

PIONEER RECORD



THE DEADLY REVOLVER

Two Brothers, Thomas and John Bailey Dangerously Shot
Sunday Evening at Bullock Creek

Midland Republican, July 2, 1891 - Sunday evening about the time church services were closing, Mr. J. Erway of Bullock Creek, three or four miles south from Midland in Midland township drove rapidly into town for a physician and bringing the startling news that Thomas and John Bailey, brothers had been shot by a neighbor, Ed. Ostrander.

Dr. McCallum and soon after Dr. Towsley, hastened to the scene. The two brothers had been removed to the home of their uncle, Mr. Ed. Bailey, the shooting having occurred almost in front of his house. It was found that Thomas, about twenty-five years of age and having a wife and two children had received a bullet in the left groin, which had lodged probably in the pelvic cavity. John his brother, about 21 years old, was apparently more dangerously hurt. A bullet from the same revolver, caliber 38, had entered his left breast about an inch below the nipple and an inch to the left of it. It had passed through and lodged just under the skin at the left of the spine at a point about five inches lower than the entrance. Both men were made as comfortable as possible, and it was believed that there were good chances for the recovery of both.

Soon after the shooting, Mr. Ostrander accompanied by Mr. Ackerman came to Midland and gave himself up to the sheriff. He was placed in jail and on Monday was arraigned before Justice Fairchild and examination set for the 13th

of July. Bail was fixed at \$1000 and was readily furnished.

The affair is a most unfortunate and sad one. Mr. Ostrander is a young man and has a wife and two children. He and the Bailey boys have been very good friends until recently. Events earlier in the day had a bearing upon and lead up to the terrible occurrence of the evening. It appears according to reports, that a company of from eight to twelve, the Baileys among them, had met in the forenoon in a grove on Rockwell's land (see diagram) where they had one or two kegs of beer and indulged in a disgraceful carousal on what should have been a day of quiet. Mr. Ostrander, who works the farm of his mother, Mrs. Jennings, was at Homer Rumrill's, his wife being with him. One report is that some of the beer was sent to Rumrill's.

Some time before, in March, the house of Thomas Bailey had burned, and it is said that the insurance adjuster made some inquiries of Ostrander about the property, and that there was ill feeling growing out of this. At any rate, as reported, the carousers went to Rumrill's and demanded of Ostrander to come out and fight, a great deal of noise being made and language not adapted to Sunday used. Later in the day, Ostrander and wife started for home, Mrs. Jennings's house, when they were followed and attacked, clubs were thrown at them, and it is said he was told by one of the Baileys he would be killed within two days. Clubs
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were thrown at the house after it was reached. Later in the day, Ostrander was at Rumrill's again, and it is understood that the revolver was loaned him there, the feeling being that his life was in danger. He and his wife went to the home of J. Willard his brother-in-law, on the street south beyond the school House. They were returning when the disastrous meeting at first recorded, occurred. Reports of this meeting vary widely. One account is that the Baileys advanced and assaulted both Ostrander and his wife, that he warned them he would shoot, that they said his old revolver wasn't loaded. There is a ditch on each side of the wagon track and it is stated that Ostrander was in one of these when he finally fired. Another account is that Ostrander was the first to speak, the Baileys being several feet from him, one on each side the track, that he told them to let him alone or he would shoot, and that he shot immediately, they being 10 or 12 feet away, first at Thomas, then turned, and instantly fired at John. Justice Erway came up about this time, and the sisters of the Bailey's and other friends at Ed. Baileys came out and the wounded men were taken to the house. It is not the province of the Republican to try the case. The testimony must be sifted in the court. We deeply regret the mournful affair, and it is probably safe to say that had it not been for strong drink, it would not have occurred. It is asserted that a keg of beer was bought in Midland Sunday morning and taken out there. Some of those engaged in the celebration broke into the vacant Vincent home, where it is said a stove was smashed and other mischief done, that

Mr. William Bullock who has charge of the premises came over and was roughly treated.

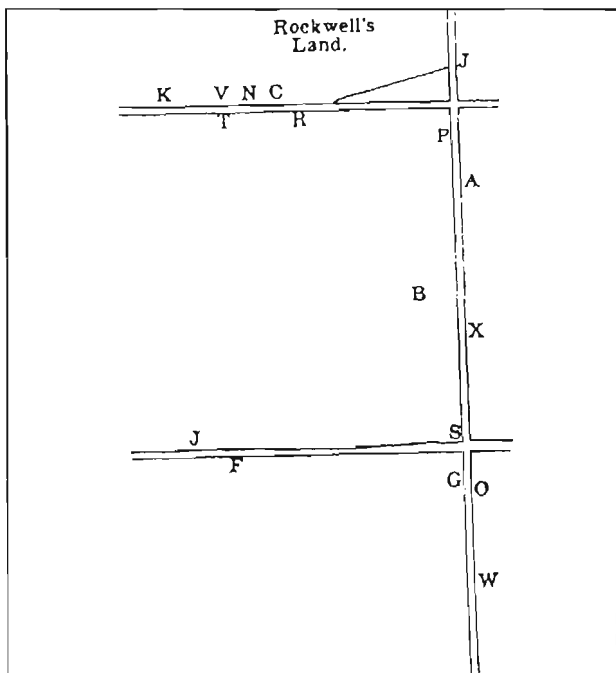
The previous diagram gives a pretty correct notion of the relative positions of the points mentioned. The straight lines represent the roads, the east and west roads being a half mile apart, and the north and south road a mile east of the Bullock Creek school house.

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- X - The point in the road where the shooting occurred.
 - B - The residence of Ed. Bailey where the wounded men now are.
 - S - The Bailey School House at the corner south of Ed. Baileys.
 - R - Homer Rumrill's house where it is stated the first trouble began.
 - C - Bullock Creek bridge.
 - N - The narrow gauge railroad crossing.
 - V - Wallace Vincent's vacant house.
 - T - Mr. Trimmer's house.
 - K - Wm. Bullock's house.
 - P - Wm. Patterson's.
 - A - W.E. Ackerman's.
 - G - W.A. Greenleaf's house south of the school house.
 - O - Ed. Ostrander's own house now vacant.
 - W - J. Willard's house whence Ostrander and wife were returning when the shooting occurred.
 - F - Thomas Bailey's barn, near which his house was burned about three months ago.
 - J - Home of John Bailey, father of Thomas and John.

