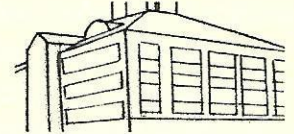




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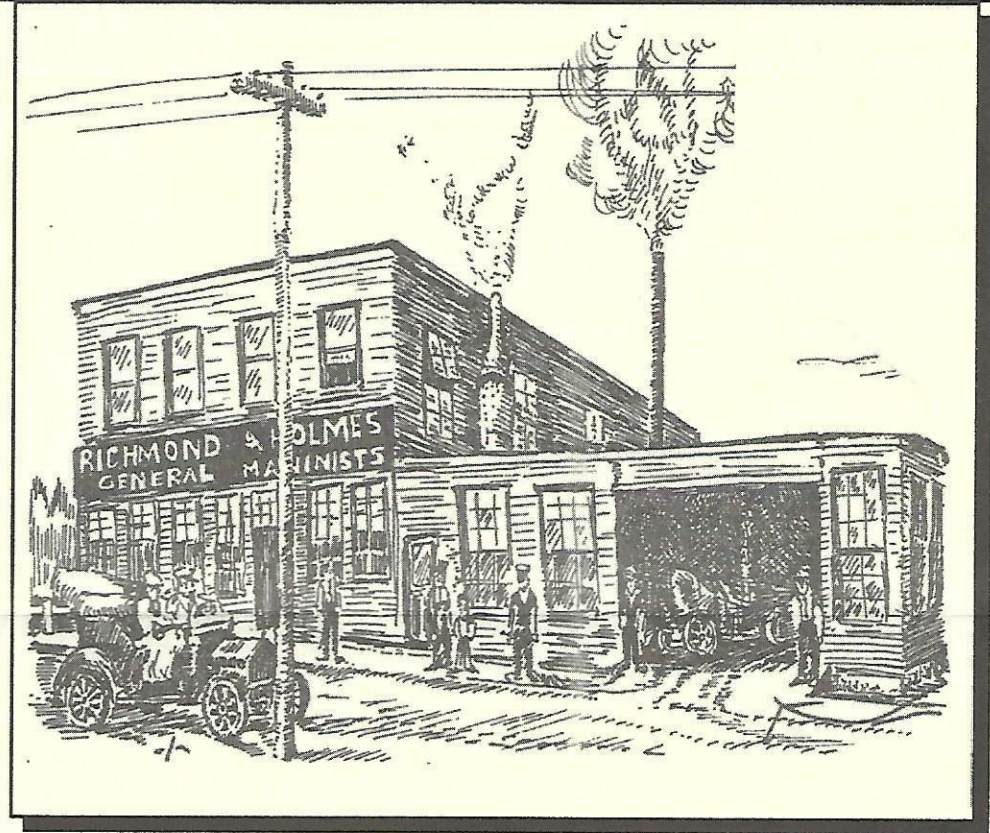


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## THE OLD MACHINE SHOP

405 N. Lansing Street, St. Johns

By Ron Matson

### Part III – Richmond & Holmes

The Richmond Bros. continued to operate as a private partnership in the old machine shop and in 1898 they began building gasoline engines. The old one cylinder spoke flywheel engines were beginning to be used for small power needs on farms and in shops across the country and the Richmond Bros. engine would soon gain a reputation as a very reliable power unit.

In 1901 Charles I. Richmond sold his undivided half interest in the old machine shop to Horace Holmes a sawmill operator from Matherton. His son George R. Holmes who had been employed at the machine shop for some time would now have a major role in the business, which would now

be known as Richmond & Holmes.

In 1902 one cylinder curved dash Oldsmobiles began to appear on the streets of St. Johns. Dubbed "devil wagons" by many old timers, they often frightened horses who were not accustomed to seeing or hearing such contraptions and caused many runaways and accidents. These were exciting times at the old machine shop. Richmond & Holmes were building an automobile of their own design. It would use their own two cylinder air cooled engine, weigh about 700 pounds and travel up to 20 miles an hour. The number of automobiles built by Richmond & Holmes is unknown. There were no automobile dealers in St. Johns at this time and for the few people who owned automobiles, if they needed adjustments or repairs, Richmond & Holmes was the place to go.

