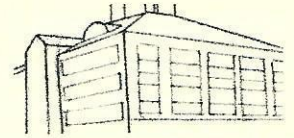




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THE OLD MACHINE SHOP

405 N. Lansing Street, St. Johns

Part V- Old Machine Shops Never Die, They Just Fade Away

By Ron Matson

In September 1944 Clyde Anderson sold the old machine shop to Floyd Rice of St. Johns and Royal Sackett of Detroit and it would now be known as the Rice & Sackett Machine Shop.

In 1947 Rice & Sackett sold the old machine shop to Victor Banks of Lansing and Sheldon Parker of St. Johns. This new business would be known as the St. Johns Tool & Die Company. A significant investment was made in new machinery and the company planned on doing tool and die work for manufacturers in Lansing, Flint, Owosso and Jackson. They would also be manufacturing cement tile machines. This was the same old Farmers Cement Tile Machine that was first manufactured in the old machine shop in 1909. Patterns for the machine were passed on each time the machine shop was sold. The day when a farmer would manufacture his own cement tile however was probably passing because these machines which had been so successful in the past would now prove hard to sell.

In August 1949 this business partnership was dissolved and over the next few years ownership of the property would change hands several times.

The glory days of the old machine shop had passed. The days when huge steam traction engines were sold and serviced there, when steam engines, one cylinder gasoline engines and automobiles were manufactured there were fading from memory. The days when the skilled hands of Clyde Anderson toiled there, though recalled with reverence by those who knew him, were gone forever, but the old machine shop was destined to make another important contribution to our community by providing support to one of our leading industries in a time of crisis.

In 1951 Leonard Vollbracht of Royal Oak and Thurman Hefty of St. Johns purchased the Egan Tractor Sales, that portion of the Egan business that sold and serviced Ford Tractors and Dearborn Farm Equipment. The business would now be known as the H and V Sales Co. After remaining in the Egan building for two years Len

Vollbracht acquired the old machine shop and in May 1953 began moving the business which was now known as Vollbracht Sales to 405 N. Lansing Street.

Then on 26 June 1953 a catastrophic fire caused a total loss of the Saylor Beall factory and its contents putting 125 men out of work. Company officials were scrambling to locate temporary facilities so that contract work could be continued while they assessed their situation. A portion of the old machine shop was rented and their first order of business there would be to resume production on actuator assemblies for Boeing B-29 and B-50 bombers. Later on the company would manufacture refrigeration units there. Saylor Beall would continue operating in the old machine shop and other locations throughout the city until a new factory was completed in February 1959.

From 1959 until 1964 the old machine shop was unoccupied. In May 1964 Jessie Jones of St. Johns purchased the property and for the next 15 years would operate a used machine tool business there. The building would then be idle for another few years.

Time and neglect was beginning to take its toll on the old machine shop which was constructed in 1874 by the St. Johns Co-operative Co. for a building contracting business. A snow storm in January 1985 caused the buildings roof to cave in. The building was then condemned by the city and was promptly demolished by Willis "Junior" Hettler and his crew. Yes, the old machine shop, so rich in history, was gone, but it would remain in the memory of many, and now that its history has been told, you too know some of the secrets it held for so long.

In December 1987 Al and Evelyn Marrah, proprietors of Marrah's Custom Carpet bought the property and in 1988 built a carpet warehouse there. This new building would now have an address of 407 N. Lansing St.

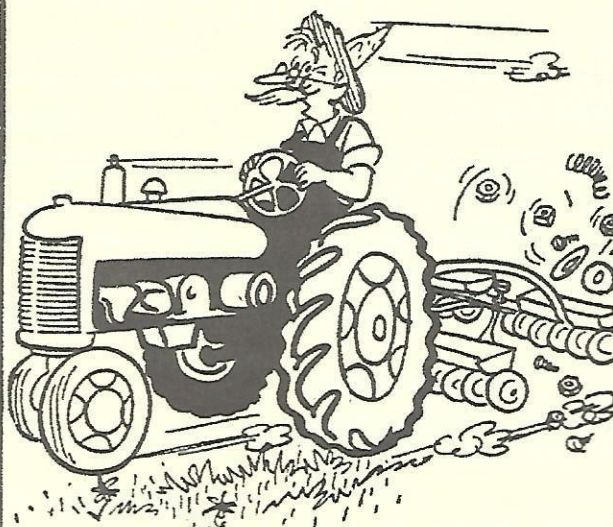
After the passing of Al and Evelyn Marrah the property was acquired by Ken and Brenda Barber, owners of Barber's Floors & More and is now known as the Carpet Warehouse.

