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Monroe County, Michigan



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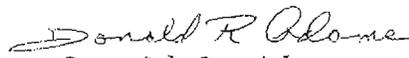
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After taking inventory of my collection of history and photographs, it was decided to place this collection into one printing.

This printing will not come close to the complete history of Bedford Township. There are many more articles to research and photographs to collect.

Thanks to the many that assisted with this collection.

This printing may encourage others to add to the collection, to take an interest in our Bedford Township history, and to join as members of our Historical Society of Bedford.


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I MICHIGAN HISTORY

On July 13, 1787, Congress passed the Northwest Ordinance. The Northwest Ordinance was followed in providing for government in the Old Northwest. The entire region of the Old Northwest was originally established as the Northwest Territory. The Northwest Ordinance provided for the division of the Old Northwest into not less than three nor more than five future states. The Northwest Territory included the region north of the Ohio River, between Pennsylvania and the Mississippi River. It now forms Ohio (1803), Indiana (1816), Illinois (1818), Michigan (1837), Wisconsin (1848), and part of Minnesota (1858).

After the formation of the State of Ohio on March 1, 1803, Michigan was a part of Indiana Territory, as the remainder of the Old Northwest Territory was then called.

January 11, 1805, that part of Indiana Territory north of a line drawn through the southern extremity of Lake Michigan and east of a line drawn through the middle of that lake to its northern extremity and thence due north to the boundary between the United States and Canada, was set off by Congress as the Territory of Michigan. This is the first time that we have a political division by the name of Michigan.

This created a boundary between Michigan Territory and the State of Ohio, "an east and west line drawn through the southern extreme of Lake Michigan, until it shall intersect Lake Erie." This placed the mouth of the Maumee River (then called the Miami of the Lake) in Michigan Territory.

As will be noticed, the Territory included the Southern Peninsula, the eastern end of the Northern Peninsula, and a strip of land now contained in Ohio and Indiana.

At a roadside park on US-2, 3 miles east of Naubinway, Michigan is a Michigan Historical Marker. Marker text, "THE NORTHERNMOST POINT OF LAKE MICHIGAN. About a mile west of here is the northernmost point of Lake Michigan. This geographical location is of historical importance because the act of Congress which created the Territory of Michigan in 1805 used it to mark the western boundary of this new frontier governmental unit. The boundary line ran up the middle of Lake Michigan "to its northern extremity, and thence due north to the northern boundary of the United State." West of this line the Upper Peninsula in 1805 was part of Indiana Territory. In 1818, Michigan's boundary was pushed west to the Mississippi River. All of the U.P. along with what is now Wisconsin and part of Minnesota, came within the limits of the territory."

The act to enable Indiana to form a State government, on December 11, 1816, fixed the northern boundary at a point ten miles north of the southern extremity of Lake Michigan. This pushing of the boundary of Indiana ten miles to the northward at the expense of Michigan was evidently for the purpose of obtaining a frontage upon Lake Michigan for the new State.

In 1833 the Michigan Territorial Council formally requested the Congress pass an act for the statehood of Michigan. This bill was debated between May 9 and 12, 1834, then laid on the table by a vote of 20 to 19. The difficulty centered around the boundary dispute between the Territory of Michigan and the State of Ohio, that had lain dormant for many years but now, had become heated.

In 1834 the western boundary of Michigan Territory was extended west of the Mississippi River as far as the Missouri River. This included what is now Iowa, the remainder of Minnesota, and portions of the Dakotas.

The clash between Ohioans and Michiganians that took place in 1835 has been called the Toledo War. Since the city of Toledo was not chartered until 1837 and since the fracas was not actually a war, "Toledo War" is a misnomer. The area between the William Harris survey line on the north (Ohio constitution survey) and the John A. Fulton survey line to the south (1787 ordinance survey by Michigan), commonly called the "Toledo Strip", was about eight miles wide on the east, five miles wide on the west, and contained 468 square miles. This in time created the so called "Toledo Strip" that was removed from Michigan Territory and added to the State of Ohio. There were no casualties in the Michigan-Ohio fracas, with the single exception of a Michigan sheriff who was stabbed in a tavern scuffle by an Ohioan named Two Stickney.

On May 29, 1836, the Wisconsin Territory was organized. This territory did not include any portion of the area that was to become the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Many articles have been written to include information that in a compromise, Michigan received the Upper Peninsula in exchange for the Toledo Strip. In some articles it is recorded that Michigan received the western portion of the Upper Peninsula in exchange for the Toledo Strip.

President Jackson signed the bill on January 26, 1837, that made Michigan the twenty-sixth state. At that date it appears as though the Michigan Territory included all of what is now the Upper Peninsula.

This has been reviewed with others that also research this subject. Record has not been found of any portion of what is now the Upper Peninsula being removed from the Michigan Territory prior to 1837 when Michigan was admitted to the Union. If this is accurate, history should be recorded as follows:

In a compromise with Congress, Michigan became a state in exchange for the relinquishment of the so called Toledo Strip.

Not that Michigan received any portion of what is now the Upper Peninsula in exchange for the Toledo Strip.

October 2003
Research by
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OTTAWA INDIAN FOUR MILE SQUARE RESERVATION

The Four Mile Square Reservation was created by the signing of the Treaty of Detroit on 17 Nov 1807. This treaty was made by William Hull, governor of Michigan Territory and superintendant of Indian affairs with members of the Chippewas, Ottawas, Pottawatimas, and Wyandots.

Article VI of that treaty states in part; "A tract of four miles square on Miami Bay (now Maumee Bay), including the villages where Meshkeman and Waugau now live".

The Ottawa Tribe occupied the reservation for several years. Over the years I have seen a number of indian artifact collections that were found in this four mile square.

In 1807, this reservation was completely in Michigan Territory. Today the four mile square is in Bedford and Erie Townships, Monroe County, Michigan and Washington Township, Lucas County, Ohio. The north boundary was about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of Sterns Road, the west boundary about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile east of Telegraph, the south boundary around Manhattan Blvd. (Toledo, Ohio) area, and the east boundary the Maumee Bay.

The Four Mile Square Reservation would include 10,240 acres, however, much of this was under water, including Ottawa River and Maumee Bay.

The Ottawa Tribe released their claim to all of the reservation and "Quit Claimed" their title to the United States on 08 Feb 1833. Found no record of the consideration for this release.

The United States then granted 5,740.29 acres of the former four mile square reservation to the Wabash and Erie Canal Development Company.

The lands that had been given to the Wabash and Erie Canal Development Company were sold to private investors. This provided the means of financing the construction of the canal system to connect other canals with Lake Erie at the mouth of the Maumee Bay.

This research came from an effort to find record of sale of land within the Four Mile Square Reservation from an indian or indian tribe. The research proved there is no such record. During this research information was exchanged with Barbara McCarty and Fred LaVoy.

Of interest to the LaVoy family, info was found that Marie (Gouin) "White Feather" LaVoy (1790-1852), acquired from the United States, 77.68 acres in the south fraction of Section 20, T9S R8E, with patent date 07 Jun 1821, and patent certificate #62. Record reflects, "This parcel lay south of the Indian Reservation, and is stated to be used for herself and children; Mary, Charles, Lambert, and Francois." The parcel was joined on the east by Maumee Bay. White Feather was the child of a Pottawatomie Indian woman and Charles Gouin, a French pioneer in the Detroit, Michigan area.

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The Old Angling Road
 Monroe County, Michigan Territory

Some years ago I was talking with Ernest David Salisbury (1907 - 1997) and I questioned him about two cement block homes that were constructed at an angle to the roads. One at 8702 Douglas Road and the other at 2113 W. Temperance Road. Ernie told me that the two homes were at an angle to the roads as they were constructed at the time the Old Angling Road was in use. The two homes fronted on the Old Angling Road.

Nothing was done to record this history until the Fall of 2001 when the home at 8702 Douglas was demolished. This home was constructed in 1945 by Chester Isaac Covell (1895 - 1958). The home at 2113 W. Temperance Road was constructed in 1948 by George Loyd Webber (1917 - 1967).

Decided it was time to record the history of the Old Angling Road.

There is microfilm at the Bedford Branch Library. "Commission of Highways, Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan, road records for the period 1834 to 1910."

Page one of the road records as follows:

"We the undersigned Commissioners of Highways, in and for the Township of Bedford, do hereby order, and direct, the Township Clerk, to compile and re-record and correct as far as is compatible, the Records of all Roads in the Township, that are extant, in a new book and in such order as he may think most desirable." signed December 14, 1861

Commissioners of Highways
 Oliver S. Keene
 C. D. Mason
 J. W. Janney

The 1861 Bedford Township Clerk was Addison E. Dunbar (1835-1928).

Page two is an index of roads covered on pages three thru 71. There is no other index although the records have pages thru 287.

Page three covers the Angling Road. Throughout the records it is referred to as the Angling Road and the Monroe Road.

The Old Angling Road

Order dated 16 May 1834, by the Erie Township Highway Commission. (Gabrial Duseau, John Manor, Francis Cousino) and according to the survey of John Lambert, set out a public highway, to be opened the width of four rods (66'). Commencing on the west line of T8S R7E (Bedford Township), 9 chains, 50 links (627') north of the NW corner of Section 31. (This would be off of what is now Adler Road between Sterns and Clegg). Thence NE crossing Summerfield (on the assumption Summerfield was there at the time), and crossing what is now Secor, Consear, Douglas, Temperance, Jackman, Erie, and Lewis. Thence to the south line of Section 2, 27 chains (1782') west of the corner of Section 1 and 2. Thence east on the section line (what is now Samaria Road) to the SE corner of Section 1 (what is now Minx Road).

This order was by Erie Township Highway Commission, as what is now Bedford Township was part of Erie Township until 23 Mar 1836.

On 28 Feb 1862, laid out a public highway, commencing at a post standing in the center of Section 30, T8S R7E, thence south to the $\frac{1}{4}$ post between Sections 30 & 31, a distance of 19.88 chains (1312.08' or about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile is 1320') (1)

To locate this road through the middle of the south half of Section 30, the following damages were paid. Henry Slick \$7.00, S. R. Hathaway \$7.00, and David Davis \$3.50.

The 19.88 chains can not be correct. From the center of a section to the south section line would be $\frac{1}{2}$ mile or 40 chains.

Have found the following termination of the Old Angling Road.

- 03 Jan 1863, between Secor and Douglas.
- 16 Apr 1864, between Jackman and Samaria.

Have not found termination of the following sections of the Old Angling Road

- The approximate $\frac{1}{2}$ mile between Adler and Monroe Roads.
- The approximate $\frac{1}{2}$ mile between Temperance and Jackman Roads.

(1) This is what is now Monroe Road between Sterns and Clegg.

The Old Angling Road

Following Bedford Township maps attached.

1838 The Old Angling Road appears from what is now Adler Road to what is now Samaria Road at the Levi Lewis homestead. The first Bedford Township meeting was held at the home of Levi Lewis located at 166 West Samaria Road.

1859 The Old Angling Road appears from Sterns and Monroe Roads to Samaria Road at the Levi Lewis homestead.

1876 First map available after the 1859 map. This map has the Old Angling Road as Monroe Road from Sterns to Secor Road and from Douglas to Temperance Roads.

1962 Last map for the Old Angling Road to appear between Douglas and Temperance Roads.

The only section of the 1834 original Old Angling Road that remains today is Monroe Road between Clegg and Secor Roads.

