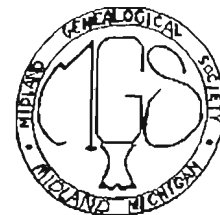


PIONEER RECORD



HENRY C. ASHMAN

Following are two short stories about Henry C. Ashman as retold from the "Portrait and Biographical Record of Midland County", 1884.

Indian Shrewdness in Court

Henry C. Ashman, although a half breed Indian, was, in his day, accounted the most shrewd lawyer in Northern Michigan. The Bar of Saginaw would rather meet any lawyer in the state than Ashman, for his legal tricks almost always proved more than a match for their eloquence.

Henry went to Saginaw one day "on a bum," and it happened that an Irishman had stolen a pig from someone in the neighborhood and was then arraigned before his honor, Seth Willie. The complainant had employed eminent counsel, and the pig having been found in possession of the Irishman, his conviction seemed certain. The poor fellow from Erin did not seem to understand the gravity of the offence, and had not employed any lawyer to defend him. Henry Ashman, seeing a number of men gathered about the cabin where the Justice held his court, sauntered up to see what was going on. Esquire Willie happened to see Ashman coming and called him in. He told Henry to take charges of his prisoner's case, as he had employed no lawyer. Ashman said he would do it, but as he knew nothing whatever about the circumstances leading to the arrest, would first have to talk a few minutes with the Irishman. As there was but one room, in which the Esquire, counsel for the plaintiff and the loafers were crowded, Ashman asked that the prisoner be allowed to step outside for a few minutes. Leave being granted, they withdrew, and Ashman, taking the fellow around the corner of the house, said: "Did you steal that hog?" "Yes," said Pat. "Have you got any money," asked Ashman. "Tin dollars, me

frind," answered the Irishman. "Then give me half of it," said Ashman, "and skip for the woods, and don't stop, for they'll have you sure if you're caught." The fellow handed five dollars and fled like a frightened deer for the woods, and to this date has never been heard of.

Ashman sat down on a stump outside and complacently lighted his pipe. After waiting, as the Justice thought long enough for the necessary information to be obtained, a messenger was dispatched to tell them to come in. Ashman responded promptly, when the Justice seeing him alone, asked where the prisoner was. "Gone to H__l, D__n him!" said Ashman. "The D__d Irishman stole the hog an I wouldn't have anything to do with him. He confessed to me stole the hog. Let him rip, and enter a verdict of guilty." This announcement was a poser to everybody but Ashman, but as the prisoner was "non est," nothing could be done.

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Swallowed the Account

At another time Mr. Ashman was employed by Frank Cole to defend his cause. P.C. Andre, a merchant, had sued him for a bill which had been accumulating for some time, and Cole refused to pay. Andre had kept no book account, but simply marked the items on a sheet of paper. He had every lawyer employed that resided in Saginaw, hoping by this means to keep Cole from employing any but a shyster, but in this he was mistaken. The trial commenced, and the lawyers for Andre chuckled with

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We must apologize for cancelling the meeting on January 19th. The school was closed due to the cold weather. We were able to place a cancellation notice on Channels 3 and 5, but that is the best we could do on short notice. The program will be rescheduled at a later date.

Our February program will be on the subject of "Veteran's Records." Our speaker will be Douglas Casamer who has given several talks on the subject and who we understand is a excellent speaker and knows the subject very well. If you have had problems obtaining veteran's records from the National Archives, or if you wish to find out more about what records are available, you will not want to miss this meeting.

We anticipate returning to our regular meeting place at the library lounge sometime this spring. The exact timing is not available yet, but keep tuned for an announcement about this.

We will be starting plans for a trip to Salt Lake City in the fall. Your President will be in Salt Lake City before our February meeting to check out all the new arrangements which are available for research. More about this later.

See you on February 16th at carpenter Street School!

Ralph Hillman.

COMING MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 16 - Douglas Casamer will speak on the theme: "Veteran's Records" at Carpenter Street School at 7:30.

MARCH 16 - Theme to be announced. 7:30 at Carpenter Street School.

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Henry Ashman. (Continued from Page 1)
satisfaction as they imagined the discomfiture of Ashman. As no books had been kept, the account was brought into court and was lying on the table, around which was seated the legal luminaries with their books already marked at every point which had a bearing on their case.

Ashman's quick eye discerned the important paper which contained the items, dates, etc., and

knowing that his client's case was hopeless unless this paper could be secured, cautiously reached out his hand, and while the attention of the attorneys was engaged elsewhere, he slipped the paper into his mouth in bits, and calmly chewed and swallowed the entire account! He was just finishing the last piece when one of his opponents noticed the maneuver and also missed the account.

"We are ready for trial, your honor," said Ashman, as he coolly expectorated the last mouthful of the well masticated account into the cuspidor. "If there be no objection I should like to look at the account against my client." said Ashman. A search for the paper failed to produce it. The lawyer who had noticed him manipulating the paper declared that Ashman had swallowed it. "Prove it, then," said this erratic individual. The account being thus disposed of, the case was dismissed at complainant's cost, and another victory, although somewhat dishonestly gained was checked up against the Saginaw lawyers. Ashman was then and there voted the most adroit knave among them all.

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OBITUARY INDEX PROJECT IS COMPLETE

After ten years of effort, the Midland County Obituary Index project is complete. The first mention of the project is a two-line note in the April, 1983 PIONEER RECORD: "Index of Obituaries found in early Midland newspapers - 1872-1887 (Volunteers continue the indexing of early papers)." Many persons in the society spent hours and days at the work for us to have the final results.

So after all these years of abstracting, computer input, proofreading, combining files, sorting, printing removing duplicate entries and reprinting, etc., the book has been taken to the printers. The printing is scheduled to be complete before the next meeting of the Genealogical Society. So come to the February meeting prepared to examine, enjoy, and buy your copy.

At the February and March meetings you can buy a copy for the "Pre-Publication Price" of \$18.00 (Cash and Carry). After March the price will be \$20 (plus postage for those mailed out of town).

For those who may not have seen the proof copy at the last two meetings, following is a description of the book.

The abstractions are from the *Midland Times* (1872-1875), the *Midland Sun* (1892-1924 and the *Midland Republican* (1881-1927). From the 55 years

covered, we have about 16,000 records of deaths from those publications. The book will be 8 1/2 by 11 inches, softbound, and is 238 pages in length.

Because the index consists of deaths reported in the newspapers, rather than deaths that occurred only in Midland County, there are many instances of deaths of relatives, notables, etc. that occurred elsewhere.

