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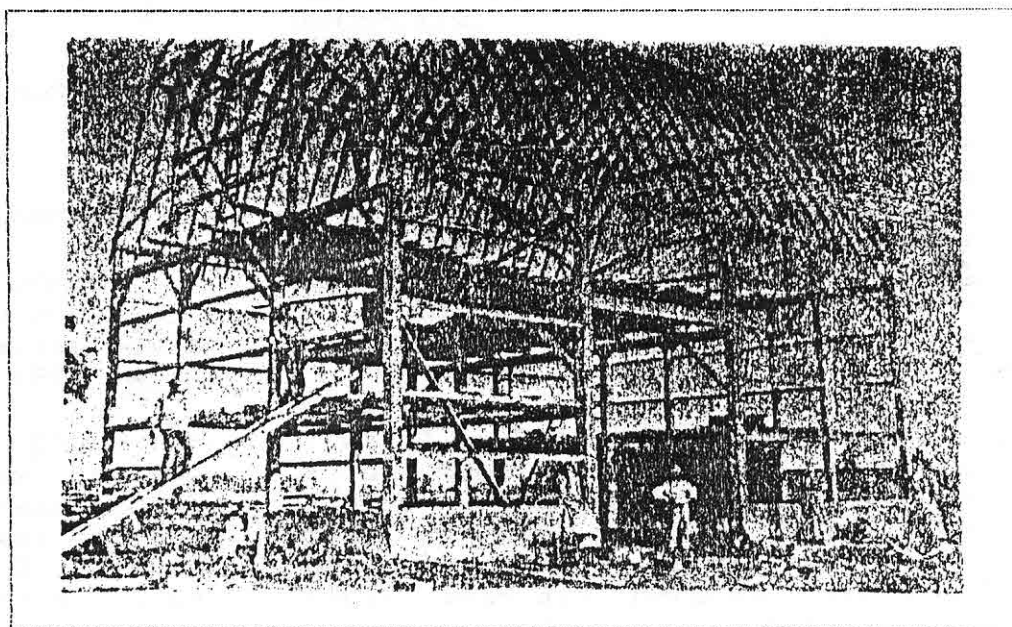
My Uncle, Wm. J Stoy, grew up on a farm on S. Francis Road. This was where he learned to plan and build barns by himself. It was about 1895 and the framework is the only picture we have of this barn. It burned down a few years ago.

Wm. J. Stoy and his brother, Charles C., built their first barn on their parents farm on Francis Road about 1900 and by 1905 Wm. had built many barns, and continued building and repairing until his death in 1934.

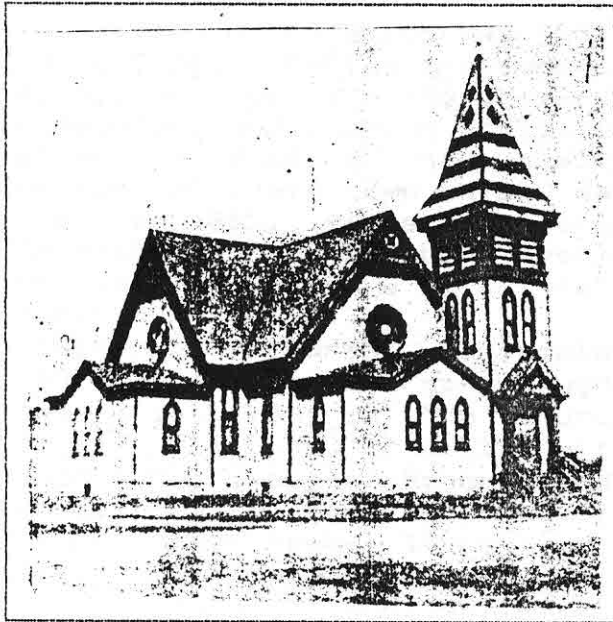
Some of the members in his crew down through the years were: Charley Stoy; Gust Martzke; Frank Parks; John Drumm; Mick Hopp; Newton Newman; Jake Stiffler; Arnold

Krumm; Leo Martzke; Fred Bandt; Hank Bleis; Dat Stevens; Fred Schaefer; Chas. Shumaker; Albert Diehm; Wm. Tiedt; Roger Pratt; A. Hildreth; Roy Hamelton & Dean Sperry. There were several others I can't remember or don't know about.