The diagonal line represents the path through the bushes along which Ostrander and wife were reported to have been followed when they left Rumrill's

July 6, 1891 - The Baileys, victims of the shooting affair, appear to be getting along quite comfortably. They were moved yesterday, on stretchers to their father's home. In the diagram given last week there were two points marked "J". That at the corner north from Bailey's and east of Rumrill's is Mrs. Jennings's home where Ed. Ostrander, her son lives. John Bailey's place is the "J" west from the school house, half a mile south of Mrs. Jennings's.

July 16, 1891 - The Bailey boys both appear to be getting along quite well; they do not have any unfavorable symptoms, have little if any



fever, and it appears that they may both recover from the effects of their wounds.

July 16, 1891 - Examination of Ed. Ostrander in the Bailey shooting case occupied Monday and Tuesday in Fairchild's court and was adjourned to the 27th. Witnesses are not all able to be present. No evidence yet taken for the defense.

July 30, 1891 - The case of the People vs. Ostrander was called Monday. After two days work by the defence the case was adjourned until this morning. Both Tom and John Bailey were able to be in court.

August 6, 1891 - John Bailey is around town and gaining strength nicely. It is cause for congratulation to all parties that both brothers are recovering so rapidly from the effects of the shots received in the unfortunate affair which culminated so seriously. We hope nothing of the kind may again disturb the peace of any community in this county.

August 20, 1891 - The examination of E. Ostrander in relation to the shooting of the Bailey boys was ended last week, and Mr. Ostrander was held for trial in the Circuit Court, bail being fixed at \$500.

Sept. 3, 1891 - Circuit Court. Four criminal cases were added to the Calendar for the August term of circuit court after the publication of last week, viz: The people vs. Coon Stewart, bastardy; Albert Fuller, larceny; Eddie Ostrander, assault with intent to kill; ...

October 8, 1891 - Circuit Court. People vs. Albert Fuller, larceny; plead guilty to simple larceny and was remanded to await sentence.

People vs. Philip Flock, embezzlement; continued.

People vs. Ostrander, assault; on trial.

October 11, 1891 - Circuit Court. The September term of circuit court having been adjourned to next Monday, business will open on that day with jury in attendance and sixteen cases on the calendar, of which four are in the criminal list, viz: 1. The People vs. Walter Scott charged with larceny; 2. Albert Fuller, same charge; 3. Philip Flock, embezzlement; 4. Eddie Ostrander, assault with intent to murder. Wm. D. Gordon for

the defense in the first, second and fourth. Prosecuting Attorney Post for the People in all.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY

Is what the Jury Find Ostrander Guilty of, After a Stubborn Six Days Contest.

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Earnest Work By the Attorneys.

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Over Three Hours Occupied in Finding This Peculiar Verdict of Guilty and Not Guilty.

October 15, 1891 - One of the most closely contested trials ever had in this county ended Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, the jury in the case of Eddie Ostrander charged with assault with intent to murder bringing in a verdict of "guilty of assault and battery," thus practically acquitting Mr. Ostrander of the charge of assault with intent to murder, or intent to do great bodily harm less than murder. The case for the people was ably conducted by Prosecuting Attorney F.L. Post and the defendant's interests were keenly cared for by Atty. W.D. Gordon. The taking of testimony was completed Monday. Tuesday was occupied by the exhaustive pleas of attorneys.

The theory of the prosecution was that Ostrander having coolly armed himself after the disturbance earlier in the day, had it in his mind to do violence to the Bailey boys if opportunity offered and that he rather sought the opportunity; while the defense claimed that he put the revolver in his pocket as a precaution because of threats of violence against him and that in walking down the street he had no reason to expect that he would come in contact with the Baileys and that he was attacked upon the public highway when in peaceful company with his wife, that because the threats before made and the manner of his antagonists he had reason to be and was in such great fear of violence that he was justified in his action, for which in the nature of the case there was not time for deliberation.

The testimony was very conflicting, especially with reference to the positions of the parties when the shooting was done and the first act of aggression at the time. It was also conflicting concerning the previous events of the day, but there is no question from all the evidence that beer had its share in the proceedings notwithstanding it was Sunday.

Throughout the trial there were many listeners, a large representation naturally being there from the vicinity of the unfortunate and disgraceful occurrences of June 28. Many ladies were among the witnesses, and these with their children and friends were necessarily at the court house. There has been no trial here in a long time which has aroused so great a degree of interest.

THE JUDGE'S CHARGE.

Judge Hart in his charge to the jury advised them that they might take into account the condition of Ostrander's mind, whether he apprehended great danger. Murder is an unlawful killing done with malice aforethought. They must consider whether had either of the wounded men died, Mr. Ostrander would have been guilty of murder, malice includes anger, hatred, revenge and other unlawful and unjustifiable motives. They must judge from the testimony whether malice existed. There is a presumption that a man intends to do what his acts are naturally calculated to accomplish. Either of these verdicts may be rendered: 1. A conviction making an assault with intent to commit the crime of murder. 2. Assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder. 3. Assault and battery alone. The second verdict would mean they find beyond reasonable doubt the shots were fired without right and with the intention to do harm more than a slight bruise or injury - something of a permanent nature. If they do not convict as in No. 1 or No. 2 they must consider No. 3. "Mr. Ostrander admits inflicting the wounds and these wounds will amount to an assault and battery unless you shall find from the testimony Mr. Ostrander was justifiable in doing what he did as being in self defense." "The law permits any man to defend himself and family from the assaults of another." One need not always wait till he is struck before striking if there are such demonstrations, motions, etc., as reasonably lead him to think he will be assaulted. But it must appear that his act is in some proportion to the fierceness of the attack. One is justified even in taking life if it appears to him that his life is in danger, or he is in danger of great bodily harm of serious and permanent nature. Nor can he be expected to act with that degree of coolness and judgement that one may exercise while listening to the testimony.

"If you find from the testimony that the defendant was acting in defense of himself and his wife and only did what he did in affording himself that protection which under the excitement, haste, and confusion of the moment seemed

to him reasonably necessary to protect his life, or from a permanent injury to his person, he should be acquitted.

