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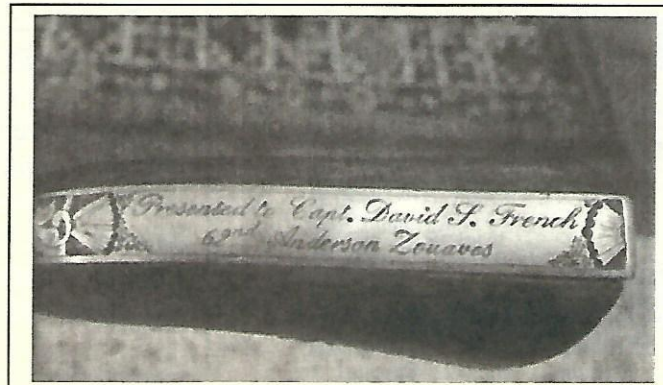
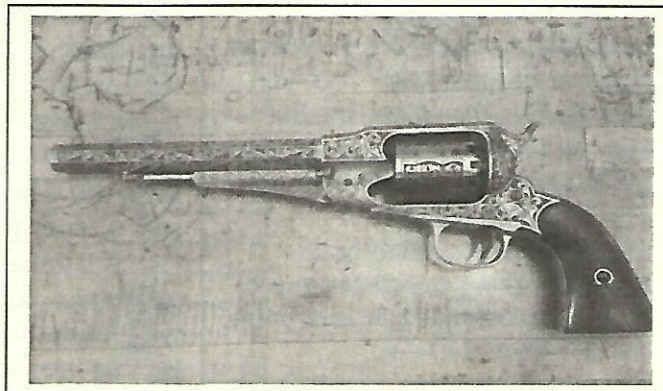
FRENCH'S GUN

The person possessing the gun shown here recently contacted the Archives of the Clinton Co. Historical Society to request research on **David S. French**. The gun is inscribed, "Presented to Capt. David S. French, 62nd Anderson Zouaves."

French (1844-1927), from whom French's Corners in Greenbush Township derived its name, served in the Civil War, first in the Ohio Volunteer Infantry and then in 110th Ohio Infantry. He took part in many battles and was one of the Cincinnati Zouaves who escorted Abraham Lincoln through Washington, D.C., to his inauguration.

He settled in Clinton County in 1871 to become Secretary and General Manager of the St. Johns Manufacturing Co. In 1879 he purchased 240 acres north of St. Johns including the house then known as Coleman's Hotel. He made improvements on the house, renamed it "The Park House," and operated it as a summer resort.

David S. French figures prominently in Clinton County's professional and civic history so it was exciting to learn of this gun's existence.



IRIS

The Best in Motion Pictures

THEATRE

ST. JOHNS, MICH.

Friday, Saturday, Jan. 8-9

ART ACCORD in

"THE CALL OF COURAGE"

Two-part Comedy. "Perils of the Wild."

Sunday, Monday, Jan. 10-11

Rex Beech's Powerful Story

"THE GOOSE WOMAN"

One of the Ten Best. News and Comedy. Matinee Sunday 3:00.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Jan. 12-13

RICHARD BARTHELMESS in

"SHORE LEAVE"

Dick's Best. Two-part Comedy.

Thursday January 13

RICARDO CORTEZ

"IN THE NAME OF LOVE"

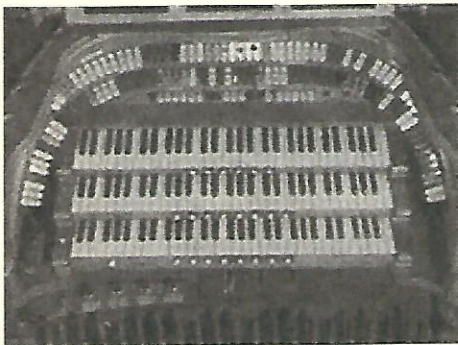
True Western. Comedy.

Ad in the Maple Rapids "The American" 7 Jan 1926

Install 300 Pipe Organ in Moving Picture Theatre

Patrons of the Iris Theater at St. Johns are getting better music with their movies nowadays. **C. R. Beechler**, owner of the theater recently installed a 300-pipe Bartola to replace the 50-pipe instrument formerly used. The new organ was heard for the first time Sunday with Miss **Esther Kosht** as organist.

