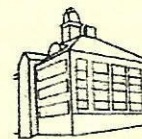




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UNION [SOWLE] CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Maple Rapids, Mich., Nov. 19th, 1910

At a meeting called at the Grange Hall, at 4 P.M., for the purpose of organizing a cemetery association, the following business was transacted:

Meeting called to order by F. W. Redfern calling Mrs. William Pinkney to the chair. Mrs. Pinkney then appointed Miss Vera Fox, Temporary Sec'y., also Miss Maggie Downs, Treas.

A selecting committee was appointed to select names to join the association as follows: Mrs. Redfern & Minnie Reed in town, Mrs. Mena Jordan's, on the Island, Mrs. Frank Robert, south of town, Mrs. Geo. Frost, east of town, & Mrs. Anna Jewett south east of town.

Mrs. Redfern suggested that the sec'y notify all the committee. The Pres. appointed Mr. Redfern as chairman of the committee to draft by laws and articles of association and Mr. Robert Anderson & Mrs. Jetora Anderson to assist him in the same.

A motion made by Mrs. Redfern and supported by Mr. Redfern that a fee of \$1 be charged to become a member of the association - Carried.

Mr. Redfern made a motion to adjourn the meeting till Sat. Dec. 3^d. 1910. Carried.

Vera Fox - Temporary Sec'y.

SOWLE CEMETERY RECORDS

The archives holds some early papers of the Sowle Cemetery. These papers include the records of the Union Cemetery Association beginning with its organization meeting.

"Maple Rapids, Mich., Nov. 19th, 1910. At a meeting called at the Grange Hall at 4 p.m. for the purpose of organizing a cemetery association; the following business was transacted: Meeting called to order by F. W. Redfern calling Mrs. William Pinkney to the chair. Mrs. Pinkney then appointed Miss Vera Fox Temporary Sec'y., also Miss Maggie Downs, Treas. ... The Pres. appointed Mr. Redfern as chairman of the committee to draft by-laws and articles of association and Mrs. Robert Anderson and Mrs. Jetora Anderson to assist him in the same. A motion made by Mrs. Redfern and supported by Mr. Redfern that a fee of \$1 be charged to become a member of the association ..."

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On 3 Dec. 1910 officers were elected. At the same meeting the Articles of Association were adopted. They began with this declaration:

"The happenings of every day do but seem to bring more forcibly to our minds the transitory state of our earthly existence and to force upon our attention the necessity of doing things necessary and desirable without delay. Having this object in view and believing that one of the things which is both necessary and desirable in this community, is in seeing that the last resting places of our beloved dead be properly cared for, and that the intrusion of live stock, the dumping of tin cans or other receptacles of flowers, or the remains of flowers, grass, or weeds on or adjacent to the cemetery lots or grounds be strictly prohibited, and that the owner or owners of unoccupied cemetery lands or lands adjacent thereto be compelled to keep the same property fenced, so that no trespass may be done on the sacred enclosure, and also for the raising of a fund for the proper care and maintenance of individual or family cemetery lots and furtherance of all necessary plans or work looking toward the beautifying of lots, the preservation of monuments, trees, shrubs, and flowers and in showing a due and proper regard for those whom we still love altho we have buried their bodies out of our sight. For these ends, we the undersigned hereby voluntarily band ourselves together and agree to be governed by the rules and regulations as adopted by a majority vote of the members of the association."

Following is a list of people who signed to join the association.