The 1876 Bedford Township map has three homes on the Old Angling Road between Douglas and Temperance Roads. The old Angling Road is through the 160 acres in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21 and was owned as follows;

J. Newcombe	75 acres
J. Hartz	45 acres
J. Maybee	40 acres

Joseph Newcombe (1820-1910) immigrated to the United States from Devonshire, England in 1855. He was unmarried and first appeared in the 1860 Bedford Township census. Joseph lived in a home on his 75 acres. Following is a photo of Joseph along with a photo I took in December 2001, of the stone foundation from his home on the Old Angling Road. This foundation is on property currently owned by Tom and Kay Williams. Joseph was my third great uncle.

Jacob Hartz (1845-1915). Jacob first appeared in the 1880 Bedford Township census with his wife, Arabelle Matilda (Allen) Hartz (1852-1938). Jacob was born in Pennsylvania and Arabelle in Ottawa Lake, Michigan. They were married in Lambertville, Michigan on 17 Jan 1878. Following is a photo of Jacob and Arabelle Hartz with their five children that were born between 1880 and 1894. No effort was made to locate the Hartz home.

Jacob Samuel Maybee (1814-1882). Jacob first appeared in the 1850 Bedford Township census with his wife Margaret Kinney (1822-1859) and four children. Jacob was born in New Jersey and Margaret in Ohio. They were married 30 Aug 1841, in Bolivar, Ohio. Jacob and Margaret had eight children prior to the death of Margaret in 1859. The parents of Jacob are not known. The parents of Margaret were Samuel Kennedy and Maria (Israel) Kinney. Samuel came to Bedford Township in 1843 with his six children after the death of Maria. Samuel and Maria were two of my 16 third great grandparents. Samuel (1797-1870) born in New Jersey and Marie (1800-1842) born in the country of Holland, were married 02 May 1821, in Belmont, Ohio.

The Old Angling Road

There are no known photos of Jacob Samuel and Margaret (Kinney) Maybee. Following are photos of Abraham Isaac Maybee (1859-1940), (the eighth child of Jacob and Margaret), and his wife Mary Jane "Kittie" Hitchcock (1859-1940), and their log home at 2766 Dean Road, Temperance, Michigan. Abraham may have been born at the Jacob S. Maybee home on the Old Angling Road.

On 27 Jan 2002, I walked with George Leonard Webber on his 28 acres at 2113 W. Temperance Road. The 1,500' property line from the southwest to the northeast is the center line of the Old Angling Road (also known as Monroe Road). The 28 acres is part of the 40 acres owned at one time by Jacob Samuel Maybee. As a child, George remembers the stone foundation from the home of Jacob Samuel Maybee. In the 1950's, sand was removed from this property and the stone foundation no longer exist. George was able to find the approximate former location of the stone foundation and I took a photograph. More important, George found the remains of a dug water well to the Jacob Samuel Maybee home. The well was filled in, with about 24" of the stone round wall exposed. Limited light got to this site as it was covered with thick underbrush. I took a photograph, however, I am not sure what detail will appear in the photo. The remains of the Old Angling Road may be seen at several spots and were photographed.

One drive that George has off of Temperance Road is on the remains of the Old Angling Road. On this property George took me to the site of what he believes to be a lime kiln. I agreed with George that the site appeared to be the remains of a lime kiln. The 1838 Bedford Township map has on this property the words, "lime rock and quarry and kiln". No evidence of a quarry has been found, however, the lime rock appears above ground at many locations.

On page 285 of the History of Monroe County, Michigan by John McClelland Bulkley, 1913, is limited history on Bedford Quarries.

Fanny Frances (Hartz) Maybee (1860-1942), sister to Jacob Hartz, married on 30 Jun 1878, Israel Amos Maybee (1855-1941), son of Jacob Samuel Maybee.

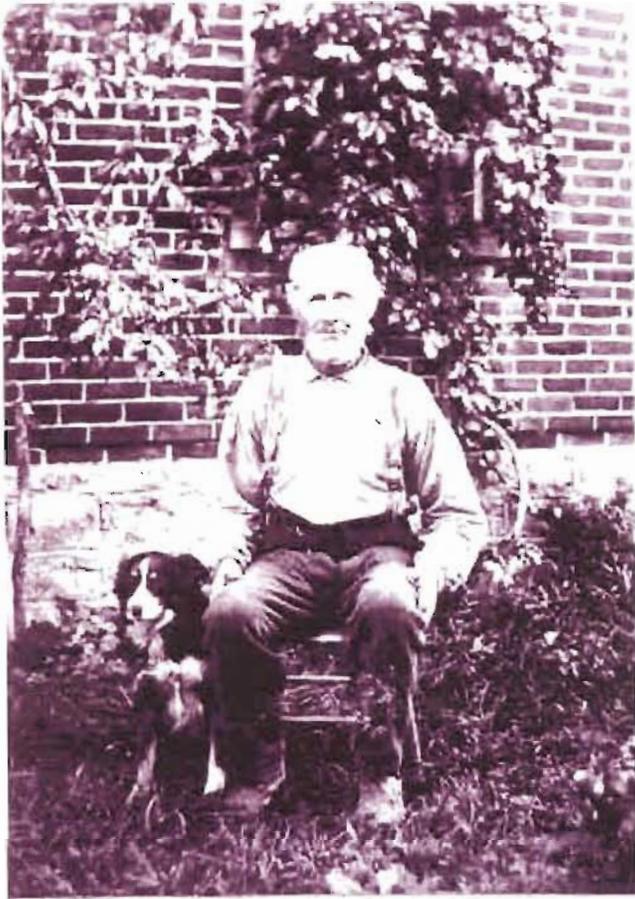
The 160 acres in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, were purchased through the General Land Office, Monroe County, Michigan Territory as follows; Obadiah DeLand, Genesee Co., New York, 120 acres, W $\frac{1}{2}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ + SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, patent date 04 Jun 1834 and Charles F. W. Rawson, Monroe Co., Michigan, 40 acres, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, patent date 12 Sep 1835.

Walking through the History of Bedford Township brings about an excitement that I am unable to put in words.

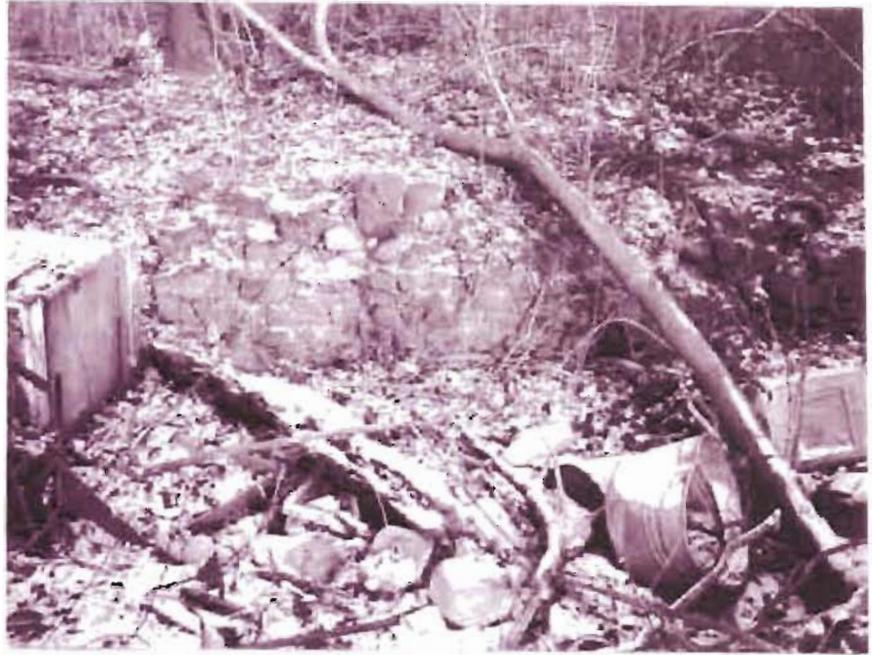
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The Old Angling Road - photos



Joseph Newcombe
1820-1910



Stone foundation of the home of Joseph
Newcombe that was on the Old Angling
Road



Jacob and Arabelle Matilda Hartz family
Front row, left to right - Arabelle, Norma, Jacob
Back row, left to right - Allen, Edna, Lee, Mable

The Old Angling Road - photos



Abraham Isaac Maybee
1859-1940
Mary Jane "Kittie" Hitchcock
1859-1940



Abraham & Mary Maybee home and 80 acre farm,
(W $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 20)
2766 Dean Road between Douglas and Secor



Remains of the Old Angling Road between
Douglas and Temperance Roads. Former
property of Jacob Samuel Maybee. Current
owner George Leonard Webber.

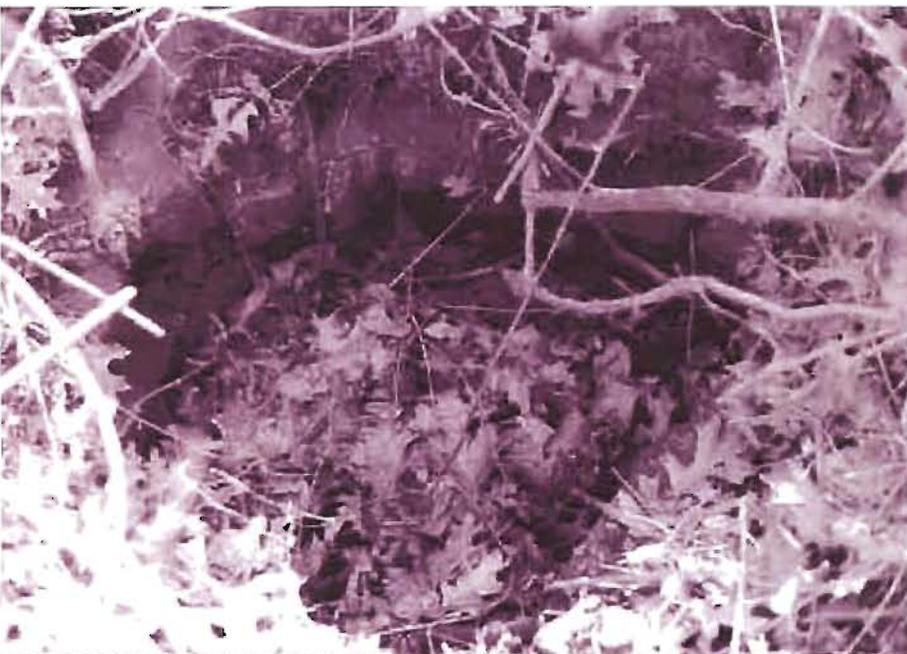
The Old Angling Road - photos



This fence is on the center line of the Old Angling Road between Douglas and Temperance Roads.



Approximate former location of the home of Jacob Samuel Maybee



Remains of the dug water well to the home of Jacob Samuel Maybee.



The Old Angling Road
Photos

Remains of a lime kiln
on the former property
of Jacob Samuel Maybee.

The 1838 Bedford Town-
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former property of
Jacob Samuel Maybee,
the words, "lime rock
and quarry and kiln".