Manager **Louis Savoy** states that local theater-goers are appreciating the better music. (CCRN 14 Jun 1928 p4cr4)



Bartola Organ used during the Silent picture era.

Adventures of a Sleepy Play-Goer.

(CI - 31 Dec 1874)

A GENTLEMAN who visited the Opera House on Monday night to witness the first performance in this city of Jane Coombs was unconsciously an actor in a side drama of his own making, in the following manner. He occupied a balcony seat quite aloof from others, where in his retirement, he fell asleep, and slept quite as soundly, if not as long, as Rip Van Winkle on the Catskills. Through all the clatter of the orchestra, the storm of plaudits and the usual jam and rush for a speedy exit after the final dropping of the curtain, even after chancicleer had proclaimed the coming in of another day, and the small hours had counted on until four, Mr. _____ slumbered. He awoke with a sense of extreme chilliness and a decided impression of the surrounding chaotic gloom. He reached out for the pillow on which he supposed he had been lying but found only a narrow seat on which he was sitting upright. A thousand thoughts rushed through his mind. Perhaps he had been kidnapped or drugged, or waylaid and beaten, and left for dead. Searching his pocket he found a broken match (it was more precious at this moment than a rare gain of the ocean) which he lighted with much caution lest it might prove a failure, when he discovered that he was in the Opera House, and that the lights had all but him departed." The question, "How shall I get out" was then all absorbing, for the gentleman knew full well that the watchmen who were on duty would "shoot him on the spot" for a burglar if he made a move. So he yelled "Fire, Fire" at the top of his voice, and while the watchmen were endeavoring to ascertain whence came the alarm the gentleman "rose up and desired to explain" the cause of his presence at the Opera House. "All's well that ends well." said the gentleman, as he left the watchman, but all did not end well, for he found on reaching the street-lamp that his new hat had been stolen and an old one left in its stead---- *Troy Whig.*

---Don't forget the Band Dance and the drawing for the elegant Cake Basket and Pickle Dish, at Newton Hall, tomorrow evening. Chance in the drawing .50c. Dancing .50c per couple.

--- Full 225 person participated in the Band Dance at Newton Hall, Christmas night, and it is expected that a larger company will be present tomorrow when the first of 1875 will receive a hearty old welcome.

(CI- 31 Dec 1874)

School Reports

The following is a report of the Maple Rapids High School
for the month ending December 11th, 1874:

(CI-24 Dec 1874)

Scholars	Scholarship	Deportin't	Attendance	Punctuality
Abbie Baker	98	100	83	98
John Baker	93	80	84	100
Clara Blizzard	84	70	92	100
Frank Cross	95	80	98	100
Dellie Chick	75	60	99	99
Robert Chick	88	90	100	100
Minnie Covert	94	100	100	100
Belle Covert	94	100	100	100
Charlie Crawley	97	80	92	100
Seth Creassing	83	89	87	92
Nellie Davison	100	100	100	100
Nathan Ellis	96	70	100	100
Sarah Ellicott	75	80	94	96
Paul Foreman	97	100	100	100
Leanda Gardner	91	40	98	90
Ellen Hewitt	98	70	100	99
Allie Hewitt	84	80	98	98
Ambrose Hewitt	61	30	88	100
Judson Herrendeen	87	40	98	100
Eddie Hubbell	99	100	69	100
Ida Jennings	67	69	92	94
Carrie Mansfield	87	80	98	99
Flora Martin	88	98	100	99
Wallace McDonald	97		98	100
Spencer Moss	87	80	100	100
Genie Moss	95	80	90	100
Charlie Taylor	81	80	74	100
Edwin Taylor	85	70	100	100
Eddie Robinson	93	80	95	100
Ella Vincent	100	100	27	100
Frank Vincent	84	80	100	100
Luther Woodard	95	100	100	100
Carrie Wheeler	99	99	99	99
Florence Wilber	99	100	74	95
Martin Weller	99	100	100	100
Frank Luttle	88	80	27	100
Mary Purey	87	100	93	100
Clara Price	97	99	100	99
Carrie Payne	91	100	100	100
Nellie Shaw	88	99	92	100
Emma Hughs	55	100	80	100

