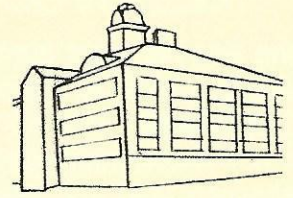


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THE CHARPIE RIFLE - THE CHARPIE FAMILY

*Moral of the story - "Don't believe everything you hear,
and only half of what you read"*



The Charpie family in the United States today originated in the small town of Bevilard, Switzerland, and neighboring towns. The first known immigration from Switzerland was by Pierre Frederick Charpie (1784-1863), his wife Harriet (1791-1865), and their two sons, Pierre Frederick (1814-1870) and Emanuel (1819-1895). The family traveled to the US in 1825, initially settling down in Tuscarawas County Ohio. Pierre Frederick and his son Pierre seemed to have settled early on a way to distinguish themselves - the younger Pierre is most frequently identified in the US as "Peter."

Early family research into the family history claimed that Peter had had a first wife named Anne, or Anna, with whom he had 3 children. This was accepted family lore. However, as my wife and I researched the family throughout eastern Ohio, traveling directly to the counties involved, we found a quite different story. In Gnadenhutten, we came across the "Church Book of the Brethren's Congregation at Beersheba" which revealed that 5 December 1832, Anna Charpie (nee Garraux), the widow of Abraham Gerhard Charpie, died at the age of 77. Further, in the Tuscarawas County Courthouse we found the probate record for Anna Charpie, listing Peter F. Charpie as her executor. From town records of Bevilard and Malleray Switzerland, we further established that Abraham Gerhard Charpie was the great uncle for Peter. So, rather than Anna being the "first wife" of Peter,

she was his great aunt, and had indeed only recently arrived in the US when she died in 1832. Incidentally, also according to the obituary in the Church Book, Anna had 6 sons and 2 daughters with Abraham, all back in Switzerland.

From marriage records in Ohio, we do know that in February 1841, Peter married Elizabeth Baughman. Between 1842 and 1862, Peter and Elizabeth had 4 sons and 5 daughters. Interestingly, 3 of the 4 sons (Alvin Benton, Avery Byron, and Addison B.) all had the initials ABC. The fourth son is a little less certain. His name is variously listed as Oscar B, and Auskar B. So, it is possible all 4 sons had the same initials. The daughters' names were Julia Ann, Adaline G., Isabella Josephine, Clara C., and Cora. Much more information on all the family members is available in the Ohio, Indiana and Kansas census records, and in Indiana marriage records.

What we know of Peter's career as a gunsmith is mostly uncovered through census records, as well as a few tidbits from other sources, such as patent records. We have uncovered the actual immigration records, so we know he traveled to the US in 1825 with his parents and brother. In 1826, there is a land purchase record by the father of 124 acres near Gnadenhutten, Ohio. Family lore, totally unsubstantiated by any contemporary records I have seen is that Pierre attempted to found a town of Bevilard Ohio. Currently located on that site is the town of Seventeen, Ohio. It is named after Lock Seventeen on the canal! In the 1830 census, the family is listed in Tuscarawas County, but there is not much information contained within this census. I have been unable to find any 1840 census records for the family. While Pierre was a farmer, his son Peter became a gunsmith, as shown in various US census records, starting in 1850, and in an 1860 Business Directory for St Johns Michigan. The 1850 census shows Peter, wife Elizabeth, and the first 5 children living in Knox County, Ohio. Interestingly, in the 1860 census he is listed in Knox County Ohio and possibly in Williams County, Ohio! In the Knox County listing, Peter, "Lizzie", and 8 of their children are listed. The Williams County listing only includes Peter and Elizabeth. Interestingly, the ages are incorrect in both of these listings, as he was 46 in 1860, not the 58 and 53 listed in them, respectively. In any event, the family did not reside long after 1860 in either Ohio or Michigan, as they shortly thereafter moved to Peru, Indiana, and joined the rest of the family there. In Peru, the oldest 3 boys (Alvin, Avery, and Addison) joined the Indiana Infantry, and served during the Civil War. Peter died in November, 1870 in Peru, and was buried in the Charpie Cemetery outside the town.

Searching patent records uncovers patent number 9,934 P.F. Charpie, Mt Vernon Ohio, "Improvement in Gun Locks," patented 16 August 1853. Also, patent number 18,387 from 13 October 1857 was issued for "Improvement in Hair Triggers for Fire-Arms."