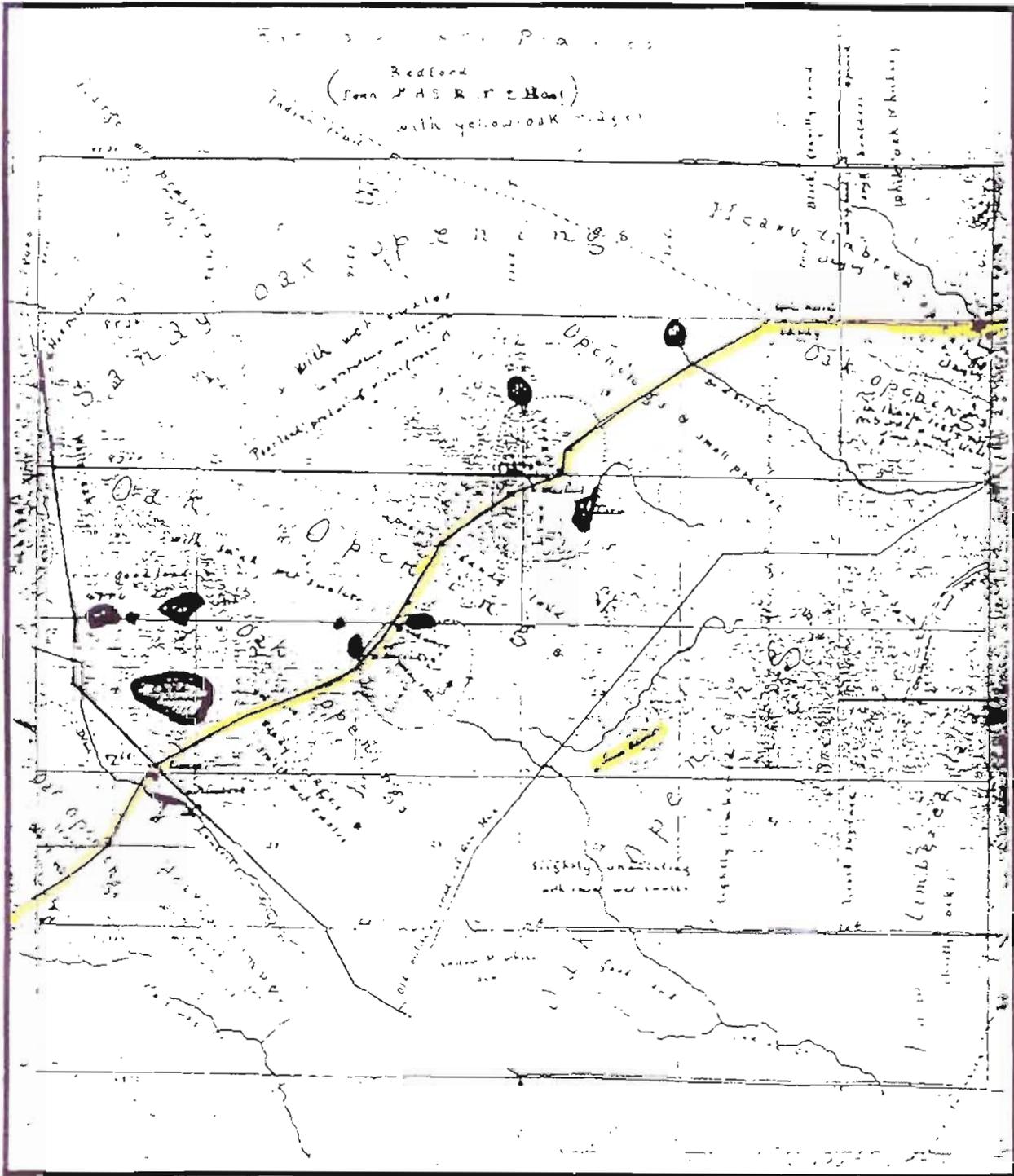
The Old Angling Road - photos



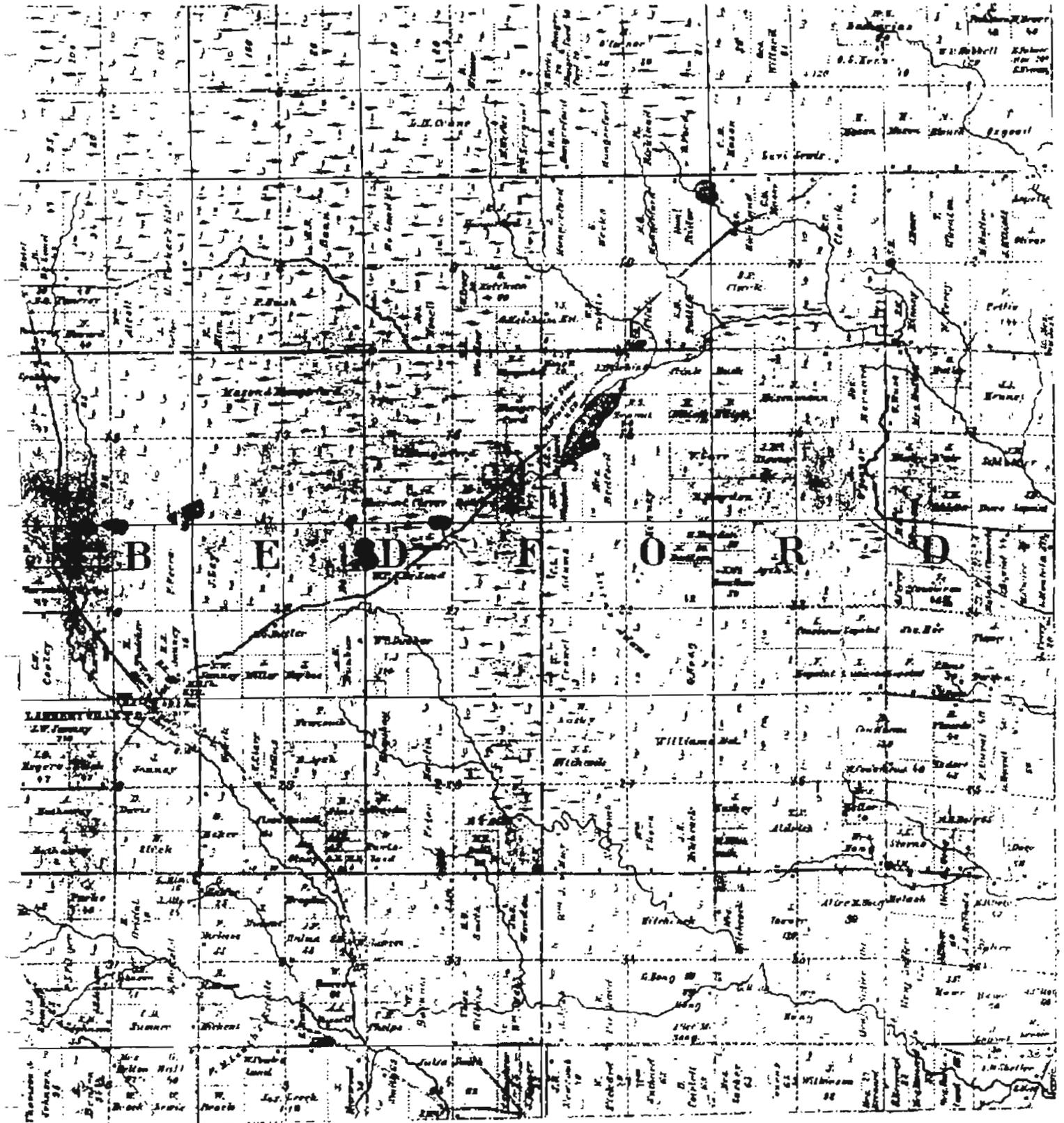
In the foreground is
W. Temperance Road at
2113 W. Temperance Road.
In the background is the
remains of the Old Angling
Road coming from the south-
west.



Can you locate where your property would be on this 1838 map of Bedford Township?



The Old Angling Road 1859



"Remember the Raisin"

On January 11, 1805, what was to become the state of Michigan was organized into Michigan Territory.

William Hull of Massachusetts, lawyer and Revolutionary War veteran, was appointed the first governor of the Michigan Territory.

In February 1812, urgent reports of the Indian situation detailing the increased hostilities were sent Michigan Territorial Governor William Hull, who was in Washington to discuss military affairs.

Hull was commissioned commanding general of the Army of the Northwest. General Hull left Washington for Dayton, Ohio

On June 1, 1812, Hull's army left Dayton bound for Detroit. As General Hull marched his army northward, he employed his soldiers to construct a road in the tangled wilderness.

On June 30, 1812, Hull's army had arrived at the Rapids of the Maumee, only 30 miles from River Raisin, Michigan Territory.

On July 1, 1812, the army had moved five miles north of the Rapids of the Maumee to Swan Creek.

Late on July 2, 1812, Hull's army arrived and set up camp on the south side of River Raisin, with more than 2,000 men and a large supply train of wagons, that while marching stretched out almost two miles in length.

Now back to more recent years. My father, Sterling William Adams (1910-1990), often spoke of an Indian trail he walked as a young lad, on the Adams farm off Dean Road. How I would like to discuss this trail with father, grandfather, great grandfather, great great grandfather, and great great great grandfather. All these Adams men walked this trail.

In research for other projects I used an 1838 Bedford Township map. This map has a road crossing what is now Smith Road at the north section line of Section 5 fractional; crossing Douglas, Sterns, Jackman, Dean, and into Section 22 and the Adams farm, crossing Temperance, Lewis, Crabb, Minx and into Erie Township on it's way to the "Raisin". This road is identified as the "Old military road of Gen. Hull".

We now know that on July 2, 1812, General William Hull and his army crossed what is now Bedford Township, Monroe County, State of Michigan.

"Remember the Raisin"

This article is not to detail the War of 1812 (1812-1815) or when on August 16, 1812, General Hull, governor of Michigan Territory and general of the Army of the Northwest, surrendered his entire army and all of the Territory of Michigan to the British without firing a shot, or the Battle and January 1813, Massacre at River Raisin.

We should not forget the soldier's war cry in the War of 1812. "Remember the Raisin".

On another subject but related to the War of 1812, how many have fought quack grass in the lawn?

I quote Andrew Jackson Keeney (1819-1909). "I drove the oxen to plow in the fall of 1828, my brother holding the plow. We picked up a large number of half worn musket flints and found other evidence of military occupation. On this old camp ground the first patch of quack grass ever known in Erie made its appearance the following spring. It now claims a foothold or roothold on nearly every farm in Erie Township. The seed of this quack grass is supposed to have been brought here in the forage fed the army horses."

The next time you remove quack grass from the lawn, "Remember the Raisin" and your problems will seem small.

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 1838 Bedford Township map, Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library
 Monroe Democrat, 15 Mar 1902, Pioneer Roads article, A.J. Keeney

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WILLIAM HULL 1753-1825

Born 24 Jun 1753, in Derby, Connecticut, to Joseph Hull and Eliza Clark.

Graduated from Yale College in 1772.

Admitted to the bar in 1775.

Served through the entire American Revolutionary War (1775-1783), rising in 1779 to lieutenant colonel in the Massachusetts line of the Continental army.

While on leave in 1781, Hull married Sarah Fuller, with whom he had eight children.

Hull left the service in June 1784, and took up the practice of law in Newton, Massachusetts, the home of his wife's family.

In 1805, President Thomas Jefferson appointed Hull the governor of the newly formed Michigan Territory.

In April 1812, President James Madison appointed Hull the commanding general of the Army of the Northwest.

On 16 Aug 1812, Hull surrendered his Army to the British.

In October 1812, Hull was paroled by the British.

In January 1814, Hull was court-martialled and convicted of cowardice and neglect of duty. He was sentenced to be shot, but President James Madison commuted the sentence.

Hull died 29 Nov 1825, in Newton, Massachusetts.

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Marriage Records

In Volume III of the Genealogical Society of Monroe County marriage records on page 320 is a marriage record transcribed from Book 6, page 1, entry 1.

This marriage was of Anthony Bruck and Emma Stein on 27 Sep 1887. This is the first record that recorded the parents of the married couple.

Following is the reason that additional information was recorded.

MARRIAGE LICENSE LAW

From publication in The Monroe Democrat.

