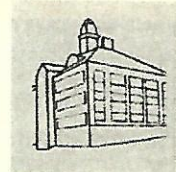




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# The St. Johns Sentry

ST. JOHNS, MICHIGAN, SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1882

Volume 1- Number 7

Publisher: John M. Potter

Earlier this year, John Frazier of Marlette, Michigan contacted the Archives and offered us an opportunity to copy documents from his ancestor, Edward Brown's collection of deeds, etc. The deeds, about 300, covered the years of 1866 through 1925. In all but a few instances they were for properties within the Clinton County area.

Most exciting was what was included in the box, a copy of the newspaper, "*The St. Johns Sentry*", published on 18 March 1882. What a find! In researching on Google for information about the paper, archivists believe it was published for only a few months that year. This newspaper was probably saved by Edward Brown because it carried his Real Estate ad, as seen here.

Further Google search indicated That between 1837 and 2016, there were at least 45 different newspapers published within the county. See Kevin Driedger's list last edited over seven years ago at [Michigannewspaperhistory.pbworks.com/w/page/20854452/ClintonCounty](http://Michigannewspaperhistory.pbworks.com/w/page/20854452/ClintonCounty).

We want to thank the Spicer Group in St. Johns for donating the copying costs of this important newspaper. We certainly appreciate it!

Both the newspaper and deeds are available for viewing at the Clinton County Archives.

(Submitted by Rowlan R.Smith)

## REAL ESTATE

### EDWARD BROWN

Has Farms for sale in the following townships in Clinton County:

BINGHAM, BENGAL, DALLAS,  
RILEY, VICTOR, OVID,  
GREENBUSH, ESSEX, and LEBANON

I have also Four Thousand Acres of land in Gratiot county, for sale. I will trade large farms for small ones, or small farms for larger ones, if desired.

I have farms for sale at from \$5 to \$60 per acre. I buy more farms than any other person in the county.

I have for sale Ten Thousand Cedar Fence Posts, at my residence one mile south of St. Johns, or on my farm on the State road, eight miles north.

EDWARD BROWN  
St. Johns, Mich.





## ***CHANT FAMILY***

Photo Caption:

Seated: Christopher & Charlotte Chant

Standing L-R: Archie, Arthur, Daisey, & Charles Chant

Chant Home on Jason Road west of Airport, Riley Twp., Clinton Co.

Courtesy of Maxine (Chant) Myers

The Chant family photo taken around 1900 depicts the siblings with various musical instruments. In the background stands a high-wheeled bicycle. Chant family lore is that Arthur rode that bicycle to St. Louis, Missouri, perhaps to the 1904 World's Fair. Did he go alone or was he part of a cycling group? Did the Chants play just for their own amusement or did they perform in public? If you can enlighten us, please contact the Clinton Co. Historical Society. [ccgensoc@yahoo.com](mailto:ccgensoc@yahoo.com) or at 517-482-5117 X-2



## Civil War Letters

### John D. Ingalls to his wife, Delia and family.

These are a few of the letters that were found in the attic where John D. Ingalls lived at the time of the Civil War. They are contributed by Laura Ingalls Ventura, John's great-great-granddaughter. John and Delia are both buried in the Wacousta Cemetery.

Washington D.C.  
20 Sept. 1861

Dear Delia and Children,

I am well this morning and hope you are, but know not. We left Detroit Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> and to describe the scene would be impossible; mothers, sisters, brothers, fathers bidding their children adieu. I saw nobody I knew, but Sarah Hazard. I bid her goodbye and then we moved slowly down the river. I stood on deck and looked at Michigan as long as I could see a hill or tree and then turned feeling very sad, I assure you. We landed at Cleveland. Our march from here beat everything I ever saw. Splendid tables set and young ladies ready to help you to everything, flags flying as far as you could see, the girls sticking nice bouquets of flowers in the boy's bosoms. One little incident, I stood gazing around motionless when a young woman approached me leading a little girl like Nelly. She said I looked sad and she felt so too. She asked me if I left a wife and little ones at home. I told her I did. She said her man had gone to war. We talked a long time; I kissed her little girl, called her Nelly and bid her goodbye.

