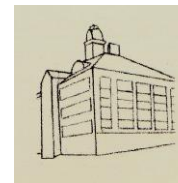




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This is a picture of the Clinton County Normal School Graduating class of 1908. Top row on far left is **Clara Belle Barnhart**, my grandmother. She is the daughter of **Phillip Augusta (1863-1943)** and **Catherine E. Barnhart (1864-1941)** and the future bride of **Orby W. Huggett**.

(donated and identified by David Huggett)

See following newspaper account for list of other class members.

CLINTON COUNTY NORMAL

Clinton Republican: 11 Jun 1901

The fifth annual Commencement of the Clinton County Normal Training Class will be held in the Methodist Church Tuesday Evening, June 16th at 8 o'clock. A good program will be given. The address will be given by **Hon. H. R. Pattengill** of Lansing. Mrs. **Annis D. Gray**, soprano, who sang several beautiful numbers at the normal exercises last year will be present again this year and sing several selections. She possesses a beautiful soprano voice with wonderful expression. Miss **Kathryn Fay** is her accompanist. **H. Glenn Henderson** will render the *March and Chant Seraphique* by Guilmant and the class will sing two selections. Presentation of diplomas by Com. **T. H. Townsend**.

The members of the graduating class are Mable N. Ainslie, Clara Barnhart, Florence Cartwright, Jennie Clandening, Frances Corbin, Myrtle Dayton, Lucy Hart, Bessie Hicks, Lucile Hunter, Jessie Isbell, Dora Ludwick, Myrtle McCreery, Archie Newman, Eva Nichols, Alta and Allie Warner, Nina Warren, and Isaac Wood.

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COUNTY NORMAL GRADUATES – 1931

Allen, Grace H.	Lerg, Martin J.
Angell, Eva L.	Lietzke, Carmelita J.
Bingham, Anna E.	Matthews, Helen M.
Bishop, Frank C.	McCrum, Mary E.
Davenport, Virginia M.	Myers, David T.
Goodrich, Josephine J.	Peterson, Thelma M.
Grennell, Gordon I.	Reetz, Elsie E.
Harris, Margaret E.	Roat, Frances M.
Harvey, Doris	Sleight, Rolland J.
Hayes, Doris M.	Smeltzer, Pauline M.
Hostetler, Ferne	Smith, Helen
Jumper, Lawrence	Werner, Mary
Lake, Dorothy G.	Wilbur, Louise
Lerg, Esther E.	

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See list of County Normal graduates 1904-1930 in
Clinton County Trails; Vol. 17 No. 4 p 40.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.
COUNTY NORMAL TRAINING CLASS RECORD.

Saint Johns, Clinton County.

Record of *Clara Belle Baraght* Address *St. Johns, P.D. #3*

Age *18* Qualification for entrance *Five grades in St. Johns H.S.*

Months experience in teaching prior to entrance *None* For the year ending *June '17*

STANDINGS:

Arithmetic <i>C</i>	History <i>V.G.</i>	Psychology <i>C</i>
Agriculture <i>V.G.</i>	Language Work <i>G</i>	Practice Teaching <i>V.G.</i>
Civics <i>V.G.</i>	Manual Training <i>G</i>	Primary Methods <i>V.G.</i>
Classics <i>G</i>	Music <i>G</i>	Pedagogy <i>C</i>
Domestic Science	Observation <i>G</i>	Reading <i>V.G.</i>
Drawing <i>G</i>	Orthography	School Management <i>V.G.</i>
Geography <i>G</i>	Pennmanship <i>G</i>	State Course of Study <i>V.G.</i>
Grammar <i>V.G.</i>	Physiology <i>G</i>	School Law <i>G</i>

PERSONALITY: _____

REMARKS: _____

Date of graduation *June 16, 1918* *Matthew A. Smith* Principal.

THE IMMIGRANT

by Marcia (Lusk) Maxwell, 8th grade, 1978

There is a dirt road near the Maple River. It looks like any of the scores of road around the river, but this one contains some of my family's history. The name of the road is Lusk Road and it was named after my great-great-grandfather. This is his story.