- 08 Sep 1887 - "The marriage license law goes into effect two weeks from next Tuesday."
Next Tuesday was 13 Sep 1887
Effective date of law was 27 Sep 1887
- 22 Sep 1887 - "If you wish to get married without going to the trouble of taking out a license you must do so before next Tuesday as the new law takes effect that day."
- 29 Sep 1887 - "Anthony Bruck and Emma Stein of Exeter, were the first victims of the marriage law in this county, Charles Cousino, of Erie, and Elizabeth Soulier, of Bedford, were a good second."
- 06 Oct 1887 - "The marriage license law has now been in force but little more than a week, but that portion of our population matrimonially inclined have readily adopted themselves to the new order of things. There must have been some very successful courting done last Sunday, as county clerk Billmire was called upon to issue four li censes Monday."
- 13 Oct 1887 - "The clergyand justices like the new marriage law. It does not require them to come down with a quarter of a dollar in making their return to the county clerk."
- 20 Oct 1887 - "The section of the new law requiring Clergymen and justices to make return to the county clerk within 10 days of any marriage they may perform is not generally complied with."
- 20 Oct 1887 - "Only a short time ago the county was obliged to purchase a new marriage record, and now, before clerk Billmire has got fairly started in it, along comes the new marriage law and knocks it out. The new book arrived Saturday, and if a complete record is made of a marriage it will require at least 39 entries to do it."

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Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan
Acreage by section

Acreage	Section	Acreage	Fractional Section
640.20	1	262.63	1
642.16	2	269.12	2
647.52	3	261.96	3
646.56	4	275.36	4
663.86	5	294.00	5
725.85	6	322.56	6
701.44	7		
640.00	8		
640.00	9	1,685.63	
640.00	10		
640.00	11	23,478.63	
640.00	12		
640.00	13		
640.00	14	25,164.26	Bedford Township acreage
640.00	15		
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699.36	18		
702.08	19		
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FEDERAL CENSUS

Census records are among the most common records used by the genealogical researcher.

The first U.S. Federal census was taken in 1790. The first census to list all people by name was in 1850. Prior to that time the head of the household was listed by name with all other people living in that dwelling listed by male or female and age bracket. The first census to be taken by township within Monroe County was in 1840.

Fragments of the 1890 Federal census are available but nothing for Michigan. Most of the 1890 census was destroyed by the combination of a 10 Jan 1921, National Archives fire and the Department of Commerce in 1934, after Congress authorized the destruction on 21 Feb 1933.

It is important that we pay attention to the official dates that the U.S. Federal Census was taken.

<u>Census year</u>	<u>Official Date of Census</u>
1790 thru 1820	First Monday in August
1830 thru 1900	June 1
1910	April 15
1920	January 1
1930 thru 2000	April 1

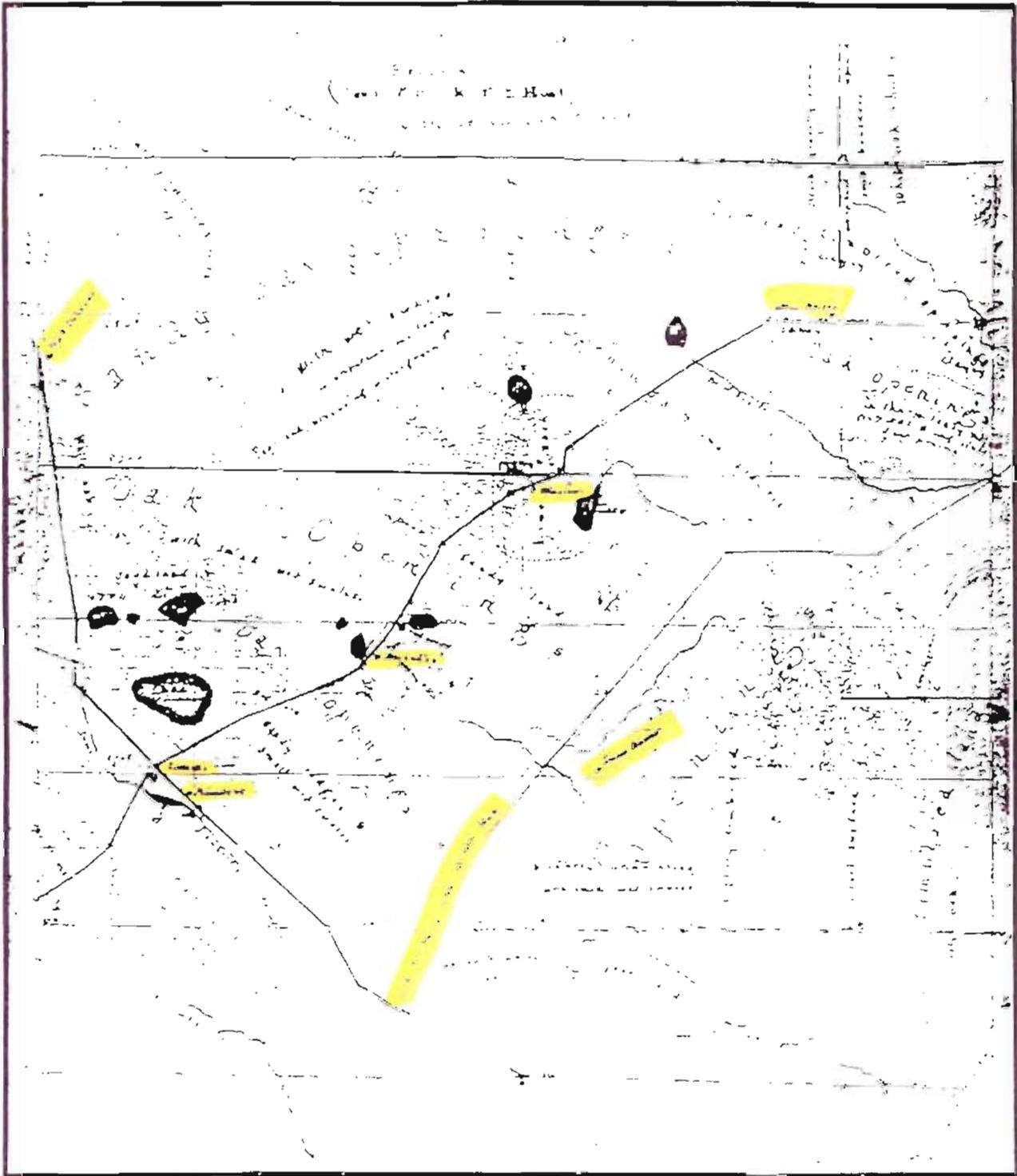
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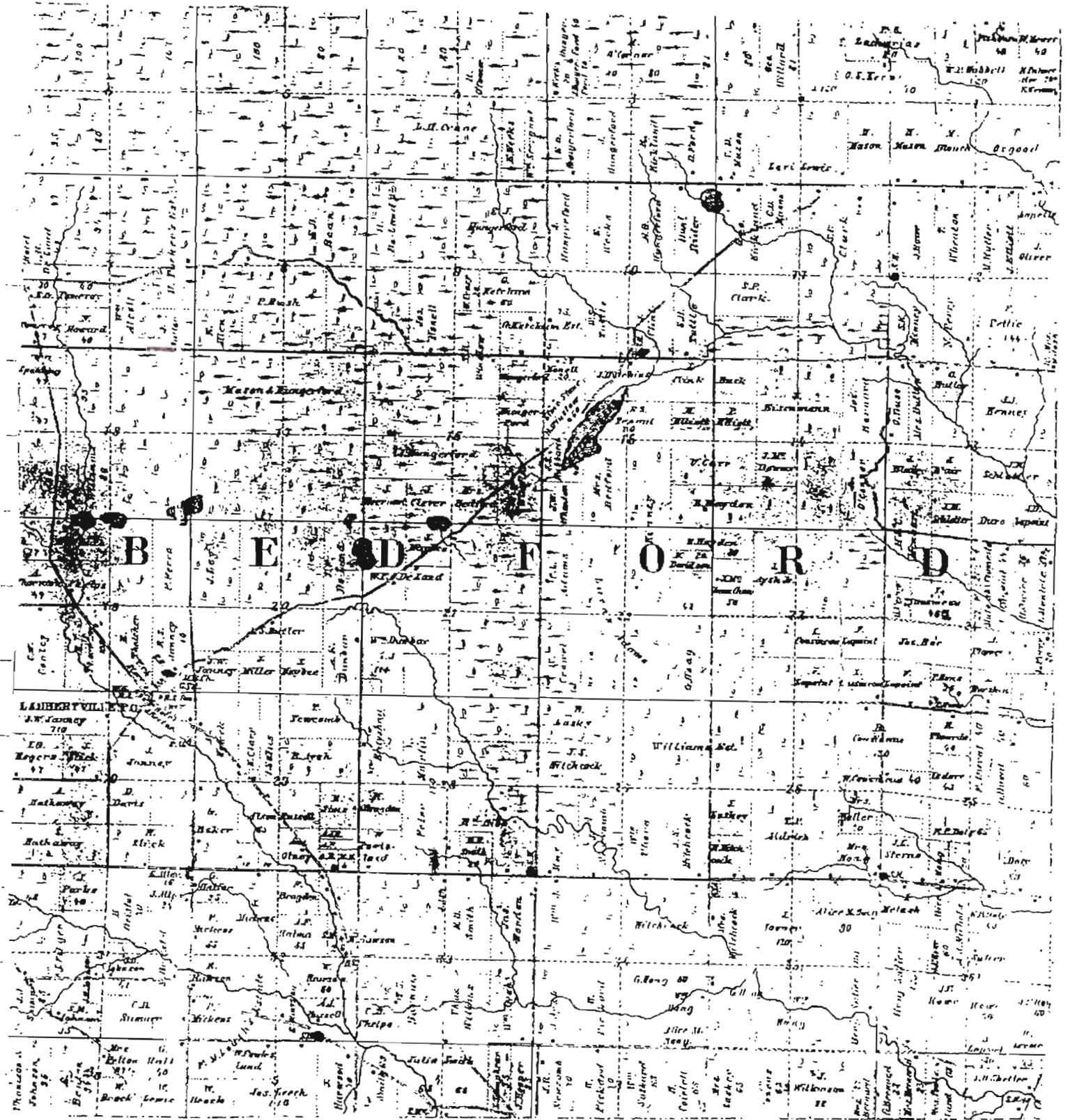
Following is a population chart for Bedford Township, Monroe County, and State of Michigan.

Population			
Year	Bedford Township	Monroe County	Michigan Territory/State
1810	Township Not Organized	1,340	4,782
1820	Township Not Organized	1,831	8,898
1830	Township Not Organized	3,187	31,639
1840	500	9,922	212,267
1850	887	14,698	397,859
1860	1,239	21,583	749,113
1870	1,459	27,483	1,184,059
1880	1,835	33,624	1,636,937
1890	1,837	32,337	2,093,889
1900	2,192	32,754	2,420,982
1910	2,213	32,917	2,810,172
1920	2,689	37,115	3,668,412
1930	4,578	52,485	4,842,325
1940	5,487	58,620	5,256,106
1950	7,918	75,686	6,372,009
1960	14,353	101,120	7,824,018
1970	20,875	118,479	8,875,083
1980	22,902	134,659	9,262,078
1990	23,748	133,600	9,295,297
2000	28,606	145,945	9,938,444

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Can you locate where your property would be on this 1838 map of Bedford Township?