A short note giving facts of interest is appended to most of the entries. The comments do add greatly to the interest of this compilation and gives an interesting portrait of the Midland area during the 55 years covered here.

You will find the veterans of the Civil War and Spanish-American War, the soldiers who died in World War I, Midland's first auto accident deaths, many of the pioneers who settled the area, deaths in the lumber camps, etc.

In reading the comments, it is obvious that this is a record of another time by the number of causes of death which are not common today, and the number of entries with no given name, but only "infant" or "child".

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**Shelfside - New genealogical books
At G.A. Dow Memorial Library.**

- RG929.3743 - Index to Marriages & Deaths in NY Herald. by James P. Maher.
 RG974.82 - Northhampton Heritage. by E.G. Aldersfer
 RG929.4 - German - American Names. by George F. Jones.
 RG929.4 - Family Names. by J.N. Hook.
 RG929.2 - A Stecher-Stecker Saga. The story of several German families & their descendants in America. by D.M. Stecher.
 RG974.8 - The German Immigration into Penn. by F.R.D. Diffenderffer.
 RG974.82 - The First American Frontier, History of Northampton, Lehigh, Monroe, Carbon & Schuylkill Counties, Penn.
 929.3478 - Penn. Land Records, by Donna Munger.
 917.49 - Geographic Dictionary of New Jersey, by H. Gannett.
 929.3 - Palatine Families of Ireland, by Henry Z. Jones, Jr.
 912.414 - New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland, by Brian Mitchell
 977.442 - 1870 Federal Population Census of Lapeer County, by Lapeer County Gen. Soc.
 929.3755 - Virginia Vital Records from Va _____?

- 929.373 - British Aliens in the United States during the War of 1812. Compiled by Kenneth Scott
 929.3923 - State Census Records, Ann Slainhart.
 973.0496 - Black History - A Guide to Civilian Records in the Nat'l Archives, compiled by D. Newman.
 292.3794 - 1890 West Va. Vet. Census Index.
 973.3 - The Sourcebook of Local Court & County Records Retrievers - The National guide of information retrievers who pull files & documents from U.S., State & local courts & from county agencies.
 929.3774 - 1870 Surname Index of St. Clair Co., MI
 RG929.1 - Genealogical Evidence. by Noel Stevenson.
 917.6 - Geographic Dictionary of Conn. & R.I. by Henry Gannett
 917.4 - Geographic Dictionary of Mass. by Henry Gannet.
 975.4 - A Gazeteer of Virginia-W. VA. by H. Gannet.

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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 transactions 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 the 1860's.

1) Receipt from John R. Phillips of Wayne Co. to C.K. Robinson at East Saginaw. July 11th, 1865. \$50 for the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 35, Twp. 13, Range 2 W containing 44 acres, at \$1.25 per acre

2) Receipt of January 18, 1866 from Charlotte S. Miller of Lapeer Co. to George C. Randolph and Cornelia M. Randolph acknowledging receipt in full for a mortgage dated July 18, 1865 and recorded in Midland county, Liber A of Mortgages, pages 606-607. A. Bacon, Register.

3) Quit Claim deed from William H. Lillie & Ellen M. Lillie of Saginaw to Isaac Parsons of Saginaw, \$500 for several parcels of land in Gladwin County which were owned by the firm of Lillie & Parsons and also all the assets and property of the firm. November 6, 1867. (Gladwin Co. was organized from Midland Co. in 1855.)

4) Warrantee deed from James S & Eliza A. Eastman of Midland to Isaac Parsons, Jr. of Saginaw, \$1400 for several parcels of land in Gladwin Co. totaling 1117 acres. May 16, 1867.

5) Quit Claim deed form Charles M. Smith of Chicago to Charles K. Eddy of Saginaw. \$1 for several parcels of land: E 1/2 of NW 1/4 and the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 12, Twp. 17 N, Range 1 E, containing 160 acres. Also the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Sec. 14 in Twp. 16 N and Range 1 E, containing 40 acres.

6) Discharge of Mortgage from Susan B. Mill (formerly Susan B. Palmer) of Cincinnati to Michael B. Palmer and Marie B. Palmer of Midland, January 23, 1869. The mortgage date is Sep. 3, 1863.

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**GREATEST FLOOD EVER KNOWN
IN THE HISTORY OF MIDLAND
THE BENSON STREET BRIDGE SWEEP AWAY**

MIDLAND REPUBLICAN - January 27, 1907.
Forty eight hours of continuous downpour of rain and unusually warm temperatures accompanied by the heavy thaw Friday and Saturday, sent the old Tittabawassee river on the fiercest rampage it has ever known. In less than eight hours it tore over its banks, swept over the surrounding fields and bore down on the defenseless inhabitants. Never before had the flood advanced so rapidly. The water rose four inches in one hour on the level.

Sunday morning the raging torrent was full of immense cakes of ice a foot thick which attacked the center pier of the Benson Street bridge with terrible force, grinding and crunching against the unprotected piles. In a short time several of the piles were broken away and about eight o'clock the bridge was inclined nearly 17 inches up stream, the trembling and swaying could be easily noticed by the crowd on shore as each piece smashed away at the weakening pier. Many crossed on foot and in carriages all the morning, until 11:15 when the last vehicle passed over. At 11:30 the old bridge, which has so nobly withstood the ravaging floods of 36 years, gave up its struggle to maintain a safe footing on the banks of its persecutor and with a mighty final punch from a massive chunk of ice, fell with the groaning and shrieking of the parting timbers and broke in pieces, one of which swung around close to the bank and another lodging against the bank a short distance below. One piece, the fishermen at Smith's Crossing are said to have caught.

Great excitement prevailed throughout the city and the young hurricane which blew bitterly cold from the west, made things seem worse. Three people had a very narrow escape from certain death. Chas. Schwartz, a young man endeavoring to get to his home in the fourth ward, had proceeded on the bridge nearly ten feet when the crash came. He saved himself by jumping. Charlie and little sister Harriet Towsley started to cross over intending to go to Sunday school, but were stopped by Ed Ostrander who told them it was not safe; just then the bridge fell.

Sunday night and Monday morning was the time of greatest suffering that was ever known to the residents on the south side of the river. Never before in the history of Midland had the water risen so high and in so short a time cut off all source of supply and much needed assistance. To add to the intense suffering of those who had to stand on tables and chairs of squat in low garrets without a fire in the house and icy water from one to three feet deep on the floors, the wind blew a piercing gale and the mercury hovered around the zero mark. Many cries for help could be heard Sunday night, but few dared to venture out into the inky blackness and fight against the wind and current through an inch or so of ice.

