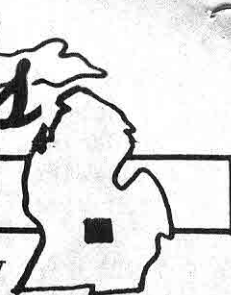


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Accidental Deaths

Michigan
1872

Killed on timber rollway	1
Kicked by a horse	10
Killed in sawmill	9
Load of lumber fell on him	1
Injured in lumber woods	1
Killed by falling timber	2
Accident in mill	2
Killed in shingle mill	1
Sawed in two in mill	2
Effects of log rolling over him	1
Team running away	5
Accidental falls	21
Broke neck by a fall	3
Killed by a horse	1
Blow from an ax	1
Accidentally fell into a well	1
Killed in well by tub falling	1
Thrown from a wagon	1
Thrown from a horse	1
Killed by team	1
Killed by an ox	1
Kicked by a cow	1
Hurt by a bull	1
Explosion of a steam engine	1
Killed by a tree	1
Killed in mine	12
Explosion of nitro-glycerine	1
Hung - accidentally	1
Hurt by jumping off cars	1
Accidentally shot by cannon	1
Killed by sawing machine	1

The hazards above no longer exist in 1989, at least most of them don't. Osha and Miosha would have been seeing to it that conditions were not dangerous to the health of those laborers.

Cancer Deaths
1872

Men were afflicted with stomach cancer, 19 having died in this year. Breast cancer, then as now, was most serious for the women, 19 having passed away.

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Dunn, Dr. F. C. Office
Durkee, A. E.

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Emmons, Elmer E. Cider Mill
Emmons, Geo. W.
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Fildew, Alfred S.
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Fitzgerald, Jno. W.
Foerch, Geo. Feed Store
Foote, E. W. Store
Fowler and Ball Hardware
Fowler, Chas.
Freight Depot Office
French, D. S.

Gage, H. P.
Gilbert, Prof. I. B.
Gillam, Dr. S. E. Office
Gillam, Dr. S. E.
Gohn, Dr. H. M.
Granger, Jesse Harness Shop and Ag.
Implements
Grant, L. Agricultural Implements

Hamilton, J. L. Photographer
Havens, Drs. W. and M. P. Office
Havens, Drs. W. and M.P.
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Hoerner, H. M. and Son
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Hotel, St. Johns
Hubbard, Mrs. Jas. M.
Hull, E. I. Furniture and Undertk'g

Hull, E. I.
Hunt, A. O., Druggist
Hunt, W. A.
Hulse, M. A.

Independent, The Clinton Office

Keeney, Jno. W. Village Marshall
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Kenyon, Dr. A. H. Dental Office
Kenyon, M. L. Feed Barn
Knapp, Dr. C. E.
Knapp, C. F. and F. W. Florists
Knights of Pythias Lodge

Laufman, Rev. Wm. L.
Leland, Wm. M. Grocer
Livesay, Dr. M.
Lyon, E. H. Law Office
Lyon, E. H.
Lyon, W. C.

Mack, Harry E.
Mann, Geo. H. Dental Office
Marshall, Geo. H.
Mason, F. C. and Co. Implt. M.f's
McCabe, H. D.
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Merrill, C. M. Judge of Probate
Methodist Church (W. L. Taufman, Pastor)
Millman, J. T.
Morris, H. W. Furniture
Moreland, Chas.
Murdock, F. F. Granite and Marble Works

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Osgood, J. S. Elevator
Osgood, J. S.
Osgood, W. R. Undertaker
Osgood, W. R.

Palmer, B. D.
Palmer, Dr. Henry Office
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Parr Bros. Grocers
Patterson and Moinet Law Office
Patterson, H. J.
Peck and Flynn Livery
Peck, W. W.
Percy, F. A. Grocery
Perrin and Baldwin Office
Perrin, Mrs. H. M.
Pfleghair, John Meat Market
Plunkett, O. G. Photographer
Pollard, Dr. J. W. Office
Pollard, Dr. J. W.
Postoffice (W. H. Brunson, P.M.)
Prosecuting Attorney Office
Post, Dr. S. M.