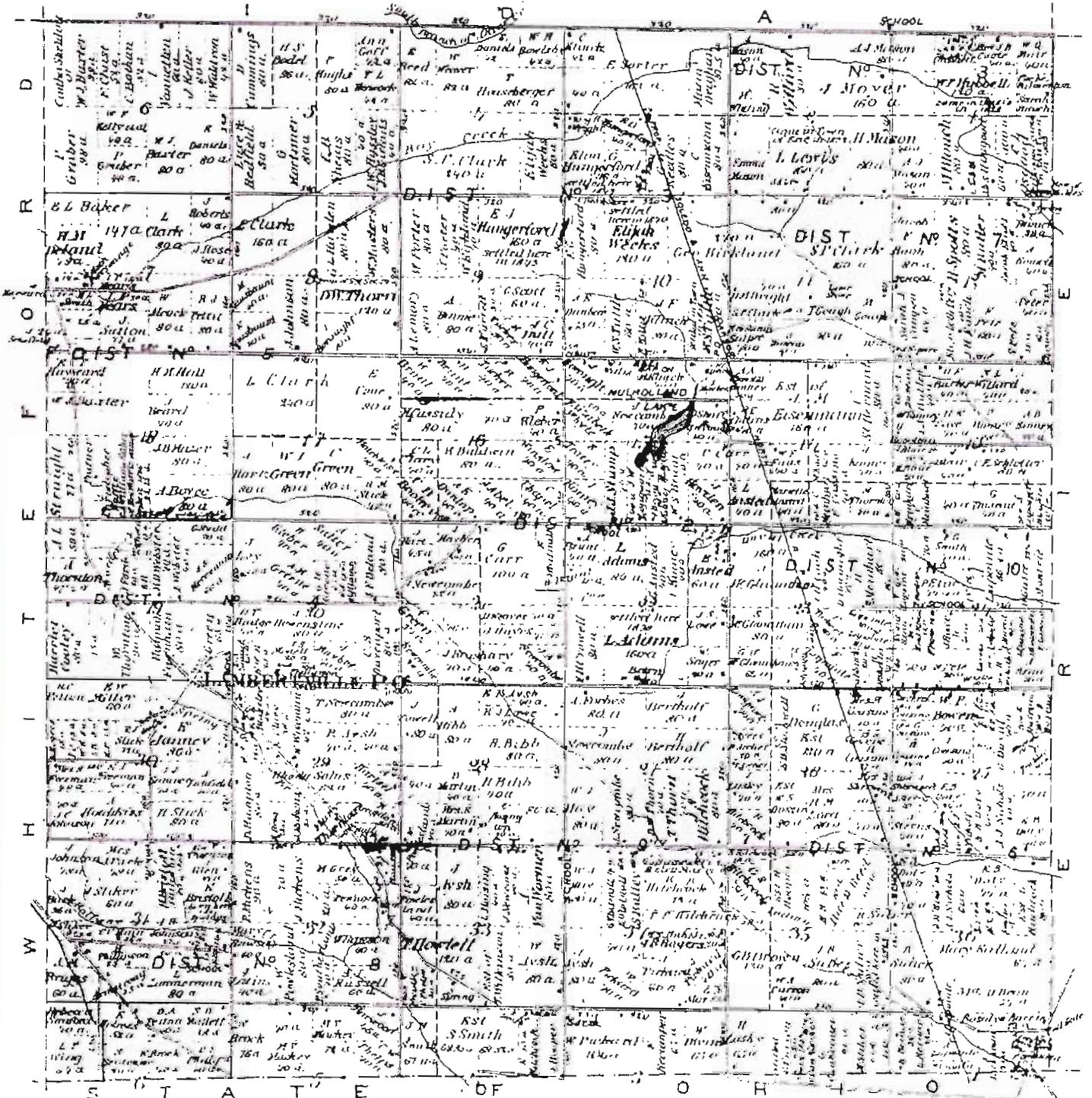


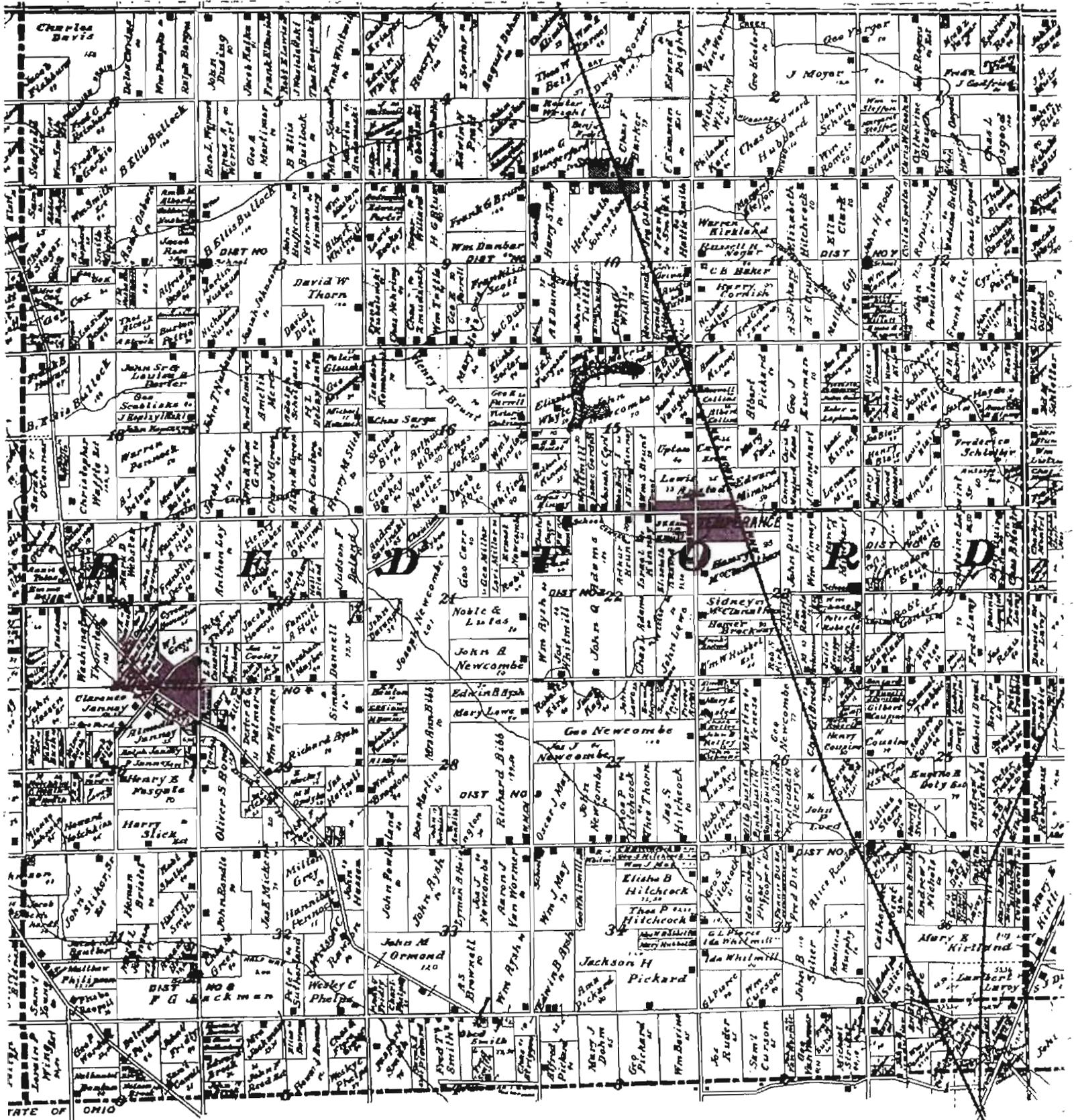
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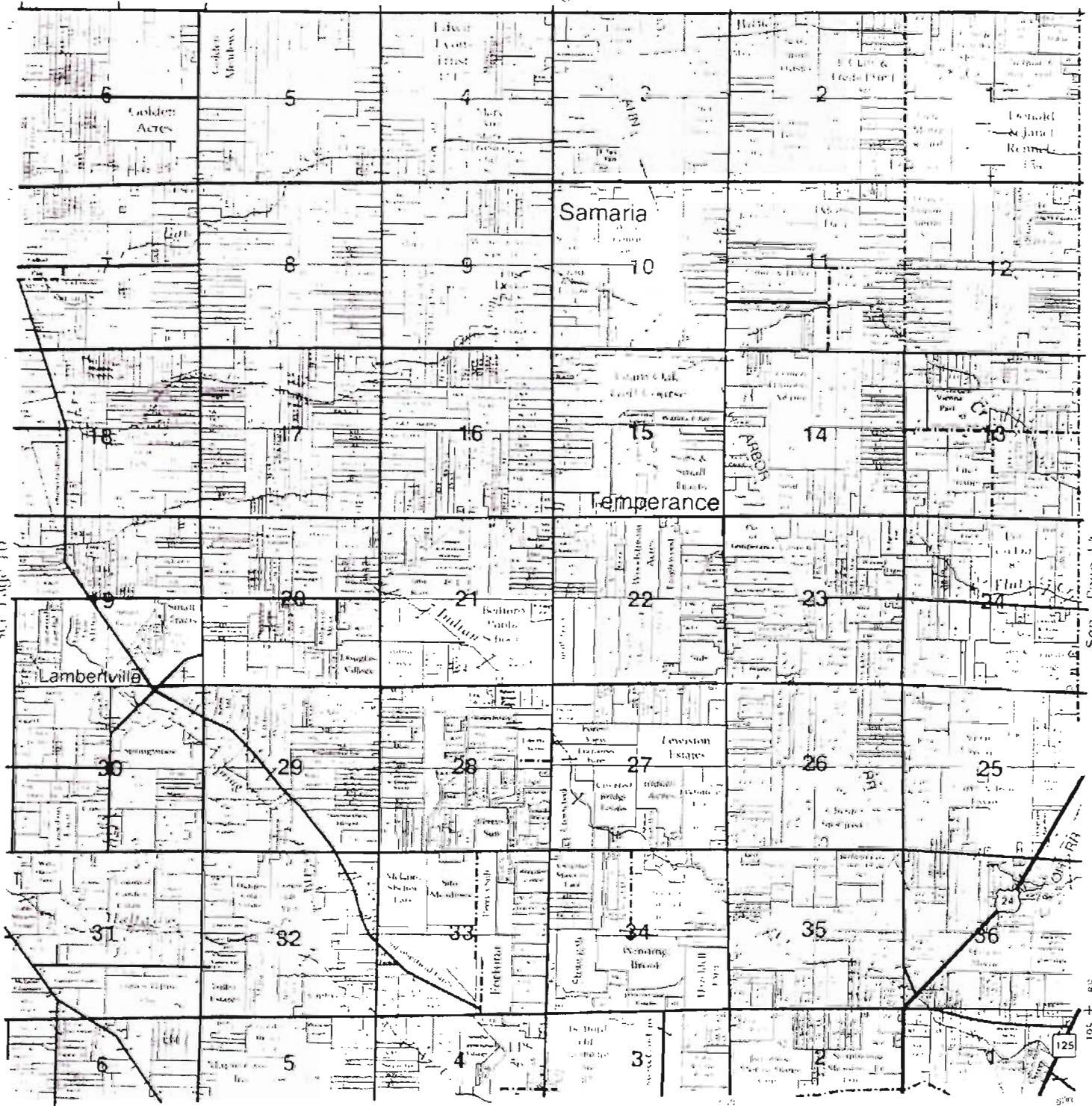
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William Dunbar