Very early Monday morning the work of rescue was begun by the more fortunate ones, no assistance from the north side of the river could be given, there being no way to get across.

In the small one story house of Frank Briggs was found Mr. Briggs standing waist deep in the water and an aged father, three small children on a table where they had been during the night without a fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hovey, who are nearly 60 years of age, were gotten in safety, Mrs. Hovey being taken from the chamber window and Mr. Hovey rescued from a beam in his barn, where after several hours of exposure he was so numb he could scarcely speak. Ward Brooks and a cousin, A.B. Bullen(?) also rescued from this barn, two cows, a yearling and a horse after cutting a channel a half block long through three inches of ice and swimming them to a place of safety. The animals had been standing with their bodies nearly frozen in the ice. One calf had to be killed in the barn and all the poultry was lost.

The only cow of Mrs. Wm. VanFleet died from the effects of standing in the icy water.

The several cows and horses on the T.J. Dunn farm were saved by piling bundles of corn-

stalks in the stalls enabling them to stand out of the water. Dunn and W.J. Owen did this job.

Mose Abbey successfully swam two of his three horses out of his barn, one other suffering so that it had to be killed

Albert Smelzer who had just moved here Saturday from Indiana, having purchased the Brown and Vance farms of John McGregor, was taken out of the upper window of the Brown farmhouse Monday morning with his large family of ten who had been spending the night cramped in a little garret about 12 feet square in which there was not even standing room. He says they would all have been frozen if they had stayed there much longer.

A.L. Bellinger, rural carrier No. 2, who had recently moved from his farm in Homer to the brick house on Benson street, lost his 40 fine chickens, some furniture, provisions, etc. The water rose nearly to the top of the first windows. He saved his three horses.

Sunday night after many hours of fatiguing and extremely dangerous work in the dark, the families of Ed Post and Albert Moll were rescued by H.D. Holden and Mr. Post and taken to the Holden home where 20 persons were in refuge Monday and Tuesday. Some of the two families were nearly frozen when reached. Longer delay would have meant death.

Probably the most trying and dangerous experience was that of Wm. Booth, the baggage master, Monday morning. After breaking open four bales of hay, and tearing down a shed with which to make a scaffold for a cow and two calves which were nearly floating in the barn, he worked in a boat cutting a four-foot channel in the ice a distance of 40 rods so that he might swim his horse to a barn of Nelson Dean's. The channel froze over at one end before he had cleared out the other. Mounting the horse he headed it into the channel. Though the barn was reached without serious accident, the animal tired and stopped a few times, the rider then expecting to go down in ten or twelve feet of water. Mr. Booth had his feet and fingers of one hand frozen. Mrs. Booth who had remained in bed up stairs to keep from freezing was then taken to the home of Ward Brooks. Before she had proceeded out of their yard, the ice gave way and she capsized in eight feet of water.

The largest rescue mission was gathered at the home of Arthur James on Water Street near the ice house where 34 persons were housed in the small one story building from Sunday night to Wednesday. In spite of the very crowded condition and the fact that the water was within an inch of

the floor, the best of spirits prevailed. The following are the names of the families at the house: Mr. & Mrs. Arthur James and two children, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Kenyon and seven children, Mrs. Wm. Shaw and two children, Mrs. Thos. Shaw and two children, Mrs. Hattie Boughner and four children, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Shaw Sr. and two daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burch and child, The Misses H. and C. Hepner and Geo. Holley.

A peculiar and almost amusing condition of affairs prevailed at the residence of Thos. Shaw Sr. which is now the property of J.Q. Matzinger. The rear bedroom of the upstairs was occupied during the flood by a horse a cow and a yearling which apparently made themselves perfectly at home. The three animals were first taken into the back part of the house, but the water raised to such a height that they were shown the way to the second story. Altho the stairway was narrow and uncommonly steep, the horse made the way to the top with ease. After much coaxing, the cow made the flight but not so the yearling, they had to show him, so he was dragged up.

Wm. Low's loss amounted to nearly forty chickens, the rest of his stock being taken to a place of safety.

Many other families had similar trying and exasperating experiences.

The Sturgeon bridge is said to be turned on its side in the ice so that it is impassable.

Monday and Tuesday only three of the eight rural carriers could operate, and not until Thursday were they all able to make the usual runs.

Had it not been for the intensely cold weather which has prevailed since Sunday, the suffering in the flooded district would have been greatly increased. As early as Monday noon people were crossing the river on the ice. Many could be seen skating in and out of the inundated dwellings. Later on ice was seen flying out of buildings where cleaning was in progress.

The fourth Warders have still to look forward to the regular spring freshet in March.

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BENSON STREET BRIDGE DESTROYED JANUARY 20.

MIDLAND REPUBLICAN - January 27, 1907.
The Benson street bridge was built in 1871 by Geo. F. Keep, then a resident of Midland. It was a two span structure, 303 feet in length, with two drive-ways in the middle and a side walk on either side, although only one of these walks had been in use the last several years. The bridge was reshingled

last spring at an expense of several hundred dollars.

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RIVER FIGHT OVER LOGS IS RECALLED

MIDLAND DAILY NEWS - June 8, 1950. It was around 1874 when William Phillips late father of Benjamin and Ernest Phillips, well known Homer residents, settled his family on the rich strip of land where the mouth of Carl (Carroll?) creek enters the Tittabawassee river.

"Father wasn't what you'd call a lumberjack, although he had often 'teamed' in the woods," recalls Ben Phillips, as he is known to his many friends in Homer, "but he was destined to play a part in a lumberjack - logger struggle that really rocked our whole community a few years later.

"Most of the 'big timber' was gone from the woods," related Ben, "but Jack Maloney had a crew cutting hardwood and small stuff up the creek line and figured on bringing it through on high water.

"Meanwhile the big Tittabawassee Boom Company claimed right of way of the whole Tittabawassee in making delivery clear on through Midland of thousands upon thousands of feet of timber bargained for from a whole flock of different camps on up the river.

"Maloney didn't want his logs to get mixed up with that variegated bunch of brand marks but he 'darn' well didn't intend to be blocked off from using the river either.

"So Maloney and his prize axe swingers fixed a four-lined row of spike-filled (so they couldn't be sawed) 'spiles' clean across the Tibbabawassee, linked together with massive 'boom-sticks' to hold back that steady drive of on coming logs long enough to get Maloney's drive out from the mouth of Carl Creek.