Republican, The Clinton Office
 Richman Bros. Machine Shop
 Ring, J. L.
 Roberts, Geo. C. Bakery

Sage, H. A. Ice Office
 Sage, H. A.
 Sage, Chas.
 Sage, Frank
 Schneider, J. p. Meat Market
 School, The Central, I. H. Gilbert, Supt.
 School, The East Side
 School, The North Side
 Scofield, C. S.
 Shaver, Mrs. A.
 Sheriff's Residence A. E. Dunn
 Sheriff's Office A. E. Dunn
 Shindorf, J. and Sons Wagonmakers
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 Wilkens, Geo. Livery
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 Wilson, O. H.
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Thanks to Bertha Crane

Bingham Grange Records
 Dec. 17, 1910

A warrent was issued for the arrest of B. Veron Merrihew on the charges of a crude way of living which was served by Undersheriff B. Wyman, and he was taken before Justice Br. Wilcox. His plea being "Not Guilty," he was bound over to a peer before Judge Munson in Bingham Court on the evening of Dec. 31, 1910. Bonds were put at \$500.00, Br. Merrihew was fortunate in securing bonds and was allowed to go home.

Dec. 31, 1910 The trial of B. Merrihew, charged with a crude way of living, was tried before a jury, Br Larkins and Br. Gage for the plaintiff; Br. Norris and Br. Hunt for the defendant. Judge Munson at the close of the suit took the case from the jurors and in a few words pronouced the defendant guilty and sentenced him to the Pie House for 90 days with a muzzle.

Charles Munger, Secretary

Can anyone tell us what and where the Pie House might have been and also why the muzzle? Also what the charge a crude way of living might entail.

A PLEA FOR MATERIAL

Anyone having a family story that you would like printed in the Clinton County Trails, please send it to Catherine Reed, 581 West State Road, Lansing, Michigan 48906.

This is your publication. Please help Lois Fohl and Catherine Reed keep it as interesting as possible.

MEMBERS NEEDED

An organization to grow and prosper needs a strong membership. The more people on board, the more interesting projects can be tackled. The Clinton County Historical Society, since its beginnings in 1974 has had many successes and would like to have many more. Please bring a prospective member with you to the next meeting. President Arlene Lounds will welcome each and every one who comes.

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Lewis Critchet	Cora Felton	Maud Reeve
Gertrude Ingersoll	Sidney Felton	Charlie Stoll
Carter Ingersoll	Ella Felton	
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Dannie Creyts	Harry Rose	
Arthur Nichols	Artie Rose	
Nellie Nichols	Moliver Ainslie	
Lucy Hyde	Dinah Fairley	
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Mary Croft	Gerry Lowell	
Hattie Coy	Jennie Lowell	
Mary Coy	Jessie Ingersoll	
Nellie Coy	Louie Nichols	
Ida Coy	Claude Reeve	
Charlie Coy	Ella Adams	

Lyman Townsend taught 4 months.

E. B. E. Starr taught 2-1/2 months.

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Geole Higbee, Township Clerk

1861 ASSESSMENT ROLL
DEWITT TOWNSHIP - CLINTON COUNTY

Abel, John V.	17	Demaray, Danforth	28
Adams, Joseph	5	Demaray, Jacob	28
Albright, James M.	3	Demaray, Rebecca	28
Allen, George	24	Downer, Stephen W.	26
Allen, Rufus	15	Drewatt, William H.	3, 12
Allen, William R.	20, 24		
Austin, David M.	22		
		Eldakin, David	27
		Estes, James M.	10
Bacon, John	22		
Bacon, John H.	2, 3		
Bailey, Abner	26	Fairbanks, Eunice	26
Baldo, Matthew	25	Fairbanks, Joshua	26
Bapit, Barnabas	23	Farman, George	4
Barnum, George	23	Felton, Abner D.	28
Bement, Andrew J.	4, 17	Foster, Penny	15
Benedict, Stamphly	23	Francisco, Jacob	7
Bird, William	15		
Bohnet, Marten	26		
Bolinger, Christian	23	Gall, George	28
Briggs, Stanley	15	Gall, Leonard	28
Bush, Henry	27	Gardner, John W.	3, 4, 11, 17, 18
Butterfield, DeWitt C.	20	Gardner, Samuel H.	15
Butterfield, James	20	Geisenhaver, Medoff	26
		Gillett, Joseph H.	21
		Gillett, Linas	13
Cadagon, George S.	15	Goodale, Osu M.	5
Canfield, Elnathan	23	Goodrich, Egbertson	20
Case, Hiram	17	Gramans, Benjamin	7, 12
Casterline, Abram L.	2	Gregory, Hiram	27
Cater, Benjamin	28	Guisenhaver, Jacob	25
Chapin, D. W. C.	last page	Gunderman, Daniel	25
Chapin, DeWitt C.	4, 5, last page	Gunderman, Edward A.	23
Chappell, Henry	24	Gunnison, Ellihu	22
Christopher, Morgan	4, 5		
Clark, Henry P.	27		
Clark, Lucinda	24	Hackenbury, Wm. H.	25
Colburn, Lewis	25	Hale, Moses	23
Coleman, Benjamin M.	23	Harbeck, Henry	15
Collins, Margaret	25	Harmon, Walter	25
Cook, George W.	15, 18	Hath, James M.	22
Cramer, Christian	29	Hath, Jerame B.	22
Creytes, Joseph	27	Headley, Arnold D.	16
Creytes, Peter	27	Headley, Moses P.	15
Cronkrite, Henry	15	Henderson, Stephen A.	15
Cushman, Benjamin W.	25	Hewitt, Eaton	19
Cushman, George	22	Hewitt, Simon	19
Cushman, Morris	26	Hoit, Philander	15
Cushman, Persus	3	Holcomb, George W.	16
Cushman, Russell	22	Hooker, Israel	15
		Hoople, Mary	17
		Hoyt, Sylvester	15
Dake, Christian	27	Hurd, Daniel	25
Daniells, Robert B.	2	Hutchins, Ezra M.	24
Day, Charles	25		
Delcomune, John M.	20		