In the town of Newark [Wayne County], New York, a son was born to **Jacob and Eleanor Lusk** on September first, 1827. He was christened **Thurlow Weed Lusk**. It was to be a landmark for his ancestors to trace his life, that name. It is doubtful that anyone else in the world ever had his name, but I don't think anyone would want it.

In the census records for Elsie, Michigan, 1838, there is a list of Thurlow's brothers and sisters, First, there was Thurlow, eleven, a son at school; **Elizabeth**, nine; **John**, eight; and **Mary**, six. There was also little **Emma**, two, at home. Thurlow was to have had an elder brother, **Jacob**, but by then Jacob might have been on his own.

Thurlow did his stint in the army, first becoming a 1st lieutenant of D Company of the 1st Michigan Cavalry. There are no further records that I know of regarding Thurlow's progress as a soldier.

On February 23, 1849, Thurlow married **Jane A. Schofield** of Arcadia [Wayne County], New York. Jane was born to **William and Mary Scofield** on February 21, 1827. Five years later Thurlow bought one hundred and twenty acres from **Isaac M. Craven** of Duplain township, Clinton County, Michigan, for \$720. Here is a description of the land from the deed: "... all that part of the north half of the south half of section number fifteen in township number eight, north of range number one west in the State of Michigan, lying and being west of the Maple River, containing one hundred and twenty acres..." All this was put in his wife's name so in case he died she would have it free and clear.

A farm was built on the land and a trail to the farm became a road. The farm house is still there, rebuilt, but still standing. I have been to see the land and road and I felt as if this was where I belonged, on property that my ancestors trod. If I could, I probably would buy that land and keep it for my family to cherish as a relic.

Thurlow worked his farm for eighteen years before he died on August 3rd, 1874, in Elsie, aged 46 years, eleven months, and three days. Jane survived him by thirty-one years before she died on March 1st, 1905, in Owosso [MI]. They are buried side by side in the Elsie Cemetery.

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S. L. Brass, Esq., Co. D, 1st Mich. Cavalry, sends us a communication, dated at Lottsville, VA., March 6th. He says: "We are ten miles from Harper's Ferry and fourteen from Leesburgh. Day before yesterday our company, with a few infantry, captured a number of prisoners, 300 barrels of flour, 10 fine horses, 3 wagons, a fine lot of fat hogs, and about 100 chickens. Deserters are coming in constantly. As far as we advance into Dixie, the people are much pleased to see Union troops. We expect the 1st Mich. Cavalry will give a good account of itself. **Capt. Park** has been transferred to Co. K, and **Lieut. Lusk**, of Duplain, is now Captain of our company." (*Clinton Republican; 21 Mar 1862*)

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Lusk, Thurlow W. Duplain. Entered service in company D, First Cavalry, at organization, as Second Lieutenant, Aug. 12, 1861, at Ovid, for 3 years, age 33. Commissioned Aug. 22, 1861. Mustered Sept 7, 1861. Commissioned Captain Oct. 1, 1862. Commissioned Major Oct. 25, 1864. Mustered Nov. 18, 1864. Discharged at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Nov. 7, 1865. Deceased. (*Record of Service of Michigan Volunteers in the Civil War 1861-1865*)

JAMES KINLEY

James Kinley, for the last 75 years a resident of Clinton Co., celebrated his 97th birthday Tuesday at the home of his son, **Wallace Kinley**, in Fowler. Three of his children, **Frank** and **Herman Kinley** of Fowler, and **Mrs. A. H. Reeder** of Detroit, were present, besides a host of friends and relatives. Despite his advanced age, Mr. Kinley's sense of humor remains young and he likes a joke as well as ever. ...

