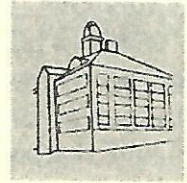




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A HANDSOME SCENE

PRESENTED AT NEWTON
HALL FRIDAY EVENING

WHEN THE UNIFORM RANK
KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

GAVE THEIR FIRST ANNUAL
MILITARY BALL

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY
DANCERS PARTICIPATED



Rarely are the society people in St. Johns given an opportunity to attend so fine a social event as was accorded those who accepted the invitations for the first annual military ball given by the St. Johns Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias last Friday evening at Newton Hall.

A full dress military ball is necessarily a handsome party and savors just enough of something "out of the ordinary" to lend a sort of mysterious interest to the picturesque effect which it makes. The ladies naturally resolved not to be out shown by the bright martial costumes of their escorts and they certainly were not last Friday evening, even though the handsome K. P. regalia had been "brushed and polished" with especial care for the event. Some three hundred and fifty invitations were sent out and it is safe to say the ball eclipsed anything ever before attempted in St. Johns. It was a success both in number in attendance and magnificence. The invitation requested that officers and members of the Uniform Rank and also other military or semi-military organizations appear in the full dress uniform of their rank and while the uniforms of the Knights of Pythias predominated, members of other societies were present dressed in the regulation costume of their orders.

The hall was very tastily draped in bunting, the colors of the order, red, dark blue and yellow, and with the national flags. On the stage an immense flag formed the back ground and this with smaller ones on each side made a pretty place for the orchestra and entirely concealed the familiar "scenes." Here and there on the wall hung two crossed swords below a hat belonging to the

Uniform Rank which gave a touch of the military to the decorations. In one corner the dancers found a very attractive place to quench their thirst. A huge square piece of ice had been hollowed out in the centre so as to form a gigantic bowl and this was filled with sherbet. The ice was trimmed with ropes of smilax, the green making a very effective contrast to the dark red of the drink. The tiny glasses standing on the edge of the ice were kept filled by little **Ralph Crich** who was in attendance.

It was a trifle after nine o'clock when the orchestra was signalled for the opening measures of the grand march and nearly seventy couples formed in line. To **Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Steel** fell the honor of leading and while scores and scores of grand marches have formed at other parties, never before has so gay a scene of happy youth and beauty presented itself to the admiring eyes of those who enjoy tripping the light fantastic.

Following are the names of the ladies present and their gowns:

Mesdames **George Pertie**, white silk with lace trimmings; **Will Holton**, white silk lace trimmings; **A. E. Dutcher**, black silk; **Ed Hughes**, dotted mull; **Charles Merrill**, organdie lace and ribbon trimmings; **R. G. Steel**, blue silk with pink trimmings; **A. A. Chick**, black gown, white lace collar; **Will DeWitt**, black with lace trimmings; **Henry Tromp**, black brocaded skirt with fancy organdie waist; **Will Crich**, black silk; **H. E. Walbridge**, dark wool dress with light vest and fur trimming; **G. Pennell**, black crepon; **T. Bromley Jr.**, black grenadine over silk; **Frank Ward**, light gown, ribbon trimmings; **J. T. Millman**, black gown; **Henry Ingraham**, black silk; **John C. Hicks**, white silk; **Harry Abbott**, white silk; **H. H. Fitzgerald**, gray silk, white trimmings; **Bert King**, light gown, ribbon trimmings; **A. T. Smith**, light wool;

Misses **Grace Paine**, Black grenadine over white; **Ambra Patterson**, light silk; **Eda Steel**, black lace jet trimmings; **Susie Durkee**, white gown red velvet trimmings; **Mable Walbridge**, organdi over white blue trimmings; **Bird Wiggins**, thin dainty white gown with satin sleeves; **Florence Wilson**, light silk pink trimmings; **Neva Walbridge**, white silk pearl trimmings; **Marion Fisk**, fancy organdie; **Edith Washburn**, organdie; **Phebe Denton**, white silk dark velvet trimmings; **Thurza Judd** organdie with ribbon; **Miss Palmer**, pink wool; **Mable Scofield**,

pale green silk; **Rosa Moinet**, dainty organdie over white; **Iva Patterson**, white silk; **Vesta Woodbury**, white wool; **Maggie Funston**, organdie; **Myrtle Moore**, dotted mull over light blue; **Madge Bunday**, organdie with ribbon trimming; **Helen Corbit**, yellow silk with white lace and green velvet; **Gertrude Mead**, white dimity, lace trimmings; **Nettie Blackmar**, white gloria; **Dora Moinet**, light organdie; **Celia Ingraham**, white gown; **Blanch Goette**, light silk; **Maud Whipple**, thin white with lace; **Mamie Emmons**, figured dimity over pink; **Ada Cochran**, black silk; **Grace Pierce**, green organdie, pink trimmings; **Nora Ball**, gauze over yellow silk; **Maud Sloat**, pink gauze over silk.

Among those from out of town were **Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Tripp**, **Mrs. Murray**; **Misses Murray**, **Richardson and Peterson**, Owosso; **Miss Marshall**, Corunna; **Miss Scruggs**, Flint; **Messrs. Beuter**, **Hookway**, **Beckwith**, **Thompson**, **Mc-Clellen**, **Bertram**, **Izor**, **Gould**, Owosso; **Miss Brown & Mr. Hysop**, **Ovid**, **Mr. Roy**, **Mt. Clemens**.

