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ONOMASTICS

....the study of names, is a recognized specialty among professional linguists.

Originally, perhaps, there were no names, but it soon became essential to have a way of distinguishing one person from another. In a very small group one name was enough but then, as communities grew, it became necessary to add another name to prevent mistakes.

Genealogists are well aware that different branches of their family, even members of the same branch may spell their surnames differently. There are many reasons for this...perhaps the spelling in their foreign country of origin had a long complicated spelling, perhaps an immigration officer could not spell it other than phonically, perhaps the person themselves did not like the long spelling or difficulty in pronunciation, some people, when immigrating, wanted to be "more American", some names can be mispronounced to mean something bad/unsavory, etc. Or even that the person was illiterate and let someone else do the spelling.

In 1974 the Social Security Administration states there were only 1,286,556 different surnames of Americans. Among these more than a third [circa 43,000] are unique and 448,663 of surnames occur only once. This leaves approximately only 795,000 surnames used by the majority of Americans. Oddly enough, every letter of the alphabet occurs as a name at least twice [Mr. Q, Mr. X, Mr. C, etc.] Now, in 2013, we occasionally find "made up" or combination names derived from new 'lifestyles'.

Many actual family names had common sources or common meanings. For instance, the English Smith/Smythe has the same meaning as the German Schmidt, Czech Kovar, Finnish Seppanen, Italian Ferrari, Polish Kowalski, Spanish Herrera, Syrian Haddad, etc. There are dozens of other national variations all meaning "smith" a worker with metal.

The origin of almost all English and continental surnames falls into four categories.

1. Place names..... John Brooks, John Forest
2. Occupational names..... John Smith, John Farmer
3. Descriptive names..... John Long, John Strong
4. Patronyms John Robertson, John Williamson

With few exceptions, American surnames fall into these same categories. The most common names in 1623 are almost all still found among today's most popular American surnames.

Some American Indians/Native Americans had different names for different seasons. African surnames have different patterns. When slaves were freed, they usually chose their own names. sometimes taken from the customs of their tribes in Africa which meant that their names could change many times during their lifetime, having to do with changes in their life. [birth/

puberty/fatherhood/death]. Some took the surname of their former owner.

Asian names follow a complicated system unique to each of their homelands.

It is no wonder that trying to follow a surname back into time to prove our ancestry can be a challenging and sometimes impossible task.

Here are some of the unusual or amusing English surnames from their much longer list taken from *English: Common and Amusing Names in Census of 1790 of the British and the Northern Europeans*:

Household and Domestic Affairs

- *Food & Eating*: Soup, Oyster, Haddock, Pork, Savory, Stew, Duck, Quail, Goose, Gravy, Tripe, Kidney, Liver, Hash, Ham, Eggs, Goodbread, Butter, Radish, Vinegar, Carrott, Squash, Brownice, Waffle, Honey, Pancake, jam, Fudge, Tea, Diet, Slice, Greens, Alspice.
- *Drink*: Brandy, Goodrum, Grog, Grapewine, Cider, Freshwater, Booze.
- *Clothing*: Dress, Raiment, Gowns, Petticoat, Redsleeves, Feather, Spangle, Shoe, Highshoe, Stockins, Jumpers, Overall, Socks, Cap, Bloomer.
- *Sewing Materials*: Linen, Silk, Poplin, Buttons, Needles, Pin, Pattern, Spool, Threadcraft, Patching, Whitecotton

Human Characteristics

- *Kinds of Men*: Countryman, Iceman, Sickman, Shorman, Toughman, Tidyman, Weathreman, Houselighter, Woolweaver, Landmiser, pioneer, Pagan, Pettyfool, Passenger, Biters, Fakes, Equals, Drinker, Dancer, Cusser, Spitter, Booby, Dunce, Boor, Crook, Rascal, Swindle, madsavage, Hero
- *Condition*: Hunger, Thirst, Smell, Taste, laughter, Reason, Clemency, Care, Wit, Devotion, Goodcourage, Fuss, Flurry, Piety.
- *Appearance or State*: Plump, Comely, Sallow, Supple, Bony, Barefoot, Busy, Idle, Careless, Gushing, Dumb, Howling, Daft, Looney, Dowdy, Fickle, Gadding, Sober, maudlin, Severe, Naughty, Toogood, Prudent, Hasty, Allright, Lazy, Upright, Underhand, Measley, Cacklin.
- *Ailments and Remedies*: Fatyouwant, Gout, Fever, Crampeasy, Measles, Swelling, Gripe, Ache, Blackhead, Fits, Quack, Physic, Pill
- *Parts & Actions of the body*: Brains, Forehead, Ears, Wrists, Hips, Gullets, Hearts, Bowels, Voices, Whisper, Murmurs, Grunts, Howls, Smack, Caress.

Religion, Music and Literature

- *Religion*: Preacher, Chapel, Steeples, Spires, Organ, Pew, Sermon, Creed, Bible, Psalms, Psalter, Sinners, Miracle, Hell.
- *Music & Literature*: Music, Harmony, Overture, Duett, Harp, Fiddle, Fife, Poet, Rymes, Jingles, Ballad, Parody.

