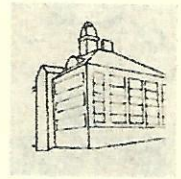




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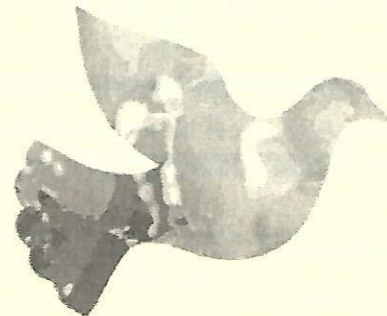
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In Memory



Carol (Salisbury) Henry

November 3, 1941- April 10, 2015

Carol Henry was an avid genealogist and a long-time member of the Clinton County Historical Society. She served as treasurer of the Genealogists Committee and in other offices of the society as a whole. She will be especially remembered by this group as a faithful volunteer at the Archives for eighteen years.

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100 Years Ago!!!

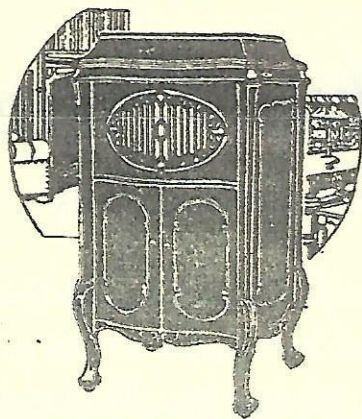
Clinton County 1915

Clinton County Trails will be looking at life in
Clinton County from 100 years ago.
We hope you enjoy traveling back in time with us.

HEAR THE

Brunswick

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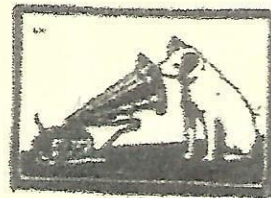


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Because it's the most Wonderful
Musical Instrument. Come in and
see our Music Room and hear the
New Music. You will want one and

Allison can supply it.

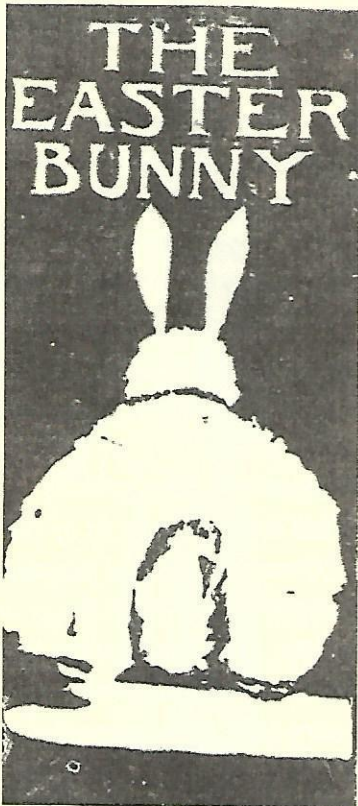
St. Johns, Michigan

1915

Genealogy quotes:

*"I don't know who my grandfather was, I am much more concerned to know what his
grandson will be." ----- Abraham Lincoln*

"You live as long as you are remembered." ---- Russian Proverb

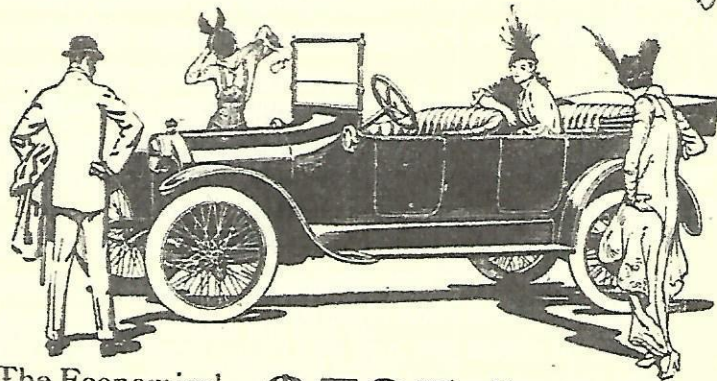


This is only the Easter bunny
Big and soft and white
With little pink nose, so funny
And little stub tail upright