"Each one of you must be satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt of the defendant's guilt."

The burden of proof is on the people to establish the acts done and the intent. The jury is also to determine what witnesses in their judgement tell the truth, the same rule applying to the testimony of the defendant.

The jury went into their room at 4:45 by the court house clock and at 8 returned with their verdict as above stated. Court immediately adjourned to Wednesday morning when upon motion of Mr. Gordon 40 days were granted in which to make motion for a new trial or in arrest of judgement or to settle a bill of exceptions.

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October 15, 1891 - CIRCUIT COURT. The circuit court has been almost entirely occupied with the Ostrander case. Arguments were heard Monday in the Jo Drain injunction suit. Decision reserved. Wednesday morning Albert Fuller of Gratiot County who pleaded guilty of larceny of a coat valued at \$15 was released with sentence suspended, it appearing that he had already been in jail 120 days. Judge Hart talked very kindly to the young man who promised to do right hereafter. After disposing of the Ostrander matter, court adjourned to Monday next at o'clock.

Read the synopsis in this paper of Judge Hart's charge in the Ostrander case (the sentences in quotations are his exact words) and then say if Ostrander was not guilty of intent to do great bodily harm, how he could under the charge be guilty of assault and battery. By the verdict of assault and battery the jury say he did not act justifiably in self defense. Having said that, how can they reasonably say he did not mean to do great bodily harm? After deciding against the first and second possible verdicts, is not the only reasonable verdict one of "not guilty?" Was the verdict, as is alleged, a compromise between 3 and 4? Is it not as near to saying "guilty and not guilty" as is possible?

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February 18, 1892 - CIRCUIT COURT. The most important business done in circuit court last week was the disposition of the case of Eddie Ostrander who was convicted of assault and battery in September term of court upon trial for intent to commit murder - the celebrated Ostrander-Bailey case. It will be remembered that forty days were allowed for the defendant to settle a

bill of exceptions or move for a new trial. A motion was made Saturday by W.D. Gordon, Mr. Ostrander's attorney, for arrest of judgment and discharge of the prisoner, and he referred to a recent decision of the supreme court of Michigan in support of his motion, the decision in a similar case being to the effect that under the information the defendant could not be convicted of assault and battery. He might have been convicted simply of assault, or of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, but assault and battery was not covered by the information. Upon careful consideration of the bearing of the decision upon the case in hand, the motion was granted and Mr. Ostrander was discharged. That ends the matter.

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EDITOR's Note: As we near the 1993 Holiday season here in Midland, I think the following story of Christmas here 75 years ago is most appropriate. May you all have a happy holiday season.

CHRISTMAS AT THE STAG HOTEL

FINE DINNER RAISES SPIRITS OF MEN
THANKS TO MANAGER AND HIS WIFE

Midland Republican - Dec. 26, 1918. For Christmas day it was a quiet, almost gloomy place, The Stag Hotel, as one wandered through the main hallway, into the office and then up the flight of stairs and through the long rows of double decked beds stood silent guard with the individual steel lockers.

The Stag Hotel is for Dow Chemical plant employees, most of whom are now a long way from their families or else have not any home at all. Is a source of much comfort to many such men. Its capacity is 222 men including the annex and more improvements are being added all the time. Only 50 remained here for Christmas.

As the men filed out of the lobby and entered the dining room you could see the change that came over them as they saw the surprise which had been prepared.

The first thing that greeted them as they entered the door was a big Merry Christmas sign which was hung just inside and then there were decorations hung around the wall in fine style.

There were two tables each decorated with a nice little Christmas tree and trimmings. Many colored lights were used and the feeling of gloom

promptly left the place, and it was indeed a real Christmas.

And talk about a Christmas dinner! That was sure one, and the menu would make any man sit up and take notice. Here are some of the things that they had: Roast veal and oyster dressing, fricassee chicken, mashed potatoes, bread and butter, cranberry sauce, orange lamange, banana nut salad, red raspberry jelly, cookies and coffee.

Mr. Johnson manager of the Stag Hotel, and wife, worked until eleven o'clock decorating and preparing for the Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been getting nice big Christmas dinners and making others happy in this way in various eating places for the 19 years of their married life. It is now to them just like getting dinner for a family of 50 full grown children.

Though there was no hanging of stockings, each man was delightfully remembered by the manager and his wife and it is sure that the thoughts of this Christmas will be appreciated by the men and not soon forgotten.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you have not been to the Clarke Historical Library on the fourth floor of the main Library building at Central Michigan University, you are missing an excellent opportunity to carry out some good genealogical research. Our Speaker at the October meeting was Evelyn Glazier, the reference librarian at Clarke. She reviewed for us the many materials in their collection which are useful to genealogists. The collection specializes in Michigan materials, such as all Michigan censuses on microfilm through 1920, with indexes for 1880 through 1920. It includes a very good collection of Michigan newspapers on microfilm (primarily the smaller towns and cities), and all the Michigan regimental histories of the Civil War. But in addition to Michigan materials, it has an outstanding collection on microfilm of many county histories from states east of the Mississippi River. Call the Clark Library for verification of hours of service at (517) 774-3352. I have personally used the library on many occasions and have found it helpful.

Although not well advertised, the genealogical collection at the Grace A. Dow Library is available for your use. Temporarily the collection is located in what is currently called the "Maga-

zine Room," but at the conclusion of the construction project this room will become the Michigan History and Genealogy Room. The room will be nicely carpeted with tables and microfilm reading and copying machines. Our genealogy society will assist in helping to furnish the room more completely.

Our NARA Gift Fund collection has reached the sum of \$13.00. This fund is for the purpose of microfilming documents useful to genealogists at the National Archives. These documents might not otherwise be filmed due to the lack of money for that purpose. We are joining with genealogical societies across the United States to request (purely voluntary) donations for \$1.00 per year per member. The jar labeled "NARA Gift Fund" will be obvious at our meetings.

I hope to see you at our November 17 meeting!

Ralph Hillman

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COMING MEETINGS

November 17 - "Creative Memories". Stacy Wells will speak. Instead of looking at old photographs of our ancestors and how to preserve and rejuvenate them, she will talk about taking photographs now with the best, long lasting film and how to preserve and store them for our children and grandchildren. She has many innovative ideas on making photoalbums and she will bring acid-free paper and supplies for sale.

