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ANSTEY HOUSE AN OLD LANDMARK

The Clinton Republican
9 May 1901, page 1

A group of old men stood near the corner of Railroad Street and Clinton Avenue a few days ago recalling incidents and conditions of years ago before the days of village councils vs. franchises and many moons before St. Johns had any prospects of becoming the hustling young city it is today. They were watching the taking away of the old Anstey House which has occupied that site so long. There was one old settler there who came to St. Johns in 1847, where nothing could be seen but forest and low land. He told interesting tales of the early life of the pioneer.

When the old building was finally jacked up and moved to the street the natural level of Clinton Avenue could be seen. It had all been filled in to a depth of seven or eight feet.

"This used to be all swamp in here," said one man, "flags, willows and overgrown mosquitos. An old corduroy road used to run along where Spaulding's store is now down to the old Swegles mill. That used to stand where Wood's mill stands now. Only a few years ago, when the sewer was being put through on Higham Street, the old corduroy road was struck when the men were down five or six feet."

Nehemiah Walton came to St. Johns in March, 1856, from New York. His brother, H. W. Walton, came in January preceding. In 1859 the Anstey House was built, called at first the Walton House.

Only the north part was built at first, Mr. Walton, W. H. [sic], used it for a feed store. Two or three years later an addition was placed on the south side, and a restaurant was started there. A few years more and Mr. Walton disposed of the property to Mr. Anstey who started a hotel there naming it the Anstey House. This was among the first hotels in St. Johns.

In spite of the fact that the building has been in existence nearly 50 years, it is still in a fair condition and with a little repair work will be able to go through a whole lot more of the same kind of weather. It has been moved by A. U. Stockwell to the corner of Spring and Higham Streets where it will be remodelled to some extent by Richardson & Potter and used by them for a carpenter shop. ■

PIONEER CERTIFICATES

FOR DESCENDANTS OF NATHAN & EMALINE (PARKS) CASE

In 1990 Clinton County Pioneer Certificates were granted to Marvel J. **(Scriber) Lippert** and her children Karen D. **(Lippert) Combs** and Kevin L. **Lippert**, descendants of Nathan & Emaline **(Parks) Case**. Florian A. **Lux** claimed these pioneers too and received his certificate.

Mrs. Lippert's father was Hazen F. **Scriber**, b 1 July 1909, son of Ethel **(Case) Scriber**, m Dora D. **Andrews**.

Ethel was b 2 Aug 1890, m Clarence E. **Scriber**, d 4 June 1964. Ethel's father was Henry **CASE**, b 15 July 1870, m Ella Jane **Black**, d 3 Jan 1946. Edward **Case**, b 7 Sept 1837, was the father of Henry. He m Maryette **Parks** 5 Dec 1864, and d 28 Oct 1924. Clinton County pioneers Nathan **Case** & Emaline **Parks** were the parents of Edward.

According to the applications, Nathan **Case** received title to 80 acres in Riley Township on 1 August 1837, emigrating from New York. He and Emaline are buried in South Riley Cemetery, but Wilsey Cemetery is the burial site of other descendants.

Florian A. **Lux** was born 13 Mar 1909 in Osceola County, Michigan, a grandson of Louisa Jane **(Case) Lux**, who was a daughter of the pioneers. Louisa was b 3 Jan 1845, m Joseph F. **Lux** in 1872, and d 30 Dec 1915. Her son, Edward F. **Lux**, [b 8 Apr 1878, m Rosa A. **Birker** 15 Apr 1906, d 13 Nov 1962 is the father of Florian. ■

FOR A DESCENDANT OF JOHN & LOIS (PERKINS) CROSS

Lucille I. **(Ash) Wade** claims pioneers who emigrated from Steuben County, NY, and settled in section 36 of Ovid Township in 1837 as her ancestors. They were John & Lois **(Perkins) Cross**, and their early experiences are described in the 1880 "History of

Shiawassee and Clinton Counties".

He was a farmer and a shoemaker, m
25 Aug 1831 in NY, d 11 Sept 1874 at
Ovid.

Mrs. Wade descends from the
pioneers as follows: Lucille I. **Ash**;
Russell E. & Blanche L. **(Cross) Ash**;
Jerome B. & Sitney A. **(Bennett) Cross**;
Oliver & Roxanna **Cross**; John & Lois
Cross.

The Archives of the CCHS holds
these pioneer certificate applications for
the use of researchers. ■

SHEPARDSVILLE GRADUATING CLASS 1915

District No. 3, Ovid, Shepardsville School

Winifred Aldrich, Earnest Dennis,
Howard Groom, Martha Hebler,
Adelbert Hettinger, Lula Hettinger,
Alice Phelps.

District No. 7, Duplain, Mead School

Glenn Boice, Orlo Mead, Lillian Slepr,
Archie H. Williams.

District No. 5, Bingham, Cramer School

Ruth Burl, Gertrude F. Eisler.

District No. 1, Duplain, Colony School

Lilias Case, Frances Gibson, Lloyd
Rummell, Gladys Tree.

District No. 8, Ovid, Sherburne School

Ferol Davidson.

District No. 3, Duplain, Green School

Harold Devereaux.

District No. 11, Ovid, Jesse School

Tilly Fast.

District No. 3 Frl., Duplain, Little Brick School

Lilas Hayes.

District No. 1, Ovid, Richards School

Agatha Kesby.

District No. 2, Duplain, (Stafford School?)

Stella Northrup, Ella Northrup. ■

MARSHALL SCHOOL 1906-07

DIST. NO. 10 GREENBUSH TWP.

Edna M. Parrish, Teacher
F. E. Pierson, School Officer
F. E. Southworth, School Officer
George Stanlake, School Officer
Pupils: Beulah Babcock, Nelia Babcock,
Lloyd Dell, William Hudson, Thomas
Gannon, Pearl Keener, Florence
Keener, Emory Leland, Emory Ledyard,
Harry Leland, Mamie Madison, Howard
Pierson, Christena Reiser, Iva Reiser,
Floyd Schonzel, George Schmitt, Silas
Southworth. ■

