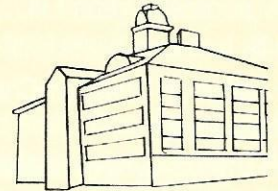




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WILLIAM FERRIER RE-DEDICATION CEREMONY at MT. REST CEMETERY

Submitted by L. Ray Lake



Back Row, L to R: Doug Nosbisch, Jerry Turlo, Ed Vitez, Gary Pritchard.
Front row: Alan Koning, Bill Ziemba, Andrew Assenmacher

The re-dedication ceremony for Comrade William Ferrier, who fought with Co. E, 17th Michigan Infantry, took place at 1 p.m., Sat. 13 June 2009 in Mt. Rest Cemetery in St. Johns.

The ceremony was opened by the 17th Michigan reporting on how the search began for the burial place of William Ferrier, one of the last members to be located. With the help of Gordon Shipley of St. Johns, their efforts paid off. They enlisted the help of the George W. Anderson Camp 58 in securing the headstone and installation on 23 July 2008 (Cl. Co. Trails, Vol.23, #3). Dick Williams, who acted as Commander of Camp 58, began the service with the adaption from the 1917 Service for the use of The Grand Army of the Republic. Mark Pangburn, Officer of the Day, set up the symbols of the army at the grave; a musket fixed with a bayonet, canteen, haversack and knapsack and stood guard. L. Ray Lake, Camp 58 Chaplain, gave the Divine Blessing. Dennis Felton, also of Camp 58, placed two wreaths and a single rose at the grave. The Commander then placed a small American flag on the grave in behalf of the Grand Republic for the integrity of William Ferrier honoring his duty during the Rebellion. The chaplain's address was recited along with the poem, *The Unknown Dead*. The ceremony ended with a reading from the 17th Michigan and a 21 gun salute while taps was played by Gary Pritchard from the 17th.

Along with the four members of Camp 58 and several members from the 17th Michigan, several women were dressed in period clothing for the event.

ANNALS OF WESTPHALIA AND ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOLS

Submitted by Wayne Summers

The Sisters of Christian Charity kept a yearly journal of their time teaching in Westphalia. The following are excerpts from their journals.¹

1936-37 For some years prior to 1936 **Mrs. (Donna Meyers) Colby** had conducted 9th and 10th grades in the public one-room school. Westphalia High School was founded under the leadership of **Father Gutha** by adding grades to the existing 1-8 St. Mary's School. September 8, 1936 St. Mary's High School was founded with 4 sophomores (all girls) and 15 freshmen. Two of the three freshmen boys quit during the first week and the third (and last boy along with a girl) left during the year. Thus, the school had no boys. School was held at first in the former parish dining room in the West Side School. Courses: Religion, Algebra, plane geometry, Latin I & II, English I & II, World History, and Typing. April 6, 1937, digging began on a foundation for a school addition to house 11th and 12th graders. At the end of the 1936-37 school year the public school in town was discontinued due to lack of students and St. Mary's became Westphalia High School with **Sister Octavia** as Principal and teacher of grades 11 and 12. **Sister Marianda** taught the 9th and 10th grade classes. Three seniors transferred over from the now closed public school having completed their junior year there and became the first graduating class of Westphalia High School.

1937-38 There were 7 boys in the Freshman class (none above that) and three dropped out by Christmas. Bible Class (required) was conducted from 12:30-1:00 each day.

1938-39 On Monday afternoon, Jan. 16 (1939) the members of the high school witnessed a very instructive movie in the parish hall. It consisted of three reels, and portrayed the conservation of game and animal life in Michigan. Father Gutha showed the pictures with the parish machine. 1939 – metal lockers were installed and a radio added to each room. **Julius Hengesbach**, although listed with the Freshmen, was a special student. The desire for a higher education caused him to avail himself now of the opportunities which his school days lacked. Due to his somewhat advanced age and great ambition, he was able to complete two years' work in English and Mathematics, besides taking Ancient History and 1st Year Latin. (This Julius L. Hengesbach was born in 1916. The next year he moved to Conesus, NY and finished his high school work prior to joining the Society of the Divine Word.)

1939-40 About the middle of October, a W.P.A. project was launched here in Westphalia. A musical instructor, paid by the government, was to give lessons to anyone who wished to avail himself of the opportunity. The cost of 10 cents a lesson, which was used to defray the instructor's travel expenses, also the heat and light bill incurred. Over a hundred children, besides a number of adults, took lessons beginning Tuesday, Oct. 17. On the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 9, 1940, the high school enjoyed a very fine radio talk by Governor Dickenson to commemorate the ninety-third anniversary of the birth of Thomas A. Edison.

1940-41 On the evening before the opening of the new term, Father Gutha solemnly blessed the schools, also the high school and the new annex. Because of the death of her grandfather, for whom she had been keeping house, **Rosaline Pohl** did not return this year. First boys to be elected as Westphalia High Club officers: **Robert Trierweiler**, President and **Delbert Bohr**, Vice President. This being the first time that boys held office, everyone expressed the hope that 1940-1941 would be an outstanding year in the history of the Club.

