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NELLIE (SPENCER) GREEN

Interviewed in her home at Ovid, Michigan, by Jeanne Temple on February 23, 1983.

(Q) Nellie, can you tell us your birthday?

(A) I was born August 29, 1900, on what was then called the Town Line Road between Ovid and Duplain Townships. My parents were Ed and Mina (Satterlee) Spencer. My mother had been adopted by the Daleys/Daileys. Susan Daley/Dailey was her adopted mother. There were four in my family: My brother John; and then in three years, Mabel who became Mabel Bartlett; Laura (Spencer) Crane; and myself the youngest.

(Q) Where did you go to elementary school?

- (A) Sherburne School, about a mile east of our home. Belle Winfield was the first teacher; and there were two Daggett sisters, Pearl and Faye, and Kate Jillson. The teacher I remember the best was the one I had in the seventh and eighth grade, Lucile Post. She was a very good teacher.
- (Q) In those days the exam you eighth graders took was very, very important to you, wasn't it? You had to go the stated place and take an exam.
- (A) It was put out by the county and supervised by the county commissioner, and we poor, little kids were scared to death. We went to the Shepardsville Schoolhouse to take the test. My dad took me with the horse and buggy.

(Q) Who were some that were in your class as you went through country school?

(A) Lulu Lavere, who is now Lulu Cox, started out in the first grade with me and went through all twelve grades with me. Isn't that wonderful? And we were very good friends and still are. She lives now in California. There was Hazel and Frank Hall and our neighbors, the Stewart children; and then the Davidson family lived and helped Delos Myers, and they had three children (One of them died with appendicitis while they were living there.); and then Easlicks, Brennan and the twins Bernice and Bertha: Leon Smith; and there were three or four children from the Ed Smith family; and a family by the name of Rose.

(Q) Your father was a farmer. Did he milk cows?

(A) Oh, yes, and we had chickens and pigs. I think the farm size was eighty acres. My father was a good farmer. He always made pets of his animals. There was one old cow named Granny and he used to set me on her back, and I would ride out of the cow stable on Granny's back. I always took care of the chickens and fed the cows before they were ready to come in at night. We sold the milk and some times the cream. At first there was a horse-drawn wagon that used to pick up the milk and then, eventually, a truck did. We had plums and lots of apples. Dad had a big apple orchard, and he used to sell apples to my Uncle George

Gleason who ran the cider mill at Ovid at that time.

(Q) I presume your mother made all her bread.

(A) Oh, yes. She made three pies every Saturday and usually a cake, and we very often had chicken. Dad butchered every fall, and that is what I was amused about--the salt pork we used to have. We had salt pork and salt pork and salt pork! Mother fixed it in such a way that I really liked it. She would parboil it to get some of the salt out of it, and then fry it until it was very crisp. Then we had homemade chili sauce to eat on it. We had a big garden. Mr. Alderman from Shepardsville used to have a great big team of horses and a big, heavy wagon that brought groceries around every Tuesday, I think it was. And then an old gentleman from Ovid named Foss used to drive along with another wagon on Fridays, and mother would usually trade her big basket of eggs for groceries.

(Q) Do you remember what Mother packed in your lunch when you went to school?

(A) Very apt to be baked bean sandwiches. I liked those. She always, every week, made a pot of baked beans, and that, with some of this homemade chili sauce, made very good sandwiches, and I liked them.

(Q) When you were a girl what did you do for entertainment)?

(A) We had a big bunch of young people at

Duplain, and we used to have lots of things going on. We would have different kinds of socials; we had "clothespin socials" for which you dressed up clothespins as twins, and the girl would keep the one twin and put the other one up for auction. Whatever boy bought her twin would have to hunt around until he found its mate. Then he had to eat supper with its owner. She would bring the supper in a box. There were shadow socials where the girl would stand up in front of a sheet. Then the boy, all he could see of her, to tell who it was, was her shadow. It was very hard to tell who belonged to that shadow.

(Q) I know of your love and your interest in the Methodist Church at the Rochester Colony. Did your family go there at that time?

(A) No. When I was young we went to the Shepardsville church, always. Some of the pastors there were: Bancroft--they had a couple daughters around my age; Exner--he was the one that baptised me; and Birdsall was the one that married me.

(Q) What year did you start Ovid High School?

