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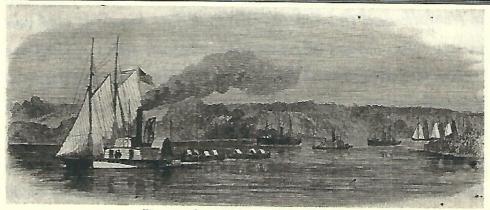
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Pumunkey River July 1864

[http://www.sonofthesouth.net/leefoundation/civil-war/1864/july/pamunkey-river.jpg]

Civil War Letter

Clinton Republican - 1 Jul 1864

From the Army of the Potomac; Hospital near Petersburg, VA June 21st, 1864. Correspondent unknown

At my last writing, the smoke of battle at Bethesda Church was clearing away. We were then about eight miles east of Richmond.

On the afternoon of the 12th inst., the 9th, with the 2nd, 5th, and 6th Corps, took up their line of march for the front, first going east to the vicinity of White House Landing on the Pamunkey and thence southwest, crossing the Pamunkey, Chickahominy, and the James at Wilcox's Landing near Windmill Point.

The movement was so carefully ordered that the enemy was not aware that our rifle pits were vacated until twelve hours after our departure. Notwithstanding our start, our suspecting foe had been able to put Petersburg on the defensive, erecting rifle pits to the distance of four miles southeast of the city. Pit after pit has been carried by our invincible arms, three lines of which were very strong. The Norfolk and Petersburg railroad has been cut and considerable of the track torn up. Our troops at present lie on both sides of that road on the southeast of the city at a distance of about a mile. The place is being shelled and cannot hold out much longer. Petersburg is considered the key to Richmond but I imagine the hand which unlocks the inner gate of that wicked city with the so-called key must be a skilled one and will only succeed after long trial. Richmond is not yet taken, though I believe it will be after a great flow of blood.

We have lost a large number of men in the taking of Petersburg thus far. Over 1,100 wounded have been brought to this division hospital. The 3rd Division must have lost in killed, wounded, and missing, 1,500, and the 9th Corps not less than 4,000. The whole loss here cannot fall short of 18,000. It must be recollected that, in addition to the four corps under Major-General Mead, General Butler's two corps have been partially engaged. The 2rd Mich. Infantry has lost about 200; the 8th about 60; and the 27th about 150. The number of killed is comparatively small. The names of some of the killed and wounded from Clinton County and vicinity are as follows:

2nd Infantry - Killed

Robert T. Middlesworth Jonathan E. Simonds Corp. Levi N. Hilton Serg. Edwin M. Smith, Duplain Ward Berry

> Lieut. Col. E. J. March Capt. James Bradley Lieut. E. A. Sherman Lieut. George Cook

2nd Infantry - Wounded

Serg. Franklin Goodrich Serg. C. S. Robinson Corp. George W. Hays Stephen A. Coy Abram F. Kimball, Duplain Irwin D. Smith Franklin Roe

Wm. B. Parker, Ovid Myron B. Green

John F. Munson, Bingham

Eugene W. Rose

Wm. Kreps

Franklin W. Thayer

Chas. H. Snook Henry Hall

Read Sarue

Sanford Hadden

James Wood

Lafayette McCollum

John C. Sessions

Chas. S. Hawley

Philander David

Frank Collins

Charles Hinds

Matthew Moore, Ovid

Emmet J. Wheeler

Nelson Parrett

Sidney S. Johnson, St. Johns

Orin C. Chapman

Edward M. Footes

Clear Hulse, mortally wounded.

27th Infantry - Killed

Serg. R. McWhorton Ali King, Eagle John Doan

E. A. Corey, Victor John T. Cole, Victor

27th Infantry - Wounded

Col. D. M. Fox

Capt. Nelson Trucky

Her

Lieut. J. Q. Patterson, Ovid

S. Mead

Lieut. Lester M. O'Brien

Serg. John S. Megarah

Corp. John W. Outcalt, Ovid

Corp. Jacob Gibbard, Victor Harrison H. Isbell, Olive

James C. Howell, Dallas

Philip Thomas, Greenbush

Henry M. Rutty

Herman Ford, Duplain
Isbell Stockbridge
James E. Owen, Olive
Dwight Payne
Geo. P. Mattoon, Essex
Elias Myer, Bingham
Wm. Whitman, Essex
George A. Whitman, Essex
Cornelius Austin, St. Johns
James H. Woodruff, St. Johns

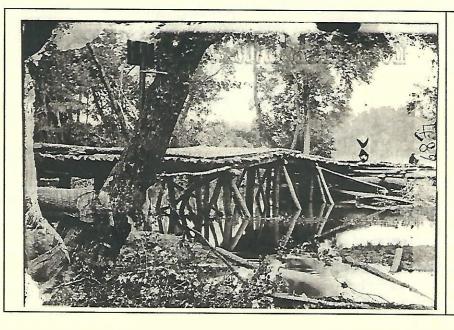
Christopher L. Dodge.