We got to Washington Saturday night. It is a pretty place, but as far as you can look there is nothing but tents and about 3,000 men coming in per day. We took up our quarters on Arlington Heights, 3 miles from the Rebels Camp. I looked through a telescope and saw them plain. We found all the boys that ever left home and as we grasped their hand the tears rolled down their cheeks for joy. Prof. Lowe and General McClellan just went up in a balloon about mile to see the rebel line.

Now, Delia, I can't get a cent till the 10<sup>th</sup> of October and then we draw our pay. You see if you can't borrow it of your father for two weeks. I can surely get it by that time or maybe you can get another order of Niles. Let Niles take that cost for you Wilson and Wickham suit to St. Johns for you. It is one dollar 37 cents (\$1.37). You have not told me yet how you liked you dress. There is nobody knows, Dilly, how to appreciate home till they have tried. I know I shall never try it again and not never, Dilly. I can't live away from you and the children, but I hope you will keep well. You must be father and mother too Dilly. Now Dilly as soon you get this, sit rite down don't stop to sweep nor dig potatoes. Charlie, you and Nelly keep still. Direct your letter as follows:

Mr. John D. Ingalls  
Washington City, D. C.  
Co. D, 5 R Mich. In.

Have Smith fix it for you so it will be right. I shall send you money as fast as I can and every cent I get. Don't let nobody persuade you wrong there is nobody here expects



*to stay longer than spring. A. Reed, H. Williams and myself stay together all the time and are all well this morning. So goodbye for the present.*

*This from your affectionate husband, John D. Ingalls.*

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Historical note: The 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Regiment, Company D was called the 'Pontiac Volunteers' under the leadership of Capt. Joseph A. Eagle. **James A. Foreman** of Clinton County was a soldier in Company D of this regiment. This 25 year old wrote to his wife Dollie, 28 Aug 1861: "My dear, I thought I would not write until I heard from you but we shall go for Washington Tuesday next and I suppose you do not get your mail but once a week. .... we get our uniforms next Monday.." Before the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan left, they were presented with the "Stars and Stripes" where "the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan would fight as one unit". The regiment marched past and saluted Governor Blair and boarded the steamers. On 11 Sept 1861 Company D embarked to Washington on the Steamer *Ocean*. The first stop was Cleveland, Ohio then onto Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, then to Baltimore, Maryland, where they would transfer for Washington D.C., their final destination. "The 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan first assignment was to capture Munson's Hill in Fairfax County, just outside of Arlington. It turns out that the Confederates had actually abandoned the position on Sept. 28. No fight occurred when the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan and other arrived two days later." (Sept 30) "After the capture of Munson's Hill, the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan and her sister regiments made the former confederated position their new encampment. They did not remain there for long, and in mid-October the regiment moved to Fort Lyon." (Taken from: A Regimental History of the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry Regiment from its Formation Through the Seven Days Campaign. Thomas E. Sebrell, 12 May 2004)

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*Munson Hill, Virginia*

*Sept. 6 (think this should be Oct 6)*

*My Delia, Charlie and Nelly*

*I am all right this morning. I received yours last night-when the mail boy called my name you better believe I was glad to hear you was pretty well. Sorry little Nelly fret sick. Pa will come Nelly and Charlie and bring you some nice play things. Today is Sunday and how I wish I could spend it with my family. I think we would have a good visit whilst you washed my shirt. Tell your father I wish past difficulties would be forgotten and he would be a father to my children in my absence. I feel as though I would like to be at peace with everyone whilst here in a rebels country where a man holds his life in his hand. Let me know if you got that 2 dollar bill.*

*Now let me give you a little of my experience. Don't let your eyes stick out now. One week ago we went out on picket; we stood about 60 rods from the enemy. They hellowed to us, asked us how we like Bull Run. I asked them how they liked the Black Horse Cavalry Charge and Hatteras. They asked us where us come from. They said another company of Michigan, sharp-shooting sons of bitches. In a few minutes they began firing and we returned it killing some and driving them in an old barn. Then we had to work it some way to get them out. We went to an old blacksmith shop, cut up some pieces of nail rod, het them red hot, putting halfway down our guns and fired them. Soon it was in flames. The rebels running in every direction, our boys firing into them. Three running sideways to me, one of them fell wounded. The other two stopped to pick him up when I pulled on one of them. He rolled over but did not get up nor never will again. I thought for a moment what I had done but felt justifiable. The rebels run into some brush and fired on us. We dropped on our faces, the balls striking all around us. One of them hitting a cow about six rods from me, killing her instantly. I have always*



been anxious to kill a rebel. You know, I believe I have done it, but we have driven far in advance now and we are not going to follow them. Government finds whiskey for the boys. They play cards and almost everything, some of our boys, too, but I have not tasted a drop of whiskey yet nor played a card. I scorn to do an act that I would be ashamed to have my family see.