1941-42 During vacation (1941) the **Herman Trierweiler** family donated a very fine deer head to our school. It found a suitable place in the science laboratory where it hangs on the north wall. Needless to say, this act was greatly appreciated by both faculty and student body. 1942 - The Sophomore class sustained a great loss in the person of **Richard Schrauben**. Although we respect him for his sense of duty, which prompted him to take this step, nevertheless, he will be missed very much.... The usual routine of school work was somewhat broken on Wednesday, April 22, when Father Gutha assumed charge of the entire high school during the morning session. This was due to the fact that Sisters Octavia and Marianda were summoned to St. Johns to attend a meeting regarding Registration for Sugar Rationing.

1942-43 Fall – **Sister Auxilia** took over for Sister Marianda. **Donald Schafer**, who would have been a junior this year, left for Troy, Wis. To begin his studies as a prospective S.V.D. missionary. **Ambrose Smith**, also a junior, entered the seminary at Grand Rapids. 1943 - Additional rationing meetings... The tuberculosis test was administered to the

¹ A History of Westphalia and St. Mary's high schools was published in the March 2009 issue of the CCT Clinton Country Trails

juniors, seniors, faculty members, and the janitor on Monday, March 29....the following were pronounced positive: **Robert Belen, Joseph Halfman, Francis Keilen, Germaine Snitgen**, the janitor, and the teachers. ...On Friday afternoon, April 9, all the positives except for the teachers went to St. Johns to have their chests X-rayed. The final result was that all were pronounced free from tuberculosis.

1943-44 **Sister Pancratia** took over for Sister Octavia. **Sister Laurenta** also added to staff. Donald Schafer who spent last year at Troy, Wisconsin, decided not to return and registered as a junior. **William Rademacher, Bernard Pohl, and Marvin Feldpausch** left for the seminary in Grand Rapids, but the latter two remained only a short time as they found their studies too difficult. This year for the first time in the history of Westphalia High, a school paper **INK SPURTS**, made its initial appearance the week before Thanksgiving....The first edition was mimeographed at the Telephone Office through the kindness of **Isidore Miller**.

1944-45 On November 7, two officers from the Recruiting Station at Ionia gave the attractive side of a three-year enlistment in the army. On January 20, the parents of **Ronald Spitzley**, class of '41, were informed that he was missing in action....Later, when it was definitely known that he had been killed in action on Dec. 31, 1944, the students attended the funeral Mass in a body on February 28. **Ronald Bohr**, popular member of the senior class, responded to the call of his country on February 9. At a farewell party on Wednesday afternoon, February 7, his classmates presented him with an identification bracelet....Ronald completed all his studies before his departure so he was able to receive his diploma with the graduating class in May. Sunday, March 18...the High School Orchestra made its first public appearance. May 8 was the long awaited V-E Day. The students were permitted to recreate in the morning, while regular classes were held in the afternoon.

1945-46 An epidemic of ring worm in the vicinity alarmed the members of the school board to the extent that they purchased an ultra-violet ray lamp by which this obnoxious disease can be detected. Fortunately no symptoms were visible after repeated examinations. Early in May Mr. Smith of the Lansing State Department paid us a surprise visit and inspected all text and library books to check over the number of Catholic books in use. Wednesday, May 22, the annual Wiener Roast took place after the last high school meeting of the year. Afterwards the boys played baseball, and the girls enjoyed dancing in the hall.

1946-47 **Shirley Schieberl**, a Protestant girl, who completed the last quarter of her sophomore year at W.H.S., last year, did not return. Westphalia High School joined the State Basketball League this year. The first league games was held in the high school gymnasium December 6. The opposing team was Lyons High School. Although this team made a strenuous effort to win, the final score was 27-19 in favor of W.H.S....At these games 10 cents admission was charged to children and adolescents, while grownups were asked to pay 25 cents. Central Michigan Class D League: Lyons, Saranac, Pewamo, Westphalia, Fowler, and Maple Rapids. 1947, first yearbook produced....100 copies at a total cost of \$140 and sold for \$1.50. It was decided that the boys of the school interested in baseball should have an opportunity of entering the league ...Unfortunately, the spring was such a cold and wet one, that the scheduled games either had to be postponed or called off entirely because of weather. Our team won two games and lost two, and one with Fowler did not take place. Seniors attended a baseball game in Detroit on May 27

1947-48 To the disappointment of both faculty members and students, the opening day of the hunting season was a regular school day, instead of a holiday as in previous years. Because the season opened officially only at noon, it was deemed unnecessary by the School Board to declare a holiday. Some of the boys, nevertheless, absented themselves from school to go hunting. Less than a month of vacation had passed when one of our freshmen, **Joseph H. Pohl**, was summoned into eternity. That Sunday morning (June 20, 1948) Joseph received Holy Communion, and in the afternoon he asked his father's permission to go swimming at the Gravel Pit, a body of water near the **H. Trierweiler** farm. His brother, **Bernard** accompanied him as well as a few other boys. After a short time they noticed that something was amiss with Joe, but their efforts to save him were of no avail. He was brought up by Gerry Trierweiler and artificial respiration was used, but his life had ebbed away.

1948-49 Largest registration— 96 students; additional teacher, **Sister Xaveris**. **Helen Pung** moved to Fowler. The latter part of January, namely January 27, friends and acquaintances of Mr. **Bryan J. Wilber**, County Superintendent of Schools, were shocked to hear of his death. About the middle of March he was succeeded by Mr. **Carl Bates**.