This is as correct a list as I can now give. In addition to the above, I would state that Sergeant Jasper Davis of Portland, Ionia County, died at hospital in Washington a few days since of diarrhea and Daniel Goodrich of St. Johns died at this hospital on the morning of the 20th inst.

Since we crossed the Chickahominy, we have marched through an excellent country. The land has not been eaten out by troops. Crops look very finely where sowing or planting has been done at all. Wheat is nearly ready to be cut and blackberries are fast opening. There is indeed a great abundance of berries in the vicinity of the James.

I notice the same scarcity of whites and blacks of the masculine gender as farther north. The country is completely drained of all the sinew that can be brought to bear in carrying on the war. Our horses and mules have been living in clover to the eyes for a few days, which is a great change from soil that does not have two blades of grass to the square rod. The men, too, are living well. At the risk of demoralization, the flocks suffer. Of course, no one countenances stealing but I must say that I dined upon a very nice piece of mutton from the John Tyler estate a few days since.

The army is accomplishing all it can at fearful risks and the people at home must not look for the accomplishment of too much in the next few days,. Petersburg must fall soon. Hope for the best and trust to the army. P.



Chickahominy River, Virginia during the Civil War

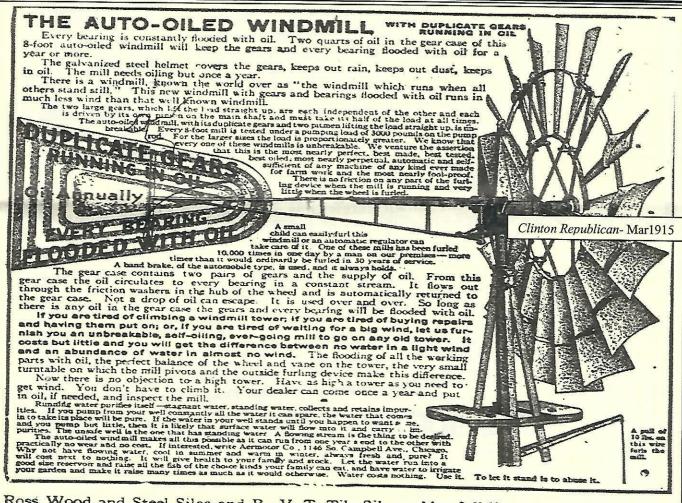
[www.civilwar3d.com]

100 Years Ago!!! Clinton County 1915

Clinton County Trails will be looking at life in Clinton County from 100 years ago.

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[cont. from CCT March 2015]



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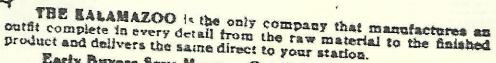
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Sales

The Spotless Kitchen.

Spread newspapers over the kitchen table before starting to clean poultry or any other dirty work and see what a labor saving device it is. When a table top is very dirty and stained sprinkle a good handful of common salt over it and scrub with hot water and soap. This takes out all the stains and whitens the table splendidly. To secure a shining surface, wipe off the range with vinegar before polishing with When plates and dishes have to be warmed in the oven, if a newspaper is placed underneath it will break the heat and prevent the plates from crackling. Mix a little vinegar with the stove polish, then the blacking will not fly off in fine dust, and it will not take much rubbing to polish the stove. Polish it with old newspapers. Tack up white oilcloth on your kitchen where pan's are to be hung and back of the sink where water is likely to be spattered. Also cover pantry shelves and kitchen table. You will find this a great labor saver besides adding to the appearance of the kitchen. (CR.- 4 Mar 1915)

The Fair Ground

We are informed that some parties in the rural districts who should feel an interest in raising the funds for the purchase of the Fair Ground, object to making active efforts because the Agricultural Society sold ten acres of the thirty originally purchased, to Mr. Conn. for \$400. We will state for the information of who raise this objection, that this arrangement was agreed upon by the Directors of the Society before the contract with Mr. Cardinal was entered into, that gentleman offering to sell the whole thirty acres on much more liberal terms than twenty--thus affecting a saving to the Society, and securing the twenty acres for \$1,000. This arrangement being entered into at the time o the purchase, honor between man and man required its fulfillment at the proper time. Besides, the tract taken by Mr. Conn is situated at the southern extremity of the original purchase, and is unimproved, while the ground taken by the Society is mostly cleared and fenced. The Society would gladly have taken the whole tact, had not the apprehended want of funds with which to pay for it prevented. (CR Feb 1866)

OLD LANDMARK - OVID

Ovid Carriage Factory Building Will Be Torn Down During the Summer.