While researching this story, I was saddened when I found there were practically no photos in the repositories of St. Johns history relating to the old machine shop or the people involved with it. If you have roots in St. Johns and have old photos of people who helped build our city, or photos of any of their activities while they lived here, please share them with us, so we can better preserve our local history. *They deserve to be remembered.* You can e-mail photos relating to any part of St. Johns history or comments on this story to rmat@voyager.net or phone 989-224-3064

This historical account would have been impossible without the help of the following people and organizations and I would like to thank them sincerely for their assistance.

Special thanks to Sue Lounds, editor of the Clinton County News, for permission to use photos and other material from St. Johns newspapers. I'm also indebted to the Archives of the Clinton

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County Historical Society and Tom Thiell and Myrna Van Epps for their extensive knowledge of the Archives holdings. I also appreciate the help given by Catherine Rumbaugh, director of the Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum. Many thanks go to Carol Wooley and the very helpful staff at the Clinton County Register of Deeds. Kathleen Beagle at the Briggs Public Library was always ready to lend a helping hand. The assistance rendered by the Archives of Michigan, The Library of Michigan and the Corporations Division of the Michigan Department of Economic Growth was very much appreciated. I also wish to thank the following people who provided me with information either directly related to this story or that helped me in my research: Lynne Gregory, Al Woodbury, Joe "Papa Bear" Mesh and Sheldon B. Parker. Large thanks to John Hoxley Fildew II for encouraging words and a photo that I will definitely use, if a book becomes a reality. Many thanks also to Sue Hardaker for wonderful photos slated for the book project.

Voltairine De Cleyre, Anarchist

By Wayne Summers



Voltairine De Cleyre was born on November 17, 1866, in Leslie, Michigan to Hector and Harriet De Clair¹. She was named by her father after the French freethinker Voltaire.

The family moved to St. Johns, Michigan² in 1867 to a house at 204 S. Lansing Street. The intellectually gifted Voltairine attempted to enter St. Johns primary school at the age of 4, but was turned away because of her age even though she had already taught herself to read the newspaper. Not easily discouraged, she was admitted to school the next year and attended St. Johns schools until the age of 12. An excellent student, she was especially gifted at writing.

Votairine was opinionated and at times passionately stubborn. Her father, having returned to his Catholic faith, sent his freethinking 13 year old daughter against her will to the Convent of Our Lady of Port Huron in Sarnia, Ontario.

From September 1880 to 1883 she attended school at the convent. While she enjoyed the music she rebelled against the authoritarianism. Attempting to run away, she swam across the St. Clair River to Port Huron and then hiked 17 miles to some friends of her family. They contacted her father who sent her back. In December 1883 she graduated and returned to St. Johns where she taught music for two years before leaving in 1885.

Voltairine became active in the freethought movement lecturing and writing anti-Catholic articles for freethought periodicals. Speaking in 1887 she said, "I spent four years in a convent...I have seen bright intellects . . . loaded down with chains, made abject, prostrate nonentities. I have seen frank, generous dispositions made morose, sullen, and deceitful, and I have seen rose-leaf cheeks turn to a sickly pallor, and glad eyes lose their brightness, and elastic youth lose its vitality and go

¹ She later changed the spelling of her name to De Cleyre. Some records spell it De Clare.

² Voltairine, who also had an older sister Addie, is listed with her family in the 1870 and 1880 census for St. Johns. The house at 204 S. Lansing stayed in her family until 1945.

down to an early grave murdered - murdered by the church"³

A major turning point in her life occurred with the Haymarket Riots of 1882 in Chicago. On May 4 a large rally was conducted by a group of anarchists supporting striking workers of the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company. The peaceful rally turned ugly when the Chicago police decided to break it up. As the police marched in a bomb was thrown killing 11, including 7 police officers. Eight of the anarchist rally organizers were arrested and put on trial for the murder of the police officers. Even though the prosecution presented no evidence that any of the eight had had anything to do with the bomb throwing, they were convicted and four put to death in 1887 in what is considered to be one of the most serious miscarriages of justice in United States judicial history.