"Father and a neighbor down the road, named Bugsby, were hired to stand watch so lumberjacks from the Boom Company wouldn't pull any sneak attacks in the night to wreck Mulvaney's riggings," says Ben. "Because of course the night was when they figured that they'd try whatever 'dirty work' they could cook up.

"Surprisingly the night brought no action, though. Then, early one morning, from a peaceable enough looking buggy across on the Averill side of the river, came trouble in large doses.

"They rigged up long poles with great charges of dynamite fastened to the ends of them," says Phillips, "lit the fuses, and shoved them out to the base of Maloney's spile setup. Roar after roar of

exploding charges sent great boom sticks high in the air, snapped to pieces like toothpicks, and those huge spiles split every which way.

"There's still pieces of those deep-set spiles in the river bed there by the mouth of the creek," says Phillips, "but the Tittabawassee Boom Company got all their logs through, and got them through on time. Maloney had to wait until the whole season's drive was over before he finally got his timber through into the river to float on down to the mills.

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GARFIELD'S SISTER LIVED AT HOPE

MIDLAND REPUBLICAN - August 8, 1935. Though it was over fifty years ago, the older residents of Hope township well remember when President Garfield's sister lived with her schoolmaster husband in a little house only a few rods from the Clark Settlement schoolhouse.

And they can tell you how, after her brother became president of the United States, she left her impoverished though learned husband and went to live in the White House.

You can imagine the stir that was created in the neighborhood when it became known that Schoolmaster Jim Trowbridge's wife was sister to the President himself. And the still greater ruffle that occurred when she found the contrast too great between the gleaming portico of the chief executive's mansion and the sagging doorstep of the little shack behind the schoolhouse, and so took her belongings one day and left.

The Timothy Kelly's live within a half mile of the Clark Settlement school house, and Mr. Kelly himself remembers Jim Trowbridge, with his head full of knowledge and his toes fair sticking out of his boots.

"He was a very smart man," says Mr. Kelly, "but at the time nobody blamed his wife so much for leaving him. He was very poor. I guess he got about \$20 a month for his teaching.

"I remember he was a great man for politics, and one time Ketcham, of Wright and Ketcham, the lumberman, sent a man up here to argue with him. Ketcham went along and hid behind a tree, to listen. Trowbridge got up on a stump with his toes sticking out of his shoes and he gave the man fits. The next day Ketcham sent him some shoes and stockings."

But Mrs. Trowbridge's life in the White House was brief. Garfield was inaugurated March 4, 1880, and on the first of July was shot down by an

assassin. What happened to his sister after that is not known locally, though Mrs. Kelly remembers reading of her death two years ago at the age of 90. After her flight from Hope township, the schoolmaster sold off his place (where the orchard he planted still stands) to Phin Braley and went away.

"He was a tough man with the scholars," Mr. Kelly remembers. "One time Tom Sheridan gave him a good shaking up for a name he called his daughter. He grabbed him by the neck in Mrs. Alex Beaubien's house, where he boarded."

The schoolmaster's wife had been gone for some time when Mr. Kelly came into Hope township, an Irishman down from Quebec.

He had come first into Michigan in 1880, he says, where he "discovered Ludington," so green a boy he avers, that "When I saw a dime on the floor of the station at Reed City, I was afraid to pick it up for fear they'd arrest me."

But it was not right away that he settled down on the farm in Hope township where he's been for the past 51 years. With his father (also a Timothy) and his brother Charlie, he set off for Montana Territory in search of gold.

"We went to Butte City and worked on a claim there a year, but it proved out no good, and we left it and went to chopping cord wood. They had factories there as big as Ford's for smelting the ore from the rock for that. We made money at that, but we had to work for it," he says.

When he came back into Michigan in 1884 he had enough money to pay for a couple of forties in Hope.

Asked where he first saw Mrs. Kelly: "Well I'll tell you," he says, "and you'll laugh."

"One day I was putting in hay and something went wrong with the harness and I had to go horseback into town to get it fixed. I was riding down Main street when I saw her standing on the stoop in the front of Miss Mahana's Millinery shop, and I thought she was the handsomest girl that I ever had seen."

"That winter I fell in with her brother when I was working in the woods. We were married the year of the World's Fair in Chicago, in '93."

Mrs. Kelly had come from Port Huron to work in the shop owned for 36 years by Miss Mahana, to get married."

Many a Midland attic contains samples of this long - remembered milliner's art, and Mrs. Kelly describes with amusement her own wedding hat, a tiny affair that perched on the top of her head, proud in its strings and aigrette.

The Kellys have three daughters, Miss Irene, and Miss Cecelia Kelly, (both members of the Midland teaching staff), and Mrs. Frank Keenon of Merrill, and a son William of Port Huron.

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EARLY PIONEER HAS PASSED AWAY

MIDLAND REPUBLICAN - April 5, 1907. Tuesday April 2, after three years sickness, Gilbert Cronkright died of cerebral hemorrhage, aged 71 years, 7 months. He came with his parents to Midland county 69 years ago, having been here perhaps as long as any one now living.

Mmes, Nat Clary, Albert Wells, Wm. Wells, John Dorr, John McGraw, Harry Carter and John Feeley are daughters. There are also Edit, Watson, and Thomas; Mrs. Mat Daly being deceased. Mrs. Cronkright survives him.

The funeral was held Thursday, six sons-in-law acting as pall bearers and Rev. Wm. Butler of Milford, husband of a niece conducting the services.

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INTERESTING BOOK - 81 YEARS OLD

MIDLAND REPUBLICAN - April 5, 1907. Harvey Ball of Midland has a very interesting old time geography which was published in 1826. On the first page is written "B.W. Ball's, Hartford, Conn., July 8th, 1828." B.W. Ball was Mr. G.F. Ball's brother, Ben, who will be remembered by many in Midland.

This geography contains no maps but purports to have been "accompanied with an atlas." It is a book of 342 pages of common school book size and was printed in Boston eleven years before Michigan became a state of the Union. The territory of Michigan then had ten counties: Brown, Crawford, Lenawee, Macomb, Michillimackinac, Monroe, Oakland, St. Marie, Wayne, and Washington. These were the "part owned by the whites lying principally in the southeast along the banks of Lakes Erie, Huron, and St. Clair, and extending back to the westward about 80 miles."

The population of Detroit in 1820 was 1,422 in which year the white population of the state is stated to have been 8,896, while the Indians numbered about 6,000.

