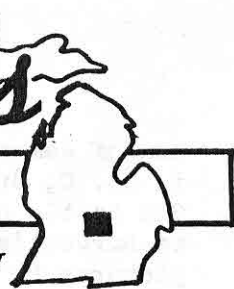


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GRANDMA FRITZ WRITES

IN SORTIN YESTERDAYS (continued)

As the land was "lumbered off" and cleared, six of Robert McQuiston's sons homesteaded or brought farms neighboring each other. One son, Hiram, went to Philadelphia, Pa., to make his home and raise his family, and the one daughter married and lived in Ohio, but they always kept in touch with the families in Michigan.

The brothers helped build the McQuiston schoolhouse two miles North of Fenmore and my grandma told me, the first teacher was Agnes McQuiston and there were 17 pupils each with the surname of McQuiston.

From the first I can remember the four Burch-McQuiston families were always very close. They all lived within walking or horse and buggy distance.

I can remember going over to Aunt Lib's. She was a real good cook and a splendid baker. It seems to me like I never went there when she didn't have fresh baked bread, cinnamon rolls and hot biscuits pinched off the bread dough and it seems like her bread was always just a golden brown, she never had a burned crust like we did sometimes, when the fire was too hot and those days there wasn't any controls on the oven and the damper in the stove didn't keep a real hot fire from burning anything baking in the oven. About five o'clock Aunt Lib would put on her sun bonnet, that hung by the kitchen door and we would go and feed the chickens and gather the hen and guinea eggs (Uncle John kept lots of guinea fowl) and always on the way back to the house she would pick up a few dry chips to start the kitchen fire in the morning.

Now at Aunt Ellie's (another of

mama's aunts) it was entirely different. She and Uncle Jude lived in a little clearing in the woods, there was a quarter of a mile up to their house. They had six children, younger than mama, but quite a little older than me. It was sure fun to go there— Her children knew the woods like it was their own back yard. Her kids knew where berries grew, and we could play "going exploring" and never get lost. And they had old Jim, a horse that six of us could ride on and did lots of times.

When we played in the house, Aunt Ellie would take time to play with us. She could cut the prettiest paper dolls and cut out clothes to dress them, or fix us food for a tea party. I was smaller than her girls and one day Madge, one of her older girls, had me dressed in a long skirt and a big hat and she gave me her most precious possession, a big doll with a bisque head and hair in curls. I tripped on the long dress, fell and broke the doll. I never forgot that doll. I think Madge cried so hard and through the years she never forgot it because she never had another one.

Most of the McQuiston women were good berry pickers and I remember the year there were lots of wild strawberries. We drove over to Uncle Jude's about noon just as Aunt Ellie came out of the woods with two 12 quart pails full of strawberries (and wild strawberries were small, not like the cultivated ones today). Mama said she had been picking too, and had canned 10 quarts of berries and 2 quarts of jam. And Aunt Ellie standing there with them two big pails of berries and had canned 70 quarts of berries and made 10 quarts of jam. And it was true, she had with the help from her children cause all kids picked in them days.

So many childhood memories will lay dormant through the years when you are growing up and raising families. Then as you grow older, so many of them will come back and you relive again the ones that are so precious to you.

QUERY FROM

Mrs. Mary Jo Verran, 3470 Imlay City Rd., Attica, Michigan, 48412 Seeking descendants of JAMES & DEBORAH MOSS of Grand Ledge, Eaton C., Mi; and also burial place of JOHN RICE BURWELL, d Civil War, James Island, SC, 16 June 1862; friend of Wm. Moss,

Over

son of James and Deborah Moss. Both in Co. C, 8th Reg of Mi. Moss d 30 Aug 1862 2nd Battle of Bull Run, Va. According to Burwell's war letters, he and Moss sent pictures to their sisters. (Burwell's sister in St. Johns) Hoping Moss's letters mention death of Burwell.

LIST OF JURORS

April 1898

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR NEWS 1898
April 28, 1898

Clinton County is not without its share of patriotism and twenty men have already signed the volunteer blanks of the National Reserve and all declare that they are anxious to go to their country's defence and some are even anxious to get into it as soon as possible. The youngest so far is Frank Stephens who is only 18 and the oldest is Charles Karcher who is 43. Adjutant Hamilton thought that the average age would not go over 25 as several were under 21. Indeed it is said that one of the features of the general uprising of the Americans in the present war crisis is the continuing application for enlistment of youths who are under age. Boys of from 18 to 21 are numerous and eager. They ask few questions concerning the term of service, pay or allowance; they want to go to the front and fight. In most cases they are mature enough to withstand any hardships and privations which service in the field may entail and are greatly chagrined to learn that they are infants under the law, although they may enlist in the national reserve. The following have enlisted:

Albert L. Aldrich	Shepardsville
Roy Boardman	St. Johns
Charlie Karcher	"
Dennis S. Flynn	"
Orsen H. Jumper	"
John Nichols	"
Adelbert Rathburn	"
Harry Rockwood	"
William Rider	"
Charles N. Runseman	"
Burt E. Minor	"
Frank Stephens	"
Albert F. Robbins	"
James H. Doty	Union Home
John S. Russell	"
Allen Davis	"
Charles Linsley	Pewamo
Earnest Lyon	"
George Taylor	"
Benjamin Wood	"

