

PIONEER RECORD



MIDLAND'S PIONEER FAMILIES

This month we continue printing some of the series of articles with interviews of Midland pioneers which appeared in the Midland Sun newspaper February through May, 1924.

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This interview with Mrs. & Mrs. W.A. FINNEY is concluded from the previous Pioneer Record)

April 10, 1924. Mrs. & Mrs. W.A. FINNEY - After exhausting all efforts in securing a furlough which would allow her to bring Mr. Finney to Michigan, she went to Lincoln. The furlough, however, did not permit him to come to Michigan, but allowed him to go to New York City as he had enlisted from that state. Mrs. Finney spent two weeks there with her husband before returning to Michigan.

Mrs Finney tells of crossing the Tittabawassee river on the logs in her stocking feet without even getting her stocking wet. She says that she and the other girls have crossed the river many times on logs to go to dances.

Mr. and Mrs. Finney have been quite feeble the past winter and they spoke kindly of friends who have assisted them while they were shut in during the long months.

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April 17, 1924. ELIJAH F. STOWITS - We moved to Midland by ox-team, arriving at our new home - the Eli Bailey farm in Ingersoll - Dec. 9, 1865, and the trip was "some job, I'll tell you", said Elijah F. Stowits of Homer recently to the Sun.

The in reminiscent mood he recalls that he and other junior members of the family attended school at the Sage school - about three miles distant - and that Miss Anna Blodgett (Mrs. Anna Drew) was the Teacher. Lydia Butt (Mrs. Henry Atwell) was also a student in this school. Later they attended the Bluff school in Midland township, crossing the river in boats.

Indians lived across from the Bailey farm in those days, and wrestling with the Indian boys was one of the regularly indulged in recreations then his father "located" the farm, now the Thomas Reeves place in Poseyville, the father of John Argyle locating on adjacent property.

In those days L.P. Bailey, who built the house on the present Roy Walker farm in Midland Township, owned and operated a shingle mill just west of the Bailey bridge on the north bank of the Tittabawassee, and Cunningham & Patent operated a lumber mill in an adjoining mill yard. E.F. recalls packing shingles for the latter company when a mere lad.

Prior to the general use of the river for logging, it was a beautiful, deep, clear stream, says Mr. stowits, and many times I have seen the signet, a stern wheeler, and the Seymour, as they passed on their trips up and down

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Since the last newsletter we have had two great programs! In November, we learned about the Detroit Public Library's Burton Collection. Joe Oldenburg described the holdings, the reading room layout, the hours and how to get there. As our secretary put it, "... a most enjoyable and informative program." In January, our own Ralph Hillman, C.G.R.S. (Certified Genealogical Record Searcher), told us about the interaction between a professional genealogist and his clients. This included what a professional genealogist is, what you should expect to get, why you might use one, what they expect from you, the functions performed and how to find one. A member marveled at Ralph's ability to make his talks so understandable. We are fortunate to have him in our group! Thanks Ralph.

The nominating committee of Norma Schneider, Rose Mary Laur, and Diana Butcher will be working up a slate of officers for the 1992-3 operations. I was reminded by one of our members that the by-laws specify that elections be held at our May meeting, so we will take care of business before the First Families of Midland County program begins. that takes some pressure off the nominators, but be ready to say "yes" when they call. At the last meeting I read some figures on participation. Of the members listed in the November newsletter, 18 live outside the local area. Of the remainder, 10 are present officers, 22 are past officers or current project members, and 66 have "great potential."

Plans for Phase II of the G.A. Dow Public Library expansion are firmed up now and I am happy to report that the Genealogy and Michigan History Room will be much larger and better! It will be located in a new addition, straight ahead from the present main entrance. (The magazines and newspapers will be located somewhere else.) Rosemarie Byers would like our input on how this room should be set up and furnished. I will be appointing a committee to do this very soon. Our faithful volunteers and Joan Somerville will be first on my list. The equipment and furnishings of the room will depend on the money available. While the city is responsible for determining such priorities, I believe the some of us might play a part in raising support specific to our interests. As you know, we do not have the IRS status that would allow tax-deductible donations to be made directly to our society. But, as individuals, we can ask others to donate to the library (which does have that status) for purposes of genealogy! As an example, Pat and I have made modest annual donations to the library with such a specified purpose. Dow Corning has matched our donation and the State of Michigan allows a 50% tax credit to us on our part. This means that \$4 goes to the library for every net \$1 out of our pocket. There is a limit of \$100 for individuals and \$200 for couples filing jointly). That kind of action by people like us can help buy genealogical materials and books, but we really need to interest someone like a "foundation" to raise any big money. (Rosemarie said they would be glad to name the room after a major donor!) I would like to work on such a project. Anyone else willing to help?

While I was talking to Rosemarie, I asked if she would come and talk to us in February about the Phase II plans. She said she would. Her talk will be entitled "Library Expansion Brings New Opportunities to Genealogy." She will be speaking before the business meeting ... that's on 19 February at 7:30 P.M. in the G.A. Dow Library lounge. hope to see everyone there.