Mr. Kinley was born in 1834 in Palmyra, Ontario Co., NY, where he lived until he was 21, and then he came to Michigan. This trip, he recalls, was made by boat from Buffalo to Detroit, then by stage to the small settlement of Hudson where he visited relatives a short while. He next took a stage to Charlotte where an older brother, **Thomas**, had settled several years previous. Together, they came into Clinton Co. This trip was made on foot through Lansing from where they followed an Indian trail into this county. Besides their grub and blankets, the equipment consisted of a dog, sled, and one rifle.

This was in the fall of 1855 and the following winter was spent by the two brothers in building a cabin on the 80 acres Mr. Kinley had purchased from a real estate man, a Mr. Wells of Grand Rapids. The price paid for this land, two miles north of where Fowler is now located, was \$7 an acre. He spent the next six years alone clearing part of his land and getting it under cultivation.

Mary Crothers of Saranac, became his bride in 1861 at St. Johns, the wedding ceremony being performed by Rev. **Rufus Apthorne**. Seven children were born: Mrs. **Josie Coffin**, Mrs. **Kittie Heuer**, Mrs. **Daisie Reeder** and **Frank, Wallace, Herman, and Reuben**. Besides his four sons, one daughter is still living—Mrs. Reeder. Mrs. Kinley died in 1898 and after the children left he sold for \$125 an acre, the farm he purchased 60 years before for \$7 an acre.

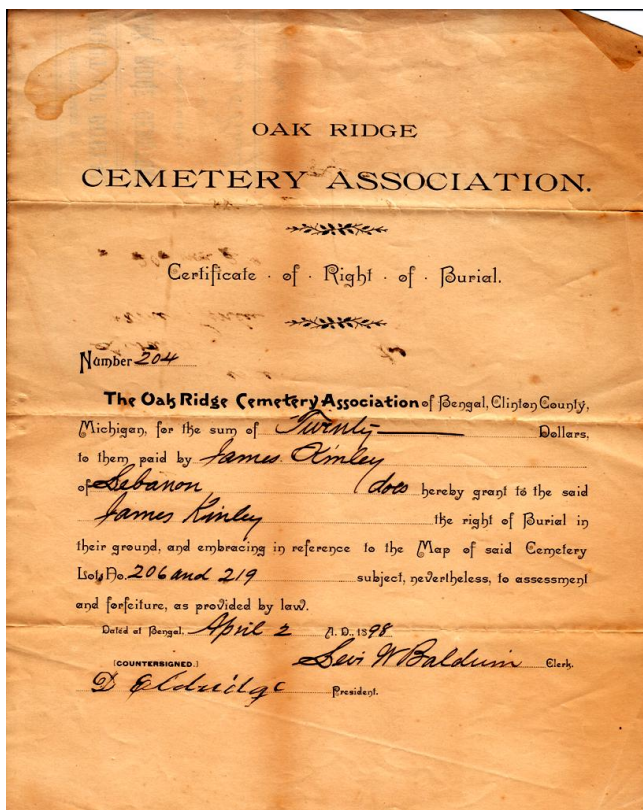
Mr. Kinley speaks of his early pioneer experiences with considerable reluctance. He believes the hard work and due to the fact that he tried not to worry his perversities are prime factors in his longevity...He tells us that many times he carried a bag of wheat from his home to Lyons where the

only mill was available in the vicinity. On many of the trips he would arrange to have some other pioneer from near Westphalia meet him at the place near where the Maple River enters the Grand to accompany him on the trip, each with a bag of wheat on their shoulders. Indians, some of whom were always camped near his farm, were his only neighbors for many years.

Mr. Kinley is exceptionally active and keen physically and mentally, is able to hear well, and reads the newspaper constantly, and believes his chances of living to be 100 years old are good. (Clinton Co. Republican-News; 24 Sep 1931)

FOWLER'S GRAND OLD MAN DIES. In the passing of James Kinley at Fowler Wednesday, Clinton Co. lost one of her oldest citizens, a man who had reached the advanced age of 98 years and who, for more than three-quarters of a century, watched the growth and development of the community that he entered as a pioneer back in 1855. He was well and active until he fell and broke his hip, an injury that speeded the end, and he succumbed October 5 at the home of his son, **Wallace Kinley**, with whom he had lived the past 25 years. Funeral services will be conducted at the residence at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Rev. Drake will officiate and burial is to be made in the Oakridge Cemetery... (Clinton Co. Republican-News; 6 Oct 1932)