The following are the committees:

General Arrangements - Sir Knight Captain **Robt. G. Steel**, Sir Knight Lieutenant **A. E. Dutcher**, Sir Knight **L. L. Conn**,

Invitation and Dance Program -- Sir Knights **L. L. Conn**, **C. P. Baker & A. A. Click**

Refreshments -- Sir Knight Sergeant-Major **F. R. Struble**, Sir Knights **Geo. H. Steel**, **Geo. L. DuBois**.

Music - Sir Knight Guard **Henry V. Abbott**. Sir Knight Sentinel **J. O. McQuistion**, Sir Knight **Geo. R. Woodruff**.

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Floor - Sir Knight Captain **Robt. G. Steel**, Sir Knight Lieutenant **A. E. Dutcher**, Sir Knight Sergeant-Major **F. R. Struble**, Sir Knight **Geo. M. Petrie**, **Chas. P. Baker**, **J. T. Milliman**. The program was as follows:

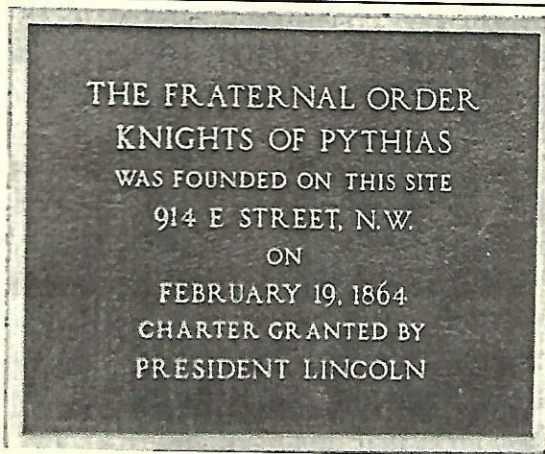
1 Waltz; 2 Lanciers; 3 Two-step; 4 May Queen; 5 Four Step; 6 Waltz; 7 Quadrille; 8 Two-Step; 9 Waltz; 10 Three-Step; 11 Two Step; 12 Quadrille; 13 Waltz; 14 Two-Step; 15 Tribly; 16 Waltz; 17 Badger Gavotte; 18 Two-Step; 19 Waltz; 20 Two-Step; 21 Four-Step; 22 Two-Step; 23 Lanciers; 24 Waltz.

The music furnished by Moinet's orchestra was highly spoken of by all the dancers and greatly contributed to the general pleasure.

SJN - 4 March 1897

History note: The Knights of Pythias is the first fraternal organization and secret society founded at Washington, DC, on 19 February 1864. The degrees of Pythian Knighthood is a subordinate lodge (or "Castle") are 1. Page, 2. Esquire & 3. Knight. A member must be at least 18 years of age. He cannot be a professional gambler, or involved with illegal drugs or alcohol and he must have a belief in a Supreme Being. The oath taken by members:

"I declare upon honor that I believe in a Supreme Being, that I am not a professional gambler, or unlawfully engaged in the wholesale or retail sale of intoxicating liquors or narcotics; and that I believe in the maintenance of the order and the upholding of constituted authority in the government in which I live. Moreover, I declare upon honor that I am not a Communist or Fascist; that I do not advocate nor am I a member of any organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the Country of which I am a Citizen, by force or violence or other unlawful means; and that I do not seek by force or violence to deny to other persons their rights under the laws of such country."



Plaque in Washington, D.C., designating the location where the Knights of Pythias were founded in 1864.

HUNTING STORIES

For the robbing of any bird's nest or the killing of any bird, the Michigan youth is liable to a \$5 fine. Boys should bear this in mind. *Clinton Republican*; 28 Apr 1881

The wolf which was killed in Duplain Township a short time since has been stuffed by **W.A. Glazier** of Shepardsville and can now be seen in Hunt's Drug Store. *Clinton Independent*; 8 Mar 1883

We raise a note of warning to parents against permitting their children to use the dangerous toy pistol and that it is not only dangerous but against the law. The experience last year fully warrants the law. Cincinnati, New York, St. Louis, and Chicago had each ten to forty deaths; Rochester six; Dayton 2, Baltimore 13. These boys were not shot dead but the injury given to the nervous system through the abrasion of the skin by a spark of fulminating powder brought on that fearful disease, tetanus, or lockjaw, issuing in one of the most terrible forms of death. Not only forbid this fatal pistol to your children, but forbid them playing with boys who have toy pistols. A watchful firmness will save great grief. *Clinton Independent*; 26 Jul 1883

A large American eagle was shot and stunned by **Alfred B. Ward** who lives two miles north of St. Johns. The eagle measured seven feet from tip to tip. He was put in a crockery crate and placed on exhibition at **G. W. Hyde's** grocery but died a few days later. It is a pity. He was such a magnificent specimen. *The Clinton Republican*; 28 Jan 1897

The season for sparrow shooting commences the first of November and, judging from the number of the little pests to be seen in the vicinity, there will be a rich harvest for the small boy. The bounty which the state pays for the bodies of the birds will make it lucrative shooting for a good rifle shot and perhaps a good shotgun might do good work in places where the birds flock. The new law which governs this shooting will make it a little bit harder for the small boy to make anything out of the business unless he goes at it wholesale. He will not be allowed to bring a head or a pair of wings and get a bounty on these but he must now present the whole bird. He is now compelled to take the birds to the town clerk and get an order from him on the county clerk who, in turn, gives him an order on the county treasurer before he can collect his bounty. The new law requires that the bounty be refused unless the birds are brought in lots of not less than ten. It has been the custom of the officials in giving orders for the bounty to pay on any number of birds but the new law puts a stop to this practice. The season for sparrow killing is the months of Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb., and March and the rest of the time no bounty will be paid for the birds although it is not illegal to kill them. *St. Johns News*; 15 Oct 1896