BILL WORDEN

Midland Pioneer Families. (continued from page 1)

the river, sometimes stopping to put ashore flour or something else at the Bailey landing. one day my sister Libbie (Mrs. N.K. Dean) took mother across to the Blodgett's in the boat and on her return trip a big bear swam the river just a few rods away.

Included in Mr. Stowit's boyhood experiences were the rescues of several from drowning. While they still lived on the Eli Bailey farm, E.F. and sister Libbie, then 10 and 12 years old were in a boat and the sister, in reaching for a choice piece of pine pitch - gum - fell into the river and went under two or three times. E.F. finally caught her by the hair and pulled her into the boat. later he rescued his mother, who fell into the bayou when they were crossing on the logs. A few years later a young sister, Nancy A. fell from a burling log when she ventured onto a wing-jam, and E.F., laying flat across other logs, managed to steady the burling log and his sister scrambled to safety.

This same summer (1879) he and Frank Whitman were in swimming near the Bailey bridge when Frank was seized by cramps and went down. Diving first to locate him, Mr. Stowits dove again, dragged Whitman free from a snag and brought him ashore.

This same summer he had the exciting experience of standing in the mill yard near the Bailey bridge when, hearing a scream, he looked just in time to see a girl fall through some broken bridge planks into the river. Immediately he called George Stowits and Walter McKay, who rescued the girl - Lydia Pierce, aged 12 - who was then unconscious.

William (Bill) Harris had a supply store down on the flats north of Benson Street, but believing in Midland's future he in 1876 built the Harris block, now owned by the I.O.O.F. The father of Mr. Stowits made the first purchase of goods from Harris in his new Store. Nelson K. Dean was one of Harris' clerks.

Mr. Stowits says the first fair held in Midland County was in the Methodist church - then located where the new Post Office will stand - and that on the following year the fair was held on the Forks between the Tittabawassee and Chippewa rivers. This was about the years of 1865-1866.

The Stowits family moved to the Homer farm on Dec. 9, 1878, just 13 years after coming to Midland county. "George and I" worked the farm, said Mr. Stowits, and ox teams were used for logging and later for plowing.

"My mother and sister Nancy were the first passengers to pay a fare to Saginaw over the P.M., which then came only as far as the D. Currie farm. They were going to Fenton to see Grandmother who was ill."

Scows loaded with provisions were pulled upstream by men who walked an elevated runway at the side of the scow, across which cleats were nailed to give them more secure footing.

Tragedy entered the home of the Stowits family on Feb. 21, 1889, when James W., the bookkeeper for Haley and Covert, was killed in a log train wreck - 13 cars breaking loose from one train going up grade and crashing into the following train.

Speaking of the size to which maple trees sometimes grew in this section, Mr. Stowits recalled cutting one on his Homer farm that was four feet four inches across at the stump, and that this tree made 12 cords of 18 inch wood to the first limb and six cords above. He and his brother George put 1500 cords of 18 inch wood in Midland during the winters of 1879, '80, and '81.

E.F. Stowits was born in Fenton, Genessee county August 14, 1856.

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April 24, 1924 - RYON S. ROBINSON. Ryon S. Robinson is another Midland county pioneer who has been a resident of the county for over half a century.

He was born in Niagara county, New York on Dec. 30, 1844, and served his country as a soldier during the Civil War. Following the close of the war he and his wife moved to Genessee county, Michigan, in 1866, and in March, 1869, they moved to Midland county and settled on what is now section 18 in Porter township then a part of Ingersoll township.

Mr. Robinson assisted in organizing Porter township two years later. When he came to this county Porter township was practically an unbroken forest traversed only by an occasional trail, with plenty of bear, deer, wolves and other wild game.

During the winter of '69 and '70 he worked in the lumber woods for Sam Sias. He helped to build the state road from St. Louis to Midland.

Mr. Robinson is acquainted with many of the pioneers whose names have appeared in this paper. He is now making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Ben Fisher, who resides in Jasper township

April 24, 1924 - GEORGE WALKER. Another Midland pioneer and citizen who has helped develop Midland county into one of beautiful farm homes and an agricultural community is George Walker, residing at 108 Pine street. Mr. Walker has been a resident of this county for considerably over half a century.

Mr. Walker was born in Salem township, Washtenaw county, on November 7, 1848. When a lad he moved with his parents to Sumner township, Gratiot county, where he lived until he was about 20 years old. He came to Midland in 1868 and lived here about three years, when he moved to a farm which he purchased in section 11, Ingersoll township. He lived on this farm for almost 40 years, when he retired and moved to Midland. This was about eight years ago.

Mr. Walker was united in marriage to Miss Frances I. Gaskill on December 24, 1874, who died on April 2, 1921. He was later united in marriage to Mrs. Addie Goold.

Mr. Walker's first wife's father was the first judge of probate of Midland county and held the office from 1856 until 1864.