RULES FOR TEACHERS

1872

MI State Grange Sesquicentennial book 1987
originally from: *Historic Village School, Barry*
county

1. Teacher each day will fill lamps, trim the wicks and clean the chimneys.
2. Each morning teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the session.
3. Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual tastes of the pupil.
4. Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposed or two a week if they attend church regularly.
5. After ten hours in school, the teacher may spend the remaining time reading Bible or any other good books.
6. Women teacher who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.
7. Every teacher should lay aside from each pay, a goodly sum of his earnings his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden to society.
8. Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in barber shops will give good reason to suspect his worth, intention, integrity and honesty.
9. The teacher who performs his labors faithfully and without faults for five years will gain an increase of .25cents per week in his pay, providing the Board of Education approves.

Clinton County Teacher

The following is a list of the legally qualified teachers of Clinton county. There may be a very few names added to this list, but if there are, they will be published hereafter; so that anyone can, by preserving this list, obtain a complete list of all the teachers in the county. There are three normal diplomas held in the county, two state certificates, three first grade certificates, 54 second grades, 149 third grades and eight special certificates, making a total of 219 qualified teachers. It requires 158 teachers to supply all the schools in the county. This leaves an excess of 61 teachers. Of this latter number a larger portion have either left the county or do not desire to teach. In all cases within my knowledge, I have indicated with a star the names of those teachers who have left the county or given up teaching. The special certificates given below were issued by the secretary to teachers, who, through sickness or other good and sufficient cause, were unable to attend the public examinations this spring. They are good only in one district and expire at the next public examination by the board. Teachers holding these specials are required to possess the same qualification as those holding third grades. The secretary keeps at all times a list of teachers who wish to teach and have not secured schools. *I have now the names of twelve teachers who are anxious to teach and have no schools.* School directors, please notice.

<p style="text-align: center;">Normal Diplomas</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prof. D. B. Yntema, Phoebe A. I. Howell, Hattie Coonley</p> <p style="text-align: center;">State Certificates</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prof. S. W. Baker, O.B. Webster</p> <p style="text-align: center;">First Grade <i>Expires 1884</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">E. A. Smith of Riley Alice L. Sickles Carrie Goolthride, of Hubbarston</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Second Grade <i>Expires September 2, 1883</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">*W. H. Brunson, St. Johns Libbie Anderson, Maple Rapids * Fred H. McConnell, Westphalia Emma L. Beebe, St. Johns C. L. Morrison W. J. Hammond, Fowler * Alice E. Barstow, St. Johns Jennie S. Hurd, St. Johns *Walter Merrill, St. Johns <i>Expires October 1, 1883</i> *Helen G. Queale, St. John s Rosa Whitney, St. Johns H. A. Simmons, DeWitt Edwin DeBar, Bath Velma Robb, St. Johns</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Expires November 12, 1883</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">N. Brewster, South Riley James Harris, DeWitt T. A. Stepens, Bath A. M. Young, Matherton * Elma G. Barner A. C. Redding, Lansing Jessie Holt, St. Johns Emma Deen, Portland Alice E. Clark, Ovid Louisa J. Gibson, Wacousta <i>Expires March 31, 1884</i> W. E. Warner, Maple Rapids Mary Thompson, Ovid Mrs. J. M. Dilts, Ovid *Emily C. Peck, Greenville <i>Expires October 28, 1884</i> Chloe E. Swift, Wacousta R. V. VanFleet, DeWitt Dora M. Hunt, St. Johns Eva Smith, Eureka Annie E. Armour, Duplain Ella M. Nethaway, Ovid H. E. Terry, Maple Rapids Anna Dilts, Victor H. M. Lamphere, St. Johns A. H. Corwin, South Riley Lyman Townsend, DeWitt Etta M. Reed, Maple Rapids George W. Smith, Ovid</p>
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Expires March 30, 1885

F. D. Smith, Maple Rapids
Hattie M. Baldwin, St. Johns
William Cook, St. Johns
Florence N. Kent, South Riley
Tilla Stoner, St. Johns
Ida J. Shepard, St. Johns
Anna R. Chapin, St. Johns
H. Melva King, Lansing