Iswatt, Wm.	13	Peassall, Ira F.	23
		Peassall, J. R.	7
Keeney, John	7	Peassall, Jonathan	24
Kek, George	26	Peavey, Ichabod W.	24
Knight, David	16	Piper, Philip	29
Krause, Christian	23		
		Randall, Abram	24
Leadley, Jacob	27	Raynolds, Charles H.	27
Lee, Augustus	15	Reynolds, Simeon	27
Lee, Alfred C.	16	Reynolds, Alfred W.	19
Lee, Francis G.	12	Reynolds, Stephen W. R.	28
Lee, George W.	2	Reynolds, William P.	15
Lee, Samuel S.	15	Richmond, Horace	22
Lerg, Martin	17	Robbins, Thomas	23
Lewis, Enoch	3	Roberts, Palmer M.	11, 12
Lewis, Morgan	2, 11	Roberts, Thomas	15
Lott, Benjamin	17	Rouse, William	24
Lott, Charles	24	Rush, Ebenezer	25
Lott, Jacob	23		
Lott, Mary A.	27		
Lott, Mary E.	10	Sandborn, Hath	15
		Sanford, Alfred	15
Macroft, James	18	Schneeburger, Joseph	28
Manes, Elijah	25	Scott, Charles M.	19, 20
Marain, Isabel	24	Scott, David	19
Marshall, Horace	4	Scott, George W.	18
Marton, Theodore	15	Scott, Soprana	19
Marvin, Seth R.	4	Scott, Sylvester E.	19
Mason, Robert G.	7, 13	Sehler, John	24
Matton, Moses C.	15	Shaibly, Coonrad	26
Maycroft, James	2	Shunk, Joseph	15
Merit, Janet	15	Sickles, James	27
Miller, John	24	Sloan, Charles A.	25
Miller, Wm. H.	27	Smith, Daniel C.	16
Moon, Henry	21	Smith, George	22
Moon, Jane	27	Smith, Peter	25
Moore, Daniel	21	Smith, Robert	17
Moose, William R.	26	Smith, Samuel	23
Moots, Henry	24	Sprague, Harriet J.	4
Morgan, Christopher	18	Sprague, Moulton	4, 10, 13
Morgan, Ezra	16, 17	Staatz, John	27
Morgan, Henry	26	Stafford, William	15
Morgan, James	26	Stowell, Guy H.	21
Mortan, Bishop	26	Stowell, Hirman	8
Morton, Hiram	27	Stowell, Leroy	22
		Strickland, Mary E.	3
		Strickland, R.	29
		Strickland, Randolph	3, 4, 8, 9, 21, 22, 39
Oberlinder, Godfred	29	Sturgis, James	15
Olin, Sally	3	Sweet, John	28
		Sweet, Jonathan A.	2
Pathidge, Adam W.	20	Swift, Herman	15
Pattridge, Alonzo	15		

Tabor, Lemuel	27
Thomas, Emeline	8, 9
Topping, George W.	2

Vincent, Shubal	5
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Waldo, Charles E.	20
Waldo, John H.	15
Wallace, John H.	20
Waller, Rodney	23
Ward, George	24
Warren, Lyman	23
Webb, William W.	19
Webber, Parker	8
Webber, Rinaldo	8, 9, 21
Wieland, Charles	28
Wilhelm, Earnest	22
Willet, John R.	15
Williams, Joseph E.	15
Willis, Joseph	17
Winans, Nathaniel H.	22
Winchester, George	28
Woodard, Hiram	15
Woodruff, Riley J.	3

The names in this index were abstracted by Lois Ordway Fohl and typed by Earl Fohl. September 23, 1986