One of Ovid's landmarks will very soon disappear, as Frank Meehan has purchased the old wooden carriage factory building on east William Street. and plans to tear it down sometime during the summer. He has already commenced on the bi smoke stack and may blasts o dynamite were heard Monday and Tuesday.

The factory building which was at one time the place of a thriving business has been unoccupied since Ovid buggies ceased to be manufactured and it was becoming more dilapidated with each change of season. Citizens of Ovid will not regret seeing it torn down. The building is located next to Meehan Bros. poultry house.

(CR - March 1915)

School Notes

The spring vacation of one week will occur this year March 29 to April 5.

Supt. F. P. Buck will act as a judge in a sub-district oratorical contest to be held at Grand ledge April 9.

Miss Alice Sims, teacher in the third and fourth grade room at the Central building has been ill the past few days. During her absence Mrs. Nellie Marshall had charge of her room.

Miss Minnie Olson, principal of Perrin school, visited schools in Battle Creek Monday.

The week of spring vacation this year will be one of unusual opportunity to all superintendents and teachers who care to pay a visit to Ann Arbor. In addition to the meetings of the Classical Conference, The Schoolmaster's Club and the Michigan Academy of Science, a new educational venture, is to be inaugurated. The State Department of Education and the University have combined to provide a four-day institute for superintendents, grade principals and critic teachers. Three of the best known educational authorities in the country will conduct the institute, Professor E. L. Thorndike of Teachers' College, Columbia University; Professor L. D. Coffman of the University of Illinois and Mr. S. A. Curtis of the Detroit schools. The work of the institute will consist of lectures, round table discussions and personal conferences. (CR. - March 191)





Archives closed on following dates in 2015 Sept 7 – Labor Day Nov 11 – Veterans Day Nov 26-27 – Thanksgiving Dec 24-31 - Christmas

QUERY:

- Brown
- Fisher, Jeremiah
- Haker
- Hotchkiss
- Kirby, William
- Stone, Jerome B.
- West

*If you are interested in one of these families contact the archives for information.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS:

- Clinton, Gratiot & Lenawee County Burials 1895-1920 (a 4 book series)
- Photos of the Colony School including students & teachers
 - o 1952-53, Beginners 8th grade
 - 0 1935
 - 0 1939
- Clinton County Directory, 1953-54
- Photo of the Union Home School, 1955-56?
- Allen School Alumni Newsletters [Watertown Twp.]
- Photo: Allen Schoolhouse
- Photo: 1936 Allen School children
- Photo: 1946 Allen School children
- Genealogies: LAKE, Sylvia; memorial service on DVD
- Schools: (BOOK & DVD FORMAT) Rural Schools of Eaton County, MI; The Eaton County Historical Commission; Published 2015 Eaton County Historical Commission; Printed by Sunfield Sentinel/Infinity Graphics; 8 ½ x 11; Softbound; 350 pp.

SURNAMES & LOCATION OF RESEARCHERS:

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 Townsend; Tucker; Webster; Wiegner; Wilbur; Wilcox; Wyman
- Allen School; Bath School; Lake Geneva; Round School; and St. Johns houses

Local Mason Blue Lodge Held First meeting in 1857

St. Johns Lodge No. 105, F&AM, was the first secret fraternal group in the city. It's first meeting was held 3 Dec 1857.

Temporary officers elected on that date were Timothy Baker, worshipful master; George F. Mead, secretary; W. W. Branard, senior warden; J. E. Leech, junior warden; H. C. Hodge, treasurer; John Ransom, senior deacon; L. C. Conn, junior deacon; George Richmond, tiler.

First initiates after the lodge was founded were A. M. Crawford, George F. Mead, C. A. Lamb and George W. Richmond.

The Lodge received its charter

on 14 January 1858 and on January 25 of that year elected the following officers: Timothy Baker, worshipful master; W. W. Branard, senior warden; L. C. Conn, junior deacon; George F. Mead, secretary; H. C. Hodge, treasurer; John Ransom, senior deacon; A. M. Crawford, junior deacon; C. A. Lamb, Chaplain; J. B. Lucas, tiler; George W. Richmond, and O. B. Swain, stewards.

Since 1867 the lodge has occupied rooms in the Hicks & Steel building.