(A) Well, I was thirteen one day, and I started high school the next day--in 1913. I was green and fresh! I drove a horse and buggy. The first year Laura, my older sister, went with me. Dad always rented a barn, and we had to unhitch the horse, put a halter on it, and hitch it to the manger in the barn there (a privately owned barn

usually). Dad would pay them; I think it was two dollars a month. He would bring down a load of hay and put it up in their loft, and then I would have to go down at noon and fork down the hay for the horse; then at night hitch her up and away we'd go. Dad wouldn't let me go to school or drive to school after it got so bad we had to use a cutter because he was so afraid I'd tip over in it. So usually, Dad and Mother would rent a room with some family down to Ovid for two or three months at a time in the winter. I would be homesick, would go home on weekends. My junior year was the year I rode with Lloyd Rummel. Dad trusted him, I guess, not to tip over.

(Q) Do you remember your teachers?

(A) The one I had in first year geometry--I had to take it three years--was Anna B. Johnson; and the last year was Gilman [Effie Guilford?] I think, and she was red-haired and quite strict. Lovica Dean was the English teacher for most of my time in high school. She was very good. had a high school chorus, and I always was a member and really enjoyed that. director was Matthews at first, and then later on we had Aurabelle/Arabelle Mayhew who married Ray Lewis here in town. We studied ancient and modern history. My teacher was Irene [Ione?] Orr. She was a good teacher. I was the class poet and had to make up the poem and recite it graduation night. The graduation exercises were held in the old opera house. Now it's the Veterans' Building, but it used to be that everything big going on in Ovid would be at the old opera house. We used to have quite well-known people come from different parts of the country and talk to us in that old opera house.

(Q) After graduation, what did you do?

(A) I stayed home for a year. My mother had fallen and broken her hip, and so I sort of had to be chief cook and bottle washer for awhile. After that year was up, they sent me up to Ypsilanti to a normal school where I got a certificate for teaching. It was only a summer normal course. I think it cost around one hundred dollars which was a lot then.

(Q) When did you and your husband meet?

(A) We met some time in the summer of 1919. He had been in the army in the First World War and contracted TB, and the doctor had given him orders to get out on a farm and stay outdoors as much as possible. He was a good friend of our Colony minister at that time, Bob Miller. Mr. Miller was rooming with some people by the name of Hillier who owned a big farm there on the Colony Road, so he persuaded my husband to come out there and work for Mr. Hillier. Mr. Miller was a young man too, and he used to go to all the young people's parties, and he took Chauncey with him. That is where we met. We were married in 1920 in October at the Spencer home.

Chauncey was born on a farm near Onondaga, but his mother died, and he was

brought up by his father's old maid cousin. She was just so good to him, thought the world of him. She lived in Jackson, and that is where he went to high school; then two years at Albion and then went into the service.

(Q) What was your first school that you taught?

(A) First and only! The Rowell School west of the Colony. By that time I was married, and my husband taught in the Colony We rented a nag from Don School. Temple's folks. We had no barn where we lived and kept the horse there. After I'd get over near the Rowell School, we left the horse there with people by the name of Dickerson, and then I had to walk the rest of the way which was almost half a mile. Some of my pupils were: Sidney Keys;, Don Morris; Peter Schafer; Laura Schafer; Donald Keys; Leo Bond; Alisa and Esil and James Dickinson (Alisa's now my niece. She married my nephew, Spencer Bartlett.); the Ash girls; Lucille & Arlene; Lisa, Gaitha, and Hazel ---; Phyllis and Blanche Treat.

- (Q) When you and Chauncey started your married life together, then you were living at the little house in the Colony just west of the church. Was it about that time that Chauncey decided to go into the ministry?
- (A) That was two years after we got married. It was when Mr. Gay preached over at Shepardsville and to the Colony,

and he was the one that got him interested in that. Our daughter Ermina was born in 1922, just before Christmas.

(Q) Chauncey was still teaching then?

(A) No. We used to start our ministerial year in September instead of June, and we had just moved over to Bath. When school let out that year in May we had to get out of the house because they had sold it. So we rented a room for the summer upstairs at Charlie and Wilma Harmon's. Then in the daytime Chauncey would help around on the farms to have some money coming in, and I usually would go over and spend the day with my mother. When September came, he went on over to Bath, and his sister was there with him. I stayed there at my mother's so I could have the doctor I had been used to all the time. He was assigned to a church at Bath. He had two years at Albion at that time, and then (1930, I think it was.) he went back to Albion and finished there and graduated.

After Ermina was about six weeks old, I felt safe to leave my mother and went back to Bath. We were there just one year. We had a "one-year stand," so to speak, for three years: one year Mulliken and one year Barryton.

(Q) It was not all that strange that long ago to be moved about every year.

