

# IONIA COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Ionia County Genealogical Society is a non-profit volunteer group whose mission is to create awareness and preserve family histories within the Ionia County area. The focus of this group will be to develop genealogical resources and to assist all those seeking local history.

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### WELCOME TO ANOTHER NEW YEAR

1999 has been an exciting and busy year for ICGS. You can be very proud of the accomplishments of our society and we are now working on obtaining our goals for the year 2000. During the past year we have added 22 new members to our First Families of Ionia County Society. With that, over 5,000 names have been indexed and made available to anyone who visits our website or library.

We have organized a number of committees and they are busy doing things like, updating the cemetery records for the county, working on funeral home records, state death record indexing project, a research committee, we are working on a new member handbook for the society, a surname directory, and a tax records committee. We have also begun groups like a computer interest group, sunshine committee, library committee, Depot Day committee, Women's Festival committee, and a newspaper committee. Many hands make light work, so if any of these committees spark a little interest for you, let us know so we can get you involved. It is a wonderful way to make new friends and learn more about this wonderful addiction we have, called Genealogy!

We have had some people make life changes that affected ICGS too. As we mentioned in one of our past newsletters, Beth Wills has stepped down as our GenWeb coordinator and that position has been taken over by Judy Palmaffy.

Marilyn Steward, our Vice-President, has had to step down from her position effective December 31, 1999. Marilyn and her husband are travelling south during the winter months which makes her unavailable to meet on the board, but Marilyn has organized and is supervising the cemetery project for ICGS, so she will still be an active member.

I am really excited about the direction our society is moving. We are constantly looking for innovative ways to teach, learn and preserve the Ionia County family history. Without the support of members, like you, this would not be possible. I am so happy to be a part of such a fast growing organization and look forward to serving you in our fourth year. May God bless each and everyone of you this new year and keep you in His care.

Pam Swiler, President



Genealogy: It's all relative in the end anyway.

### Those To Whom We Are Indebted

Odessa's Contribution to Civil War  
Ranks, 26 Never Returned, 30 Were  
More Fortunate

The following is from the Lake Odessa Wave-Times, February 8, 1924

Contributed by Ford Wright

Resulting from the untiring efforts of several weeks of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Musgrove assisted by Rev. Isaac Mourer, we are able to give our readers a list of the Civil War Veterans who went from Odessa township.

We of the first generation since that war are interested in these men who were our fathers and who were the grandfathers of the second generation.

For years we have been interested in the Grand Army of the Republic. We enjoyed the Memorial services conducted by them each year and appreciated the heroic sacrifice they made for this nation. They have taught our young people the necessity of national pride and that a strong nation depends on the valor of its manhood, their devotion and faithfulness.

One by one nearly all of Odessa's civil war sons have responded to the Great Roll Call, until there are now only two left, Robert Musgrove of Lake Odessa and James Buxton of

Hastings. Others are here now but none that marched away from this township, that we know of.

The local G.A.R. Post was named in honor of one of these veterans, Valentine **BRETZ**.

Fred **BIPPLEY** died in Andersonville prison.

Dan **HAUSERMAN** died in Libby prison.

The following died in action or hospitals:

Jessie **CRAPO**  
James **SWEIGART**  
Leonard **BROWN**  
Nelson **MERRELL**  
Marion **KIBBY**  
John **WAITE**  
Erastus **VANDYKE**  
Isaac **FIQUES**  
Silas **ADAMS**  
J. A. **BLAKE**  
Oliver **MOURER**  
Edward **ANWAY**  
A. W. **DEAN**  
Thomas **DYSINGER**  
Oscar **HUNT**  
Frank **GREEN**  
Oscar **POSTEL**  
William **BROCAW**  
Joe **DEAN**  
Oliver **MARCH**  
Charles **WRIGHT**  
Sylvauns **DUNTLEY**  
John **REAHM**

The following returned home:

Thomas **CRAPO**  
Emanuel **CRAMER**  
Charles **TUPPER**  
Ira **TUPPER**  
William **MATHEWS**  
John **KNAPP**  
Ephriam **BRETZ**  
Malicha **BURNS**  
King **OLMSTEAD**  
Neal **ALDEN**  
Eber **BROWCHAW**  
Charles **SICKLES**  
George **POSTEL**  
Henry **SHIRE**  
Ashley **RUSSELL**

Francis **HASKINS**  
Valmore **HASKINS**  
James **BUXTON**  
George **HOUSEMAN**  
Abe **KETCHAM**  
Sam **BARBER**  
Fred **LEAT**  
Jake **GAPSY**  
George **HARRINGTON**  
William **POSTEL**  
Robert **MUSGROVE**  
Lafe **DAVIS**  
John **SHAFER**  
Valentine **BRETZ**  
Christian **HILLER**  
Philo **WHITE**

**1999 FIRST FAMILIES OF IONIA  
COUNTY SOCIETY  
INDUCTION**

The Ionia County Genealogical Society recently accepted 22 new members into its First Families of Ionia County Society. The new members were honored at a banquet held at the LeValley Methodist Church in Ionia, which was attended by 84 guests. The dinner was catered by the church's women's group.

The purpose of the society is to collect and preserve the history of Ionia County families. Members are required to complete an application process, proving that they are a descendent of a person who resided in Ionia County prior to December 31, 1880. Members must map out each step, connecting themselves to that ancestor, and provide proper documentation. Each new member received a certificate, which indicated that they had completed that process.

Entertainment was provided by guest speaker, Lola **HALLER**, PhD as she played out the role of a woman who lived during the Civil War times.