- 11 Jan 1805 Michigan became a territory.
- 22 Feb 1807 William Dunbar was born West Stockbridge, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. Name of parents not found. (1)
- 14 Jul 1817 Monroe County established which included all of Lenawee and a portion of the present counties of Wayne and Washtenaw.
- 04 Sep 1817 Town of Monroe established and made the county seat of Monroe County.
- 12 Apr 1827 Erie Township organized which boundaries included all of the present townships of Bedford, Erie, LaSalle, and Whiteford.
- 13 Sep 1831 William Dunbar and Mercy A. Aldrich were married at Churchville, Monroe County, New York. Mercy was born 11 Oct 1808, in Cheshire, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, daughter of Edward A. and Polly (McLouth) Aldrich.
- 1832 William and Mercy Dunbar came to what is now Bedford Township.
- 25 Jun 1833 William purchased from the United States 95.94 acres in Section 19 of what is now Bedford Township for \$1.25 per acre with a patent date of 25 Jun 1833. This was the southwest corner of Section 19, west $\frac{1}{2}$ of southwest $\frac{1}{4}$, at Adler Road.
- 03 Jul 1833 William purchased from the United States 40 acres in Section 31 of what is now Bedford Township for \$1.25 per acre with a patent date of 03 Jul 1833. This was the southwest corner of Secor and Sterns.
- 15 May 1834 William purchased from the United States 120 acres in Section 33 of what is now Bedford Township for \$1.25 per acre with a patent date of 15 May 1834. This was the northeast corner of Douglas and Smith. William also purchased from the United States 400 acres in Whiteford Township.
- 13 Jun 1834 William was appointed the first postmaster of the West Erie Post Office. This was the first Post Office in what is now Bedford Township. The certificate of appointment was signed on 06 Sep 1834, by William T. Barry, Post Master General. The location of the first post office could not be determined with any certainty.
- 09 Jan 1835 Addison E. Dunbar was born, the second child of William and Mercy Dunbar. Out of a family of four boys and three girls, Addison was the only child to live more than five months. On 31 Mar 1858, Addison married Caroline M. Osgood, daughter of Theophilus and Roxa (Brightman) Osgood. Addison was a judge of the Probate Court of Monroe County.

(1) Discovered at a later date, from West Stockbridge, Massachusetts vital records. William Dunbar, twin, son of Samuel and Sally, born 28 Feb 1807. Wealthy Dunbar, twin, daughter of Samuel and Sally, born 28 Feb 1807. Wealthy Dunbar died 15 Nov 1830, age 23.

WILLIAM DUNBAR
1807 - 1870

- 15 Jan 1836 West Erie Post Office was renamed the Lambertville Post Office and William Dunbar continued as postmaster until 24 Apr 1855.
- 23 Mar 1836 Bedford Township was organized.
- 02 May 1836 First Bedford Township meeting was held at the home of Levi Lewis located at 166 West Samaria Road. William Dunbar was elected Supervisor for one term.
- 26 Jan 1837 Michigan became the 26th state of the union.
- 1851 William was elected Clerk of Bedford Township in 1851, 1852, 1853, and 1854.
- 1855 William Dunbar moved his family to Monroe.
- 1857 William was elected Michigan State Representative for the first district of Monroe County for two two-year terms in 1857 and 1859.
- 1863 William was elected Sheriff for Monroe County for three two-year terms in 1863, 1865, and 1867.
- 27 Aug 1870 William Dunbar died at his residence in the Township of Monroe. From the personal history, in the History of Monroe County, Michigan, Wings, 1890. "Discharging all his official duties honestly and faithfully he showed to a marked degree the family trait of personally overseeing any duty for the performance of which he was held responsible. To the latter trait may be attributed his death, as during his term as county sheriff some prisoners escaped, and he pursued them in the dead of winter to the Saginaw valley, contracting a cold, to which no attention being paid it soon developed into that dreaded disease, consumption, from which he died August 27, 1870."
- 04 Feb 1889 Mercy A. (Aldrich) Dunbar died 04 Feb 1889, at the residence of her son, Addison E. Dunbar. Interment for both Mercy and William is Woodland Cemetery, Monroe, Michigan.

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EDMOND DULL

Born 01 Feb 1863, Bedford County, PA

Parents Joseph C. Dull 1825-1903
Mary (Benton) Dull 1836-1914

Joseph C. and Mary (Benton) Dull family came to what is now
Temperance, MI in 1869.

1870 Bedford Township census list

Joseph Dull, farmer

Mary Dull, keeping house

with 8 children; Catherine, Jacob, John, Albert, David,
Edmund, Joseph Jr, Margaret.

1876, 1896, and 1901 Bedford plat maps list Joseph C. Dull
as the owner of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 9, 40 acres, on the NW corner
of Erie and Jackman, with home facing Erie.

1880 Bedford Township census list

Joseph Dull, farmer

Mary Dull, wife

with 7 children; David, Edmund, Joseph, Malinda, Shannon,
Mary, Sarah E.

1900 Bedford Township census list

Joseph Dull, farmer

Mary Dull, wife

Lizzie, daughter

Children of Joseph C. and Mary (Benton) Dull

NAME	POB	DOB	DOD
Catherine	PA	1852	1943
Jacob B.	PA	1855	1931
John	PA	1856	1933
Albert	PA	1858	1897
David	PA	1861	1921
Edmond	PA	1863	1910
Joseph H	OH	1865	1937
Margaret M.	OH	1867	1953
Benjamin	MI	1869	1870
Shannon	MI	1872	1946
Mary Ellen	MI	1874	1952
Sarah Elizabeth	MI	1877	1919

Monroe County marriage records

Edmond Dull, age 21, R-Bedford, B-PA

Caroline M. Ansted, age 21, R-Bedford, B-OH

married 28 Feb 1884, in Bedford by John Silvernail, Minister
Witness - David Dull and Katie Carr

1900 Bedford Township censuses list

Edward Dull, lumber dealer (should be Edmond)

Carrie Dull, wife

with 4 children; Addison, Ray C, Ethel, Ransom.

EDMOND DULL _ cont.

Children of Edmond and Caroline M. (Ansted) Dull

NAME	POB	DOB	DOD
Katie	MI	1885	1886
Walter	MI	1887	1888
Addison E.	MI	1890	1959
Ray C.	MI	1892	1977
Ethel M.	MI	1894	1911
Ransom	MI	1896	1958
Harry	MI	1903	1904

Edmond Dull was elected Highway Commissioner for Bedford Township in 1889. He was elected Bedford Township Treasurer in 1890 and 1891.

In 1892, the Little Lake Baptist Church, Erie Road, Temperance, Michigan, decided to build a new church building in Temperance. The Little Lake Church building was sold to Edmond Dull for \$101.00 and moved to Temperance adjacent to the new church site, to be used as a storeroom.

Edmond was again elected Bedford Township Treasurer in 1900 and 1901.

At the Monroe County general election on 04 Nov 1902, Edmond was elected Monroe County Sheriff with 3,330 votes, with William L. Hause at 3,236 votes and Dennis VanVleet at 137 votes. The term for Sheriff was two years.

At the Monroe County general election on 08 Nov 1904, Edmond was elected Monroe County Sheriff with 4,293 votes, with William L. Hause at 3,318 votes and Franklin Leib at 131 votes. The term for Sheriff was two years.

At the Monroe County general election on 06 Nov 1906, Edmond did not run for Sheriff. Andrew L. Briggs was elected with 3,193 votes. Edward E. Vizard had 3,170 votes and Lawrence C. Manor 108 votes.

At the Monroe County general election on 30 Nov 1908, Edmond was elected Monroe County Sheriff with 4,182 votes, with Andrew L. Briggs at 3,566 votes and Edward A. Pfluge at 165 votes. The term for Sheriff was two years during the period 01 Jan 1909 to 31 Dec 1910.

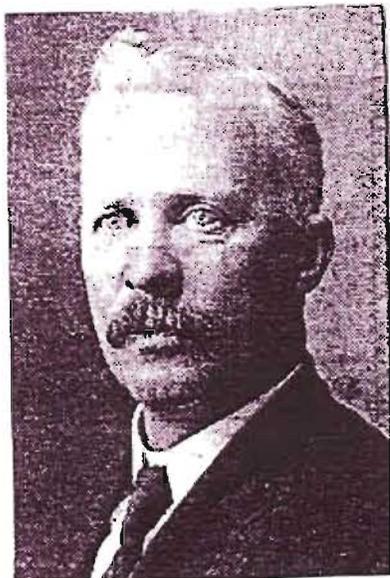
EDMOND DULL - cont.

Sheriff Edmond Dull was shot near Erie, Michigan, while on duty, on Monday August 1, 1910. He was taken to Robinwood Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, where he died at 2:20 am Wednesday August 3, 1910. The funeral was held Friday August 5, 1910, at St Paul's M. E. Church, Monroe, Michigan, with additional funeral service at First Baptist Church, Temperance, Michigan. Interment is at Hitchcock Cemetery, Temperance, Michigan. (1)

A William Harris was arrested for the crime and "as the bell of St Paul's M. E. Church was tolling for the funeral of the late Sheriff Dull, Friday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock, William Harris, the negro arrested for his murder, confessed his guilt." "Undersheriff George Renner, who had taken over as acting sheriff when Dull was shot, decided to transfer Harris to Detroit for safety." "On Aug. 16, Harris returned to Monroe for trial. He immediately admitted guilt and was sentenced to solitary confinement and hard labor at the state prison in Marquette. A half-hour after the trial began, Harris was back on a train this time headed for prison."

"Monroe's newspapers continued to write about Sheriff Dull's tragic death for several issues. One of the last stories written about it in the Monroe Record-Commercial said: "Thus has passed away among us a man whom any community could ill spare. He was absolutely fearless and it was this element which in the end, brought about his tragic death."

Mrs. Caroline M. (Ansted) Dull died February 21, 1930, with interment at Hitchcock Cemetery, Temperance, Michigan. Mrs. Dull, the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Welker) Ansted, was born near Fremont, Ohio, April 3, 1862, and at the age of two years moved with her parents to Temperance where she lived with the exception of 15 years, when she was in Monroe.



Edmond Dull

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(1) see photo of funeral service at The First Baptist Church, Temperance, Michigan, page 4



The First Baptist Church of Temperance
August 5, 1910, funeral service for
Edmond Dull, Monroe County Sheriff.