He's out on his annual errand,
Locating nests today,
Soon to be filled with eggs,
Brilliantly colored and gay

Don't forget to have yours ready
For on his nightly round
He hippety hops in a hurry,
And late ones won't be found
Rosmond M. Pent. *CR March 1915*

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The Economical Car **\$785** Completely Equipped

Including Electric Self-starter, Electric Lights, Generator, One-Man Mohair Top and Boot, Wood or Wire Wheels, Speedometer, High-Tension Magneto, Windshield, etc.

It is the "Car with the trouble left out" a really well built, high grade small car—of as fine materials, of as assured reliability, as high finished and as thoroughly out of the ordinary, low-value class, as the highest priced large cars.

Note carefully the following features—The Briscoe has them—

French Chassis	Left-hand drive
French Line body	Chrome Vanadium Steel
107 inch wheel base	One-man Mohair top and boot
Sunken center headlight	Parisian curtains
Electric lights	Clear vision windshield
Silent electric starter	Gasoline tank under cowl
Wire wheels (wood optional)	Molded fenders
Full floating rear axle	Paint-Highest quality Brewster Green
continental type front axle	Leather faced cone clutch
Electric horn button on steering wheel	Safety first brakes
Ajax Tires (Guaranteed 5,000 miles)	High tension magneto
Tire brackets in rear	All bearings bronze lined with Babbit (not found in other cars under \$2,000)
Light weight, 1800 pounds	Motor Bloc L head type
Three point suspension	Long stroke high speed motor
Flush instrument board, carrying carburetor adjustment, speedometer, oil gauge and electric gauge	Cylinders 2 1.5 x 5 1.8
Luxurious upholstery	Transmission unit with motor
Home comfort seats	Perfectly balanced chassis
	Speedometer on transmission shaft
	Extra long, new alloy steel springs

"Last but not least" what is the Briscoe car? It is the master product of men whose minds have supervised the building of over a Hundred Thousand cars.

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Sales Agent

St. Johns, Michigan

Before you pay more find a car that gives more

—and before you pay less than \$985 for a FOUR, find one that gives you AS MUCH as you get in the Studebaker FOUR.

You'll no doubt look at half a dozen cars before you make up your mind. And as a matter of fact, that is the only way to judge. For you can't, for example, begin to appreciate what this price of \$985 means until you study the Studebaker's design.

—until a demonstrator shows you, for instance, the FULL floating Rear Axle that takes the weight off the driving shaft and sets the shaft free to turn power into progress;

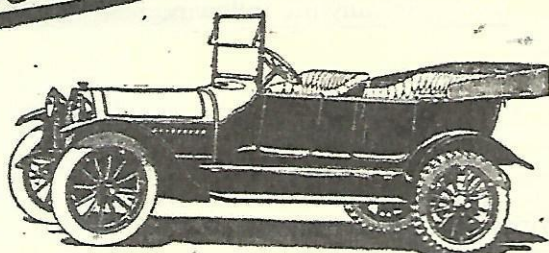
—until he shows you how FULLY equipped this FOUR is with Timken Bearings everywhere;

—until you ride and drive it over all sorts of roads and demonstrate to yourself how marvelously Studebaker engineers improved its riding qualities when they lightened the weight and re-balanced it;

Why not look at a Studebaker tomorrow? Even if you are not going to buy until next May, it's worthwhile knowing now what you CAN get for \$985 and how needless it is to pay more. So see it—

Studebaker

FOUR
\$985



WM. J. MOSS, Agent

Higham Street W.