Property

- *Kind of house, building material & belongings*: Lot, Brickhouse, Mahogany, Oldhouse, Halfacre, Laughinghouse, Brickroof, Gutters, Lumber, Scantling, Cranny, Lockkey, Buttery, Pump.
- *Surroundings*: Stable, Trough, manger, Coolyard, Woodhouse, Milkhouse, Warehouse.
- *Furniture & Tableware*: Curtain, Vase, Clocks, Desk, Chairs, Bolster, Bucket, Snuffer, Platter, Newbowl, China, Knife, Forks, Saucer.
- *Merchandise & Commodities*: Stove, Auction, Wondersale, Shovel, Poker, Hammock, Tubs, Ax, Nuthammer, hatchet, Whetstone, Gouge, Oats, Husks, Barley, Bomb, Brass, Camphor, Cowhorn, Cutwork, Dipper, Ivory, Junk, Pencil, Sickle, Silkrags, Smallcorn, Stilts, Turnipseed, Whitehorn, Wigs, Hames, Surrey.
- *Money*: Money, Dollar, Milldollar, Thickpenny, Shilling, Nickles.

Nature

- *Color*: Colour, Ruby, Pink, Purple, Seagray, Orange, Lavender, Scarlet
- *Objects of nature or features of a landscape*: Tallhill, Widedale, Woodsides, Bogs, Chestnutwood, Hazelgrove, Woodyfield, Wilderness, Middlebrook, Gully, Taterfield, Longwall, Maypole, lowbridge, Drawbridge, Woodendyke, Saltmarsh, Oysterbanks, Sharpstone.
- *Trees*: Oaks, Greenoak, Chestnut, Willow, Tumbletree, Redwood, Sap, Acorn

- *Plants & Flowers:* Plants, Weeds, Shrub, Primrose, Ivy, Parsley, Marjoram, Wormwood, Fennel, Caraway, Bramble, Thistle, Barnthistle, Toadvine, Ragbush, Pollen.
- *Weather:* Weathers, Dry, Damp, Dismal, sprinkle, Shower, Simoon, Slush, Blizsaqrd, Coldair.
- *Beasts:* Horse, Hoss, Hossies, Mules, Kicks, Ox, Bulls, Cows, Heifer, Redheifer, Cats, Leathercat, Mouser, pup, Shoat, Sealion, Cub, Leopard, Tiger, Moose, panther, Flippers, Canter.
- *Birds:* Eagle, Canary, Woodpecker, Peacock, Raven, Skyhawk, Buzzard, Snipes, Pheasants, Antam, Gosling, Birdsong, Birdwhistle.
- *Inscets & Creeping Creatures:* Ant, Beetle, Fly, Hornet, Roach, Locust, Snails, Maggot, Worm, Snake, Turtle, Frong.

The Ocean & Maritime Subjects

- Seas, Billows, Breeze, Ship, Sloop, Barge, Bigraft, Anchor, Commodre, Mariner, Sheipsboy, Swab.

War

- War, Campaign, Fight, Fightmaster, Boom, Guns, Trigger, Pistol, Bugler, Officer, Treason, Prison.

Death & Violence

- Death, Deadman, Hearse, Vaults, Tombs, Moregraves, Murder, Demon, Ghost, Mummy.

Time

- Months, Weeks, Shortday, Nights, Hour, Midwinter, August, Yesterday, Tuesday, Allday, Always, Friday, Sunday, Monday, Lunch, Supper, Christmas, Easter, Goodnight.

Unusual Combinations of Common Forms

- Cathole, Clapsaddle, Clinkscales, Crackbone, Flybaker, Fryover, Goodbit, Goosehorn, Graytracks, Hogmire, Hungerpealer, Liptrot, Milksack, Moonshine, Spitsnoggle, Stophell, Sunlighter, Sydebottom, Threewits.

Striking or Ludicrous Combinations of Christian names and surnames

- Joseph Came, Peter Wentup, John Sat, Sarah Simpers, Ruth Shaves, Barbary Staggers, Joseph Rodeback, christy Forgot, Agreeen Crabtree, Snow Frost, Wanton Bump, Adam Hatmaker, Darling Whiteman, Mourning Chestnut, River Jordan, Over Jordan, Boston Frog, Bachelor Chance, Anguish Lemmon, Unity Bachelor, Thomas Purify, Noble Gun, Hardy Baptist, Mercy Pepper.

It is difficult to image how some of these names came into being. It make you wonder, "What were their parent thinking?" Many of them, though, may be humorous like the following:

Ami Anne Althouse	Valentine Crapo	Ernest Halfway	Crystal Ball	Penny Nichol
Gloria Mae Tickle	C. Julia Barefoot	Penny Wise	Christian Girl	
Manny Admire	Pompy Messenger	Echo Rattles	Chintz Royalty	
Willy Twitty	Green Woodpecker	Bob Redheffer	Memory D. Orange	

Ran into a Train - Wm. Steven's Remarkable Escape from Death

Wm. Stevens, an Essex famer who lives just west of **McMastser's**, must have concluded Saturday night last that he was born under a lucky star.

There have been the full quota of miraculous escapes from death in accidents on the railroad cross in St. Johns, and The News has many times chronicled such events, but **Wm. Stevens** experience rather over tops the record and hardly seems creditable.

He was driving north on Lansing street, Saturday evening, with a spirited team, such as he takes great pleasure in driving, and as he approached the railroad crossing the electric alarm bell warned the approach of an incoming freight train. The noise of the bell and the rumble of the train frightened his team and they were soon unmanageable. In less time than it takes to tell it the locomotive had crossed the street and the team rushed headlong into the tender, of course, the force of the train hurled the team, wagon and all to one side of the road. Mr. Stevens was thrown many feet and landed in a deep ditch. He was carried to the Farmer's Hotel and **Road Physician Gillam** summoned. Strange as it appears Stevens was not dangerously hurt. His face was badly scratched, an ugly gash cut over his temple which required stitches. His side was also badly bruised but otherwise he seems to be uninjured.