Third Grade

Expires October 27, 1883

C. J. Chapman, Bath
B. W. Cade, Okemos
Ada Chapman, Bath
Gertie E. Merrihew, St. Johns
Cassius Alexander, DeWitt
E. D. Williams, DeWitt
Carrie Carpenter, DeWitt
John W. Keeney, Riley
Edith Angell, Riley
Mary Lapham, St. Johns
M. J. Crane, Victor
Eva Beurmann, Duplain
S. A. Beach, Matherton
H. J. Garlock, Wacousta
Emma Wilkinson, Shepardsville
Byron Mills, Duplain
Frankie Blanchard, St. Johns
Cora E. Brainard, St. Johns
Delia Thompson, Bath
Lizzie H. Moore, Lansing
Marion L. Tillitson, Elsie
Laura Woodard, Ovid
Rosa Stevens, Ovid
Kate F. Finch, Elsie
Ora Kimball, Bennington
C. H. Beeman, Laingsburg
Sara Pouch, St. Johns
Frank Aldrich, DeWitt
F. E. Green, Victor
Ida E. Knight, DeWitt
Rhoda S. Temple, Riley
A. A. DeClaire, St. Johns
H. A. Thompson, St. Johns
Mary Ormston, Shepardsville
H. A. Livermore, N. Lansing
Emily A. Bennett, Eagle

E. E. Albertson, St. Johns
George R. Taylor, Fowler
D. G. Locke, Hubbardson
Mrs. May Wayne, Maple Rapids
Emily Spangler, Bath
Belle Underwood, Ovid
Henry B. Freeman, Victor
Libbie Finch, St. Johns
Carrie L. Holt, DeWitt
M. L. Welter, Ovid
L. D. Dunning, Fowler
N. W. Brass, Duplain
Peter Oliver, Wacousta
G.H. Hudson, St. Johns
Anna Linman, Elsie
Dell Powers, Eureka
M. Roy Holt, DeWitt
O. L. Bristol, Maple Rapids
Nora Ryan, Maple Rapids
Anna Ryan, St. Johns
Lou M. Taylor, Bath
* C. B. Giffels, Victor
L. E. Ferguson, Maple Rapids
Jessie Jones, Eagle
Della Bogardus, Union Home

Expires March 30, 1884

George Wilkinson, Perry
J. D. Towar, N. Lansing
John Young, Bath
Grace Boosinger, N. Lansing
H. P. Gladden, Lansing
Emma A. Brown, Bath
Julia Barrett, Laingsburg
Anna Ryan, Bath
Wina Cook, St. Johns
E. L. Smith, Bath
G. E. Brindle, Bath
P. G. Towar, N. Lansing
Charles Carl, Lansing
Hattie Chapman, Bath
Alfred Townsend, DeWitt
Carrie E. Hicks, Bath
Sadie Lowell, Wacousta
Mary G. Scott, DeWitt
Lizzie Maltby, Grand Ledge
Frankie Bray, St. Johns
Mary Corbin, Lansing

Emory Eddie, Eagle
 Maud E. Leland, Portland
 Martha Daniels, Wacousta
 S. H. Fancher, DeWitt
 Wm. Gallagher, South Riley
 Eldah Apthorp, DeWitt
 A. F. Harvey, Maple Rapids
 Carrie L. Cowles, Maple Rapids
 Orrin Tuttle, Maple Rapids
 Cora Price, Maple Rapids
 Ida Hooker, Union Home
 Ettie Case, Maple Rapids
 Ida B. Replogle, Maple Rapids
 Belle Glover, Maple Rapids
 Mary Loomis, Union Home
 May R. Janes, St. Johns
 Ella Molineaux, N. Lansing
 Charlotte Gallagher, South Riley
 Emma Young, Wacousta
 Alice E. Wood, Wacousta
 George F. Stow, Fowler
 Alice Clancy, St. Johns
 Rosa E. Bogardus, Union Home
 Lizzie B. Frost, Eagle
 Ida Whitney, St. Johns
 Alice McDonald, Fowler
 J. B. Stone, Wacousta
 Jennie Dunkel, Shepardsville
 Lovinia Jason, St. Johns
 Mary Burnett, St. Johns
 Kate A. White, Ovid
 Elnora Cuddeback, Hubbardston
 W. A. Williams, St. Johns
 Susie C. Kendall, Muir
 Carrie House, St. Johns
 May Morrison, Union Home
 Jennie Herrick, Ovid
 Edith E. Hadley, Shepardsville
 D. M. Putnam, Ovid
 Lida A. Holden, Laingsburg
 Lauren Skinner, Ovid
 Elma Ford, Elsie
 Annie Squiers, Ovid
 George Schenck, Ovid
 Rosa Swarthout, Ovid
 Ella Hemstreet, Ovid
 Ella Brindle, Bath
 Ernest Dryer, Bath

