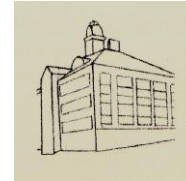




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THE LAST WAGON RIDE

by permission of the author, Randall Russell Smith,
from *Grandpa Bates: A Collection of Short Stories*.

King and Queen were classic Percherons: dappled gray, large, powerful, gentle, patient, and trustworthy. But they had reached the end of their useful careers for the family. The next spring their stalls would be ever-after empty. Indeed, the five-year old grandson, Randy, who came to see them used for what would be the final time, really couldn't appreciate then what they represented, an era finished, a way of life over, probably forever.

By 1949 the Jacksons had farmed a hundred acres of land near the northwest corner of the small village of Ovid for almost sixty-five years. They were gone now except for two maiden aunts, **Beulah** and **Myra**, and their sister, **Wilma**, who had married **Bion Bates** in 1909. The farm had been wrested from the forest primeval, probably sometime in the 1850's as that was when Ovid began. The imposing Victorian home which Wilma looked at from her kitchen window was built by **Ezekial DeCamp** in 1892. Mr. DeCamp built this house twice. The predecessor burned to the ground just at completion one year before. Her viewpoint was at the east rear of her house which she and Bion bought with the farm when Great Grandma Jackson died. **Chester Jackson** built his house by remodeling a sheep barn after he bought the property from the DeCamps in the 1880's. As Grandma Bates, Wilma had come home. Although she was born in 1884 on Antigua, British West Indies, where Chester Jackson was a U.S. consul to the Court of St. James's, she recalled living across the street while the barn was being transformed to her new house. She was raised in this house, she married in it, and finally, lived there until she was over ninety-five.

The farm's original owner laid out his newly-cleared acreage following the custom of the mid-nineteenth century. Running due north, after a crook to cross the creek from an access to West High Street, at the southeast corner, ran a lane which divided the farm in approximately equal parts. This lane provided passage to a wood lot at the northwest corner of the property. The lane was aesthetic as well as functional. The red oaks were planted for shade and eventually for fuel and perhaps for timber. Among the oaks were planted butternut and black walnuts, again for dual purposes and to give aid and comfort to the squirrels which were always there., One of the oaks would be eighty-nine years old when lightning struck and dismembered it in June.

If Wallace Warfield Simpson thought that there was no such thing as being either too rich or too thin, Grandpa Bates said that there was no such thing as having too much firewood. So on a fine October day, **Mr. Shipley**, the long-time farm foreman, came to help harvest the now-ready oak. They had had the tree cut while it was green. They did use the two-man saw which

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hung in the tack room for pieces which were missed. (It was still there in 1981 when Randy would bring another small boy, **Nathan**, and his daughter, **Jennifer**, to visit the barn and say farewell.) The big rounds were only to be split and loaded today. And what a day it was. The trees were in full color. The sky was a dark crystal blue and cloudless. Later the boy would hear people say on days such as this that it was a day for football, a glorious Indian summer day, a fall bluebird day, or some such accolade known to those who anticipate a chill wind and sometimes seemingly endless days of gray coming soon.

The men brought King and Queen from their stall and harnessed them to the wagon before Randy arrived. This was the last time he would be too small to go pheasant hunting with his dad, **Russell**.



The traces and harness were complicated to the boy. The yokes and buckles and rings and chains had to be just so. Milk was still delivered in Lansing by horse drawn trucks, but the grandson didn't have any experience with the system which had been so important for so long. Grandpa had been harnessing horses since before McKinley was President. It is entirely possible that he knew today would be the last time he would ever use this skill. But the small boy knew almost nothing except that it was a great adventure to be

with his grandpa. He was allowed to "haw" and "gee" as the thick leather played in his small hands. Grandpa told him what to do and was the real driver, of course. With his strong, tanned hands and his curiously hyper-extendable thumbs which he had given to his grandson, he guided the young driver. He said, whenever anyone made mention of his thumbs, that he didn't see how anyone without them could practice dentistry, as they allowed so much more force and at the same time, control.