St. Johns, Michigan

Celebrated St. Patrick's Day

Mr. & Mrs. Luther Mort most pleasantly entertained the Crescent Embroidery club with their husbands and families, numbering 42., Wednesday evening, March 17th, in honor of St. Patrick's Day. On the arrival the guests were each presented a shamrock to wear to represent the occasion.

The house was very prettily decorated with shamrocks of various sizes. A most delightful program was given consisting of Irish songs and recitations. The guests were then invited to the dining rooms, which were very tastefully decorated with green crepe paper and shamrock, where a bountiful supper consisting of green garnished salads, cake, sandwiches and hot coffee was served. White pipes with shamrocks on each served as place cards.

The centerpieces were rockeries of Irish potatoes set with lettuce leaves, and at each plate a lighted candle burned which set in an Irish potato. As the candle burned down, Irish toasts were given. At the wee hours of the morning all joined in and sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." The guests departed declaring Mr. & Mrs. Mort royal entertainers.

[Clinton Republican - March 1915]



You'll see clothes here that you'll see nowhere else.....

Fresh new styles that speak of Spring. A strictly authoritative and wholly unparalleled presentation of matchless values, emphasizing this store's irrefutable leadership in fashion, quality, and value. Spring suits, slip-ons and rain-proof balmacaans, all popularly prices at, from

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Most men buy HATS at this season. We will show you everything from broad rimmed Stetsons to crushed felts and derbies. All the standard colors and sizes.

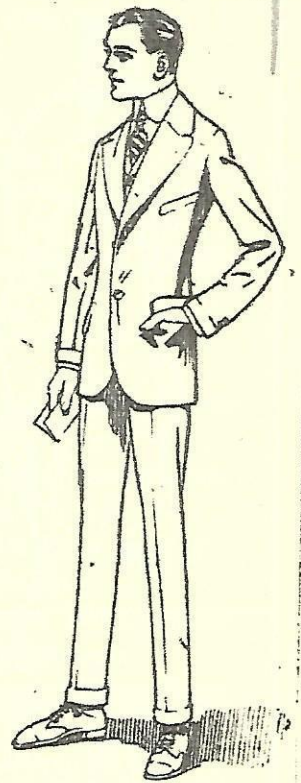
\$1 to \$4.50

Neckwear in rich silks. Medium weight underwear. Phoenix Hosiery for men and women. Collars, Jewelry, etc.

Robt. J. Merrill

Clinton Avenue

St. Johns, Michigan



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Spring Opening

Featuring Prinzess Coats and Suits

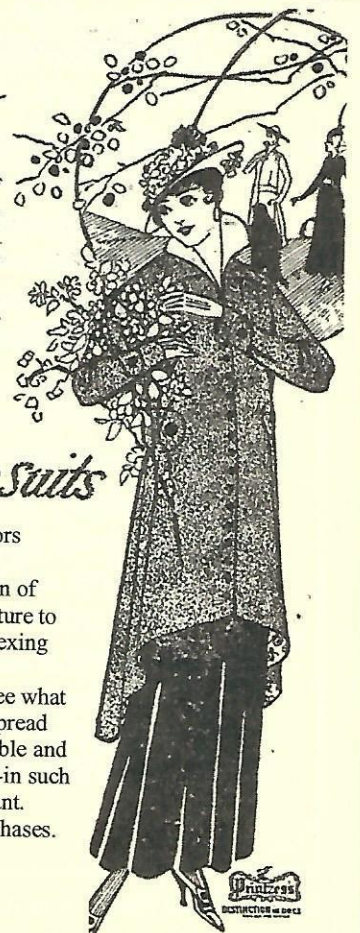
Spring is here, and on every hand nature flaunts her bright, fresh colors while Mother Earth decks herself in new garments to greet the season.

And with the coming of Spring your thoughts too, turn to the question of new clothes to wear---clothes that shall be appropriate in color and texture to meet the needs of the season. In your mind rises the familiar but perplexing question of what will be worn this season.

