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Maple Rapids – St. Johns Motor Stage Coach

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WILBUR S. HART AND THE MAPLE RAPIDS STAGE LINE

¹“Some of the first stage lines from Maple Rapids were run by **Pete Benjamin, Dee Brown, Carr Webster, Will Riker, Bernie Hewitt,** and **Arnold Payne...**” Other stage owners were **Lloyd Payne** (drayman in 1920 census), **John Settington, Harvey Ridge, John Howe, & Tom Cook.** The 1870 Essex Twp. census names **Cyrus Craig** as the proprietor of a stage.

²“**Henry Dimon** drove the stage coach which ran between St. Johns and St. Louis from 1870 to 1879. He was born in New York in 1831 and died in St. Louis in 1879. He resided on a farm near Maple Rapids.”

It was **Wilbur S. Hart**, however, who had a long-time connection with the stage coach in Maple Rapids. He was born in Putman Co., Ohio, 2 May 1861. He married **Rosetta F. Hurshburger** 15 Sep 1882 in Duplain Twp., Clinton Co. She was born in Williams Co., Ohio. The couple came to Maple Rapids in 1898 and remained there the rest of their lives.

³“The first motor truck owned in Clinton Co. belonged to Wilbur Hart, who ran the mail and passenger route between Maple Rapids and St.

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Johns. It was first horses that made that slow trip between two points when the route had but one mile of gravel. The rest was just plain mud or perhaps sand. ‘I worked into it, keeping a livery stable of 10 horses,’ he says, looking back on those days of riding the jolting old stage. ‘I managed two trips. We had two mails a day. One team left St. Johns at 8:30 a.m.--Maple Rapids at 7:00 a.m. **Arthur Osborn**, my driver for the one coming from St. Johns, boarded at the Wiggins House there.’ Ordinary running time was two hours and a half. Finally, a traveling post office was put on from St. Johns, replacing the former conveyance.

“The motor truck appeared in 1910. It was called the Rapid, made in Pontiac, a chain-driven, water-cooled vehicle. It once had a top which, in a brush with a barn door, suffered extinction. A three-seated wagon with a motor, it had a boot behind for luggage and farmers wishing to go to St. Johns would drive in, put up their horses, and mount the horseless carriage in high glee. The horsepower of 28 was something to startle.

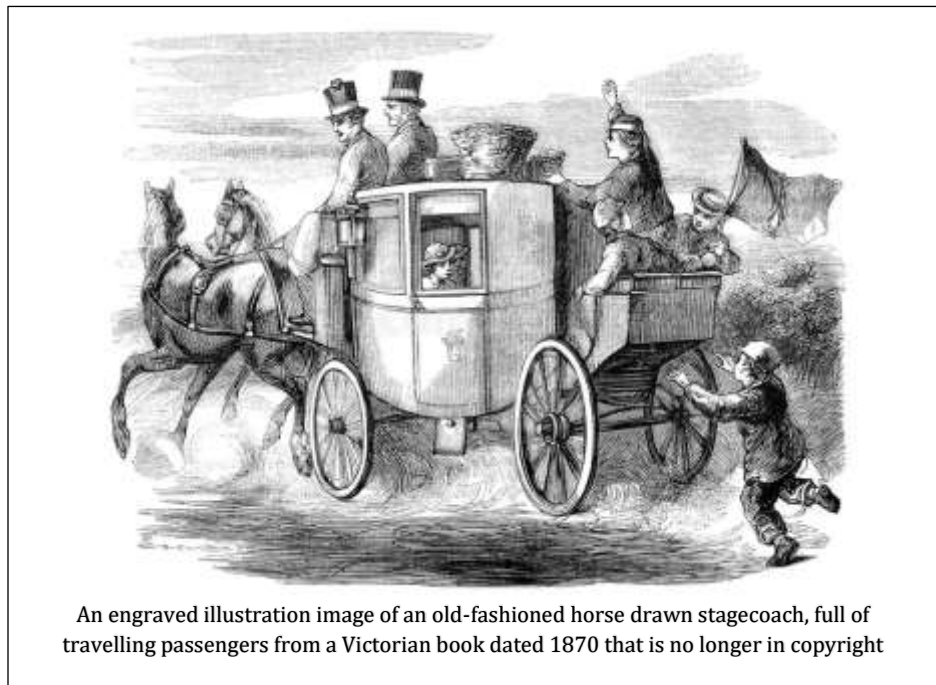
“A St. Johns newspaper article published in 1913 praised Mr. Hart and his rig, commending his punctuality. ‘During the first six years in which he carried the mail, he never missed a trip. His auto carries comfortably 16 passengers. However, since this number is rare, Mr. Hart often removes the rear seat and carries express and freight.’ The paper urges graveling the road north of that town, saying, ‘The passengers must be able to stand some rough spots for the driver cannot miss all the ruts.’”