December - No meeting

January 19 - Several members will speak on research at the National Archives and its branches.

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First Families of Midland Co. - Help will be available for Applicants from 7:00 to 7:30 P.M. before the next few meetings.

Membership cards. Cards for members who live out of the Midland county area will not be mailed. If any of our non-local members would like to have the card, send a S.A.S.E. to membership chairmen Bill & Pat Worden, 1201 Glendale, Midland, MI 48640.

===== A GENEALOGICAL SAMPLER

After two years of work and an estimated 125,000 sthches, Donalee Flaningam has just completed a genealogical sampler listing 10 generations of the Flaningam family. The sampler will be exhibited at the November meeting of the Midland Genealogical Society.

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LITTLEFIELD RESEARCH

An indepth research project on both patrilineal and matrilinear Littlefield family branches is underway. When completed, the results will be donated to the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, IN. Interested persons may write: Littlefield Genealogical Depository, 511 LaEscena Dr. Bellvue, CO 80512-6322. A Littlefield family newsletter is published by Charles L. Seaman, P.O. Box 817 Ogunquit, ME 03907. A copy of the complete notice will be posted on the genealogical bulletin board at G.A. Dow Library.

MIDLAND COUNTY DEEDS

The Midland Genealogical Society has been given a box of several hundred ORIGINAL legal papers, mostly deeds, but also a few wills or mortgages. The deeds are to land tranactions in the county or by county residents. The time period covered is from 1857 to the 1930's. A number are completely hand written and some are original land grants. Many of the papers are of more than passing interest. Here and in future newsletters we will summarize some of them. The following are from 1859 and the 1860's.

1) Warrantee deed from Aloney Rust and Jane Burt, his wife to Ezra Rust. For \$1200, the S. 1/2 of NE 1/4 and the N. 1/2 of the SE 1/4 and the NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of sec. 25, Twp. 14 N of Range 2 west and also SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 and the west part of NW 1/4 and the west part of theSW 1/4 of sec. 30of Twp. 14 N. & Range 1 west, and also the sw 1/4 of sec. 4 and N 1/2 of SE 1/4 and N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of sec. 9 and the N
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MIDLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP 1993-4

LAST	FIRST	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE	STATUS
ANCELL	Judith	1810 Edgecliff Terrace	Boise	ID	83702		93-4
ANDERSON	Judy	3705 Lawndale	Midland	MI	48642	631-6599	93-4
ANGER	Marge & Clemon	960 Noyes Drive	Midland	MI	48640	839-9545	93-4
BABCOCK	Orene & Sid	1190 W. Stewart Rd.	Midland	MI	48640	835-5925	93-4
BAKER	Lois	3273 Patterson Rd.	Freeland	MI	48623	631-9549	93-4
BAKER	Shurley	1100 Airfield Lane	Midland	MI	48642	835-2818	93-4
BEBB	Marian O.	3700 Blarney Drive	Midland	MI	48640	631-0506	93-4
BELLOUS	Betty	4136 Bartle	Columbus	OH	43207		93-4
BERRY	Marion	5813 Woodbridge	Midland	MI	48640	631-3057	93-4
BLYMYER	Elva	515 E. Ashman	Midland	MI	48642	835-1368	93-4
BRAINERD	Harriett	486 W. Chippewa	Midland	MI	48640	835-6117	93-4
BRANDLE	Marcia	3615 Lawndale Drive	Midland	MI	48642	832-9430	93-4
BRINES	Joanne	4300 Castle Dr	Midland	MI	48640	832-8312	93-4
BROWN	Michelle	4336 Water	Sanford	MI	48657	689-4389	93-4
BUTCHER	Diana	660 E Olson Rd	Midland	MI	48640	835-4528	93-4
CARR	Betty J.	13318 Dixie Hwy Lot 127	Holly	MI	48442	634-4555	93-4
CARRIGAN	Inez & Elmer	3772 Saiko Rd	Rhodes	MI	48652	689-3494	93-4
CASADONTE	Ruth Ann	5104 Nurmi Dr	Midland	MI	48640	835-5115	93-4
CELL	Alice & Jerry	1820 Lawrence Drive	Midland	MI	48640	631-9564	93-4
CONANT	Bob	4909 Washington	Midland	MI	48640	835-5019	93-4
COURT	Lida & Rolland	416 Center St Rte 3	Coleman	MI	48618	465-6015	93-4
CROSBY	Evelyn	1024 Eddy Rd.	Beaverton	MI	48612	435-7394	93-4
CROZIER	Janet	30 Brown Ct	Midland	MI	48640	631-9653	93-4
DAVIS	Marjory	110 W. Nelson	Midland	MI	48640	835-1924	93-4
DePLONTY	Helen	4130 E. Baker Rd.	Midland	MI	48640	835-4013	93-4
DICKERT	Jack	611 Chatham Dr	Midland	MI	48642	835-8768	93-4
DIESEN	Wilma	5802 Flaxmoor	Midland	MI	48640	832-8485	93-4
ENGDAHL	Pauline	3724 S. St. Joseph St.	South Bend	IN	46614		93-4
ERRATT	Jan	2152 Lynn	Sanford	MI	48657	687-2932	93-4
FIKE	Mary Ellen	1895 Mack Rd.	Saginaw	MI	48601	755-3210	93-4
FLANINGAM	Ora	3227 E. Stewart Rd.	Midland	MI	48640	835-3227	93-4
FLOREY	Virginia	3318 Fairlane	Midland	MI	48642	631-5818	93-4
FRANKLIN	Shirley	2301 Kent Rd	Freeland	MI	48623	835-5996	93-4
FRY	David L.	3210 Boston	Midland	MI	48642	631-9329	93-4
GEHOSKI	Esme	4964 S. Carter	Auburn	MI	48611	662-6322	93-4
GREEN	Dennis & Laurie	293 N Sandow	Midland	MI	48640	631-0344	93-4
HAMLIN	Marjorie B.	2205 E. College Ave.	Visalia	CA	93292		93-4
HECHT	Arlene	3630 Mando Ct	Coleman	MI	48618	465-1363	93-4
HELVEY	Judy & George	3324 Fairlane	Midland	MI	48642	835-8678	93-4
HILLMAN	Ralph & Jean	4302 James Dr.	Midland	MI	48642	839-9070	93-4
HOCK	Gale	7071 Middle Rd.	Hope	MI	48628	689-3763	93-4
HODGES	Rebecca & Robert	3211 Riggie	Midland	MI	48640	631-5582	93-4
HOZAK	Ruth & Norm	3810 Boston	Midland	MI	48642	835-7684	93-4
HUMPHREY	Nancy	2903 Mt. Vernon	Midland	MI	48642	631-5123	93-4
HUND	Sharon L.	251 Corinth Rd.	La Fayette	GA	30728	706/638-1352	93-4
HUNTINGTON	Sherry	1529 Austin	Lincoln Park	MI	48146	313/382-3229	93-4
KEELEY	Terry	3811 E. Isabella Rd.	Midland	MI	48640	631-2766	93-4
KEICHER	Beverly	4107 Swede	Midland	MI	48642	631-9455	93-4
KELLER	Marjorie	593 W. Kessler Ct.	Sanford	MI	48657	687-7206	93-4
KENNEDY	Marjorie & Robert	2515 E Sugnet	Midland	MI	48642	832-3593	93-4
KENNETT	Bonnie & Bill	4209 Arbor Dr	Midland	MI	48640	835-9494	93-4
KINDEL	Bernice E.	5231 N.W. Visitation Rd.	Forest Grove	OR	97116	503/357-7001	93-4
LACKIE	Nancy	565 Peterson	Sanford	MI	48657	687-5327	93-4
LEE	Helen	2410 Rodd	Midland	MI	48640	835-6932	Life
LLOYD	Margaret	1010 Eastlawn No. 301	Midland	MI	48642	832-5832	93-4
LONGSDORF	Frances & Charles	375 N. Sandow	Midland	MI	48640	832-2838	93-4
LUND	Alice	4683 Monroe Rd.	Midland	MI	48640	835-9586	93-4
MARTIN	Elizabeth	4403 Dyckman	Midland	MI	48640	832-8492	93-4
MASTIC	Le Roy	1500 Wildwood	Midland	MI	48642	835-7847	93-4
MC CULLEN	Maxine & Gerald	1755 Smith Crossing	Midland	MI	48640	832-8749	93-4