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Aldrich, L.S. (M/M) | Cook, Sherman (M/M) | Ladd, William | Reed, Minnie | Weaver, Martin (Mrs) |
| Aldrich, Steve | Corwin, William | Lambie, All | Rice, Otis (Mrs) | Webster, Charles |
| Allen, M.V. | Danielson, Isaac (Mrs) | Lambie, James | Ridenor, Patty | Webster, Dell |
| Anderson, Jetora | Downs, Maggie | Lyon-Reed, Nellie | Riker, Lillie | Webster, Henry |
| Anderson, John (Mrs) | Drake, John | Mallory, Charles | Roberts, Emma | Webster, Molly |
| Anderson, Robert | Dunstall, Lura (Mrs) | Manning, James | Roberts, Frank | Whitacre, John |
| Anthony, John | Ensign, Ralph | Minard, Maggie (Mrs) | Roberts, J.M. | Whitacre, Junior E. |
| Baker, John | Fehling, Edward | Morrison, Sidney | Roberts, Kittie | Whitacre-Reed (Mrs) |
| Bell, Amanda (Mrs) | Findlay, Isa | Moss, Mary A. | Robinson, Ida | White, Anna |
| Bentley, Jennie | Fleshman, Elijah | Moss, Mary B. | Rogers, R.C. (Mrs) | White, Mary (Mrs) |
| Bills, C.E. | Foley, James (Mrs) | Moss, Spencer | Rowley, William (Dr) | White, Walter |
| Blemaster, Carrie (Mrs) | Fox, George | Moss, William | Scott, Maud | Winans, Alf |
| Bliss, G.E. (Dr) | Fox, Vera | Mudge, Elisha | Scott, Rob | Wright, Dennis |
| Boyle, Sarah (Mrs) | Fuller, E.A. (Mrs) | Nash, Ed | Sickles, William | Wright, Dennis (Mrs) |
| Britten, Kate | Gillson-Reed (Mrs) | Nash, Frank | Silvermail, Nina | Wright, Leon |
| Brown, C.E. (Mrs) | Gordanier, Mina | Nash, Henry | Simonson, Josie (Mrs) | |
| Brown, Lewis | Grant, Grace | Near, Fred (Mrs) | Slater, Anna (Mrs) | |
| Brown, Pearl | Greenside, Minnie | Owen, Ben | Smith, Clarissa (Mrs) | |
| Burnett, Flora | Hewitt, Maud | Parr, Byron | Smith, Nettie | |
| Burnham, Lena (Mrs) | Hewitt, Nellie | Parr, Helen | Terry, Gilbert (Mrs) | |
| Bush, Rebecca | Hewitt, R.H. | Parr, Henry | Terwilliger, Harry | |
| Butler, James | Howarth, John (Mrs) | Payne, W.C. (Mrs) | Thomas, John (Mrs) | |
| Callahan, Susie (Mrs) | Hoyt, William | Pease, Allie | VanSickle, A.L. (M/M) | |
| Casterline, A.L. | Jaquish, Carrie | Pease, Nettie | VanSickle, Art | |
| Casterline, Warren | Jaquish, John | Pinkney, John W. | VanSickle, J.D. | |
| Catlin, Lura (Mrs) | Jaquish, Nora | Pinkney, Mary | Waldo-McKinney (Mrs) | |
| Chapman, Flora | Jenne, Frank (Mrs) | Pinkney, Will | Warner, Alvah | |
| Chase, Dell (Mrs) | Jewett, George | Randolph, Clara (Mrs) | Warner, W.E. | |
| Cole, Hiram (Mrs) | Jones, J. Eli (M/M) | Redfern, F.W. | | |
| | | Redfern, Frank | | |
| | | Reed, E.A. | | |

QUERY

Looking for descendants of Uriah Drake in Dallas Twp Clinton Co. Also of Wm. Drake/Catherine Rose who settled in Washtenaw Co. Reply to justmare@gmail.com and/or rowlanr@hotmail.com

Another group of papers details the burials in Sowle Cemetery from March 1925 to April 1933. The information given for each burial (other than what is shown in the following transcript) is the cause of death, the undertaker's name and address, and the doctor's name and address.