Lansing Street was still the main north-south highway going thru St. Johns and travelers passing the old machine shop in horse drawn stage coaches or carriages must have seen some interesting sights there, possibly seeing their first automobile or a huge steam traction engine being worked on. George J. Munro had the agency for the Nichols & Shepard steam engines and threshing machines there in 1899 and a few years later would be agent for the J. I. Case steam engines and threshing machines at Richmond & Holmes. Mr. Munro was also the local agent for the popular Aermotor windmills.

Out of town business men were beginning to take notice of the fine gasoline engines being produced by Richmond & Holmes. Local business men had been approached to help finance an expansion, but seemed uninterested. Then in August 1904 the newspapers reported the gasoline engine business of Richmond & Holmes had been purchased by the Maud S. Pump & Windmill Company of Lansing. Their "Ideal" engines would now be manufactured in Lansing. George and Glenn Holmes would move to Lansing and take charge of the engine works there. Lewis Richmond and Horace Holmes would remain in St. Johns and continue to operate the machine shop here.

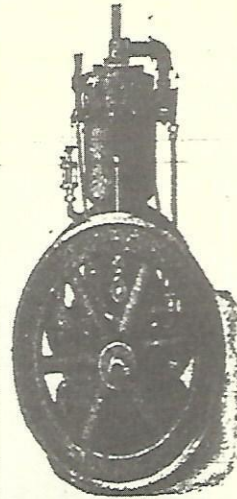
This might have been a wake up call for St. Johns capitalist's? Within a week of the sale of the Richmond & Holmes gasoline engine works, local business men were organizing an association for the purpose of "maintaining and developing present industries and attracting new ones."

For a few years Richmond & Holmes manufactured the Watson steam and hot water heating system, but couldn't handle it in their limited space along with their other business, so in 1907 the St. Johns Heater Company was formed to take over the manufacture of this product. F. C. Mason, Horace B. Kneeland, Lewis B. Richmond, Horace S. Holmes and Seymour D. Watson would be the stockholders.

In the spring of 1908 Richmond & Holmes began selling the Jackson automobile. Then in 1909, in partnership with Will Moss, they rented the Shindorf shop on the corner of Brush and Higham Street where they sold and serviced Jackson and Maxwell automobiles.

Also in 1909 Richmond & Holmes began manufacturing the Farmers Cement Tile Machine, also known as the Ideal Cement Tile Machine. Many of Clinton counties drainage ditches were now in place and local farmers were able to tile their fields for the first time. And thousands of farmers across the nation were tiling their fields in an effort to improve their farmlands. L. R. Peck of St. Johns was the inventor of this machine and Richmond & Holmes had assisted in its development. R. S. Clark would be the sales agent for this machine. Mr. Clark was one of the original founders of the Clark and Hulse clothing firm. He was a shrewd business man and believed in the power of advertising. This machine would be a bread and butter product for Richmond & Holmes for many years. It was marketed nationwide and gained such a reputation that in 1910 an agreement

## The "IDEAL" ENGINE, Type 'A'



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### RICHMOND & HOLMES

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**To correct the editor's error:**

Please see the following corrected text for Ron Matson's article in the previous issue, "The Old Machine Shop, Part III," bottom of page 14 – top of page 15, Vol. 22, No. 2

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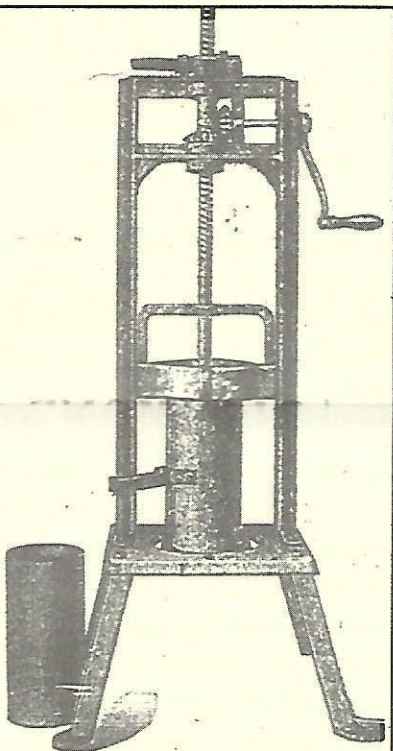
Philip Parmelee, the famous pioneer aviator who was born in Matherton and later lived in St. Johns, worked for Richmond & Holmes for about 18 months, a few years before being employed by the Wright Brothers.