The newest members of the First Families of Ionia County Society are David S. **BELDING**, Chicago, IL; Philip **SMITH**, Camarillo, CA; Fawn **DEPUY**, Fayetteville, IL; Richard **CANFIELD**, Iola, KS; Seymour **VANDERSKE**, Lyons, MI; Elizabeth **ENGLISH**, Farmington, NY; Dale **JACKSON**, Aurora, OH; Jean **EDGERLY**, Charlotte, MI; Lola **HALLER**, Lake Odessa, MI; John **CURRIGAN**, Holt, MI; Gayle J. **CARSON**, Tulsa, OK; Bruce and Roslyn **FAHRNI**, Clarksville, MI; Master Gerald W. **GRIESER II**, Clarksville, MI; Oren Washington **DANIELS**, Lake Odessa, MI; Polly A. **MCKENDRY**, Ionia, MI; John W. **COOK**, Lake Odessa, MI; Mildred **RICE**, Portland, MI; LeeAnna **EDWARDS**, Grand Ledge, MI; Ashley M. **NICHOLSON**, Holland, MI; June **GORMAN**, Grant, MI; and Suzanne **CARPENTER**, Comstock Park, MI

Gerald **GRIESER II** was the youngest member at the age of 5, and Oren **DANIELS**, was the eldest, celebrating his 90th birthday. Gerald's grandparents, Roslyn and Bruce **FAHRNI** completed the application process for their grandson.

Dale **JACKSON** is relocating to the Lake Odessa area with his family as soon as his new home is completed. Dale is related to Oren **DANIELS** as well as many other members of the society. He is the author of at least two books and has a wealth of information on the **JACKSON** family in this area.

Seymour **VANDERSKE** was recently accepted into the Pioneer Families of America Society - a nation-wide organization.

Applications are being accepted now for our First Families Society for the year 2000. Anyone interested in becoming a member should contact ICGS for an application.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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BRETZ, BEARDSLEY, KENYON
- ◆ Ray & Norma MARTIN  
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CASPER, MONKS, PHILLIPS
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lower case "L", not a number

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DEAN, HOGUE, IRISH, MCVEIGH,  
SMELLINGER, SWARTS, VANCE

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winter addresses for "snow birds"

## QUERIES

If you have information that may help someone, but you are not on the Internet, please send the information to Pamela K. Swiler, President, ICGS, 13051 Ainsworth Rd., Route 3, Lake Odessa, MI 48849

- ◆ I have a record in the 1850 census of Portland Twp. for a Phimando KINNEY and family (wife, Hulda; children, Mary Sarah, Sylvester, Jerome and Drjia(?). I have tried various spellings of Phimando and come up with a Fernando KINNEY, who married a

Jane, but not in Ionia County. Census says both Phimando and Hulda were born in NY and both were 37 years of age. Does anyone have any information on this family? Sarah was my ggg grandmother, she married Sgt. Orren DANIELS in 1863. Sarah is buried in West Sebewa cemetery. I would like to find out Hulda's last name, a town or county in NY for parents birth, anything.

Mary DENNISON, Grand Rapids  
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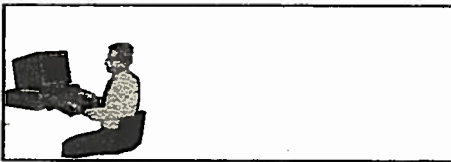
- ◆ I am looking for information in Increase WILKINSON. I found he and his family on the 1850 Ionia County, Orange Twp. census. His wife was Lydia and children, George, Sally and Francis. I would like his death date and burial site. I believe that Increase died prior to 1870 as census shows Lydia living on farm with son, George, wife Harriet, and grandchild, Minnie. In 1880 census records show George, and children, Minnie, Vernon and Hiram still living with Lydia who is now married to Perry LAMPMAN.

Pat WILSON SCOTT  
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- ◆ I am looking for information on Lewis C. KENYON who lived in Lyons Twp., from 1878-1889 when he died at age 61. He was born in Saratoga County in November 1828, and moved to Lenawee, MI between 1830 and 1840 with his parents. Anything you might have on him, or his parents, Amos W. and Rebecca Ann CLOSE KENYON would be helpful. Would also like to know who Lewis' grandfather was. Believe it was either Job KENYON or James KENYON, but can't pin down which.  
Donna SMITH  
e-mail: <dsmith@efortress.com>

Charles LOVELESS, of Grand Rapids, and Miss Minnie JEWELL of this city [Ionia], were married this afternoon and took the 3:30 train for Grand Rapids.

February 14, 1894, Ionia Daily Standard



**REMEMBER YOU DON'T NEED A PERSONAL COMPUTER TO ACCESS WEB-SITES. MOST PUBLIC LIBRARIES HAVE COMPUTERS FOR PUBLIC USE.**

♦ Western Michigan Genealogy Society's searchable databases - a database of 300,383 death notices and obituaries in the Kent County, MI newspapers from 1931 to 1999: <<http://www.wmgs.org/>>

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

New additions to the ICGS Library were donated by Pamela SWILER. They are Lyons/Muir, Michigan History Book. Published by the Lyons Historical Society and Ionia, Michigan Centennial 1873-1973. Published by William COLLEY. Thank you Pam for your generosity.

**The Portland Area Historical Society**

The Portland Area Historical Society was organized September 24, 1970 subsequent to the city's centennial celebration the year previous. Goals of the society are to preserve the past and present for the future, and to inform the residents of the community of their historical heritage. Historic photographs and audio tapes on local topics have been accumulated over

the years, and are made available at the Portland Public Library.

The membership of about 25 meets at the Portland Area Service Group, 144 Kent Street, at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the months of January, February, April, May, September, and October. Historical programs, light refreshments, and good conversation are enjoyed. Officers for the 1999-2000 year are President Robert TORP-SMITH, Vice President, Wilbur PEAKE, Secretary Marsha BOERGER, and Treasurer, Ford WRIGHT. Visitors and new members are welcome!

**STATE ARCHIVES OF MICHIGAN CERT. OF NATURALIZATION**

Certificates of naturalization give number, name, age, date of transaction, place and date where declaration of intention filed, date and place where petition filed, date and place where order filed, and residence of each.