Neither of the horses were injured. it was the most fortunate accident that could be imagined and the only wonder is, that the driver and team were not run down by the locomotive.

Stevens was taken home Sunday and is being attended by Dr. Gillam who says he is getting along nicely. (SJV 22 Jul 1896)

NEWZ FROM EARLY PAPERS

Courtesy of archives staff & other discerning researchers.

"Fall fires are about due and before starting them, the money which has been withdrawn from banks and hidden away in stoves and fireplaces should be removed to the top bureau drawer. Silver certificates make excellent kindling, but few like to utilize them in that way on account of expense." (S/N - 1897)

"A Michigan woman pricked her finger with a rusty pin and died from the effects of the wound. A Cleveland man cut his throat and jumped from a third story window and is alive. These things of life and death is a remarkable problem." (S/N - 1897)

ELECT DIRECTORS AT INITAL GOLF CLUB MEETING WEDNESDAY

WILL SELECT SUITABLE SITE FOR LINKS HERE

Directors were elected at the first meeting of the St. Johns Golf club held at the court house in this city Wednesday night. They are: **Harry Walsworth, Raymond Hull, R. D. Fowler, Stanley Wilson, John Hicks, Oliver Spaulding** and **A. G. Jones**. Officers will be elected later.

The directors were authorized to select a suitable site for the links, report will be made at the next meeting of the club.

---The use of roller skates has been introduced in our village by **Parker Lucas**, and the first trial was had at Newton Hall last Tuesday evening. They are just the things to make the horses break their fastenings and run away, if allowed to be used upon our sidewalks. Keep them inside and all will be well. (CR 1877)

"The Ovid stove factory and cooperage was destroyed by fire at an early hour last Thursday morning, involving a loss of about \$5000, bully covered by insurance. It was owned by eastern capitalist, and, as they had previously talked of removing it, it is thought that it will not be rebuilt. Ovid will fell the loss, as forty men are thrown out of employment." (CR 17 Aug 1882)

"The St. Johns *Sentry* is dead; but it will not be lonesome across the dark valley. It will be met there by many friends who have gone before. The late *Home Chronicle* will welcome it at the pearly gates and fasten on its wings--- ST. JOHNS REPUBLICAN. Yes, and it will find the *Pontiac Industrial Journal* standing there harp in hand. *Holly Advertiser*. Shiawassee county will next send greeting to the above named greenback organ--*Owosso Times*. With the Lansing *Sentinel* waiting for a beckoning hand to aid it across the dark valley---*Maple Rapids Dispatch*. (CR 17 Aug 1882)

Grant Citizenship to eight residents of Clinton County

Federal Examiner Present at hearing June 6

Eight residents of Clinton county were granted citizenship in the United States after their examinations before **Judge E. J. Moinet** and the Federal examiner from Chicago in Clinton county circuit court Wednesday morning. Several were denied for various reasons.

Those who received their final naturalization papers were: **Fred Budzier**, Bengal twp; **Mary Nagel**, Westphalia; **William Rossow**, Riley twp; **Harriet M. Crawford**, Elsie; **Henry J. Witt**, Riley twp; **Julius C. Motz**, Dallas twp. **John O'Bryne**, St. Johns; **Stephen Swanchara**, Bingham twp.

The inclement weather did not seem to interfere with bicycle enthusiast Saturday and a fair crowd was in attendance at the Ovid races. The balloon ascension did not come off owing to the strong wind. **Harry Squair**, of St. Johns, won the novice race and the \$20 gold medal in 2:57, against seven competitors. **Will Evans**, of Lansing, won the half-mile open race, with **E. E. Bush**, of Caro, second. First prize, gold watch. Time, 1:20. **E. E. Bush**, of Caro, won the farmer's mile race in 3:11. prize, harrow. **Will Evans**, of Lansing, won the five mile handicap and \$75 diamond in 15 minutes. **B. E. Kellerman**, of Flint, was second. The foot races were won by **Winnie Broadbent** of Ovid.

All lovers of racing events will be sure to attend the fair this week as the track record is sure to be lowered several seconds. The track is in the best condition it ever was and already two horses with records below 2:20 are on the grounds, one trotting an exhibition mile Monday in 2:17. Our business men are offering special inducements for two other fast horses to come and Clinton county horsemen will probably see four of the speediest horses ever trotted in this part of the state. The invincible trotting horse, Harrison, will also be here. Entries in all departments are well filled and with the present indication of good weather St. Johns will have the largest and most successful fair ever held in Clinton county. (CCN 1893)

Prisoner Escapes -

A prisoner names **Johnson**, held for passing counterfeit money, escaped from the Clinton county jail yard by jumping over the fence on September 7, 1857. (CCN-1857)

First baseball game at night, under the lights, in Clinton County!

Great Fun for Fans

Next Week Will be a
Memorable One in Ball History

The Cherokee Indians

Will play St. Johns Tuesday and the
Oldsmobile Team on Thursday

Manager H. P. Gage has closed arrangements by which St. Johns lovers of the national game will have the pleasure next week of witnessing some mighty fast work on the diamond.