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MC GINNIS	Merilyn	567 Woodcock Rd	Midland	MI	48640	631-5484	93-4
MILLER	Harriette	4610 Jefferson	Midland	MI	48640	835-4866	93-4
MILLER	Karen	5682 Whispering Pines	Stevensville	MI	49127	616-429-0763	93-4
NOLD	Helen	307 Cherry View Dr.	Midland	MI	48642	832-2937	93-4
PARSONS	Virginia W.	3721 Isabella	Midland	MI	48640	835-5248	93-4
PEASE	Mary Lou	2120 Hillgrove Pkwy	Midland	MI	48642	631-8536	93-4
RENNIE	Reva	1624 Vermont Dr.	Elk Grove Village	IL	60007		93-4
RENWICK	Shirley	2154 Price	Midland	MI	48640	687-2290	93-4
ROBEL	Ruth	4986 Letts Rd.	Midland	MI	48642	835-8235	93-4
RUPPRECHT	Walter & Joanne	1201 Airfield	Midland	MI	48642	631-8945	93-4
SCHNEIDER	Norma	1018 Willard	Midland	MI	48642	835-5484	93-4
SCHWEITZER	Shirley & Ken	516 Crescent Dr	Midland	MI	48640	631-1219	93-4
SEARLE	Thomas L.	211 S. Randolph	Princeton	IL	61356		93-4
SHIER	Quita V.	3322 E. Hubbard Rd.	Midland	MI	48640	835-3278	93-4
SKELTON	Eugene	P.O. Box 21 M-123	Paradise	MI	49768		93-4
SMITH	A Lee & Fran	400 Rollcrest	Midland	MI	48640	835-3396	93-4
STEELE	Rose	2832 Mc Culloch Rd	Beaverton	MI	48612	435-7157	93-4
TOMLINSON	Donald W.	26 Doncaster Dr.	Bramalea Ont.	L6T 1S7		CANADA	93-4
TRUMBLE	Marjorie	2166 E. Schaffer Rd.	Midland	MI	48640	689-4966	93-4
VOELKER	Elaine & Clarence	300 Sinclair	Midland	MI	48640	835-5718	93-4
WARD	Gilbert	1007 Balfour	Midland	MI	48640	835-6292	93-4
WEIMER	David & Sue	2317 W Walter Rd	Sanford	MI	48657		93-4
WINTERBOTTOM	Juanita	1210 Dilloway	Midland	MI	48640	835-2459	93-4
WISE	Florence	4013 Lowell Ct.	Midland	MI	48642	832-8673	93-4
WORDEN	Pat & Bill	1201 Glendale St.	Midland	MI	48642	631-7801	93-4
YEHL	Maryann	151 Esmond Rd.	E. Tawas	MI	48730		93-4
YONKERS	Julia	1216 Dilloway	Midland	MI	48640	631-3444	93-4

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1/2 of SE 1/4 and N 1/2 of sec. 9 and the N 1/2 of SE 1/4 and N 1/2 of SW sec. 5 and the entire portion of the SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of sec. 4 all in Twp. 15 of range 3 west containing 1030 acres. Executed Aug. 16, 1859 and recorded May 17, 1864.

2) Warranty Deed - Theodore Howard and Abigail Howard to Garret Freeland for \$100. The NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of sec. 33 in Twp. 14 north of range 2 east in the county of Midland, containing 40 acres. Executed Dec. 27, 1860.

3) Warranty Deed - Hezikiah D. Osborn to Charles Perkins, both of Midland Co. \$90 for the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of sec. 36 in Twp. 13 North of range 2 west containing 80 acres. Executed Apr. 2, 1863.

4) Quit Claim deed - James S. Eastman to John S. Eastman, both of Midland. \$75 for the West 1/2 of the NE 1/4 sec. 22 of Twp. 14 north of range 1 east, containing 80 acres. Executed Jan. 4th, 1863.

5) Warranty Deed - Dedatus C. Whitwood of Detroit to John P. Phillips of Detroit. \$1000 for 360 acres. In Twp. 13 north Range 2 west, namely in sec. 34 the NE 1/4 and the north 1/2 of SE 1/4.