| Deceased | Residence | Age | Date of Burial |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------------|
| ---, Elizabeth J. | Essex | 83 | 16 Apr 1929 |
| ---, Maurice Bert | [Gratiot] North Shade | 1 day | 26 Apr 1931 |
| Allen, Robert Rowland | Maple Rapids | 1/6/17 | 25 May 1928 |
| Anderson, Robert | Maple Rapids | 83 | 11 Jan 1926 |
| Anderson, Wilton C. | Essex | 61 | 5 Mar 1929 |
| Antes, Eathal | [Ingham] Lansing | 41 | 14 Apr 1926 |
| Antes, Stacy | Bingham | 60 | 27 Mar 1927 |
| Archer, Jesse | Essex | 59 | 18 Mar 1927 |
| Archer, Lena Belle | Essex Twp. | 55 | 24 Mar 1925 |
| Bancroft, Eliza (Mrs) | Gratiot Co. | 72 | 21 Jul 1927 |
| Bell, Minnie A. | Maple Rapids | 60 | 1 Jan 1930 |
| Benedict, Hattie E. | Maple Rapids | 57 | 30 Sep 1928 |
| Bird, James B. | Maple Rapids | 83 | 15 Feb 1929 |
| Blank, Josephine | Maple Rapids | 74 | 10 Dec 1925 |
| Blank, Mayo | [Livingston] Fowlerville | 48 | 11 Jan 1927 |
| Boyle, Sarah J. | St. Johns | 75 | 31 Mar 1927 |
| Butler, Abbey | Maple Rapids | 73 | 5 Apr 1931 |
| Butler, James | St. Johns | 22 | 5 Apr 1931 |
| Callahan, Susan | St. Johns | 56 | 3 Jan 1927 |
| Case, Eolise? Burt | [Ingham] Lansing | 68 | 21 Jun 1929 |
| Casterline, Warren B. | Maple Rapids | 78 | 26 Feb 1932 |
| Chase, Maxine Louise | [Ionia] Lake Odessa | 10 | 13 Jun 1927 |
| Cook, Bernard Lyman | Gratiot Co. | 1 | 19 Jun 1925 |
| Cook, George E. | [Shiawassee] Owosso | 58 | 2 Aug 1930 |
| Cook, Glen Gordon | St. Johns | 3 | 26 Apr 1931 |
| Davison, Omar M. | [Ingham] Williamston | 39 | 1 Apr 1931 |
| Davison, Thomas | Gratiot, Alma | 65 | 26 Jan 1932 |
| Dunning, [Roselinda] | [Ionia] Ionia | 81 | 2 Sep 1928 |
| Eleson, Eugene R. | Maple Rapids | 37 | 11 Mar 1933 |
| Face, Celia M. | Ingham Co. | 56 | 23 Apr 1930 |
| Findlay, William | [Wayne] Detroit | 83/11/18 | 5 Dec 1928 |
| Flegler, Casper | [Ionia] Ionia | 66 | 21 Oct 1931 |
| Fleshman, Charles | Maple Rapids | 69 | 26 Jun 1932 |
| Float, Dorthy Jean | Clinton Co. | 6 hrs. | 17 Jan 1931 |
| Floate, George M. | Clinton | 71 | 24 Dec 1931 |
| Forest, Carl William | St. Johns | 19 | 14 May 1927 |
| Fox, George W. | Maple Rapids | 83 | 23 Dec 1925 |
| Furnish, Ada E. | Shiawassee [Co.] | 64/11 | 15 Dec 1930 |
| Furnish, Edith | Shiawassee, Owosso | 5 | 21 Mar 1932 |
| Gordainer, Sarah | Essex | 78 | 17 Jul 1928 |
| Gordainer, Wesley Miller | Lebanon | 52 | 28 Feb 1929 |

| | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Goueld, Joanna C. | Bingham | 80 | 17 Dec 1931 |
| Gunderman, Carry Rebeca | [Gratiot] St. Louis | 68 | 26 Jul 1926 |
| Hale, Charles E. | Maple Rapids | 76 | 18 Jun 1932 |
| Heck, George Rowland | Ingham, Lansing | 68 | 6 Jan 1933 |
| Hewitt, Viola G. | Shiawassee, Owosso | 71 | 3 Mar 1932 |
| Hoerner, George M. | Maple Rapids | 70 | 12 Aug 1927 |
| Horvarth, George | Lake Werth/[Worth, FL] | 48 | 1 Mar 1926 |
| Jewett, George J. | Essex | 63 | 19 May 1928 |
| Jolls | Maple Rapids | baby | 16 Sep 1927 |
| Jolls, Pauline E. | Maple Rapids | 35 | 16 Sep 1927 |
| Jones, Thomas | Maple Rapids | 96 | 26 Feb 1926 |
| Kinney, Saloma | Maple Rapids | 87 | 6 Dec 1926 |
| Lambie, James | [Eaton] Eaton Rapids | 83 | 8 Oct 1926 |
| Lamphere, Frank C. | Maple Rapids | 72 | 1 Jun 1932 |
| LaValley, Ellen E. | Maple Rapids (removed) | 61 | 1 Jan 1930 |
| Mallory, Florance E. | Essex | 66 | 15 Mar 1929 |
| Martin, Adella F. | Maple Rapids | 62 | 22 Nov 1930 |
| McCracken, Abigal E. | Maple Rapids | 75 | 19 Aug 1931 |
| McWilliams, A. | Lake, Sable | 4 hrs | 27 Jul 1926 |
| Moon, Emily | Clinton Co. | 44 | 25 Sep 1925 |
| Mosher, Cyrus H. | St. Johns | 75 | 14 Oct 1925 |
| Moss, Mary B. | Maple Rapids | 75 | 25 May 1931 |
| Mundell, James | Lebanon | 78 | 29 May 1926 |
| Newman, William A. | Essex | 68 | 26 Apr 1931 |
| Parker, Louisa | Maple Rapids | 78 | 13 May 1925 |
| Parr, Albert | Essex | 74 | 23 Oct 1931 |
| Parr, Ellen | Maple Rapids | 73 | 14 May 1929 |
| Parr, Eugene B. | St. Johns | 73 | 10 Sep 1930 |
| Parr, Horace | Maple Rapids | 76 | 1 Jan 1930 |
| Pease, Nelson H. | [Jackson] Jackson | 57 | 7 Jun 1929 |
| Perry, Nettie | [Calhoun] Battle Creek | 37/10/20 | 22 Jun 1928 |
| Price, David E. | Bengel | 69 | 1 Aug 1928 |
| Redfern, William W. | Branch, Coldwater | 33 | 7 Feb 1932 |
| Reed, Mary E. | Maple Rapids | 74 | 16 Mar 1927 |
| Richmond, Josephine | DeWitt | 75 | 8 Mar 1932 |
| Riker (infant) | Ingham, Lansing | | 31 Aug 1926 |
| Rogers, Emily A. | Maple Rapids | -- | 10 Apr 1933 |
| Sanborn, B.H. (Dr) | Maple Rapids | 89 | 29 Nov 1927 |
| Sanford, H.A. | Bingham | 72 | 6 Mar 1926 |
| Schlarf, Henry | Maple Rapids | 74 | 19 Apr 1931 |
| Schneider, Willam | Maple Rapids | 76/11/0 | 3 Jul 1928 |
| Schnider, Blanch | Maple Rapids | 51 | 20 Oct 1931 |
| Skinner, Albert | [Gratiot] North Shade | 53 | 2 Aug 1929 |
| Skinner, Harvey | Essex | 75 | 5 Dec 1926 |
| Skutt, Sarah D. | Maple Rapids | -- | 9 Jul 1929 |
| Smith, Eli A. | Maple Rapids | 78 | 19 Jul 1932 |