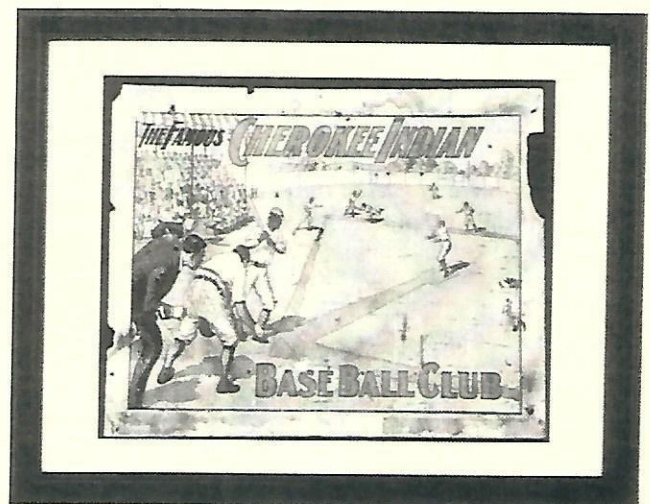
The first big game comes off on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock when St. Johns crosses bats with the famous Cherokee Indian team. The Indians are touring the county in a private Pullman car and those who have followed their playing say that they certainly go some.

A very novel feature in connection with the second game which will be played between the Indians and St. Johns, is that this game will be played after dark on Tuesday night, the game to be called at 7:30. The Indians carry their own electric lighting plant and by the use of numerous arc lights, make the grounds as light as day. They also carry canvass fencing and a grand stand with a capacity of 1,400 people.

The third game of the week will be played on Thursday afternoon at 2:30, at the Athletic park, between St. Johns and the Oldsmobile team, of Lansing. Hundreds will want to witness this game as the visitors have a well-known reputation, and there are many who think the St. Johns team will be able to make a good showing against them. (CR- 3 Aug 1905)



After finding reading this article and being in the mist of the Detroit Tigers pennant race, I thought I'd do a little research on *The Cherokee Indian* team and what was the first night game in St. Johns. I found that John Olson of Waterliviet, Michigan, toured with a bloomer girls baseball team in 1901, [which is wife was a part of] and finding success, in 1903 added an Indian team. They were known as the "*Cherokee Indians*" or "*Cherokee All-Stars*," but the team had few if any Cherokee players. Players were selected from the Menominee and Stockbridge reservations in Michigan and from Indian boarding schools. The players would receive pay, only if they won. The 1905 Indian team, as noted in the side article, traveled with eleven players and four canvas-men in a Pullman car, named Clementine. The specially-equipped coach held an undercarriage with a 1,200-foot-long, 12-foot-high canvas fence; a portable grandstand that would seat 1,000; and a complete light plant for night games. The canvas fence was designed to prevent spectators from watching games without paying for attendance, and the portable lights enabled the team to play night games and day-night double headers. The team played until about 1914.

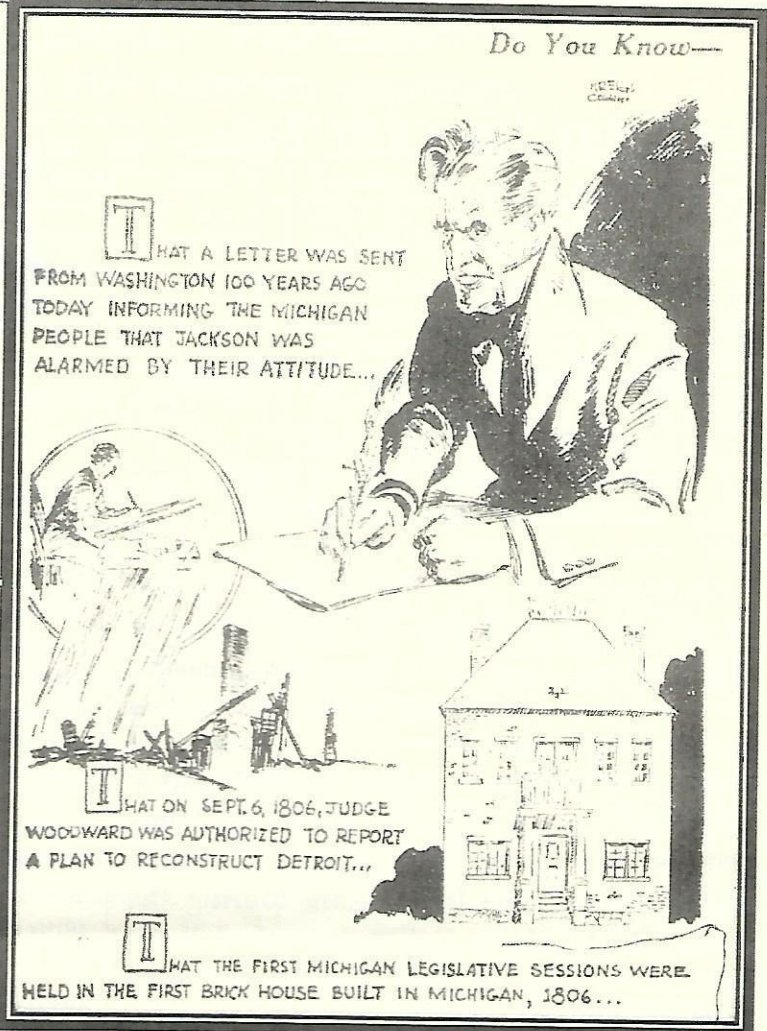


GUEST ON PROWL WHEN SMOKE BLOWS IN HOTEL WINDOW

Where there's smoke there's usually fire, but according to reports that wasn't the case at the Steel Hotel in St. Johns Monday night. It seems that a guest set fire to a bed quilt with a cigaret (sic) and tossed the smouldering (sic) blanket out the window. It landed on an adjacent roof and the smoke blew back into the building.