I have personally seen a rifle with the name P F Charpie on the barrel, the rifle is owned by another descendant of Peter Charpie. In addition, sources such as the August 1991 edition of Association of the Ohio Longrifle Collectors documents Peter having made an "Underhammer cannon-barrel percussion pistol." The book "Ohio Gunsmiths and Allied Tradesmen" contains a photo of this article on page 58. Unfortunately, the biography in the book contains the inaccurate data about Ann Charpie.

As we have learned, family lore is not necessarily 100 percent accurate. Stories handed down through the family must still be researched in contemporary records. That is the only way we found the truth about Anna Charpie. Confirmation from two sources really helps. In the case of Anna, we have the Church Book referenced above, and confirmation of Anna and Abraham from town records from Bevilard Switzerland.

My wife and I have had many good times traveling around to eastern Ohio, northern Indiana, and southern Kansas tracking the movements of the Pierre Frederick Charpie family. From what we have recently learned, it now looks like we need to make a trip to St Johns Michigan! We look forward to that. Incidentally, in addition to the travels around the Midwest, we have also visited the ancestral family hometown of Bevilard.

Ken Charpie, Jr.
3x Great Grandson of Pierre F "Peter" Charpie

A NEW CLINTON COUNTY BUSINESS DISCOVERED

Submitted by Rowlan Smith -- Clinton County Archives

This discovery all began with a simple e-mail query to our archives from Anita and Ken Weirich of Union City, Michigan. They wrote, " We have a squirrel 44 caliber muzzle loading gun manufactured in St. Johns. It has the name P. F. Charpie, St. Johns, Mi on it. It is #657. The name appears on top of the barrel. We are curious about the manufacturer. We would appreciate any help you could give us."

So, this really got our curiosity up as none of us had heard of a gun manufacturer in St. Johns and we have been researching St. Johns businesses. Now we have a name to connect to a business.

Doing a search for Charpies, we found a Kenneth Charpie of Fairborn, Ohio who, along with his brother Rick, is a three times great grandson of Pierre (Peter) Frederick Charpie. Pierre was a gunsmith in Mt. Vernon, Knox Co., Ohio, per the 1860 census with a wife, Lizzie, and four sons and four daughters ranging in age from five to sixteen years old.

Thus, began our quest for any record of a gunsmith/manufacturer in Clinton County, Michigan. After a fruitless search of the city and county offices, we went on-line searching for the Charpie family business being conducted in our county. One of our members, Ron Matson, found a listing in the 1860 Michigan Gazetteer and Business Directory, for a "Sharpie P.F., gunsmith, Clinton Ave." On the same page is a "Palmer M.E., Groceries and Provisions, Clinton Ave." Maybe the same Palmer that Alvin B. Charpie, age sixteen, stayed with as shown in the census of 1860?

In the meantime, the Weirich's took nine photos of the muzzle loader and mailed them to our archives. They are in our files for public viewing. One of their notes states, "On the plate of the firing mechanism is engraved the following: ` P F Charpie Manufactured by Wm. Henery Jr.' P. F. Charpie probably bought the mechanism from a parts supplier."

The three families are now connected as the Weirichs wrote, "This may tie into some of our ancestry." Charpies and Weirichs have exchanged e-mail and mailing addresses and expect to find a common ancestor. A simple e-mail made a new family connection.

NEWZ FROM EARLY PAPERS

Courtesy of archives staff & other discerning researchers.

A Mental Ceiling is Being Put in the Court House. The St. Johns Manufacturing Company is at work putting a mental ceiling in the court room, the plaster having become loose and discolored. (*Clinton Republican*; 3 Mar 1898)

Two lovers in Greenbush have fallen out. The girl was about to marry another young man when her former suitor reprieved a sewing machine he had given her. She responded by suing him for the value of meals eaten at her house, and now he is about to commence suit for the time occupied in courting her. (*Clinton Independent*; 2 Dec 1875)

An ingenious chicken raiser has devised a way of preventing chickens from scratching up his garden. He crosses the long legged Brahmans with the short legged Bantams, and the result is a new breed of fowls with one long leg and one short leg. When they raise either leg to scratch they lose their balance and come to grief. After a few demoralizing attempts, they desist. (*Clinton Republican*; 20 Jun 1889)

A man in Eagle chews 3½ pounds of tobacco a week. The other day he had a fit of tobacco tremens which nearly terminated fatallv. (*Clinton Republican*; 20 Jun 1889)

THE FAMOUS FOURTH

REUNION OF THE CALVARY BOYS WHO DID VALIANT SERVICE

Forty-Seven Members Present - Address by Judge Daboll



The annual reunion of the Fourth Michigan cavalry was held in the court house, St. Johns, Tuesday. Owing to the late season, many of the boys engaged in farming were not able to leave their work, but those who came spent a very pleasant day in recounting former experiences. The forenoon was spent in social intercourse, and dinner was served at the G.A.R. post rooms by the W. R.C.