In 1919 Lewis B. Richmond sold his half of the business to his partner Horace Holmes, who now became the sole owner. The business would now be known as the H. S. Holmes Company.

The rest of the story will be delayed but forthcoming. Do you know anyone who would have an old Farmers Cement Tile Machine they might consider donating to the Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum? Would you like to comment on this article, contribute additional information or share photographs relating to any part of this story? Please e-mail [rmat@voyager.net](mailto:rmat@voyager.net) or Phone 989-224-3064

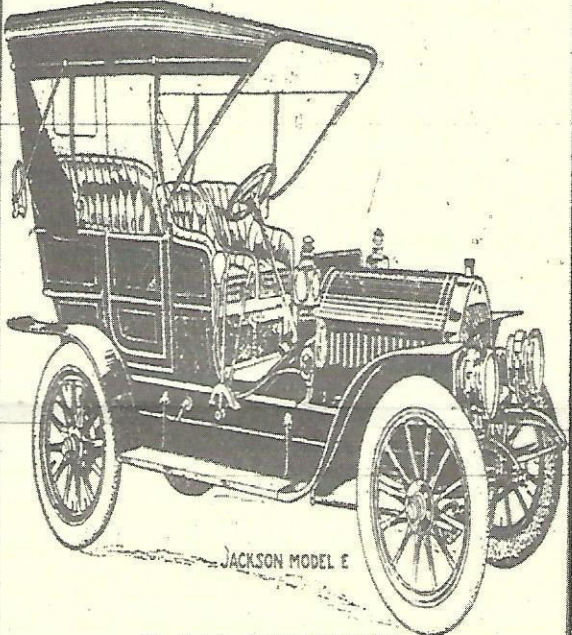
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**Machine**

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IN MEMORY OF  
MARY LOU (HARDMAN)  
COURTLAND  
November 21, 1928 - April 2, 2007

## THE ISLAND AID SOCIETY : 1922-1924

Two records books of the Island Aid Society were donated to the archives in 2005. They contain the minutes of the society's meetings during 1922, 1923, and 1924 which reveal many details of how the neighbors in an area of Lebanon and Essex Twps. near the Maple River, commonly known as "the island," met to socialize and assist each other.

The group evidently organized before 1904 as during the meeting on Jan. 2, 1924, the minutes state: "A history of the Island Aid Society was read by Carrie Jaquish. This history was written in 1904 by **Huldah Conley** and told how the society came to be organized, its object, and its constitution and bylaws. A prophesy of its members, written some years later by Mrs. **Lottie Lance**, was also read."

Following are some items edited from the minutes:

Mar. 15, 1922 The Island Aid Society met at the home of Hulda Conley. The meeting opened with recitation of The Lord's Prayer and roll call, as was their constant routine. Sixteen members were present and \$3.48 was in the treasury. The penny collection netted 18¢. **Inez Schultz** presented a bill for 45¢ for fruit. **Carrie Jaquish** presented her bill of 50¢ for prizes and a deck of cards. **Nettie Lamphere** and **Mina Gordanier** were appointed to the flower committee.

Apr. 5, 1922 **Kate Britten**, **Eva Hoover**, **Anna McPherson**, **Edith Sowle**, and **Harriett Burt** all paid 50¢ "experience money." **Nora Jaquish** and **Mayme (Mrs. Charles) Hale** each paid \$1 experience money. Mrs. Burt also paid 5¢ she had borrowed of the society. Plans were made to meet with **Eda White** on Apr. 12 to tie a quilt and again on Apr. 19. with **Mayme Jaquish** to sew for **Nellie Low**.