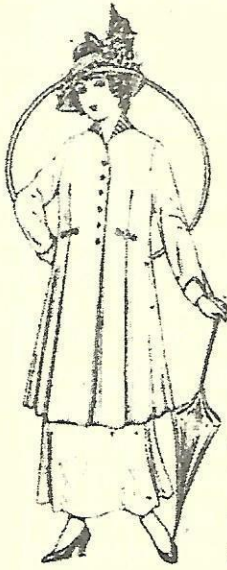
This is the time to come to us, to visit our different departments, to see what our buyers have gathered for your inspection at this time. Now they spread before you the results of their months of study of Fashion's moods. Table and shelves, rack and cabinets---everywhere you find things that are new---in such profusion that even the most critical can quickly find just what they want.

Make a list of you needs, come in and let us help you make your purchases.

Geo. H. Chapman

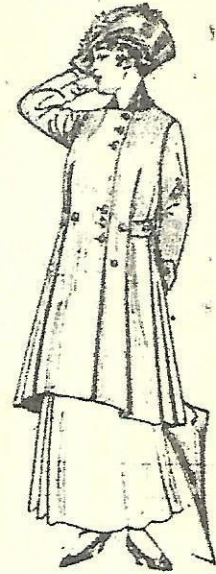


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Wear a Style That's Different—This Spring?

GET away from the commonplace and try a coat that is different---not freakish or extreme, but one that expresses originality of thought that shows that extremely rare combination of taste and cleverness. PRINTZESS coats are designed by men whose salaries run well into the thousands--the coats they design are meant for you. We bought them because we felt they were the kind we would be proud to offer you try one on, you'll grow fonder of it as the season advances.



Style Notes

- Choke collars are here in innumerable styles.
- Ashes of roses is an old color come back again.
- Simplicity is the keynote of dress goods for the spring
- Quaint little bead tassels appear on some of the new waists.
- All of the broad brimmed hats are worn at a pronounced angle.
- The narrow lining has not been discarded in frocks for semiformal wear.
- Some handsome sports coats are made up in corduroys and velveteen.
- If the complexion is colorless avoid wearing delicate grays, greens & blues.
- Corduroys will be worn again. Velveteen's and velour's are elegant and distinctive.
- Tulle bands with bows behind are worn for evening & are becoming to the majority of women.
- Some of the skirts dip front and back, being raised, at the sides, but not showing any petticoat.

[Clinton Republican: 4 March 1915]

Why Let Foot Discomfort Mar Your Easter Pleasures?

OUR new Easter Footwear is extremely smart, of course, and comfortable too. Come in and let us show you the new models! Select the style you like—Pump, Oxford or High Shoes. -It won't be difficult with all the wonderfully beautiful ones to select from.



The Military

We also have a first class Repair Shop. Try Us.

Theron Shaver & Son

Successors to L. S. Reed

Don't For Shoppers

Don't forget that you always can afford courtesy, kindness and a smile.

Don't forget that peace of mind is better than things you can't afford.

Don't let false pride cost you money. There is no happiness in it.

Don't buy vegetables out of season and expect low prices.

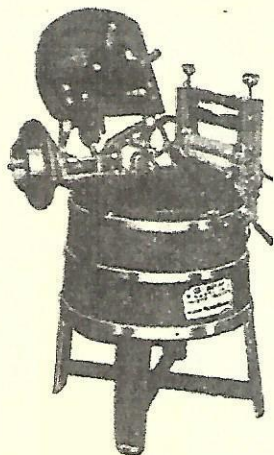
Don't feel too sure you are getting the most possible out of your expenditures. Learn what "hard pan" really is.

Don't add to delivery expenses by ordering at the last moment. Keep ahead of actual need.

Don't be ashamed to save pennies, otherwise you are easy prey.

Don't fail to think out your expenditures and keep inside the limit you fix.