Two other guests, sniffing said smoke, set out on an investigation tour and finally found the cause. There was no fire in the hotel and no damage was done except to the blanket. (CCN-24 Oct 1935)

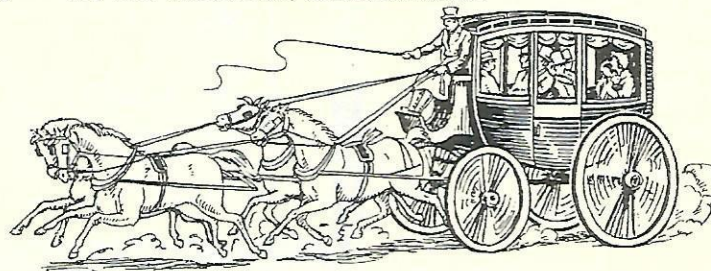
The small pox epidemic of 1894 is recalled by a decision of **Judge Daboll** recently rendered. This epidemic cost the Village of St. Johns nearly \$4000. Under the statute the board of supervisors paid all the bills except the salary of the health officer, **Dr. Palmer**, amounting to \$690. This they declined to pay on the ground that **Dr. Palmer**, being a member of the board of health of the village, it must pay him and not the county; and further that the services performed by him as health officer could not be charged up to the county, but must be paid the village. The village brought suit against the county for \$690. The court holds that the county must pay it. This is the first time this question has been decided by our Michigan courts. **Will H. Brunson** appeared for the village. (CR- 19 Nov 1896)



One of the first houses built after the fire in the Michigan territorial capital was **Gen. Hull's** house. It had the distinction of being the first brick house in Michigan and of serving for the first legislative session of the territorial council in a permanent building. The house was built by **Sam Woodworth**. [Do You Know, No. 312]

Stage to St. Johns --

Stage coach service between St. Johns and Lansing is best described by quoting an ad inserted in a St. Johns newspaper in early 1860: "A coach belonging to the St. Johns and Lansing stage line leaves St. Johns daily for Lansing at 1 p.m. Another leaves Lansing daily at 7 a.m., arriving in St. Johns in time to connect with the 11:40 train going west. Coaches belonging to the line will call at the principal hotels both in St. Johns and Lansing." " **Wilson Curtis**" It should be noted that in 1860 Lansing did not yet enjoy railroad service, as did St. Johns.



CLASS RECORDS OF JENNIE F. HUDSON

The Archives holds two record books which **Jennie F. Hudson** kept while teaching in Central School ca 1919. She recorded her students' marks in reading, grammar, arithmetic, and algebra. According to her obituary, Jennie was born 23 Apr. 1890, graduated Ovid High School and attended Western State University. She taught for 50 years, 40 of those in Youngstown, OH. Jennie died 19 Aug. 1976 and is buried in Maple Grove Cemetery, Ovid Twp. Following are the names listed in her record books:

Alberts	Doris	Halsey	Hazel	Monro/Monroe	Clare	White	Carl
Allison	Dorothy	Halsey	Morton	Morris	Anselm	Wideman	Pauline
Andrews	Gladys	Halsey	Robert	Munro	Clare	Williams	Lorin
Anselm	Morris	Halstead	John	Murray	Laureita	Woodbury	George
Antes	Dana	Hart	Helen	Norton	Marian	Wooley	Gladys
Atherton	Margaret	Haynes	Freda	Parr	Alice	Workman	Raymond
Atkinson	George	Hazel	W	Patterson	Percy	Wright	William
Atkinson	Thomas	Hobart	Veda	Payne	Belma	Zabelka	John
Ballinger	Lucile	Holton	Edward	Payne	Beryl	Zigler	Marieta
Bancroft	John	Horn	Josephine	Peck	Roscoe		
Barnes	Helen	Hostetler	Lawrence	Phippeny	Leo		
Beadle	Athol	Hulbert	Leo	Pope	Frank		
Beadle	Forest	Hull	Edward	Post	Katherine		
Black	George	Hull	Raymond	Pratt	Kenneth		
Blakeslee	Leonard	Hutchison	Elonore	Price	Orval		
Blynn	Vincent	Hutchison	Merlin	Purvis	Alvada		
Boron	Frances	Irving	W Lee	Redfern	Gladden		
Brenner	Lloyd	Jackson	Kenneth	Rees/Reese	Albert		
Brown	Earl	Jackson	Laura	Rice	Elsie		
Calkins	Muriel	Jackway	May	Richmond	Oliver		
Caruss	Agnes	Kathe	Isabel	Russell	Frank		
Chapman	George	Kedgie	Katheryn	Shaver	Gordon		
Clemons	Maurice	Kelly/Kelley	Lewis	Sheldon	Opal		
Cook	Ida Lee	Knight?	Oliver	Sherman	Irma		
Cooley	Cecil	Kosht?	Esther	Shulters	Vinetta		
Creaser	Opal	Krepps	R G	Silsby	Lois		
Crowner	Dorris	Kress	Pauline	Simmon	Dorothea		
Darnell	Clifton	Kress	Pauline	Smith	Mary		
Dean	Grace	Lake	Charles	Smith	Maxwell		
DeLong	Mary	Lake	Lester	Stead	Wilma		
Deprez	Loretta	Lamberson	Clifford	Stevens	Wellington		
Doty	Edith	Lapham	Palmer	Stinebower	LeRoy		
Dykeman	Blanche	Lillie	Flossie	Stoerch	Myra		
Eaton	Irving	Little	Hazel	Strong	Clarence		
Eitelbuss	Kenneth	Lyon	Hortense	Summers	Keith		
Ellis	Ruby	Mack	Charles	Taber	Beulah		
Fitzpatrick	Clifford	Mack	Theodore	Talmadge	Donna		
Fitzpatrick	Percy	Martin	Aloysius	Tilford	Glenn		
Foerch	Gertrude	McAuslan	Roy	VanVleet	Dorris		
Foley	Alice	McCracken	Agatha	Viges	Hazel		
Foley	Charles	McKeeby	Thelma	Vincent	Blynn		
Frank	Russell	McQuiston	Florence	Ward	Stuart		
Gillison	Leslie	Mehney	Thelma	Webb	Bernard		
Gilson	Robert	Miller	Louise	Weller	LaVerne		
Gohn	Walter	Mock	Charles	Weller	Rolland		
Green	Irma	Moinet	Margaret	Wesley	Hazel		



Query.....