The book says that "steamboats go regularly during the summer from Detroit to Buffalo on the east end of Lake Erie, and occasionally from Detroit to Michillimackinac." The latter was the "grand depot of the Canadian fur trade."

The great city of New York had in 1820, a population of 123,706 which was rapidly increasing, but Chicago was not mentioned, and there was no Cook county. Illinois "settlements" were "in the south near the banks of the great rivers."

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SEMINAR '94

The 1994 Ontario Genealogical Society Seminar will be held at North Bay Ontario June 10, 11, and 12. North Bay is about 330 KM north of Toronto. The theme will be "Rail Links and Other Ties." If you are interested in Canadian Railroads, Canadian scenery, and Canadian genealogy, here is your chance to combine all three interests. The seminars will be held at Nipissing University/Canadore College on the shores of Lake Nipissing. For information write: OGS, 40 Orchard View Blvd., Suite 251, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4R 1B9.

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**LIVED HERE 65 YEARS
HAS GREAT-GREAT GRANDCHILD**

MIDLAND REPUBLICAN - February 9, 1929. Residing in one county for sixty-five years and having relatives of five generations living is an unusual record. Yet Mrs. Martha Thorington of Coleman is the proud ancestor of a great great granddaughter, Betty Lou Keeley, infant granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keeley of this city and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Keeley of Saginaw. In addition, she has lived in Midland county since the Civil War was in progress. Mrs. Thorington, born in New York state in 1848, is over eighty years of age and is in the best of health. She came to Midland in 1863 with her husband, Benjamin Thorington, a brother of the late Justus Thorington of this city.

It was just 45 years ago that this young couple boarded the "Belle Seymour," which plied the waters of the Tittabawassee from Saginaw to Midland, Leaving the former place with all worldly possessions, they proceeded up the winding river, each to become another among the early pioneers of this section. Now more than a half century has elapsed and Mrs. Thorington still recalls the vivid scenes of the vast wilderness, which in years to come was destined to be Midland.

What is now known as the ox-bow, just west of Midland was the site first chosen for the Thorington home. Lumbering was an industry which was

rapidly transposing this section from wilderness to hustling farming communities. Mr. Thorington became engaged in its folds and was known throughout the camps for many years.

Four girls and two boys were born to this couple, and of that number, five are still living. They are Mrs. Allie(?) Bowen of Midland, Mrs. Ida Coons of Coleman, Justus Thorington of Gladwin, Mrs. John McTaggart of Coleman; Mrs. Maggie Koontz of Coleman. One son, John B. Thorington died here five years ago, while Mrs. Thorington's husband padded away twenty-two years ago at Coleman. The family had moved from Midland to Gladwin and later to Coleman, but almost continuously for 45 years, Mrs. Thorington has lived in this county.

Exemplifying the typical pioneer, Mrs. Thorington tells of many interesting features in connection with the early history of Midland and this section. She came on the "Belle Seymour" which docked where the Benson street bridge is located. Bears were found in large numbers, while it was not at all uncommon to find deer very plentiful, Mrs. Thorington relates.

The five generations are Mrs. Thorington, age 80 born in New York state, 1848; Mrs. Ida Coons, her daughter, now of Coleman, but born at Midland in 1868; Mrs. Charles Keeley, granddaughter of Mrs. Thorington, born at Midland in 1882, and now living here; Emory Keeley, born at Coleman in 1904, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keeley, and the great-grandson of Mrs. Thorington, now lives at Saginaw. Betty Lou Keeler age nine months, who completes the five generation chain was born at Flint and now lives in Saginaw.

Mrs. Thorington has 27(?) grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

(The article is headed by a photo of the five)

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MISS CREED DIES

MIDLAND SUN - July 1, 1909. The five years spent here as principal of the Midland high school won Miss Creed many friends. She became unusually well liked. This however was about 10 years ago. Leaving Midland she was married the following summer to C.A. Farnham, and has lived at Sand Lake, Mich., since then. Word was received here yesterday that Mrs. Farnham had died in a Grand Rapids hospital as a result of a stroke of paralysis which she had last June. Mrs. Farnham had been in poor health for over three years. She leaves besides a husband, two children six and eight years of age.