MRS. JAMES KINLEY of Lebanon, who had been sick for some time with heart trouble, died Friday evening. She leaves a husband, seven children (3 girls, 4 boys) to mourn their great loss. She was highly respected by all who knew her. She was a member of the L.O.T.M. Lodge of Fowler. Her funeral was held Sunday at the M.E. Church, Rev. **D.D. Martin** officiating. The floral offerings were very nice. The remains were taken to Oak Ridge Cemetery for burial. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community. (Clinton Republican; 7 Apr 1898)



Oak Ridge Cemetery Association. Certificate of Right of Burial, Number 204.

The Oak Ridge Cemetery Association of Bengal, Clinton County, Michigan, for the sum of twenty dollars to them paid by *James Kinley*, of Lebanon does hereby grant to the said *James Kinley* the right of Burial in their ground, and embracing in reference to the Map of said Cemetery Lots No. *206 and 219* subject, nevertheless, to assessment and forfeiture, as proved by law. Dated at Bengal, *April 2, A.D. 1898*, *Levi W. Baldwin*, Clerk, *D. Eldridge*, President.

EARLY SETTLER

Gail Thomas received an Early Settler Certificate in October 2006 based on her proof of lineage from **Heman Thomas** who settled in section 23, Eagle Twp. ca 1834.

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

1 I, [name] Gail THOMAS born on 29 May 1957
At Chicago, Cook Co. IL [place, county, state]
Married to Larry Wilfang on 3 July 2001
Who is child of Ralph Joseph Thomas & Marie Litwiachuk
At Chicago, Cook Co. IL occupation _____
Other spouses military service

Continue with other direct line ancestors back through qualifying ancestor.

2 parent Ralph Joseph THOMAS

Born 26 May 1920 at Chicago, Cook Co. Ill
Married to Marie Litwinchuk
Who is child of Harry Delbert Thomas & Helen Ciesiak
On _____ at _____
Died 23 March 1987 at Chicago, Cook Co. IL
Buried 26 March 1987 occupation Cable Maker
Military service _____ other spouses _____

3 grandparent Harry Delbert Thomas
Born 5 May 1893 at Grand Ledge, MI
Married to Helen Ciesiak
Child of HARRY THOMAS & Jessie Wilkinson
On _____ at _____
Died 14 June 1935 at Sunmount NY
Buried 17 June 1935 occupation Cook
Military service Army other spouses Grace & Carrie Lamb

4 g-grandparent Harry Thomas
Born 2 Oct 1873 at Eagle, Clinton Co. MI
Married to Jessie Wilkinson
Child of George W. Wilkinson & Janette Isham
On _____ at _____
Died 22 Dec. 1895 at EAGLE, Clinton Co MI
Buried _____ occupation _____
Military service _____ other spouses _____

5 gg-grandparent George W THOMAS
Born 12 Aug. 1832 at Pontiac, MI
Married to Janette Isham
Child of HEMAN THOMAS & Lucy Ann Benson
On _____ at _____
Died 20 Nov. 1904 at Grand Ledge MI
Buried Niles Cemetery occupation _____
Military service _____ other spouses _____

6 ggg-grandparent HEMAN THOMAS
Born 1810 at _____
Married to Lucy Ann Benson
Child of _____ & _____
On _____ at _____
Died 10 July 1885 at Eagle, Clinton Co MI
Buried _____ occupation _____
Military service _____ other spouses _____

JANET SNYDER'S RESEARCH NOTES

Transcribed by Betty Driscoll - See Vol. 24, #1 & #3, 2009, for beginning of series. Note: Janet (Sturgis) Snyder (1929-1993) was an avid genealogist and very active in the CCHS.

STILES (from Janet SNYDER'S personal files)

Stiles came from Stafford, NY.