(A) From Barryton, we went to Central Lake. In 1926 when we were living at Central Lake, my second little girl Madge was born at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing,

and she was a premature baby. She only weighed two pounds when she was born and came at six and a half months. She had to stay in the incubator until she was three months old. I had been staying with my mother. We had a doctor in Central Lake who was a very brilliant doctor, a diabetic specialist. His biggest fault was that he tried to treat everybody as though they were a diabetic. He said that being sick to your stomach when you were pregnant was very similar to when you had a diabetic condition. So he would give me insulin shots, and he said that I had to drink a half cup of Karo every time he gave me an insulin shot. I did all that, but I couldn't keep the Karo down, so I went into insulin shock. My sister Mabel came clear up to Central Lake on the train and took me home where I could have a doctor that had a little more sense, as well as being brilliant. After I had her home for two weeks, we took her way back up to Central Lake.

(Q) And she got along quite well for a preemie, did she?

(A) Until one of the church members came home from college! She had the flu and was still coughing from it when she came over to see this new baby. Madge got pneumonia and we nearly lost her. The same doctor said he had done all he could for her. He advised me to call in an elderly lady that lived back of me because he said that she was "magic" with her herbs and things. She came over to the parsonage and brought her bag of hops. She boiled up hops and made little bags and put this hot poultice on

Madge's chest and back. She kept that up all night, and in the morning that baby was better, and she lived.

- (Q) That is just a fantastic story, Nellie. It is strange that he called her "magic," and that he was not professionally jealous of her!
- (A) After two years at Central Lake, we went down to Morley and were there three years. Morley is north of Howard City.
- (Q) Was Chauncey ever "on a charge"--have at least two churches for one pastor?
- (A) Oh, yes, a good many times. In Morley we had Deerfield; in Barryton we had Coldwater Chapel; in Bath we had South Bath. While we were at Morley I kept talking to Chauncey and finally had him persuaded to take the conference course of study and go back to Albion. So we were sent to a three-point charge south of Marshall. We had to rent a farm house, twenty-five dollars a month, which we thought was pretty steep. Then we had Eckford and West Eckford and Lyon Lake Besides having those three charges. churches to take care of, Chauncey went to Albion College. We lived there for just the one month, and then they moved us over to Concord. We were there for three years. He finished Albion while in Concord.
- (Q) At Concord the parsonage was furnished to you. You must have, in moving around that many times, seen

parsonages that were disasters to move a family into, didn't you?

- (A) In those days I didn't expect too much. Nobody had things as perfect and easy to use and live in and work with as they do nowadays. For instance, I didn't have a refrigerator for years. I just had to be careful and use up my food as quick as I could before it had a chance to spoil. I used a kerosene stove to cook with. We had a washing machine that you had to push and were lucky to have that.
- (Q) I seem to recall that people would take produce to the minister because they really weren't able to pay much toward his salary.
- (A) That's right. When we lived in Concord that one year (This was the year after the depression started.), we had three hundred dollars cash the whole year. The people wanted to pay us, but they didn't have the money any more than we did. We always had our milk and our eggs furnished, and we had a big vegetable garden, and people gave us potatoes. My Uncle Hiram Daley/Dailey owned a farm near Concord. When his tenant butchered what they called a baby beef, Uncle Hi had him bring half of that down to us. Oh, that was wonderful because we could not just afford meat.

(Q) Do you remember where you went after that?

(A) After Concord, we went to Fulton (southwest of Battle Creek) for just one

year. We didn't get very much money there either. We had an outer charge there called Leonidas, a town about eight miles south of Fulton. Then we moved to Athens (south of Battle Creek) and were there for four years.

We went to Springport from Athens and were there four years. While we were in Springport Chauncey contracted TB again. He had to go into a TB hospital in Battle Creek. Then they sent him to Dearborn Veterans' TB Hospital. All together, he was in the hospital about nine The girls and I lived in the months. parsonage. The people were very good to us there in Springport. I took care of all the business. I did everything that a preacher was supposed to do except preach. Young student preachers from Albion would come over on Sunday.

(Q) After he was discharged as cured right from the hospital at Dearborn?

(A) Yes. Then the conference decided that he had better not try to keep on with the ministry because it was just too strenuous on the condition of his health. John Bartlett's tenant house on what's now the Kinley Road was empty at that time, and he told us that we could come out there. The hospital had told Chauncey that he ought to be outdoors all the time. So we went out to this place and lived there four years, and Chauncey did farm work and preached as a substitute a great deal. I had saved a thousand dollars, believe it or not, out there on that farm just by selling chickens and eggs. It was during World

War II, and meat was rationed. People were just crazy to buy those chickens, and Chauncey would dress them all nice. Madge would take them down to Redmond's where she worked after she graduated. Then we bought this house where I'm living now, and I went to work at Redmond's and paid for the house.