Outraged by the outcome of the Haymarket trial, Voltairine began writing and speaking out for anarchist⁴ causes. A strong proponent of free speech she is quoted as saying, "Freedom of speech means nothing if it does not mean the freedom for that to be said which we do not like."

Voltairine believed that true freedom is only accomplished through the liberation of each individual person. Considering herself to be an *anarchist without adjectives*, she spoke against privilege and authority and for the rights of the individual.

She argued for direct action to right oppression and against a standing army believing it encouraged wars. A feminist, she believed marriage turns women into "a bonded slave, who takes her master's name, her master's bread, her master's commands, and serves her master's passions."⁵

Voltairine gave birth to a son, Harry, on June 12, 1890, fathered by fellow freethinker James B. Elliot. Refusing to live with Elliot, it was agreed the boy would be raised by the Elliot family.

She became close to Dyer Lum who she considered her confidant and comrade. Mentally unstable, he committed suicide in 1893.

Living a life filled with difficulties and sadness, she often suffered from depression and attempted suicide at least twice. On December 19, 1902, a friend, Herman Helcher, overcome by a fever which affected his mind, shot her three times at close range. Surviving the assassination attempt, she immediately forgave him and wouldn't press charges.

Voltairine died on June 20, 1912, in Chicago of septic meningitis at the age of 45. Just prior to her death she wrote, "I die, as I have lived, a free spirit, an Anarchist, owing no allegiance to rulers, heavenly or earthly. Though I sorrow for the work I wished to do, which time and loss of health prevented, I am glad I lived no useless life (save this one last year) and hope that the work I did will live and grow with my pupils' lives and by them be passed on to others, even as I passed on what I had received....My dying thoughts are on the vision of a free world, without poverty and its pain, ever ascending to sublimer knowledge."⁶

She is buried in the Forest Home Cemetery, appropriately, next to the Haymarket Monument which honors the wrongly convicted anarchists. Today this girl who grew up in St. Johns is recognized as one of the greatest writers and speakers of the anarchist movement.



³ Paul Avrich, *An American Anarchist: The Life of Voltairine De Cleyre* (Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press, 1978)

⁴ *Anarchists believe government is unnecessary and harmful to individual freedom*

⁵ *Sex Slavery by Voltairine De Cleyre*

⁶ *Found after her death among her letters*

Dora Hall Stockman

By Wayne Summers

Remember when your teacher used to warn you not to judge a book by its cover? Well, the same holds true for cemetery markers.

In the quiet, tree shaded Hurd Cemetery on DeWitt Road, just south of DeWitt is a small, simple tombstone engraved with these words *Dora Hall Stockman 1872-1948*. It would be easy to judge this as the grave of a woman whose life went unnoticed by the world around her. However, looking inside the book of her life one finds a woman whose accomplishments helped shape the world as we know it today.

Dora was born in a log cabin on a farm in Marilla, Michigan (near Manistee) on August 4, 1872, to Leander and Lucy Hall. At the age of 16 she taught school and at 17 married Francis Stockman. Dora Hall Stockman went on to attend Benzonia College and graduate with a Master's degree from Hillsdale College.

Dora and Francis settled in the Lansing area where they ran a mercantile business and operated a farm. Because of her interest in agriculture, Dora became actively involved in the Michigan Grange, an organization that supports farmers and rural communities. While with the Grange she was a noted lecturer, editor of the Grange newsletter, and helped form what would become the 4H Club.

With the passage of women's suffrage in 1918, Dora was the first woman elected to a statewide office in Michigan when she successfully ran for a position on the Board of Agriculture. This board was the precursor of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees. She was also the first woman to serve as a trustee of a land grant college in the United States.

During her twelve years as a trustee of Michigan State she worked toward improving opportunities for women in higher education. Because of her efforts in 1934 she became the first woman to be awarded an honorary doctorate by Michigan State.