Delia I want you when you are sick to get the doctor immediately. Your advice to me, Dill, is good from the right person in the right time and right place. Hank and myself both got letters at once. We are well. A Reed says tell his family he is well, D. Frost the same, L. Wade the same. I shall send you some money as soon as I can. I can't tell how soon before long.

My well wishes to all my family. Write often, Dilly. Goodbye from your affectionate husband, John D. Ingalls.

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Virginia Fort Lyon  
16 Oct. 1861

Dear Delia, Charlie, Nelly

I am glad to have the privilege this morning of addressing you. All night black masses of human being were passing about midnight. We were ordered out to engage the rebels which had assembled 5 miles from our camp. We formed for marching when our pickets arrived saying the enemy was retreating so we stop for awhile.

Williams got a letter saying you heard that I had deserted and that you said if I come back you would help ride me on a rail. You may do so when I desert. There was a man in our company cut his throat this morning. I suppose he was afraid of a battle. **Abe Eddy** sits by me whilst I am writing—tell Emily I am well he says. The boys are well except **Sam Christopher** of De Witt. He is very sick.

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Historical note: On October 6, James Foreman wrote to his wife: "Sam Christopher is very sick and they do not think he will live until morning. Poor fellow. It seems bad to come so far away from home to die in an army hospital. I would rather be shot in battle." "Fortunately Christopher did not die from illness, but died from a bullet received at Gettysburg in 1863" (Sebrell)

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I paid a visit the other day to the Arlington House where General Washington was married. It seems curious to think that I stood on the same floor where the father of our country stood. I have also been in the same house where John Adams lived. There is here old fortifications built in the revolution war and now we are fighting over the same ground again. We are six miles from Mt. Vernon, the tomb of Washington. I am a going to see it in a few days. This is beautiful country. If I had you and the children here and some of these farms I could bid adieu to Michigan, but you would never do that.

I wish you could see our camp. I recon your eyes would stick out some. It is 8 miles below Washington in full sight, two miles from Alexandria, commanding in eminence and regiments and brigades and divisions of men as thick as they can camp for forty miles on both sides of the Potomac. As near as I can find out we shall be paid off



soon. I am afraid you and the children suffer for shoes and clothing. I expected you would draw from the county. I have tried to borrow some of the boys but cannot. Be assured Dilly I shall do all in my power. I know just how you are situated. You have Aaron Reed and that little Jones and other owe you.

We have a preacher with us preaching every Sunday and prayer meeting every night. A good many serious faces. Occasionally, too, we have for food bread, pork, fresh beef, rice, pea soup, vegetable soup, beans, tea, coffee, no butter. I wish you would send me some by little Charlie. H. Williams, A. Reed and myself all well. We mention each other in our letters and want you and Hank's wife, Mrs. Reed to do the same. I will save you all postage and just as well. Hank and Allison request it.

Glad you are well. I wish I could helped you eat that supper you spoke of. I think twould be interesting. Darling babies, kiss them for me.

From your affectionate husband to all that is dear, John D. Ingalls

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Camp Lyon  
29 Nov. 1861

In haste we are all well tonight and have been paid today and sent it home tomorrow. Hank, Alt Reed, Billy Lusk and myself send together addressed to Aaron Reed to DeWitt. Hank Williams sends 40 dollars, Billy Lusk 13 dollars, Allison Reed sends 18 dollars, D. Ingalls sends 20 dollars. You will tell Misses Williams and Aaron Reed as soon as you get this as the money is with this letter. Write as soon as you get this without fail. I have not heard from you in a long while. Send Nelly a breast pin, tell her Pa remembers her. We hear that Aaron Reed, Doctor Hazard, John Clark are coming. Tell them to come on. J. D. Ingalls

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Historical note: "According to one eyewitness, Lyon was a large fort, though still under construction and located about two miles southwest of Alexandria. Union regiments stations at Fort Lyon were used for the defenses of Washington and reconnaissance patrols in northern Virginia. Approximately a month after being assigned to the fort, the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan was sent on a scouting assignment to a village south of Alexandria called Occoquan in search for Confederate units" "From Early -October to early December 1861 the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan camped at Fort Lyon before moving to Camp Michigan just southeast of Alexandria near Mount Vernon and stayed there until March of 1862." (Sebrell)

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Yorktown, Virginia  
2 May 1862

Once more dear I address you. Got another letter from you yesterday. I hope the children will soon be well of the measles. Bless little Nelly. I wish I could rock her.