HISTORY OF GUNNISONVILLE
 Alta Gunnison Pierce
 continued

That day in June, 1885, that the Ladies Aid was organized, the Minister Rev. McNutt talked a new church and although it looked like a big undertaking it was started in a couple of years. The Ladies Aid, the Sons of Temperance, and all the members of the community who could, gave money and all the men turned in and gave freely of their time and labor. Clark Livermore tells me how he shovelled all the gravel and Ephriam Henderson drew it from the pit to the church site, others drew stones, lumber and the brick, others did carpenter work, painting, etc. so all in the locality had their share in erecting this fine church. I found the following bit of news in the Portrait Biographical Album of Clinton and Shiawassee Counties, published in 1891 and is from the biography of Alfred Gunnison. "Both Mr. and Mrs. Gunnison are very active members of the Sons of Temperance in both county and state organizations and they contributed generously of their means for the erection of a fine brick building. This Building which cost \$3,000 belongs jointly to the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Sons of Temperance." In regard to when the church was completed and dedicated I found the following in a St. John's Republican, dated October 18, 1888. "The new brick church at Gunnison's in DeWitt will be dedicated on November 4. Elder W. H. Thompson will preach the dedicatory sermon in the morning and services in German will be held in the afternoon. Services will follow each evening in the week. Rev. D. M. Ward will have charge of the pastorate.

The church was not entirely paid for and a mortgage was given and the last notation

that I find about the Church Note in the old treasurer's book was March 30, 1898, when \$408. was paid on the Principal and \$13. 05 interest, so I am wondering if it was at that time that the debt was paid. Mrs. Clara Wimble says she remembers when the mortgage was burned, but cannot remember the date.

The church sheds were built later, someone had put it as about 1902. Mrs. Moots says the Aid furnished meals for three days to the men while they were building them, time and labor being again donated. Final payment on the Shed Note was for \$75.00 on DEcember 3, 1910.

The Sons of Temperance mentioned in connection with the building of the church was organized about 1884 as near as I can find out. In James Gunnison's biography, I find out he was the first Worth Patriarch of the order and helped organize it. Mrs. Myrtle Doty has a record Book of the Sons of Temperance for the years 1886 to 1890. The division here was #203 and called the Anchor Division. At Bath was Bath Division and at Lansing, the Capital Division.

Louis Draus died October 29, 1886 at the age of sixteen years and he was their recording scribe up to the time of his illness. In the record book are resolutions and a very beautiful poem, inscribed to his memory. Some of the dates and items in this book help us to visualize the little house by the creek and the building of the church.

July 5, 1890, a committee was appointed at the Sons of Temperance meeting to confer with the Patrons of Industry in regard to use of the hall. This was the first time the Patrons of Industry had been mentioned. Eugene Lott tells me it was an organization similar to the Grange and was organized at the Lott school house. In Benedict Stampfly's biography, it says he was president of the P. of I. for four years.

The Farmer's Alliance was organized at Gunnisonville on October, 1890. It was similar to the present Farm Bureau, I understand. Both the Patrons of Industry and the Farmer's Alliance were prominent State organizations about that time. I can find no record of how long they were in existence.

A Grange was organized at the hall December 6, 1900 and meetings were held on Saturday nights. I think Earl Tucker was their first candidate. In December, 1901, Pomana Grange was entertained at Gunnisonville. The Grange flourished for a time but went out of existence in 1910 and the members were transferred to the DeWitt Grange at that time, I understand.

The Gunnisonville Band was organized in the spring of 1890 by George Moots and John Henry Creyts was the drum major. Perhaps a list of the members and what instruments they played would be of interest--Scott Clark, Alto, Homer Heidt, Alto, William Horning, Alto, George Keck, Bass Drum, Ben Kyes, Trombone, Herman Kyes, E flat Cornet, Herman Drous, Cornet, Alton Livermore, Snare Drum and E flat Cornet, Lee Lott, Trombone, John Melvin, Tenor, George Moots, Cornet, James Ranney, Cornet, Clifton Reynolds, Snare Drum, Adam Rupp, Tuba, Clarence Siple, Clarinet and Cornet, Eugene Siple, Clarinet, Reuben Siple, Cornet, Prosper Sloan, Cornet, Jerry Springsteen, Tenor, BEn Stampfly, Baritone, Roy Stampfly, Tenor, Allen Stampfly, Bass Drum, Bert Wildt, Solo Alto, Fred Wildt, Bass Horn and Chris Zeeb, Tenor.

About a year after they organized, a Band Stand was built on the S. W. corner of the interesection just over the fence and about level with the top of Mr. Kraus' fields. Band concerts were given there every Saturday night during the summer. Mrs. Celia Simmons, then a little girl, says she remembers how the band played for the children to march upstairs from the hall to the front of the church for the Christmas exercises. I haven't found when they disbanded.

To Be Continued