Shortly after two o'clock President James T. Hurst called his association to order; Rev. C. G. Thomas lead in prayer. Judge Daboll was then introduced and made the address of welcome. The Judge said that when he heard the Fourth Michigan cavalry coming, it was mingled with emotions. He spoke of the company as having stopped Bragg's army at Chickamauga, and later services to the end of the war. It is enough to say that you always did your duty; no higher praise than can be bestowed. The soldiers were spoken of as the best types of Americans, but he did not claim that they did more than the boys of today would do if occasion demanded. He told them they were welcome, and to do as they did down south and live off the country while here.

L. W. Sprague, of Greenville, responded to the address of welcome. He said that after picking out one of the best orators in the state, one who has almost a national reputation, he felt that he could not do justice in responding. "We feel grateful for the generous dinner and kindly welcome. I have never been to a re-union where so good a dinner was served. I got a better dinner than when I was down south and lived off the country. I once analyzed some hard tack near Kennesaw mountain under a powerful glass - of commissary. I found pumpkin, potatoes, slippery elm, pigweed, etc., all dried together. We had to eat this to keep off the scurvy."

The speaker then told of his first experience with a countersign. He had been in town with the captain. The latter deciding to remain all night gave the countersign as Holley Springs. When Mr. Sprague reached the picket line he called out "Springs" at the top of his voice, and to his surprise the sentinel said "you d___d fool keep still and come inside." He then explained to the sentinel that the captain had told him to "holler" Springs if the countersign was called for.

Secretary Backus then read the minutes of the last meeting, letters from absent comrades, and announced the death of Col. Robert Burns, which took place December 24th. A committee was appointed to draft suitable resolutions.

It was proposed that arrangements be made for the Fourth to attend the national encampment at Washington in September in a body. President Hurst said he would like to have every member go,

and called for an expression from those present. It was finally decided to appoint a committee to communicate with all members regarding the matter.

A circular issued by the D.G.H.&M. R.R. quoted the following low fare from St. Johns for round trip, \$14.15. Tickets good from Sept. 13th to Oct 10th.

Homer, Calhoun county was chosen as the place for holding the next annual reunion. During the remarks on the question of location for the next reunion, Lew Wilcox stated that this was the pleasantness reunion he had ever attended, and paid high compliments to those who had arrangements in charge. Credit is largely due to James H. Collins and John W. Bradner.

James T. Hurst, of Wyandotte, who has served as president the past year, presented the association with a heavy ivory gavel, with ivory handle - a beautiful gift. Mr. Hurst also presented the association, on a former occasion, with the handsome flag they use, and very generously offered to pay the expenses of twenty members, too poor to pay their own, to the national encampment. He also paid \$33 toward \$50 voted the secretary. Mr. Hurst is a successful pine land owner, and a large hearted, generous, broad gauged man. He was unanimously re-elected president, and given three cheers. Copies of a pamphlet, "Minty's Sabre Brigade, and the part they took in the Chattanooga Campaign, were distributed among members. These were also provided at the expense of Mr. Hurst.