The feature referring to Leonard S. Reed appearing in this paper last week, recalled the fact to Mr. Walker that he and Mr. Reed had worked together in the early days, operating scows and rafts on the Tittabawassee river.

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200-MAN CREW STAGED RIVER FIGHT

January 15, 1931 - Midland Daily News. "I heard a scuffling in the barroom of Moore's saloon and when I went in, the gang had an old man and was sticking him head first into a barrel of water, with a live cat buttoned inside his shirt. He kicked and finally tipped over the barrel. That's all that saved his life. They used to call that fun in the old days at Edenville."

J.W. Jackson, now of Averill, wasn't a drinking man even in those days when the art was as common and expected as bridge today. But an Edenville man who didn't know what went on in Tom Moore's place was behind the times indeed.

"I saw them take a foolish fellow one day, he said Saturday, "and throw him into a mud hole in front of the saloon and tell him to swim. We was waving his arms and trying to get out. That was supposed to be great sport.

"I've seen as many as 200 men fighting," said Mr. Jackson. "The two rivers, the Tobacco and the Tittabawassee came together right there, and there'd be a crew driving logs down each one, sometimes they'd meet there and each crew'd try to get its own logs down ahead of the other. Then there'd be a scrap."

It was 51 years ago the 21st of October that Mr. and Mrs. Jackson with a four weeks old baby made the slow horse-and-wagon trip from Tuscola county to the northern part of Hope township.

"A snow storm came up," he said remembering the journey, "and my wife sat on some straw in the bottom of the wagon, holding the baby. She didn't get over the effects for a long time - I don't know as she ever got over them," he said turning to look at her as she rocked by the stove.

"Who is that baby now?" he was asked.

"Mrs. William Shepherd of Edenville," they said.

"I worked eight winters in the woods, and three on the drive," went on Mr. Jackson. "Summers I cleaned up the farm. I worked for VanWinkle in his last lumbering days, and then for Bowman and Marsh and Goff. Chopper most of the time."

"Things weren't managed then like they are now. There was one year I know of that I didn't have a cent. They'd pay us in orders on the store, and we couldn't even get a postage stamp. Why I remember being in a store there one time when a little girl came in and had a dozen eggs, and wanted to sell them and buy a stamp for a letter she had there. The fellow told her the government didn't buy eggs. That time I happened to have a little money, so I bought the eggs from her and then turned them in on some things I wanted.

"It wasn't til W.L. Baker came in to Midland and paid cash for things that the people could get any money.

"My clothes all got worn out after I came up here, One time I was summoned on a jury in Midland and didn't know what I was going to do because all I had was my working clothes. I walked to Midland and told Will Reardon. "If you'll trust me to a suit of clothes, I'll pay you before I leave town," I said, "provided the jury lasts long enough." Because sometimes they'd be summoned and then dismissed right away. Other times it would last a month. He agreed and I got the clothes - Cost \$7.50."

"What was the case?" he was asked.

"An old man down at Smith's Crossing was charged with shooting his wife. He hadn't killed her but he shot at her. I remember we figured that under the circumstances as close as he was, if he had shot at her point blank he could have not have missed her very well, she was so large. But we convicted him and asked the clemency of the court on account of his age. That was old Judge Hart - Henry Hart."

The names of Charlie Axford and Ben Lee are always sure to bring forth a yarn or two from any old-timer of "Sixteen," now called Edenville.

"Charlie Axford used to be Justice of the Peace," chuckled Mr. Jackson, "and they'd bring fellows in before him and convict them. Charlie'd fix the fine: "Treat the crowd," he'd order. That was the fine.

"The greatest thing that ever happened to me though was in old Ben Lee's court! Ben, you know was "the marrying justice" of Edenville for years, and the father of John Lee of Midland. He just died last year. Well, one time I was called on a jury for an assault and battery case in his court. Hitchcock was one lawyer, and Myron Gue was the prosecutor. We went to Ben Lee's house in the afternoon. The case didn't amount to much. Jack Shepherd and Bob Mills were the two fellows concerned. They'd had an argument over some damages to crops by a cow and got into a fight.

"We heard the evidence, and about ten at night they sent us upstairs to a bedroom to arrive at a verdict. I was foreman, So soon as we got up there,

I says, "Boys did you ever sit on a jury before without being sworn?"

Then they started to look at each other and said, "By golly, that's right. We weren't sworn. Well, what'll we do now?"

"If we were on the ground floor I know what we'd do," I says.

"We'd crawl out the window and go home."

But we couldn't get out without being seen, so pretty soon we went back down. We'd made up our minds that there was no cause for action in the case.

"Gentlemen have you come to a verdict?" old Ben says.

"Yes Sir," I says.

"What is it?" he asks.

"The verdict is," I says, "that we send for a justice and have the jury sworn."

"You should have seen those lawyers look at each other.

"Well, that's right," they said. "That jury wasn't sworn."

"They finally got together and divided the costs and dismissed the case. But they bothered Ben Lee about that for a long time.