The empty flatbed wagon, really a huge thing made for hauling hay, bounced and creaked as its old soul ambled down the lane on solid wheels. Once at the fallen giant, there wasn't much for the boy to do. The pieces were too large to move; many weighed more than he did. He didn't know anything about a wedge or a maul and was too small to make them work anyway. He could knock small twigs from the wood with the ax, but most of this had already been done. So he spent the morning doing what little boys do, getting in the way, asking many questions, playing fort in the scattered logs, counting the tree rings, gathering dark-staining walnuts to place in the driveway to be husked, and generally enjoying his unproductive self.

At last there came an opportunity to be somewhat useful. The men, knowing that lunch, dinner, as the big meal at mid-day was called, would be on the table at noon, began feverishly loading the wagon. Being late for a meal was a mortal sin, so Randy thought that he might boost himself up onto the deck and rearrange any errant pieces. Rightfully fearful that flying oak would land on his grandson, Bion shouted to get off and stay off the wagon. As he had instructed his own children, "If you don't do anything else as a parent, teach your children the meaning of the word, 'No.'" There was no guess-work left in the intent of his command to leave the wagon. Hurt and feeling altogether worthless, the little toad stood off and held a Pity Party for himself. If only he could learn to be as steadfast as old King and Queen.

Finally the load was complete. Grandpa said to get on and offered a kindly hand. "No!" said the boy, thinking that he had tried to be useful before; now he would be churlishly coy. But Grandpa had played this game years before with his own sons, **Jack** and **Richard**. With a slap of the reins, the now quiet wagon began to move and soon was fast covering the distance to the barn. The boy was left behind, frustrated, crying, and angry. Even though he ran to catch up, the horses at a walk were just as fast as he was. He finally did make it to the back of the wagon, but there was no way to get aboard. The high moving deck was taller than he was. Randy had made his bed; now he would sleep in it. Down the lane this unusual assemblage went: big horses, old wagon, two men atop a pile of new wood, and a small boy running behind. They passed the elderberries of Grandma's standing

offer to pie any which were picked and de-stemmed, passed the culvert where Chester had inscribed in fresh concrete a poem about the incredible heat of the summer when it had been made; passed some of the huge old willows Grandma had helped her father plant; passed the shag bark hickory with its ground litter of tasty rock hard nuts.

Tears were making clean streaks down his dirty face when the wagon slowed at the wooden bridge where the lane curved to cross the creek. Suddenly there was Grandpa's strong arm pulling him up. He rode the last few hundred feet to the barnyard. Together they rode that final distance. From where the men and the boy stopped, the team and the wagon and its priceless heritage would continue to move—on and on into the pages of family history.

Note: Dr. **Bion L. Bates** was born 12 Oct 1884 in Elsie, son of **Lamott and Amanda Bates**. He was a dentist in Ovid for 50 years and died on 4 March 1975. (from his obituary, *Clinton Co. News* 12 Mar 1975)

NEWZ FROM EARLY PAPERS

Courtesy of archives staff & other discerning researchers.

An attack by a swarm of bees resulted in a team of horses being stung to death Monday at Valley Farms and almost proved fatal to two men. The incident occurred as **Cloise Parrent**, owner of the team, was plowing a farm on the old Lake Lansing road. Thousands of the bees swarmed over him and the team, he said, as he ran across the road to summon help. **Loren Bancroft**, his neighbor said that Parrent was literally covered with bees when he arrived. The victim was immediately subjected to a mud bath, and a bee expert, **Julius Baumgrass**, was called. While attempting to cut the harnesses from the horses, Baumgrass was so badly stung that a doctor had to be summoned. The horses died within a few hours, but Baumgrass' condition was reported improved Wednesday. (*Clinton Co Republican-News*; 19 Sep 1940)

While returning from a call in the country Tuesday night, Dr. **H. D. Squair** and his boy, **Jim Jackway**, were thrown from their cutter in a very peculiar manner. The boy was wrapped up in a buffalo robe asleep. When about three miles northeast of town, the cutter struck a snow bank and before the doctor knew what was going to happen the cutter turned a somersault and he was tossed into the air. He was dragged about twenty feet before he could succeed in stopping the horse, for he still held the lines. His fur coat was all that saved him from being injured. The sleeping boy, who had been partly awakened by the upsetting, roused as the doctor picked him up and asked where they were. "Oh," he said on being told. "I thought we were in a fire. I see you have your cigar yet, doctor." And, sure enough, the cigar was burning away brightly although the doctor had been unconscious of it. (*Clinton Independent*; 22 Jan 1903)