All is hustle in camp this morning. Our fortifications are nearly finished and the great battle is soon to take place, the result, God only knows. Our boys are together in groups talking over the matter, telling their comrades what to tell their friends should one be killed and the other not. I want no valuables about me so I send you another gold dollar in this letter. I have sent you 15 dollars in one letter and one dollar in another



letter which I suppose you have got before this time. We have been mustered again for our pay which we will get soon.

I wish you could see our brave young General. I mean General McClellan, the Idol of the Army. He rides along every day and talks to his boys as he calls them like a father. He is a man, every inch of him. It is wonderful to see his beautiful engineering in the construction of the fortifications here. He says this is the last battle and so does the rebels; those who live through it will soon see home. McClellan says he has reserved it for us to give the rebellion its death blow.

Answer all of my letters as soon as you get them. You will hear from me every four or five days. The weather is no warmer here at present than it ought to be there. I must write David and Meranda a letter today. So my Dilly I must bid you goodbye for the present. From your husband, John D. Ingalls.

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Historical note: "On Friday April 4, the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan and the rest of the Army began their westward trek up the Virginia Peninsula toward the Confederate capital of Richmond. The Federals advanced approximately ten miles toward Yorktown, situated on the banks of the York River." (Sebrell)

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Fredericksburg, Virginia  
20 Dec 1862

As I have time now Dill I give you the details of the great battle of Fredericksburg for great it was lasting two days Saturday and Friday. Our regiment crossed the river on Friday and went directly into battle us pioneers with the rest through neglect of the Colonel we stayed in us pioneers about an hour when we was ordered to the hospital and such an hour. OH GOD I can't describe it Dill the shell burst over and around us killing horses and men fearfully. A piece struck my tin cup on my back another struck our Colonel knocked him from his horse killing him instantly our regiment lost 97 killed and wounded. We then went to carrying of the thousands of human beings lying two or three deep uttering the most piteous and horrid groans imaginable calling for their wives and mothers to assist them and breathe their last with the name of a mother, wife or child on their lips was even more than I could stand dear without the startling tear. We did not have time to get all of our wounded off nor bury our dead when an order came about ten o'clock at night waking us up very still to pack up and move double quick across the river the next morning found us all across much to the surprise of the rebels. We are now to our old Camp after getting a darned whipping and losing four to the rebels one. I tell you the whole army is sick of it serving under such officers that don't know their business what the next step will be I don't know. We can't cross the river that is certain we have only about 100 now in our regiment we should not have any if we had not had recruits. Our boys are all very lucky from old Clinton.

I am glad you have George Niles to do your chores he shall be paid we expect to get our pay soon then I will send you fifty. Keep things as strait as you can hope to be with you soon don't fret about me Dill I have a good place but oh how I want to see you and the children.



*Our present camp in on the old Washington farm the very identical where little George cut the cherry tree. I wish I knew just where it stood.  
Goodbye ever yours, John D. Ingalls.*

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*Petersburg as usual  
11 December 1864*

*Cold as thunder here, Dill how is to home. I want to go home send for me why don't you. I have not seen our regiment since I wrote you last. They are in North Carolina cutting railroads the last we heard from them. I have the promise of the first furlough in our company when they get settled down. Can't tell when that will be.*

*Our army is running all over the rebs country, burning their houses and everything. They can't stand this cold weather. This war will close before spring, Dill, I no twill. I shall try to get home as soon as I can. I shall fetch you a fur cape dear. I wish you could pick it out. I shall fetch darling Nellie a pretty doll and Charlie a drum. Keep Charlie at home if he is sick. Don't send him to school.*

*No more this time. I shall write as often as I can my dear. I can't ask you my dear to keep up your courage you have done it so long, But oh I will repay you my dear wife if I have a chance.*