I am searching for piano students my grandmother, **Mae Clavey (Brya)** may have taught in Olive, Riley, DeWitt or St. Johns. She drove her horse, John, through the countryside and taught in the homes of her students. At times, when the horse needed to be fed,

She gave the lesson in exchange for the feed. The time period would have been 1897 – 1900, approximately. She and her Father, **Victor Clavey**, played for many dances in the Grange Halls in the areadoes anyone have any information on that?

Mary L. (Brya) Hopp

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ANNOUNCE LIST OF TEACHER FOR SCHOOLS HERE NEXT YEAR

FACULTY POSITIONS ALL FILLED WITH ONE EXCEPTION

(CCN - 1923)

Superintendent **F. P. Buck** of the St. Johns schools, has announced the following list of teachers for the school year, 1923-24. All of the positions but one have been filled.

High School -- **F. P. Buck**, superintendent; **Ben C. Fairman**, principal & history; **Grace P. Hunt**, English; **E. J. Martin**, physics and chemistry; **Marian Ney**, commercial subjects; **Edna A. Stevens**, Latin; **Mary E. Rogers**, algebra & English; **Elsie W. Townsend**, biology and general science; **H. D. Corbus**, agriculture; **Cedric R. Adams**, history; **Henry W. Decker**, mathematics; **Edith A. Jensen**, French and **Gwen Whitehouse**, English.

Central School -- **Rhoda Waldo**, 8th grade; **Hazel M. Angel**, 8th grade; **Minnie Barrington**, 7th grade; **Maud Footit Scott**, 6th grade; **Mildred Amos**, 5th grade; **Anna Ryan**, 3rd & 4th grades; **Frances Gee**, 1st & 2nd grades; **Gladys Gregory**, sub-primary; **Martha MacArthur**, principal county normal and **Winifred F. Sargent**, critic room.

North Ward - **Ethel Bishop**, 5th & 6th grades; **Anna Ketchum**, 3rd & 4th grades; **Ferne Avery**, 2nd & 3rd grades; **Ethel Chapin**, 1st & 2nd grades; and **Beatrice B. Boynton**, sub-primary.

East Ward - Sixth and seventh grades, not filled, **Viola M. Smith**, 4th & 5th grades; **Helen Holton**, 2nd & 3rd grades; **Marjorie Fisk**, sub-primary and 1st grade; and **Marion Gardner**, music & art.

St. Johns School Teacher

(SJN - 5 Sep 1893)

School commenced yesterday with the following teachers:

Superintendent - **Prof. R. F. Tinkham**
Principal - **Miss Genevieve Kinne**
First Assistant - **Miss Anna M. Bailey**
Second Assistant - **Miss Browney Bromley**
Eight grade - **Mrs. Edward Clark**
Seventh grade - **Miss Celia Smith**
Sixth grade - **Mrs. R. T. Watson**
Fifth grade - **Miss Jennie Maxam**
Fourth grade - **Miss Ota Lake**
Third grade - **Miss Florence Wilson**
Second grade - **Miss Ada Cochrane**
First grade - **Miss Roe Temple**

East Side:

3rd & 4th grades - **Anna Ketchum**
1st & 2nd grades - **Miss Sara Pouch**

Perrin School:

4th and part of 3rd grade - **Mrs. R. F. Tinkham**
3rd and part of 2nd grade - **Miss Anna Stephenson**
1st grade - **Miss Helen Wheellock**



Hurd School, Dewitt Township, Clinton County, Michigan

This school stands on the Old DeWitt Road and Hurd Cemetery is located behind the school. **William Bauerly**, whose family resided with his family across the road from the school and cemetery, was on the School Board for this district and also the cemetery's sexton.

How Old is Michigan's Oldest Farm?

The de Bussset Farm on Grrosse Ile holds the title of the state's oldest farm. Purchased by them in government auctions and merchant Alexander and William Macomb from members of the Potawatomi tribal. Dates back to 1775 the year of our nation's birth.

The modern day owner of the farm, Denise de Bussset, is the great great great grand daughter of the Macomb's. She owns 24 acres of the original farm and operates it as Westcott Gardens, a botanical garden and event nursery.



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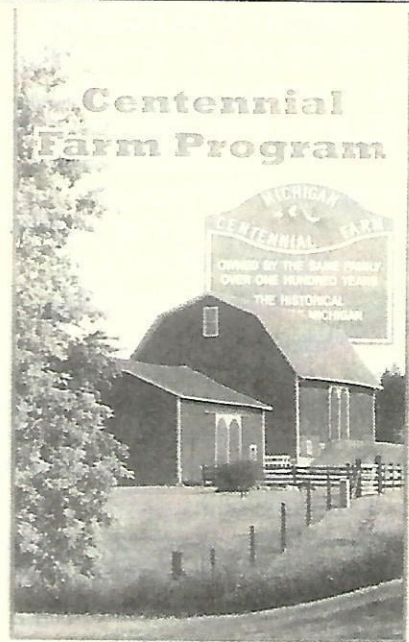
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The Historical Society of Michigan

The Centennial Farm Program is administered by the Historical Society of Michigan. Founded in 1828, the Historical Society is dedicated to advancing Michigan's history through publications, conferences, K-12 and adult educational activities, services to local historical organizations, and awards and recognition programs.