1949-50 Early in the morning of October 27, a Mr. Crawford, representing State Education Authorities, made his appearance to investigate the school situation here. He found too much of a religious atmosphere here, and too many books in the library of a religious nature. The final result was that His Excellency, **Bishop Albers**, the **Reverend Pastor**, Clinton Country Trails

Father Miller, and the parishioners of St. Mary, decided to make the high school a Parochial High School and relinquish the material benefits of a state-controlled school for the greater benefits of the freedom of teaching religion and conducting our school according to Catholic principles and tradition.

1950-51 Early in October, Mr. Thomas L. Norris, cultural anthropologist at Michigan State College, who made an intensive study of the development of Westphalia and the influence of religion on the people in this community, visited the classes and outlined his work according to four periods. He concluded his resume by stating that if this community is to continue its high standard of moral living, the Catholic religion must remain the focal point for the people who form this community. Statue of Mary, a gift of the senior class, is dedicated and placed near the entrance. Viewlex projector purchased with Sophomore play "Southward" receipts. December 15 was an interesting afternoon for the student body because Father Miller entertained them by showing them the inspiring movies of the Eternal City and of the Holy Year of 1950. Afterwards, Father showed them the colored films he took on his western trip in company with **Father Dunnigan**. School newspaper name changed from Ink Spurts to *The Marilyte*. Basketball players were the guests of their coach Mr. **Herman Geller**, at his cabin in the north. The weather was rather unfavorable, but despite that all of them enjoyed their weekend beginning March 29. Senior trip to Holland.

1951-52 October 15, school released at 1 pm for hunting season. November 7--no school because of a blizzard. School day was from 8:50-3:15 with a hour and 15 minute lunch break. 2:45-3:15 was an activity period each day. Subjects taught: Religion, General Mathematics, Advanced Algebra, Geometry, General Science, Biology, English (1, 2, 3, 4), American History, Modern History, World History, Typing, Bookkeeping (1, 2), Shorthand (1, 2). There were seven 40 minute periods and a 30 minute activity period. The school continued to send weekly mimeographed letters composed by the Gellers to the boys in service. Some of the girls were determined to make a new stage curtain. Material had been purchased about ten years ago, and was stored in Snitgen's store. With the help of their mothers they succeeded in making and hanging the curtain which added much to the beauty of the stage on graduation night. Father Miller took the seniors to Holland on May 15. As the tulip season was at its height, they enjoyed the parade and other festivities.

1952-53 Initiation took place on Friday, September 26. An effort was again made to eliminate anything that might savor of coarseness or vulgarity. This year the seniors helped the county nurse by acting as nurses aids in placing the adhesive patches, or tuberculin tests on the children of the grade school. They also read the results. This was done on Monday, February 23. Later the mobile X-ray unit came to Westphalia and offered free service to all those who wished to avail themselves of it. Senior trip to Detroit for a ball game.

1953-54 **Patricia Droste**, one of the seniors, was unable to begin school on the opening date because she had contracted a case of polio before school began. She was able to return to school only after the second quarter began. **Bill Koster** had to submit to an appendectomy shortly after school began. **Doris Schmitt** moved to Fowler and **Theodore Hengesbach** entered Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit. Unlike in former years, initiation did not include a week of silly antics nor a parade. Most of the stale pranks of initiation were discontinued...Each freshman was tagged with a ridiculous name and charged with one or more misdemeanors. Penalties were imposed for the offenses. These were amusing, embarrassing, or tedious as the case might be. After this adventure on the second of October, the freshmen were considered regular members of St. Mary High. On February 26, the county nurse tested the hearing of the high school students. School dances were banned this year. Other means...were used to raise funds. The student body was deeply moved on the morning of March 19 when it was reported that **Richard Droste**, sophomore, would have to submit to the amputation of his leg the following day. Earlier in the month he had been a patient at the hospital for the removal of a tumor on his leg. After examination by specialists, it was diagnosed as cancerous, and the limb had to be amputated. His cheerful acceptance of this affliction was an edification and an example to all. Before the year was over he was back to school on crutches, and later had an artificial limb. Senior trip on Monday, May 17 to Detroit Tiger game.

1954-55 **Sister Norbert** became a member of the staff...Since Sister Norbert lost her voice shortly before her arrival at St. Mary's, she was unable to teach. She supervised study periods and typewriting classes, and did much library work. School dances were permitted this year in the East Hall. They were supervised, and the alert sheriff of the village enforced traffic regulations. Senior trip to Detroit Tigers on Thursday, May 5.

1955-56 Tiger game on May 15 attended by seniors. For the first time in the history of St. Mary High School, graduation exercises were held in church.

1956-57 Paul Schafer (Grade 10) discontinued school during the second quarter to help with the work on the farm. The Seniors, instead of taking a trip, had a class picnic at Bertha Brock Park, Ionia, on May 8

1957-58 October 21 was the opening day of the hunting season and all the boys that brought a written excuse from their parents were permitted to go hunting. On January 14 the California I.Q tests were administered throughout the entire school. On May 7 our school bus took Father Miller and 26 seniors to Detroit. They attended Cinerama and saw *Search for Paradise*.