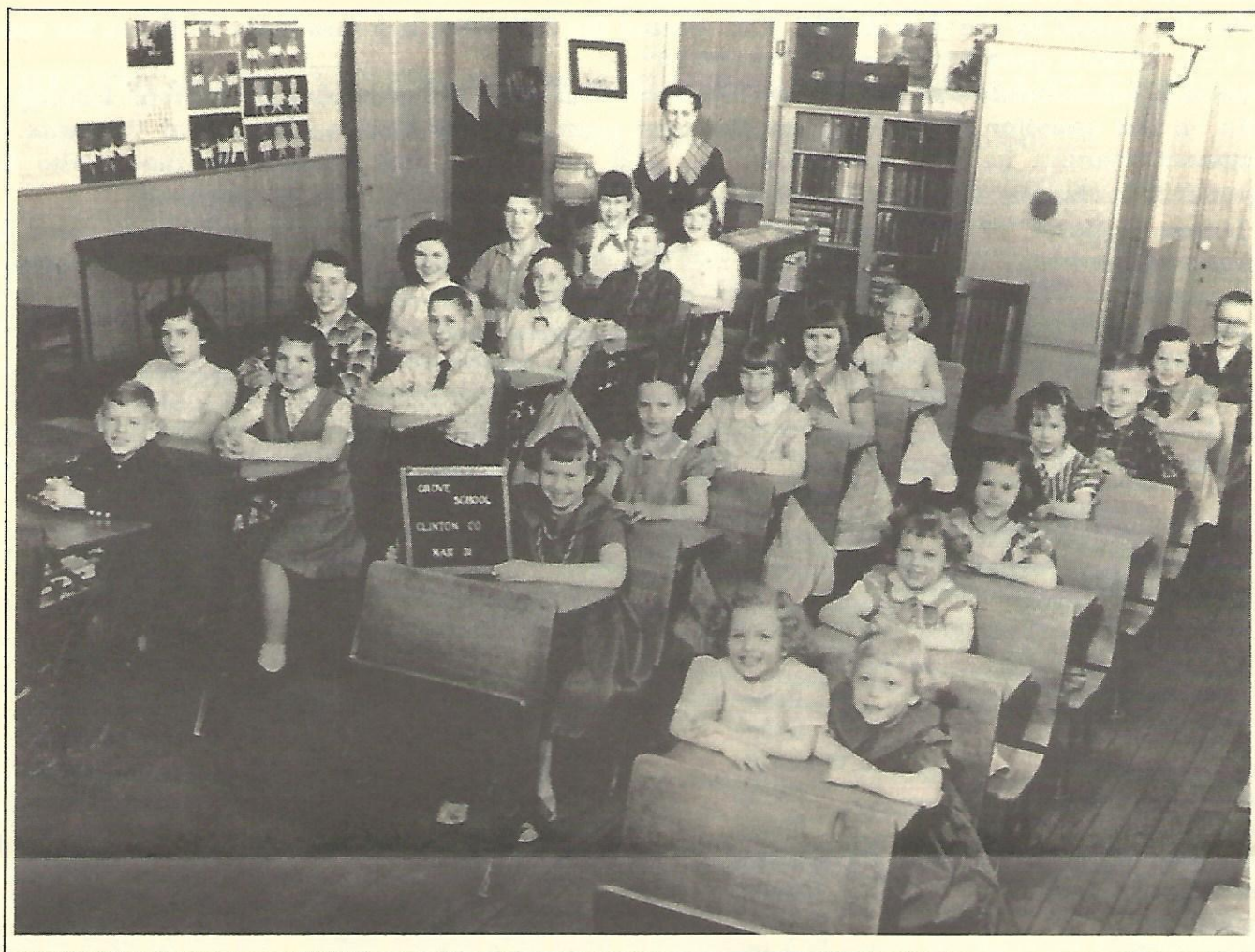
L. W. Sprague was elected vice-president and H. A. Backus re-elected secretary. Mssers. Hurst and Backus were elected a committee to take charge of arrangements for attending the national encampment. The following executive committee was named: Luke M. Thayer, E. A. Miller, Franklin Eaton, S. B. Hadley.

Below is a list of those present:

Luke M. Thayer	Homer	Edward Reed	Pewamo
Jacob F. Mann	Lisbon	Wm. Rainey	Owosso
James T. Hurst (Pres.)	Wyandotte	H. B. Campbell	Delta
Lieut. H. A. Backus	Detroit	Luther W. Holmes	Grand Ledge
Charles Blackale	Lisbon	L. L. Gates	Grand Ledge
Albert Bolt	Cassenovia	Maj. L. D. Eldredge	Adrian
Lew Wilcox	Lansing	W. C. Stiff	Burton
James H. Collins	St. Johns	Lieut. J. A. Palmer	Chelsea
Cyrus F. Fuller	Vermontville	George Yacobe	New Lothrop
John N. Gilbert	Ovid	C. A. Petty	New Lothrop
Franklin Howe	Cassenovia	M. R. Pettit	Ithaca
Levi Fishbrook	St. Louis	L. C. Philbrick	Farmington
Thomas W. Brewer	Howell	D. F. Blair	Owosso
John W. Bradner	St. Johns	W. Wright	Vermontville
R. Stanley Stewart	Carson City	A. L. Fowler	Owosso
Stephen M. Boyle	Maple Rapids	P. D. Pettit	Ithaca
Albert Payne	Carson City	W. B. Steadman	Owosso
Chas. H. Walters	St. Johns	J. B. Judson	Springport
Jesse Sebring	Ovid	L. B. Hopkins	Gaines
Charles F. Parker	Owosso	A.A. Braley	Elsie
Joseph Stead	Maple Rapids	N. W. Beebe	Duplain
Daniel Graham	Maple Rapids	L. W. Sprague	Greenville
Lieut. Hiram D. Treat	Ovid	Charles H. Stevens	St. Johns
Edward Racine	Grand Rapids		

