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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 two 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 houseshe would pick up a few dry chips to start the kitchen fire in the morning.

Now at Aunt Ellies's (another of

mama's aunts) it was entirely different. She and Uncle Jude lived ain 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 there 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 bout 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 dorment 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,

LIST OF JURORS

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 memtion death of Burwell.

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 if 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		Shepardsvill
Roy Boardman		St. Johns
Charlie Karcher		11
Dennis S. Flynn		10
Orsen H. Jumper		11
John Nichols	N.	11
Adelbert Rathburn		11
Harry Rockwood		T.
William Rider		0
Charles N. Runseman		iii
Burt E. Minor		ii.
Frank Stephens		11
Albert F. Robbins		11
James H. Doty		Union Home
John S. Russell		11
Allen Davis		"
Charles Linsley		Pewamo
Earnest Lyon		

George Taylor Benjamin Wood

April 1898

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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The Clinton County Republican May 19, 1887, page 5

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)

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1883,85
Allison, C. S.
                        1884
Babcock, Charles T.
Bennett, Susie
Borough, Frank (Mr. & Mrs.)
Brainard, Cora E. (Miss) 1887
Bromfield, Jno. F.
                         1887
Bromley, Thomas (Mrs.)
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
                         1882
Fasquelle, Louis J.
                         1884,86,87
Fildew, John H.
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
                              MANAGEMENTS ENGINEER
Hubbard, M. D.
                         1884,85,86
Keys, Horace N., Ovid
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
                         1886
Steel, G. A. (Mrs.)
Steel, George A.
                         1884,85,86
Steel, R. G.
                         1885,86
Steel, R. M. (Mrs.)
                         1886
Stevenson, George S.
                         1882
                         1885
Stone, Frank L.
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
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PERIODICALS AT THE ARCHIVES

The archives holds miscellaneous newsletters and periodicals of many genealogical societies as well as the publications of various other organizations. Included in the genealogical periodicals is data pertinent to a particular region plus queries, research tips, and notices of regional publications and seminars. You may find it helpful in your research to inspect some of these. Most are well indexed.

Think of saving for the archives copies of newsletters or periodicals to which you now have access (church, school, township, club, family, etc.) and which might give valuable information to future researchers.

Following is a list of those publications currently being received either by subscription or donation:

Allegan Co. Historical Soc. Newsletter, Oct. 1987 -

Calhoun Co. Gen. Soc., <u>Generations</u>, Aug. 1988 -

Central New York Gen. Soc., <u>Tree</u> <u>Talks</u>, ca 1975 -

Clinton Co. Arts Council Newsletter, June 1987 -

Clinton Memorial Hospital Happenings, Sept. 1984 -

Connecticut Soc. of Genealogists, The Connecticut Nutmegger, 1979 -

<u>DeWitt Charter Twp. Newsletter</u>, Aug. 1983 -

<u>DeWitt Public Schools Newsletter</u>, Apr. 1989 -

<u>East Lansing Hist. Soc. Newsletter</u>, Jan. 1989 -

Flint Gen. Quarterly, 1982 -

Bulletin of the Frisbie/Frisbee Family, Jan. 1985 -

Gen. Soc. of Monroe Co., <u>G.S.M.C.</u> Record, Feb. 1983 -

Grand Traverse Area Gen. Soc., <u>Kinship</u>
<u>Tales</u>, Fall 1985 -

<u>Heritage Quest</u>, May/June 1989 -

<u>Jackson Co. Gen. Soc. Newsletter</u>, Oct. 1987 - and <u>Lexicon</u>, ca Feb. 1988 -

Kalamazoo Valley Gen. Soc., <u>Kalamazoo</u> <u>Valley Heritage</u>, Mar. 1986 -

<u>Library of Michigan Newsletter</u>, Feb. 1987 -

Michigan Gen. Council Newsletter, Oct. 1977 -

Muskegon Co. Gen. Soc., Family Tree Talk, Sept. 1985 -

Ontario Co. (NY) Historian, <u>The</u>
<u>Historians' Newsletter of Ontario Co.</u>,
Oct. 1987 -