1958-59 Classes were to be resumed after Christmas on January 5. Due to the flu epidemic it was postponed until January 6. On April 20, the church was totally demolished by fire. A blow torch used by a tinner in the repairing of the roof caused the fire. We had no classes on April 21 and 22. On May 6, **Father Stockwell** and 34 seniors made a trip to Canada in the school bus. **Mr. Schmitt**, our good faithful chauffeur, entered Windsor by means of the tunnel and returned over the Ambassador Bridge. May 11, the science classes had their science fair. Graduation exercises were held at Holy Trinity Church (Fowler) on the evening of May 26.

1959-60 During the first week of school we had only morning sessions due to the intense heat of the week. At Christmas time Mr. **Brian Burns** (a student teacher) received his degree and then began to teach in Niles. **Mr. Wellington**, who was to take his place took sick during the Christmas vacation and therefore **Mrs. Renfu** substituted for a week and then she took sick. Mrs. **Winifred Daignault** substituted until January 25 at which time Mr. Wellington had recuperated sufficiently to take over some classes.² May 4 the Juniors visited the WJIM television station and the Michigan State University Museum in Lansing. Every member of the class became a celebrity because they were panned as they were watching the show, *Copper Kettle*. On Wednesday, May 11, the Seniors took their last extended class trip. They traveled to Greenfield Village.

1960-61 We began another school year on September 7. We were well aware that this would be our last year at St. Mary, therefore we wished to put our best foot forward. **Kenneth Thelen '59** who had joined the Maryknoll Brothers in Brookline, Mass. In September called his dear ones by phone on Thanksgiving day. On the morning of January 18, Father Miller, our beloved Pastor, suffered a stroke. After eleven weeks Father was forced to come back because Father Stockwell's ulcers acted up again and he had to go to the Portland Rectory for an entire rest. March 21 the Junior class...took off in the big yellow school bus and was signed heading west. They took the brand new Interstate 96 enroute to the city of Grand Rapids. Senior class trip was to see *Seven Wonders of the World* at the Cinerama in Detroit. On Tuesday evening, May 23, the graduation exercises were held at Holy Trinity Parish in Fowler. St. Mary High School which has opened its doors in September, 1936 for all the children of Westphalia has now closed them with this last graduation on May 23, 1961. We hope and pray that we have been guardian angels to the children entrusted to our care during these twenty-five years.

Editor's Note: See related article by Wayne Summers on the history of St. Mary's High School in March 2009 issue.

Dolls – Dolls – Dolls



The PGS-Museum across from the Courthouse in St. Johns is selling Dolls donated for fundraising purposes on Wed. and Sunday afternoons until mid-October on the side porch. There are First Communion dolls, Wedding dolls, Peacock Barbie First Addition Doll in original box, Victorian Beauty with carriage, Baby dolls, Jacqueline, Shannon, Ansley, Amber, Apple Dumpling, Cinderella, Flora, Peaches, Heather, Twinkle, Angel, Xena. Come See! Reasonable Prices and Best Offers accepted. Christmas is coming and these will delight children as well as adults. Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum is at 106 Maple Street on the Westside of the Courthouse Square in St. Johns. Open on Wednesdays 2 to 7 p.m. and Sundays 1 – 4 p.m. Support Your Local Museum. For questions or private showing call 989 224-7850, Elaine Rise.

² This is the first mention of a substitute teacher. In the past sister doubled up classes to cover or had a priest help out.

A Bit of Gossip

by Ella (Simmons) Pike 1854-1910

Manuscript found in scrapbook kept by Mina (Bixby) Locher which is held at the archives.

The people in this neighborhood have been quite excited recently over a bit of gossip which was passing round from mouth to mouth, and as such things never lose by repeating, there is no knowing what it might have lead to in time.

You see, it started in this way: **Gracie Baldwin** told **Ella Knapp** that she overheard **Mrs. Bedell** telling her mother and **Mrs. Pierce** that **Mrs. Hill** and **Mrs. Ella Pike** had been talking about it and she wanted them to know of it, but Gracie told Ella not to tell because they did not know she was listening, but Ella forgot and told it to **Maudie Randall** who thought she would tell Edna and her ma because they would like to know about it. That night when going home from school Edna told **Jay Reed** and the very next day at school he told **Aggie Pike**. She could keep it no better than the rest so told it to **Loren Hill**. Loren thought **Floy Whitaker** might feel slighted if she did not know about it and so told her. Floy told **Earl Baldwin** and he went down and told **Josie Pierce**. The next time she saw **Millie Bedell** she asked him if it was so and he replied, "That was the talk at present." So he told **Hattie Harris** and when she got an opportunity to, she told **Jean Forbes** who declared **Effie Reed** should know about it. When Effie met **Otto Martzke** she asked him if he had heard the news, and he repeated what he had heard, of course, to **Eva Knapp**. She, not thinking any harm, told **Will Ferris** who repeated it in the presence of **Anna and Rosa Fay**. Rosa, in a sisterly confidence, told Charley and, as he attends the grange up west, he must have told it to **Minnie Hungaford** and **Belle Snider**. Belle inquired of **Ella Reed** what she knew about it. She thought she did not know much about it so asked **George Pike** and he, wondering if **Otie Bedell** did not know all about it, had a talk with her in regard to it. Otie thought **Herbert Reed** would like to know what was going on and so sent word to him. He, of course, told his sisters Inice, Lottie, Daisy, and Maggie; also came over and told **Nellie Clare** who told **Fannie Baldwin** and Fannie told it to **Sammie Knapp**. He told **Emma Apthorp** and sister, Bertha. Bertha concluded she would tell **Otto Kowalk** and he must tell **Florence Smith**, and then, of course, the teacher heard about it when it was agreed upon that it must be settled in some way and they all come to the conclusion to have a meeting appointed at the schoolhouse for that purpose.