"Ben was an awful old fellow," he said, laughing. "Once he got lost in a corn field. He hollered and yelled: 'Be Jabbers, bring me a compass till I work me way out.'"

"Another yarn they tell about him - his son got a fiddle, and Ben heard somebody call it a fiddle.

" 'Be domn, young feller,' he roared, "It's no fuddle, it's a violin.'"

Mr. Jackson admits a modest pride in a record of nine years as drain commissioner for Midland county years ago (about 40) about the time J.J. Savage was editor of the Midland Sun.

"In those days the Drain Commissioner got \$3 a day in drain orders," he explains. "If he got his drain in and made the orders good, he got his money: otherwise he didn't. \$750 was the most I ever made in one year at that. Nobody wanted the job at that time. Soon as it got so there was some money in it, several wanted it.

"I put in the Jo drain in Poseyville. Lots of children called me 'Jo Drain' and some of the old people do yet, because I was working on it for two or three years. There's a lot of preliminary work, getting the right of way and so on. At first they used to put through shallow drains, but I always thought a man's land might better be three feet under water all the time than just covered up part of the time. Because then he won't go ahead and try to get a crop and later lose all his work. So I advocated deeper drains.

"The biggest special assessment that I ever made on any 40 acres was \$125 on Sam Shaffner's. He never raised the slightest complaint - said it paid for itself in one year. It went right down through the center of his land and drained the whole farm."

At 79, Mr. Jackson, though troubled by asthma, looks hale and hearty, and his broad figure with his white hair and close-clipped moustache made him a well known figure about Averill.

"It was a funny thing last night," he said Saturday, when interviewed in their home. "At the Grange meeting here we were numbering: I was 79 and that's just my age."

Mrs. Jackson is 74. They celebrated six years ago the 50th wedding anniversary, in spite of which long span of years they give every indication of still approving their original choice.

"We're old-fashioned," they explain.

"I didn't get married on the installment plan," says Mrs. Jackson.

"Have a little garden and I don't owe a man a dollar," declared Mr. Jackson.

"We get on very nicely here and I don't owe a man a dollar," declared Mr. Jackson.

With the lumbering days all past, the two live within sight of the Tittabawassee river where the big 50 million foot rollway once stood. A son, Miles W. Jackson is resident at 316 Rodd street here. Mrs. William Shepherd the only daughter, lives at present on Ashman street. James of Saginaw is a conductor for the Pere Marquette; Guy A. holds a similar job with the Grand Trunk at Pontiac.

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FREELAND - TITTABAWASSEE TWP, MICHIGAN

Midland Daily News - June 8, 1950. By an act of the Legislature during the Spring session of 1840 and approved March 30, the grant of land for Tittabawassee Township was given. However, it was not until April 5, 1841 at the home of Obadiah Crane that the settlers decided to organize into a township.

At this time lumber was the main industry of this area and wherever a little settlement would spring up, you would find shrewd tradesmen attracted to the needs of the settlers. One of these settlements was Loretta, the site of the first Post office on the farm of Jay Jacqueth. The Post Office was then called Jay. A second group, one mile north, came into the scene and through a bit of partisan politics by one George Truesdale, the Post Office was moved to what is now Freeland.

There were in the new settlement two people, "Mammy and Pappy" Freeland who operated the local hotel and tavern and made a regular habit of meeting the steamboat "Belle Seymour". This boat made regular trips up the Tittabawassee River between Saginaw and Freeland. The Freeland Hotel was the center of all activity and soon the area became known as Freeland after the two kindly old people. This was about 1850 and the population numbered around 50 people.

Soon tourists and lumberjacks on their way north to Averill where the largest rollaway mill in the world was located would stop overnight and change horses. On the present site of Paxon Oil Company was located a stable and blacksmith shop. Across the street, William Roeser operated a grocery store which also contained the post office. The hotel was on the spot of the present Don Meyer Company. In 1867, the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad was built from Saginaw westward and passed close enough to the village thus giving further rise to the community.

As the county gradually became cleared back from the river and white pine timber was exhausted, farmers began to come in increasing numbers until they finally caused the development of the town. The soil was fertile and produced everything for the sustenance of life. The lumber that was being cleared was oak timber and it was floated to Bay City via Saginaw. It was used a great deal in ship building.

At present, Freeland is a thriving village of about eight hundred people with the interests of the people devoted chiefly to farming. The surrounding farms are the principal sources of its prosperity as is evident on approaching the community. Two large elevators situated on the tracks of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad are capable of handling the grain of nearby farmers. Beans are a most important crop although wheat and corn are also raised in large quantities. The oldest living citizen, Gustave Roeser at 93 years old, still operates the farm his parents settled in 1850 when they came from Germany. The oldest business man in the village and the oldest druggist in the county George F. Barbarin, better known as 'Barb' still operates the drug store started by his grandfather. However, to those stout early settlers, the McGregors, Thompsons, Vasolds, Allens, Bishops, Bakers, Barbarins, Chapmans, Cranes, Dorans, Footes, Frasers, Kings, Mungers,

Roesers, Porters, and many more - Freeland owes its early existence.