The dancing portion of this whole community will no doubt be pleased to learn that the members of Beach's Brass Band will give another one of their pleasant social dancing parties at Opera Hall on Friday evening, January 24th; and at the same place on the evening of St. Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th, a grand masquerade ball. A first-class costumer will be present and furnish costumes to those who may desire them. Charges moderate—lots of fun. (*Clinton Independent*; 16 Jan 1879)

Aaron Phillips of North Essex has lived on one farm there for over 50 years and has not been in St. Johns for 25 years. He is 89 years old, but appears to be quite vigorous and a much younger man. He met John Hicks, who was driving in that neighborhood Tuesday, and was greatly please to see him, saying he had heard nothing from him in years. (*Clinton Republican*; 27 Sep 1900)

FORGOTTEN CIVIL WAR VETERAN GETS HEADSTONE



Dennis Felton and CC L. Ray Lake

On August 2, 2011, forgotten Civil War veteran, Addison Reid, finally has his headstone after more than 99 years after his death on February 6, 1912.

Addison served as a Private with Company K, 11th Michigan Infantry. He enlisted on February 18, 1865 for one year at the age of 18 and was mustered out on September 16, 1865 at Nashville, Tennessee.

Addison was a member of the Charles E. Grisson Post No. 156 of the GAR in St. Johns. He was born on October 8, 1846 in Lapeer County, Michigan and at the time of his death he was declared as an indigent veteran.

The headstone was installed at Mt. Rest Cemetery in St. Johns by Brothers, Dick Williams, Dennis Felton and Camp Commander L. Ray

Lake of the George W. Anderson No. 58. CC Lake noticed there was no marker for him after doing a thorough research.

Photo taken by Dick Williams.

CW CASUALTIES GREEN & RICHMOND

Clinton Republican; 21 Mar 1862

We learn with sorrow the death of two volunteers from this county—Mr. **Horace Green** of Olive and Mr. **Thomas Richmond** of Victor.

Mr. Green was Farrier of the 3rd Mich. Cavalry. His death occurred on the 21st inst. at St. Louis. He was a man of great decision and true patriotism. His voice has been strong upon the right side since the war broke out and though his family could illy spare its head, and domestic pleasures wooed him to desist, he turned his back upon them for the sake of his country.

Young Richmond was a son of Mr. **Andrew Richmond** of Victor, aged but 17 years. He belonged to Capt. Kelly's Company, 14th Reg. He died at Ypsilanti on the 12th inst. of inflammation of the lungs. An exposure after the measles brought on the disease which suddenly terminated his earthly existence. His body was accompanied to the house of his father, by Capt. K. and his companions **Passage** and **Calkins**. The burial took place on the 15th inst....

William R. Howland 1845 - 1943



William Riley Howland was born 9 April 1845 in Batavia, Genesee County, New York, the son of William and Mary Hall Howland. At the age of 17, answering to his country's calling, he enlisted on 11 December 1862 at Alabama, in Genesee County, New York in the 2nd brigade of the 2nd army corps, better known as the Irish brigade, which had a force of some 3,000 men and only 230 to return home.

During the Battle of Gettysburg in July 1863, he was in the signal service. William was mustered in as Private with Company L, 8th New York Heavy Artillery on 5 January 1864, to serve for three years. This unit was known as the "bloody eighth".

In June of 1864, during the Battle of Cold Harbor, the company's colors had been shot down three times, after the third time, William had picked up the flag and carried it forward. For his brave deed while on the battlefield, he earned the rank of Color Sergeant.

On 25 August 1864, during the Petersburg campaign at Ream's Station, Virginia, he received a saber wound in his hand during a hand to hand encounter and later "creased" on the scalp after being struck by a bullet.

At Hatcher's Run (also known as Dabny's Mills), Virginia on 27 October 1864, William was taken prisoner. While being marched toward the enemy lines, in the rear with other prisoners during the dark and rainy night and occasionally illuminated by lightning, he had the determination to escape and at the same time, deciding that being shot was no worse than being a prisoner of war. During one flash of lightning, he quickly dropped to the ground and waited for a chance to escape. When that chance came, he

fled, stumbling over logs and crashing through the darkness, he ran for hours until the next morning when he met up with Union forces.