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Potts	Homer Leroy			1918		Sun	1918	12/26/08	Age 2 dys s/o Henry
Potts	James Harold			1906	Feb/15	Sun	1906	02/23/01	Age 1 yr s/o Henry
Powell	Mrs			1904		Sun	1904	06/03/05	Res: Sanford
Powers	Carrie			1903		Sun	1903	11/20/08	Mot: Mrs T Atkinson
Pratt	Addie A	1851	Jul/29	1915	May/12	Sun	1915	05/13/01	Nee: Major
Pratt	B B			1913		Sun	1913	05/15/05	Bro: L E Pratt
Pratt	Mrs T S			1919	Dec/19	Sun	1919	12/25/01	Nee: Bacon
Precksel	Mrs Fred			1898		Sun	1898	08/12/08	
Preston	Clare E			1907		Sun	1907	06/21/01	Kicked by colt
Preston	John			1898		Sun	1898	11/11/08	Age 21 yrs
Prevoast	Mrs			1903		Sun	1903	07/03/05	Dau/o A Robinson
Price	Brown			1898		Sun	1898	01/21/08	D. in Saginaw
Price	Phillip			1918		Sun	1918	11/28/08	
Price	Ralph	1889	Jul/18	1912		Sun	1912	08/28/01	Father: Alfred
Prichard	Alice B			1905		Sun	1905	10/13/01	Bur Paw Paw
Prichard	David			1906		Sun	1906	04/27/01	D. in Chicago
Prichard	Wallace Bruce			1918	Jun/12	Sun	1918	07/11/01	Killed in action
Prichard	Wallace Bruce			1918	Jun/12	Sun	1918	07/18/01	Killed in action
Prim	Ira			1898		Sun	1898	01/17/08	
Prior	Mrs Peter			1892	Jul/??	Sun	1892	07/28/04	Lived near Averill
Procknow	Caroline			1919	Mar/01	Sun	1919	03/06/05	
Procknow	John	1822	Jun/22	1915	Nov/19	Sun	1915	11/25/01	
Procknow	John A			1899		Sun	1899	06/16/05	Killed by large stump
Procknow	Mrs Augusta	1826	Aug/09	1913	Oct/28	Sun	1913	10/30/01	Dau: Mrs W Speaker
Proctor	Louise R			1910		Sun	1910	08/19/05	Mot/o E W Austin
Proctor	Mrs David			1920		Sun	1920	02/12/05	
Proper	James Frances	1854	May/19	1910	Jan/24	Sun	1910	01/28/01	Bur in Ovid
Proper	John F			1910	Jan/24	Sun	1910	02/11/08	Bur in Ovid
Pryor	Frank			1900		Sun	1900	11/02/07	Father Peter
Pryor	James			1900	Oct/06	Sun	1900	10/12/05	Father Peter
Publow	James Alfred			1914		Sun	1914	05/21/01	Obit fr Hamilton
Puffer	Benjamin			1916		Sun	1916	03/09/07	
Puffer	W R			1916	Feb/10	Sun	1916	02/17/08	
Puffer	Willie R			1898	Oct/12	Sun	1898	11/11/08	Age 4 mo s/o Willis
Putnam	(child)			1903		Sun	1903	09/18/08	Ch/o Maud S Putnam
Putnam	Ed			1907	Feb/15	Sun	1907	02/22/08	D. at Sanford
Putnam	Edward			1906	Feb/13	Sun	1906	02/16/08	
Putnam	Llela			1917		Sun	1917	12/13/01	
Putnam	Mrs Ed			1901		Sun	1901	03/01/05	Age 62
Pyers	Sarah			1918	Feb/07	Sun	1918	02/14/01	
Quaddy	Anna Kostooz	1896	Feb/22	1916	Oct/20	Sun	1916	10/26/01	
Quaddy	Antonie			1916	Mar/12	Sun	1916	03/16/01	
Quance	Marie	1919	May/05	1919		Sun	1919	12/04/01	
Quance	OS/??			1919		Sun	1919	12/04/06	
Quayle	W O			1919		Sun	1919	10/16/05	
Quigley	Blanco W	1868	May/16	1914	Jan/01	Sun	1914	01/08/01	D. in Millington
Quigley	James Sr			1915		Sun	1915	11/04/01	
Rabshaw	William			1898	Oct/20	Sun	1898	10/18/05	D. frm altercation
Raby	Robert Maurice			1917		Sun	1917	04/05/01	Age 5 mos s/o Mauric
Ramin	(child)			1896		Sun	1896	07/10/05	Fat/ Ernest
Randall	Aurelia B	1819	Feb/01	1897	Aug/15	Sun	1897	08/27/01	Long obit
Randall	Charles	1842	Jul/21	1916	Aug/15	Sun	1916	08/17/05	
Randall	Harold			1906	Aug/18	Sun	1906	08/24/01	Drowned in river
Randall	James			1916	Jan/31	Sun	1916	02/03/01	
Randall	Louisa	1847	Oct/06	1908	Mar/01	Sun	1908	03/06/04	
Randall	Mrs C S			1897		Sun	1897	08/20/05	Bur in Bay City
Randolph	Mary Proctor	1812	Nov/02	1903		Sun	1903	03/20/04	
Ranke	(child)			1894		Sun	1894	12/07/08	Child of William
Rankey	Abraham Lincoln			1918		Sun	1918	12/19/02	Age 10 mo s/o Charle
Rankey	George	1875		1917	Jan/26	Sun	1917	02/01/01	
Rankey	William			1917	Feb/07	Sun	1917	02/23/03	
Rankle	Sophia			1901		Sun	1901	08/09/08	Buried in Gilford
Rans	Catherine E	1829	Jun/26	1914	May/03	Sun	1914	05/07/01	Bur Middleport NY
Ransier	Herbert L			1902		Sun	1902	04/25/01	Fr: Hudson
Ransier	Hrbert L			1902		Sun	1902	04/25/08	Fr: Hudson
Ransier	John			1910		Sun	1910	04/01/01	Age 2 mo s/o Hudson
Rantz	Sarah			1919		Sun	1919	01/16/06	
Rau	Mrs Ed			1895	Jan/??	Sun	1895	01/25/04	D. in Freeland
Rauschenberger	Mrs			1901		Sun	1901	04/12/08	buried in St Louis
Rawson	Mrs M L			1914		Sun	1914	12/17/01	
Raymond	Addie A			1905		Sun	1905	05/12/08	Wife/o Wallace
Raymond	Addie Amelia	1872	Nov/02	1905	May/07	Sun	1905	05/19/08	Nee: Wilcox
Raymond	George	1855	Dec/21	1915	Dec/21	Sun	1915	12/23/01	
Raymond	J P			1905		Sun	1905	02/24/08	Age 76 yrs
Raymond	Mrs			1918		Sun	1918	03/14/06	Mot/o Mrs A Dunlap
Raymond	Mrs Eber			1905		Sun	1905	02/24/08	
Raymond	Mrs George	1866		1909	Feb/18	Sun	1909	02/26/08	Father: John Grice
Raymond	Peter			1905		Sun	1905	02/24/08	Res: Hope
Raymond	Walter			1919		Sun	1919	01/16/06	Killed at train depot
Reams	J J			1899		Sun	1899	06/30/08	As 52 yrs
Reardon	Addie E	1855	Mar/07	1914		Sun	1914	07/02/01	Nee: Huyck