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Smith, Nellie E. | Ingham, Lansing | 68 | 3 Dec 1932 |
| Sowles, William | Maple Rapids | 69 | 21 Aug 1931 |
| Taege, Johana Rickerman | Essex | 67 | 11 Dec 1931 |
| Terwilliger, Frank | Maple Rapids | 71 | 23 Jun 1929 |
| Upton, Elmer D. | [Ingham] Lansing | 63 | 18 Feb 1927 |
| VanHousen, William | Essex | 74 | 11 Dec 1931 |
| Vanse, Elenora | Maple Rapids | 86 | 28 May 1932 |
| Vodden, Henry | Essex | 78 | 28 Nov 19-- |
| Waldron, Edgar A. | Lebanon | 81 | 8 Aug 1929 |
| Waldron, Mary Jones | [Ingham] Lansing | 69 | 29 Mar 1925 |
| Warner, Wesley E. | [Calhoun] Battle Creek | 77 | 13 Jul 1931 |
| Warren, George W. | Maple Rapids | 48 | 7 May 1926 |
| Webster, Ernest B. Jr. | [Gratiot] North Star | stillborn | 20 Feb 1928 |
| Williams, Frankless | St. Johns | 75 | 7 Jan 1929 |
| Winans | Maple Rapids | stillborn | 9 Jul 1927 |
| Winans, Allerd S. | Lockland, [Hamilton Co.] OH | 74/11/28 | 12 Feb 1930 |
| Winans, Clara Bell | Lebanon | 65 | 12 Dec 1927 |
| Winans, Donna Fern | Lebanon | | 20 Jun 1926 |
| Winsor, Mortimor David | Maple Rapids | 84 | 12 Aug 1926 |
| Woodbury, Cecil A. | Eaton Co. | 37 | 10 May 1929 |
| Wright, Elizabeth | Maple Rapids | 79 | 14 Mar 1933 |
| Wyman, Amanda Alice | Maple Rapids | 70 | 22 May 1931 |
| Wyman, Zelman | Ionia, Ionia | 72 | 26 Jan 1932 |

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

- Cemetery Indexes & photos on CD by J. Trendel: DeWitt; St. Peter's Lutheran; Sowle; Boughton; St. Paul's Lutheran; & Beach.
- Research on Geo. P. Matoon, CW Vet; Ray Lake 2010
- Research on Wm. R. Howland, CW vet, by Ray Lake
- *It Started with a Gun; M. E. Garey, 2010 (Howe family)*
- *Michigan's State Defense Forces, 1917-1998; Miller; 1999*
- Photos:
 - Maple Rapids High School, 1943
 - Sage School & students pre 1900
 - Bengal UB. Church members ca 1904/05
 - Tiedt log barn
 - Elsie HS Sophomore Class, 20 Sep 1919
 - Watson school (5 photos)
 - Alvord Brown's threshing machine
 - Eckenberg's Milk Plant, Elsie, 1915
 - Super-Service Gasoline Station, St. Johns, 1918
 - Harry, Frances, & Dorrence Patterson
 - Donald & Gertrude (Brown) Hatch
 - Keith & Helen Settrington
 - Lois (Bingham) Curry
 - Elmer Day family
 - Treva Harper
 - William Rice