Mattie Alexander, DeWitt
 Carlie Ward, Grand Ledge
 Alice Smith, St. Johns
 H. F. Keen, St. Johns
 Viola Reichard, Maple Rapids
 A. P. Knott, Maple Rapids
 Cornia Ellicott, Maple Rapids
 Lottie Nethaway, Ovid
 Belle Randall, Ovid
 M. E. Auten, Maple Rapids
 Myrtie White, Carson City
 Ettie M. Baxter, Fowler
 Agnes Clancy, St. Johns
 Edwin Hambleton, Elsie
 Kelly Searl, Elsie
 Jennie Gallagher, Riley
 Minerva Jerome, Grand Ledge
 Emma Munson, Ovid

Special Certificates

Mary L. Davis, St. Johns
 Flora B. Nye, Eureka
 Allie Corcoran, Shaftsbury
 Hattie I. Boyd, St. Johns
 Alice A. Knapp, St. Johns
 W. R. Keen, St. Johns
 A. R. Brown, St. Johns
 Nellie Williams, DeWitt

Will H. Brunson, Secretary
(CI- 19 Apr 1883)

REMEMBER CHARLES E. BLAKESLEE

Long-time member of the Clinton Co. Historical Society, **Charles Emmons Blakeslee** died, age 102, on 1 Apr 2013, in Rockport, Indiana. According to his obituary, Mr. Blakeslee was born in St. Johns, Michigan, on May 17, 1910. He graduated from St. Johns High School in 1926. He was a graduate of Michigan and Ohio State Universities and his many accomplishments included being the Editor of the *Michigan Agriculturist*; being named Professor Emeritus of Ohio State University; serving as County Extension Agent of Meigs Co., Ohio; and holding the position of president of the Ohio Assoc. of Museums and Historical Societies.

In 2006 Mr. Blakeslee applied for and received twenty Early Settler Certificates for himself and family members as the direct descendants of Emmons Blakeslee who settled in Bengal Township about 1852. In 2011, at age 100, he renewed his membership in CCHS for two years. His membership renewals often included a typed message of encouragement and humor. In 1990 he wrote, "I have many happy and some not so happy memories of Clinton County. **Dr. Scott** in your museum building, possibly around 1920-22, split my finger on my left hand to let the infection out. He also told me that I would have kidney trouble because the skin above my eyes hung down almost over my eye lids."

NEWZ FROM EARLY PAPERS

Courtesy of archives staff & other discerning researchers.

14 GLASSES OF WHISKEY

(CR 1 Feb 1900)

Cyrus Stiles Says He Drank it in an Evening and Can Do it Again

Cyrus Stiles, a slight built young man who looks about 20, was sitting in **Jake Foersch's** shop last week and made the statement that he drank 14 glasses of whiskey in one evening in one of the saloons and could walk straight and could do it again. **Marshall Keeney** says he found him wandering around town one night when he could not walk straight, and took him to jail until morning. His case needs looking into.

Humorous Wedding Announcement:

NOOSE OF THE WEAK

Our foreman, **E. H. Mudge**, was married to Miss **Norma Kimberly** yesterday noon, at her home in Otisco, Ionia Co. **Rev. Wm. Buell** performed the ceremony. The bridal pair arrived last evening and commenced house-keeping at once. The Independent force unite in congratulating them as they launch their bark on the matrimonial sea, with the hope that life may be filled with happiness and prosperity.