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Reardon	Ann Laffin	1842	Sep/15	1917		Sun	1917	09/13/01	
Reardon	Arthur			1914		Sun	1914	02/05/01	
Reardon	Charles			1904	Dec/08	Sun	1904	12/16/08	Bur Muskegeon
Reardon	James			1913	Jan/16	Sun	1913	01/23/01	
Reardon	John Sr			1893	Feb/??	Sun	1893	02/09/01	Died at Birch Run
Reardon	Mrs M M			1898		Sun	1898	04/29/05	From Muskegeon New
Reardon	Mrs Michael			1898		Sun	1898	04/22/05	Sis Mrs John Reard
Reardon	Mrs William			1914	Jul/01	Sun	1914	07/09/01	Long obit
Reardon	Thomas			1906		Sun	1906	01/12/01	Long article
Reardon	Thomas	1848	Sep/22	1906		Sun	1906	01/05/01	Proc by mayor
Reardon	Willard B			1910		Sun	1910	01/21/05	Son/o Michael
Redman	Ella			1891	Apr/??	Sun	1891	04/16/01	Bur Sanford
Redman	Mike			1918		Sun	1918	01/02/07	
Reed	(boy)			1896	Oct/??	Sun	1896	10/23/01	Father Jospheh
Reed	Curtis			1896		Sun	1896	05/08/05	
Reed	Edward P	1892	Feb/22	1914	Apr/14	Sun	1914	04/16/01	
Reed	Jane Gardiner	1842	Aug/16	1917	Nov/16	Sun	1917	11/22/01	
Reed	Alfred			1916	Nov/22	Sun	1916	11/23/01	
Reese	Mrs John			1920	Jul/20	Sun	1920	07/29/08	
Reff	Mrs John			1899		Sun	1899	01/20/05	Sis Mrs D Maxwell
Reh	Mrs			1908		Sun	1908	08/14/04	Bro: Chas Lane
Reichert	O Earl			1916		Sun	1916	05/04/01	Funeral notice
Reichert	Orval Earl	1891	Feb/18	1916		Sun	1916	04/27/01	Killed by derrick
Reid	Mrs Hector			1916		Sun	1916	02/10/05	
Reierson	John			1901		Sun	1901	11/29/01	
Reifenberg	Louis			1897	Jan/??	Sun	1897	01/22/05	D. in Ingersoll
Reifenberg	Louis	1830	Jun/06	1897	Jan/20	Sun	1897	01/29/08	Obit
Reifsnider	Jessie Cecilia	1887	Feb/28	1918	Jul/15	Sun	1918	07/18/02	Nee: Ostrander
Reigh	John			1914		Sun	1914	04/16/08	D. in Coleman
Reinhart	Elizabeth	1863	May/16	1892	Sep/10	Sun	1892	09/15/01	Wife of A.
Reinke	Eva			1919	May/28	Sun	1919	06/05/04	
Reinke	Eva M			1919	May/27	Sun	1919	06/05/08	
Reinke	Mrs			1901		Sun	1901	08/02/08	Mother of William
Reinke	William			1909	Feb/26	Sun	1909	03/05/01	B. Germany
Reisner	Dorothy			1917	Jun/30	Sun	1917	07/05/04	Age 10 yrs d/o Gusta
Reisner	Laura Ellen			1909	Feb/16	Sun	1909	02/19/01	Father: Charles
Reisner	Winnie Bell			1912	May/12	Sun	1912	05/09/01	Father: Charles
Reiter	Joseph			1893	Nov/??	Sun	1893	12/01/08	Wife is 85
Reiter	Mrs			1895	Jul/04	Sun	1895	07/26/04	
Relaford	Mrs John			1900		Sun	1900	12/07/05	Age 26
Renner	Roy			1918	Dec/25	Sun	1918	01/02/07	
Renner	Roy			1918	Dec/25	Sun	1918	12/26/01	
Reymore	Edith			1911	Jan/31	Sun	1911	02/03/01	
Reynolds	Alberta J			1895	Jun/??	Sun	1895	06/28/05	Wife of Adrian
Reynolds	Benjamin			1920	Feb/10	Sun	1920	02/12/05	Age 77 yrs
Reynolds	Ishmael	1853	May/06	1916	Dec/07	Sun	1916	12/14/05	
Reynolds	Leo			1905	Jul/02	Sun	1906	04/27/05	D. in Chicago
Rhienhart	(infant)			1903		Sun	1903	10/02/08	Died at Coleman
Rhoads	Ethel			1917		Sun	1917	04/26/06	
Rhodes	(infant)			1917		Sun	1917	04/26/08	Dau/o Arthur
Rice	Arthur			1897	Jan/01	Sun	1897	01/08/08	Accid gun shot
Rice	Daisy			1899		Sun	1899	10/20/09	Age 18 yrs
Rice	Fred	1885	Nov/10	1914	Oct/02	Sun	1914	10/22/01	D. in Nome AK
Rice	Kaura E	1858	Sep/11	1915	Jun/05	Sun	1915	06/10/01	Nee: McFarland
Rice	Lillian			1899		Sun	1899	10/06/05	Wife of H W
Rice	Mary W	1821	Jan/23	1908	Jun/04	Sun	1908	06/12/04	Bur Futon NY
Richards	D. W			1909		Sun	1909	06/18/05	
Richards	Henry A			1893	Apr/??	Sun	1893	05/05/01	Funeral note
Richards	Henry A			1893	Apr/??	Sun	1893	04/28/07	
Richards	Jacob L			1895	Jan/08	Sun	1895	01/25/06	Bur in St Louis
Richards	Mr			1895	Jan/??	Sun	1895	01/18/08	D. S. Pine River
Richards	Mrs Henry			1913	Jan/02	Sun	1913	01/23/05	D. in Pontiac
Richardson	Belle			1898		Sun	1898	12/16/05	Age 10 yr dau I H
Richardson	Caleb A	1843	Aug/10	1914	Jan/06	Sun	1914	01/08/01	Long obit
Richardson	Dwight			1912		Sun	1912	05/02/01	Father: I H
Richardson	Harry J	1902	Jun/14	1920		Sun	1920	01/15/01	Father: George
Richardson	Lotta Belle			1911		Sun	1911	01/27/01	Nee: Perry
Richardson	Mrs G Reid			1911		Sun	1911	02/03/01	Obit fr N Tonowand
Richardson	Mrs S S			1910	Jan/26	Sun	1910	01/28/01	
Richardson	N M			1915	Feb/23	Sun	1915	03/11/05	Bro/o I H
Richardson	Sophonra			1894	Feb/??	Sun	1894	03/02/05	Age 63 yrs
Richardson	Thomas T	1846	Mar/26	1911	Mar/26	Sun	1911	04/21/01	
Richardson	W Edward			1919	Jan/08	Sun	1919	01/16/05	
Rider	05/??			1920	May/20	Sun	1920	05/27/01	Father: John
Rider	Phoebe			1918	Sep/24	Sun	1918	10/03/05	
Riefenburg	Jessie Warner	1877	Jun/08	1907	Jul/27	Sun	1907	08/02/10	Long obit
Riefenburg	Theodore			1907		Sun	1907	12/13/08	Father: J G
Riemenschneider	Mr			1915		Sun	1915	07/22/08	d Pleasant Valley
Riemenschneider	Rex			1909	Mar/12	Sun	1909	03/19/05	father: Henry
Riesner	Mrs Frederick			1910		Sun	1910	10/28/05	D. in Saginaw
Rilett	Martyn	1895	Oct/08	1917	Apr/09	Sun	1917	04/19/01	