The Centennial Farm Program was operated by the Michigan Historical Commission from 1948 to 2018.

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**Celebrating Michigan's
Oldest Family Farms**



www.michigan-centennialfarm.org

**Take Your Place in Michigan's
Farming History**

If your family has owned and operated a Michigan farm for 100 years or more, that's a significant accomplishment. The Historical Society of Michigan (HSM) can help you celebrate that milestone by offering certification through its Centennial Farm Program.

Is My Farm Eligible to be a Centennial Farm?
If your farm meets certain criteria, it's likely to be eligible for Michigan Centennial Farm designation.

First, it must be a working farm. Second, it must encompass more than 10 acres. Third, ownership of the farm must have remained in the same family for 100 or more consecutive years.

**What Does It Take to Certify a
Centennial Farm?**

There is an application to be filled out and mailed in, along with supporting material including photographs, deeds, and a site plan. Once all materials required have been received, a certification decision will be made and the owners notified.

**What Benefits Come with
Centennial Farm status?**

First and foremost, you get to post a handsome, green metallic sign in your yard which demonstrates to the community your commitment to agriculture. These signs are generously sponsored by local electric companies. You will also receive a frame-ready certificate and a one-year complimentary membership in the Historical Society of Michigan, our state's oldest cultural organization. Centennial Farm status also makes you eligible to join the exclusive Michigan Centennial Farms Association.

How Do I Begin the Application Process?

To apply for Centennial Farm status, contact the Historical Society's Awards and Recognition Coordinator at (517) 324-1828 or hsm@hsmichigan.org. Additional information such as the certification application can be found on HSM's homepage at www.hsmichigan.org.



**DO YOU OWN A
SESQUICENTENNIAL
FARM?**

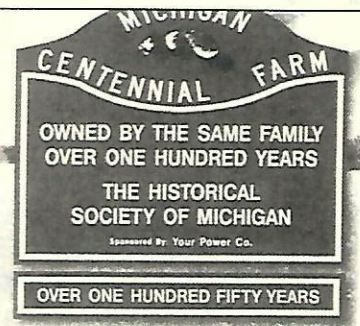
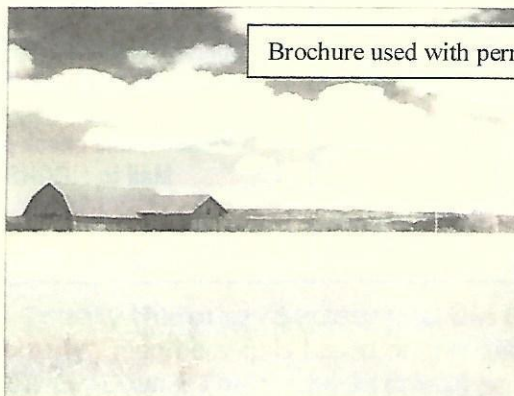
Farms that have been owned and operated by the same family for at least 150 years can be designated Sesquicentennial Farms under the same HSM process. Celebrate this additional significant milestone in your family history with a special sesquicentennial sign. A special application form for this designation can be found at www.hsmichigan.org.



**THE MICHIGAN CENTENNIAL
FARM ASSOCIATION**

The Michigan Centennial Farm Association (MCF A) was established more than 50 years ago to serve the owners of our state's 6,000 Centennial Farms. Besides hosting an annual meeting, the association publishes an informative member newsletter and makes scholarships available to MCF A family members who are pursuing careers in agriculture-related fields. For more information, visit the MCF A website at www.michigan-centennialfarm.org.