From a four corner trading post the village has expanded until now it sends hundreds of workers to Midland and Saginaw industries. Located on the Saginaw, Midland Highway it will always remain a stopping off point for tourists. The Tri-City Airport, one mile from the river, buzzes with activity lending a cosmopolitan touch to the community. Evidence of the eye to the future can be seen from the recent successful drive for a new school and the Tittabawassee Memorial Park project. This community project sponsored by the Freeland Women's Study Club will be located on the banks of the Tittabawassee River and will be a lasting memorial to the war heroes of the township. with fine churches and schools, a modern business section, a very active Lions Club, I.O.O.F., and Women's Study Club having the betterment of the community as their number one project, it is safe to assume Freeland shall continue to grow and progress

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RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE GENEALOGICAL COLLECTION OF G.A. DOW LIBRARY.

- 929.1 Genealogical Gleanings in England, by Waters, vol. I-II.
 929.1072 Virginia Genealogical Research, by George Schweitzer.
 929.1 Massachusetts Genealogical Research, by George Schweitzer.
 974.8 Gazeteer of Pennsylvania, by Gordon.
 ?????? Flaningam Family History, by Ora L. Flaningam

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STAGES IN 1867

Midland. Nov. 1, 1867 - A line of stages has been put on the road between here and "Sixteen" by Avery and Chaffee. On and after Monday they will leave here every morning at 8 o'clock, returning will leave Sixteen at 7 a.m. arriving at noon. The route opens well and bids fair to prove a success; the country above is fast filling up with intelligent, enterprising people who must and will have communication with the outer world.

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C O M I N G M E E T I N G S

February 19. Rosemarie Byers. "Library Expansion Brings New Opportunities to Genealogy".

March 18. Program not yet determined.

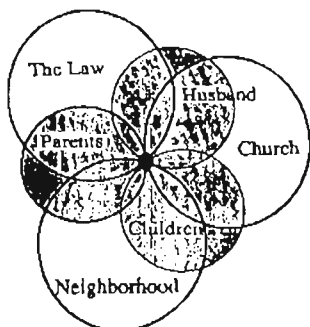
April 15. Program not yet determined.

FINDING ANCESTRAL WIVES

The following is reprinted from the "Mayflower Newsletter" Vol. XVI, No. 2., Fall 1991.

Elusive ancestral wives and how to find them was the topic of Mrs. Leary's talk. She discussed that it is a peculiarity of genealogical research that when one attempts to establish family pedigrees, the records obtained by the researcher end up with more male than female ancestors. Mrs. Leary has done research for clients during the past twenty-five years and has found that once your ancestors left New England for North Carolina, South Carolina, of Georgia, the chances that you find documentation of records that tells you everything you need to know becomes dimmer and dimmer. The records were few in number.

In research of our elusive ancestral wives, one should know the name of the husband to start and should assemble the male line first. Establishing wives names in a marriage can be difficult. Mrs. Leary cited the example of a person named John Smithway who had four wives, all names Sarah. It was difficult, indeed, to determine which Sarah came first if the researcher did not have the surnames.



The diagram shown here depicts a woman's world. You will notice at the center of all the circles is something that looks like a daisy. That is the flower of womanhood.

Mrs. Leary concludes that the integral parts of your investigation should include the church, the law, the husband, parents, children, and finally, neighborhood. These sources will provide much information on the important elusive ancestral wives. Mrs. Leary's talk was interesting and humorous.

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'LOG PILE' A SIGHT TO SEE AT AVERILL

Midland. March, 1881 - "We have been at Averill," wrote an unknown correspondent to the Midland paper March 31, 1881. "We went there Monday last, of course we had to look over that big 'log pile'."

"Mr. John Stratton very kindly piloted us about and gave some interesting facts," continued our correspondent, and proceeded forthwith to give a quite thorough "on the spot" report.

"The log bank is about three quarters of a mile long, reaches halfway across the Tittabawassee, six or eight rods, and way down into the mud at the bottom of the river, and high above the river with plenty of bad places to fall into. There are several logs there, but 18,000,000 feet is probably a large estimate.

"It was quite interesting to note the different marks on the ends of the logs. Here are some of them: JAKE, JAR, JIM, LOW, \$14, 5 1/4, P2E, 4E (in a diamond) besides a mark in the shape of a snow shoe with the letter E in the center, and another of two nicely executed keys crossed. These marks are made quite deep and distinct, being struck on with a steel instrument.

"At the pleasant store of Mr. N.T. Stratton, we found that stereoscopic views of the 'bank' were for sale, so we secured some to send to less fortunate friends who are denied the privilege which we enjoyed. At the depot stood a long train of 30 cars loaded with logs waiting to be pitched off, or perhaps destined for Midland, Saginaw or Flint.

"Wright and Ketchum are building a warehouse at this point, in connection with which is to be a dwelling," concludes our observing correspondent, "It is stated that they also propose building a log road to ox-Bow about five miles distant."