Now, it so happened that, although Mrs. **Viola Pike** had heard the rumor which had been floating around, she did not know they were going to meet to see about it and as usual, when a meeting of any kind is to be held at the schoolhouse the bell was rung. Thinking some of the neighbor's buildings must be on fire, she went to the door; instead of a fire saw the young people passing and inquired what it was all about and was told they were to meet that evening to see about organizing a reading school.

And now as that great question is finally settled, its future success depends mostly upon these young people whose names have been mentioned here and we trust that each and every one, as their names are called upon by our president, will furnish something to help entertain and interest the rest of the persons present. Do not hold back for fear of making mistakes because we are all liable to do that and expect it. It is to learn and gain confidence that we are here and if we can mix in a little fun once in awhile so much the better on the same principle that, all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.

Therefore, I hope this "bit of gossip" will be accepted by all merely as a little fun.



ARCHIVES CLOSED THESE DATES IN 2009

Nov 11	Veteran's Day
Nov 26-27	Thanksgiving
Dec 24-31	Christmas

The Genealogists of Clinton County earned \$168.00 from their garage sale. The proceeds will go towards the newspaper microfilming project fund.

JANET SNYDER'S RESEARCH NOTES – PART II

Transcribed by Betty Driscoll and continued from March 2009 issue.

This file is entirely about the DOTY family.

Mrs. Butch Harrison of Live Oak, FL, wrote on 9 and 28 Sep 1981 asking for information about several DOTY family members.

1) Lazarus DOTY who died in Eagle Clinton Co MI on 26 Jul 1867 and was buried in the Niles Cemetery. His first wife was Elizabeth FANNING.

2) Philo DOTY moved to Eagle in 1839. He married Betsy SAWYER. He was supervisor [township?] for many years and represented his district at the state legislature from 1869-1871. He died in 1896 and Betsy in '194' [sic] in Eagles and were buried in the Niles Cemetery. Their children included: Ellen (born 7 Jul 1842), Elsie (born 23 Sep 1844), Elsia (born 6 Mar 1847 and died 1849; probably buried at the Niles Cemetery); Sanford Philo (born 3 Sep 1850); and Ellis Sawyer (born 21 Apr 1856). All the children were born in Eagle, Clinton Co MI.

3) Ellis Sawyer DOTY married Minnie WOOD. He died in 1933 and she in 1917; both were buried at the Oakwood Cemetery in Grand Ledge MI. Their children, all born in Eagle, were: Mark Wood DOTY (born 1886, died 1977); Anna (born 16 Sep 1888, died 7 Nov 1954); and Flora Madge (born 1 Sep 1894, died 10 Aug 1903). All the children were buried at the Oakwood Cemetery, Grand Ledge.

The Society was able to provide this additional information:

- 1) George R. DOTY was born in NY 30 Dec 1821 and married in Ionia Co MI in 1845 to Lydia A. SEELEY. Lydia DOTY died 30 Apr 1905.
- 2) Sybil DOTY was born at Ray Macomb Co MI 12 Apr 1843 and married in Armada Macomb Co on 11 Nov 1869. The date 20 Aug 1904 Dewitt Clinton Co MI follows [date they came to the county perhaps?]. Sybil died 23 Dec 1918.
- 3) Walter DOTY – no data.
- 4) The 1864 Atlas lists the following DOTYS: a) G. R. of Duplain Twp, Section 26; b) W. of Bengal Twp, Section 13; c) W. of Bingham Twp, Section 18; d) N. A. of Bingham Twp, Section 19; e) L. of Eagle Twp, Section 14; f) P. of Eagle Twp, Section 14 & 23; g) Chas. of Eagle Twp, Sections 27, 33, 34 and 35; h) J. N. of Eagle Twp, Section 34; and i) Olive of Eagle Twp, section 25 and 26.
- 5) The 1873 Atlas lists the following DOTY/DOTHY [sic]: a) Dr. DOTHY, Maple Rapids town, Section 5; b) C. DOTHY, Section 5, Greenbush Twp; c) Chas. DOTHY, Section 27, 34 and 35 Eagle Twp; d) C. R. DOTHY, Section 14, St. Johns/Elsie; e) F. DOTHY, Section 30, Greenbush Twp; f) Geo. R. DOTHY, E.B.D. St. Johns/Elsie; g) G. R. DOTHY, Section 14, Duplain; h) M. DOTHY, Section 21, Eagle; i) M. DOTHY, Section 21, Eagle town; j) Oliver DOTHY, Section 25, 26 and 36, Eagle; k) Philo DOTHY, Section 14 & 23, Eagle; Wm. DOTY, Section 13, Bengal; and Wm. DOTY, Section 18, Bingham.
- 6) The 1890 Atlas lists the following DOTY: a) Mrs. F., Section 5, Greenbush Twp; b) Sarah, Section 13, Bengal Twp; c) E. H., Section 1, Eagle Twp; d) S. P., Section 14, Eagle Twp; e) Ellis, Section 14 & 23, Eagle Twp; f) Flora, Section 25, Eagle Twp; g) Ira R., Section 25 & 36, Eagle Twp; h) Mrs. Chas., Section 27 & 34, Eagle Twp; i) W. C., Section 12, Olive Twp; j) Mrs. John, Sections 1, 2 & 10, Dewitt Twp; and k) Frank, Section 10, Dewitt Twp.
- 7) The 1915 Atlas lists the following DOTY: Mrs. Fanny, Section 5, Greenbush Twp; b) G. M., Section 18, Greenbush Twp; c) N. C., Section 1, Olive Twp; d) S. P., Section 14, Eagle Twp; e) E. S., Section 14 & 23, Eagle Twp; f) Ira, Section 25, Eagle Twp; g) R. E., Section 36, Eagle Twp; h) Mrs. W., Section 8 & 18, Watertown Twp; i) L. & C., Section 1, Dewitt Twp; j) Fred, Section 10, Dewitt Twp; k) Mrs. Wm., Wacousta Village, Watertown Twp; l) N. H., City of St. Johns, Bingham Twp.