Jan. 17, 1923 A motion to buy cloth for two sheets and a pair of pillow cases for **Mrs. [Frank] Leonard** was carried. Another motion to hold a kitchen shower for her also passed.

Feb. 7, 1923 The motion to limit kitchen shower gifts at 25¢ passed.

Feb. 21, 1923 The president appointed Hulda Conley, **Anna White**, and **Minnie Chapman** "to look after baked goods for our sick members, **Sarah Anna Freer** and **Ellen Skutt**." The day was spent in sewing and tying comforts for Mrs. Frank Leonard who lost a part of their home some time ago by fire. "With a few well chosen remarks, Maude Baker presented Mrs. Leonard with the quilts, sheets, pillow cases from the Aid Society, also the kitchen shower from the members for which Mrs. Leonard very feelingly thanked the society."

Mar. 14, 1923 The Island Aid Society met at the home of Kate Britten. Bills presented included \$3.60 for flowers for Sarah Anna Freer's funeral and 30¢ for fruit for Ellen Skutt. Elected were the following officers: **Maude Baker**, president; **Eda White**, vice president; **Anna McPherson**, secretary; and **Ann White**, treasurer. The president appointed Hulda Conley and Eda White to the Sick Committee. "Motion made by Mina Gordanier, seconded by **Nora Jaquish**, that our dues be 25¢ per year and no fees be paid by the hostess when entertaining. ... Motion made by Huldah Conley, seconded by **Mayme Hale**, that the refreshments be limited to three things beside the drink. ... Motion made by Eva Hoover, seconded by **Harriet Burt**, that a fine of \$1 be paid by any member who goes over the limit." Other motions that carried were: If a member residing within the corporation limits refuses to pay this fine, Marshal Vance should be sent to collect and if a country member refuses to pay, the Deputy Sheriff should be sent to collect. The president appointed Eva Hoover and Nora Jaquish as the Trouble and Telephone Committee. Dues collected totaled \$2.50 plus 12¢ in the penny collection. Kate Britten paid 25¢ under protest for the meeting. A bill for 30¢ was paid to Mina Gordanier for fruit, leaving a balance on hand of \$2.57. "Refreshments were served by the hostess. This ended a very strenuous afternoon."



Oct. 10, 1923 "The afternoon was spent in tying two comfortables--one for hostess and one for society."

Nov. 21, 1923 A bill of \$1.86 was presented and allowed for material for Robert Anderson.

Decisions were made to charge \$5 for the dark comfortable and \$7 for the pink and white one. Inez Schultz paid the society 17¢ for one yard of material.

Dec. 5, 1923 Robert Anderson paid \$5 for one new comfortable and \$2 for having one recovered.

The afternoon was spent in binding a quilt and in setting blocks together for another.

Jan. 2, 1924 "The afternoon was spent in sewing carpet rags for the hostess."

Feb. 6, 1924 At the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Baker: "The evening was spent in playing cards and visiting. As no member of the quilt committee was present, the president appointed **Walter Gamble and Walter White** as a committee to dispose of the tickets on the quilt. ... Mrs. Eda White, holding the lucky number and not being present, was immediately informed of her good luck over the telephone. After this a sumptuous potluck supper was served. The society realized \$11.75 from the sale of tickets."

Mar. 5, 1924 Eighteen members were present. The treasurer reported \$66.74. The following officers were elected to serve in 1924-25: Ruth Barrett, president; Eda White, vice president; Anna White, secretary; Nettie Lamphere, treasurer. After business was attended to, "the afternoon was spent in various contests. Refreshments of sandwiches, coffee, heavenly hash, and cream cake was served."