In 1938 Dora Hall Stockman successfully ran as a Republican for the State House and served four terms until being forced to retire due to complications from diabetes. While in the House she successfully introduced a bill to improve health care by establishing what was to become Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Michigan was the first state to pass such legislation and from its establishment until her death Dora Hall Stockman served as a trustee of Blue Cross.

Other causes dear to Dora Hall Stockman were the temperance movement and passing rules to assure women would be included in the leadership positions of Michigan's political parties. Because of her many accomplishments Dora Hall Stockman was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in 2006.

Her husband Francis died in 1932 and was buried in the Hurd Cemetery behind the old Hurd school house. In 1947 Dora married a second time to Gustof Weinkauff. When she died a year later in California, her body was brought back to Michigan where she was laid to rest next to her first husband.

So the next time you take a stroll through a cemetery remember that while there is a life story behind every marker, looks are often deceiving.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

DEWITT - CA 1851-1867

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The original record book of this church is held by the DeWitt Public Library. Following are the names of its members as revealed by the book.

NAME	WHEN RECEIVED	NAME	WHEN RECEIVED
Albright, Harriet M.	July 5, 1847	Lee, Asenith	May 17, 1851
Albright, James	July 5, 1847	Lee, Delia	May 17, 1851
Albright, Lavina	July 5, 1847	Newman, Susanna	Oct 14, 1854
Albright, Marvin	July 5, 1847	Norris, Mahala	May 17, 1851
Bond (Mrs)	May 5, 1860	Norris, Sarahnn	May 17, 1851
Bond, Josiah B.	Oct. 19, 1859	Norris, Walter	May 17, 1851
Cook, Emily (Mrs)	Mar 3, 1860	Norris, William H.	May 17, 1851
Cooly, Sally	May 18, 1851	Place, Mary E.	Oct 14, 1854
Creyts, Christian	May 17, 1851	Read, Catherine	May 17, 1851
Esler, Martha	Feb 22, 1852	Read, Frederick R.	May 17, 1851
Esler, W. P. (Rev)	Feb 22, 1852	Schenck, Permelia A.	May 17, 1851
Goodale, O. M. (Rev)	Mar 17, 1860	Scotford, Mary	May 17, 1851
Goodale, T. (Mrs)	Mar 17, 1860	Scott, Sophronia (Mrs)	Apr 16, 1859
Guilds, Jane	Sept 18, 1851	Sherman, Mary Ann	Jan 18, 1852
Hollister, Joseph	May 17, 1851	Southworth, M. A. (Mrs)	Mar. 1859
Holly, Martha	July 15, 1854	Southworth, Samuel T.	Mar. 1859
Hoyt, Alonzo B.*	Jan 15, 1854	Topping, Lucina	July 5, 1847
Hoyt, Edmond R"	Apr 10, 1853	VanLeuvan, Barbary	Aug 9, 1851
Hoyt, Elizabeth		VanLeuvan, Benjamin	Aug 9, 1851
Hoyt, Lorinda*	Apr 10, 1853	Webber, Betsey (Mrs)	Apr 16, 1859
Hoyt, Riley A.	Aug 9, 1851	Winans, Deidama (Mrs)	July 5, 1847
Hoyt, Sarah G"	Apr 11, 1853	Winans, Theron	July 5, 1847
Hoyt, Sarah G.*	Apr 10, 1853		
Hoyt, Silas A.*	Jan 15, 1854		
Hurd, Helen	May 17, 1851		
Hurd, Hellen*	May 18, 1851		

BOAK SCHOOL TEACHERS

Dist. #5, Bengal Twp.

Name	Year
Anna Ryan	1891
Anna Schneider	1891
James A. Cox	1891-2
Trulie A. Shafley	1892-4
Mary E. Wellington	1894-5
Trulie A. Shafley	1895-6
Mary E. Risley	1896
Jesse Bancroft	1896-7
Lena Reeb	1897-8
Magdalene Reeb	1898
Wellington, Gertrude	1898-9
Lena Reeb	1899-1900
Nina Chappell	1900
Agnes Piggott	1908-11
Vera Piggott	1911-2
Myrtle Patterson	1912-4
Clara E. Ulrich	1914-5
Gertrude Wheeler	1915-6
L. A. Murdick	1916-7
Alice E. Meehan	1917-8
Martha Rogers	1918-9
Katherine Davis	1919
Helena R. Myers	1919-20
Grace M. Pierce	1920-1
Erna M. Pasch	1921-2
Beatrice M. Pung	1922-24
Ida L. Davis	1924-5
Marion Piggott	1925-6
Marion Piggott	1928-9
Enid C. Jury	1930-1
Molly Falk	1942-3
Mary J. Plowman	1947-8
Catherine O'Connell	1948-55
Joanne Koenigsknecht	1955-6
Helen Murton	1956-8
Dorothy Welch	1958-60