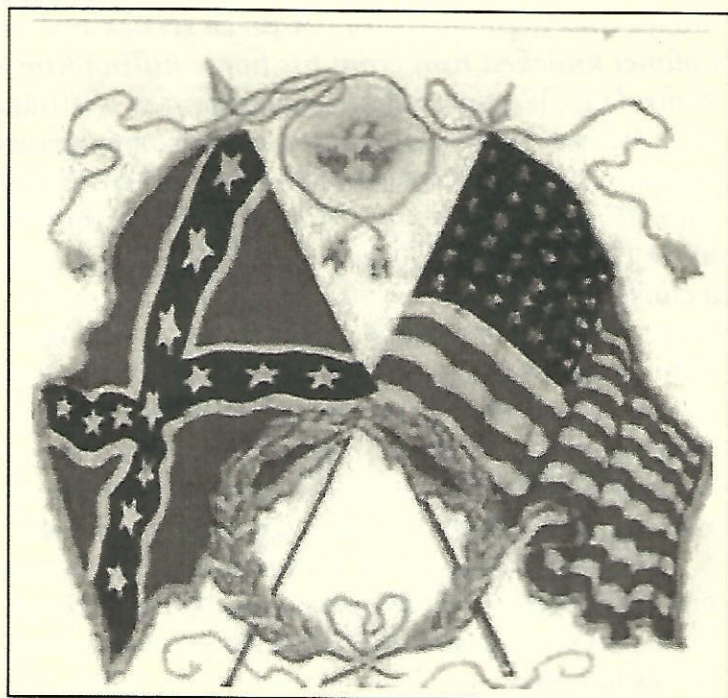
*Goodbye dear, Ever your husband, John D. Ingalls*

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Historical note: "The 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan proved to be a good, reliable regiment. In nearly every charge, it captured enemy positions, even though the size of the unit shrunk with every advance. For their valor, it seems only appropriate that the 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan's battle flag was one of the first to be planted into the overrun Confederate earthworks at the end of the Petersburg campaign in April 1865. The 5<sup>th</sup> Michigan was given the nickname of the "Fighting Fifth"." (Sebrell)

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**"JOHN D. INGALLS** was born in Canada, May 22, 1828. The maiden name of his wife, to whom he was married in this county, was **Delia Vedder**. Comrade Ingalls was one of the brave soldiers to respond to the president's call for troops. He had been engaged in farming when he was enrolled Aug. 22, 1861, at the age of 33 years as a private in Co. D, 5<sup>th</sup> Mich. V.I. A ball glazed his leg inflicting a slight wound but he did not enter hospital. He received two furloughs in service and returned for duty as expiration of each. He bore conspicuous part in the battles of Williamsburg, Siege of Yorktown, Fair Oaks, Peach Orchard, Glendale, Malvern Hill, Bull Run, Grovetown, Chantilli, Fredericksburg, Ft. Cedars, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wapping Heights, Kelleys Ford, Locust Grove, and Mine Run. He was honorably discharged



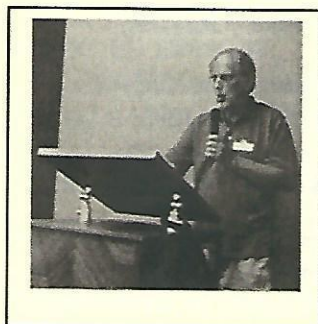


Dec. 26, 1863, at Brandy Station and immediately re-enlisted as Wagoner in Co. D, 5<sup>th</sup> Mich. V.V.I., serving in that capacity till finally honorably discharged July 5, 1865, at Jeffersonville, Ind." (CCT Vol 20 Issue 3)



### *The Archives Update...*

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Peters, Director CCHS Archives



On June 21<sup>st</sup> the Historical Society hosted a potluck dinner for the community. Wayne Summers spoke about the updating he is doing on the *One Room Schools* book. Lots of photos were brought in to be scanned. Thanks to Judy Hubler from the Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum and Ralph Temple from the Archives for manning the scanners all evening.



We appreciate the community coming together with us for an evening of great food and good company. We hope to see you at the next one!

June, July and August brought lots of good things to the Archives...

#### **CEMETERIES:**

- *Saginaw County Cemeteries, Book 3*; 1982; Published by Saginaw Genealogical Society, Inc.; red cover; 5 3/4" x 8 1/2"; staple bound; 94 pp.