The following are named in the Clinton Co History: Alphene, land owner in Vernon, [page] 300; John, 181, teacher; W. W., Veteran, 111; Warren, Veteran, 111; Wm. S., 45, died of disease in TX 7 Dec 1865, Company F; Oro B., 341, 458; and William M., 347.

In Jan 1855 James STILES came over from Greenbush and made his home on the corner of Walker and Spring Street and commenced to manufacture split bottom chairs.

FRINK (from Janet SNYDER'S personal files)

Minor R. FRINK paid \$50.00 for three shares in the Oakland & Ottawa Rail Road Company; dated St. Johns 12 Feb 1856 and signed by John SWEGLES agent.

A Bingham Twp Treasurer's office receipt dated 2 Feb 1868 indicates Jacob(?) BAKER paid \$7.78 for property taxes in the Village of St. Johns, Lot 1, Block 27.

An Article of Agreement dated 1 May 1855 between Ira SWEGLES of St. Johns Clinton Co MI and N. P. STEWART agreeing to construct the [unreadable] for the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad Company. He agreed to grading, clearing and building all cattle guards and road crossings in Sections 20 through 32 on the second division of the railway in Clinton Co. Payment was $\frac{3}{4}$ cash and $\frac{1}{4}$ stock in the railroad company. Prices included \$10.50 for small bridges and for cattle guards and other items separately itemized.

SUTTON (From Janet's SNYDER'S personal files)

State Library birth records book: Wm. J. SUTTON 3-361; Mary A. SUTTON, 3-244; Margrate SUTTON, 1-252; Lottie E. SUTTON, 2-175; Lanora P. SUTTON, 4-125; John SUTTON, 2-312; Amanda KIMBAL, 4-89; Baby Girl KIMBALL 4-180; Frank E. KIMBALL, 4-144; Fred KIMBALL, 3-335; Fred L. KIMBALL, 1-338- Hattie KIMBALL, 3-74; Willie KIMBALL, 2-74; Baby Girl KIMBLE 2-276; Baby Boy DRAKE 4-220- Char. R. DRAKE, 3-86; Daniel DRAKE, 3-247; Eliza M. DRAKE, 3-67; Elliott DRAKE 1-205; Emeline DRAKE 1-34; Ora W. DRAKE, 3-76.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

- 📖 Descendants of George Washington Emmons
- 📖 Sage-Marsh-Saxton genealogy; 2011; Ron Sage
- 📖 Centennial of the First Methodist Church, St. Johns; 1955
- 📖 St. Johns City Directories; 1976 & 1991

Photos:

- Clinton Co Normal Class; 1908.
- Huggett family pictures, including: Wallace Adelbert Huggett & Emma Louisa Halsey Wedding; 1886.
- Irving Macintosh Eaton; Alvira (Taber) Eaton; Dorthea Gage; Erma Gage; Simeon & Adeline H Gage.
- Clara Belle (Barnhart) Huggett; Orby Huggett; Clare Huggett in 1915 Hupmobile.
- Plowman School Rhythm Band; ca 1944.
- East Ward School Kindergarten; 1926
- Freda Mary (Barrett) Post & Loretta Irene (Barrett) Stoneman
- George Dow Benedict

ARCHIVES CLOSED THESE DATES IN 2011

July 4	Independence Day
Sept 5	Labor Day
Nov 11	Veteran's Day
Nov. 24-25	Thanksgiving
Dec. 23-31	Christmas

CLINTON COUNTY TRAILS BY E-MAIL

If you are receiving your newsletter by email and would rather have it surface-mailed to you, please let us know by writing to us at Genealogists of CCHS, Box 174, St. Johns, MI 48879, or calling the Archives at 517-472-5117 Ext:2.

NEWZ FROM EARLY PAPERS

Courtesy of archives staff & other discerning researchers.