OBITUARIES FROM THE MIDLAND SUN 1890 THROUGH 1920

Last Name	First Name	Birth	Mon/D	Death	Mon/D	Paper	Year	Mo/Day/Pg	Comments
Highgate	Aaron			1905	11/24	Sun	1905	12/01/01	Age 84 yrs
Highgate	Mrs A.			1895	02/??	Sun	1895	02/22/05	
Hilcox	Mr			1896	01/15	Sun	1896	01/24/08	
Hildebrand	Mr			1918		Sun	1918	09/19/03	
Hildreth	Elery	1890	10/07	1911	04/27	Sun	1911	05/18/05	
Hildreth	Ellery			1911	04/26	Sun	1911	04/28/01	D. in Ann Arbor
Hildreth	Ellery			1911		Sun	1911	05/04/08	D. in Ann Arbor
Hildreth	William Floyd	1896	11/15	1912		Sun	1912	02/08/01	
Hildreth	William Floyd			1912	01/31	Sun	1912	02/08/08	
Hill	(child)			1903		Sun	1903	02/20/04	S/o James age 3 yrs
Hill	George E			1901	12/12	Sun	1901	12/20/01	Buried in Midland
Hill	James	1838		1901		Sun	1901	06/21/08	Bur in Breckenridg
Hill	Lester			1912		Sun	1912	02/22/08	
Hill	Lester			1912	02/15	Sun	1912	02/22/01	Father: George
Hill	Lydia			1905	04/09	Sun	1905	04/14/01	
Hill	Mrs J C			1910	09/13	Sun	1910	09/16/05	M/in/law H W Rice
Hill	Mrs Nelson			1907		Sun	1907	04/19/08	D. in Porter Twp
Hill	Nellie			1913		Sun	1913	06/26/05	
Hill	Nelson			1920		Sun	1920	04/15/08	
Hill	S E			1896	12/??	Sun	1897	01/01/05	
Hill	Stevan W			1896	12/??	Sun	1897	01/08/04	Res of respect
Hilliker	Delbert K			1919	01/07	Sun	1919	01/09/08	Age 4 mos s/o George
Hilton	Mrs G			1893	03/??	Sun	1893	03/31/10	
Hinckley	Jerry C			1904		Sun	1904	09/23/08	Died: San Jose CA
Hinds	Elisha James			1916		Sun	1916	08/17/01	
Hinds	Harry C			1916		Sun	1916	08/24/01	
Hinds	James A			1909		Sun	1909	03/26/01	Bro: Thomas
Hinds	Mrs George			1912	02/13	Sun	1912	02/15/01	D. San Jose CA
Hinds	Sidney	1889	04/06	1911	05/07	Sun	1911	05/11/01	
Hines	(child)			1894	09/15	Sun	1894	09/21/01	Son of Pat Hines
Hines	Cynthia			1920	05/11	Sun	1920	05/20/01	
Hines	Ethel			1920		Sun	1920	11/11/08	Nee: Barden
Hines	James Monroe	1840	07/22	1912	03/30	Sun	1912	04/04/01	
Hines	Mrs			1909		Sun	1909	04/16/08	Sons: Adam Frank
Hines	Nellie			1918	12/06	Sun	1918	12/12/05	
Hingston	James L C	1835	03/22	1915	12/10	Sun	1915	12/16/01	
Hintermeister	Rudolph	1849	11/03	1914		Sun	1914	01/15/01	Long obit
Hitchcock	(infant)			1919		Sun	1919	09/18/06	
Hitchcock	Col D W			1908	12/23	Sun	1908	1909	
Hitchcock	Leona			1894	03/11	Sun	1894	03/16/01	D. Baraboo WI
Hitaman	Mrs George			1898		Sun	1898	04/29/08	
Hitsman	William			1893	08/??	Sun	1893	08/11/05	Lived in Lee
Hitzer	(child)			1914		Sun	1914	02/12/08	Child of Ralph
Hitzert	Emma	1855	11/04	1919		Sun	1919	07/24/03	Nee: Flint
Hjammond	Clayton M	1893		1905		Sun	1905	06/30/05	Father: G B
Hock	(infant)			1910		Sun	1910	08/19/08	Son/o Elmer
Hock	Mrs William			1907		Sun	1907	06/14/05	
Hock	Susan			1919	11/01	Sun	1919	11/06/05	
Hoff	Henry			1917	06/18	Sun	1917	06/28/01	
Hoffman	Mrs Chris			1915		Sun	1915	02/18/01	
Hogan	Dennis			1914	04/04	Sun	1914	04/09/08	Age 7 yr s/o John
Hogan	Mrs James			1901		Sun	1901	02/01/05	Funeral in Jam
Hoggard	(child)			1914	12/19	Sun	1914	12/24/01	Age 2 yr s/o Frank
Holden	(infant)			1913	06/10	Sun	1913	06/12/01	Father: Hart
Holden	Col J S			1920		Sun	1920	02/19/01	
Holden	Edward	1847	10/15	1910	08/19	Sun	1910	08/26/01	
Holden	Kate			1916	09/06	Sun	1916	09/14/01	
Holden	Mary			1910	11/06	Sun	1910	11/11/01	
Holden	Mary Ellen	1868	09/26	1902		Sun	1902	08/29/05	
Holden	Sarah			1920		Sun	1920	01/15/08	
Holka	Thomas			1908	10/13	Sun	1908	10/16/01	
Hollihan	Henry			1907		Sun	1907	05/24/04	Bur at Sanford
Hollihan	Maude	1877	01/07	1894	07/01	Sun	1894	07/06/04	Dau of Wm
Hollihan	Maude	1877	01/07	1894	07/01	Sun	1894	07/06/05	Long obit
Hollihan	William			1893	04/??	Sun	1893	04/14/07	D. at Meredith
Hollingee	James			1904	08/25	Sun	1904	09/02/01	Bur Coleman
Hollinger	James			1904		Sun	1904	09/02/08	Sis: Alva Spencer
Hollingshead	C B			1908		Sun	1908	03/13/05	Res: Ingersoll
Hollingshed	Charles	1833	01/01	1908		Sun	1908	03/27/08	Lvs wife/3 child
Holman	Mrs			1900	12/18	Sun	1900	12/28/08	Dau Mrs B Mills
Holmes	(infant)			1895	07/??	Sun	1895	07/19/05	Child of John
Holmes	(male)			1892	12/??	Sun	1892	12/29/01	Age 10 yrs
Holmes	E L			1914	12/22	Sun	1914	12/31/01	Killed by train
Holmes	Lillian			1915	10/27	Sun	1915	10/21/01	Mother: Farn
Holmes	Maud			1891		Sun	1891	06/04/04	Bur Sanford
Holmes	William			1891	03/??	Sun	1891	03/26/04	Residence Coleman
Holmstrom	Freio F			1918		Sun	1918	04/04/03	
Holstrom	Anna			1903		Sun	1903	10/02/08	Died at Coleman
Holstrom	Clara			1905		Sun	1905	02/03/08	D. in Saginaw
Holthan	Mrs E J			1913		Sun	1913	01/16/05	Sis: Mrs P Barnes
Hood	Nora Hinckley			1906		Sun	1906	11/23/08	D. San Jose CA
Hooley	John			1901		Sun	1901	02/22/08	Res: Coleman
Hook	Mr			1913		Sun	1913	07/24/08	