County Dates Record Index

Allegan 1850-1956	RG94-342	No	
Calhoun 1892-1980	RG91-270	Yes	
Cass 1855-1929	WMU Archives		
Genesee 1838-1931	RG81-44	Yes	
	1931-1964	RG90-296	Yes
Hillsdale 1846-1930	RG85-09	Yes	
Keweenaw 1862-1954	RG960219	No	
Luce 1887-1929	RG82-116	Yes	
	1929-1956	RG94-379	Yes
Mecosta 1849-1956	RG-90-274	Yes	

We will publish more counties as space permits in future newsletters

**JOHN AND FREDERICKA KLOTZ FAMILY**  
Contributed by Elaine Garlock

According to the records of Rev. Heath TALCOTT GOODWIN, John and Fredericka KLOTZ came from Germany in 1855 because of the

oppressive regime and hardships. They bought 40 acres in Orange Township, Ionia County, near Portland after spending 2 years near Plymouth working to earn money enough to buy some land. Records show that John was a member of the Grange organization. He was Ionia County Highway Commissioner in 1881. The farm passed from the first John KLOTZ to John Augustus KLOTZ in 1894. The next owner was A. Fred KLOTZ, grandson of the immigrant John. Fred and his wife had daughters Nellie Rose and Marguerite. Nellie married Andrew Brace GOODWIN, a lawyer, who practiced in Carson City. Fred was Orange township clerk in 1910-1911. He was township supervisor 1912-1913. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and a member of the Portland Country Club. Andrew and Nellie had sons, Harold, Raymond, and Fred. Harold married Gertrude ALLSOPP, and had sons Robert and Heath.

There was an orchard on the Klotz farm with apple, peach and pear trees. When Heath and Alice were serving the Ionia Methodist Church in the late 1950's they were recipients of bushels of fruit from the farm of Uncle Fred KLOTZ.

Klotz Road is between sections 23 and 26 of the township. Grand River Avenue was formerly US-16 in Ionia County. About four miles east of M-66 the road curves to the southeast. Klotz Road is a continuation straight east from the first curve and is a gravel road so Klotz Road is less than a mile long.

Likely the Fred KLOTZ farm was on Section 23, Orange Township, more than 200 acres, at the corner of Gregory Road and Klotz Road.

Members of this family are buried in Portland.

**ACRONYMS**

CBKA Commandery Benevolent Knights Association  
FAA Free and Accepted Amerians  
ISH Independent Sons of Honor  
KM Knights Militant  
KC Knights of Columbus  
K of P Knights of Pythias  
KSTP Knights of St. Paul  
KSTP Knights of St. Peter  
KOTM Knights of Macabees  
POSA Patriotic Order of Sons of America  
SV Sons of Veterans  
UCV United Confederate Veterans

**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD PENSIONS**

If a person worked for the railroad after 1936, he might have qualified for a pension from the Railroad Retirement Board in lieu of Social Security. That's why researchers don't find those ancestors in the Social Security Death Index. Most Railroad Retirement employees Social Security numbers begin with 700-729. Researchers can write to: Railroad Retirement Board, 844 Rush St., Chicago, IL 60611

From the Ionia Daily Standard, February 14, 1894

The Portland slander case of Nellie LOUSCHER vs. Frank ROE has occupied the attention of Circuit Court all day yesterday and today.

Elmer STEBBINS returned this afternoon with a Bride, who maiden name was Nettie V. BLASDELL, and whom he found in Paris, Ontario. Elmer is a son of Seymour STEBBINS, is one of the worthy young men of this section, now and for several years book-keeper for J.S.W. PIERSON of Stanton.

From the Belding Home News, September 9, 1880

Mrs. D. B. BENTON left her home in this township on Saturday last, taking with her two children, clothing and money. Her husband was at church at the time. He found her stopping at T. Currie's. He recovered clothing, and wishes to guard the public against harboring or trusting her on his account as he will pay no bills of her contracting.

**Examination of Teachers**

A teachers examination for Otisco will be held at the school house at Cook's Corners, on Saturday, September 11th, 1880, at which time all persons expecting to teach in this township should be present, as no private examinations will be held, except on showing that it was impossible for the applicant to be present at the regular examination. J. T. JOSLIN, Supt. of Schools

**Sunfield Sentinel**

September 16, 1937  
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**THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Mr. and Mrs. John T. JACKSON Were Married Half Century Ago Last Saturday.

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John T. JACKSON was celebrated at their home in this village Saturday with many relatives and friends attending.

John JACKSON and Miss Edith DILLEY were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas DILLEY in Oneida and attendants were the Misses Nellie and Edith MILLER as bridesmaids and the best men were Irwin DILLEY and Bert JACKSON. The ceremony was read by Rev. CLAYTON of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr.

and Mrs. JACKSON made their home in Roxand until 18 years ago, since that time they have lived in Sunfield village.

The Misses Etheleen JACKSON and Reva June VANHOUTEN furnished music and a reading by Mrs. Sue JACKSON BISHOP were much enjoyed.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to the guests by Mrs. Mable STRYKER, Mrs. Bessie JACKSON, Mrs. Goldia JACKSON and Elaine SQUIRES.

Mr. and Mrs. JACKSON have one daughter, Mrs. Mable STRYKER of Roxand; two sons, Charlie of Roxand and Frank of Sunfield; 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Guests were present from Dearborn, Battle Creek, Nashville, Lansing, Grand Ledge, Lake Odessa and Woodbury.

Many lovely gifts were received by the happy couple. Some were sent from New York City, New Mexico, North Dakota and Chicago.

One hundred and six guests registered in their bridal book. We join the company with hearty congratulations.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank our children, grandchildren, friends and relatives for making our anniversary so delightful and for the delicious wedding cake.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. JACKSON

Contributed by Jan SEDORE

**CONDOLENCES**

We were recently informed that the husband of our member, Benita Bowman, Ervin R. Bowman, passed away on July 14, 1999. We would like to extend the sympathy of the ICGS family to Benita and her family.