(CI - 10 Jan 1884)

Jamaica Ginger now Just Plain Booze

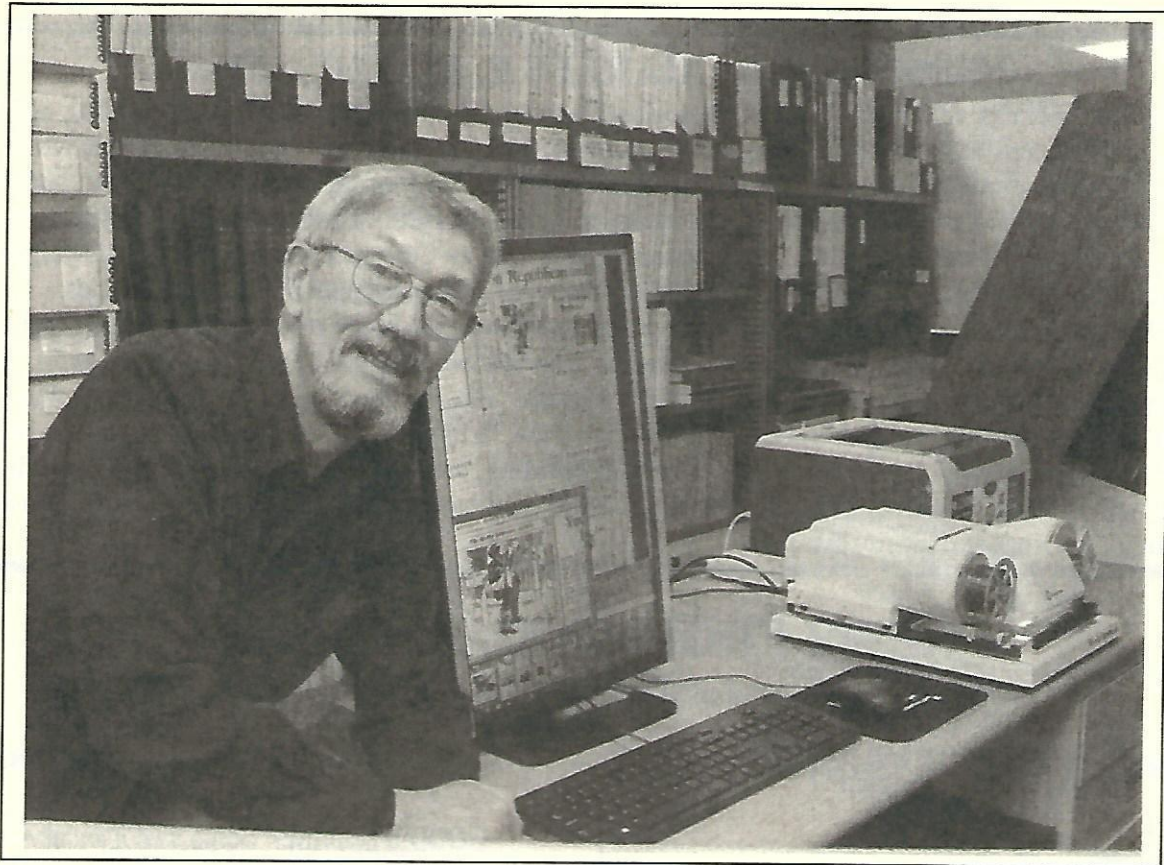
GOOD-BYE JAKE! Some said it joyfully--others with a feeling of sorrow, akin to parting with an old friend. "Jake" is tincture of Jamaica ginger. It gets its nickname through familiarity. It has extended its acquaintance wonderfully since the country became bone-dry----or didn't it? Containing 90% alcohol it developed a wallop that was never found in corn or rye products.

Until last Friday druggists were permitted to sell it for legitimate purposes; but not as a substitute for liquor.

It was surprising how many legitimate uses were found. Formerly Jamaica ginger had been relied upon for prompt relief of stomach ache. More recently its field had been greatly widened. According to stories told druggist it was great for chapped hands, dandruff, strains resulting from too much exertion with the crank of an automobile, and various other external troubles, were taken internally.

It is said discovery that the government was being cheated was made by an ex-bartender, newly employed in the prohibition department at Washington. Instead of buying bootleg liquor and thus creating the need for more enforcement officials on the payroll people were drinking "Jake", and with the appearance, at least, of legality.