A few of the barns I have taken pictures of are: Chas. Summers on Airport Rd.; Charles Bauerle on Clark Rd.; Steve Krasutzky on Grove Rd.; W.J. Stoy on Francis Rd. and Lou Brown on DeWitt Rd. There are several more barns to take pictures of this summer to complete my project of taking pictures and getting information on the barns my Uncle and his crew built in Clinton County.



Uncle Bill's Learning Barn



ELSIE METHODIST CHURCH

Elsie - December 30, 1883
by W. T. Tillotson
[abstracted from his manuscript]

Elsie Class was first formed at the log schoolhouse [Green School] one and a half miles south of Elsie in the year 1850 with Brother Roberts as leader.

In the year 1852 its place of meeting was changed from the log schoolhouse south to a frame school house 3/4 of a mile west of the village of Elsie and A. J. Linman appointed leader, also its place of preaching. Preaching [occurred] once in two weeks, alternating with the Free Will Baptist denomination; also prayer meeting [was held] every Thursday evening which have been sustained ever until the present time although there were times when the numbers was few, sometimes but two.

In the year 1857 its place of meeting was again changed to 1/4 of a mile north of the village by the removal of the school house to that

place.

Soon after, as the country became settled, the congregations increased accordingly so that the school house was often too small to accommodate those who attended. So in the year 1858 measures were taken towards the erection of a church by hewing the timber for a frame and drawing it onto the site, also some lumber, as Mr. Aaron Sickels had donated three village lots to the Society as church property; but the frame was not erected until in the fall of 1859 as the members of the class at that time were not blessed with money to give towards the building of the church, but each gave labor and material as they had time or the materials.

In the summer of 1860 they succeeded in getting the roof on and the floor laid, also had boarded up the sides of the building with poor lumber so as to break the force of the wind, yet gave good ventilation. For seats we cut down a dry pine and sawed it into blocks of a proper length that, with them set on end and a board laid on them, made a very good seat.

On July 8th, 1860, we held our first meeting in the new church, and we continued to use it for a place of meeting from that time on--only during warm weather the first year as there was too much ventilation for cold weather. But I think that meetings were held in the Church in the winter of '62 and '63 as the house was sided during the summer of '61.

In 1864 the work of building was completed, and on Nov. 16th, 1864, the church was dedicated to the worship of God, sermon by Elder Burns. There was no begging as there was not one cent of indebtedness upon the church.

A Union Sabbath School was

(con't, Elsie Church)

organized in '53 which was run as a Union School during the summer of each year until the church was completed, and a Union School until after the Baptists had erected a church of their own which was in the year 1865, since which time a Sabbath School has been sustained the year round as a M. E. Sabbath School.

Since the church was completed, there has been a organ bought, a new pulpit put in the church, a church bell hung to call the tardy ones to Sabbath School and to meeting; also some sheds built to protect the teams (from sun and storm) of those coming to worship from a distance. And now, as it was thought but to build anew, we have moved the old church back to give place to a new one of more modern style and larger dimensions in order to the better accommodate those who may come to worship. And yet, there are some of us who do not like to leave the old house for it has been our place of worship for many years.

MARRIED OVER 50 YEARS

The Clinton Republican
July 31, 1902

Charles L. Wise of Duplain reports couples married over 50 years, in his township.