POST OFFICE history of BEDFORD TOWNSHIP

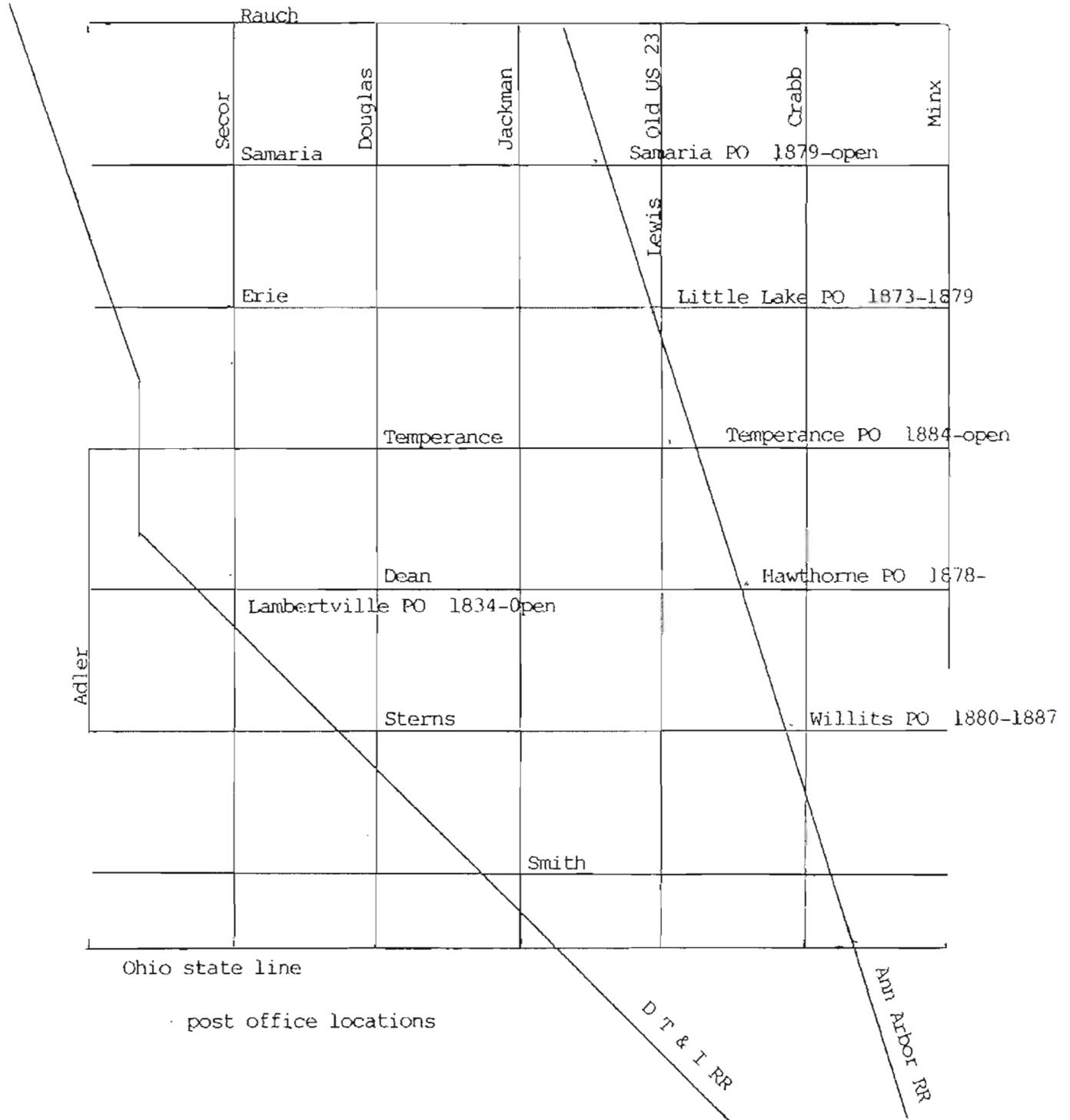
I have found interesting the post office history of Bedford Township. I am not a serious student of the history of the post office, however, did find that President Washington signed an act creating the U S Post Office on 20 Feb 1792.

With this project, I combined the post office history of Bedford Township with correspondence mailed to the Adams family at each of the post office locations in Bedford Township.

May 2000
Research by

Bedford Township

Donald R. Adams



WILLIAM T. BARRY, POST MASTER GENERAL



Of the United States of America.

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING.

Know Ye, That confiding in the Integrity, Ability, and Fidelity of William Dunbar, Esquire

I DO APPOINT him a POSTMASTER, and authorize him to execute the duties of that office at West Erie, in the county of Monroe, and Territory of Michigan according to the Laws of the United States, and the regulations of the POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, To hold the said office of POSTMASTER, with all the powers, privileges, and emoluments to the same belonging, during the pleasure of the Postmaster General of the United States for the term being

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the Post Office Department to be affixed at Washington City the 6th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four and of the Independence of the United States the 59th.

W. T. Barry

Northern Division

Registered the 22 day of Sept. 1834.

A. Macrae

POSTMASTER APPOINTMENT

This is a copy from the original certificate of appointment of WILLIAM DUNBAR as postmaster of the WEST ERIE postoffice, in the county of Monroe, and Territory of Michigan. The certificate is dated September 6, 1834, and signed by William T. Barry, Post Master General of the United States of America.

The post office was named West Erie from its location in western Erie Township. Erie Township was organized on 12 Apr 1827, to include all of present day Bedford, Erie, LaSalle, and Whiteford Townships. On 23 Mar 1836, Bedford Township was organized out of Erie Township. On 15 Jan 1836, the post office name had been changed from West Erie to Lambertville.



W. S. Tuttle
Little Lake P O
Monroe Co
Miss

House of Representatives

Monroe July 11 1878

W S Tuttle Esq
Dear Sir

On my return

(Letter addressed to W S Tuttle Esq
Little Lake P O
Monroe Co Mich)

House of Representatives,
July 11, 1878

W S Tuttle, esq

Dear Sir,

On my return from an absence of two days, I find a
Petition for the removal of the P O to Samaria signed by 79 house-
holders and for appointment of Samuel Weeks P M. It was evidently
brought to Monroe by someone who not finding me at home dropped
it in to the office here

I will hold it till I see or hear from you

Yours truly,

Edwin Willets

W S Tuttle

Edwin Willets
Secy of Post Office

This letter dated June 1839, is addressed to Mr Lucas Adams, West Erie or Bedford, Michigan Territory, Monroe County. By that date Bedford Township was split from Erie Township and had held the first election at the home of Levi Lewis, 166 Samaria Road on 2 May 1836. Michigan was no longer a territory and had become the 26th state of the union on 26 Jan 1837.

The envelope came into use in 1839. Prior to that time the letter was folded so that it left an area for the address and a wax seal. My collection contains close to 200 old family letters, the most of which were mailed to the Adams farm at what is now 1502 West Dean Road, Temperance, Michigan.

The postage stamp was introduced in 1847. On the June 1839 letter in the area of the address is written 25. In a historical recording I found the following quote. "To collect his letter the recipient had to pay the postage, never less than a quarter, because there were no stamps."

This letter was mailed from Sudbury, Vermont and was from Ruth (Davids) Baker-Jagger-McDaniels, mother of Mary (Baker) Adams.

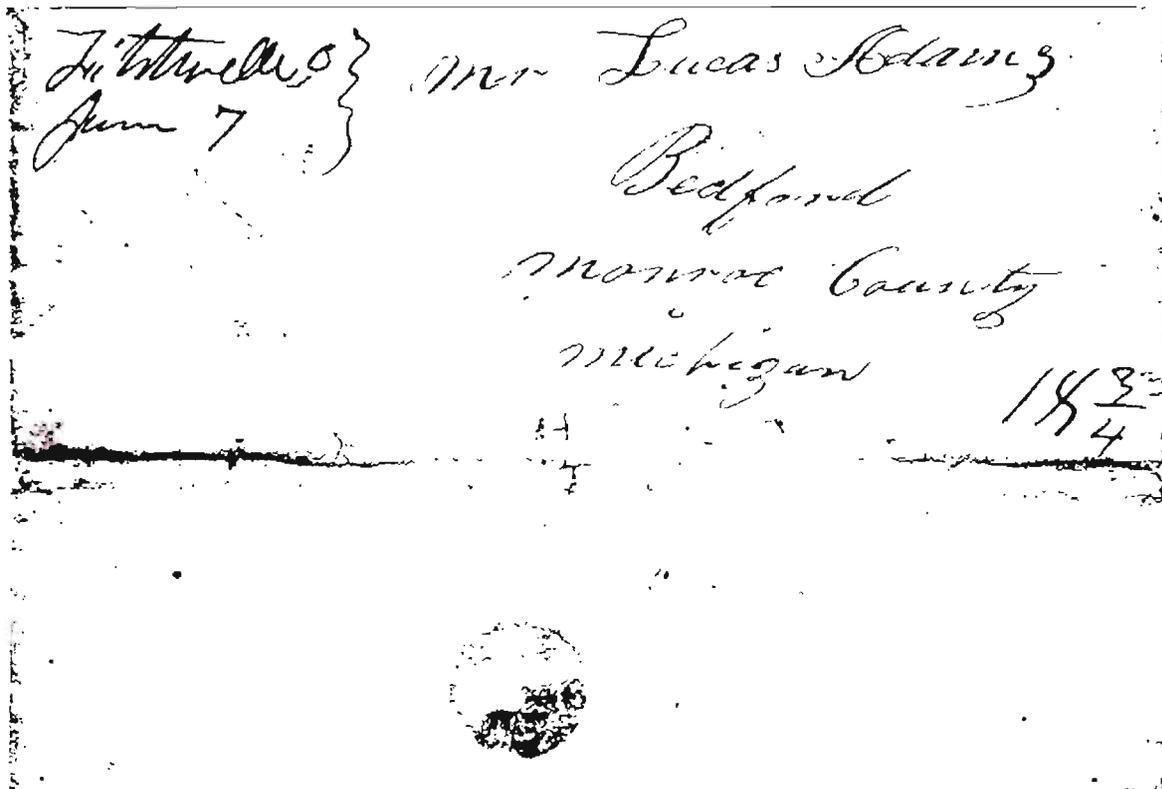
Mr Lucas Adams
West Erie or Bedford
Michigan Territory
Monroe County
Sudbury Vt

Sudbury June 1839

Dear children it is with unspeakable pleasure that I have set down to answer your kind letter which we received the 13th May and it was with pleasure we perused it for it brought us the glad news that you were enjoying good health and that you have good prospects before you it does indeed gladden my heart when I hear that you are enjoying life with all its attendant blessings that Providence has bestowed upon you and bids you reap the reward of the health is very good and

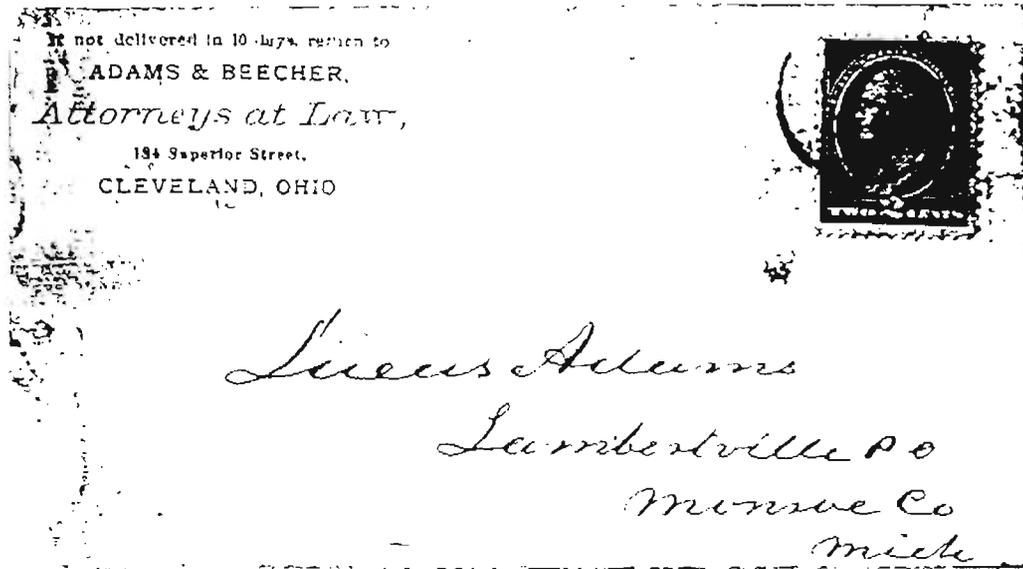
Letter was probably written in about 1845. Postage stamps were introduced in 1847. Letter was folded, wax sealed, mailed without an envelope, and addressed to Bedford, Monroe County, Michigan. Without a post office being named, it appears the letter was delivered to Lucas Adams without a problem.

The 18 3/4 written in the lower right hand corner is probably the postage.



Thank's wife Eliza and you well
 if you go to school can you read let me
 hear you you must bee good children
 and write your parents and read your
 book so by we send our love to you all
 in the ingearing friends
 Eliza P. Baker
 Nancy Baker

LAMBERTVILLE post office 1834-current. William Dunbar became the first postmaster on 13 Jun 1834. At first the post office was named West Erie for the location in Erie Township. In 1836 what became Bedford Township was split from Erie Township. On 15 Jan 1836, the post office was renamed Lambertville. The post office has operated out of several locations in Lambertville.