**Military Pension Files Summary,  
Certificate #71940 for William H.  
EASTON.**

Contributed by Cindy Bryant

William H. EASTON was born January 18, 1847 at Manchester, Washtenaw Co., MI. He was enrolled in Company B., 17th MI Volunteers on 12 August 1862 at Manchester, MI. He mustered out 29 June 1865 with the 27th Company, 2nd Battery to which he was transferred December 1, 1863. Another paper said he was transferred October 17, 1864. His residences after discharge were Manchester 1867-1868; Ionia 1868-1870, Central Lake 1870 and on. He received a pension from Detroit for \$12.00 a month started 31 October 1876. The pension was for the loss of three toes on each foot having to be amputated due to frostbite. He was taken sick at the camp near Falmouth about 14 December 1863 with Lyphus Fever, and both feet badly frozen, and 6 toes were amputated.

William was married twice to Ionia County women. First to Minerva S. MABIE on 28 May 1871. She died September 17 (or 14), 1901. The marriage was at Palo, MI by Elder MUNGER, recorded in Montcalm County, MI. His second wife was Nettie EDMONDS BEACH, widow of Guy BEACH, (married September 11, 1888, died November 20, 1902 at Orleans, MI) on June 14, 1904 by Martin L. FOX, pastor of ME Church at Ionia, MI. He was 57, she was 41. Death certificate for Guy BEACH #5647, died at Orleans Twp., Ionia County, age 39 yr, 7 mo, 24 da from appendicitis, farmer. Parents: James BEACH, Ohio, Mary BEMENT, NY.

William H. EASTON died at Central Lake, MI on July 26, 1916, son of Enos EASTON and Catherine WARNER both of NY. Age 69 yrs.,

6 mo, 8 day. He was a Liveryman. 5'11", light complected, blue eyes and light hair and a farmer when he enlisted.

Only child listed was Charles W. EASTON, born May 26, 1874.

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS**

Refreshments July to November:  
Lois CURTISS, Bonnie JACKSON,  
Jackie GUILLAND, Lori FOX,  
Merilee MORRISON-COTTER.

Welcome Committee  
July to November:  
Karen REMINGTON, Jim MOSES,  
Teresa SWEET, Sharon KISELA,  
Elaine GARLOCK.

**HEADSTONES OF UNION CIVIL  
WAR VETERANS**

Finding the graves of 166,000 Union soldiers of the Civil War has become easier thanks to NARA microfilm publication M1845, Card Records of Headstones Provided for Deceased Union Civil War Veterans, ca. 1879-ca. 1903 (22 rolls).

The Act of Congress of February 3, 1879 (20 Stat.281) extended the privilege of government-provided gravestones to soldiers buried in private cemeteries. This act provided:

*...That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to erect headstones over the graves of soldiers who served in the Regular or Volunteer Army of the United States during the war for the Union, and who have been buried in private village or city cemeteries...*

*The Secretary of War shall cause to be preserved in the records of his Department the names and places of such burial of all soldiers for whom such headstones shall have been erected by authority of this or any former acts...*

As a result of this act, the Cemetery Branch of the Office of the Quartermaster General began keeping a card record of all headstone (gravestones) provided for Union Civil War soldiers.

These records consist of 3x4 inch cards arranged alphabetically by surname, then by first name. The cards include some or all of the following information about each soldier: rank, company, and regiment; place of burial, including the cemetery's name, and the community, county, and state in which it is located; grave number, if any; date of death; name of contractor who supplied the headstone; and the date of the contract under which the stone was provided. Most of the burials occurred in private cemeteries, probably in the county of the soldier's last residence. Some burials were made at National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

The soldiers for whom these gravestones were provided were Union Civil War soldiers who died between ca. 1861 and ca. 1903; however, a few War of 1812 veterans and at least one Revolutionary War soldier are also included.

At some point after information had been recorded on the cards, a paper cutter was used to cut off approximately one-eighth inch of each card. This resulted in the upper parts of some names being cut off; these names may be difficult to read. In some cases, the names have been rewritten below the original.

M1845 is available for public viewing at the National Archives Building, Washington, DC, and at the 13 NARA regional records services facilities in Anchorage, AK; Atlanta, GA; Boston (Waltham), MA; Chicago, IL; Denver, CO, Fort Worth, TX; Kansas City, MO, Laguna Niguel, CA; New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA; Pittsfield, MA; San Francisco, CA; and Seattle, WA.

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Roll breaks for the 22 rolls of M1845 are as follows: Roll 1, Aab-Barwis; roll 2, Baschensky-Brand; roll 3, Brandon-Carlisle; roll 4, Carlie-Coop; roll 5, Cooper-Dery; roll 6, DeSantos-Erxleben; roll 7, Esbin-Gardipe; roll 8, Gardner-Haisley; roll 9, Hake-Higgins; roll 10, Higgs-Jaynes; roll 11, Jeamrings-Knittle; roll 12, Knobbe-Lowyles; roll 13, Loy-McFurrow; roll 14, McGaffee-Morford; roll 15, Morgan-Osom; roll 16, Ossinger-Pugh; roll 17, Pugsley-Rohrscheib; roll 18, Roice-Sheldon; roll 19, Sheley-Starkes; roll 20, Starkey-Truax; roll 21, Trubee-Wertz; roll 22, Wesbrooks-Zylerwicz. NARA microfilm publications are also available for sale for \$34 per roll ordered. To order, call 1-800-234-8861.

The above information was excerpted from Family History by Connie Potter and Clair Prechtel-Klusken, editors first published on The Record, March 1998 for the National Archives and Records Administration. URL: <http://www.nara.gov/publications/record/mar98/family.htm>

**EARLY DIVORCE RECORDS  
PRIOR TO 1880 FOR IONIA  
COUNTY, MI  
Submitted by Beth Wills**

Only letters A, D, E, F, G, I, J, K, L are available at this time.