<u>Mr. & Mrs.</u>	<u>Yrs.</u>
ACRE, Alexander -	51
DEVEREAUX, John -	51
DODGE, Christopher -	62
DOTY, George -	57
FOSS, Philip -	59
LEVEY, Allen -	51
LOWE, Joseph -	51
MOORE, James B. -	51
SNELLING, Edward -	52
STEBBINS, Henry -	55
TEETER, Hamilton -	51

CLINTON COUNTY PIONEER CERTIFICATE

Alban John Arens of Fowler, a descendant of John Peter Arens, received a Clinton County Pioneer Certificate. These certificates were offered by the Genealogists of the Clinton County Historical Society to descendants of pioneers who were in Clinton County by 1839 as part of the celebration of the county's sesquicentennial in 1989. Mr. Arens submitted the required documentation to prove his descendance from the pioneer as follows:

Alban John ARENS; b 12 Dec. 1933, Fowler, MI; m Eugenia Marina RADEMACHER, St. Mary's, Westphalia, MI, 20 June 1956.

His father: Theodore W. ARENS; b 18 Nov. 1906, Westphalia; m Hildegard/Hildigard THELEN, 29 June 1932, St. Mary's, Westphalia.

His grandfather: Albert ARENS; b 8 Dec. 1872; m Philomena NAU; d 11 Oct 1957; bur St. Mary's Cemetery, Westphalia.

His g-grandfather: Anthony ARENS; b 4 Aug. 1841; m Theresia DIEBOLD, 24 Apr 1866, St. Mary's, Westphalia; d Nov. 1918; bur St. Mary's, Cemetery, Westphalia.

His g-g-grandfather: John Peter ARENS; b 23 Nov. 1806, Altenhundem, Germany; m Anna Cathrina/Katherna PULTE (b 17 Oct 1813), 9 July 1837, St. Mary's, Detroit, MI; arrived in Clinton Co. 1838; d 30 Aug. 1857, Westphalia; bur St. Mary's Cemetery, Westphalia.

LAMB SCHOOL

The Clinton Republican
August 19, 1909

The schoolhouse in District No. 1 Frl., Bingham and Bengal, known as the Lamb Schoolhouse, one mile west and a half-mile south of St. Johns has been located there about 40 years. It is not there now!

About 4 a.m. Sunday it was raised, two traction engines attached, and the building drawn to the Orrin Rice corners a half-mile south.

It seems the notices for the annual meeting contained a clause reciting that the question of moving the schoolhouse site would be voted upon. Parties opposed to the moving claim that if the notices were posted at all, they did not stay up. At the school meeting seven were present. Six voted to move the schoolhouse. Ned Lamb voted "no." Another meeting was called at which 15 were opposed to moving and tried to rescind the action taken, and 14 were for moving. As it required a two-thirds vote to move a schoolhouse, it was held by those favoring the removal that it would take a two-thirds vote to rescind the former action--which was not secured.

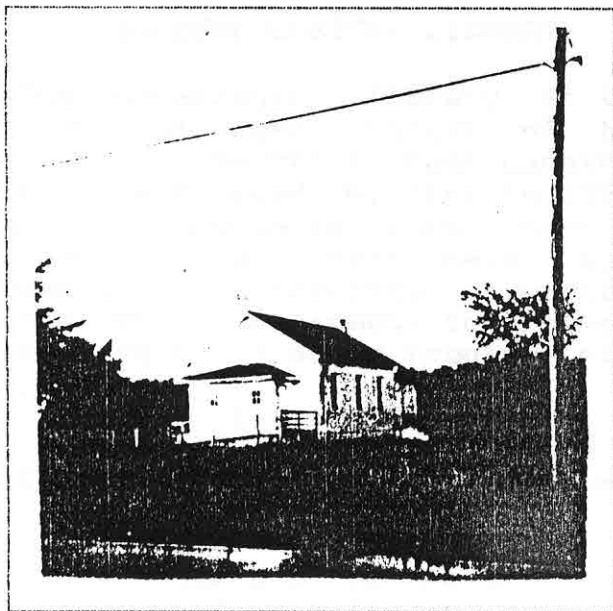
Application was made to Judge Searl last week for an injunction against moving the school house, but before the injunction was secured, the school house took flight like an airship and came down in good shape at the Rice corners.

