nov. 6, 1838. He was married first to **Hannah Richmond** who bore him one child – **Amy**. July 4, 1880, he was again married at Maple Rapids, Mich., to **Saloma Demond**, who was born Nov. 29, 1840, in New York State, and was a daughter of **James and Dollie (Miller) Demond**, long ago deceased. His present wife was formerly married to **Asel L. Thresher**, who was a soldier in 21 Mich. V.I. Two children were born to this union: **Ida** and **Elsie**. He passed away at Nashville in hospital during service. [Samuel Kinney] enlisted Dec. 15, 1861, when 21 years of age as Corp. in Co. C, 17 Mich. V.I. 1st Brig., 2 Dis., 14 A.C. Jan. 3, 1864, he was honorably discharged at Columbia Tenn. and re-enlisted the following day, thus obtaining a veteran's furlough of thirty days. He took a conspicuous part in the battles of Farmington, Siege of Corinth, Lavergne, Nashville, Brentwood, Stone River, Lawrenceburg, Kenesaw Mt., Chattahoochee, Atlanta, Siege of Atlanta, Jonesboro, Florence, Savannah, Fayetteville, Averysboro, and Bentonville. He was honorably discharged July 11, 1865, at Detroit, Mich. His brother, **Josiah**, served in an Ill. Regt.; his grandfather **Dodge** fought in the War of 1812. His wife had two brothers in service: **Henry**, in Co. C., 21 Mich. V.I., died in Nashville hospital and **Franklin**, a member of same command also died in service. Comrade Kinney is a member of C. E. Grisson Post, 156. He is a farmer by occupation and his address is Maple Rapids, Mich.

JAMES A. KNICKERBOCKER was born in Steuben Co., N.Y., June 9, 1844, and was a son of **Andrus and Lovina (Creed) Knickerbocker**, deceased. He united his fortunes for life with **Louisa Coryell** in Gratiot Co., Mich., March 7, 1867. She was born in Adrian, Mich., Aug. 14, 1848, of parents, **George and Keziah (Randall) Coryell**. The former is deceased; the latter is still living. As the fruit of this marriage, eight children were born: **William H., Albina, James W., George, Elizabeth, Edith, Robert, and Jay**. When the Stars and Stripes were hauled from Ft. Sumter, he was among the first volunteers to enlist in the Nation's defense. He was enrolled Oct. 13, 1861, at Wellsboro, Pa., when but 17 years of age in Co. A, 171 Pa. V.I. July 1, 1862, he was wounded in left arm by piece of shell at Gettysburg. He was taken to general hospital at Philadelphia, Pa., where he was treated for same. Comrade Knickerbocker volunteered to do picket duty two weeks at Newbern, N.C., March 20, 1863, and one night, while he was on the picket and the other two comrades were sleeping, the rebels came on them. He woke them up and they fired on the rebels who retreated and the other two were never heard from after that. He was honorably discharged Aug. 15, 1863, from hospital and re-enlisted Aug. 1, 1864, at Hubbardston, Mich., in Co. D, 3d Mich. V.I., 3d Brig., 3d Div., 4th A.C. as Sergt. Sept. 1, 1864, he was furloughed for thirty days and returned to command at the end of time. He bore a conspicuous part in the battles of Newburn, Black River, Goldsboro, Little Wisington, Swift Creek Village, Richmond, Harpers Ferry, Vicksburg, Stone River, Suffolk, Winchester, Gettysburg, Nashville, Strawberry Plains, and several skirmishes. He was honorably discharged March 1, 1866, at San Antonia, Texas. He had two uncles in service; **Martin Knickerbocker** in N.Y. Regt., and **James Creed**; another uncle, **Charles Creed** served in the Mexican War. Two uncles of his wife also served: **John and Westbrook Randall**. Comrade Knickerbocker has been an honored member of Billy Begole Post 127 in which he has been Com. one year, 1890; S.V.C. in 1889; J.V.C. in 1888; O.D. one year; and O.G. one year. He has been street commissioner one year and constable one term. He is successfully engaged in farming and his P.O. address in Maple Rapids, Mich.

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