In sec. 35 the NE 1/4 of of NW 1/4 and the west 1/2 of the NW 1/4. Executed Aug. 22, 1864. This land was part of 750,000 acres of Public Land which the Congress of the United States by an Act approved Aug. 26th 1852 granted to the State of Michigan for the purpose of construction of a Ship Canal around the Falls of the River St. Mary. Title to this land was conveyed to the SAINT MARY'S FALLS SHIP CANAL COMPANY May 2th, 1855 and they sold the land at public auction Sept. 2nd, 1863 to Deodatus C. Whitwood by deed dated Apr. 19, 1864.

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DAFFY-NITION

Ancestor - A person, who gave so little thought to how important he would be to someone that he did not commit nearly enough significant acts to get himself noticed. Instead of performing stupendous, momentous deeds to guarantee a place in county history books, he just frittered away his time doing dumb things like pulling up trees or chopping them down, plodding along behind a mule and plow, or getting punctured by arrows. If he were alive today, you wouldn't even invite him to a party!

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First families of Midland County

Our "first families" project continues into its third and final year. The society has recognized 275 descendants, honoring nearly 770 ancestors. Personalized **Pioneer** certificates have been issued to those descendants whose ancestors were living in Midland County between

1850 and 1874. **Settler** certificates have been issued to descendants whose ancestors were living between 1875 and 1894.

Pioneer certificates for the following ancestors were given to descendants on May 19, 1993:

Adams, Elizabeth Williams
Adams, Wilson (William) Jr.
Adams, Wilson Sr.
Ayers, John Silvester
Chambers, William Martin
Van Buren
Collins, Elizabeth
Dougherty, Philip
Engwis, William
Erway, Daniel
Gardner, Thomas
Gotham, Fidella
Gransden, William H.

Green, Francis Rev.
Hall, Ellen Louisa
Hollinger, Rachel Matilda
Howe, James Charles
Irish, John
King, Elizabeth (Betsey)
Maloney, John
Martin, Thomas Jr.
Maxwell, John
Mc Mahon, Simon
Myers, Ruth Ann
O'Rourke, Johannah
Odell, Loren
Oliver, Francis

Parker, Solomon
Patterson, Henry
Phillips, William Sr.
Pontious/Pontius, Jacob
Roberson, James O.
Rumrill, Harvey
Rumrill, Mary
Sias, Samuel
Swanton, Young
Townsend, Joseph
Townsend, Joseph Sr.
Vance, William
Visger, Jacob
Wyman, John W.

Settler certificates were given for the following ancestors:

Adams, Armena M.
Adams, Rachel Howe
Anger, Peter
Arthur, Henry Alfred
Baker, Benjamin
Bowers, Clarissa
Campbell, Peter D.
Closs, Robert
Cole, Peter T.
Comstock, Kingsley
Craig, Elizabeth E.
Craig, William Anderson
Demmon, Emily "Emma"
Dent, John

Fuller, Clarissa
Green, George Henry, DVS-MD
Hepinstall, Robert
Howe, Phineas
Jankowske, Frederick Herman
Kahn, Charles
Keeley, Alvin Frederick
Madison, Bernard Charles
Madison, William Henry
Marshall, John Wesley
Marshall, Julius Henry
Martin, Jesse
Munger, Earl
Pearsall, Ira Bradt

Pomranky, August
Pomranky, Otelga
Pontious, Claudia Esther
Rich, Calvin
Richardson, William Edgar
Robishaw, Philip Edward
Sandow, Ferdinand
Spaulding, John
Taft, Ethan Arthur
Van Epps, Jacob A.
Warren, Thomas
West, David L.
White, Henry
Williams, Wallace Walter

It is not too late to join in this fun and worthwhile project. If you would like to receive an application, just ask Maxine Mc Cullen, Registrar, or send a long self-addressed stamped envelope to her at 1755 Smith's Crossing Road, Midland, MI. 48640.

She will send you the application and instructions. If you already have an application but have not filled it out, you can get volunteer help at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Monday through Friday afternoons. Just follow the Magazine Room signs.