A vote of thanks was given to the W.W. R.C. and citizens of St. Johns for the dinner furnished and the kindness shown the while in St. Johns.

(This article was originally published in the *Clinton Republican* on 7 Jul 1892. The photograph was given to the Archives of the CCHS through the courtesy of Carole Livingston.) Submitted by L. Ray Lake.



Victor Township [Grove] School -- March 31, 1955
 St. Johns, Michigan

Grove School was named for the grove trees surround it...
 Located in Victor Township, Clinton County, Michigan

Teacher: Dorothy M. Parker [died 1988]

Left Row:	Middle Row:	Right Row:
Seated left to right/front to back: David Jones Karen Jorae/ Mary Bunce? George Bunce / Harland See Marilyn Cooper / Barbara Rumzek Larry Curtis / Larry Giffels Ethelyn Schumaker/ Rosemary Curtis	Carolyn Today (holding sign) Mary Rumzek Janice Schumaker Sandra Cooper Julie See	Lois Underhill/ Nancy Tody Patty Corp ? Littlest Cooper Girl Linda Bunce George Saxton Peggy Corp Jimmy Saxton

EARLY FAMILY CERTIFICATES

Connie S. (Greene) Adkins received an Early Family Certificate in 2005 based on the following lineage chart and the documentation necessary to prove her connection to William Bensinger who settled in Duplain before 1870. Others who received certificates on their lineage to Bensinger were Judith (Greene) Little; Lorraine (Hier) Greene; Robin (Greene) Deel; and Dennis Greene.

Denise (Desprez) Nielsen dennielsen@aol.com received an Early Family Certificate in 2005 based on the following lineage chart and the documentation necessary to prove her connection to Peter John Desprez who was in Clinton County by 1870. His parents came from France.

LINEAGE CHART

Start the first generation with you, the recipient of the chart.

1 I, [name] Denise Diane Desprez born on 1 Sept 1958
 At St. Johns Clinton County Michigan [place, county, state]
 Married to William Robert Nielsen on 14 June 1978
 Who is child of Jack Desprez & Linda Neville
 At St. Joseph Catholic Church occupation Secretary (at time of marriage)
 Other spouses _____ military service _____

Continue with other direct line ancestors back through qualifying ancestor.

2 parent Jack Allen Desprez

Born 19 Aug 1937 at Lansing Michigan

Married to Linda Kay Neville

Who is child of Allen Francis & Elsie Mary Steek

On 24 Feb 1937 at First United Methodist Church, St. Johns

Died 4 Sept. 2000 at Lansing Michigan

Buried South Bingham Cemetery occupation Factory worker, teacher and

Military service _____ other spouses _____ in auto dept.