⁴ “Riding in an automobile was then such a treat that children were in the habit of awaiting his arrival at the post office so that, when the bus or stage was unloaded, they might enjoy a free ride from there to his livery barn where he stored the vehicle.”

Later Hart had a milk route for a Borden’s facility in Perrinton. He also managed a Maple Rapids baseball team for some years.

Wilbur died 19 Dec 1949 and Rosetta died in Nov. 1951. They are both buried in Sowle Cemetery. They were survived by their children: Mable, Thelma, & Harry Hart--all teachers; Eloise, owner of a beauty shop; & Lucy Decker

1. *The Old Lamplighter, A History of Maple Rapids, Michigan*; p33.
2. Undated newspaper clipping which includes a picture of Henry Dimon; Scrapbook #34; Archives of CCHS.
3. *Lansing State Journal*; undated newspaper clipping; Scrapbook #34.
4. *Lansing State Journal* ca Sept. 23, 1948, regarding the Hart’s 66th wedding anniversary; Scrapbook #51.



1947 PLANE CRASH RECALLED

(submitted by Myrna VanEpps)



The BT-13 Valiant was a stellar trainer aircraft used for basic flight training and for blind instrument training throughout World War II. (www.militaryfactory.com)

On July 17, 1947, two local WWII veterans died when their airplane crashed in a corn field just north of the Clinton Co. line in Gratiot Co. They were **Nathaniel G. "N.G." Dean, Jr.**, aged 27, and **Leslie Jolls**, age 30. Dean was the pilot instructor, flying the government-surplus BT-13 trainer with his student, Jolls. They had taken off from the airport east Maple Rapids when, just eight minutes later, the plane spiraled out of control, crashed, and burned.

The crash site was on the farm of **Orin White**, about 1 ½ miles from the airport where Dean was the manager. The plane had been purchased two weeks earlier and had been used as a training vehicle at the Capital City Airport in Lansing.

During his military service Dean was an experimental aircraft technician in the Army Air Force, logging many hours in a variety of planes. Jolls served in Europe in WWII in the 14th Armored Division.

The Maple Rapids Airport began in 1945 as just a landing strip. Several local men had purchased land east of the village from **Fred Snyder** for the purpose. A hanger was built after L. J. Dean was discharged from the USA AF. Then this group also bought several planes and hired an instructor in order to give flying lessons under the G. I. program. The pilots also gave rides to visitors and involved themselves in dawn patrols, flying to a designated airport for an early breakfast. After the tragedy, the airport functioned on and off for several years under various managers, again mostly as a landing strip.

Maple Rapids citizens were starting their annual homecoming celebration at the time of the accident. The opening events were then cancelled or postponed as the community grieved with its neighbors and relatives. Dean was the son of **Levi J. & O. K. Joy (Sanford) Dean** and was one of the six Dean brothers from the Maple Rapids area who served in WWII. His survivors were his wife, **Edith (Young) Dean** and their baby daughter. Jolls's parents were **John & Maude (White) Jolls**. His wife, **Ruby Mae (Baxter) Jolls**, was left with their two small children. Both men are buried in Essex Twp. in the Sowle Cemetery. While funeral services were closing, a squadron of the pilots' friends and associates flew over to honor their comrades.