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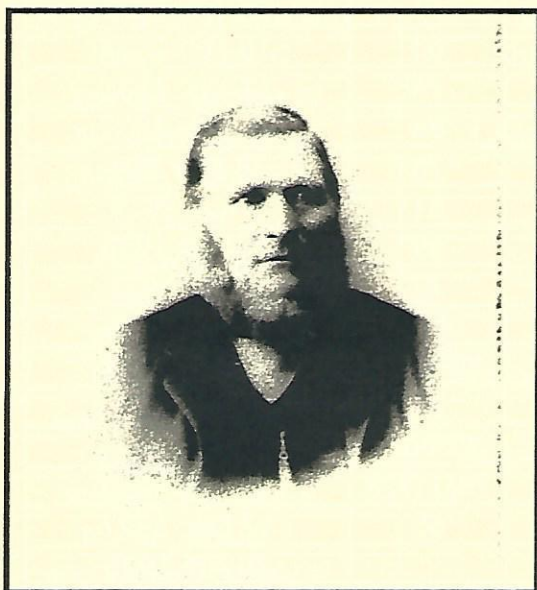
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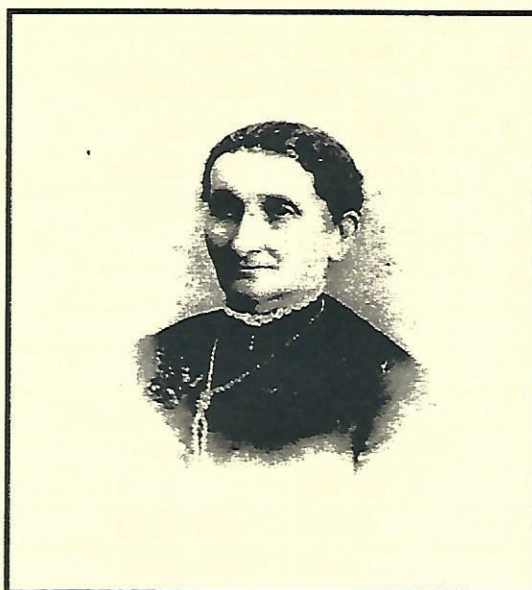
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Tom Troppe (troppe@verizon.net), contributed these Dunham pictures and biographies which he found at <findagrave.com>. The biographies are excerpted here. He says they are relatives of his direct ancestors who also came to Clinton County in the mid-1800's.



William Lee Brayton Dunham, Jr.



Margaret Rebecca [Partridge] Dunham

William Lee Brayton Dunham, Jr., was the third of twelve children born to **William Lee Brayton Dunham** and **Hannah Allen**. He was born on January 30, 1830, in Grafton, Rensselaer Co., NY. His wife, **Margaret Rebecca Partridge**, also was born and grew up in Grafton. They married there on Nov. 2, 1850, and spent about the first ten years of their marriage there. Some time between 1860 and 1862 they moved to Michigan. In the 1870 census they are living in DeWitt Twp., Clinton Co., MI. In that census they are living next door to the household of Margaret's brother, William Partridge, and his wife, **Adelia Dumbleton**. It appears that William and Adelia Partridge had moved to Michigan about ten years earlier, apparently with Margaret's sister, **Lavina**, and her husband **Jabez Ashley**. Lavina and Jabez seem to have settled in Windsor Twp., Eaton County, MI, and spent the rest of their lives there.

It appears that another family of relatives, another **William Dunham and Lydia Partridge**, also moved from New York and also settled nearby in Clinton Co. in about 1868 to 1870. Lydia is Margaret's sister and her husband William is a first cousin to William L. B. Dunham, Jr.

Margaret died on April 19, 1896, in Lansing, MI. William died four years later on Jun 25, 1900, also in Lansing. Both William and Margaret are buried in the Gunnisonville Cemetery in DeWitt Twp. William is listed as a farmer in most of the records I have found, but on his death certificate he is listed as a merchant. I believe William and Margaret spent most of their lives in Michigan farming in DeWitt, but apparently moved to Lansing in the 1890's and opened up some kind of store. William and Margaret were the parents of ten children: **Elizabeth Hannah (Dunham) Conklin; William Harvey Dunham; Almond Lee Dunham; Asa P. Dunham; Lavinia E. Dunham; Paul E. Dunham; Amelia J. (Dunham) Smith; Margaret R. (Dunham) Annable; Maryette (Dunham) Walker**; and an unnamed infant daughter.