Early Monday morning an injunction was served upon those who intended moving the schoolhouse, restraining them from taking any further action until a hearing of the matter. Tuesday morning about 7 o'clock a party of

eight or ten persons, who objected to the removal of the schoolhouse from the site where it had stood so long, stormed the fort, so to speak, reinforced by A. U. Stockwell, the building mover of St. Johns, determined to recapture the building and return it to its former location. But the other side evidently had a tip that some such move might be made, as they were out in equally large numbers, entrenched behind a breastworks of fencing material, determined to resist the removal of the building. A mild attack was made, the invaders capturing a club about four feet long from the besieged. Discretion probably proved the better part of valor, however, as the besiegers, fearing that something serious might happen should the battle continue, decided to withdraw and leave the matter for settlement at the next term of circuit court.

October 14, 1909

Kelley S. Searl, Circuit Judge ruled: "I conclude that the defendants were acting without authority in attempting to and in moving the schoolhouse. ... The defendants must ... replace the schoolhouse on the old site. In view of the fact that the school house is an old one and it will require a considerable outlay of money to rebuild it even after it is moved back, it would seem to be the course of wisdom for the voters in this district to hold a special meeting and endeavor to adjust their differences and arrange for the building of a new schoolhouse on some site to be agreed upon before defendants are put to the expense of replacing the old school house on the former site, and then to dispose of the old school house as provided by law." Oct. 9, 1909.



(cont. Lamb School) The Lamb School, located on the east side of DeWitt Road, between Townsend and M-21, closed in 1946. The building is now used as the Bingham Twp. Hall.

TEACHERS AT LAMB SCHOOL
1906 - 1946

Years Ending	Name
1906	Velma B. SMITH
1907	Isabella HAMILTON
1908	Mabel BLACK
1909	Effie NEWMAN
1910	Bernice FORWARD
1911	Mildred DUNKEL/ Theresia TILMAN
1912	Stella HUGUS
1913-1918	E. May THOMPSON
1919-1920	Florence GERBERICH
1921	Mina LADD
1922	Lois WOODBURY
1923-1924	Hilda PASCH
1925	Hazel HALSEY
1926-1936	Pearl WARREN
1937	Margaret GOVE
1938-1939	Doris NICHOLS
1940-1941	Beth LOVE
1942-1944	Beth (LOVE) BREWBAKER
1945	Ella ANDERSON
1946	Pauline TORPEY/L.WESEMAN Hazel HEMPSTED

MEININGEN TO NEW YORK - 1857

A copy of a trip diary written in 1857 by a German immigrant has been furnished to the archives by Jim and Agatha Feldpausch of Fowler. Although the diarist is neither a relative of theirs nor connected with Clinton County, the description of his trip should be of interest to anyone whose ancestors crossed the ocean around the same time period.

He leaves his home in Meiningen on September 27, 1857. His ship, the Schlosser, passes Dover and Calais on October 16 and arrives in New York on November 26. The voyage is vividly described: more than ten deaths; violent weather; severe food rationing; a near-collision; etc. Here is an excerpt:

"Nov. 22, Sunday. Another restless night with west wind. During the night the storeroom was raided. This room is located on the middle deck and is closed only by some boards. Large quantities of food disappeared, such as dried fruit, one-half a barrel of butter, and others. The invasion had been planned well and proved quite successful, and since our ration master is not at all generous, it was attributed to him as a measure that he deserved which settled the affair."

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DOWNING FAMILY

Ross W. Downing (2400 Pleasant Grove, Lansing, MI 48910), the Downing family Historian for Michigan, announces the publication in 1989 of a book containing hundreds of pages of Downing data and records by the Downing Family Historical Society of America. the organization is ready to help any one who may wish to join.

LDS GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY

The genealogical library at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints in East Lansing, which was damaged by fire in 1990, may be reopened this spring. Although the rooms have been repaired, the facility is waiting for necessary equipment to arrive--according to a phone inquiry mid-February.

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Genealogy and History Book Fair

Sunday, April 7, 1991
Lansing Civic Arena
505 W. Allegan
Lansing, MI

Main Floor
\$1.00 Admission

New and used books covering all aspects of genealogical & historical research. 25 vendors. In conjunction with the Antiquarian Book Fair.