Listed below for each year since 1857 are the lodge's worshipful master, senior warden, junior warden, secretary, and number of active members.

 1857 - Timothy Baker, W. w. Branard, J. E. Leach, George F. Mead, 11

- 1858 William H. Moote, O.
 L. Spaulding, R. McFarlan,
 G.H. Stephensen, 105.
- 1859 W. W. Branard, R. Plumstead, J. E. Leach, H. C. Hodge, 34.
- 1860- R. Plumstead, Wm. H. Moote, J. E. Leach, James Hayes, 31.
- 1861- R. Plumstead, J. W. Paine, George F. Mead, James Hays, 33.
- 1862- J. W. Paine, George F. Mead, James hays, J. H. Cranson, 36.
- 1863-William H. Moote, James Hays, J. H. Cranson, George F. Mead, 51.
- 1864-J. W. Paine, G. H. Stephensen, J. F. Smith, J. w. Bromly, 47.
- 1865-William H. Moote, J. w. Bromly, J. F. smith, G. H. Stephensen, 91.
- 1866-William H. Moote, O.
 L. Spaulding, R. McFarlan, G.
 H. Stephensen, 105.
- 1867-O. L. Spaulding, J. W. Bromly, Robert McFarlan, G. H. Stephensen, 113.
- 1868-Andrew J. Wiggins,
 Sylvester Hoyt, S. J. Wright,
 E. S. Smith, 117.
- 1869-Andrew Wiggins, Sylvester Hoyt, S. J. Wright, Robert McFarlan, 129.
- 1870-Andrew Wiggins, Henry P. Adams, J. D. Henderson, Sylvester Hoyt, 137.
- 1871-Andrew Wiggins, Henry P. Adams, J. D. Henderson, Sylvester Hoyt, 144.

- 1872-Andrew Wiggins, Henry P. Adams, J. D. Henderson, Charles P. Wickes, 159.
- 1873-Andrew J. Wiggins, Henry Adams, J. D. Henderson, Charles Wickes, 160.
- 1874- J.D. Henderson, Wm. Brown, Mina Boyd, Charles Wickes, 163.
- 1875-J.D.Henderson, William Brown, Mina Boyd, Charles Wickes, 163.
- 1876- J.D. Henderson, Wm. Brown, Mina Boyd, Charles Wickes, 150.
- 1877-Wm. Brown, M. D. Brown, M. J. Bassett, J. M. Frisbie, 147.
- 1878-Wm. Brown, M. d. Brown, E. R. Sanford, J. M. Frisbie, 143.
- 1879-Wm. Brown, M. D. Brown, E. R. Sanford, J. M. Frisbie, 126.
- 1880-M.D. Brown, E. R. Sanford, G. H. Stephensen, A. S. Fildew, 128.
- 1881-M. D. Brown, G. H. Stephensen, Jos. H. Ingall, J. M. Frisbie, 131.
- 1882-G.H. Stephensen, Jos. H. Ingall, Wm. Henderson, J. M. Frisbie, 136.
- 1883-G. H. Stephensen, Wm. Henderson, E. L. Nichols, A. S. Fildew, 138.
- 1884-Wm Henderson, J. B. Henderson, E. L. Nichols, A. S. Fildew, 202.
- 1885-Wm. Henderson, J. B. Henderson, John d. Willis, A. S. Fildew, 203

- 1886-James Henderson, John Willis, Otis Fuller, A. S. Fildew, 209
- 1887- Wm. Cochrane, W. McDonald, Otis Fuller, A. S. Fildew, 207.
- 1888-Wm. Cochrane, W. McDonald, E. E. Talmadge, H. F. Washburn, 203.
- 1889-J. Henderson, O. W. Miller, A. E. Dunn, H. F. Washburn, 203.
- 1890-O.W. Miller, A. W. Durkee, E. L. Nichols, A. Thomas, 199.
- 1891- Wm. Brown, A. W. Durkee, J. G. Wise, A. Thomas, 209.
- 1892-Wm Brown, F. E. Swain, Douglas Mead, A. Thomas, 214.
- 1893-Wm Brown, F. E. Swain, Douglas Mead, J. Henderson, 230.
- 1894-F.E. Swain, Douglas Mead, Lester Wilcox, W. H. Vauconsant, 239.
- 1895-F.E. Swain, Douglas Mead, Lester Wilcox, W. H. Vauconsant, 242.
- 1896-F.E. Swain, C.E.
 VanSickles, Andrew
 Eldridge, W.H. Vauconsant,
 223.
- 1897-F.E. Swain, H. L. Hendrick, A.D. Eldridge, Wm. Cochrane, 247.
- 1898-H.L. Hendrick, A.D. Eldridge, Sears Gardner, Wm. Cochrane, 247.
- 1899- H.L. Hendrick, A.D. Eldridge, Sears Gardner, Wm. Cochrane, 248
- 1900-Andrew Eldridge, Sears Gardner, Horace Gohn, Wm. Cochrane, 251