Date/Names/Record #

1865 ADAMS Christina vs. William 395  
1870 ADAMS Sarah vs. Thomas 793  
1862 ALDERMAN William vs. Emily 299

1879 ALDIN Melvin vs. Mary 1509  
1876 ALDRICH Albie vs. Stephen 1278  
1877 ANDERSON Lester vs. Ella 1353  
1876 ANIBA Emma vs. William 1231  
1843 ARMSBURY Richard vs. Mahitable 136  
1870 AVERY George vs. Martha 794  
1872 AVERY George vs. Martha 905  
1879 DAILEY Ellen vs. George 1570  
1879 DANIELS Mary vs. Charles 1559  
1876 DEPPE Mary vs. Albert 1297  
1869 DICKERSON Almira vs. Charles 731  
1879 DICKERSON James vs. Anna 1510  
1873 DOUGLAS Alice vs. Charles 991  
1874 DRAVENSTRATT Elizabeth vs. Soloman 1108  
1878 DUNCAN Alexander vs. Hannah 1462  
1874 DUNZEE Sarah vs. George 1039  
1875 DURKEE George vs. Esther 1191  
1865 DYE George vs. Lydia 413  
1874 EDELY Mary vs. William 1080  
1875 EDWARDS Mary vs. George 1169  
1871 EGGLESTON Mary vs. Ansen 868  
1877 ELLISON Anna vs. Warren 1324  
1859 ELLSWORTH Mary vs. George 225  
1869 ELVERT Ann vs. William 673  
1879 FAHEY Catherine vs. Thomas 1575  
1866 FAY Darwin vs. Fanny 485  
1872 FERGUSON Louisa vs. William 890  
1877 FERRIS Joshua vs. Catharine 1385  
1867 FINCH Smith vs. Emilino 518  
1871 FISH Emery vs. Zaniel 830  
1866 FISHER Margaret vs. D. Leroy 440  
1876 FORD Albert vs. Mattie 1296  
1868 FOSTER Tirza vs. William 525  
1875 FREEMAN Emma vs. Philander 1178  
1872 GALLOP John vs. Sarah 896  
1853 GARDNER Juliza vs. Sidney 43  
1864 GELOCK Martin vs. Mary 377  
1873 GIBSON Charles vs. Jane 1007  
1870 GILLETT George vs. Ellen 784  
1865 GILLILAND Ruth vs. Samuel 1092  
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- 1873 LOTT Deby vs. Charles 1008
- 1876 LOTT Charles vs. Deborah 1250
- 1879 LUMBERT Mary vs. Sylvester 1532
- 1878 LUSK Louisa vs. George 1425
- 1869 LYON Mary vs. Iva 701
- 1875 LYON Mary vs. Ira 1131
- 1879 LYON Catherine vs. Isaac 1545

From the Ionia Sentinel  
March 21, 1873

**Married**

**ARNOLD-DOTY** - In Campbell, on the 9th inst. by James B. Post, Esq. Mr. Henry **ARNOLD** of Ionia and Miss Emma **DOTY** of Berlin.

**FORMER LOCAL RESIDENT DIED VERY SUDDENLY**

The Belding Michigan  
Banner-News  
May 16, 1923

Fred **DORMAN**-aged 71 years, for many years a resident of this city and vicinity, passed away very suddenly at his home near Barryton, on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Mr. **DORMAN** had not complained and had been in his usual good health. He had been outside the house and coming in sat down and was talking with his wife. The conversation lagged a minute and when she looked toward Mr. **DORMAN** again, she saw that he was dying. He passed away almost instantly. The body was brought to this city on Friday afternoon and funeral services were held in the Church of Christ, Rev. H.E. **CURCH** officiating and burial was in River Ridge cemetery. Surviving are the widow, a daughter, Mrs. Clark **WOLFE**, of Ionia and a grandson, Fred **KNAPP**, of this city. Mr. **DORMAN** was for many years employed in the local factories and he has many friends here and in other cities who will regret to learn of his death.

Mr. **DORMAN** was an orphan boy, who with a carload of other orphans was brought from the orphanage at Randall's Island, New York, to Ionia and from the county seat they were taken to farms all over the county. He was ten years old at the time, making it sixty-one years ago that he came to this vicinity. A brother and a sister were taken to other places.

**DORMAN** came with a lot of other orphans, in care of a man by the name of **TRACY**, to the Baptist Church at Cook's Corners, where an effort was made to place them with farmers in the country. They had contracts by which the children could be either adopted or taken conditionally for a time. Mr. and Mrs. Michael **WETER**, parents of A.E. **WETER** and grandparents to

Guy D. **WETER** were at the church and promised to give young **DORMAN** a home for a time until he could get a permanent place. He made his home with the **WETERS** for two years and then went from there to a family by the name of **THOMPSON** and also for a time with Asher **SHAW**'s family.

Mr. **DORMAN** never heard from his sister, from whom he was separated when he was brought here, but about five or six years ago he traced a brother out and found him living at Grass Creek, Indiana. This man is John H. **DORMAN** and he had been taken to Grass Creek with a lot of other orphans and has always resided in that vicinity. A few years ago he came up here and the two long separated brothers had a number of meetings before death stepped in and ended the life of Mr. **DORMAN** at Barryton.

**GOLDEN WEDDING**

Last Wednesday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. John C. **KLOTZ**, of Orange, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their married life, there being almost fifty of their relatives and neighbors present. Many presents were given to them, among the most valuable ones were a handsome gold headed cane, an elegant easy chair, gold spectacles, etc. The presentation speech was made in an earnest and affecting manner by John M. **GIBBS**, of this place. Mr. **KLOTZ** was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Feb. 10th, 1809, was married to Fredreka **TRIEBER**, Jan. 24th, 1836, came to Michigan and settled in Orange township in 1853, where they have resided up to the present time. The Observer was kindly remembered on the above occasion, on the receipt of a supply of cake which will fill the demand in our household for several days to come. We wish Mr. and Mrs. **KLOTZ** many, many years of joy and peace.