You Owe It To Yourself



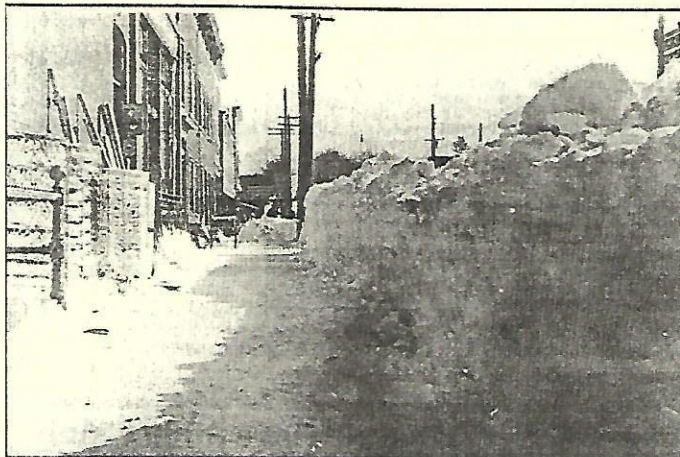
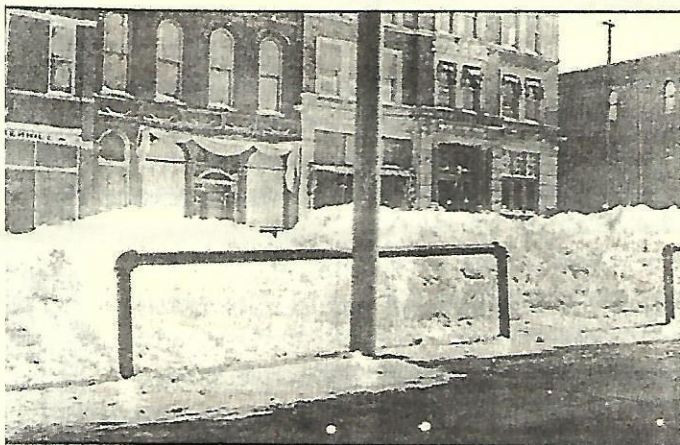
To investigate my Hand and Power Washing Machinery before you buy.

This Washing Machine has more friends among the women folks of Clinton county than any other.

Sold at the prices of inferior Washing Machines.

R. S. Clark

Higham Street, St. Johns, Michigan



AND YOU THINK YOU HAD IT BAD THIS YEAR-This display of weather took place in the early 1900's in St. Johns. These scenes came from the post card collection of former Clinton County News employee Maribel Nelson. The top view is of North Clinton Avenue in front of Clinton Bank and Trust, while the bottom photo is a view of West Walker Street on the south side of the street.

NEWZ FROM EARLY PAPERS

Courtesy of archives staff & other discerning researchers.

Riverside

Clinton Republican 30 July 1914

- Robert Rose has gone to Lansing to work in the Olds factory.
- Mrs. Noah Wilhelm was a caller at O. B. Dills Monday evening.
- Mr. & Mrs. Dyle Linn are taking a week's outing at Park lake.
- Frank Calder sold his trotting horse to parties in Mason last week.
- George Rohrer and family spent Sunday with Mr. & Mrs. Russell Grinold.
- Harry Hutchins of Gaylord was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. O. B. Dills, Friday.
- Mrs. W. C. Butler of Waukesha, Wisc., visited Mrs. O. Bo. Dills Saturday afternoon.
- Mr. & Mrs. Mark Norris returned home from their Detroit trip Thursday night.
- Miss Beulah Ferguson of Lansing visited relatives in this place last week.
- Daniel Klaver is spending the week with his sister, Mrs. Gust Koepitz of Lansing.
- Several from here attended the Ingham Co. Grange picnic at the M.A.C. Thursday
- Harry Rouse & Tobias Calder are in Detroit attending the horse races this week.
- Mr. & Mrs. Bert Scott and daughter returned from a week's outing at Park Lake.
- Paul Coulahan has accepted a position as station agent at the DeWitt waiting room.
- Harold Tucker, who is working in Fowler, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Maude Tucker.
- Levi Sibley is having his house painted. George Mann & Albert Naracon are doing the work.
- Gerry W. dills of Detroit is spending three weeks' vacation with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. O. B. Dills.
- Mrs. Glenn Miller of South Riley spent Saturday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. Charles Wilcox.
- Mrs. A. E. Huguelet, Mrs. Earl Cole and son, Edmund, of Riley were guest of Mrs. Maude Tucker Friday.