NEW CITIZENS - 1941

Eighteen foreign-born residents of Clinton Co. made application for U.S. citizenship Tuesday [3 June 1941] at a hearing conducted before Judge Kelly S. Searl in circuit court by Federal Examiner Justin McCormick of Detroit. Sixteen of the 18, 8 men and 8 women, were admitted and the cases of the other 2 were continued. The 16 new citizens, together with their place of residence and country of birth, are listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Country of Birth</u>
Bandy, Anna	R#6, St. Johns	Rumania
Bandt, William T.	St. Johns	Germany
Betts, Wilfred P.	Elsie	Canada
Bowlin, Gladys H.	Watertown	Canada
Chapman, Warren W.	DeWitt	Canada
Currie, Jane	St. Johns	Canada
Herbstreit, John	R#3, Grand Ledge	Poland
Jury, Fanny	St. Johns	England
Mason, Thomas	R#1, Bath	Canada
May, Joseph	DeWitt	Poland
Ochodnický, Steve	R#2, St. Johns	Czechoslovakia
Rogacs, Peter	St. Johns	Hungary
Seyrek, Anna	St. Johns	Austria
Vitek, Rose P.	R#1, Elsie	Czechoslovakia
Werner, Mary M.	Fowler	Germany
York, Elizabeth S.	R#6, St. Johns	Russia

Clinton County Republican-News; 5 June 1941

TERRIFIC STORM

FIELDS LOOK LIKE LAKES THIS MORNING

A terrific rain storm struck this part of the state about 6 o'clock last evening and it rained very hard at intervals nearly all night. Cellars were flooded the water rising over the seats of the chairs in **Walter Ferguson's** barber shop. There was a washout on the rail road near Henderson's Mill, another this side of Fowler that delayed trains, and another the other side of Ovid. A stone bridge over **Wm. Woodbury's** farm was completely washed out with quite a section of road. Carrier Kelly had to cut out part of his route today. Many fields are under water this morning and a large amount of damage must result. **Ed Kopeland** had a whole chicken coop of chickens drown. **Seymour Watson**, who stopped on a porch getting home last night says it was not rain but water clear to the clouds.

(CR 3 July 1902)

Patent Medicines

By Wayne Summers

Up until about one hundred years ago many people turned to patent medicines for relief of various ailments. These popular cure-alls were available in pill or liquid form at your local drug store. As there was no government regulation of pharmaceuticals, anyone could put together any combination of herbs, alcohol, or drugs and market it for any and all ailments.

The term patent medicine refers to a medicine that has received a government patent giving it exclusive use of its formula. In reality, most patent medicines were not patented and were composed mostly of vegetable extracts and alcohol and/or narcotics like morphine, opium, or cocaine.

They were advertised as a cure for any number of illnesses and complaints from indigestion to cancer to monthly female problems. Many were also marketed to parents for use with their children who were colicky or fussy. After all, a little alcohol or opium would be sure to cure Junior's crying.

Let's take a closer look at a couple patent medicines that were marketed and sold widely, including in Clinton County.

On the mild side was Shaker's Family Pills. Using a mixture of herbs developed by Shakers in New England, Albert J. White helped them develop products and begin an aggressive marketing campaign including the printing of Shaker almanacs given away to advertise their medicines. The

advertising promised to cure constipation and a sluggish liver along with headaches, colds, and bilious disorders (vomiting). Unlike many patent medicines, Shaker's Family Pills contained no alcohol or narcotics, and its mixture of herbs probably did act as a laxative and helped relieve some other symptoms.

At the other end were products like Boschee's German Syrup and Greens' August Flower. In the mid-1800's Lewis M. Green of New Jersey began making and selling a product under his name whose main active ingredient was laudanum. Laudanum, a popular ingredient in patent medicines of the time, had opium as its main active ingredient. Since opium has a very bitter taste, alcohol and various flavorings were added to make it palatable.



In the 1870's Lewis M. Green's son, George G. Green, took over the company and began a massive advertising campaign that included free samples and almanacs which was so successful he soon became a millionaire. His two main products were Boschee's German Syrup and Green's August Flower. They both contained opium with different flavorings. Since opium is highly addictive, the free samples were undoubtedly effective in creating a large demand for his products. While Green made many claims for his products and marketed them to both adults and children, opium is known to help relieve diarrhea and pain. So for those suffering from debilitating chronic pain, they undoubtedly helped - at a cost.