I worked at Redmond's seven years. I soldered wires. We had to make so many in a day, and that was hard for me 'cause I'm naturally a slow-moving person. Once I got into the swing of it, I didn't mind it too much. We had a lot of fun. We were all almost all of us ladies working on the lines there. At one time they sent a bus out (Redmond bus, they called it) to pick up people from Laingsburg and Ovid. People from Elsie would come over to get on the bus from here at Ovid, and two or three from St. Johns too.

(Q) In those days, my, they were tickled to death to get you ladies to come in and do that kind of work.

(A) There was no one else to do it. They used to say that women did better at that type of work than men did because it was small work. Women's hands are smaller, and we could handle those small wires and things. [Interview ends.]

Note: Nellie E. Green died 28 Dec 1991 at her home in Ovid, age 91. She was the daughter of Edward G. and Eva Ermina (Satterlee) Spencer. The Rev. Chauncey Green died in 1979.

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PIONEER CERTIFICATES FOR DESCENDANT OF JOSEPH S. LOOMIS

A Clinton County Pioneer Certificate was granted to MANDALINE (LOOMIS) HART in 1990 after she submitted the required documentation for the county sesquicentennial project to prove her descendancy from the pioneer JOSEPH S. LOOMIS. (See data below.) The 1880 History of Shiawassee and Clinton County states that "Loomis moved to Watertown from Orleans Co., NY, in 1839. He selected a farm of forty acres upon section 21. He found a wide field for improvement open to him and devoted himself with earnestness to the work. Mr. Loomis has not relaxed his energy, but still devotes his time to the cultivation of his early purchase." In the following lists, places named are in Michigan unless otherwise stated.

JOSEPH SIDNEY LOOMIS was b 3 Dec. 1811 in NY; m 24 May 1837 to DIANNA MARY SANBORN; d 9 Dec. 1898 in Watertown. DIANNA d 22 Apr. 1882 in Watertown, and both are buried in the Wacousta Cemetery.

Their son JAMES EDWIN LOOMIS was b 25 July 1851 in Watertown; m 9 May 1878 to EMMA JANE COSTON in Lansing; d 11 July 1926 in Delta Twp, Eaton Co.; buried in the Wacousta Cemetery. He was a stone mason.

GLENN LOOMIS, son of James and Emma, was b 25 Mar. 1887 in Delta Twp.; m 12 Apr. 1919 to NELLIE E. CLANDENING in Delta Twp.; d 12 July 1966 in Lansing. He is buried in the

Wacousta Cemetery and was a farmer.

MANDALINE LEONA (LOOMIS) HART is a daughter of Glenn and Nellie LOOMIS. She was b 21 Apr. 1921 in Watertown and m ELLSWORTH HART 15 May 1984 in Montcalm Co.

FOR DESCENDANT OF EARLY SETTLERS NAMED PLATTE

HOWARD J. PLATTE furnished records to link him with three early settlers, his great grandfather HERMAN JOSEPH PLATTE, and then another generation back, to JOSEPH and ANNA MARIA (BELKE) PLATTE. These three pioneers emigrated from Helden, Westphalia, Germany, arriving on the brig Paoli in NY City Harbor 29 May 1834 to be among the first settlers of the new Westphalia community. HOWARD PLATTE'S documents also list two earlier generations in Germany.

JOSEPH PLATTE was b 8 Dec. 1799 in Helden; m ANNA MARIA BELKE 15 July 1832 in Helden; d 27 Jan. 1859 in Westphalia, MI, and was buried there. He was a store owner.

HERMAN JOSEPH PLATTE, son Joseph and Anna, was b 8 June 1833 in Helden; m 25 July 1854 to CATHARINA PFEFFER in Westphalia; d 4 Apr. 1893 in Melrose, Bronx, NY; buried Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx. He was a produce store owner.

CASPER PLATTE, son of Herman and Catharina, was b 16 June 1857 in Westphalia; m ca 1882 to WILHELMINA WURN in NY City; d 29 Aug. 1908 in NY

City; buried Woodlawn Cemetery. He was a policeman.

HARRY CHARLES PLATTE, son of Casper and Wilhelmina, was b 22 Mar. 1897 in NY City; m 10 Apr 1929 to AUGUSTA ELIZABETH BRAUN in NY City; d 18 May 1943 in White Plains, NY; buried Kensico Cemetery, Kenisco, NY. He was an electrician.