Margaret Rebecca Partridge was born on Oct 12, 1829, in Grafton, Rensselaer Co., NY, to **Asa Partridge, Jr.**, and **Elizabeth Chesebrough**. ...

Margaret's mother also moved to Michigan just before her death in 1889. She apparently lived with her daughter Lavina in Eaton Co.



Fred C. Tiedt Farm, ca 1910, Section 7, Bengal Twp.

Photo donated by: Janet Tiedt

l-r: Fred Budzier, Fred T. Tiedt, Karl Rowell, Fred C. Pasch [back], John Rossow, Ed Moritz, Fred C. Tiedt [Standing above horses], Herman Mohnke [behind Fred C.]

TRAVERSE CITY STATE HOSPITAL PROJECT

Betty Driscoll; 4 Jun 2010 --- b4thepast@charternet.com

Sometime ago I started researching hard to find groups of dead people. Not just my relatives, but anyone who died away from home, indigent, or otherwise displaced. The deaths of my great-grandmother and her son at the Traverse City State Hospital, and the difficulty in finding records about them, led me create several volumes of such work, with an appropriate title for the collection: "A Series of Lost Souls". Lost...because their deaths are not usually recorded in their home counties.

"Inmates of the Traverse City State Hospital: A Series of Lost Souls" is a four-year long project that currently fills 1,200 pages and is no where near done. It reviews all public records about people who spent time at the TCSH and seeks to answer where they came from and where they ended up.

I hope that this work will be a resource for researchers who have been unable to locate their ancestors. It is also my hope that when people read its pages they will honor the memory of those whose remains were donated for anatomical donations and take a moment to thank them for the advances they, perhaps unknowingly, made to modern medicine and the betterment of our lives, both physically and mentally.

I don't answer queries about who is in it. That said, I do appreciate any information people are willing to give about their relatives. And they should know that the book is STRICTLY records; there aren't any opinions or comments at all, except those written in Probate Court records by relatives and licensed physicians.

EARLY SETTLER

Robert W. Geisenhaver received an Early Settler Certificate in 2005 based on his proof of lineage from Christian Deeg who emigrated from Germany in 1847. He also received certificates on his ancestors, **Jacob & Mathias Geisenhafer**.

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

1 I, [name] ROBERT W GEISENHAVER born on 02 NOV 1930
At FLINT GENESEE CO MICHIGAN [place, county, state]
Married to MARLENE T BERTASC on 28 JANUARY 1950
Who is child of JOHN P BERTASC & HOLLIS E BLASIDELL
At FLINT GENESEE CO MI occupation FACTORY SUPERVISOR
Other spouses _____ military service NONE

Continue with other direct line ancestors back through qualifying ancestor.

2 parent FRANKLIN JACOB GEISENHAVER
Born 27 FEB 1904 at NORTH STAR GRATIOT CO MI
Married to VIDLA PELLERAN
Who is child of WILLIAM PELLERAN & IVA GRACE
On C 1927 at ALPENA MICHIGAN
Died 16 MARCH 1982 at DADE CO FLORIDA
Buried FLINT GENESEE CO MI occupation FACTORY WORKER
Military service NONE other spouses BESSIE BARNES

3 grandparent LOUIS GEISENHAVER
Born 29 JAN 1872 at DEWITT CLINTON CO MICHIGAN
Married to ELLA MERTENS
Child of NICHOLAS MERTENS & CATHERINE COLEMAN
On 10 MAY 1903 at _____
Died 14 MAY 1938 at FLINT GENESEE CO MICHIGAN
Buried HURD CEMETERY CLINTON CO MI occupation FARMER
Military service NONE other spouses _____

4 g-grandparent FREDERICA DEEG
Born 01 MARCH 1828 at POPPENWEILER GERMANY
Married to JACOB GEISENHAVER
Child of MATHIAS GEISENHAVER & ROSINE
On 05 JANUARY 1854 at ANN ARBOR MICHIGAN
Died 06 JUNE 1905 at DEWITT CLINTON CO MICHIGAN
Buried HURD CEMETERY CLINTON CO MI occupation _____
Military service NONE other spouses _____

5 gg-grandparent CHRISTIAN DEEG
Born 08 NOV 1799 at POPPENWEILER GERMANY
Married to FREDERICA
Child of _____ & _____
On _____ at _____
Died 8 MARCH 1876 at DEWITT CLINTON CO MICHIGAN
Buried HURD CEMETERY CLINTON CO MI occupation FARMER
Military service NONE other spouses _____

JANET SNYDER'S RESEARCH NOTES

Transcribed by Betty Driscoll (See Vol.24, #1 & #3, 2009 beginning of series.)