From the Portland Observer, Vol. XVII February 17, 1886.



**HINES/HINDS FAMILIES OF IONIA CTY, MI  
1850 - 1900**

**Patricia Hines Bravender**

The surnames Hines and Hinds were often used interchangeably by members of the same family line and even by individuals. They are both relatively common English/Irish surnames in the U.S. I began researching these surnames in Ionia County in an attempt to trace my own family line, which began there with the arrival of my great-great grandfather, Richard S. Hines, prior to the Civil War. In the course of my research I found a surprising number of individuals from at least six unrelated families with these surnames. In an effort to sort out my own line, I noted all of these records and began developing genealogies for each family.

The data I have collected will be printed in this and upcoming issues of the IGSN. I have not exhausted the records in Ionia County, and there is still a lot of research that can be done. I usually did not trace a female after marriage, and most of the information I have collected falls within the time frame of 1850-1900. This project resembled a jigsaw puzzle and I sometimes made judgments based on a preponderance of the evidence. It should not be regarded as a definitive genealogy for these family lines, but I hope it will be a helpful starting point for other researchers. I would appreciate any additions or corrections to this information. Patricia Bravender, 300 Paris S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503-4717, or email at <brav@iserv.net>. I want to thank my aunt, Linda Hines Wessel, for all her help collecting these records and my grandmother, Helen Nicklas Hines, for her incredible memory.

**Key to abbreviations:**

bc birth certificate (Ionia Cty. unless otherwise indicated)  
cd Ionia County Directory  
cem cemetery record  
cen census record  
dc death certificate (Ionia Cty. unless otherwise indicated)  
IGI Church of the Latter Day Saints International Genealogical Index on-line database  
at [www.familysearch.com](http://www.familysearch.com)  
mr marriage record (Ionia Cty. unless otherwise indicated)  
MSS Michigan Soldiers & Sailors in the Civil War  
obit obituary  
Shenk History of Ionia and Montcalm Counties by Shenk

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D.G.H.&W. Shops and the bride was a teacher in the Ionia Schools. (wedding announcement in Ionia newspaper) John died in July 1940 (obit Grand Rapids Press) in Yonkers, NY. At the time of his death he was survived by one son:

Forest E.

3. Jay b. ca 1838 or 1839 (cen.) He married Jennie **CHILD** in Ionia. (mr) Jay served in Co. E Eng. & Mech. in the Civil War. (MSS) He later lived in Walkerville, MI He was a carpenter. Their known child was:

Frankie W. b. Jan(?) 1868 in Ionia (br). Frankie is identified as being female on the birth record.

4. **Herbert** b. May, 1844 in Ionia. (cen)<sup>3</sup> Like his father and older brother, Nelson, he was also a blacksmith. He served in the Civil War in Co. E, Eng. & Mech. (MSS) He married Amelia<sup>4</sup> (Millie) **BRADLEY** (cen), dau. of Wm. **BRADLEY** of NY and Delia **KNOCKBOCKER** (probably **Knickerbocker**) of NY (dc). Amelia b. June 1845 in MI (cen) and d. 8/11/1906 in Ionia of an enlarged liver. (dc) They are buried in Oakhill Cemetery. (cem)

Their children were:

Charles E. (also called Eddie) was b. Oct. 1869. (cen) He was a locomotive engineer. (cen) He married Rosa **DODGE**. (mr) Charles d. in 1935. (cem) and Rosa before 1900.<sup>5</sup> Charles is buried in Oakhill Cem. Children unknown.

Herbert W. (also called Bertie) was b. June, 1873. (cen) He married Lovisa E. **PIERCE** (mr) who was born Oct. 1877 (cen). She died in 1961. (cem) Herbert died 7/18/1927 in Ionia of cancer. (dc) He was a farmer. (dc) They are both buried in Oakhill Cemetery. Their son was:

Leo B who married first Gladys **MERRIL** (mr) and second, Sue **MAGLEY** (mr)

Male, stillborn Sept. 1880 (bc)

Fred W. b. 1892 d. 1948 (cen, cem)

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<sup>3</sup> Herbert was identified as "Robert" on the 1850 census

<sup>4</sup> Amelia's name is Hannah on her son, Herbert W's, death certificate.

<sup>5</sup> Charles is a widower in the 1900 census.

**EMERSON HINDS and LOUISA MARIAH HILL  
(OTISCO TWP., IONIA CTY., MI)**

**ARTEMAS HINDS and EMILY HOSFORD  
(EASTON TWP., IONIA CTY. MI)**

Emerson **HINDS** was the executor of Artemas **HINDS**' estate that was probated in Ionia County on 6/1/1863. Although this is the only evidence linking these two **HINDS** individuals, they are being treated as related families.

Emerson **HINDS** b. ca. 1819 (dc) in NY (cen). He married Louisa Mariah **HILL**<sup>1</sup> on 5/31/1846 in Ionia. (mr). "Maria" b. NY ca. 1819 (cen.) Emerson d. in Otisco Twp. on 9/6/1897 of stomach cancer (dc). No record of "Maria's" death or burial or Emerson's burial was found.