Messers **Vern Mosher** and **Ernest Throop** were hunting north and east of St. Johns recently and caught a badger measuring 4' 2" long and 22" wide, and weighing 40 pounds. They took him alive. The gentlemen intend to tan his hide and make a rug out of it. *Clinton Republican* 13 Jan 1921; p1c2

Greenbush Center—"Is the oil well afire?" was a question which puzzled a number of people Friday evening when a fire was seen apparently at the well. Curious people hastening to the scene found the fire was not the well but a tree near the well had been set on fire by some coon hunters. *Clinton Co. Republican-News*; 14 Nov 1935

Folks at the County Infirmary and the kids over at the juvenile home will soon be enjoying a treat. This week the State Conservation Department shipped a couple of illegally killed deer to St. Johns from the north woods country where some of the so-called nimrods shoot at whatever moves, whether it be doe, buck, or you. One was a mama deer and her deceased fellow traveler a young fellow whose horns were just beginning to sprout. **Bill Cook**, boss-man at the juvenile home was booked to get one, and **Albert Gillison**, in charge of the county farm, the other. But Bill, claimed he was too shy to dress a doe and was afeared the buck might just be playing possum, so Albert took them both and will send Bill up a hind quarter or maybe a neck. *Cl. Co. Republican-News*; 21 Nov 1935

The Bureau of Biological Survey, Washington, D. C., has recently notified **J. Lawrence Ward** of an interesting return on a bird which was banded by him some time ago. Mr. Ward, cooperating with the Bureau, has been conducting a banding station near St. Johns, Michigan, for the past eight years, and near Rockford, Michigan, for the past two years. Great Blue Heron, number B665787, banded May 21, 1933, as a nestling, five miles west of Maple Rapids, on the Maple River flats, in a nest seventy-five feet from the ground, was shot at Corozal, British Honduras, February 29, 1936.

Mr. Ward conducted recently interesting experiments with the European Starling. On Jan. 9, 1935, twenty-five starlings were released twenty-five miles from the barn in which they were caught. Three of these have since been retaken. Mar. 1, 1935, one was found at the barn where first caught. March 17, 1935, one was shot at Oakland, Ontario, Canada. Jan. 1, 1936, one was found dead at Okemos, Michigan. Another group of twenty-five starlings were released Jan. 1, 1935, fifty miles from where caught. Two of these have since been heard from. One was retaken Jan. 12, 1936, one mile from where released; the second Jan. 30, 1935, eight miles from where released.

Other recent interesting returns are as follows: Mourning Dove, number 34-256797, banded as a nestling near St. Johns on June 6, 1935, was killed Jan. 31, 1936, at Lake City, Florida. Black Duck,

number B694372, banded near St. Johns, Sept. 16 , 1933, was shot for a scientific specimen at Peru, Illinois, March 27, 1936.

During the eight years Mr. Ward's station has been in operation he has banded around 1200 birds representing 66 species. The birds are each marked with small, numbered, aluminum bands placed around one leg of the bird as it is released. By such studies conducted by the nearly 2000 banding stations in the United States much valuable information is being obtained concerning the bird life of our nation. (newspaper clipping ca 1936)

Clinton County Pensioners 1883

Through the courtesy of **John H. Fildew**, a clerk in the war department at Washington, and a St. Johns boy, we are enabled to place before our readers this week a complete list of the pensioners in Clinton Co., the amount paid each monthly, their post office address, and the cause of their disability.

The list numbers 287 [288], fifteen of whom are pensioners of the War of 1812. The oldest pensioner in the county is, undoubtedly, [1]**Edmund F. Crandell** of St. Johns, a survivor of the War of 1812, who is ninety-seven years of age. [2]**John Avery** and [3]**James Hiscock**, whose names appear upon the list as pensioners of 1812, have lately died. The total amount received yearly in the county foots up over \$31,000, and there are many deserving soldiers whose claims have not yet been heard.. The average amount received by each is about \$112 per year. *Clinton Independent* 8 Nov 1883

Last Name	First Name	Disability or Survivor	Address	Pension
Abrahan	Johan	wd neck & effects	Fowler	\$18
Aldrich	Franklin	dis ears & throat	Ovid	\$18
Aldrich	John C	wd L leg	Ovid	\$18
Allen	Linden H	dis R leg	Ovid	\$4
Allen	Silas E	wd R thigh & shoulder	St Johns	---
Anderson	Gabrial	dis of spine	M Rapids	\$4
Anderson	James	wd R foot	M Rapids	\$2
Anderson	Robert	wd L leg & R side	M Rapids	\$4
Arris	Anna	widow	M Rapids	\$4
Avery	John	[1812]	St Johns	\$8
Baker	Amanda D	widow	St Johns	\$8
Baker	Mary A	widow	St Johns	\$8
Banister	Charlotte	mother	Eureka	\$8
Barlow	Wm	wd L gluteal region	M Rapids	\$4
Barnes	Henry M	chronic diarr	Wacousta	\$4
Barnum	Olive	widow	St Johns	\$8
Bartlett	Geo B	wd R leg	Ovid	\$4
Baughn	Dan'l	chronic diarr	St Johns	\$4
Baylis	Richard	wd R shoulder	Wacousta	\$17
Beardsley	Eliza A	widow	Ovid	\$8
Beeds	Sally	widow 1812	Eagle	\$8
Belding	Benj F	chronic diarr	St Johns	\$24
Benchley	Salmon	pulmonary consumption	St Johns	\$24
Bennett	Bradley B	dis of heart	Elsie	\$18
Bennett	Alfred M	diarr	Ovid	\$4
Benringer	Wm	injury to abdomen	Ovid	\$4
Bigelow	Levi	chronic diarr, etc.	Ovid	\$80
Birmingham	D	injury to back	Shep'ville	\$4
Black	Matthew	par paralysis L leg	DeWitt	\$10