On 9 April 1865, he recalled that it was a very remarkable celebration on his birthday when he stood about 15 yards away from the flag of truce and the surrender of General Robert E. Lee at Appomattox Court House marching in to meet General Grant. On 5 June 1865, William was transferred to Company B, 10th New York Infantry, he was mustered out on 30 June 1865 at Munson's Hill, Virginia.

William Riley Howland was not only a dedicated soldier to his country and flag, but also as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic Posts, Charles E. Grisson No. 156, in St. Johns, and also the James G. Farragut Post No. 32 in Battle Creek, where he was the last surviving member of both posts. At the latter Post, he often held meetings by himself until the time of his passing on 13 January 1943. He also encouraged his descendants to honor the country and its flag in the same way as he did.

William R. Howland was the last Civil War veteran to be buried in Clinton County. This memorial was erected in Mt. Rest Cemetery by Commander L. Ray Lake and brothers, Doug Armstrong and Dick Williams. A dedication ceremony was held on 11 June 2011, in William's honor by members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War from George W. Anderson Camp No. 58, assisted by Austin Blair Camp No. 7, from Jackson and the Curtenius Guard Camp No. 17 from Sunfield. Also in attendance was Mr. and Mrs. Robert Broxholm, William's great-granddaughter and husband and her late brother's wife, Mrs. Robert Ahrens.

Archives hours will change Jan 1, 2012. The room will no longer be open on Fridays but volunteers will be available by appointment.

ARCHIVES CLOSED THESE DATES IN 2011

Nov 11	Veteran's Day
Nov. 24-25	Thanksgiving
Dec. 23-31	Christmas

Wilson School Teachers

The treasurer's records for the Wilson School, Feb. 1869 - June 1950, were recently donated to the Archives by **Irene (Motz) Armbrustmacher and Gladys (Motz) Hall**. This school (Dist. #6) stood at the corner of Taft and St. Clair Roads in Ovid Twp. The treasurer's records itemize payments to the teachers as detailed below.

An asterisk following a name indicates that the person to whom payment was made is "assumed" by the abstractor to be a teacher although the record book does not specifically say so. The listed dates are only given for the first time a certain name appears in the book; however, some teachers reappear at a later date and the date of their new term is then given. No teacher payments were found between Dec. 1908 to Oct. 1913. The first mention of a retirement fund payment showed up on May 31, 1933, when \$5 was made to benefit **Ethel Leach**.