3 grandparent Allen Francis Desprez

Born 9 Oct 1917 at Clinton Co. Michigan

Married to Elsie Mary Steek

Child of Frank Desprez & Anna Doyle

On 24 Feb 1937 at _____

Died 30 Oct 1990 at Grand Rapids Michigan

Buried South Bingham Cemetery occupation Dairy owner

Military service Army 1944-1946 other spouses _____

4 g-grandparent Frank Desprez

Born 28 Oct. 1887 at Clinton County, Michigan

Married to Anna Julia Doyle

Child of Peter John Desprez & Mary E. Matter

On 16 Oct 1907 at Clinton County

Died 10 Jan 1976 at Clinton County Michigan

Buried South Bingham Cemetery occupation Farmer

Military service _____ other spouses _____

5 gg-grandparent Peter John Desprez

Born 19 Aug 1859 at Canton, OH

Married to Virginia Hauconsant Mary E. Matter

Child of John Desprez & Virginia Hauconsant

On 22 Jan 1885 at Bingham, Clinton County, Michigan

Died 22 Nov 1942 at St. Johns Michigan

Buried Mt. Rest Cemetery occupation _____

Military service _____ other spouses Catherine Louise Pettit

DISCIPLINE AT RICE SCHOOL

Clinton Republican; 14 Jan 1886; p1 c4

School District No. 5, Bengal, known as the (Rice) School [aka Boak] was the scene of a lively matinee last Friday afternoon. The school is taught by **George H. Hudson**, a popular and successful teacher who always intends to be boss in any school where he wields the rod. **Ed Murphy** and **Ed Losey**, boys about 15 years of age, tried to run the school on their own account and last Friday it became expedient for the teacher to give the boys a "licking." Losey resisted, was insulting, and seized the teacher who gave him a lively cuffing and fired him out.

He went home with a little blood on his nose, when the paternal Losey, whose front name is **Silas E.**, started for the schoolhouse with a large amount of blood in his eye. He rushed into the schoolhouse and at once signified his intention to "thrash" Mr. Hudson, following it up with a heavy blow over Hudson's eye. Then followed a free-for-all slugging and choking match during which desks and tables were overturned and the frightened scholars hastily adjourned without waiting for orders. The battle seemed to be about a "draw" until the plucky teacher reached for a poker, when Losey beat a hasty and ignominious retreat leaving Hudson in possession of the hard-fought battlefield.

On Saturday Mr. Hudson secured a warrant from Justice Merrill for Losey's arrest on a charge of assault and battery and the examination will take place next Saturday. He will also proceed against Losey under the statute making it a criminal offense to invade and disturb a school by profanity or otherwise during school hours. The irate pa of a future president will probably learn that a school room is a teacher's castle and that it is dangerous and expensive to storm it with fists and cold chunks of profanity during school hours.

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Fanny (Connell) Wiley; Sarah Ann (Connell) Nelson.

NILES FAMILY OBITUARIES [continued from March 2009 -- Vol. 24 - No. 1 issue]

The following obituaries of Ezekiel and Sarah (Cryderman) Niles and some of their children and their spouses were submitted by Janalynn Martens, a direct descendant.

SARAH (CRYDERMAN) NILES - Death of Mrs. Sarah Niles. Had Lived in Clinton County and Grand Ledge About Sixty Years. Sarah Cryderman was born in Thamesville, Ont., March 5, 1821, and died in Grand Ledge, June 14 [sic], 1906, at the age of 85 years. Miss Cryderman was united in marriage to Ezekiel Niles February 20, 1841. Soon after their marriage they came to Michigan, settling first in Watertown and then in Eagle, where the larger part of their lives was passed. Mr. Niles died May 3, 1890. There were born to them eleven children, seven of whom survive. Four sons: Winfield, John, William and Rev. Fred Niles and three daughters: Mrs. Elvira Jarman, Mrs. Ella Doty and Mrs. Nettie Newsom. Mr. and Mrs. Niles were converted in early life and after moving to Eagle they united with the Freewill Baptist church, and later united as charter members with the Grand Ledge Freewill Baptist church in 1872, remaining identified with that church till the close of their lives. About three years ago Mrs. Niles came to this place, living with her children, during which time she has been quite feeble. Her last illness, which was of several months' duration, was at the home of her son, John Niles. The funeral obsequies were held from his residence in this city Sunday afternoon, conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. I. Towner, assisted by Rev. W. E. Doty. Interment in Niles cemetery. (Friday, 15 June 1906 - Grand Ledge Independent, p. 1, c. 3.)