The cannon recently shipped from California arrived Tuesday morning. It is eleven feet in length, with 4-1/4" bore, and weighing 4,200 pounds, given to the people of this community by the war department and shipped from Army Point, Benicia, CA. The freight charges were \$132.10. (*Clinton Republican*; 21 Dec 1899)

Government Wants Nut Shells, Fruit, Pits - To the teachers of Clinton County: It is hereby requested that the teachers in the primary districts and the superintendents in the graded schools see to it that a fitting-sized box be placed in every school room to be used as a receptacle for the nut shells –butternut, walnut, hickory nut., etc.; also the peach pits, cherry pits, etc., coming from the homes in the respective districts. And further, that the teachers in the respective districts ask and urge, if necessary, the parents to carefully save such shells and pits and send same to their school building to be placed in the common receptacle; also, the teachers are requested to encourage the children of their respective schools to take pride in filling said boxes. Teachers will be directed later what disposition to make of the garnered shells and pits. These shells and pits are badly needed by our government from which to manufacture gas for gas masks to save the lives of our boys at the front. It is expected that every school in this county will promptly and co-operatively comply with this request. (*Clinton Republican*; 10 Oct 1918)

Among the Grand Rapids folk who came from St. Johns is **Leon Boucher**, chief operator here for the Western Union Telegraph Co. He was a boy in St. Johns at the turn of the century. Months after the close of the Spanish-American War, the war department delivered a captured cannon for display on the grounds of the Clinton Co. courthouse. It is still there. The cannon made its appearance shortly before July 4 and the youngsters of St. Johns got the idea of welcoming the Fourth by shooting the cannon. It was late on July 3 when they succeeded in loading the big gun, all the time eluding the vigilance of the night watch. At the stroke of midnight, St. Johns awakened to the thunder of artillery as the gun sent a charge down the wide main street. Before the noise had died down, the sheriff and a posse was out in search of the culprits, but it was not for several days that querulous parents learned the Boucher and his friends were attempting to fight the war over again. (*Grand Rapids Herald*; 12 Apr 1942)

Captured from the Kaiser's hordes on the Western Front in WWI, the German 77 MM cannon, a trophy highly valued by the Edwin T. Stiles American Legion Post, has been donated for salvage by the post and will be scrapped to provide metal for WWII munitions. ... Money from the sale of the gun will be given to the Red Cross. (*Clinton Co. Rep-News*; ca May 1942)

Deer Hides Needed - The state conservation department today issued an urgent appeal to deer hunters to turn all deer hides obtained this season into commercial channels for the manufacture of military equipment. This year's deer can furnish much-needed gloves and mukluks (Arctic shoes) for troops stationed in cold climates as well as fill out the family meat ration. Officials pointed out that the response of hunters to a similar appeal last year was very disappointing and that from the approximately 62,000 deer killed in Michigan last year, only about 20,000 deer skins were turned in. (edited from *Clinton Co Republican-News*; 11 Nov 1943)

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HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
AMERICA

4TH OF JULY

MOULTON AVERY CHAPPELL LETTERS

donated by A. A. Lloyd

May 20. 1848, Essex. Clinton Co., Mch.

Dear Daughter,

You see we are at the end of our anticipated journey. Your mother has had an attack of inflammation of the lungs & liver—had to stop 8 miles back in consequence thereof. She is now so as to walk about but has a cough & pain in the side. Mary is just recovering from the measles. Almira has been sick. Augusta and the ballance are well as usual. It is a fine country here. There is no town nearer us than Rochester Colony, East 15 miles--Dewitt, 25 miles South—Lyons 18, miles Nearly West perhaps--and an Indian Village where there is little else but Indians, 2 miles North. we see some of them nearly every day. they are harmless—are called Ottowas. We shall soon have plenty of Strawberries—plains are full of them—also huckle Berries. Plenty of good land near by to enter at \$1.25 or preemption [sic] until convenient to pay. Would not some of our brethren venture to move here. I hope so & that you may come along. Adieu & in haste. All send love. write to Essex. M.A.C.