[cont.]

- Mrs. Lewis Turner and little daughter, Marvel, of Ovid spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Frank Rose.
- Mr. & Mrs. Charles Webb were guests of Mr. & Mrs. Bert Scott at a fish dinner at Park Lake, Thursday.
- Misses Florence Keck and Florence Morse of near Lansing spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Maude Rose.
- Mrs. W. H. Oliver of Howard City came Tuesday to spend a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. James Ranney.
- Mrs. D. H. Hutchins and son, Harry, of Gaylord were guests of P. H. Halterman and family a few days last week.
- Miss Lois Webb spent several days last week at the Merrill cottage at Pine Lake, the guest of Miss LaFern Merrill.
- Mrs. Pearl Knickerbocker entertained her nieces, Miss Agnes, Kittie and Florence Caruss of St. Johns, all last week.
- Peter Halterman and family, Mrs. D. H. Hutchins and son, Harry, of Gaylord, spent Sunday in St. Johns with Mr. & Mrs. J. Averill.
- Miss Eren Wilcox, who has been home for the past week helping care for her mother, Mrs. Charles Wilcox, returned to Wixon Wednesday.
- Mrs. George VanDyke and son, Lynn, of Lansing spent Sunday with Mr. & Mrs. James Richmond, also called upon her sister, Mrs. Maude Tucker.
- Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Ferguson, Mrs. Jennie Rouse and Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Rouse of Lansing were callers of Mr. & Mrs. Henry N. Webb Mon. night.
- Mr. & Mrs. Roy Pennell and daughters Doris & Margie, of Albion, and Mr. & Mrs. Parmeter of Concord spent Fri. with Mr. & Mrs. Mark Pennell.

PRESS RELEASE:

*From the staff of the Archives of Michigan
March 2015*

The Archives of Michigan is thrilled to announce that images of Michigan death certificates from 1921-1939 are now available for free at Seeking Michigan: <http://seekingmichigan.org/> The index for records from 1940-1952 will be made available in the next few weeks, with additional certificate images to be released in January 2016. Together with the records from 1897-1920 that have been available at the site for years, this collection makes Seeking Michigan the one-stop destination for more than 2.6 million free, publicly-available century death records for Michigan ancestors.

This 1921-1952 collection of death certificates and indexes, in partnership with the Michigan Department of Community Health and FamilySearch, covers a critical period in the growth and development of Michigan. Here, researchers will find evidence of the influx of Eastern European immigration, the emergence of Detroit as the automotive capital of the world, and a state crippled by the Great Depression. Those ancestors that immigrated to Michigan, worked the assembly line, and struggled to make ends meet can all be found here.

An individual's last name, first name, county and township/village/city of death, birth year, age, and parents' names are all indexed and searchable. Additional information, including the decedent's occupation, cause of death, burial location, and birthplace is listed on the certificate itself.

Michigan death records from 1897-1952 are now all in one place for free! And, as luck would have it, Seeking Michigan is also celebrating its 6th birthday today.



GROVE SCHOOL, WATERTOWN TWP. , DIST. NO. 2

This picture shows a group of students about 1937 in front of the Grove School which once stood in the southeast corner of Watertown Twp. Over time the school was rebuilt in a nearby location. **Debra Most** donated the picture, as well as one of a painting of one of the school buildings. The following identification was provided by **Kenneth Montgomery** whose mother was a Hodges. The teacher was **Mayo (Jones) Jastram**.