(Compiler unknown)

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Photos:

- ♦ Jennie Louise Bement
- ♦ E. Ramsey & Clyde Glover
- ♦ Eliza (Hewitt) Wells Goss
- ♦ John & Elizabeth (Wohlford) Hiner
- ♦ Dr. Isaac Treat Hollister
- ♦ Oliver Chapin Hollister
- ♦ Tecumseh E. Whitford
- ♦ Effie (Newman) Whitford
- ♦ Clark School students, 1964
- ♦ Sessions School building

☞ *Red Book*; Eichholz, 1992; published by Ancestry, Salt Lake City

☞ *The Source*; Szucs; 1997; "

☞ *DeWitt Area History*; 2nd edition 2008; Kenneth R. Coin

☞ Records of 1st Cong. Church, DeWitt 1851-1867

☞ Temple family scrapbook.

☞ Russell Family Research, Janet Fessler

☞ Bancroft Family Research, James M. Trendel

☞ Genealogy compiled by Barbara (Lake) Peters:

☞ Descendants of William Tuthill/Tuttle Ploughman

☞ Descendants of Major General Carolus Emmons

☞ Descendants of Michael Grubaugh

☞ Descendants of Clark Hazard

☞ Descendants of Peter Hoover

☞ Genealogy compiled by Lisa Judd, 2008:

☞ Descendants of Dr. Isaac Treat Hollister

☞ Descendants of Maxwell Millard

☞ The Kebler School by Roger Kebler



Continued from December 2007 issue: Court cases of Philander Howe, Justice of the Peace of Olive Township, Clinton County, between the years 1863-1878, from his own written hand recently found in his journal by Jerry Hirshman, grandson of Elma [Howe] Lyons and presented to the CCHS by Michael Garey and transcribed by Kim [Howe] Sperry

*State of Michigan
Clinton County
Johnson Green
vs
Ira Gage*

*In Justice Court
Philander Howe
Justice of Peace*

*To Philander Howe, Esquire, one of the Justices of the Peace at the town of Olive in and for the County of Clinton, State of Michigan, I hereby confess that I am indebted to Johnson Green on Express Contract in the sum of sixty dollars damages, besides costs, and I hereby authorize you to render Judgment accordingly in his favor; against me for that amount, to draw interest at the rate of ten percent with costs; dated this fifteenth Day of October AD 1859. -- Ira Gage
Signed in my presence in open court – Philander Howe, Justice of the Peace*

October 15th AD, 1859 parties appeared before me in open court; in the above entitled case. Defendant, Ira Gage, confessed in writing, signed in my presences; in open court; that he was indebted to Johnson Green on Express contract in the sum of Sixty dollars damages besides costs. Whereupon by virtue of said confession, thereby, render Judgments against the said defendant. Ira Gage with the consent of the plaintiff and in favor of said Plaintiff, Johnson Green, for the sum of sixty dollars to draw interest at ten percent and seventy-five cents costs. Dated this 15th day of October, 1859.

Witness my hand *Damages \$60.00*
Philander Howe, Justice of the Peace *Costs .75*

Execute 8th to issue

Rec'd the above judgment \$25.00 on the 19th October 1861, P. Howe, J.P.

I, Grover B. Wixom, hereby acknowledge myself surety for the payment to the plaintiff; by the defendant of the above. Judgment with interest and costs there on at or before the expiration of Ten months from the commencement of said suit; dated this 21st day of October, 1859.