Their children were:

1. **John P.** b. Jan., 1847 (1900 cen.). He married Elizabeth **LITTLE**<sup>2</sup> (mr). She was b. April, 1858 in Canada (1900 cen.) Her parents were b. in Germany (cen). John d. 2/4/1914 in Otisco of endocarditis at age 66 (dc).
2. **Ellen (Ella)** b. ca. 1850 (1860 cen.) Married Cyrus **BEEDY** on 6/1/1872 (mr)
3. **Morris E.** (also spelled Maurice) b. 1851/52 in MI. (1860 cen). He married first Lucy **CULBERT**<sup>3</sup> on 12/25/1878 (mr). She was b. ca. 1858, the dau. of Alfred **CULBERT** and Dorcas **HOLCUM** (dc). He married second, Margaret **DENTON** on 2/10/1904, the dau. of Silas **WHITE** and Hannah **SHERMAN** (mr). Morris d. 2/28/1918 of cancer (dc). Morris and Lucy are buried in River Ridge Cemetery (cem).  
Child of Morris and Lucy:  
**Alfred V.** b. 1895, d. 1913 (cem.) Buried River Ridge Cemetery (cem).
4. **Edgar** b. ca. 1857 (1860 cen.)

Artemas **HINDS** b. ca. 1823 (mr) or 1826 (cen.) in N.Y. He married Emily **HOSFORD** on 3/20/1846 in Ionia. (mr). She was b. ca. 1828 in NY (cen). His occupation was laborer (cen.) Artemas d. of disease in Murfreesboro, TN on 5/21/1863 while serving in Co K 21st Inf during the Civil War. He is buried in Stone River Nat'l Cemetery in Murfreesboro, TN. (MSS, 31-54)

Their son was:

**Charles B.** b. ca 1849 MI (cen)

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<sup>1</sup> There is some confusion about the name of his wife. On the death certificates of two of the children, she is identified as Maria "Ornatt" sp?, and she is identified as "Maria" on census.

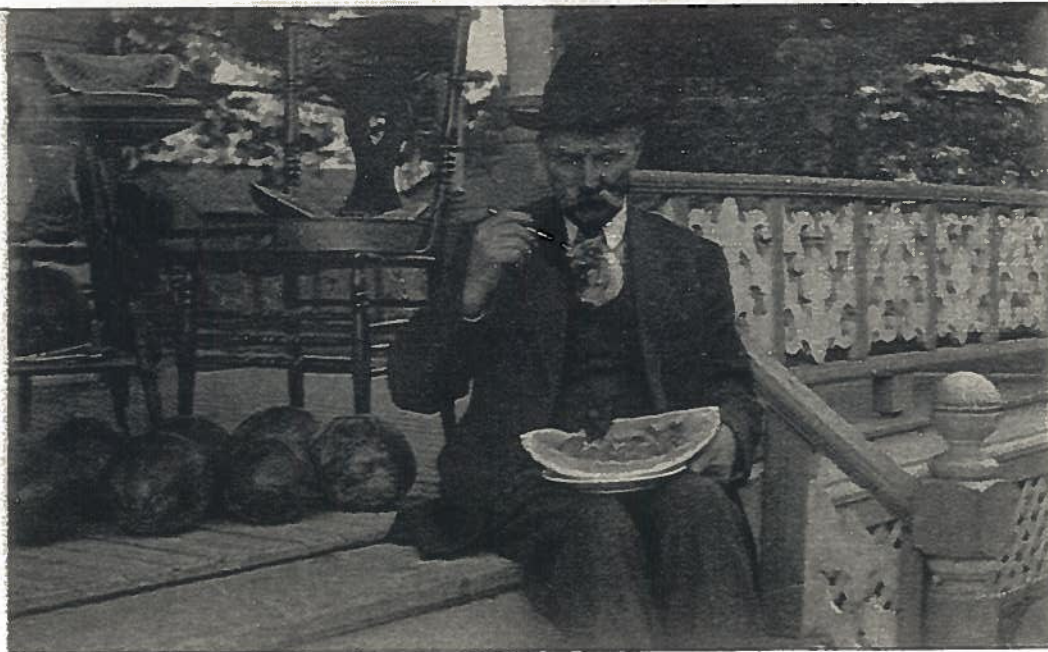
<sup>2</sup> According to the 1900 census, Elizabeth was 37 when she married John P. and he was 48 and they had only been married for five years.. She was the mother of 3 children who were not living with them at the time of the census. It is probable that these were her children from an earlier marriage.

<sup>3</sup> Lucy's name is Hurlbertt (sp.) on mr but her father is identified as Culbert on her dc.



This is the home of **Daniel F. Saxton** and his wife, **Anna Pelton Saxton**. This house is located on the corner of Kent Street and Mulliken Road in Portland, Michigan. Daniel and his wife are sitting on the porch. Below is a photo of Daniel F. Saxton enjoying his wonderful watermelons. It is told that he had the best watermelons in the county.

-Original photos owned by Marilyn J. (Swiler) Compton.



## Highlight on our First Families of Ionia County Society Members



### Member Number 2 Wayne Arlow Swiler

Wayne was born in Portland, Ionia County, Michigan on January 1, 1945, and was raised in Lake Odessa, Ionia Co., Michigan all of his life. He has lived for the past 50 years within two miles of the place where he and his three sisters were raised.

Wayne is employed by Herbruck's Poultry Ranch in Saranac, Michigan, as a maintenance supervisor, and also has served for the past 20 years on the Board of Directors as Vice-President, for Tri-County Electric Cooperative. In his spare time, Wayne enjoys fishing, hunting, and travelling.

Wayne is a descendent of Charles AVES, Estella GREINER, and Harriott CATT. According to the death certificate for Harriott CATT, she was born in England on 1 Oct 1838 and was the wife of Charles H. AVES. They had a son, Charles AVES, who was born 15 Sept 1874 in Sebewa, Ionia County, Michigan. Charles married Estella Mary GREINER on 20 FEB 1895 in Eaton County, Michigan. She died in Eaton County 7 July 1958 of a cerebral hemorrhage. She was born 24 Nov 1874 in

Sebewa, and was the daughter of Peter C. GRIENER and Christina RHINEMILLER whose families were both from Germany.

Charles AVES resided at the Compton Convalescent Home at the time of his death 7 April 1959, which was located in Grand Ledge, Eaton County, Michigan. Charles and Estella had only one son, Arlow AVES.