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Rilett	Martyn			1917		Sun	1917	04/12/06	
Riley	George			1917		Sun	1917	11/01/07	
Ripenburg	Edna			1920		Sun	1920	11/11/01	Father: George
Rittenour	James			1915		Sun	1915	03/11/01	
Ritter	Louis			1920	Feb/20	Sun	1920	02/26/01	
Ritter	Mrs E M			1911		Sun	1911	03/17/05	Mot: Mrs E Sjoland
Ritz	John			1914		Sun	1914	02/19/08	
Rivard	Frank			1904		Sun	1904	02/05/08	
Rix	Mrs E M			1913	Sep/23	Sun	1913	09/25/01	Nee: Brooks
Robbins	Ogias			1902		Sun	1902	02/14/08	Died at Coleman
Roberson	Ed			1909		Sun	1909	03/05/08	Bro: Frank
Roberson	Edward	1870	Jun/19	1909	Feb/26	Sun	1909	03/05/01	
Roberson	James O			1903	Jul/26	Sun	1903	07/31/04	
Roberson	Mrs Sidney	1858	Apr/22	1915	Jan/12	Sun	1915	01/14/01	
Roberson	Mrs Sidney			1915		Sun	1915	01/21/01	Funeral notice
Robert	Mr			1897		Sun	1897	05/28/08	
Roberts	Floyd			1915		Sun	1915	08/19/01	Accident at Dow
Roberts	Floyd	1875	Jan/23	1915	Aug/19	Sun	1915	08/26/01	
Roberts	William			1903		Sun	1903	03/27/01	
Robertson	George			1918		Sun	1918	10/31/01	
Robinson	(child)			1898		Sun	1898	09/30/08	Child of C
Robinson	Andrew			1917		Sun	1917	05/03/01	
Robinson	Andrew			1917	Apr/28	Sun	1917	05/03/02	
Robinson	Arthur			1903		Sun	1903	11/13/03	Mot: Mrs Blackmarx
Robinson	Charles			1908	Oct/12	Sun	1908	10/23/05	D. in Bay City
Robinson	Francis William			1910	Jun/07	Sun	1910	06/10/01	
Robinson	Francis William			1910	Jun/07	Sun	1910	06/10/01	
Robinson	H W			1917		Sun	1917	12/06/05	
Robinson	Henry			1907		Sun	1907	02/22/05	D. at Saginaw
Robinson	James M			1891	Mar/??	Sun	1891	04/02/04	Age 54 yrs
Robinson	John			1892	Nov/??	Sun	1892	12/08/05	
Robinson	John A			1908	Apr/17	Sun	1908	04/24/01	Lvs wife/4 child
Robinson	June E			1920	Nov/01	Sun	1920	11/04/01	Nee: Lee
Robinson	Mrs			1902		Sun	1902	10/24/05	Son Sidney
Robinson	Mrs			1893	May/??	Sun	1893	06/02/01	Age 50 yrs
Robinson	Mrs William			1892	Feb/03	Sun	1892	02/11/01	
Robinson	Stella			1919	Jan/01	Sun	1919	01/09/06	
Rochford	Sarah Elizabeth			1905		Sun	1905	10/06/05	Res: Mt Haley
Rockett	Alice			1913		Sun	1913	02/27/08	
Rockwell	Dewey Dean	1876	Sep/20	1901		Sun	1901	10/25/01	
Rockwell	Earl William			1910		Sun	1910	01/21/01	
Rockwell	Effie			1903		Sun	1903	04/03/05	Sis/in/law George
Rockwell	Effie Adel Pife			1903		Sun	1903	04/10/04	
Rockwell	Henry			1915	Mar/26	Sun	1915	04/01/01	Bro/o George
Rockwood	Emily			1901	Jul/12	Sun	1901	07/19/01	D-Eden Cntr NY
Roeller	Edith			1913		Sun	1913	10/13/01	Nee: Edith Dent
Roeller	Edith Mae	1884	Nov/04	1913	Nov/13	Sun	1913	11/20/01	Father: John Dent
Roeller	Mr			1908	Jan/02	Sun	1908	01/10/05	Son: Lorenzo
Rogers	Ad			1917		Sun	1917	07/19/06	
Rogers	Benjamin F			1907		Sun	1907	03/22/04	Bur Greentown IN
Rogers	James F	1883	May/28	1913		Sun	1913	08/14/01	
Rogers	Josephine E	1840	Jun/04	1914		Sun	1914	03/12/01	Nee: Lockwood
Rogers	Mrs Henry	1818	Mar/01	1902	Apr/07	Sun	1902	04/11/04	Nee: R Ellsworth
Rogers	Sarah			1912	Feb/19	Sun	1912	02/22/01	
Rogers	Sarah E			1918	Nov/29	Sun	1918	12/05/01	
Rohde	Herman			1901		Sun	1901	02/22/05	Died at Saginaw
Rohn	Henry G			1911		Sun	1911	05/04/05	
Rohrbeck	(infant)			1918		Sun	1918	02/28/06	Child of D
Rolston	W F			1909		Sun	1909	05/21/04	
Romahn	Mrs Andrew			1910	Apr/27	Sun	1910	04/29/01	
Rongue	Mrs Teresa			1902		Sun	1902	09/19/04	Died farm accident
Ronk	Mrs			1916		Sun	1916	05/11/08	Mot/o Ed
Ronk	Owen			1905		Sun	1905	03/10/05	D. Jaaper Twp
Rooker	Arthur L			1916		Sun	1916	05/25/05	Bro: Cyrus
Rooker	James			1893	Oct/??	Sun	1893	11/03/04	
Rooker	Joseph			1920	Jul/14	Sun	1920	07/15/01	
Rooker	Maynard			1897		Sun	1897	07/30/08	Age 4 yrs s/o Nm
Rooker	Mrs James			1912		Sun	1912	05/02/08	Age 76
Rooker	Mrs James			1899		Sun	1899	05/05/08	Mother of Cyrus
Rooker	Mrs Joseph			1912		Sun	1912	05/09/05	
Rooker	Oscar			1914	Aug/08	Sun	1914	08/20/01	Killed fighting fire
Root	Clifton			1920		Sun	1920	05/06/05	
Root	James A			1897		Sun	1897	10/08/05	
Root	James A			1897		Sun	1897	10/15/05	
Root	Mrs James			1903		Sun	1903	06/19/04	
Rosa	Comilia			1909		Sun	1909	12/03/01	Mot: Mrs E Phillip
Rose	A T			1911	Mar/28	Sun	1911	03/31/01	
Rose	Charles			1909		Sun	1909	09/03/01	
Rose	Frederick			1901		Sun	1901	07/19/08	Accid w/team horse
Rose	John F	1836	Oct/28	1912	Jan/27	Sun	1912	02/01/01	B. Germany
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