- 8) Enoch DOTY, age 23 and Hannah J. KIMBALL, age 17, were married in Clinton Co MI on 14 Apr 1861 by Joseph BERRY, minister. Alonzo DOTY and Marietta SILVERS were witnesses. All parties resided Greenbush. Source: Clinton County Marriage Records, Book B, p 184.
- 9) Henry DOTY, age 24, of Eagle, and Miss Jenet McMELLAN, age 24, of Eagle, were married 1 Dec 1850 at the home of James McMELLAN in Eagle by GILLEY. M. G. SILAS, P. FISK and Almira MERRIT were witnesses. Source: Clinton County Marriage Records, Book A, p 113-114. The last name could be McMILLAN or McMELLON.
- 10) Lazarus DOTY, age 59, and Rebecca MILLER, age 37, both of Eagle, were married 16 Feb 1852 by J. W. McMILLAN, J.P. of Eagle. Mary WOODMAN and the J. P., both of Eagle, were witnesses. Source: Clinton County Marriage Records, Book A, p 160.
- 11) Mason DOTY, age 20, resident of Eagle and Miss Mary Elizabeth BLUETT, age 20 of Ann Arbor, were married 5 Jan 1867 by Minister J. GULICK. J. M. MILLER and Hattie M. MILLER were witnesses. Source: Clinton County Marriage Records, Book B, p 167.
- 12) William DOTY, age 64, of Greenbush, and Mrs. Sarah DOTY, 39, of Greenbush, were married 17 Sep 1853 by John C. Irons, J.P. Wm. MASSEY of Greenbush and Lewis C. GARDNER of Bingham were witnesses. Source: Clinton County Marriage Records, Book A, p 162.
- 13) Geo. W. HALSTEAD, age 21, of Bingham and Ellen DOTY, age 17, of Bingham, were married 9 Feb 1861 in Bingham by J.P. Joel H. CRANSON. John HALSTEAD, James ANSTEY, Ephriam I. VOSBURG and Charles VOSBERG [sic] were witnesses. Source: Clinton County Marriage Records, Book B, p 80.
- 14) George NEWSEM, age 23, of Eagle and Ellen S. DOTY, age 20, of Eagle, were married 4 Mar 1863 at Eagle by Rev. P. Z. SKINNER. Philo DOTY and Betsey DOTY of Eagle were witnesses. Source: Clinton County Marriage Records, Book A, p 263.
- 15) Lewis GARDNER, age 20 of Bingham and Susan DOTY, age 17 of Bingham were married 17 Jan 1853 at Olive by Orange FERGUSON, Justice. Edward LAKE and Stella FERGUSON of Olive were witnesses. Source: Clinton County Marriage Records, Book A, p 155.
- 16) Don Alonzo DOTY, age 24, and Mary C. WASHINGTON, age 14 [sic], were married 3 Jan 1866 at Greenbush by G. W. TOWNSEND, J.P. John JEWETT and Hattie JEWETT were witnesses. Source: Clinton County Marriage Records, Book B, p 137.
- 17) Edwin DOTY, of Bingham Twp and Miss Martha A. RICHMOND of Greenbush Twp were married at Greenbush. Source: Clinton Republican, 4 Mar 1864, p 3, column 4.
- 18) Walter F. DOTY and Mrs. Fanny R. CAMBOTH of St. Johns were married in St. Johns. Source: Clinton Independent, 17 Jan 1878, p 1, column 6.
- 19) William J. DOTY and Miss Cornelia OCOBOCK of Bengal were married in St. Johns. Source: Clinton Independent, 12 Jul 1877, p 3, column 7.
- 20) Lazarus DOTY, an old resident of Eagle died suddenly 26 Jul 1867 at the age of about 78 years. He was one of the wealthiest men in the County. Source: Clinton Republican, 2 Aug 1867, p 1, column 1.