1st row: David Hodges; Don Matoon; -?-; Joyce Jones; Dorren Delong; Ray Hitchcock; Clare Delong, Betty Hodges.

2nd row: Arnold Gilbert; Gene Hitchcock; Patsy Hodges; Eleanor Hodges; -?-; Velma Matoon; Colin Delong; -?-; Joyce Hodges; Freda Gilbert.

3rd row: Bob Barton; Carl Redman; Russel Delong; Clifford Clayton; -?-; Donald Delong; Doris Matoon; Dorothy Rach; Gale Rach.



Violetta Burpee was a school teacher in the Ovid school district and was the grandmother of **Tom DeGiorno** of Bath, MI.

Surnames of Research

- **Dennis & Gayla (Johnson) Phillips;** 1991 E Gratiot Co Line Rd, St Johns, MI 48879; **Parks, Johnson, Wright, & VanSickle**
- **Lisa Gustafson,** 5062 Forest River Way, Kalamazoo, MI; **Pohl, Fedewa, Parish**
- **Elaine Garlock;** 1504 Johnson St, Lake Odessa, MI 48849-1316; **Garlock & McFarland**
- **Deb Trinter;** 2644 Shanad Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89146; **Wacker**
- **Carol Gardner;** 1308 Wisconsin St, Stevens Point, WI 54481-4513; **Gardner, Pierson, Francisco, Myers & Inslee**

QUERY

- Seeking ANY info on death & burial place of **Samuel & Sarah/Sally (Miller) Smith.** Lived in Dallas Twp., Clinton, MI per 1850 & 60 census but do not appear in the 1870 census. Reply to Linda (Smith) Tappan to ltappan@austin.rr.com.
- **RAYMOND E. LONEY:** "My uncle, T/4 Robert T. Claiborne, of Brownsville, TN, served with the "C" Company maintenance section, 760th Tank Battalion, from his induction at Fort Knox on January 6, 1942, until his death in combat near Minturno, Italy, in the night of May 11-12, 1944. In history this was the night in which the Allied army opened its offensive against the Gustav Line, held by the German army, that blocked the road to Rome." "That same night, May 11-12, 1944, three other men from "C" Company also perished in combat. Cpl. Raymond E. Loney, 25, from Clinton County, MI, was one. For some reason the details of his death are not mentioned in the operational reports for the Battalion." "I am trying to reconstruct the history of that night, and I am very interested in locating any present-day relatives or family friends who survive Cpl. Loney. Thank you very much."
Al Claiborne, Professor; Tel.: (336) 716-3914; Cell: (336) 529-2105; E-mail: alc@csb.wfu.edu

Recent Acquisitions:

- Helen E. Ward genealogical research on following families: Mussbach, Reithmuller, Heinzeman, Haidlauf, Needham, Ward, Askew, Avery, Cox, Caldwell, Morley
- Photos: SJHS Class of 1921
 - Eda (Cumberworth) White
 - George Andrew Tallmadge
 - Jessie M. (Henderson) Tallmadge
 - 1st Congregational Church, St. Johns, Laying Cornerstone 1899
 - Grove School, Watertown Twp. ; students ca 1937
 - Phillip, Eugene, & Herman Krause families of Gunnisonville

It's time for CCHS election of officers. The slate of officers needs to be voted on by the membership no later than that annual meeting on May 4th.

The new slate of officers includes:
President - Lynne Gregory 3 yrs.
Secretary - Gayla Phillips 3 yrs.
Director - Ron Matson - 3 yrs.
Director - Myrna Van Epps 2 yrs.



2015 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.

******Unless your dues are updated immediately, this will be your final issue of Clinton Co. Trails. Your membership and support is truly valued and is vital to the work of the Clinton County Historical Society!!******

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

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

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ARCHIVES OPEN HOUSE

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