Baker	J D	25 Jan 1879	Jillison	Charles J	8 Jan 1909
Baker	Ralph	11 Oct 1917	Jillison	Charles	10 Dec 1908 [sic]
Baker	R B (Mrs)	25 Sep 1918	Jones	Arther	25 Oct 1900
Baker	R B	28 Jan 1919	Lane	Mildred	4 Oct 1915
Baker	R B (Mrs)	18 Mar 1919	Leach	Ethel	24 Sep 1931
Bane	L Glenna	24 Sep 1914	Long	Agnes	5 May 1905
Beckwith	Marcia H	2 Nov 1899	Lyons	Hattie	4 Dec 1896
Birmingham	Charles	27 Dec 1904	Mars	Dolly	25 Sep 1884
Black	Linna	5 Oct 1904	Mead	Hazel D	29 Sep 1943
Bradshaw	Mary	1 Jul 1870	Montague	Etta	30 Sep 1921
Bryant	Neva	25 Sep 1924	Moore	Hazel	26 Sep 1941
Clancey	Agnes	30 Apr 1885	Mulder	Clarence	22 Dec 1891
Clark*	Helen	9 Jan 1931	Mull	Florence	24 Oct 1913
Cox	Albert	5 Nov 1889	Norton	Carrie	23 Jun 1887
Cox	A J	2 Jan 1891	Palmer	Leona	24 Sep 1936
Cox	James	11 Dec 1895	Pangborn/Pangburn	Nealia/Nelia	15 Jun 1869
Crane	Mary	28 Oct 1890	Parker	Maud	11 May 1890
Eaton*	Mark A	11 Sep 1925	Pellow	Lucile	24 Nov 1948
Elliott*	E B	22 Oct 1929	Pepple	Emma	8 Jun 1893
Freeman	Charles	3 Feb 1881	Plunkett	(Miss)	27 May 1892
Freeman	Henry	18 Jun 1882	Post	Francis/Fanne	4 Oct 1888
Freeman	Henry	28 Oct 1885	Putman	D	4 Apr 1884
Freeman	Charles	23 Dec 1887	Putman	D	5 Sep 1884
Gibbard	Helen	8 May 1891	Robbins*	Melba	13 Sep 1940
Gleason	Ellen	14 Mar 1879	Roberts	Lewis	22 Sep 1902
Gleason	L J	30 May 1888	Rowley	Annie	29 Sep 1919
Grove	Hattie	6 Jan 18999	Sherman	Etta	22 Oct 1880
Grove	Althea	6 Nov 1903	Skinner	Searin	9 Oct 1883
Grove	Althea	23 Oct 1908	Slocum		Between Feb & Oct 1880
Grove	Althea	11 May 1909	Smith	Leona	29 Sep 1922
Hadley	Edith	22 Jul 1881	Stone	E E	2 Mar 1869
Hallead*	Carol	29 Oct 1937	Swarthout	Gladys	6 Oct 1916
Hampton	Blanch	10 May 1889	Symonds/Symons	Mae M	4 Feb 1926
Hart	Myrtle	5 Oct 1886	Walker	Ella M	6 Oct 1905
Holley	Ethel	28 Sep 1906	Walworth	Edith	24 Oct 1901
Hollister	Cary	19 Dec 1884	Welter	M L	14 Oct 1892
House		18 Feb 1870	Wilbur*	Louise	25 Sep 1935
Hunter	Nora	1 Oct 1895	Williams	Frank	15 Dec 1879
Hunter	Nora	11 May 1896	Williams	W A	20 Dec 1883
			Wyrick*	W M	8 Jul 1926

EARLY SETTLER

Robert W. Geisenhaver received Early Settler Certificates in September 2005 for submitting proofs of lineage from his ancestors, **Jacob and Mathias Geisenhafer**. Before 1860, this father and son held land in sections 20 and 21, respectively, of DeWitt Twp.

LINEAGE CHART

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. BERTASO on 28 JANUARY 1950
Who is child of JOHN P. BERTASO & HOLLIS BLASDELL
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 VIOLA PELLERAN
Who is child of WILLIAM PELLERAN & 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 GEISENHAFER
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 JACOB GEISENHAFER
Born 24 JULY 1830 at GERMANY
Married to FREDERICA DEEG
Child of CHRISTIAN DEEG & _____
On 05 JAN 1854 at ANN ARBOR MICHIGAN
Died 26 MARCH 1909 at DEWITT CLINTON MICHIGAN
Buried HURD CEMETERY CLINTON CO MI occupation FARMER
Military service CIVIL WAR other spouses _____

5 gg-grandparent MATHIAS GEISENHAFER
Born c 1900 at GERMANY
Married to RUSINE
Child of _____ & _____
On _____ at _____
Died 1869 at DEWITT CLINTON COUNTY MICHIGAN
Buried HURD CEMETERY CLINTON CO MI occupation FARMER
Military service NONE other spouses _____

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

- St. Johns High School & County Normal Commencement program; 1933
- Clinton Co. School Directories: 1956-7; 1957-8; 1959-60, 1961-2, 1962-3
- Wilson School Treasurer's Records 1869-1950
- *Packin' Up & Movin' On*; RB Wilson School yearbook; 1997-98
- Clinton Co. Rural Directory; 2011-12
- Gratiot Co. Rural Directory; 1964
- St. John's Episcopal Church records & scrapbooks
- Peck Family research, L.. Gregory
- Martin Raus/Rauss Family research
- Sinclair History
- Holmes Family research, R & D Martin
- *Descendants of Jude & Patience Parker*; Jerry Bohnet
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- DeWitt family research; by Rowlan Smith
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 - Wildcat School students; 1946
 - James Chapman & Horatio W. Stanton (CW soldiers)
 - Hattie Pope, Matilda, & Mary R. Stanton
 - Milo Biron Pincomb
 - Ada Philanda (DeWitt) Pincomb
 - Dimond family collection
 - Elmo M. Frink
 - Gladys (Porter) Jarvis
 - L. G. Bates