President Theodore Roosevelt, alarmed by the opioid addiction crisis created by patent medicines like these, pushed Congress to act.

In 1906 the Pure Food and Drug Act was passed which prohibited patent medicines that contained alcohol, morphine, opium, cocaine, or other potentially dangerous or addictive drugs, or which made misleading claims.

In 1937 over 100 people died from a patent medicine that contained diethylene glycol (now used in antifreeze). This led Congress to pass the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of 1938 which required companies to demonstrate the safety of any drug before it could be sold. By then once familiar names like Boschee's German Syrup had faded into the past and a new era of a government regulated pharmaceutical industry had begun.

SHAKER FAMILY ALMANAC—1891. 29

SHAKER FAMILY PILLS

FOR CONSTIPATION AND SLUGGISH LIVER.

THE
BEST - - -
- REMEDY
FOR
Constipation
Constipation
Constipation
Constipation



THE
BEST - - -
- - REMEDY
FOR
Sluggish Liver
Sluggish Liver
Sluggish Liver
Sluggish Liver

Unlike many kinds of purgative medicines, they do not make you feel worse before you feel better. Their operation is gentle but thorough, and unattended with disagreeable effects, such as nausea, griping pains, etc.

Shaker Family Pills are the best family physic that has ever been discovered. They cleanse the bowels from all irritating substances, and leave them in a healthy condition. The best remedy extant for the bane of our lives—

CONSTIPATION AND SLUGGISH LIVER.

These Pills prevent fevers and all kinds of sickness, by removing all poisonous matter from the bowels. They operate briskly, yet mildly, without any pain.

If you take a severe cold, and are threatened with a fever, with pains in the head, back and limbs, one or two doses of **Shaker Family Pills** will break up the cold and prevent the fever.

Shaker Family Pills prevent ill-effects from excess in eating or drinking. A good dose at bed-time renders a person fit for business in the morning.

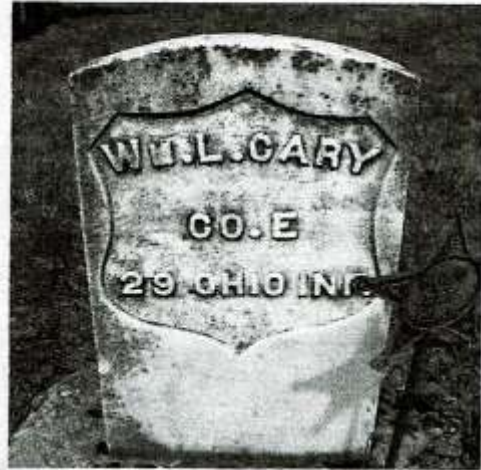
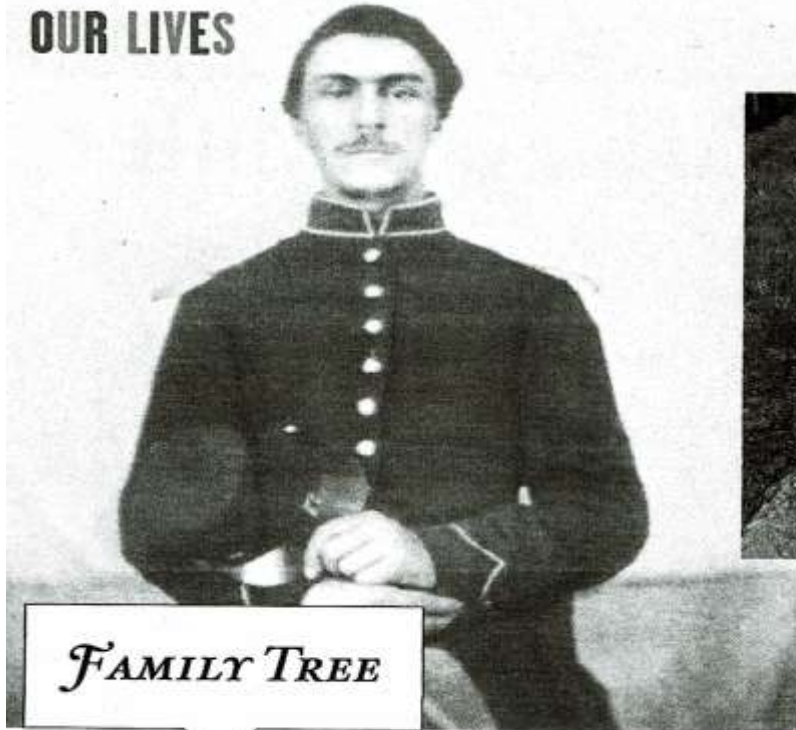
These Pills being Sugar-Coated are pleasant to take. The disagreeable taste common to most pills is obviated.