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RECENT ACQUISITIONS

- *Hepfer Family History, Germany to USA*; Dwane V. Norris; 1999; 445 pp.
- *Hepfer Family Tree; Descendants of George Jacob & Mary Ann (Walter) Hepfer*; Dwane V. Norris; 1983; 105 pp.
- *Thirteen Generations of the Walter Geere Lineage*; Norris; 2001; 1066 pp.
- *The Vogler/Fogler Family History*; Dwane V. Norris; 2002; 111 pp.
- *The Tout Family History; Devon Co., England, to the USA*; Norris; 2000; 144 pp.
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- VanSickle genealogies.
- *The Starkweather-Staples Genealogy, 1926*
- *Genealogy of the Known Descendants of Robert Carter of Corotoman [VA]*
- Chart of Swarthout descendants.
- Pedigree Chart for Katherine R. (Lange) Willson
- Peter & Bessie Miller account books, 1924-1974 (23 bks).
- Clinton Co. Directory; 2013-14.
- Postcard: Railroad looking W from Whittemore St. bridge., St. Johns.
- *Wilsonian*; 1952 yearbook
- *Michigan Manual*; 1991-2
- *Early History of Owosso*; Ball
- *150 Years of Michigan's Railroad History*; 1986
- St. John's Episcopal Church records:
 - Organization records 1858-1876
 - Parish meeting minutes 1884-1898;
 - Parish & vestry meeting minutes 1921-1933
 - Parish, vestry & altar guild meeting minutes 1934-1948
- Photos:
 - Kathryn Eleanor Swarthout
 - Flora G. (Hibbard) Brown w/ancestry chart
 - Eva Smith; 1886
 - St. Johns; Corner M-21/State St. & Maple, looking W from Courthouse.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- ❖ *Past and Present of Clinton County, Michigan*; by Judge S. B. Daboll; 1906; reprint 1987; 572 pp; index. \$40 + \$5 postage = \$45
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- ❖ *Union Home Cemetery*; Greenbush Twp., survey done May 2001; 44 pp; unbound. \$10 + \$2 postage = \$12.
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- ❖ *1940 Rural Directory of Clinton County, Michigan*; reprint 2000; 44 pp.; stapled binding. \$7.50 + \$2 postage = \$9.50
- ❖ *Clinton County, Michigan; A history told through postcards*; 2012; 116 pp; "Perfect Bound"; paperback; Apx. 250 postcards; some pages in color. \$20 + \$3 postage = \$23
- ❖ *Clinton County Trails*; quarterly newsletter; subscription included with annual dues. \$15 single. \$20 family. Back issues available for \$1 ea. incl postage.
- ❖ *Clinton County Trails*; quarterly newsletter; Vols. 1-15, 1986-2000; high resolution scans of newsletters with index in computer CD format; requires browser & Adobe Reader. \$25 + \$3 postage.
- ❖ *Clinton Co. School Census 1902-1925; Vol. 1, Bath, Bengal & Bingham Twps.* 2006, CD. \$15 + \$3 postage = \$18.
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- ❖ *Clinton Co. Pioneer Society Records 1873-1935*; 2006; CD; 482 pp of records, essays & reports. \$25 + \$3 postage = \$28.

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Clinton County, Michigan, A History told Through Postcards

We're down to a few copies of our postcard book so you may want to get yours now at the price of \$20 plus \$3 postage. Think "Christmas presents" for those interested in county history or those who have everything. Use our online order form at www.dewittlibrary.com/CCGS or write to us at Clinton Co. Historical Society, Box 174, St. Johns, MI 48879.

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. Phone: (517) 482-5117. E-mail: ccgensoc@yahoo.com
 Web page: dewittlibrary.org/CCHS. CCHS members have free usage of the Archives, non-member cost: \$5.00 fee per day.

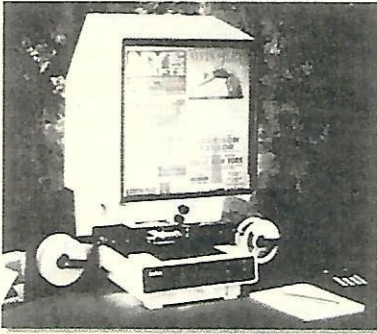
The **Historical Society** meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 1:00 pm Nov. through March and at 7:00 p.m. Apr. through Oct. at the First United Methodist Church on State Street, at the northeast corner of the courthouse in St. Johns, with entry through the south backdoors. Regular meetings are not held in June & December.

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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Mr./Mrs/Miss _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ Phone: _____ New _____ Renewal _____ E-Mail Address: _____ Date: _____	List 5 Names you are Researching: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
Send me Clinton County Trails by e-mail <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	

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.



ARCHIVES NEEDS NEW MICROFILM READER-PRINTER

The Archives is in dire need of a microfilm reader-printer. Our present machine, which was donated by Gerald & Shirley Benedict, has served us well since 2002 but is now disintegrating. Replacement parts are no longer available for it. The sales of our 2012 publication, *Clinton County, Michigan, A History told through Postcards*, have helped us towards the **approximately \$6000** cost of the microfilm-scanning unit we propose purchasing. Your donation in any amount towards this purchase would be greatly appreciated.

Please designate donations to "film scanner fund" and mail to Clinton Co. Historical Society, Box 174, St. Johns, MI 48879

FABRIC & FLOUR

Shipped direct from the mills in Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia, Mass., and North Carolina, some 7,600 yards of cotton cloth is now enroute to this city as Clinton County's quota of the gingham, percale, shirting, prints, outing flannel, and muslin contributed to the needy of the country at large by the federal government through the Red Cross. Under the direction of Mrs. G.G. Hunter of St. Johns, chairman of the local chapter, an organization has been effected for the manufacture of the cloth into suitable garments and the distribution of these garments to families in distress.

Through the cooperation of the township supervisors, a list of homes has been prepared in which reside more than 1,000 children who will be benefited by the clothing donation. At least two responsible women in each township will aid in the work and a number of organizations over the county have agreed to keep their sewing machines humming until the big consignment of cloth is ready for distribution.

An additional shipment of flour has also been authorized for Clinton Co. During the next three months 807 barrels or 6,456 sacks, weighing 25 pounds each, will find their way to kitchens that might otherwise be bare. (CCRN - 13 Oct 1932)

MORE AID

To relieve the suffering coincident with unemployment and hard times, the Clinton County Red Cross chapter has succeeded in securing 2,223 ready-made garments to help clothe the 380 families listed by the 16 township supervisors as in need of such assistance the coming winter. These garments, consisting of stockings., underwear, overalls, play suits, jumpers, knickers, and trousers, will be received from the government via American Red Cross, in addition to the 7,600 yards of cotton cloth already consigned to this county. ...The yard goods includes 1,461 yards of shirting and arrangements have been made by Mrs. Hunter to ship this cloth to Ionia where it will be cut by the prisoners at the Reformatory and then returned to this county to be made up into shirts. ...The supervisors voted an appropriation of \$100 to purchase thread, buttons, and elastic and to pay rent on the Red Cross headquarters the next three months. (CCRN - 20 Oct 1932)