Michael Purtell	Bath
Charles Hibbard	Victor
Orson T. Crawford	Ovid
Wilson Brubaker	Duplain
W. A. Rosecrans	Greenbush
Jesse E. Stone	Bingham
Charles P. Sleight	Olive
George Moots	DeWitt
Andrew B. Niles	Watertown
G. W. Welton	Riley
John Padget	Bengal
Charles Britton	Essex
Herman Gaddy	Lebanon
John J. Halfman	Dallas
John Koster	Westphalia
A. W. Borough	Eagle
Clarence McFarren	Bath
James D. Sleight	Victor
Charles Schock	Ovid
Irwin A. Wooll	Duplain
Charles E. Matthews	Greenbush
William H. Carr	Bingham
William Taylor	Olive
John Tout	DeWitt
Louis Mauldenhower	Watertown
Benjamin P. Kellogg	Riley
William Hamer	Bengal
John Gunderman	Essex
Arthur Harvey	Lebanon
W. H. Sage	Dallas

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Big line of winter hosiery just received.

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We have Underwear enough to supply you all; come and get it. Chapin and Company.

Charles E. Grisson Post are preparing for memorial services and are trying to get a complete record of those buried in the cemetery at this place. The following is a list as far as is known, believed to be incomplete. We request all who can give us the names of any who are omitted from the list, or the company, regiment, or date of death of any not given; or who can complete the record as above given in any of those respects to do so. Give them personally to any member of the post or write them on a card and send to H. S. Hart at St. Johns. Please help us complete this record.

Lot 126, H. M. TAYLOR; ----- Taylor
Lot 110, JOHN KNIFFIN,
Co. B., 8th Mich. Inf.
Lot 117(or 147), JOHN AVERY,
War of 1812
Lot 73, W. H. HICKS,
Co. I., 27th Mich. Inf.
Lot 64, JOHN MULL
Lot 44, JAMES TOWNE,
Co. I., 27th Mich. Inf.
Lot 8, BYRON PARKHURST
Lot 229, C. M. WADE, War of 1812
Lot 274, JOHN G. HATHAWAY,
Co. K, 30th Mich. Inf.
Lot 271, JAMES FOWLER, War of 1812
Lot 342, EDMUND CRANDALL, War of 1812
Lot 470, JOHN M. MC FARLAN,
Co. D, 4th Mich. Cav.
Lot 409, TABOR BENJAMIN
Lot 589, JOSEPH LAMB,
Co. G, 27th Mich. Inf.
Lot 381, CHARLES GRAHAM,
5th Mich. Inf.
Lot 219, J. M. MC LAN.
Lot 217, BYRON EGNOR,
22nd Mich. Inf.
Lot 49, CHARLES E. GRISSON,
26th Mich. Inf.
Lot 50, F. BYRON CUTTER [Cutler]

FRANKLIN B. STILLMAN, G. AUSTIN, and 9 others known to be soldiers, but no other record.

Calling Cards

(Donated to the archives by William Millman from the collection of Mrs. John T. Millman, his grandmother)

Allison, C. S.	1883,85
Babcock, Charles T.	1884
Bennett, Susie	
Borough, Frank (Mr. & Mrs.)	
Brainard, Cora E. (Miss)	1887
Bromfield, Jno. F.	
Bromley, Thomas (Mrs.)	1887
Bromley, Thomas Jr.	1886
Brunson, W. H.	1884
Canfield, F. O.	1885
Chapin, V. A.	1884,85
Clark, Lillie B.	
Corbit, John H.	1884,85
DeCamp, Albert (Ovid)	1883
Doolittle, Lena (Miss)	1887
Eastman, W. H.	1884
Fasquelle, Louis J.	1882
Fildew, John H.	1884,86,87
Finch, Libbie (Miss)	1887
French, D. S.	
Fuller, Otis	1884,85,86,87
Gillam, S. E.	1885
Gillam, S. E. (Mrs.)	1887
Groom, R. Wirt	1884
Hastings, James S. Jr. (Ovid)	1883
Hubbard, M. D.	1886
Keys, Horace N., Ovid	1884,85,86
Marrott, William Jr.	1885
McIntyre, F. S.	1883
Minne, George E.	1882
Pennell, G.	1883
Pennell, G. (Mrs.)	1887
Percey, R. A.	1884
Roberts, Jennie (Miss)	
Scott, Clarence S. (Ovid)	1882,83,85,86
Steel, Caddie (Miss)	1886
Steel, G. A. (Mrs.)	1886
Steel, George A.	1884,85,86
Steel, R. G.	1885,86
Steel, R. M. (Mrs.)	1886
Stevenson, George S.	1882
Stone, Frank L.	1885
Stout, A. (Mrs.)	1886
Waldron, Ed P.	1884,85,86,87
Waldron, N. Maud	1872,85
Wheelock, Helen (Miss)	1887
Wilson, Will A.	1885
Woodruff, George	1886