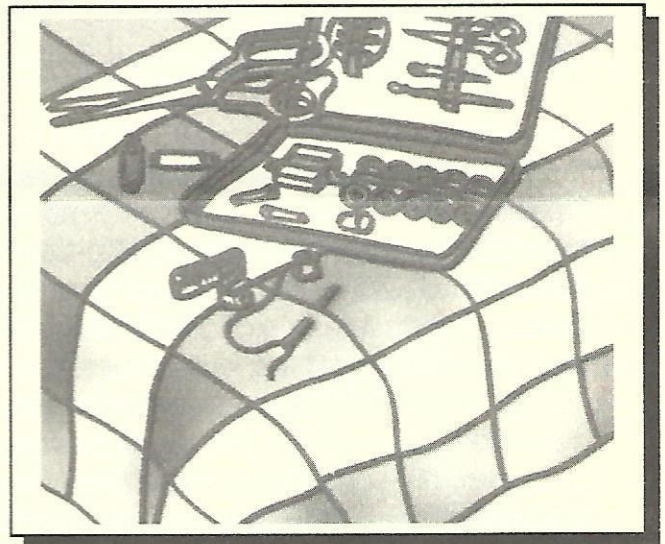
### Membership List 1923-24

Baker, Maud  
Britten, Kate  
Burt, Harriet  
Barrett, Ruth  
Chapman, Minnie  
Conley, Claudia  
Conley, Huldah  
Foley, Lizzie  
Gamble, Lucy  
Gordanier, Mina  
Hale, Brina  
Hale, Mayme  
Hoover, Eva  
Harlow, Ruth  
Jaquish, Carrie  
Jaquish, Nora  
Lamphere, Ida  
Lamphere, Julia  
Lamphere, Nettie

Low, Nellie  
McPherson, Anna  
McPherson, R.S.  
Parker, Clara  
Pinkney, Mary  
Reed, Mary  
Rice, Hulda  
Schultz, Inez  
Schafer, Anna  
Smith, Susan  
Sowle, Edith  
White, Anna  
White, Eda  
Wright, Clara

### Others Mentioned

Bamber, Edna  
Brown (Mrs)  
Carr, Orpha  
Casterline, (Mrs. W.B.)  
Freer, Sara Anna  
"Sate"  
Iddings (Mrs.)  
Leonard, (Mrs. Frank)  
Mundell, Emma  
Owens, Alice  
Robinson, Ida  
White, Mary  
Winans, Reatha  
Woodburry (Mrs.)



The Clinton County Historical Society and Friends of the Maple River are looking for anyone who would be willing to share their memories or anyone willing to listen and document these memories for an oral history of life along the Maple River. Please call the Archives, during operational hours, for more information.

**ISLAND AID SOCIETY  
1933**

A supplemental page labeled, "Roll Call 1933," suggests that by then the group had taken up other purposes besides quilting and sewing as whole families and including many males are listed:

**IM = In Memoriam**

Bancroft, Crystal	Lamphere, Hattie	Schavey, (Mrs. Wendell)	Terwilliger, William
Christensen, Fuller	Lamphere, Helen (IM)	Shaffer, Herman	VanSickle, A. J.
Christensen, Nina	Lamphere, Hugh	Sloan, Maude	VanSickle, Barbara
Gordanier, Mina	Lamphere, Julia	Sloan, (Mr.)	VanSickle, Beth
Gordanier, Wesley (IM)	Lamphere, Marion	Terwilliger, Amy	VanSickle, Joe
Hide, Janis Lee (baby)	Lamphere, Nettie	Terwilliger, Ardis	VanSickle, June
Jaquish, Alberta	Lamphere, Wayne	Terwilliger, Geneva	VanSickle, Lyman
Jaquish, Carrie	Pinckney, Ardis	Terwilliger, Harry	VanSickle, Moss
Jaquish, Donald	Pinckney, Ella	Terwilliger, Jack	VanSickle, Nellie
Jaquish, Earl	Pinckney, Ernest	Terwilliger, James (IM)	White, Anna
Jaquish, John	Pinckney, Gerald	Terwilliger, Juno	White, Eda
Jaquish, Lenora	Pinckney, Mary	Terwilliger, Lester	White, Glen
Jaquish, Mayme	Pinkney, Max Duane	Terwilliger, Nettie	White, Walter
Jaquish, Clyde	Pinckney, Norman	Terwilliger, Roy	
Lamphere, Fred	Pinckney, William (IM)	Terwilliger, Ruth (IM)	
Lamphere, Gordon	Schaven, D.W.		