Lansing, July 5, 1883

Dear Fanna,

**Augusta arrived here yesterday safe but fatigued by her speedy journey. The event has enlivened our hitherto depressed spirits—it will form a joyous era in the history of our sojourn in Lansing. Your presense only is wanting to our happiness—But there is always wanting something to perfect our earthly felicity. Mother is better (she says) today—she is under the doctors care for chronic inflammation of the stomach—says he can relieve her—he is apothecary—a good man. Shank is his name. —Yesterday was a great day not here particularly but at Williamston 15 mile east where most of our citizens went but the bass brand (as Augusta accidentally reversed it) paraded up and down Washington Avenue giving us martial music in Harmonious strains while the troops (Governors Guards) displayed their banners and paraded about the Lansing house on whose top a flag with the stripes and stars was flowing to the wind—The boys fired their miniature cannon & mammoth pistols and crackers while eleven instead of thirteen salutes closed the military scene of the day. The children (*Amanda & Almira) are at school—they also attend Universalist Sunday school. Augusta saw the musical and military parade above mentioned—Augusta says she is unable now to write—will write from her school next week—This little knife I got at Williams school- teachers here use such for making pens—it is a finished article and may it falsify that*

*ruder superstition relating to all presents of a like nature. Write now!
Affectionately thine. M. Avery Chappell.*

**His daughters on 1850 census: Augusta, age 14; Amanda, age 8; Almira, age 4*

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[Moulton] Avery Chapple died at his home in Harbor Springs Tuesday, June 27, aged 83 years. Deceased was an early settler of Eureka and a brother-in-law of **J. R. Carter** of that place. He had been failing in health for some time. The remains were brought to St. Johns Thursday morning and taken to Eureka cemetery for interment. **Rev. Kirby** conducted brief services. A widow and four children survive him. *St. Johns News*; 4 Jul 1893

Note: M. Avery Chappell is listed as a "druggist" on the 1870 census.

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Phoeba McPherson was born near Leesburg, Virginia, October 19, 1818, and removed with her parents to Zanesville, Ohio, where they remained one year. They then removed to Knox Co., Ohio, and settled in Middlebury Twp. where she was united in marriage with M. Avery Chappelle, May 20, 1838. In 1848 she came to Clinton Co., Michigan, and first settled on the farm now owned and occupied by Mr. **John Beck**, in Greenbush. While living there they buried a daughter, **Mary Anna**. After a few years they removed to what was then known as the "Tinklepaugh Corners" and later moved to the village of Eureka where they resided until 1877 when they removed to Harbor Springs where Mr. Chappelle died June 17, 1893, and his remains were brought to the Eureka Cemetery and placed beside their son, **Julius**, who passed away in August 1877. In April Mrs. Chappelle returned to Eureka where she resided until February 1906 when she removed with her niece to the J. R. Carter homestead where she passed away May 28, 1907, aged 88 years, seven months, and nine days. ...She has been tenderly cared for by her niece, Miss **Alice Carter**...

Six children were born to them. One son died in infancy. Armanda, wife of **Emmet Kirby, Jr.**, passed to the other side about 35 years ago. Mary Anna died when young. **Myra**, wife of **Charles Cook**, died at their home in Harbor Springs in November 1900. One son, **Julius** died in Mississippi. One daughter, Mrs. **Anna Bumps**, is now living at Ocean Park, California. ...

The funeral was held at the Christian Church Thursday, May 30th, at 10:30 and by her request, **Rev. E. Mudge** of Maple Rapids was called to deliver the sermon. ... *Clinton Republican*; 6 Jun 1907



