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KINCAID SCHOOL NEWS

District No. 5 Frl.; Section 32, Riley Twp.
Southeast corner Chadwick & Wacousta Roads

The Kincaid School building no longer exists.

The Clinton Independent, 30 Sept. 1875: The fall term of the Kincaid School, taught by **Miss Stella Cook** of South Riley, was closed on Saturday last in the following pleasant manner: A rude, but romantic, stand provided with seats in front had been erected in a wood a short distance from the school house. The exercises consisted of select declamations and dialogues interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. The exercises were well rendered, and the teacher's valedictory to her pupils drew tears from not a few of the friends, parents, and patrons of the school. After a brief address by the school superintendent, all present were conducted to a table bountifully spread with dainties too numerous to mention. Much credit is due Miss Cook for the success obtained by the school, and the end forms a pleasant episode that will be remembered by both teacher and pupil long after school days have passed away.

The Grand Ledge Independent, 27 Jan. 1899:
The tax-payers of district No. 5, called a meeting Tuesday evening, Jan. 17, and passed a resolution refusing to pay for a chart bought by two

of the district board. This district has always been willing to furnish anything thought to be needful for the advancement of its scholars, but thinks this chart, costing nearly \$40, unnecessary and questions the right of the board to purchase any article of that value without the sanction of the district.

The Clinton Independent, 12 Nov. 1885. The Kincaid School is to be taught the coming term by **J. Stone** of this [Riley] township.

The Clinton Republican, 6 Sept. 1900: School commenced in the Kincaid district last week Monday with **Louis Voisinet** at the helm.

The Clinton Republican, 22 Aug. 1918: The annual reunion of Kincaid, will be held in the nearby grove on Thursday, August 29. All parties interested will be welcome. Basket dinner; good speaking; music.

The Clinton County Republican-News, 13 Dec. 1928: Last week, Wednesday, the school had a Thanksgiving party. **Miss Strong** surprised us with a peanut hunt, but we surprised her more with a birthday party. Thanks to **Hilda Bergen, Esther Bandt, and Mrs. Greenfield** for the nice time. **Vernon Sargent** has been absent a week due to illness. **Mrs. Sylvenna Oden** visited school Friday. **Richard Brace** has sold 150 Christmas seals; **John Greenfield** 65; and **Arthur Hoerner** 52. The others are close.

The Clinton County Republican-News, 29 May 1930: The Kincaid School closed Friday with a potluck dinner which

all the parents and friends enjoyed. Games were played in the afternoon. **Miss Strong** will teach her fourth term here in the fall. **Betty Hemingway, Norman and Elizabeth Greenfield** received 9-months' certificates for perfect attendance at the school this year. **Dawn Hemingway** passed the 8th grade and received his diploma at Wacousta May 22. **Vernon Sargent** and **Margaret Bergen** passed the 7th grade examinations. ■

Clinton Settlers Sturdy Pioneers of SW Riley and SE Westphalia

The Clinton Republican, 16 Mar. 1922; by **Mrs. C.S. Kincaid**, DeWitt, MI)

The writer has tried to get correct data regarding the first pioneers who took up the land of the government in the southwest part of Clinton County.

We of today are the third and fourth generations of the brave pioneer forefathers to live on the farms which their courage cleared for us, and on which they passed their youth and in a few cases died on the farms they cleared from the forests.

One incident appears almost laughable to us, the grandchildren: A few neighbors in the early sixties started to Grand Ledge by wagon and had a few bushel baskets of eggs for the market. The city not having a railroad at that time and no shipping facilities, eggs were a drug on the market (Think of today!). So

they started back with the load by way of Eagle, but eggs were not wanted there. Then they drove home; and when they got to the Lookingglass River, they dumped those eggs to the little fishes. The price they would bring today would buy a small touring car. They probably thought of those eggs wasted, but with the sturdy endurance of the pioneer, laughed about it years afterward. Yet with all their hardships they had such jolly good times it makes us feel envious sometimes, for neighbors were neighbors in the true sense of the word, and the children of those early settlers will never forget them for their sacrifice.

The first settlers are all dead but the widow of **Edward Rose**, she being in her ninetieth year. There are a number of children living of over 100 which these pioneers left. Nearly all have large families, but they are scattered from the upper peninsula to Florida, from the east to the far west.

The oldest settlers, names and dates of settlement of each family in Clinton County are as follows:

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| Richard Baylis | 1868 |
| Abram Bennett | 1850 |
| George Brace | 1867 |
| Henry Burns | 1855 |
| James Burns | 1855 |
| Henry Chaffee | 1854 |
| John Craun | 1866 |
| George Cupit | 1865 |
| Edward Dillingham | 1853 |
| David Goss | 1854 |
| Lute Hendricks | 1856 |

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| Lorenzo Hill | 1855 |
| Chester Kelly | 1854 |
| Joseph Kelly | 1854 |
| Adam Kincaid | 1852 |
| William Morgan | 1869 |
| Ampter Otto | 1873 |
| Austin Parkus | 1853 |
| Louis Pratt | 1852 |
| Edward Rose | 1854 |
| Byron Rufus | 1852 |
| Solomon Stone | 1860 |
| Clarissa Upham (a widow) | 1862 |
| David Wells | 1857■ |

Old People of Eagle

The Clinton Independent, 6 Apr. 1882;
by *G. W. Thomas*

Thinking your many readers might be interested in knowing how many people we have in Eagle who are living on what is termed "borrowed time" by passing their three score years and ten, I have taken the time to collect the names and ages that we might refer to them and honor their gray hairs and cheer them with words of comfort, the few remaining years they may be spared to us:

James Bailey, 76.
E. W. Bates, 72; Mrs. Bates, 74.
Sally Beers, 83.
R. T. Force, 73.
Mrs. Groger, 82.
John G. Harrington, 70.
Mrs. Harrington, 76.
Reuben Hill, 76; Mrs. Hill, 72.
Warren Hill, 72.
Mrs. Hutchins, 75.