**TOM THIELL**

Many visitors at the archives have encountered Tom Thiell who has volunteered since about Feb. 1994 and retired in March 2007. A long list of researchers have benefited from his extensive knowledge of genealogy, which was usually presented with thoroughness, generosity, and humor. His good judgment and kind assistance in managing the archives is also gratefully acknowledged. In his retirement we hope he will understand how very much the archives staff and the people whose genealogies he has detailed over the years appreciate his efforts.

**UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE  
CONFEDERACY**

The United Daughters of the Confederacy has a chapter based in Michigan. Persons who can prove their lineage back to a person who fought or gave material aid to the Confederacy are eligible. Contact Sharon M. Bledsoe, President [reblady@flash.net](mailto:reblady@flash.net) or Pat Lundy, Registrar [Pat48084@aol.com](mailto:Pat48084@aol.com). Scholarships for various areas of study are available through the UDC.

Applicants have to have Confederate lineage and be able to furnish their Confederate ancestor's military records.

Applications forms are at [www.hqudc.org](http://www.hqudc.org). Michigan contact person: Stars & Bars 2073, Brenda J. Kociemba, 4380 Mckeachie Rd., Whitelake, MI 48383; 248-889-0128; [Bjaykociemba@yahoo.com](mailto:Bjaykociemba@yahoo.com)



# MAPLE RAPIDS SCHOOL

1862

Edited from the *Maple Rapids Dispatch*, 21 Oct 1882

Libbie Anderson, Teacher

## The following have been neither absent or tardy:

Dunstall, Agatha	Moss, Leroy	Webster, Frank
Barlow, Minnie	Price, Cora	Webster, Mollie
Crowley, Eugene	Rosenkrans, Mar'n	White, Flora
Hane, Jessie	Terry, Edna	Wright, Leon
Ketchum, Anna	Terry, Kittie	
Merz, Mary	Webster, Bell	

## Names of pupils whose average standing in scholarship & deportment was 75%:

Atwell, Lorena	Fleshman, Ella	Richards, Ettie
Baker, Roy	Fredricks, Metta	Rosenkrans, M'n
Barlow, George	Fulton, Lucy	Rowley, Fred
Barlow, Minnie	Hamilton, Eva	Schneider, Anna
Bell, Fred	Horr, Bertie	Terry, Bertie
Bell, May	Knickerbocker, Albina	Titus, Emma
Bell, Minnie	Lambie, Edna	Webster, Frank
Bennett, Joshua	Merz, Charlie	Webster, Jimmie
Bennett, Nettie	Moss, Leroy	Webster, Mollie
Blank, Robbie	Newton, Sara	Wells, Minnie
Cook, Susie	Norton, Willie	Wilcox, Roscoe
Dimon, George	Porter, Elva	
Doty, Glen	Price, Fred	
Face, Hosea	Reed, Edie	

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## Stafford School, District No. 4, Duplain Twp.

*St. Johns News*; 5 Apr 1900

Edah Silvernail, Teacher

## Pupils enrolled in the Stafford School for the term ending March 23:

Bartin, Oren	Meacher, Carl	Smith, Ida
Bartin, Vern	Moore, Ross	Smith, Johnnie
Clark, Claud	Moore, Vear	Stinebower, Clifford
Hurshburger, Ella	Putnam, Ethel	Stinebower, Forest
Jones, Ray	Rummell, Jennie	Stinebower, Fred
Letts, Minnie	Sherman, Don	Stratton, Edith
Meacher, Archie	Sherman, Ivah	Tabor, Lelah

## SCHOOL CENSUS CD'S 1902-1925

An annual school census was taken to identify every school-aged person in each school district. Included in the reports was each student's name, age, grade, name of parent or guardian, and often other information. These valuable records for Clinton County are being scanned and published on compact disks along with photographs and various other available papers regarding the schools in each township. The following CD's are now available for \$15 each. To order, print the form from our web page or use the information below:

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## ABSALOM REVELS

The remains of Absalom Revels were brought from Corunna by his son Jake last Thursday for burial in Maple Grove Cemetery. Many remember this jolly Negro who was often seen on our streets joking or telling interesting stories of his life to the boys. Until about four years ago "Uncle Abe," was able to earn enough to keep him in food and clothing, but at last old age and sickness forced him to seek a home in the county house, where he has lived most of the time since.