Note: Janet (Sturgis) Snyder (1929-1993) was an avid genealogist and very active in the CCHS.

SMITH

David S. SMITH, 1825-1906; Jane A. SMITH, wife of David S., 1829-1897; Minnie, daughter, 1868-1869; William H. SMITH, 1843-1923; and Elnora SMITH, wife of Wm. H. SMITH, 1835-1909. Source: Shiawassee Co MI OB of Pioneers [sic].

SUTTON

Elizur C. SUTTON and his wife Patience are buried under a stone in an Lebanon Twp Cemetery, named both Jackson and East Plains, but the wife's name is spelled Patinge [sic] even though the author of this note, Mrs. F. E. BOLLINGER of Elk Rapids, states that her great-grandmother and her brother Myron Thomas SUTTON must have been upset because they both signed the order for the engraving and her name was spelled Patience. Patience was their stepmother but their mother died when they were very young, in 1851. Mrs. Freda BOLLINGER believed they must have thought of her as their mother.

In an old History of Washtenaw County, BOLLINGER found names she thought might be related to Janet SNYDER [This letter was sent to Janet at her home address]. She noted Washtenaw and Oakland Counties have an adjoining corner. On page 614, First purchases of land, Salem Twp she found Isaac R. SUTTON, Section Six, West half of SW ¼; and Section Seven, Isaac R. SUTTON, SW ¼ of the W half of the NW ¼.

Then in Northfield Twp, Benjamin SUTTON, first pioneer settler in 1823. His brother was the Honorable George SUTTON. Their father was Nathan SUTTON Sr.

Elisha Kent SUTTON was a Revolutionary War soldier. A member of the Kiandaga Chapter DAR of Maples NY copied a 37-page book for BOLLINGER entitled "Twenty generations of SUTTONS" that indicates SUTTONS were descended from long lines of English royalty. Elisha Kent SUTTON married Hannah VOGHT (daughter of a Hessian general) in Dec 1779. Their children were Susannah SUTTON, born 1780, married Eli KIBBE first, then Alonzo LYON; Mary SUTTON, born 1781, married Joseph CLARK; John SUTTON, born 1783, married first Judith HAWES, married second Esther CLEMENT; Abraham SUTTON, twin of Isaac, born 1785, married first Jemima HOOKER, married second Orpha TAYLOR; Isaac SUTTON, born 1785, twin of Abraham, married Augusta DARLING; Jacob SUTTON, born 1790, married Betsy PARISH; James SUTTON, born 1794, married in Hastings MI and died in 1875; William SUTTON, born 1796, died 1873 unmarried; and Elisha SUTTON, born 1800, died in infancy. The genealogy indicates Isaac SUTTON died leaving a large but widely scattered family.

BOLLINGER states that some reports indicate Elisha Kent SUTTON died in MI while others indicate he died in Rochester NY; she found no proof of either location. This genealogy also indicates that many of Elisha's grandchildren and great-grandchildren lived in MI. All of Abraham SUTTON'S children and grandchildren are named in this 37-page record.

Please notice that our
PO Box 23 address has been
discontinued. All mail should
now be addressed to:

**Genealogists of CCHS,
PO Box 174,
St. Johns, MI 48879**

DUES ARE DUE!!!!

**Please remember to renew
your Clinton County
Historical Society Dues!!
Thanks!!!**

EAGLE HOTEL

The State Journal; photo included; ca 17 Apr 1933

Eagle, April 17 - A crew of workmen have been busy the past two weeks razing the Eagle Hotel which stood at the intersection of county road number 596 and US-16, the building known for years as "Jenison Hall" and which stood in the yard of the Jenison home, three miles east of the village, and also two buildings which were across the road from the Jenison home. These buildings were purchased by the Lansing Wrecking Company from Mr. and Mrs. **Carrol Patton**.

All of these buildings are old landmarks of the community. The junior hall was built by **W. I. Jenison**, great grandfather of Mrs. Patton, in 1863. For years all township elections were held in it and it was also the scene of much activity during the latter part of the Civil War.

The Jenison family has had an important part in settlement of this community. Six generations have lived on the same farm. **Fletcher Jenison** was the first postmaster in Eagle in 1841; his son, **W. I. Jenison**,

taught the second term of school taught in the township in 1837-1838; **Henry Jenison**, son of W.I. Jenison, held at one time the office of state representative at Lansing. The above-mentioned, with the following, make up the six generations: **Lulu (Jenison) Kerr, Helen (Kerr) Patton, and Carol Elaine Patton**. **Mrs. Helen (Jenison) Dravenstatt**, daughter of W. I. Jenison, is also living at the present time on the home farm.