#### **CHURCHES:**

- Redeemer United Methodist Church, DeWitt, Michigan; Marriage, Death, and Baptism Records 1860-1970; blue Acco-Press binder; 8 1/2 x 11"; 200 pp. estimate

#### **GENEALOGIES:**

- Life of Zachariah **Chandler**; An Outline Sketch of His Life and Public Services; Post & Tribune Company; 1880; 96 pp + appendix; hardcover; 7 x 9" (Copy 2)
- **PECK, Ancestry, As Reflected in the Mirror of the Ages**; by Col. Paul R. Peck & Rhea Ebbert Peck; Printed by Liberty Town Press, Clark Lake, MI; 1982; 8 1/2" x 11" hardcover; 584p
- **BRINKERHOFF**; *Ancestors of Mabel Alberta BRINKERHOFF*; 25 Jun 2005; 8 1/2" x 11"; photo copies; red folder; 47 pp
- **NORRIS**, *Aaron A. Norris Farm*; 2006; by Dwayne V. Norris, 8 1/2" x 11" photo copies, spiral bound; 200+ pp

#### **GOVERNMENT RECORDS:**

- DeWitt Township; Records from the DOCKET of Hon. Rowland S. VanScoy; 1846-49; compiled by L. Ray Lake/DeWitt Public Library/Library of Michigan; 2007; 8 1/2 x 11"; 56pp; photocopies; spiral bound; indexed

#### **HISTORY:**

- Forgotten Communities of Central Michigan; by Ford Stevens Ceasar; 1963; 8 1/2 x 11"; cloth binding; 31 pp.
- The Lamp Road, A History of the Lansing, Alma, Mt. Pleasant and Northern Railroad; by Ford Stevens Ceasar; 1974; 8 1/2 x 11"; cloth binding; Rapid Printing Service, Lansing; 96 pp.
- The Indians of Michigan, By Emerson F. Greenman; Michigan Historical Commission; A. John M. Munson Michigan History Fund Publication, Pamphlet Number 5; Lansing; 5 1/2 x 8 1/2"; stapled; 47 pp.
- The Indian in Michigan, Ottawa, Chippewa, Potawatomi; Michigan Historical Commission; 5 1/2 x 8 1/2"; stapled; 16 pp.
- Famous Indians, A Collection of Short Biographies; 1966; Department of the Interior; 8 x 10; stapled; 47 pp.
- FLOOD PLAIN INFORMATION, LOOKING GLASS RIVER, Clinton County, MI; Prepared for The Water Resources Commission, MI Dept. of Nat'l Res. & The Tri-County Reg. Planning Comm. By Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army; 1969; 8 x 10 1/2"; heavy staples; 43 pp + 34 plates (maps)



- Historic American Engineering Record Lowell Road Bridge over the Looking Glass River; Sections 14 & 15, Watertown Township; 2005; Scott Civil Engineering Co, Grand Rapids; 8 1/2 x 11; soft bound; 16 pp. with bridge photos.
- Lake Geneva, Lake Improvement Feasibility Study Report, Progressive AE, Grand Rapids; 1999; spiral bound; 30 pp
- Safety Inspection Report of Lake Geneva Dam ID #617; Wilcox Professional Services, LLC; 2003; 8 1/2 x 11"; spiral bound; 30 pp
- Flood Insurance Study, City of DeWitt, Michigan, Clinton County; 1979; U.S. Dept of HUD Federal Insurance Admin.; 8 1/2 x 11"; stapled; 15 pp. Includes a FLOODWAY, Flood Boundary & Map, City of DeWitt; 1979
- County Evolution in Michigan 1790 – 1897; Michigan Dept of Education 1972; State Library Services, Occasional Paper No. 2, Lansing, 1972; 8 1/2 x 11"; stapled; 44 pp.
- The People of Michigan, A History and Selected Bibliography of the Races and Nationalities who Settled our State; George P. Graff, State Library Occasional Paper No. 1, Lansing Michigan Dept of Educ.; 1970; 8 1/2 x 11; stapled; 75 pp.
- History of the Tri-County Area, Information Report 7; Tri-County Regional Planning Commission; 8 1/2 x 11"; Acco-Press binder; 40 pp.