Price, 25 Cents per Bottle.

FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS AND DEALERS IN MEDICINES.

Sold by A. J. WHITE, 168 DUANE STREET, N. Y.

OUR LIVES



FAMILY TREE

FROM THE GRAVE,
startling new
information came
to light about
a Civil War ancestor.

CONDUCT UNBECOMING

His patriotic past took a brash detour

By Chris Hodges – Mount Vernon, WA ~ Taken from Reminise.com * April/May 2019
Article submitted from Rowlan Smith

William Lawson Cary, my great-great-grandfather, enlisted in the Union Army in September 1861, attached to Gen. John W. Geary's command during the Civil War. He fought at the Battle of Gettysburg, after which Geary and his troops joined Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman on his aggressive march to the sea.

Two months after William enlisted, his wife, Jennie, gave birth to their daughter, Jessie. William wrote often to Jennie, who lived in Ohio, telling her about the shelling of Atlanta and of his duties as a cook. After the war, William returned home, and years later, the couple had a son, Floid. Jennie saved those wartime letters and passed them on to my maternal grandmother, Inez Mae Cary-Holzborn, Floid's daughter.

While researching my family history, I located William Lawson Gary's grave at findagrave.com. After I posted a photo of him on the site, a woman contacted me and asked if this was the same William Gary who had married her Great-Aunt Charlotte. I told her I didn't think so, because William had never divorced Jennie. Curious about the claim, I told my sister, the family genealogist, and she agreed to investigate.

We both were surprised to find that William had run off to Indiana in the middle of the night with two women who were renting a room from Jennie and him. An Indiana marriage certificate showed that William Lawson Gary eventually married one of them, Charlotte, who was 35 years younger than him.

Two birth certificates confirmed that William had a second family: He and Charlotte had two children. While we are unaware of any divorce papers, we know Jennie collected William's railroad pension until she died in 1927.

My family was shocked when we found out that the ancestor, we had all been so proud of was apparently a bigamist.

Back Through the Years!

IS STRICKLY PRIVATE

The Alward Boat and Fishing Club Ask No Assistance

Location Leased for a Term of Ten Years

The private resort at Alward Lake known as The Alward Boat and Fishing Club is a much talked of place, even though the improvements, as yet, have been few. One great point in its favor is the fact that improvements of any nature will not be made in vain. The water is not stagnant, containing myriads of disease germs and what is more in keeping with a place of this nature; the lake contains real live fish which can be caught with a hook. The water is very clear and the banks sound; it is located eight miles south of St. Johns.

The club was organized the first of May with the following officers: **Dr. S. E. Gillam**, president; **Dr. S. M. Post**, secretary; **R. S. Clark**, treasurer; **C. E. VanSickle**, **Rudolph Goette**, **M. A. Hulee** and **Frank Baumgardner**, general committee. They have leased the location for a resort, only the officers, their families and relatives, and, in exceptional cases, those who procure a written pass from one of the various officers, allowed the privileges of the club.

A new boat house has been erected and several new boats put on the lake.

(The Clinton Republican, 23 Aug 1900, P.1 C.6)

Ralph Bottum Is Loser in Mix-up with Aged Ford

“One of those blamed things has more kick than a barrel of apple-jack or the west end of a government mule,” ruefully observed **Ralph Bottum**, the genial treasurer of Essex township after an encounter with an ancient Ford last week in which he suffered a broken right arm. “I was almost home when the motor died and the car stopped. I jumped out, grabbed the crank, gave it a twist and now look at my good right arm.”

Ralph hadn't been home but a day or two when flowers began to arrive from his many friends. “I always thought that a person was suppose to be sick before he got flowers,” said Ralph who refuses to let a little thing like a broken arm keep him confined, “guess I'll have to go to bed in order to deserve these posies.”