He was born a slave and has lived a life of storm and stress. While a small boy he was separated from his mother and became the property of a brutal master who used him so shamefully that he made no less than five attempts to escape, the last of which was successful. In his fourth attempt to escape, he put 400 miles between him and home, but at last was tracked to an old barn by blood hounds and was forced to surrender. His captors chained him to the back end of a lumber wagon and with sore feet and a heavy heart he was obliged to accommodate himself to the speed of a mule. His master gave him a most brutal flogging and then sold him to a man in New Orleans. He vowed that he would never go there and he didn't.

He finally escaped into Canada. He married in that country and after a time came to Ovid, where he spent a happy life until about four years ago. He did not know his age and could not remember anything about his parents. (*St. Johns News*, 1 Nov 1900; p8 c2)

# WEST ESSEX

*Maple Rapids Dispatch*, 18 Feb 1887 (edited)

To write up a history of the settlement of the township of Essex from the year 1837 to the year 1855, I will mention some of the early settlers. It is admitted that **Campau** was the first. Mr. **Webster** settled on the prairie, being the first farmer in the town. **James Sowle** in 1837 settled on Sect. 21 at the center of Essex. **H. Benedict** settled on Sect. 8, and it has been called Benedict Plains ever since. The first saw mill was built by **Sylvester Stevens** on the Hayworth Creek on the farm now owned by **Darwin Bancroft** on Sect. 20. Mr. **Lake** was killed by a log rolling off his sled at the mill.

**S. M. Scott** settled in the town in June 1841 at the so-called Scott Schoolhouse [later Lowe School]. He was elected sheriff in the fall of 1842, then treasurer; also, representative three terms in the legislature. The capital was then at Detroit. He died in Essex April 20, 1850. **David Scott** came to Essex in November 1841, and is still living in the town. **Daniel G. Smith** settled on Sect. 29 in 1842. A remarkable fact is that this farm has ever since been the home of the Daniels, for he sold to **Daniel T. Hoyt**; he to **Daniel S. Arnold**, he to **Daniel B. Chase** who still owns it.

**Adam Ocobock** moved into Essex in 1843. Two of his sons are living in the town at this time. **Humphery Hammond** settled on Sect. 28 in 1844 and is now living at St. Johns. **Riley Jones** settled on Sect. 32 in 1845. Mr. **Densmore** settled on the prairie in 1839 and sold to a Mr. **Stebins** who built the first barn in the township.

In 1840 Mr. **Eldridge** settled on the place now owned by **C. S. Wolcott**. A Mr. **Kellog** settled on what is called the Beech place. **P. D. Bancroft** in 1846 settled where he now lives. Mr. **Crowner** came here in 1847.

In 1848 **Stephen McPherson** settled on Sect. 16, purchasing the whole of it. He moved here from Ohio with his family. His son David took the southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the section. His son-in-law **James Carter** took the southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the same. Mr. McPherson commenced to build a sawmill where the **Terry** mill stood. **James Carter** with **James Youdan** was digging a well on the farm now owned by **I. Hewitt**. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Jan. 1850 he (Carter) was killed by the caving in of the well. The neighbors dug from noon til the next morning at sunrise to get him out. Mr. McPherson died in July of the same year.

In 1849 **Thomas Parr** with **Conger Lyon** and **Peter Schanck** moved in from Ohio and became settlers of Essex. Mr. Lyon lived and died on the place now owned by his son John. Mr. Schanck settled where he now lives and has never moved since he came into the town. Mr. Parr took up the southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sect. 17, lived on it till the winter of 1854-5 when he sold to **I. T. Bently**. He moved to the place now owned by **G. D. Sowle**, which was wild.

In 1841 **E. Warren** moved into the township and took up the place now owned by **J. H. Bottom**. About this time **John Youngs** settled where **Halstead** now lives. The first doctor was **Jenison** who settled where **Albert VanSickle** now lives. Judge **Petit** settled on the farm now a part of **R. S. VanScoy's** and while living there **Charles Turner** of M.D. practice came riding through the woods and treating those who called on him.