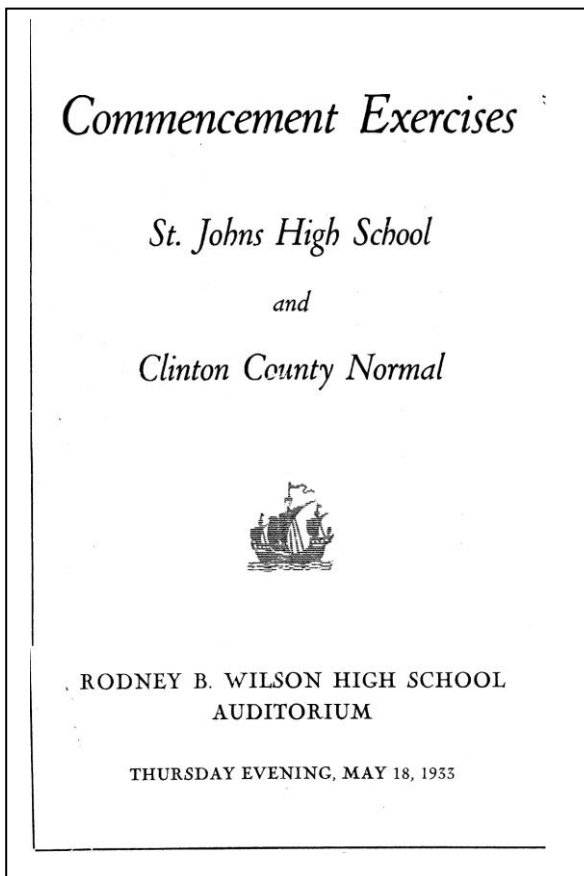
Schaefer Genealogy

Linda (Schaefer) Thelen announces a recently-completed family history for the Scha(e)fer Family, 1750-2011--the descendants of **John Peter Schafer** of Langenfeld, Germany. There are 176 pages, in color, costing \$50 plus \$5 postage. Contact Linda at ink_dot@hotmail.com.

Classes of 1933

High School

Florence E. Abbott	Harry w. Jury
Geraldine Ruth Ash	Geraldine e. Kieffer
Mary Jane Beach	LeRoy Claud McCluer
Marjorie Annis Becher	Martha Leone Marshall
Raymond G. Becher	Ruth Caroline Marzke
John Lawrence Becker	Beatrice Ethelene Maxwell
Dorothy May Bedaine	Lewis James Neelands
Marguerite Belle Begel	Delcena Palmer
E. Doris Benson	Elizabeth Marie Parish
Hilda Mae Bigelow	Stanley C. Perry
Florine L. M. Bond	Bernice M. Rall
Alice Margtuerite Bottum	George E. Rall
Francis B. Brainerd	Laura Estelle Ranney
Glenn Eugene Brown	Kenneth A. Reed
Robert Oramel Campbell	Thelma A. Rhynard
Carol Violet Coffman	James Lloyd Rice
Josephine L. Coleman	Olive Verginia Ridenour
Roma E. Coleman	Ida Ruth Robinson
Leo W. Corkin	Charles D. Ross
Jack G. Danley	Myrtle E. Salisbury
Lois L. Danley	Lorrie Schavey
Clarence I. Day	Zenethan C. Schultz
Beth irene Dellamater	Doris Audrey Schumaker
Cereta Arlene DeVries	Roy N. Shafley
R. G. DuBois	George A. Shultz
Dempsey Ebert	Helen Simunek
Margarette Woodruff Ernst	Stephen N. Sira
Lorene Fayrweather	Helen Louise Smith
Albert E. Fields	Thelma Doris Snyder
Dorothy Virginia Fox	Raymond Russell Stephens
Alice Martha Greene	Alice Mae Teed
Eileen Katherine Harris	Arnold C. Tucker
Jennie E. Harter	Esther E. Vanderville
Marie Maxine Hettler	Albert Waidelich, Jr.
Margaret Elizabeth Husle	Mildred Marie Welch
	Leslie O. Wesner



Donated by Janet Tiedt

Clinton Co. Normal Class 1908 Photo

Hubert F. Newman has provided additional identification for the Clinton Co. Normal Class of 1908 photo printed in the previous issue:

Archie Monroe Newman is in the back row 2nd from right;

Lula McCreery, teacher, is in the front row, 3rd from left.