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LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN

The Library of Michigan, 717 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, has shortened its hours of operation and now is on the following schedule:

Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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The 1989-1990 CLINTON TRAILS INDEX is available for \$1.00 on request. Send request to Cl.Co.Genealogists, Box 23, St. Johns 48879.

QUERIES

Please send all queries (with SASE) and replies to: QUERY EDITOR, Clinton County Trails, P. O. Box 23, St. Johns, MI 48879.

Elsie PALMER WHITTEN wishes to correspond with descendants (or anyone with knowledge of) Ezekel PEARSON and Nancy PALMER; m Lebanon, Clinton Co., 23 Jan 1859. Floyd & Eliza PALMER (her g-grandparents) were witnesses for marriage. Do not know relationship of Floyd & Nancy Palmer. Floyd Palmer b 24 Jan 1830, Marcellus, Onondaga Co, NY, son of William & Elizabeth (LOWRY) PALMER; m Eliza NORTH. Floyd & Eliza PALMER lived in Washtenaw, Ionia, & Mecosta Cos. Seek info on PALMER & LOWRY lines. Will refund charges.

Arlene I. VIGES is looking for a picture of Russell & Sally HARPER, (her g-grandparents) who came from Ashtabula, OH; lived in Bengal Twp., Clinton Co; members of Bengal Grange.

Leona M. SAGE is tracing the family of Jessie & Hannah SAGE who were in Olive Twp., Clinton Co., in 1880 census. Their children were Maude A., Eddie C., & Floyd E.

Please send any reply on this query to the above address and to the attention of J. M. Snyder. Looking for relatives of the following, all buried in DeWitt Cemetery:

Frank B. ROBISON	1860-1940
Eliza S. --	1870-1952
Linnie ROBISON	1865-1952
Eugene ROBISON	1858-1925
Eva L. COLE (nee ROBISON)	1867-1953

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MONDAY, APR 1 - 7:30 p.m. at Capitol Federal Bank. Election of officers and a presentation, "Using Census Records for Research," by Janet Snyder.

MONDAY, MAY 6 - 4:00-9:00 p.m. at The Archives, a work session to index vital statistics from one year of the Clinton County News. If you can work in this time frame, come and go at your convenience. Business meeting and installation of officers around 8:00.

MONDAY, JUNE 3 - 7:30 p.m. at Capitol Federal Bank. Lucille Couzynse, a well-known genealogist, will speak on Connecticut research.

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BOOKS FOR SALE

Wilma Sowle, 109 Brittany Dr., Lansing, MI 48906, has the following books for sale....

"First Ownership of Ohio Lands" by Albion Morris Dyer A.M. \$5.00

"Contributions for the Ancient County of Albany 1630 - 1800" by Prof. Johnathan Pearson (1872) \$4.00

"Tracing Your Ancestry" by F. Wilbur Helmbold \$8.00

"Concerning Some Scotch Surnames" \$.50

"Wills Abstracts, Estates and Guardianships" Wayne County Ohio 1812 - 1851 \$20.00

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Today
is what happened to
Yesterday!

RECENT ACQUISITIONS AT THE ARCHIVES

Twin Township Tales, Newsletter of Twin Twp. Library/Historical Society (Hazleton Twp, Shia. Co. & Maple Grove Twp., Sag. Co.).

Eaton County Quest, Newsletter of Eaton Co. Genealogical Society.

Genealogy of John Mowat 1850 -1936, by Jane Appleton Schapka.

My Trip from Meiningen to New York - 1857; German immigrant's trip diary, signed A. H. Buz.

Family Group Sheets for:
Leonora Julia Perham Chapman Smith; Ledora L. Perham Chapman Parker; & Alzina Ruth Chaffee Highlands Perham Jennings.

French Road Cemetery Papers compiled by Adele Jones, 1990.

Atlas of Shiawassee Co, 1875.

Atlas of Gratiot Co, 1900.

Johannes C. & Sophia (Holden) Hoovel, A Line of Descent, by Edward Baker Faust, 1985.

Papers of George F. Dimond; incl. photographs of Edyth (Dimond) Clark.

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