SARAH ALVIRA (NILES) JARMAN - A Beloved Woman Gone Mrs. Sarah Alvira Jarman, well known and beloved citizen of Grand Ledge, died at her home early last Sunday morning of heart failure. Her sudden demise was a great shock to the entire community as her health was considered very good up to the time of her death. Funeral services were held in Trinity Episcopal church conducted by Rev. A. M. Ewert Wednesday afternoon. The pall bearers were members of the vestry of Trinity church of which body Mr. Jarman is a member. The following acted as pall bearers: F. L. Berry, F. E. Chappell, Wilford Astley, G. N. VanHorn, Geo. E. Stokes and Rodgers Alexander. Burial was in Oakwood cemetery. Sarah Alvira Niles was born in Eagle township, Clinton county, Mich. Dec. 16, 1849. After she had completed her education she taught for several years. On the 19th day of March 1874, she was married to J. C. Jarman going direct to Ontario, Canada, where they resided until 1896 and since then they have resided in the city of Grand Ledge. To this union were born six children, five of whom survive and mourn the loss of a mother: Harry Niles Jarman of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Claude Jarman of Oregon, John L. of Lansing, Mrs. Anna Pearl Graham of Eaton Rapids and Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Frankford of Lansing. Besides these she is survived by her husband, J. C. Jarman; and two sisters and three brothers: Mrs. Philo Doty of Lansing, Mrs. Nettie Newson [sic] of Grand Ledge, Rev. Fred L. Niles, pastor of the M. E. church in Vermontville, W. F. Niles and J. E. Niles both of Grand Ledge, also nine grandchildren. Mrs. Jarman has been a faithful communicant of Trinity church for 47 years during which time she has endeared herself to all by her unselfish, loyal and beautiful spirit. Her influence there and in the entire community has been one of usefulness and inspiration. The deceased was a member of the Rebeccas [sic] and the W. R. C. and these orders attended the services in a body. Friday, 17 Feb. 1922 - (*Grand Ledge Independent*, p. 4, c. 1 & 2.)

SANFORD P. DOTY - Sanford P. Doty was born in Eagle township September 3, 1850 and, after many months of great suffering, entered rest June 9, 1903. He was married to Miss Ella M. Niles June 28, 1875, and to them were born three sons, Harrison, Roy and Clifford and one daughter, Mabel. Mother and children mourn the loss of a very devoted husband and father. Mr. Doty spent his early days on the farm in Eagle township and six years ago moved with his family to Grand Ledge. For some time he was actively associated in business with his brother, Ellis, who with his sister, Mrs. Chas. Newsom, greatly regret his untimely departure. In business and in social life Mr. Doty was blameless. He was of a genial disposition, courteous, kind and charitable. A man of clean habits, always deeply interested and helpful in the community and especially to his own family. In a quiet way he moved through the pilgrimage of life, respected and honored by all who knew him. Two

years ago he was smitten with cancer and immediately began a heroic struggle for life. The unyielding attention and care of his devoted wife and family, and the best medical skill available failed to arrest the ravages of the dread disease. December, 1902, Mr. Doty gently fell into the hands of the Great Physician, the sympathizing Redeemer, and found in him a friend and wonderful deliverer. He was immediately baptized and received into church fellowship. In the presence of his family he received the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and from that moment patiently awaited the coming of his Lord. A gentle, kind and affectionate spirit has passed away. Funeral services were held yesterday by Rev. I. Wilson, at the late home of the deceased. Interment at Oakwood. (Friday, 12 June 1903 - Grand Ledge Independent, p. 1, c. 4.)

HENRY W. NEWSOM - Henry W. Newsom Dead. Had been Confined to His Bed Since Last October. Henry Newsom, an old resident of this city and vicinity, died at his home on Scott St., Wednesday morning, after a long illness. Mr. Newsom was born in England, September 20, 1844 and came to this country with his parents when one year old, locating in New York state. He afterwards came to Eagle township, where, on November 8, 1875 he was united in marriage to Miss Lena [sic] Niles, who with three sons survive him. The family came to this city about eleven years ago, where Mr. and Mrs. Newson [sic] have since resided. Deceased enlisted in Co. D, 14th Michigan Infantry, February 13, 1862 and was discharged from the service March 14, 1865. The surviving sons are, Frank of Battle Creek, Robert of Eagle and Clyde of this city. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Ann Waite of Lansing. Mr. Newsom's life has been beyond criticism; his word has always been absolutely good and no man can say that Henry Newsom has wronged him. Few men can have this said of them. Funeral services will be held this morning at 10:30 at the house, conducted by Rev. W. E. Doty. Interment in Oakwood cemetery. (Friday, 5 April 1907 - Grand Ledge Independent, p. 7, c. 4.)