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Last Name	First Name	Birth	Mon/D	Death	Mon/D	Paper	Year	Mo/Day/Pg	Comments
Parker	Martha			1917		Sun	1917	11/07/07	
Parker	Mrs Henry			1914		Sun	1914	04/23/05	D. in Grand Blanc
Parker	Peter			1905		Sun	1905	12/15/08	D. in N Bradley
Parker	Violet	1920		1920	Feb/14	Sun	1920	02/19/01	Father: Clarence
Parks	Cornelius Austi	1850	Apr/03	1910		Sun	1910	03/11/01	
Parke	Harold Thomas			1917	Apr/25	Sun	1917	04/26/05	Age 1 mo s/o Thomas
Parke	Martha	1920		1920	Sep/09	Sun	1920	09/23/01	Father: Thomas
Parmalee	Solomon	1842	Jul/19	1912	Jun/17	Sun	1912	06/20/01	Dau: Mrs J Johnson
Parridge	Mrs Alex F			1905		Sun	1905	08/11/04	Dau:Elaine Glass
Parrish	Minnie			1918		Sun	1918	04/11/05	Nee: Woods
Parshall	Lyndall			1920		Sun	1920	10/14/01	
Parshall	Mrs R M			1910		Sun	1910	11/18/01	
Parsons	John W			1907		Sun	1907	04/19/08	D. in Porter Twp
Parsons	Myron			1911		Sun	1911	10/26/01	Cousin Mrs D Chase
Parsons	Nettie			1919		Sun	1919	04/24/01	
Parsons	Philo			1896	Jan/??	Sun	1896	01/31/05	
Parsons	Warren			1906		Sun	1906	06/22/05	Br/o Mrs D Chase
Partridge	George			1919		Sun	1919	12/18/08	
Partridge	John W	1845	Jan/07	1914		Sun	1914	01/15/01	
Pashak	James			1920	May/01	Sun	1920	05/06/05	
Passolt	Catherine			1918		Sun	1918	11/21/05	
Passolt	Henry			1914		Sun	1914	08/20/05	
Passolt	Mary			1899		Sun	1899	02/03/12	Age 22 yr
Pastorik	John			1917		Sun	1917	03/22/01	Drowned in river
Patrick	George	1848	Apr/04	1893	Feb/16	Sun	1893	02/16/05	
Patrick	Rebecca Miles	1833	Jul/19	1897		Sun	1897	05/14/05	Long obit
Patrick	William	1836	Jul/??	1901		Sun	1901	02/22/01	Came to Mid 1863
Patterson	David	1859	Nov/22	1910	Aug/07	Sun	1910	08/12/01	
Patterson	Dayton			1901		Sun	1901	10/18/08	
Patterson	Dayton			1901		Sun	1901	10/11/05	Planing mill accid
Patterson	George			1916		Sun	1916	06/01/03	Bro/o Mrs C Gilson
Patterson	James			1902		Sun	1902	06/13/05	Dau: Mrs Moore
Patterson	John			1919		Sun	1919	05/22/06	
Patterson	John P			1919	May/14	Sun	1919	05/22/04	
Patterson	Mrs David			1903		Sun	1903	10/02/04	Bur in Edenville
Patterson	William	1841	Jun/15	1918	Sep/21	Sun	1918	09/26/01	
Pawling	Leonard	1841	Nov/29	1914		Sun	1914	06/25/01	Long obit
Pawling	Leonard			1914	Jun/11	Sun	1914	06/18/01	
Pawling	Leonard Jr			1897	Jul/03	Sun	1897	07/09/01	Drowned in river
Pawling	Mr			1894		Sun	1894	04/20/01	Fat of Leonard
Pawling	Mrs			1891	Mar/??	Sun	1891	03/26/01	Mother of Leonard
Payne	Edgar	1855	Feb/22	1913	Jan/16	Sun	1913	01/23/01	
Payne	Elvira	1825	Feb/09	1908	Dec/29	Sun	1908	01/01/01	Lvs 2 sons
Payne	William			1901		Sun	1901	05/31/05	Stepdau:Mrs H Foat
Pearl	(child)			1919	Jan/04	Sun	1919	01/09/07	Age 6 yrs d/o Amasa
Pearl	Mrs Amasa			1918	Dec/30	Sun	1919	01/09/07	
Pearsoll	Isaac			1903		Sun	1903	10/30/08	
Peasley	Robana			1906	Jun/15	Sun	1906	06/22/08	
Peat	Harold			1918		Sun	1918	07/11/04	
Peat	Thomas	1843	Jun/30	1914	May/29	Sun	1914	06/14/04	
Pechette	Mary Nolan	1847	Jul/06	1914	May/10	Sun	1914	05/14/01	
Peek	Louisa			1908	Jan/18	Sun	1908	01/24/08	Nee: Ruggins
Peek	Mrs E J			1908	Jan/15	Sun	1908	01/24/08	Res: Floyd
Peel	Lucy			1920	Jul/13	Sun	1920	07/15/01	
Peer	Charles	1831	Feb/11	1912	Mar/09	Sun	1912	03/14/01	
Peer	Lucy			1913	Jul/16	Sun	1913	07/24/01	Age 83
Peirsol	Minnie	1872	Nov/03	1902		Sun	1902	07/18/01	Fr: Thomas
Peirsol	Mrs H A			1902		Sun	1902	07/18/08	
Pelaford	Fay			1900	Dec/04	Sun	1900	12/21/07	Bro- Henry Marcy
Pelton	--			1907	Nov/17	Sun	1907	12/06/04	
Penny	Mrs Joseph			1902		Sun	1902	05/30/08	
Penny	Mrs Joseph			1902		Sun	1902	05/30/05	Res: Averill
Peoples	Adeline			1915	Apr/22	Sun	1915	04/29/01	
Pepler				1891	Jan/??	Sun	1891	01/22/06	Child of Lon
Pepler	(child)			1891	Dec/??	Sun	1891	12/08/04	Child of Lon
Perkins				1911		Sun	1911	11/30/05	Dau: Mrs G Gray
Perkins	G F			1917		Sun	1917	07/19/05	
Perkins	Mrs			1893	May/??	Sun	1893	06/02/01	Age 63 yrs
Perkins	Rose Cassidy			1903		Sun	1903	07/03/08	Dau: Mrs J Cassidy
Perrigo	Marie L	1836	May/19	1898		Sun	1898	07/22/05	Age 62 yrs
Perrigo-chase	Lydia A	1839	May/31	1898	Jul/27	Sun	1898	07/29/05	
Perrine	William			1908		Sun	1908	09/18/01	B. in England
Perry	Allen			1906		Sun	1906	08/31/05	Age 11mo s/o James
Perry	Bert			1913		Sun	1913	06/19/08	
Perry	Eddie			1891	Jun/19	Sun	1891	06/25/04	Lived Coleman
Perry	Elmer			1908		Sun	1909	01/01/04	
Perry	Emma	1895	Jun/26	1919		Sun	1919	09/11/01	Nee: Kuhlman
Perry	Flora			1918		Sun	1918	04/04/01	
Perry	Mary			1913		Sun	1913	06/12/08	
Perry	Mrs			1892	Feb/??	Sun	1892	02/11/01	Age 75 yrs
Perry	Mrs William	1873	Dec/22	1913	Jun/06	Sun	1913	06/12/01	Nee: Mary Hall