#### **NEWSLETTER:**

- North Lansing GAZETTE, Michigan Sesquicentennial 1837 - 1987; 12th Annual Festival; North Lansing Community Association; 8 1/2 x 11"; stapled; 28 pp.

#### **PLAT BOOKS:**

- Michigan Atlases and Plat Books; A Checklist 1872 - 1973; William Miles, Mich. Dept. of Educ State Library Svc, Lansing, 1975; this is an index to atlas and plat mapresources of Michigan; 8 1/2 x 11"; soft bound; 178 pp.

#### **RESEARCH GUIDE:**

- Meyer's Directory of Genealogical Societies In the U.S.A. and Canada; 1990; Eighth Edition; Mary Keysor Meyer, Editor; 8 x 10 3/4"; soft bound; 131 pp.
- *The Genealogy Magazine HERITAGE QUEST* on CD; Sept 1985 - Dec 1999

#### **SCHOOLS:**

- DeWitt High School Newspapers, The Looking Glass; Sept. 1929 - Apr. 1930 & Nov. 1948, Vol. 2; AccoPress Binder; 8 1/2 x 11"; b/w
- The Class of 1946 Presents "THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER" by Hart and Kaufman; St. Johns High School Play Program; 5 1/2 x 8 1/2"

#### **SCRAPBOOKS/AUTOGRAPH BOOKS:**

- Autograph book belonging to Esther Tiedt; Fowler, MI; 1928-29; 5" x 4"; hard cover tied with string; 53 pp.; indexed

**NAMES RESEARCHED:** Bishop, Bixby, Brown, Bullard, Burnett, Clark, Cogswell, Crampton, Eddy, Feldpausch, Forsyth, Gilmore, Harr, Heyer, Hicks, Howe, Klecher, LaRue, McKay, Mick, Miller, Morgan, Mull, Oyler, Pohl, Pung, Rademacher, Reynolds, Schafer, Scott, Shattuck, Snow, Sprague, Spayd, Staub, St. Clair, Terwilliger, VanAmburg, Weber, Weiland, Winters, Woolsey



Archives cont....

**PHOTOS:**

- Clinton Avenue, c/a 1917; b/w postcard  
- Charles Leman **Bishop** home, Mead & DeWitt Rds, showing two wagons of sugar beets, b/w; Mary Jane **Russell's** log cabin, b/w; 8 1/2 x 11"; scanned and printed on one page.

- Clinton Memorial Hospital and Nurses Home, St. Johns, MI  
- Clinton Memorial Hospital, St. Johns, MI  
- Clinton Memorial Hospital, St. Johns, MI  
- Dr. Dean **Hart**  
- Dr. and Nelda **McWilliams**

- Elizabeth **Edgren** (nurse)  
- Elizabeth **Smith** (nurse)  
- Mildred **Leucht** (nurse)  
- 2 Unknown nurses  
- 4 pictures of French's Tavern/Stagecoach stop  
- **Rice, Cliff**; c/a 1887; 4 x 6 1/2"; Geo. H. Barnum, Photographer  
- Union Home School; 1955 8th grade graduation; 7 x 5" b/w  
- Union Home School group photo; Apr 1954; 7 x 5" b/w  
- Union Home School group photo; c/a 1947  
- Union Home School group photo; c/a 1948

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Web page: [dewittlibrary.org/CCHS](http://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 square 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](http://www.pgsmuseum.com). To join the Friends of the Museum, contact them at: [pgs.museum@hotmail.com](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do we have permission to share your information with other

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

researchers: (please circle Yes or No on each):

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Address: Yes No

E-Mail: Yes No

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.**



## William J. Serviss 1934 – 1916

On May 4, 2016, William Serviss, long-time, active member of the Clinton County Historical Society, died. Bill held several offices in the both the CCHS and the Genealogists of CCHS committee, most notably as treasurer at various times of both groups. He volunteered for many years at the Archives of the CCHS where he assisted genealogists in their research. Way beyond the call of duty, he also spent countless hours there using his technical knowledge and resourcefulness to maintain the microfilm readers, computers, and other equipment. Bill faithfully acquired issues of local newspapers for indexing and storage at the archives up to the week before his death. He is remembered as overly generous with his time and knowledge of local history and as a valuable asset who tirelessly worked to preserve the historical and genealogical records of Clinton County