A Grave Re-Dedication was held Sunday, June 26, 2011 for Abigail Corbin Peck, a Revolutionary War Patriot Nurse at Boughton Cemetery in Riley Township. **Abigail Corbin Peck** is the only known female Revolutionary Patriot to be buried in Clinton County, MI. Lynne Gregory, Regent of the River Wabwaysin Chapter NSDAR and President of the Clinton County Historical Society worked for two years to replace the old, crumbling marker with a permanent granite stone. She presented the program stating "that there are people willing to undertake this project is proof of the honor and respect with which Abigail Corbin Peck and her Patriotic Civilian Service during the Revolutionary War is held." Born in Connecticut in 1747, Abigail Corbin married Phineas Peck in 1776. With her husband away at war, her home was destroyed by the British. Putting aside her personal tragedy, Abigail nursed the wounded in the immediate area. For this compassionate service, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution recognized her as a Revolutionary War Patriot Nurse. Chaplain Donald M. Zimmerman, USAF (Retired) gave a blessing at the ceremony in honor of the life, hope and courage of Abigail Corbin Peck. Abigail died in Clinton County in 1848 at the age of 101. (by Diane Carlson)

**CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK PROJECT**

(http://clinton.migenweb.net/CCHS/Yearbooks/Yearbooks.html)

If you have any Clinton County yearbooks (or group class pictures) that are **NOT** listed here, and you are willing to lend for scanning purposes, please contact Julie Peters (989-224-8409, petersj@msu.edu). I will be happy to pick up and return them at your convenience. These are the books or class photos **that are complete**:

BATH: 1953, 1955-56

DEWITT: 1899, 1915, 1919-1921, 1923-24, 1926-29, 1939-61, 1963-66, 1969-72, 1979-99, 2002-09

ELSIE: 1909-10, 1936, 1947-50, 1952-58, 1961-63

FOWLER: 1918, 1924, 1941-47, 1954, 1956

MAPLE RAPIDS: 1910, 1913-15, 1917, 1925, 1929, 1932, 1939, 1941-42, 1944

OVID: 1920-24, 1929-57, 1959-66

OVID-ELSIE: 1967-71, 1972-74, 1976, 1978-82, 1984-91, 1993, 1995-96, 1998-2002, 2004

PEWAMO-WESTPHALIA: 1962-99, 2000-2002

ST. JOHNS: 1879, 1882, 1891, 1898-1903, 1922-23, 1927, 1929, 1942-2007

WACOUSTA: 1915, 1922-23, 1927-38, 1947

WESTPHALIA: 1938-50

WESTPHALIA-ST. MARY: 1951-54, 1956-61

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. www.pgsmuseum.com. To join the Friends of the Museum, contact them at: pgs.museum@hotmail.com; or PGS Museum, P.O. Box 174, St. Johns, MI 48879

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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.

Museum Presents Civil War Exhibit

Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum has opened its doors for the 2011 Museum Season. To commemorate the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War, the museum offers visitors a glimpse into the lives of those left on the home front, as well as soldiers on the front lines. Twenty-three percent of Michigan's male population left their homes and farms to fight in America's bloodiest war. As the conflict dragged on, it took its toll not only in lives lost, but on every aspect of life. Military artifacts, daguerreotypes, clothing, quilts, coverlets, agricultural implements and a special diary depict vivid images of lives torn apart by war. One of the military artifacts displayed is an authentic Civil War drum with its unique story. Excerpts from the diary will be added to the museum's website throughout the year.

Also featured is an exhibit on John Brown. Historians agree that when John Brown led the raid in Virginia at Harper's Ferry in 1859, he set into motion events that led to the outbreak of the War Between the States in 1861. This incident has a connection to Michigan through John Brown's sister Martha Brown Davis. Martha was a resident of St. Johns and is buried at Mt. Rest Cemetery. Included in the exhibit is a copy of a newspaper clipping reporting Mrs. Davis' gift to the GAR of a gavel made from timbers of her brother, John Brown's home.

The Civil War displays will be offered until this fall, when the museum will offer exhibits commemorating the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. History buffs of all ages are invited to experience a walk through the past at Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum.

The Museum is located at 106 Maple St., St. Johns, Michigan (on the west side of the Clinton County Courthouse). Museum hours are Wednesdays from 2-7pm, and Sundays from 1-4pm. Tours are also available by appointment by calling 989/224-2894. E-mail: PGSMuseum@hotmail.com Web: www.pgsmuseum.com



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