So an order was issued and **Otto Bullis**, our local druggist, and druggists in all other towns in the United States were notified that beginning Jan. 1 Jamaica ginger would be classed as intoxicating and its sale would be governed by the same laws applying to sale of liquor. (*The American* - 7 Jan 1926)



MICROFILM SCANNER IN USE

The new equipment for scanning and displaying microfilm is in place and functioning. Thanks are extended to those generous people who donated a total of \$2,445 towards its purchase. The Archives staff opted for a refurbished scanner costing about \$4,500. A new computer, donated by Ralph and Darlene Temple, and a donated laser printer are integrated with the scanner and monitor set-up. This unit allows operators to print, e-mail, and/or copy scanned images.

The Archives holds microfilm of the local newspapers from the late 1800's through 1965, a valuable resource to genealogists and historians. It also holds film of the Clinton Co. census records 1840 through 1930 and the Sanborn Fire Insurance maps for St. Johns (1895; 1900; 1908; 1918; 1929; 1944). The Archives staff deeply appreciates the ability now to more efficiently answer patrons' requests in person or by e-mail.

Thank you to the following individuals:

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 Livingston, Carole & Eugene
 O'Connor, Helen
 Phillips, Dennis & Gayla

Redman, Porter
 Schultz, Glenn
 Smith, Sharon
 Stanuszek, Diane
 Thiell, Tom & Netta
 Trinter, Deb
 Upton, E & J
 Williams, Karl

Carriage Factory

CARRIAGES AND BUGGIES

OF ALL KINDS.

KEPT ON HAND OR MANUFACTURED TO ORDER FROM THE

BEST MATERIAL

AND

ALL WORK FULLY WARRENTED!

I shall also keep on hand an assortment of

STATE PRISON WAGONS,

Which I will sell on

REASONABLE TERMS,

and

Warrant them as Fully

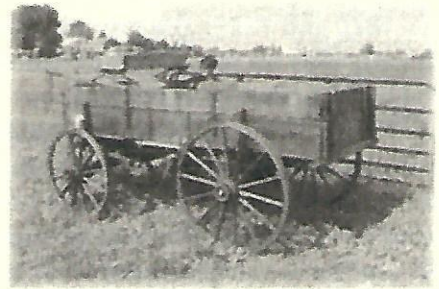
As I do my own work

O. W. Barker

St. Johns, Feb. 1st, 1872

CI-Dec 1874

Fowler Carriage Factory



HEHL, COSHAW & CO.,

Manufactures of

Wagons & Carriages

FOWLER, MICH.

We are prepared to furnish all styles of Wagons,
Carriages and Sleighs,

At Very Low Prices.

And will warrant our work in every instance to be as
good and cheap as can be found at any other
establishment in this country.

Horse Shoeing, Repairing and Jobbing.

Promptly and satisfactorily done.

Fowler, Oct. 24th, 1874

Our timid police officers were made to seek refuge in back alleys, cellars, hogsheads, crockery-crates, and all styles of out-houses, last Saturday when they saw **T. Gillison** hang his coat upon a hitching post and made ready to whip Manly Irish on the Avenue in front of our office. What more can we expect of the rising generation when gray-headed men set the example. Frosty locks save one, while limber legs save other. (CI 31 Dec. 1874)

Mr. **S. D. Grummons** has reopened to the public his Bowling Alley on Railroad street, where people can exercise their muscles in a cheap and pleasant manner, and where nothing but fine flavored cigars will be kept for sale. Try a "string".

(CI 31 Dec. 1874)