(CCR News, 5 Mar 1925, P.1, C. 3)

JUNE JURY LIST

List of those drawn for June Term of Court, 1908

Baker, Edwin (Greenbush); **Brink, Norton S.** (Greenbush); **Boyd, George** (Victor); **Brooks, Charles A.** (Riley); **Crane, James B.** (Victor); **Creyts, Dan** (Watertown); **Creyts, Edwin** (DeWitt); **Fizzalle, William** (Duplain); **Flynn, Jason M.** (Olive); **Foerch, Edward** (Bengal); **Geller, N. H.** (Dallas); **Gillam, William W.** (Bingham); **Gleason, Samuel B.** (Ovid); **Kemp, William** (Lebanon); **Knight, John** (Duplain); **Kraus, Herman** (DeWitt); **Malony, John** (Eagle); **Murphy, George** (Bath); **Piggott, F.M.** (Lebanon); **Platte, Joseph** (Westphalia); **Redfern, F. W.** (Essex); **Rose, George** (Riley); **Skinner, John** (Essex); **Smith, Fayette** (Watertown); **Stowell, Clark E.** (Bengal); **Sypher, Milton** (Olive); **Theis, Henry** (Dallas); **Thelen, Christian** (Bengal); **Whittemore, Lyman** (Ovid); **Young, John** (Bath)
(CR 21 May1903)

Recent Acquisitions

MARCH – MAY 2019:

BUSINESSES:

- DeWitt Business Association; 1979-1991 minutes/members; 9 x 11 1/2" red hard cover binder and manila folder

CEMETERIES:

- Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens Cemetery Index; 2019; 3 ring gray binder; 318 pp

GENEALOGIES:

- **WILSON**, Rodney Ball; 2019; red 8 1/2 x 11" staple bound photocopies; 48 pp

HISTORIES:

- The Michigan Historical Review, Volume 45, No. 1, Spring 2019; 6 x 9"; soft bound; 158 pp

MAPS:

- Maple Rapids Quadrangle Geological Survey; 1965/Photo inspected 1978; Michigan Department of Natural Resources; 22 x 37"
- St. Johns North Quadrangle Geological Survey; 1965; Michigan Department of Natural Resources; 22 x 37"
- Clinton County Topographic Map; 24 x 36; Essex Township=6 maps; April 2010

ORAL HISTORIES:

- 2018 - present; Oral Histories Transcription Index; 3 ring white binder

PLAT BOOKS:

- Indexed List of Land Owners of Ingham Co, MI 1833-; Publication No. 3 1982; MI Gen. Council; 8 1/2 x 11"; Stapled; 125 pp

SCHOOLS:

- Class of 1903 Commencement book; St. Johns Eighth Grade; 4 1/4 x 5 1/2; green cover; 4 pp

NAMES RESEARCHED: Abel, Brown, Carr, Corey, Cortright, Cressman, Cunningham, Cushman, Dean, Eddy, Ernst, Hart, Havens, Hiashtutter, Hyatt, Jolls, Jones, Knapp, Lance, McKnight, Miller, Parker, Parks, Patterson, Scott, Sevy, Smith, Snow, Stocker, Stoddard, Stoye, Swagart, Vail, Woodruff. Also researched: Police & Fire Departments

PHOTOS:

- Glass Negatives Photo Index; 300+ glass negative photos binder; 28 pp
- **Fowler & Ball** Building destroyed by 1920 tornado, 122 N Clinton Ave, SJ; 6 3/4 x 4 3/4"; b/w
- **Fowler & Ball** Building (Walker St. view) destroyed by 1920 tornado; 6 3/4 x 4 3/4"; b/w
- Marilyn Helen & David Lee **NUFFER**, ca late 1940's; 5 x 7"; b/w
- Marilyn Helen **NUFFER**, ca 1944; 5 x 7"; b/w
- Edward & Elma Mae (**MOORE**) **LOCHER**; 5 x 3 1/2"; b/w
- Melissa, Joann, Paul, Paulette, David & Christine **MARTIS**; 3 1/2 x 5"; b/w
- 1920 Tornado destruction of **Fowler & Ball** Store, St. Johns; 5 x 3 1/4"; b/w
- Alden, Doris, E.A., & Bertha **Livingston** w/ Farm Photo; 9 1/4 x 7 1/2"; b/w
- Back row: Lorraine **Wright**, Maple **Upton**, Leda **Husted**, Theda **Hull**, Reba **Craig**, and Edit **Underwood**, Front Row: Robert **Oak**, and Acil **Underwood**; 5 x 3"; b/w
- Clinton Memorial Hospital 25th Anniversary (1952) Left to right, seated: Robert A. **Conn**, Rev. Emeral E. **Price**, Conrad **Seim**, Jr. (standing in back), Chester E. **Teske**, Joseph G. **Matthews**, Lewis W. **Wolf**, Dr. Charles T. **Foo** (at microphone), Dart H. **Parr** and Ink **White**; 5 x 4"; b/w
- Rodney B. Wilson High School; ca 1930's; 10 x 8"; b/w
- Grand Trunk Train Wreck, June 7, 1923; 3 1/2 x 2 3/4"; b/w
- Ernest **GRULER**; 1 1/2 x 2 1/2"; b/w
- Calvin & Emma **MUNDELL**; 3 1/4 X 4 1/2"; b/w
- DeWitt Trestle w/ rail car; ca 1917; 5 x 3 1/4"; b/w
- Ruth **Sirrine**, Rex **Sirrine**, Grandma **Sirrine**, Aunt B, Al, Alberta & Norman **Simpson**, Charles **Sirrine**; 4 1/4 x 2 1/2" at the beach; b/w
- Bob and Dorothy Jean **Sirrine**; 3 x 4"; mid 1940's; b/w
- Dr. **Squires**, Dorothy Jean & Bob **Sirrine**; 2 3/4 x 3 3/4"; b/w
- Mrs. William **DeWitt**; 4 1/4 x 6 1/2" b/w
- RBW Class of 1929 Reunion in 1979; 8 x 10"; b/w
- Albert **Edwards** & Harvey **Leonard**; 5 x 3 1/2"; at Rivard's Nursing Home; b/w
- Zane **Benedict** & Ruth **Pontius** (Meals on Wheels); Dec 1991; 4 x 6"; color
- Donna **Carter** & Rep. Bill **Schuette** (MOW); 3 1/4 x 5"; color
- Diane **Hart** & Rep. Bill **Schuette** (MOW); 5 x 3 1/4"; color
- Bill **Brook** (MOW), Berrard & Laura **Gauger**; June 1991; 5 x 3 1/4"; color
- Rita **Wieber**, Sue **Briggs**, Leona **Thayer**; 5 x 3 1/2"; color
- Charles **Coletta**, Sue **Cerny**, Sue **White**, Pat **Benedict**; Clinton Memorial Hosp. Volunteer Dinner; 6 x 4"; color
- Paul **McNamara**, Sue **White**, Pat **Benedict**, Charles **Coletta**; MOW dinner; 6 x 4"; color



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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 donation 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 Redeemer Church – St. Johns Campus 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 **Clinton County Historical Museum** complex is located on the west side of the courthouse square in St. Johns. pgsmuseum@gmail.com. To join the Friends of the Museum and make a donation of \$25, contact them at: www.pgsmuseum.com ; or PGS Museum, P.O. Box 174, St. Johns, MI 48879.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Mr./Mrs./Miss _____

List 5 Names you are Researching: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ New _____ Renewal _____

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.



**MUSEUM WANTS YOUR SOAP
BOX DERBY PHOTOS**

The Clinton County Historical Museum located just west of the courthouse is looking for photos and documents relating to the Soap Box Derby that was held in St. Johns in the 1960s and 70s. We will have a yearlong display celebrating the return of the Soap Box Derby to St. Johns and would like to use your photo in our display. We can scan your photos so you can keep the originals.

We are also in need of vintage photos or other artifacts relating to police, sheriff, and fire departments in Clinton County to use in our featured exhibit this year. Please help us if you can, as we would like to honor the memory of those who served our community in years past.

You can contact the museum by phone, 989-224-2894 or e-mail pgsmuseum@gmail.com.

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