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Last Name	First Name	Birth	Mon/D	Death	Mon/D	Paper	Year	Mo/Day/Pg	Comments
Boon	Lewie			1918	08/16	Sun	1918	08/22/05	Age 1 yr s/o Frank
Hooper	(child)			1898		Sun	1898	09/23/08	Age 2 yr s/o Frank
Hooper	(infant)			1895	02/??	Sun	1895	02/15/05	Ch/ Frank age 2mos
Hooper	Belle			1914		Sun	1914	04/23/01	D. in Holly
Hooper	Isabella Amanda	1841	04/14	1914	04/19	Sun	1914	04/30/01	Ne: McAllister
Hooper	Joseph			1917		Sun	1917	10/18/11	
Hoopoer	Birdie			1891	06/15	Sun	1891	06/25/04	
Hope	Mrs Rev Frances			1910	04/29	Sun	1910	05/06/01	D. in Dixon CA
Hopner	Charles			1901		Sun	1901	05/17/05	Res: Beaverton
Horden	(child)			1897		Sun	1897	10/29/01	Son of Daniel
Horden	Helen			1910	05/18	Sun	1910	05/20/01	
Hordon	John			1911	09/24	Sun	1911	09/28/01	
Horn	Mrs Thomas			1914		Sun	1914	08/13/05	D. in West Branch
Hornick	Mr J			1904		Sun	1904	10/07/08	Res: Greendale
Horning	Arthur Henry			1916		Sun	1916	08/31/01	Age 3 yr son/o Peter
Horton	(male)			1891		Sun	1891	04/30/04	Bro Mrs Anderson
Horton	Dexter			1901		Sun	1902	01/03/05	Br/o Mrs M Anderso
Horton	Elston			1891	03/??	Sun	1891	03/26/04	Bro Mrs Anderson
Horton	Joseph			1893	10/??	Sun	1893	10/20/01	In Civil War
Horton	Mrs			1891	04/26	Sun	1891	05/07/04	Lived in Coleman
Horton	Orville	1908	02/22	1910	08/12	Sun	1910	08/19/01	Age 2 yr s/o George
Hosey	Archie			1906		Sun	1906	E4/20/05	D. in Flushing
Hosner	(infant)			1901		Sun	1901	06/28/08	Dau of Clyde O
Hotchkis	Mary			1898		Sun	1898	02/18/08	
Hotchkiss	Mrs H B			1917		Sun	1917	07/05/05	
Hotchkiss	Sarah Ann	1855	09/03	1901	09/29	Sun	1901	10/11/01	
Housel	Cyrenus			1904	03/21	Sun	1904	03/25/08	Died in Saginaw
Housel	Mr			1893	06/??	Sun	1893	06/30/08	
Houston	John			1893		Sun	1893	07/28/05	Age 22 yrs
Hovey	William			1892	11/24	Sun	1892	12/01/05	Gun accident
Howard	(infant)			1904		Sun	1904	05/13/08	Father: Ward
Howard	Cornelius	1842	02/16	1917	08/26	Sun	1917	08/30/01	
Howard	Eliza Jane	1841	11/11	1916	12/04	Sun	1916	12/14/05	
Howard	John			1902		Sun	1902	04/04/08	Res: Coleman
Howard	Joseph			1890	09/??	Sun	1890	09/04/04	Bur. last Tues
Howard	Mrs Charles			1911		Sun	1911	02/17/05	
Howard	Mrs John			1920		Sun	1920	03/18/02	
Howard	Mrs John			1892		Sun	1892	10/27/04	Drowned L. Ontario
Howard	Myron			1914	04/18	Sun	1914	04/23/01	D. in Sanford
Howarth	Gerald			1919		Sun	1919	01/30/05	Age 4 mos s/o Celia