[1] **Edmund F. Crandell** died 9 Oct 1884, aged 91 years. He was a pensioner of the War of 1812 and also served in the Mexican War. *Clinton Republican*; 16 Oct 1884

[2] **John Avery** was born in Connecticut 4 May 1798, died 15 Sep 1883. He was taken prisoner by the Indians at the Battle of Fort Erie and remained in their captivity a year when his freedom was purchased by traders. *Clinton Republican*; 20 Sep 1883

[3] **James Hiscock** died at the home of V. R. Lane in Greenbush 29 Sep 1883. He was born in New York state in 1797 and enlisted in the War of 1812 at the age of fifteen years. He has resided in Michigan for fifty years and was a man known for his uprightness and integrity. (*Michigan Pioneer Collections*; Vol. 7, 1884)

Bliss	Sidney J	wd R shoulder	Riley	\$4
Blizzard	Anna	widow	M Rapids	\$8
Blood	Albert	wd L elbow	DeWitt	\$6
Bolvanan	Freelove	mother	Ovid	\$8
Boyle	Stephen M	wd chest	M Rapids	\$6
Brodie	James R	wd L thigh	St Johns	\$6
Bronson	Jas W	wd L leg, etc	St Johns	\$4
Brooks	Ransom M	wd L leg & foot	Wacousta	\$4
Brow	Hiram W	wd pelvis bone	M Rapids	\$10
Brown	Elizabeth	mother	DeWitt	\$8
Brown	David D F	diarr	Eagle	\$8
Brown	Thomas	wd R groin	Elsie	\$8
Brown	Jasper	wd L lung	St Johns	\$12
Bullis	Amity	widow	M Rapids	\$8
Bushard	David, Jr	wd neck & R lung	Eureka	\$8
Bushey	Joseph	wd R foot	Bath	\$2
Butler	Fred'k R	wd L hand	St Johns	\$6
Call	Andrew	---	Elsie	\$18
Campbell	Jas P	wd R shoulder	M Rapids	\$4
Campbell	Wm	dis of eyes	Shep'ville	\$10
Carpenter	Eunice	mother	DeWitt	\$8
Carter	Geo W	---	Bath	\$3
Case	Chas	injury to spine, etc	Ovid	\$6
Case	Edward	injury to abd, etc	St Johns	\$8
Castel	Wm H	wd L shoulder	Ovid	\$6
Chapman	Jas A	wd chest & shoulder	St Johns	\$8
Chapman	Chas	wd L cheek	St Johns	\$4
Clawes	Richard B	bronchitis & diarr	St Johns	\$18
Cole	Monroe	wd R hand	DeWitt	\$8
Coray	Almira H	widow	St Johns	\$8
Crandell	E[dmund] F	[1812]	St Johns	\$8
Crane	Mary A	mother	Victor	\$8
Cross	James P	chronic diarr	Ovid	\$8
Cross	Oliver	phthisis pul	Ovid	\$24
Crowley	Lyman	---	M Rapids	\$18
Culp	Melinda	widow	DeWitt	\$8
Curtis	Wm H H	chronic diarr	Bath	\$5.34
Cutter	Henry P	---	Wacousta	\$4
Davidson	J R	wd R wrist	Elsie	\$18
Davidson	Mary R	mother	Elsie	\$8
Davidson	Wm H	wd both hips	Elsie	\$8
Davis	James	wd R side & breast	Fowler	\$8
Davis	Reuben P	---	Ovid	\$2
Day	John	abscess of back	Elsie	\$4
DeClaire	Alexis	catarrh & dis lungs	St Johns	\$8
Deihl	Ludwig	father	St Johns	\$8
Deits	Sarah M	widow 1812	Westphalia	\$8
Dennis	Wm W	injury of spine	Ovid	\$6
Dillingham	Richard	wd R arm	Wacousta	\$8
Doly	Don A	wd L side	Union Home	\$24
Dooling	Jeremiah	chronic diarr	St Johns	\$14
Doty	Sarah	widow 1812	St Johns	\$8

NEWZ FROM EARLY PAPERS continued:

RILEY COAL FIND

C. L. Kimball, who recently drove a well at the Plowman school house in Riley, says a coal vein 20 feet thick was encountered 80 feet below the surface. He has put down a great many wells in this country, and feels very certain of a big vein of coal there and that there are indications of oil.

ca1912

BURGLARS MAKE 2 LOCAL CALLS

Clinton County Republican News, 16 Apr 1936

Raymond Hull, Residence and Rademacher Gas Station Entered; Loot Small

Discovery that thieves had visited the St. Johns home of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Hull during their absence in California was made Sunday April 12. They had evidently entered the house through a coal chute, and then forced the cellar door into the kitchen.

On the next day Sheriff John S. Barnes was notified that Alfred Rademacher's gas station on East State street had also been burglarized.