In the fall of 1841 there was an election. Bengal was attached to Essex and the combined vote of the two towns was 23 and every voter was out. Those were Democratic times--no fusion at the caucuses. **James Sowle** lost his log house by fire.

In 1854 Mr. VanScoy came to Essex from DeWitt where he had lived for 15 years. In the spring of '57 **W. J. Richardson** with his father-in-law **Matthews** settled on what was called the Acan or **S. T. Hill** farm.

It is some time since the war closed; and to show that Essex is not behind her sister towns in the county, I would say she sent to the field 69 men; 68 of them were true to our old flag. Essex lands will compare with any town in the county for farming purposes. For educational interests she ranks fair, having three brick school houses. District No. 6 lost a nice frame school house.

Your humble servant. D. L.

## EARLY SETTLER - EARLY FAMILY CERTIFICATES

Since January of 2006 the Genealogists of the Clinton Co. Historical Society have awarded 85 certificates to descendants of Clinton County's early residents, those who were here at least before 1900. The form to apply for this recognition can be downloaded at < [www.dewittlibrary.org/CCHS](http://www.dewittlibrary.org/CCHS)>

Following is a list of the settlers whose descendants have received certificates so far in 2007:

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John A. Beck

Hector R. Harris

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✈ **The Archives of the Clinton County Historical Society** are located at 16101 Brook Road in the DeWitt Twp. Community Center. Volunteers are there to give research assistance from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays & Fridays. Phone: (517) 482-5117. Web Page: [www.dewittlibrary.org/CCHS](http://www.dewittlibrary.org/CCHS)

✈ **The Genealogists of the CCHS** meet the first Monday of each month at 1:00 pm November through March or 7:30 pm April through October in the Firstbank community room, located downtown St. Johns. E-mail address: [ccgensoc@yahoo.com](mailto:ccgensoc@yahoo.com). The **Historical Society meetings** are held 30 minutes prior to the Genealogist's meetings at Firstbank, the first Monday of January, April, July & October.

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

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

### LIST 5 NAMES YOU ARE RESEARCHING

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**ANNUAL DUES** to join both the Clinton County Historical Society and the Genealogy Committee are \$15 single and \$20 a couple/family. Membership is based on the calendar year and includes a subscription to the quarterly newsletter, *Clinton County Trails*. Checks should be made payable to the Clinton County Historical Society and mailed to P.O. Box 174, St. Johns, MI 48879. Genealogical queries should be addressed to: Genealogists of the Clinton County Historical Society, P.O. Box 23 St. Johns, MI 48879.

**ARCHIVES CLOSED  
THESE DATES IN 2007**

July 4th	Wednesday
Labor Day	Monday, Sept. 3
Veteran's Day	Monday, Nov. 12
Thanksgiving	Thurs.-Fri, Nov. 22 & 23
Christmas	Mon- Fri, Dec 24 - 28
New Year's Eve	Monday, Dec. 31 & Jan. 1

Ten years, 1941-50, of *The Clinton Co. Republican-News* have recently been microfilmed for use at the archives. The Genealogists of CCHS paid approximately \$2,500, some of which was memorial fund money, for this project or about \$175 per reel.

**RECENT ACQUISITIONS**

*Winfield Scott Family*; James M. Trendel; 2007.

- Shepardsville U.M. Church, Sesquicentennial celebration program.
- Maple Rapids School memorabilia; 1890, 1895, 1904, 1916, 1921, & 1930.
- Program for Pioneer Day, Maple Rapids 10 June 1908.
- Farm Ownership Map of Clinton Co.; ca 1924.
- Mt. Rest Cemetery data by Spicer Group; 2006.
- Clinton Co. Atlas & Plat Books; 1976, 1994, & 1999.
- *Michigan Manual*; 1953-4.
- Archives Scrapbook Index, Scrapbooks 1-50; Ralph Temple; 2007.
- Cahoon Genealogy; L. Ray Lake; 2007.
- Descendants of John Pulfrey; Kay Jolley; 2007.
- Photo: Willard & Nellie Cahoon  
Eureka School students K-5<sup>th</sup> grade;  
1949-50