- 1901-Andrew Durkee, Sears Gardner, Horace Gohn, Wm. Cochrane, 258.
- 1902-Fred Swain, Isaac Gilbert, Fred Struble, Wm. Cochrane, 259.
- 1903-Andrew Durkee, Horace Gohn, Clark Putt, Wm. Cochrane, 266.
- 1904-Andrew Durkee, Clark Putt, John Hicks, Wm. Cochrane, 310.
- 1905-Clark Putt, John Hicks, Myron Kniffin, Wm.
 Cochrane, 311.
- 1906-Clark Putt, Fred Goodes, Frank Stone, Wm. Cochrane, 313.
- 1907-Fred Goodes, Frank Stone, Walter Wykoff, Wm. Cochrane, 316
- 1908-Fred Goodes, Frank Stone, J. Charles Flynn, Wm. Cochrane, 316.
- 1909-Frank Stone, J. Chas. Flynn, John Walker, Wm. Cochrane, 305.
- 1910-J. Chas. Flynn, John Walker, Mark W. Roat, Wm. Cochrane, 304.
- 1911-J. Chas. Flynn, John Walker, Mark W. Roat, Wm. cochrane, 306.
- 1912-John Walker, Mark w. Roat, Jesse Mear, Wm. Cochrane, 301.
- 1913-John Walker, J. Chas. Flynn, J. E. Bancroft, Wm. Cochrane, 297.
- 1914-J. Chas. Flynn, Jesse Bancroft, Thos. E. Corkin, Wm. Cochrane, 292.
- 1915-Jesse E. Bancroft, A. B. Bullard, John Curtiss, Wm. Cochrane, 291.

- 1916-John Curtiss, W. G. Wykoff, B.F. Schoenhals, Wm. Cochrane, 296.
- 1917-Walter Wykoff, B. F. Schoenhals, Frank P. Buck, Asa Gillson, 301.
- 1918-Bet Schoenhals, Frank
 P. Buck, Daniel Thomas, Asa
 Gillson, 298.
- 1919-Frank Buck, Thadens Beach, Roland Lee, Asa Gillson, 301.
- 1920-Jesse Bancroft, Guy Dutcher, Edward Corkin, Asa Gillson, 328.
- 1921-Guy Dutcher, Arthur Hotchkiss, C. S. Clark, Jr., Asa gillson, 372.
- 1922-Guy Dutcher, C. S. Clark, Wm. Osgood, B. F. Schoenhals, 366.
- 1923-C. Spencer Clark, Wm. Osgood, Chas. A. bishop, Geor. Marriott, 356.
- 1924-Wm. Clark, Chas.
 Bishop, A. Gayle
 Vauconsant, Geo. Marriott,
 356.
- 1925-Chas. Bishopm, Frank Coykendall, leono Titus, Geo. Marriott, 347.
- 1926-Frank Coykendall, Sam Casteel, Carl White, Geo. Marriott, 341.
- 1927-Sam Casteel, Carl White, Glenn tupper, Geo. Marriott, 329.
- 1928-A. Gayle Vauconsant, Harry Doyle, Wm. Bearhdt, Geo. Marriott, 335.
- 1929-Glenn Tupper, Harry Doyle, Wm Bearndt, Geo. Marriott, 331.
- 1930-Harry Doyle, Wm. Bearndt, Dana Antes, Geo. Marriott, 312.



Does anyone know what this group might be or the ladies in it?

I am assuming this group was from the Gunnisonville area, since that is where my great, great aunts are from. Left back is Anna Stampfly and front row, second from left, is Mina Stampfly-Zeeb.

If anyone can identify any of these other ladies, or what organization this may be, could you please contact Kim Sperry at kwsperry@aol.com

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Phone:		
E-Mail Address:		
Date:	1	Name & Address: Yes No E-Mail: Yes No
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- Do you check obituaries every day?
- Does your spouse call the library to see when you are coming home?
- Do you spend your vacation tracking down ancestors in county courthouses?
- Do you keep pictures of tombstones or long deceased ancestors in your wallet?
- Can you remember the data an ancestor died by you can't remember to feed the pets?
- Instead of an emergency kit in your car you have a research kit?