Dr. B. C. LeVanselar, with whom the Hulls had left a key to their residence, learned of the robbery when he visited the place Sunday afternoon. Dresser drawers and a clothes closet had been ransacked, but several rooms apparently had been left untouched. It is unknown what, if anything, was stolen but it is believed the loot was not large. The date of the theft is also a mystery, as the house had not been inspected for a week or more.

At the Rademacher station two cartons of cigarettes and about \$3 in cash was taken. The thieves also smashed a "pay" telephone to pieces in getting at the cash box, the contents of which are unknown.

Entrance to the station was made by prying open a window and the robbery occurred sometime after 11:30 p.m.

Sheriff Barnes notified the State Police of the two thefts, and requested the services of a fingerprint expert. Although to date no thieves are found

Doty	Franklin	wd R shoulder & hip	Union Home	\$12
Downing	F H	wd R hand	St Johns	\$4
Drake	Isaac W	chronic diarr	Ovid	\$7.50
Durfee	Gideon	wd R leg	Elsie	\$18
Durfey	Asa A	loss of fingers	Wacousta	\$6
Eaton	Hannah B	dep mother	Elsie	\$8
Eddy	Margaret	widow	Eagle	\$8
Evarts	Jesse	wes L ch & R thigh	Fowler	\$8
Fenn	Lillian J L	widow	Ovid	\$10
Ferguson	James	dis of liver	St Johns	\$8
Finch	Catherine	widow 1812	Elsie	\$8
Fleshman	Mary	mother	M Rapids	\$8
Forman	Marion R	widow 1812	DeWitt	\$8
Forney	Horace H	wd of head	M Rapids	\$2
Freeman	P R	dis lungs; sores on skin	DeWitt	\$12
Fry	Alfred	injury to abdomen	M Rapids	\$8
Fulton	Nicholas	dis of heart	M Rapids	\$8
Gates	Geo H	wd R leg	M Rapids	\$4
Gibbard	Jacob	wd L ankle	Victor	\$18
Gilbert	John N	loss L leg	Ovid	\$18
Gilson	Wm	frozen feet	Ovid	\$8
Gilson	Wm	wd of chest	St Johns	\$8
Gitchell	Martin	wd forearm	Ovid	\$8
Gleason	John E	wd L thigh, etc	Duplain	\$12
Gloster	Henry C	chronic diarr	Eureka	\$4
Goodrich	Wm H	wd head; L forearm	Bath	\$4
Grant	Charles	survivor 1812	St Johns	\$8
Green	Hannah M	mother	M Rapids	\$8
Guio	Augustus	chronic diar	Ovid	\$4
Hall	Caleb	chonic diarr	Elsie	\$4
Hammond	S M	wds L hand, etc	St Johns	\$8
Harrington	Sarah	mother	Elsie	\$8
Harrington	Marg't	widow	Elsie	\$8
Harris	Margaret	widow 1812	Elsie	\$8
Head	Smith	inj L Hand, etc	Ovid	\$4
Hehl	Sampert	wd L side head	Westphalia	\$6
Helms	Jehiel	chronic diarr	M Rapids	\$4
Heyer	August	wd L leg	Westphalia	\$4
Hilliker	James	scurvy, blindness, etc	St Johns	\$18
Hinkley	Mary J	widow	Eureka	\$8
Hiscock	James	[1812]	St Johns	\$8
Hogle	Josiah	wd R thigh	Eagle	\$4
Hogle	Elias	chronic diarr	Eagle	\$8
Hollister	Marg J	widow	Ovid	\$8
Holmes	Morris	chronic diarr	Ovid	\$18
Hopkins	John I	father	Eagle	\$8
Horton	Wm	child	Elsie	\$10
House	Polly	mother	St Johns	\$8
House	Simon H	paral & ankylosis L k	St Johns	\$8
Howell	Jas C	---	M Rapids	\$4
Hubbell	John A	wd R leg; etc	Ovid	\$10
Hubbell	John	chronic bronchitis	Ovid	\$8

Taken from: *The Genealogical Helper, Relatively Speaking*

GENEOLOGY CAN COME FROM ANYWHERE

Jan-Feb 1982

We have been searching for my grandmother's family for a long time. We had about given up when we received a phone call from an Art Wilmot of Blackfoot, Idaho. Comparing notes, we discovered his grandfather was a brother to my grandmother and we made plans to go to Idaho to meet this living relative of grandma's.

After we got there he told us how he found us. A friend had gone to a ski resort in Montana in the fall of 1980. One morning he went to the outdoor *john* and looking around he found an old *Frontier Times* magazine. While reading the magazine he found the ad we had placed in 1976 in the "Trail's Grown Dim" column. The names in the ad were familiar so he tore out the ad and brought it back to our cousin.

SOMEONE FINALLY FOUND MY BOOK

My great-great grandfather J. H. Reed had been married five times, having outlived four wives, and for years only the name of the last wife could I find. I knew that she wasn't my ancestor but I despaired of ever discovering the name of the wife who belonged in my line. He had always gone only by J. H. or Grandpa Reed - no first names- and that common name made research more difficult.