<u>Palatines to America, Michigan</u> <u>Chapter, Newsletter, Aug. 1982 - </u>

Relief after Violent Encounter Newsletter, Jan. 1989 -

St. Johns Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Newsletter, Aug. 1984 -

St. Johns Public Schools, <u>Your Area</u> Schools, Aug. 1984 -

Shiawassee Co. Gen. Soc., <u>Shiawassee</u> <u>Steppin' Stones</u>, June 1981 -

Shiawassee Co. Historical Soc., Shiawassee Gazette, Nov. 1979 -

Watertown Charter Twp., Ringing Out the News, Apr. 1985 -

Western Massachusetts Gen. Soc., <u>The</u> <u>American Elm</u>, Fall 1982 -

Westphalia, <u>Die Westphalia</u>, published by Charles F. Loeher, Nov. 1986 - (List found in the record book of the Lebanon Township Farmers Club, 1932-1942. This book is in the possession of the archives.)

MEMBERS PASSED AWAY 1896-1930

Jay SESSIONS Cornelius GROVE Mrs. Herman GADDY E. B. WARNE Frank ABBOTT Mrs. Cynthia ABBOTT M. M. MESSER Mr. & Mrs. H. MURRVIN Mr. & Mrs. Thos. HANLIN --- BENTLEY --- MESSER --- GROVE Helen LAMPHERE Frank LAMPHERE (Mrs.?) Charles MARTIN Susan VINCENT Horace WINANS Mr. & Mrs. B. S. PATRIE John BENNETT Mr. & Mrs. D. C. LEITCH Edd FRANK Mr. & Mrs. David ROGERS Mrs. Maud PAYNE Mrs. Margaret KENFIELD Mrs. Mary AVERY Mr. & Mrs. James DOYLE Bert HINER Mr. & Mrs. D. BANCROFT Mr. & Mrs. BAMBER Mr. & Mrs. James LAMBIE Dell KENTFIELD James MUNDELL Mrs. Harriet WATERS Mrs. Will DOYLE Mr. & Mrs. John PATTERSON Frank JENNE Pratt MINARD James JEWITT Mr. S. M. BOYLE Well IRWIN Mrs. DECKER Mr. FINDLEY Westley GORDANIER Vina SILLMANN Mrs. D. A. COLE Jud WILLISTON Vern STURGIS Mrs. Emma McDONALD Mr. & Mrs. Warren PEET

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Mr. CUNNINGHAM
Mr. & Mrs. Amos MORE
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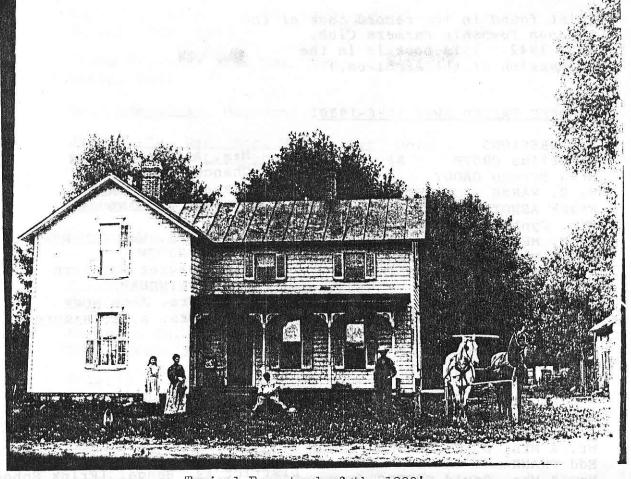
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Ida Young
Josephine Moore
Amy Sherman
Linda Sherman
Bertha Kelch
Della Kelch
Arthur Knight
Lucy Knight
Lissie Geller
Elmo Frink
Chancy Moore
Albert Eldridge
Floyd Sherman

Dollie E. Morse, Teacher

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