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Perry	William	1831	Feb/25	1917		Sun	1917	03/22/01	
Peters		1890		1890	Sep/??	Sun	1890	09/18/04	D. last week
Peters	Florence Marie	1913	Nov/13	1915	Oct/09	Sun	1915	10/14/01	
Peters	J H			1903		Sun	1903	09/25/08	Bur in Manistee
Peters	James			1897	Jan/??	Sun	1897	01/29/05	D. in Ft Gratiot
Peters	James H			1903		Sun	1903	09/25/04	Died at Coleman
Petersen	Chris			1907		Sun	1907	11/01/05	Bro: Holger
Peterson	Chris			1907		Sun	1907	09/27/01	D. fr knife wounds
Peterson	Christian			1907		Sun	1907	09/27/08	
Peterson	Soren Peter	1843	Jun/06	1914	Aug/20	Sun	1914	08/27/01	
Petit	Mrs			1903		Sun	1903	02/20/04	Lived in Ontario
Petri	(boy)			1899		Sun	1899	11/24/05	Father Sam
Petrie	Anna E			1918		Sun	1918	10/31/05	
Pettie	(child)			1894	Oct/??	Sun	1894	10/19/05	Child of J.S.
Pettit	(boy)			1918		Sun	1918	09/26/07	Son/o Fred
Petty	Ford W	1885	Feb/14	1909	Apr/23	Sun	1909	04/30/01	
Petty	Willard P			1903		Sun	1903	12/25/05	Age 61 years
Pfenniner	Lidia			1918		Sun	1918	03/21/04	
Pfenninger	Lucille	1920		1920	Feb/27	Sun	1920	03/04/01	
Phalen	(child)			1895		Sun	1895	12/13/05	Dau Edwin age 2 yrs
Phelan	Anna May	1897	Jun/04	1911	Jul/19	Sun	1911	07/27/01	
Phelan	Edward			1912		Sun	1912	01/18/01	
Phelan	Mrs John			1905		Sun	1905	11/17/08	B. in Ireland
Phelan	William			1915		Sun	1915	03/25/01	D. in Montana
Phelan	William			1920	Feb/06	Sun	1920	02/12/05	Age 64 yrs
Phelps	Gerald			1918		Sun	1918	12/19/01	
Phelps	Otis			1900		Sun	1900	10/12/08	Aunt of Mrs J Mill
Phenninger	Blanche			1911	Feb/11	Sun	1911	02/17/01	
Phetteplace	Eddy	1846	Mar/19	1917	Mar/23	Sun	1917	03/29/01	
Phetteplace	James W	1846	Dec/08	1905		Sun	1905	05/19/01	Father: William
Phetteplace	Mrs			1893	Oct/??	Sun	1893	10/13/05	Mot of Mrs Butters
Phetteplace	William			1901		Sun	1901	10/11/01	Nephew of James
Phillips	Mrs			1916		Sun	1916	08/24/04	
Phillips	Mrs Eugene			1912		Sun	1912	03/28/01	
Phillips	Mrs James			1914	Jun/02	Sun	1914	06/04/01	
Phillips	Thomas			1902	Jun/21	Sun	1902	06/27/04	Fr: J A
Phjillips	John A			1917	Feb/14	Sun	1917	02/15/04	D. in Topack AZ
Pickens	Edith			1916		Sun	1916	01/13/08	D. in Shepherd
Piegols	Anna	1888	May/02	1912	Sep/13	Sun	1912	09/12/01	Father: Reinhart
Piegols	Mr			1907		Sun	1907	12/13/08	Res: Larkin
Piegols	Reinhart			1907		Sun	1907	12/06/04	Age 53 years
Piegols	Wilbur John			1916	Dec/28	Sun	1917	01/04/01	Age 1 yr son/o Wm
Pierce	Lloyd			1914	Oct/22	Sun	1914	10/22/01	D/fr gun shot
Pierce	Maggie			1897		Sun	1897	04/02/04	D. in Ypsilanti
Pierce	Maude E			1910	Feb/20	Sun	1910	02/25/01	
Pierce	Mrs William			1913		Sun	1913	09/25/01	Father: R Belcher
Pierson	Mrs Paul Sr			1915	Jan/21	Sun	1915	01/14/01	
Pierson	Paul Sr	1832	Feb/02	1916	Sep/28	Sun	1916	10/05/01	
Pietruska	Joseph			1920	May/27	Sun	1920	05/27/01	
Pinkerton	Mrs			1899		Sun	1899	06/23/08	Buried in Jam
Plantz	Virgene Evert	1915	Jan/04	1915	Mar/22	Sun	1915	03/25/01	Son of C F
Plicht	Edward			1920	Apr/09	Sun	1920	04/15/01	
Plumer	William C	1830	May/18	1914		Sun	1914	08/06/01	
Plummer	Sarah E			1910	Nov/21	Sun	1910	11/25/01	
Pnacek	Ignatz			1920		Sun	1920	05/06/05	Born Hungary
Pollock	Frances	1846	Oct/02	1908	Dec/02	Sun	1908	12/04/08	
Pomeranky	Violet			1919	Nov/18	Sun	1919	11/20/01	Father: Arthur
Pomranky	August			1918		Sun	1918	08/01/05	
Pomranky	August	1825	May/20	1914		Sun	1914	06/11/01	
Pomranky	Edward			1918	Aug/06	Sun	1918	08/29/01	Killed in action
Pomranky	Frederick T			1910	Jun/05	Sun	1910	06/10/01	
Pomranky	Hannah			1906	Jun/21	Sun	1906	06/29/01	
Pomranky	Lillian			1906	Oct/23	Sun	1906	10/26/01	
Pomranky	Mrs August Sr			1918	Sep/16	Sun	1918	09/19/01	
Pomranky	Murl			1912	Feb/19	Sun	1912	02/22/01	Father: Edward
Porath	Kunigunda	1840	May/18	1918	Mar/01	Sun	1918	03/07/01	Nee: Hacker
Post	Dorothy			1916	Oct/02	Sun	1916	10/05/01	Infant dau/o Charle
Post	Floyd L			1919		Sun	1919	05/15/01	
Post	Floyd L	1857	Apr/11	1919		Sun	1919	05/08/05	
Post	George			1904		Sun	1904	01/08/01	Father - John
Post	John	1834	Mar/19	1911		Sun	1911	12/28/01	D. Wash State
Post	Mr			1918		Sun	1918	04/25/07	
Post	Mrs Floyd			1891	Feb/??	Sun	1891	03/05/04	Bur Belfast NY
Post	Norman			1906		Sun	1906	08/24/01	
Potter	Carrie Owen			1902		Sun	1902	11/14/01	Age 28 years
Potter	Katie Ella			1916	May/20	Sun	1916	05/25/01	
Potter	Mrs Jonn			1896		Sun	1896	07/24/05	Of Bullock Creek
Potter	Mrs L H			1902		Sun	1902	11/21/05	
Potter	Rosetta E	1848	Nov/03	1914	Mar/10	Sun	1914	03/12/01	
Potter	Sarah	1828	Nov/??	1917	Jan/06	Sun	1917	01/11/01	
Potts	Henry F	1900		1901		Sun	1901	02/22/05	Father - Henry

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