Having exhausted all avenues of information, or so I thought, I had given up completely on this line when a newly-discovered cousin of my mother's called me in a very excited state. While going through an old attic trunk she had come across a little paper book handwritten by Reed himself entitled "The Book of

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Hugus	Wm	heart dis, etc	St Johns	\$8
Humaston	Emily	mother	St Johns	\$8
Hutchinson	B P	dis of abd	M Rapids	\$17
Johnson	Phebe E	widow	Eagle	\$8
Jones	Thankful O	mother	M Rapids	\$8
Keck	David	wd L ankle	St Johns	\$8
Kirby	Thompson	chronic diarr, etc	Eureka	\$8
Kitson	Alonzo	wd L arm	Bath	\$8
Knickerbocker	J A	chronic diarr; heart dis	M Rapids	\$8
Kniffin	John J	consumption, etc	St Johns	\$31.25
Krepps	John	wd L hand	St Johns	\$18
Lemon	Julia A	mother	DeWitt	\$8
Letts	Wm E	scurvy	Elsie	\$12
Lockey	Sophia	widow 1812	St Johns	\$8
Lott	Albert	chronic diarr	DeWitt	\$6
Lusher	Randolph	wd R leg & thigh	M Rapids	\$8
Lyon	Sarah	mother	M Rapids	\$8
Magee	Thos B	wd R breast	St Johns	\$8
Martin	Aaron	sunstroke, etc	Ovid	\$4
Martin	Anthony	wd R thigh	Westphalia	\$18
Mavey	Maria	mother	M Rapids	\$8
McCarty	Wm	injury to abdomen	Ovid	\$12
McConnell	Huldah	widow	Ovid	\$10
McCullough	Jas	wd L hand	Elsie	\$4
McDowell	Clarissa	widow	Ovid	\$8
Miller	Jonathan	wd L thigh	DeWitt	\$6
Miller	David	wd R shoulder, etc	St Johns	\$7.50
Miller	Mathias	rheumatism	Shep'ville	\$2
Miller	Catherine	mother	Westphalia	\$8
More	Catherine	widow	Victor	\$8
Moreland	A B	child	St Johns	\$12
Morrison	Wm H	wd of back	Eureka	\$4
Moses	Byron	scurvy & chronic diarr	DeWitt	\$12
Mudge	Jay L	dis ... from diarr	Elsie	\$18
Mummey	Elizabeth	dep mother	Eureka	\$8
Mundell	Walter L	wd L ank & R breast	Fowler	\$6
Munson	John F	wd L leg	M Rapids	\$4
Murrick	Mary	mother	Bath	\$8
Myers	Mathew	wd neck, etc	Ovid	\$12
Neal	Thos	loss L foot	Ovid	\$18
Nelson	Ezra P	injury to abdomen	St Johns	\$12
Newton	Geo H	wd L leg	M Rapids	\$4
Nichols	Maria	mother	St Johns	\$8
Nurenborg	Joe	wd L side	Westphalia	\$14
Otto	Ampter B	chronic diarr, etc	Wacousta	\$8
Outcalt	John W	wd L leg	St Johns	\$4
Page	Jackson	wd back & R shld	Eureka	\$4
Paine	James L	injury to spine	M Rapids	\$8
Palmer	Amanda	mother	St Johns	\$8
Parker	Wm B	lost L leg	Ovid	\$18
Parks	Orin	dis of kidneys	Fowler	\$18
Parks	Davis	---	Fowler	\$8

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Family Record of James Harvey Reed." In it James had painstakingly recorded all wives, their places and dates of birth, marriage dates, all children from each marriage, all deaths, causes of death, and all burial places. He even had written the exact hours of death for those wives and children he had lost!

James himself died in 1917, seventy years ago. I couldn't help thinking as I delighted over this new wealth of information that somewhere he was saying to himself, "Well, thank goodness someone finally found my book!"

IT PAYS TO BE INQUISITIVE, LISTEN, AND SHOW APPRECIATION

Jan-Feb 1983

Canadian relatives tracing my McTaggart roots were searching in Wester Ontario keeping a list of all contacts. Although the trip was not too productive they nevertheless sent cards to all on the list at Christmas time in appreciation for their assistance. One recipient was a lady postmistress with a tiny office in an old general store. She was reading her yuletide greeting out loud and was overheard by another lady who was the only shopper in that village store. The latter stepped up and said, "Did you say McTaggart?" It seems that she had just rented a big old house in the village and found an old Bible in the attic containing family records of that name!

It turned out to be the family Bible of my New York emigrant great great great grandfather, Jame McTaggart, 1754-1843, who came over on the ship *Gale* in 1774! This really proves that it pays to read your mail out loud, and it pays to be inquisitive and listen to everything that is said even though a person may be talking to themselves. And above all--it pays to show appreciation to those will to help you trace your family tree.