HOWARD J. PLATTE, son of Harry and Augusta, was b 4 Mar. 1933 at Bronx, NY; m 5 May 1936 to Edna Dee HEFTY at Monroe, Green Co., WI.

These pioneer certificate applications and many others are on file at the archives.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS AT THE ARCHIVES

- 1920 Federal Census of Clinton County on microfilm.
- Five-generation chart of Virginia (Upton) Ritsema.
- Harold Frederic Powell Genealogy, compiled by Harold F. Powell.
- 1981 Telephone Directory, Carson City area.
- 1992 Stilson Cemetery Index, by Elsie Historical Society. ■

QUERIES

Please send all queries (with SASE) and replies to: Query Editor, Clinton County Trails, PO Box 23, St. Johns, MI 48879-0023.

- Submitted by AUDREY A. SCHROEDER. Looking for birth record of ARTHUR WELLISTON BORDEN, b 17 Sept., Ovid, MI; m CORA MALINDA EAMES 6 Sept 1877; d Colorado. Also information on his parents who reportedly are JOHN ABDELLAH BORDEN b NY and HARRIETT WEATHERBY b Cleveland, OH.
- Submitted by VIRGINIA ELAINE (UPTON) RITSEMA. Who was 1st wife of William A./R. Moore ca 1840? His 2nd marriage was to Lucy Morton, 1845, St. Johns. Currently researching JAMES THROOP and WILLIAM A. MOORE lines and wants to share information. ■

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The 16th Michigan Antiquarian Book and Paper Show will be held Sunday, October 4, 1992. Notice that the location is a change from past shows. It will be held at the Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI.
- The Grand Ledge Public Library now has microfilm of all the Clinton County census records and has also just acquired a microfilm printer.
- PATRICIA SANFORD BROWN has edited the diaries of LIZZIE AUGUSTA (SOWLES) DRAVENSTATT and published them as, "Seasons for Growing, the Diaries of Lizzie A. Dravenstatt, 1870-1928." Lizzie was a resident of Portland, MI, and later Eagle Twp., Clinton Co. She married AMANIAS DRAVENSTATT. The book contains photographs and is in two volumes. The

cost is \$27.95 + \$3.50 for mailing. Order from Patricia S. Brown at 2050 Covert Road, Burton, MI 48509.

- The Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc., has announced its 6th Annual Literary Award to be presented in May 1993 for an outstanding New England genealogy published in or after 1984. The entry fee is \$10 to be submitted with two copies of the publication, which will not be returned. Entry must be received on or before February 15, 1993. Entry is not limited to CSG members-all are welcome. Additional information and entry forms are available by mail or phone from The CSG, Inc., PO Box 435, Glastonbury, CT 06033-0435. (203) 569-0002.
- DUES: Please check the date on your mailing label on this publication. It indicates when your membership expires. See back page for renewal form.
- Monday, October 5, 1992, is the next scheduled meeting of the Genealogists of the CCHS. This will be a work session held at the archives, beginning at 7:30 p.m.
- A local man has started a research service specializing in Civil War information. His press release states that Civil War Connections can collect a significant amount of information on Civil War volunteers and can pursue directed research for authors, historians, and others wanting archival information on battles, locations, dates, and related material. His service operates under a no-risk guarantee;

if no data is located, the requestor's money is returned. For more information contact LARRY R. HOUGHTON, CIVIL WAR CONNECTIONS, 4004 Wildcat Road, St. Johns, MI 48879.

■ In answer to a request in the last newsletter, Thomas Thiell brought a paper cutter in to the archives. His donation is very much appreciated. ■

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CHARTS

On the following pages are generation charts which have been given to the Genealogists of the CCHS for the use of researchers. Many charts are stored at the archives, often with other related papers. Please consider sending us a copy of your chart too, using dark, legible lettering to make it suitable for reproduction.

VIRGINIA ELAINE (UPTON)
RITSEMA recently donated her 4generation chart. Quoting from her letter,
"All eight of my great grandparents were
residents at some time of Clinton County in
DeWitt, Victor, and Olive Townships."
(See her query in this issue.)

PEDIGREE CHART

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The Archives of the Clinton County Historical Society are located at 4700 Brook Road in the NE corner of the office building of DeWitt Charter Twp. Volunteers (Bill Serviss and Myrna VanEpps) are there to give research assistance from 9:00 to 4:00 on Mondays and Tuesdays.

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