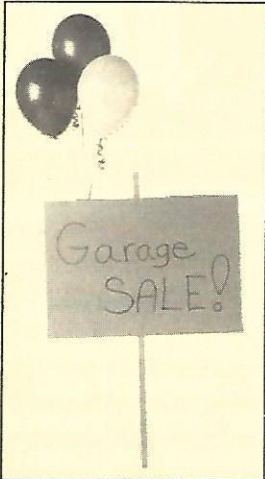
ELLA M. (GALLUP) NILES - Ella, daughter of Eli and Anna Gallup, was born Sept. 21, 1862, on the farm now occupied by her mother in the township of Eagle, Clinton county. She was married to Mr. John Niles, on Aug. 21, 1881. Three years ago she was first attacked with heart difficulty, just before moving into their pleasant home on W. Jefferson St. Serious symptoms of the disease manifested themselves about a year ago, but she rallied somewhat as the warm weather of spring came on and was able to perform light household duties. A month ago she was again taken down, and in spite of medical skill and the kind attention of friends she never rallied, but passed away at 4:30 a. m. on Thursday, Oct. 17, leaving a husband, little daughter, mother (her father having died a year ago), elder sister and younger brother. Mrs. Niles was a devoted wife and mother, and bore with exemplary patience and Christian resignation her affliction. She trusted in Christ as her Saviour, and expressed her readiness to go whenever He called. (Friday, 25 Oct. 1895 - Grand Ledge Independent, p. 4, c. 3)

OOPS!

Correction: Gerald C. Benedict's address and phone number were printed incorrectly in the last issue due to editor's error. It is: 2525 Aspen Way, Sandpoint, ID 83864, 208.265.0221. xkyana@imbris.net

HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS ONLINE

Don't forget to check for progress on the High School Yearbook project which Julie Peters continues to expand. The yearbook data and pictures have been moved to <http://clinton.migenweb.net>. To donate yearbooks for scanning, contact Julie at petersj@msu.edu.



GARAGE SALE COMING

The Genealogists of CCHS are planning a garage sale on Saturday, Aug. 15, during the Mint Festival in St. Johns. Income will be added to the newspaper microfilming fund. Details on how to make donations and exact location of the sale will be publicized as the date approaches.

ARCHIVES CLOSED THESE DATES IN 2009



July 3-4	4 th of July
Sept 7	Labor Day
Nov 11	Veteran's Day
Nov 26-27	Thanksgiving
Dec 24-31	Christmas

➤ **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: 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:cgensoc@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 Complex** is located on the West side of the Courthouse Square in St. Johns. Victorian House, General Store, Carriage House, Changing Exhibits. Open April 15th to December 21st. Sunday 1 – 4 p.m. and Wednesday 2 – 7 p.m. The Museum is self-supporting and needs to raise funds each year for utilities, maintenance, and insurance. Please support the Museum by becoming a Friend of the Museum. Dues \$25.00 –based on calendar year payable to the "**PGS Museum**", P.O. Box 174, St. Johns, MI 49979; includes Museum newsletter, invitation to annual events, free admission to Museum. Also request "Ways of Giving" Brochure. Please consider an endowment gift, monetary and artifact memorial gifts, and decedent bequests. Web page: www.pgsmuseum.org and their e-mail address is: pgs.museum@hotmail.com

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

LIST 5 NAMES YOU ARE RESEARCHING

Mr./Mrs./Miss _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ New _____ Renewal _____

E-Mail Address _____ Date _____

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.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

- *Valley Farms News*; 1 Apr 1947
- *The Looking Glass* 1975-1976, Vol. 1 (17 issues)
- Annual Reports of the Supt. of the Poor (1930, 1931, 1933; 2 undated)
- Annual Report to Bd. of Supervisors; Poor commission; 1927-1932
- Annual Report to Bd. of Supervisors; 1925-1931
- Report of Clinton Co. Treasurer 1930-1960
- *Bath Massacre, America's First School Bombing*; Bernstein; 2009
- *Descendants of Richard Belding & Polly Walton*; JoAnne (Walton) Gulliver; revised 2009
- *The Journal of I[ndiana] C (Walton) Hicks*; ca 1864-1899
- Collection of Wacousta-Related news clippings & Essays (Bollinger)
- Wacousta Alumni Assoc. minutes 1910-1917 & membership lists
- Wacousta School paper memorabilia
- Clinton Co. Rural Teacher Club program booklet; 1958-59
- Cemetery Locations, Gratiot Co., 1999
- Post Offices of Michigan 1802-1976; edited by Sr. Marriana, SSJ

Photos:

Wacousta School students & teachers ca 1922-1938 (11)

Harper School students & teachers (13)

Grove School (Victor Twp) students & tchr; 31 Mar 1955

S Riley Sunday School members; 1944

Students of Rodney B. Wilson HS; 1930

Civil War soldiers in front of Steel Hotel; 5 July 1892; ann. reunion of 4th MI Cav

Circus parade on Clinton Ave; 1890 (3 photos)

Gertrude Eaton

Ida M. Shumaker & George E. Morton (wedding)