SOCIETY NOTES

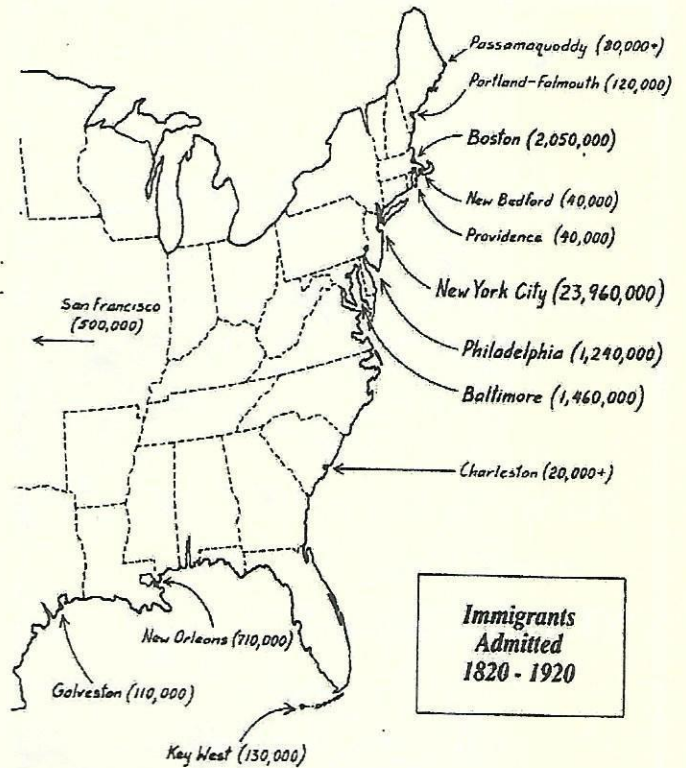
- Old lady Jerome, of the Island, has come out with a new spring bonnet. It cost \$5.98 and it's a beauty.
- Martha Washington, the little heifer born to Mrs. **Harry Graham's** jersey recently, is getting along finely. She can now stand up straight and takes nourishment almost constantly.

(The American 24 Mar 1927)

STEPPING FOOT ON AMERICAN SOIL

WHERE DID YOUR FAMILY ENTER THE UNITED STATES?

Between 1820 and 1920, the port of New York City was the entry port for the majority of arriving immigrants. Both Ellis Island (nicknames "*Isle of Hope and Tears*" because it wasn't until immigrants arrived that they learned if they could stay or would be sent back) and Castle Garden were processing points and have records. Other ports may also have records. Some are published and some records are available on the internet.



Based on Information from Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island National Monument, National Park Service

Editorials

Lynne Gregory came across some interesting information recently...about the genes that are shared with one's individual ancestors.

You and your siblings share on 50% of the same genes.
[unless you are identical twins, then it is %100]

You share only

50% with each of your parent's genes

25% with each of your grandparent's genes

12- 1/2 % with each of your great grandparent's genes

6- 1/4 % with each of your great great grandparent's genes

3 -1/8 % with each 3rd great grandparent's genes

1- 9/16% with each 4th great grandparent's genes

3/4% with each 5th great grandparent's genes

and on it goes reducing...until soon I wonder if it must mean you aren't related genetically to any of your ancestors?????

After working for several family history research facilities for nearly 25 years it never ceased to amaze me at the number of people I meet who tell me they don't need to do their family history because someone else in the family has "already done it" back to Adam and Eve". Sure wish I knew where they found all those record proofs!!

And then there are all those who say they "descend from...." people like George Washington or several certain Mayflower Compact signers none of whom ever had children!!! OOOPS!!



DUES RENEWAL TIME

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.

NOTICE: Please check your mailing label on the newsletter for renewal date, as any membership that is over 60 days delinquent will be discontinued. Regrettably, only 60 of our 100 members have paid their dues for the 2014 year.

ARCHIVES CLOSED 2014

April 18	Good Friday
May 26	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
Sept. 1	Labor Day
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day
Nov. 27-28	Thanksgiving
Dec 24-31	Christmas

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 _____

List 5 Names you are Researching:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ New _____ Renewal _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Date: _____

Send me Clinton County Trails by e-mail yes 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.

Every now and then we hear of an auction or yard sale where boxes of family history research, documents and perhaps photographs are sold or even given away to strangers. Ancestral family Bible occasionally turn up at flea markets or antique markets. Do you know where your family history research files will go when you no longer are researching? Who will treasure them as much as you do?

NOW is the time to find that special person and involve them in your research so you can answer their questions and explain those mystery photos. Have you written down all those fun, sad or even 'skeletons in the closet' stories? They really are part of the family history and should be passed on to future generations. Pruning the family tree branches is not an honest way to do research!



LOOKING FOR:

Does anyone have any old photographs taken of or in any of the opera houses in St. Johns? Or photographs of any of the old hotels in St. Johns? The Clinton County Historical Society would very much like to have these or clear copies.

Does anyone have any knowledge of old stores located in basements of buildings along Clinton Avenue in St. Johns?

If you have any information please contact Lynne Gregory or the Archives.