The Eagle Hotel was built in 1879 by ***Washburn Strickland**. At the time of erection it was considered one of the finest hotels in the state. In years past several different parties have owned the building, finally being purchased by the late Henry Jenison and has remained in the family since. The Jenisons have never operated it as a hotel but have rented it to parties who in turn have used it for different kinds of business. In the last few years it has served as an apartment house. The store building razed was the first store built in the township.

***Washburn Bancroft Strickland** died 19 Aug. 1912 in Grand Rapids MI.

NEWZ FROM EARLY PAPERS

Courtesy of archives staff & other discerning researchers.

Word has been passed out by Sheriff [John S.] Barnes that the person who attempts to ramble the highways and byways of Clinton County in his auto after January 15th wearing the 1923 license plates, such person or persons are going to be invited to call at the office of the county treasurer immediately, invest in a set of 1924 plates and then tell their troubles to the justice of the peace. A fine and costs will be recommended. Of course, if you care more about the fun than you do the customary five iron men and costs, that's your business. But for fear you might forget, we hereby remind *Republican* readers that the class colors issued by the Secretary of State this year are mustard and black. Also, the emblem is somewhat larger than the 1923 variety, which in itself makes it very difficult to refinish the old plates to conform to the new color scheme and size. Don't try to tell the sheriff or his deputy that you have been unable to get plates because of the rush. County Treasurer **[Anna L.] Taylor** has a force of clerks ready to serve you. Since the January 15th edict, there has been a noticeable slackening in buying. Sure, there's going to be a last minute rush and possibly you will be forced to lay up your car if you wait—that or take your chances with the law enforcement brigade. There were a few over 2,500 sets of 1924 license plates issued Thursday. The amount collected was a little over \$30,000. That means there are about 2,000 Clinton autos yet undecorated. Next Tuesday is the last day. Better do it now—it is cheaper. (*Clinton Republican*; 10 Jan 1924)

Orba Schanck went to Duplain Monday and brought in two logs from a large elm cut on the old **B. F. Young** farm, the largest of which measured 56 inches in diameter at the small end, was 12 feet long and scaled 2,028 feet. The other log was 14 feet long, 54 inches in diameter at the small end and scaled 2,104 feet. These logs would weight about 16,000 pounds each. There were several cords of wood left in the tree. (*Clinton Republican*; 16 Feb 1905)

Half a mile from Wacousta, on the banks of the Looking Glass River, stands the stump of a black walnut tree that was felled in 1837 or 1838 by Indians employed by the settlers and paid in whiskey. The tree was over six feet in diameter. There is a pretty good legend connected with the stump and the story is to the effect that, from the trunk, the Indians dug out a canoe 70 feet long with a capacity of a ton of freight in addition to a crew of seven men. The craft was lost on the very first trip. Being loaded at DeWitt, seven miles above Wacousta, it started for Portland. In the rapids just above the latter place, the vessel was split from end to end and the entire cargo lost. (*St. Johns News*; 24 Dec 1896)

Early Settler & Early Family Certificate Program

Since January of 2006 the Genealogists of CCHS have awarded 108 Early Settler or Early Family Certificates to descendants of Clinton County's early residents--settlers who were here at least before 1900. The form to apply for this recognition can be downloaded at www.dewittlibrary.org/CCHS.

Following is a list of the settlers whose descendants have received certificates since 2009. The complete list of recipients is on our web page.

Lazarus Doty
Calvin Holmes
John Christoph Dunnebacke
John T. Wetherell, Jr.



Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum came alive for the holiday season with the theme of "Celebrating Christmas Past".

The Museum is now closed for the winter & will re-open April 1st. For more information check out our website PGSMuseum.com or our Face Book page.

The **Archives of the Clinton County Historical Society** is located at 16101 Brook Road in Dewitt Township 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 Thursday and Fridays. Phone: (517) 482-5117. Web page: dewittlibrary.org/CCHS

The **Historical Society** meetings are held monthly in Firstbank community room, located downtown St. Johns, on the first Monday at 1:00 pm Nov. through March and at 7:00 p.m. Apr. through Oct.

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" for only \$25.00 per year—based on calendar year, payable to the "PGS Museum", P.O. Box 174, St. Johns, MI 48879; includes Museum newsletter, invitation to the 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.com and e-mail address is: pgs.museum@hotmail.com.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

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List 5 Names you are Researching:

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Phone: _____ New _____ Renewal _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Date: _____

Annual Dues to join both the Clinton County Historical Society and the Genealogy Committee are \$15.00 single and \$20.00 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.

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