Editor's Note: Many more details about the Doty family from Snyder's files were transcribed by Betty Driscoll and are held at the archives. The archives also holds *Thirteen Generations of Edward Doty in the United States*; Edited & Compiled by Robert E. & Rozanne L. Doty; 2004.

EARLY SETTLER

Jody Jay (Darden) Allen received an Early Settler Certificate in 2007 based on the following lineage chart and the documentation necessary to prove her connection to Francis & Mariah (Middaugh) Ferry who settled in Ovid Twp. before 1860. Others who received certificates on their lineage to the Ferrys were: Spencer Grey & Jessy Ann Martha Allen; Margaret Grey (Evans) Dardon Morfitt; Jessy Joy, Christopher Curt, & Marla Meg Darden.

LINEAGE CHART

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

1 I, [name] Jody Jay Darden Allen born on 14 Feb 1956
 At Bitburg Air Force Base, Bitburg, West Germany [place, county, state]
 Married to Daniel Eugene Allen, Jr. (Software Engineer) on 28 July 1991
 Who is child of Daniel Eugene Allen (Engineer) & Martha Jo Knowles (Hamemaker)
 ? At 2518 Saint Paul's Square, Raleigh, NC occupation Landscape Architect, Real Estate Agent
 Other spouses None military service No

Continue with other direct line ancestors back through qualifying ancestor.

2 parent Margaret Grey Evans (Darden, Morfitt)

Born 8 Apr. 1931 at Ancon, Panama Canal Zone
 Married to Jerry John Darden, Lt. Col. USAF, pilot; LPet. Caddie (Nancy Lopez), Photographer
 Who is child of Benjamin Aaron Darden (Farmer) & Beulah Beatrice Brynston (Hamemaker)
 On 3 Jan. 1950 at Chicago, Cook Co., Ill.
 Died — at (Jerry lives Mt. Pleasant, SC) (Grey lives Valley Head, W. Va.)
 Buried — occupation Nurse, Watercolor artist, proprietor
 Military service Civil Service other spouses Donald James Morfitt B+B
Ret. USAF

3 grandparent Jerome Fargo Evans
 Born 1 Oct 1894 at Ovid, Clinton Co., Mi.
 Married to Inez Ethel Irwin Edwards
 Child of Maude D. Breeden & James Otis Irwin
 On 26 Sept. 1924 at Holy Trinity Church, Spokane, WA.
 Died 31 July 1971 at San City, Riverside Co., CA
 Buried San Jacinto Cemetery, San Jacinto, CA occupation Miner, Commissary Supervisor, Real Estate Agent
 Military service 3yr. Calvary - Wagoner other spouses No

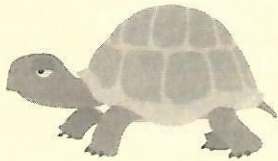
4 g-grandparent Emma S. Ferry
 Born 30 Mar 1870 at Ovid, Clinton Co., Mi.
 Married to Irwin Henry Evans, V.P. Seventh Day Adventist Church & Minister
 Child of William Risky Evans, Farmer & Ruth Ann Locke (Hamemaker)
 On 4th of Jul 1897 at Ovid, Clinton Co., Mi.
 Died 14 May 1903 at Battle Creek Sanatorium, Battle Creek, Mi.
 Buried Maple Grove Cemetery, Ovid, Mi. occupation House Keeper
 Military service No other spouses No

5 gg-grandparent Francis 'Frank' Ferry
 Born 13 May 1831 at Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland
 Married to Marrah (Maria) Middaugh
 Child of William Kairstade Middaugh & Sarah Ann Eveland
 On 4 July 1854 at Prob. Ontario, Canada
 Died 8 May 1906 at Middlebury / Ovid Clinton Co., Mi.
 Buried Maple Grove Cemetery, Ovid, Mi. occupation Farmer, owner Saw Mill
 Military service unknown other spouses No

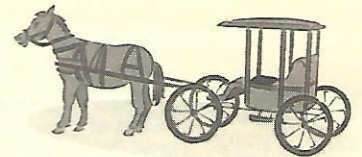
NEWZ FROM EARLY PAPERS

Courtesy of archives staff & other discerning researchers.

About two weeks ago a mysterious woman, accompanied by a small boy, struck St. Johns and stopped at the Farmers Hotel. She was rather poorly dressed and her face bore marks of dissipation. She claimed she wanted to purchase the hotel property where she was staying or else invest her money in a millinery store. She secured the aid of an attorney here whom she cinched by borrowing \$6.25 of him, and started negotiations. She had deposit check for a package at the bank which she said contained \$4,500. As the holidays approached she was attacked with enlargement of the heart. She bought eight pair of slippers for presents and distributed them among the hotel people, irrespective of politics. She did not pay for the slippers and in the same economical manner she secured a high chair and suit of clothes for the kid. In the meantime, she lopped up quite a quantity of strong drink. When it finally came to a showdown, she would not open the package at the bank but left town. She had shipped the boy C.O.D. to an aunt several days before. Quite a thick cloud of mystery shrouds her identity and actions. Probably, however, she has gone to join her husband who she claims is in the wheel house at Kalamazoo. (*Clinton Republican*; 2 Jan. 1902)