Myrtle Irene (McCreery) Newman, Lula's sister, far right, middle row

County Normal

Ruth Eloise Angell	Donald Maurice Gove
Marie Anna Arens	Margaret Emmaline Gove
Philip E. Blalock	Eloda Bernice Heibeck
Esther Bond	Elaine A. Kebler
Edith Bottum	Wilma Law
Florence F. Brink	Pauline E. Lewis
Lucille Hester Burl	Beatrice Siefert
Shirley Mae Conn	Donald John Smith
Arline Doris Conrad	Josephine Spitzley
Dorothy Geraldine Dietrich	Clarice Genevieve Thrush
Arthella Marie Eisler	Dorothy Edith Waltz
Anna Dorathea Fischer	Helen Workman



Mr. & Mrs Ron Hoffman

P-G-S Museum Acquires Tile Machine

A **Farmers Cement Tile Machine** was donated to the Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum in July by Mr. & Mrs. **Ron Hoffman** of Zeeland.

L. R. Peck of St. Johns applied for its patent in 1906. Richmond & Holmes of St. Johns began its manufacture in 1909, marketing it nationwide.

Ron Matson has researched this company thoroughly and documented it in his book, *The Old Machine Shop and the Ashery that Preceded it*. Matson's story was published in several issues of *Clinton Co. Trails*, starting with the Sept. 2006 issue.

YALLUP REUNION

Clinton Republican; 6 Nov 1913

A very pleasant family reunion was held at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Larkins** on Church St. last Saturday. Out of the 56 relatives, 52 of them assembled for the reunion of the descendants of **Mr. and Mrs. George Yallup**, deceased, but for many years residents of Bingham Township. Among one of the four absent was **Thomas Yallup** of South Lyons, one of five living children.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Larkins was very prettily decorated with carnations, autumn leaves, and Halloween decorations.

The brothers and sisters are: **Mrs. Lyman Sperry, Mrs. Thomas Teed, and George Yallup** of Bingham, and **Mrs. Stephen DuBois** of St. Johns. Fourteen of the 16 grandchildren were present & all of the 19 great grandchildren were there.

After dinner, **Mrs. Frank W. Knapp** of Bingham presided for the program which opened by all singing *Nearer my God to Thee*. A history of the Yallup family was then read by Mrs. George Yallup of Bingham.

George Yallup, father of the present generation, was born in Norfolk, England, in 1819. His parents, having died while he was young, he began working for his living at the age of six. August 14, 1844, he married **Mary Baxter**. After residing in England for six years, Mr. Yallup decided to come to American and send for his family as soon as possible. His money gave out while in New York, but he obtained work upon a boat bound for Cleveland. In Cleveland he wrote and informed his family of his whereabouts and a year later went to Oakland Co. and worked until he had money to send for his family. During this time he took up 40 acres of government land, a part of which is now the old homestead, three miles south of St. Johns.

Left alone in England, Mrs. Yallup supported herself and four small children mostly by gleaning in the fields. In making the trip to America, the vessel she was on was wrecked; a second ship was driven back to port because of a severe storm; the third time she sailed with better results. On shipboard, Mrs. Yallup was very sick with cholera but finally, with her family, reached Detroit where they were met by Mr. Yallup who had waited in that city for them for three weeks.

They came to Bingham Twp. in a lumber wagon and lived with a neighbor until they had cleared a place for a log house. Eight children were born to them and, with one exception, lived to have homes of their own and settled within five miles of their parent's home.

Following the reading of the family history, officers were elected as follows: president, George Yallup, Bingham; secretary, **Mrs. Perry Teed**, Olive; treasurer, **Perry Teed**, Olive. Another reunion will be held next year about Nov. 1, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Teed in Olive. The program closed with songs and recitations by the following great grandchildren: **Erma Eaton, Velma Burg, Althea Knapp, Francis and Bernice Teed, Treva Larkins** and also by **Doris Sperry** and **Elva Burg**.

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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

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



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