Arlow was born 16 Oct 1897 in Sebewa, Ionia County, Michigan. On 8 NOV 1917, Arlow married Mildred LEAK, who was also born in Sebewa, Ionia County, Michigan on 16 Oct 1897. They had four daughters, one of which was their youngest daughter, Marjorie Marie AVES.

Marjorie met and married Harold Kassner SWILER 25 March 1944 in Portland, Ionia County, Michigan. They had 5 children, four daughters, one of which died at birth, and one son, Wayne Arlow SWILER.

Wayne's application was easily completed because his family resided in and around the Sebewa Township area of Ionia County from the time they came to America. His application added 48 names to our index, which may be viewed on our web site! Wayne's wife, Pam, is the President of ICGS and has done extensive research on Wayne's family history and would be more than happy to share what she has learned with anyone interested.

For those interested in applying for membership to the First Families of Ionia County Society, contact Jim Moses, Chairperson, at [jmoses@mvcc.com](mailto:jmoses@mvcc.com) or by telephone at (517) 647-7310. He will be happy to send you an application, and answer questions about the society. The deadline each year is September 15<sup>th</sup>. Any apps received after the 15<sup>th</sup> will be processed for the following year.

July 14, 1861  
Camp Clark, Washington

My very dear Sarah:

The indications are very strong that we shall move in a few days--perhaps tomorrow. Lest I should not be able to write again, I feel impelled to write a few lines that may fall under your eye when I shall be no more...

I have no misgivings about, or lack of confidence in the cause in which I am engaged, and my courage does not halt or falter. I know how strongly American Civilization now leans on the triumph of the Government, and how great a debt we owe to those who went before us through the blood and sufferings of the Revolution. And I am willing--perfectly willing--to lay down all my joys in this life, to help maintain this Government, and to pay that debt...

Sarah, my love for you is deathless, it seems to bind me with mighty cables that nothing but Omnipotence could break; and yet my love of Country comes over me like a strong wind and bears me irresistibly on with all these chains to the battle field.

The memories of the blissful moments I have spent with you come creeping over me, and I feel most gratified to God and to you that I have enjoyed them so long. And hard it is for me to give them up and burn to ashes the hopes of future years, when, God willing, we might still have lived and loved together, and seen our sons grown up to honorable manhood, around us. I have, I know, but few small claims upon Divine Providence, but something whispers to me--perhaps it is the wailed prayer of my little Edgar, that I shall return to my loved ones unharmed. If I do not, my dear Sarah, never forget how much I love you, and when my last breath escapes me on the battle field, it will whisper your name. Forgive my many faults, and the pains I have caused you. How thoughtless and foolish I have often times been! How gladly would I wash out with my tears every little spot upon your happiness...

But, O Sarah, if the dead can come back to this earth and flit unseen around those they loved, I shall always be near you: in the gladdest days and in the darkest nights... always, always, and if there be a soft breeze upon your cheek, it shall be my breath, as the cool air fans your throbbing temple, it shall be my spirit passing by. Sarah do not mourn me dead; think I am gone and wait for thee, for we shall meet again!

## 2000 Calendar of Events - Ionia County Genealogical Society

### JANUARY 2000

- 1 Membership dues are now due for year 2000.
- 4 7:30 p.m. First Families of Ionia County Society Committee Meeting at Swilers
- 8 1:00 p.m. Regular Membership Meeting, Joseph McCord will speak on Easton Township Genealogical Materials
- 27 7:00 p.m. ICGS Board Meeting at Swilers
- 29 10:00-2:00 Depot Museum open to public for researchers

### FEBRUARY 2000

- 1 7:30 p.m. First Families of Ionia County Society Committee Meeting at Swilers
- 12 1:00 p.m. Regular Membership Meeting, Linda Marsh from Marsh Monument Co will speak on Gravestone History and Restoration
- 24 7:00 p.m. ICGS Board Meeting at Swilers
- 26 10:00-2:00 Depot Museum open to public for researchers

### MARCH 2000

- 7 7:30 p.m. First Families of Ionia County Society Committee Meeting at Swilers
- 11 1:00 p.m. Regular Membership Meeting, LaVonne Bennett will speak on Berlin Twp. History
- 23 7:00 p.m. ICGS Board Meeting at Swilers
- 25 10:00-2:00 Depot Museum open to public for researchers

### APRIL 2000

- 4 7:30 p.m. First Families of Ionia County Society Committee Meeting at Swilers
- 8 1:00 p.m. Regular Membership Meeting, Speaker TBA
- 27 7:00 p.m. ICGS Board Meeting at Swilers
- 29 10:00-2:00 Depot Museum open to public for researchers

### MAY 2000

- 2 7:30 p.m. First Families of Ionia County Society Committee Meeting at Swilers
- 13 1:00 p.m. Regular Membership Meeting, Speaker Heide Nagle, The Ionia Public Library - Where We've Been and Future Plans
- 25 7:00 p.m. ICGS Board Meeting at Swilers
- 27 10:00-2:00 Depot Museum open to public for researchers

### JUNE 2000

- 6 7:30 p.m. First Families of Ionia County Society Committee Meeting at Swilers
- 10 1:00 p.m. Regular Membership Meeting, Dawn Mackety will speak on Native Americans in the U.S.
- 22 7:00 p.m. ICGS Board Meeting at Swilers
- 24 10:00-2:00 Depot Museum open to public for researchers

\*\*All regular membership meetings are held on the second (2nd) Saturday of each month, except December, at 1:00 p.m. at the Lake Odessa Historical Society Museum Depot on Emerson Street, Lake Odessa, MI. The public is welcome, and refreshments will be served.

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List five Ionia County Surnames you are researching: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: All information may be published in upcoming newsletters or placed on our internet web site unless you indicate in writing otherwise.*

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