Passage	Jacob	wd..shld & hand	Elsie	\$18
Payne	Thos R	wd L side abd	M Rapids	\$6
Pearson	Rhoda	mother	Ovid	\$8
Pearson	Alfred	wd both legs	Ovid	\$12
Perkins	H W	dis of abd visc	Ovid	\$8
Peterson	Jane M	mother	Ovid	\$8
Pierce	Wm	chronic diarr	Bath	\$6
Place	Olive	widow	Geary	\$8
Polland	Patrick	wd L hip	St Johns	\$8
Porter	Benoni	---	St Johns	\$8
Potter	Olive M	widow	Bath	\$8
Price	Wm	chr rheumatism	Ovid	\$18
Randolph	Jas F	chronic diarr	Eureka	\$4
Reed	Elizabeth	widow 1812	M Rapids	\$8
Reed	Jas F	var ulcer both legs	Ovid	\$14
Reed	John Jr	wd side head	M Rapids	\$4
Renwick	James	---	Ovid	\$2
Reynolds	Martha A	widow	M Rapids	\$8
Richards	Michael	wd L hand	M Rapids	\$8
Richmond	O D	chronic diarr	Eureka	\$4
Richmond	Geo A	child	M Rapids	\$12
Roberts	Thomas	father	DeWitt	\$8
Robin	Relief	widow 1812	Duplain	\$8
Robinson	Deborah	mother	St Johns	\$8
Roth	Eliza	widow	Shep'ville	\$8
Rowley	Geo W	wd L hip	M Rapids	---
Sage	Hiram A	heart dis	St Johns	\$8
Sanborn	Andrew J	injury to abdomen	Wacousta	\$8
Sanford	Susan	mother	St Johns	\$8
Sargent	Lydia	mother	St Johns	\$8
Schoinesch	Nicolas	wd L leg	Westphalia	\$4
Schwartz	Fred'k	wd L hand	Fowler	\$6
Sergeant	Susan	widow 1812	Fowler	\$8
Sheldon	Rufus	dropsy & dis liver	Elsie	\$18
Silvers	Harriet	widow	St Johns	\$8
Sink	Sidney A	dep mother	Ovid	\$8
Skinner	L R	chronic diarr	M Rapids	\$4
Smith	Alfred R	wd L side	Bath	\$2
Smith	Mary A	widow	DeWitt	\$8
Smith	Adaline	mother	Shep'ville	\$8
Smith	Wm H	inj back & loss fingers	Union Home	\$6
Snow	Richard E	loss L arm	St Johns	\$18
Snyder	Edwin R	disl'n L hip	St Johns	\$4
Southworth	S B	wd R thigh, etc	Ovid	\$18
Sowle	Horace A	loss L leg	M Rapids	\$24
Stafford	Electa	mother	St Johns	\$8
Stanton	John	wd R thigh	Ovid	\$24
Stedman	Geo L	wd L leg	M Rapids	\$8
Steel	Jacob M	sabre wd head	M Rapids	\$10
Steinhardt	Theo	wd L arm	DeWitt	\$6
Steves	Margaret	widow	St Johns	\$8
Stiles	Geo W	dis of L arm	St Johns	\$18

KANSAS BANDIT TRAPPED HERE

Chas. Burgoon Nearly Eludes
Officers Monday Night

Caught with "Wife" After "Thumbing"
Truck for Ride to Lansing

Charles Burgoon, 27, alias Charles Walker, alias Charles Tipton, wanted in Kansas for highway robbery, gave Sheriff John S. Barnes and his men a merry chase Monday night before he was nabbed by Deputies Percy Patterson and Lyman Alward just after Burgoon and his attractive traveling companion, Josephine B. Bokober, 22, had hitch-hiked a truck for Lansing to shake the dust of St. Johns from their feet from then on henceforward. Burgoon is now languishing in the county jail pending arrival of Kansas cops, and Miss Bokober is also being held.

It appears that Burgoon, who went by the name of Walker here, is a pipe line worker, and has been in and near St. Johns several weeks. He and Miss Bokober, who posed as his wife, but now tells officer she is not, had rooms in the Mrs. Elizabeth Hempsted home on North Clinton Avenue.

On March 27 of last, Burgoon received word that his mother had died in Kansas. He secured John Turack, a young Merle Beach man, as a driver, and headed west by automobile. Miss Bokober went along, and enroute they picked up Burgoon's sister. Arriving at the home town in Kansas they learned the funeral was over and they cortege was at the cemetery. Driving there, Burgoon spotted two auto-loads of officers who, he rightfully suspected, were waiting for him to show up. He ordered Turack to turn the car around and leave the motor running and then told his sister and Turack to go to the grave.

After the burial rites the officers surrounded Turack, thinking he was Burgoon but meantime their quarry, and Miss Bokober, had driven away and given them the slip. Turack was released and the Michigan State Police were warned to be on the lookout for Burgoon.

Back in St. Johns on Monday night of this

Stone	Jesse E	lumbago	Duplain	\$4
Stroyer	Rorry	diarr, etc	Union Home	\$6
Sutfin	Maria	widow 1812	Shep'ville	\$8
Sweeney	James	wd R leg	Bath	\$6
Tabor	Joseph	wd R hand & L thigh	Elsie	\$12
Taylor	Samuel C	inj to ab, etc	Shep'ville	\$8
Teets	Mary A	widow	Elsie	\$8
Terry	Edwin R	dis spine	M Rapids	\$8
Terwilliger	Homer	sh wd R shoulder	M Rapids	\$8
Thiell	John	wd L thigh	St Johns	\$4
Thomas	Phillip	dis of nose & head	Eureka	\$6
Thomas	George	dis of stomach	St Johns	\$2
Towers	Mary A	widow	St Johns	\$18
Townsend	Lyman	---	DeWitt	\$11.34
Tripp	Erasmus D	dis of lungs	St Johns	\$8
Tromp	Wm F	wd R shoulder	St Johns	\$24
Tucker	Jos F	injury R Leg, etc	St Johns	\$12
Turner	Silas	wd L side & lung	Eureka	\$24
Twinning	Sally	mother	Ovid	\$8
Upton	Hart L	dis heart	Victor	\$18
Valentine	Chas	dis throat & lungs	Ovid	\$4
VanAmburg	C H	varicose veins, legs	Fowler	\$8
VanAukin	Mort	wd R shoulder	Wacousta	\$6
Vanburger	J D	wd R hand	Geary	\$18
VanDouser	John	wd R leg	Ovid	\$4
VanDyke	Wm L	injury L knee	St Johns	\$18
VanOstram	Louisa	mother	Bath	\$8
VanRansler	L	g s w L elbow	DeWitt	\$10
VanSice	John H	injury R leg	Ovid	\$18
VanSickle	Martha	widow	M Rapids	\$8
Vorhies	Marg S	widow	Ovid	\$8
Vreedenburgh	C C	chronic rheum & diarr	St Johns	\$4
Vreeland	Orin L	dis of spine & kidneys	St Johns	\$6
Wager	Andrew H	wd R thigh	St Johns	\$8
Watkins	Sarah R	widow	Duplain	\$8
Weaver	Martin	injury breast, back, etc	M Rapids	\$6
Webster	Nancy A	widow	DeWitt	\$8
Webster	Milo D	---	M Rapids	\$3
Webster	Chaun D	wd face & L shoulder	S Riley	\$6
Wellington	D T	Malariel poisoning, etc	DeWitt	\$15
Wetherby	Amos	loss L thumb; wd L thigh	Eureka	\$8
Whitaker	Oramel	wd buttock, etc	St Johns	\$8
White	Lysander M	wd R hand, etc	M Rapids	\$1
Wilson	Mary A	widow	Bath	\$8
Wilson	Warren	wd R hip	Bath	\$10
Wilson	Orin	dis of kidneys	St Johns	\$8
Woodruff	Jas H	wd L hand, etc	M Rapids	\$18
Wooley	Geo	---	Elsie	\$4
Wright	Wm	wd L ilium	M Rapids	\$6
Young	Robert	loss L arm above elbow	St Johns	\$24
Zwick	D M	widow	Ovid	\$8