The turtle catching industry seems to be a thriving business along the Looking-glass River in Victor, DeWitt and Watertown. The snapping turtles weigh anywhere from four to fifty pounds each. In the last week **Charles Hazen** and a partner have shipped 1,200 pounds of turtles, live weight, and have trapped as many as 300 pounds in a single night. The turtles are marketed in Philadelphia. (*Clinton Republican*; 4 Aug. 1904)



Robert Clark has an old horse, named Frank, which he has trained to take his little daughter, Ethel, and other children to the Eagle school, a distance of one mile and a half. When he makes delivery at the school house, he is turned around and told to go home which he does with neatness and dispatch. At night he is again hitched to the buggy and told to go to the school house which he does promptly unless some stranger, taking him for a runaway, ties him in a fence corner. He is very polite, always giving half the road. If there is a horse in the county that can beat him, trot him out. (*Clinton Republican*; 19 Jan. 1899)

Somebody says that wagon maker who has been dumb for years picked up a hub and spoke. Yes, and a blind carpenter on the same day reached out for his plane and saw; and a deaf sheep ranchman went out with his dog and heard; and a noseless fisherman caught a barrel of herring and smelt; and a defunct hatter was tenderly deposited on a pile of hair and felt; and a forty-ton elephant inserted his trunk into a grate and flue. (*St. Johns News*; 7 Feb. 1893)

Effie Averill
 Lily Albertson
 Jennie Bower
 Cora Baughan
 Pearl Bingham
 Minnie Ballinger
 Maud Buck
 Leon Boucher
 Zoe Bare
 Bula Brown
 Anna Crawford
 Bertie Clark
 John Chick
 Arthur Declaire
 Myron Ellis
 Fred Emmons
 Maud Flowers
 Ray Freeman
 Ina Henderosn

Agnes Henderson
 Anna Harris
 George Holton
 Sayers Hulse
 Bessie Howland
 Willie Howland
 Maud Lake
 Willie Judd
 Sidney Keys
 Hugh Kniffin
 Howard Kilney
 Charlie Lyon
 Roy Munger
 Guy Norton
 Florence Perkins
 Clyde Pulfrey
 Arthur Post
 Edith Root
 Naomi Severence

John Stewart
 Ruth Severance
 Julia Stocker
 Alice Stowell
 Harry Scott
 Edith Knapp
 Mary Kline
 Leroy Pope
 Edith Shulters
 Charlie Bishop
 Roy Hamilton

The Class of '97
 —of—
The St. Johns Grammar School

Requests our presence
 At their

Graduating Exercises,
Wednesday Evening, June 23

In the high School room,
 7:30 p.m.

Motto: —Forward, Not Backward

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- Duplain Cemetery; 2007; Elsie Hist. Soc.
- Riverside Cemetery; 2002; Elsie Hist. Soc.
- State of Michigan Gazetteer & Business Director; 1856-1932; (Clinton Co. only)
- Index to the 1850 Fed. Population Census of Mich; 1976
- Telephone Book; Gr. Ledge, DeWitt, Laingsburg, Bath, Williamston; 1973
- Mohnke collection of school-related photos & news articles
- St. Johns Grammar School grad. program, 1897
- Lorna Belle Andrews; Lott School memorabilia
- DeWitt Village School 8th grade grad. invitation; 1915
- Couzenite*; Bath High School yearbooks; 1953, 1955, & 1956
- Sibylline*, St. Johns HS yearbooks, 1898-9 & 1901-2
- Wilsonian*; Rodney B. Wilson HS yearbook; 1943
- Wings*; St. Johns HS yearbooks; 2006 & 2007
- Records of the Reformed Prot. Dutch Church of Bergen, 1666-1788; 1976
- DeWitt-Bath Review; 2008; 2 reels of microfilm
- Hist. & Gen. Records of Michigan DAR; 1893-1930 & 1940-1952
- 3rd Supplement to DAR Patriot, 1976
- Lineage Bk. Nat. Soc. Dau. of the American Colonists; 1984
- American Genealogical Research at the DAR, Wash-DC*; 1997

- The Old Machine Shop & the Ashery that Preceded it*; Ron Matson, 2009
- Since 1849*; souvenir booklet re Hicks Store 75th Anniv. 1924
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- Maple's Musings, Poems, Readings, & Devotionals*; Maple (Underwood) Upton Hicks
- John J. Geller & His Descendants; compiled by Walter N. Geller
- Family of Ellen Marie (Halbert) Jones; Janalynn Martens; 2009 update
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Photos:

- Hunt family (4 generations)
- George, Goldie, & Maralyse Brooks
- May (Love), Wesley, Joyce, & Dyle Linn; Bessie Webb; 1925
- Luther G. Daisy M. (Holsinger) Norris
- Kathleen G. Norris
- Luther Guy Norris; Dennis C. Norris; Orley E. Norris; Julia (Reynolds) Norris
- Xenia T. (Norris) Wickwire; Orley E. Norris; Kathleen G. (Norris) Lake
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- S. Riley Grange Hall ca 1943-44
- Interurban train car
- Greenbush Pump Works