Howat	John			1918		Sun	1918	06/13/05	
Howe	(infant)			1905	09/25	Sun	1905	09/29/01	Father: John
Howe	Elisha			1891		Sun	1891	05/14/04	Paid\$1000 to widow
Howe	Fidelia	1831	11/03	1915		Sun	1915	09/09/01	
Howe	Fidelia R	1831	11/03	1915	09/08	Sun	1915	09/16/01	Ne: Gotham
Howe	Frank			1919		Sun	1919	01/30/02	Killed in action
Howe	George			1913		Sun	1913	05/29/04	
Howe	George			1914		Sun	1914	12/31/01	D. in Alpena
Howe	Ida	1868	11/02	1908	12/11	Sun	1908	12/18/01	Father: J Goldsmith
Howe	James Charles	1827	03/11	1917	01/10	Sun	1917	01/18/01	
Howe	Janette	1845	03/01	1918	03/03	Sun	1918	03/07/01	Ne: Johnson
Howe	John M	1845	04/12	1918	12/14	Sun	1918	12/19/01	
Howe	Lucinda			1904		Sun	1904	06/24/04	Died in Saginaw
Howe	Margaret I			1910	06/07	Sun	1910	06/10/01	Age 11 mo d/o Sherm
Howe	Mrs Charles			1908		Sun	1908	12/18/08	Bur Larkin
Howe	Mrs Fred			1918		Sun	1918	11/21/01	
Howe	Mrs George			1918		Sun	1918	03/07/06	
Howe	Phineas			1920		Sun	1920	04/01/01	
Howe	Susanna			1897		Sun	1897	09/10/08	M/o John M
Howell	James C	1827	03/11	1917		Sun	1917	01/11/01	
Howell	M S			1920		Sun	1920	01/29/06	
Howey	Andrfew			1891	02/02	Sun	1891	02/12/04	
Howland	William			1908		Sun	1908	06/19/08	
Hoyt	Charles A			1898	12/15	Sun	1898	12/30/05	Fr/o Rev W W
Hoyt	Ernest			1896	03/07	Sun	1896	03/20/08	Bur in Wheeler
Hubbard	Addie M			1899		Sun	1899	05/05/05	Sis F L Post
Hubbard	Edith			1894	06/??	Sun	1894	06/08/05	Sis of Wm Hubbard
Hubbard	Mrs M			1894	04/25	Sun	1894	04/27/04	Dau of Sam Brooks
Hubbard	Sarah			1903	04/16	Sun	1903	04/24/08	Age 80 years
Hubbleil	J E			1904	04/20	Sun	1904	04/29/05	Died Wash state
Hubbell	Charles H L	1840	10/31	1915	08/07	Sun	1915	08/12/01	Long obit
Hubbell	Fay			1913		Sun	1913	10/13/05	Sis: Mrs D Mason
Huber	Frank Theodore			1915	11/22	Sun	1915	11/25/01	
Huber	Mrs			1916		Sun	1916	01/27/05	
Hubert	Charles	1917	06/26	1917		Sun	1917	07/19/01	Son/o Anton
Hubert	Fred			1920	01/12	Sun	1920	01/05/08	
Hubert	Joseph	1917	06/25	1917	10/12	Sun	1917	10/18/01	Son of Anton
Hubert	Robert			1917	06/24	Sun	1917	08/02/01	Son/o Anton
Hudson	Eugene			1909		Sun	1909	10/29/05	D. in Milford
Rudson	James H	1863	12/03	1919		Sun	1919	08/21/01	
Huff	Grathan			1903		Sun	1903	10/30/04	Age 50 years
Huffman	Martin			1908	04/23	Sun	1908	05/01/01	Age 65 years
Huggard	Claudius			1912	07/20	Sun	1912	07/25/01	

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