(Kansas Bandit cont.)

week, Mrs. Hempsted, who had been told by Sheriff Barnes to notify him, should Burgoon return, telephoned the sheriff and said. "Your man is here." He immediately drove to the Hempsted home. A car was parked outside in which were two Lansing young men Burgoon had persuaded to drive him and Miss Bokoher to St. Johns to get their clothes.

Before the sheriff arrived, Burgoon, who may have been tipped off by someone, told his Lansing friends to wait until Mrs. Hempsted put his clothes in the car, and then drive down the street a couple of blocks where he would be waiting for them after "seeing a man who owed him money."

Sheriff Barnes stationed Deputy Patterson in the house, Deputy Workman in the Lansing car, and then set about searching the neighborhood for Burgoon and his companion. The search proved fruitless so the sheriff finally headed for Lansing, thinking the fugitives might have left town.

A few minutes later Willis Hettler telephoned Patterson that a man and woman answering the description of the wanted pair, had been seen near his gas station on East State street. Patterson picked up Alward and together they started the pursuit. At the junction of M-21 and US 27 they spotted a moving van that seemed to be just getting under way after a stop. They halted the driver, and Patterson's flashlight picked out Burgoon and Miss Bokoher sitting in the truck. He ordered them out at the point of a gun and after Alward had searched Burgoon, took them to jail.

Kansas officers say Burgoon held up a gas station in that state some months ago, and they believe Miss Bokoher may have been his helper.

Clinton County Republican News, 16 Apr 1936



NEWSPAPERS SCANNED

The Archives had an accumulation of miscellaneous local newspapers microfilmed and digitized in August. Lynne Gregory funded the project to preserve the papers amounting to more than 1,000 pages of Clinton County history. The papers filmed included, among others, 17 issues of *The Looking Glass* (1975-6); 29 issues of *The Maple Rapids Press* (1931-1942); and 17 issues of *The St. Johns Herald* (Aug. - Dec 1864). A few issues of such obscure publications as *The Recreational News*, St. Johns; (1937); *The Shepardsville Advance* (1869); and *The Elsie Enterprise* (19 Sept 1895).

In 1913 it was legal to mail children. With stamps attached to their clothing, children rode trains to their destinations, accompanied by letter carriers. One newspaper reported it cost fifty-three cents for parents to mail their daughter to her grandparents for a family visit. As news stories and photos popped up around the country, it didn't take long to get a law on the books making it illegal to send children through the mail.

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 Ext. 2. 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

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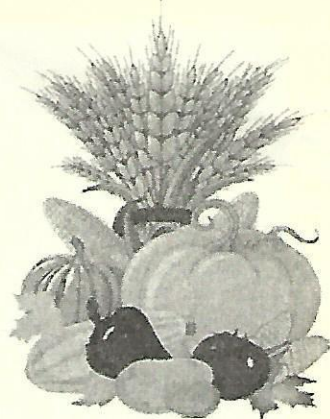
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- ❖ *The Union News*; St. Johns HS newsletter, 1924 & 1926 issues
- ❖ *When Boppa was a Boy*, Kurt D. Thelen; 2013
- ❖ Clinton Co. MI, Atlas & Plat Book; 1984-85
- ❖ *All About Lansing*; Sesquicentennial Ed.; 1987
- ❖ *Heritage, A Michigan State Grange Sesquicentennial Book*; 1987
- ❖ *Lansing, Capital, Campus, & Cars*; Manassan, et al; 1986
- ❖ *Michigan Pioneer Collections Index, Vols. 1-15, 1874-1890*
- ❖ *Biographies, Early History of Michigan*; 1888
- ❖ *Michigan Manuals*; 1955-6; 1959-60; 1961-2; 1977-8
- ❖ *Gratiot Co. Portrait & Biographic Album*, 1884
- ❖ *Kalamazoo, Allegan, & VanBuren Cos., Portrait & Biographic Album*, 1892
- ❖ *History of Montcalm Co., Mich.*; 1916
- ❖ Photographs:
 - Ovid HS 1927; teachers & students
 - St. Johns HS 1924 Sophomore class
 - Matherton School; 1925
 - Frink School picnic; 1916
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