Witness: Grover B. Wixom

Philander Howe, Justice of the Peace

*Rec'd payment in full on the above judgment dated at olive this 20th day of Feb 1863 Johnson Green
Signed in my presence in open court this 20th day of Feb 1863 – P. Howe, Justice of Peace*

State of Michigan

Clinton County

John LeBarron Vs

William Letts

In Justice Court

Philander Howe

Justice of the Peace

AD 1859 December 6th issued summons; returnable the 13th inst at 1 o'clock P.M. returned personally. Served by H. S. Green, constable, fees-- .87 cents

13th Dec parties appeared and joined issue. Plaintiff declared on Book account to be set forth on the day of trial to his damages of one hundred —Defendant plead the general issue and gives notice of a set off, case adjourned on motion of the Plaintiff by his oath to the third day of January, AD 1860 inst. At 1 o'clock P.M. at Justices Office.

AD 1860 January 3 parties appeared according to adjournment and tried cause.

Alonzo LeBarron sworn for the plaintiff says he was acquainted with the parties says the Defendant pettifogged [Webster's dictionary: Pettifog - to do a petty law business or do business in a tricky way] 3 Suits for said plaintiff. Defendant agreed to take six dollars for said pettifogging and witness says said Defendant was to take hay for his pay at the rate of six dollars per turn conversation took place the last time that he the defendant pettifogged at DeWitt. Witness says he is acquainted with the plaintiffs book knows that he keeps his account in his book that was before the court. Cross examination documentation that Defendant pettifogged but twist[twice] witness is a son of the Plaintiff. Conversation took place in the fall of 1858 or thereabouts.

Cornelius Watters sworn for Plaintiff witness is acquainted with the parties says in the spring of 1859 he asked defendant for some money for the plaintiff. Defendant says I don't know but I owe plaintiff some money. I will see plaintiff. If I owe him I will pay him witness says. Defendant acknowledged that head 2 load of hay. Witness could buy for \$4.50 and 6.00 per ton

Cross-examination: witness sold hay from \$4.50 to 5.00 and 6.00 per ton. Alonzo LeBarron recalled says that defendant was to take hay the last time he was at DeWitt to Pettifog and that he the defendant got 12 hundred lbs at one time and 13 hundred at an other time making it in all 2,700 hundred pounds in all at the rate of six dollars per ton. Witness did not get a puppy of the defendant.

Morgain Letts sworn for the defendant is acquainted with the parties saw plaintiff at Defendants come to imploy [employ] said defendant to pettifog a suit witness recollects. Defendant going 3 times to pettifog for plaintiff witness recollects plaintiff. Eating dinner with defendant and staying all night twice and eating supper and breakfast and lodging this was in the fall of 1858 on thereabouts.

Cross-examination: witness says plaintiff did stay all night twice [twice].

Joab Baker sworn for defendant say the usual price for pettifogging is from two to five dollars. Witness says that it is worth fifty cents per night for supper breakfast and lodging and two shillings for a dinner. Witness is a lawyer and says that Mr. Letts is not known as a lawyer. Witness says when he sends his apprentice out to pettifog as @ general thing he doesn't charge as much as for himself wither is it customary whereupon contract judgment is in favor of the plaintiff for ninety five cents damages besides costs.

Witness my hand in open court this sixth day of January 1860

Philander Howe, Justice of the Peace

Damages: \$.95

Costs: \$3.17
\$4.12

I, Milo Kniffen, hereby acknowledge myself surety for the payment to the plaintiff by the defendant of the above judgment with interest and costs thereon at or before the examination of the mouths from the commensmant [commencement] of said suit, dated this 11th day of January AD 1860

Witness: M. A. Kniffen

Philander Howe, Justice of the Peace

April 3^d AD 1866

Received of William Letts four dollars and twenty cents being in full on the above judgment and the sum is discharged in full. P. Howe J.P.

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Phone _____ New _____ Renewal _____	_____
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Announcements

- ♦ See "Clinton Co. Places" on our web page at www.dewittlibrary/CCHS. It was created by Wayne Summers to answer the question, Where was Bum's Corners? and similar questions.
- ♦ James and Carol Halfmann are looking for a picture of the Sutton School. If you know of one, please call them. 1-989- 593-3529

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THESE DATES IN 2008

Good Friday	March 21
Memorial Day	May 26
4 th of July	July 4
Labor Day	Sept. 1
Veteran's Day	Nov. 11
Thanksgiving	Nov. 27-28
Christmas – New Year's	Dec. 24 – Jan. 4, 2009