S. E. ADAMS.

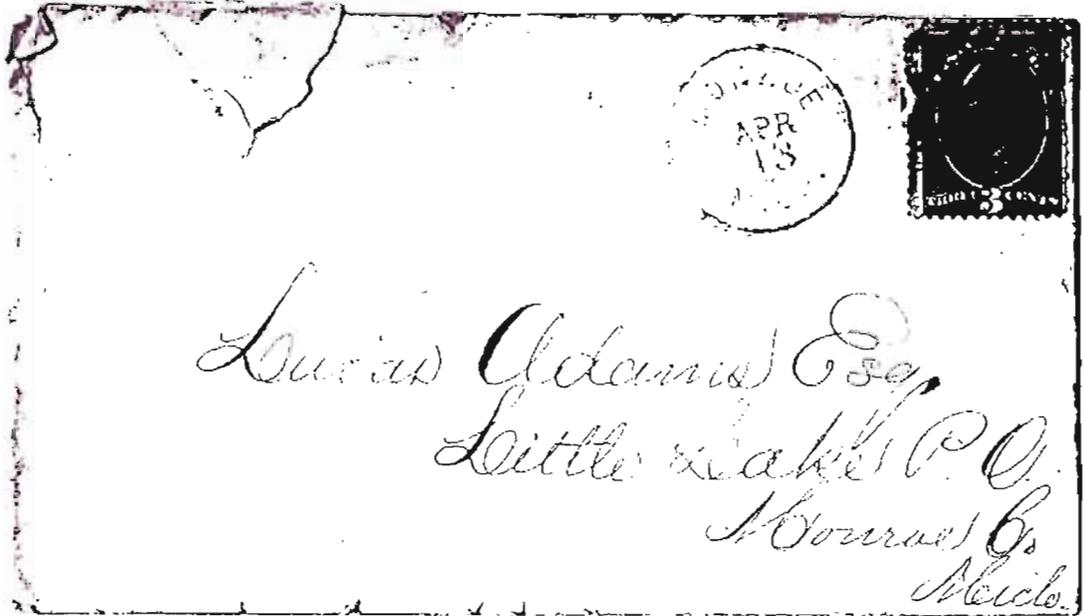
E. A. BEECHER.

ADAMS & BEECHER,
 ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS.
 IN THE STATE AND UNITED STATES COURTS.
 OFFICE 184 SUPERIOR STREET

Cleveland, Oct 16 1854

Dear Uncle

we feel a little anxious to know if
 Aunt Mary has recovered from the attack and
 convulsions which troubled her when we left
 your house. Also wish to hear whether you are
 in usual health



LAW OFFICE

OF

IRA B. GROSVENOR,

NATIONAL BANK BLOCK,

WASHINGTON STREET

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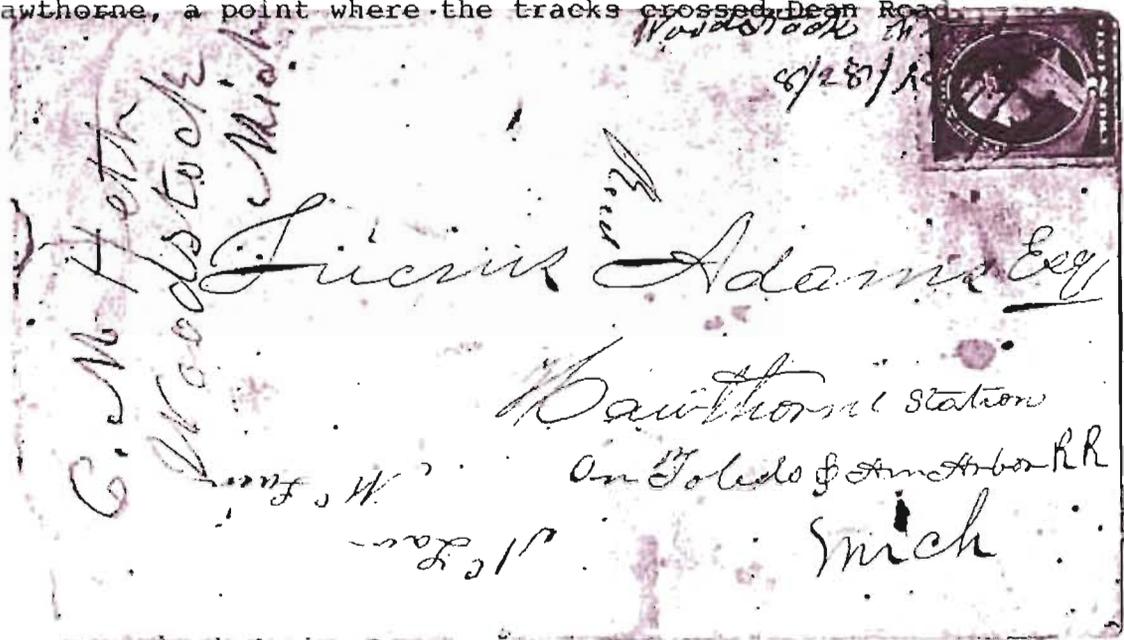
Monroe, Mich., April 15th 1876

Lucius Adams Esq

Dear Sir

On the day following your visit to my office I consulted Col Grosvenor in the matter of the notes left with me by you and finding his opinion was quite in harmony with that

HAWTHORNE post office 1878- . . . A station on Toledo & Ann Arbor Railroad. This info taken from Michigan Place Names. A 8 Jun 1971, Sue Potter article on Edwin Joseph Whitmill has the following, "In the early days the mail was dropped at Hawthorne, a point where the tracks crossed Dean Road



Woodstock Mich Aug 28 - 1884

Mr Lucius Adams

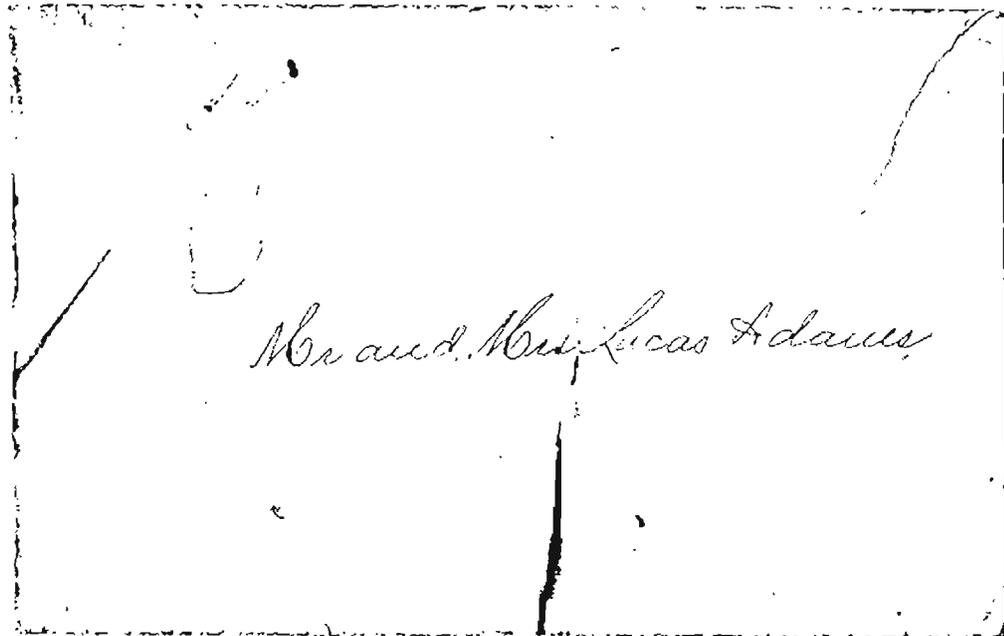
Hawthorne Mich

Dear Uncle your

kind letter and invitation
to your fiftieth anniversary
of your marriage is duly
received we will make every
effort to attend my Wife and
myself are looking forward
to the occasion with much
pleasure hoping that it will
be happy for all you and your
guests making one of the bright
spots in ^{the} lives of all Except our
Love and congratulations
our family consisting of two good
boys both with us living at the home
speak us all in good health join
in sending good wishes
affectionately

SAMARIA post office 1879-current. Samuel Weeks became the first postmaster on 17 Jan 1879. The post office has operated out of several locations in Samaria. In the early days the mail was delivered to the depot at Samaria by the Ann Arbor Railroad.

Did not have correspondence mailed to the Adams family at the Samaria post office. Below is correspondence mailed to Mr and Mrs Lucas Adams, from Mr and Mrs William P. Hubbell, Samaria, Michigan. Do not have the envelope it was mailed in.



Fiftieth Anniversary.

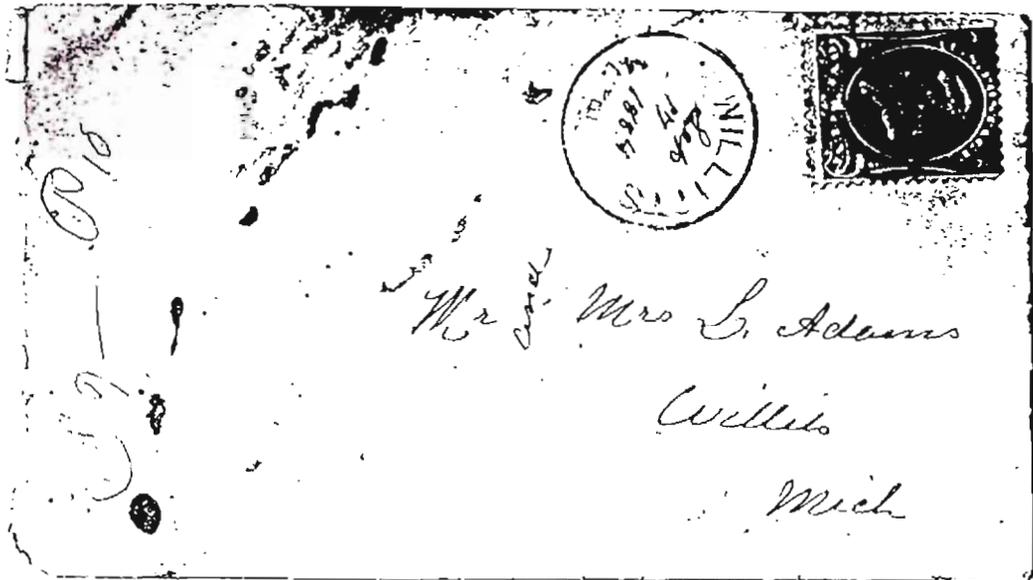
1834. 1884.

Mr. & Mrs. W. P. Hubbell

Request the pleasure of your Company at the
Fiftieth Anniversary
of their Marriage, on Tuesday, Feb. 5th, 1884.

Afternoon and Evening Samaria, Mich.

WILLITS post office 1880-1887. A station on the Toledo & Ann Arbor Railroad at Sterns Road. Harriet M. Lord became the first postmaster on 8 Nov 1880, the office operating until 23 Sep 1887.



Willits Sept 11th /84

Dear Friend,

please accept our
thanks for your kind invitation
I had waited until this time
perhaps Mr. Otis would be able
to meet with you & your many
kind friends to day.

But regret to say that he is not well
therefore please accept our kindest
wishes for your wellfare & happiness
& may this day be filled with many
pleasures long to be remembered by
you & yours is the sincere wish

Your friends of

Mr & Mrs, J. L. Otis

TEMPERANCE post office 1884-current. Lewis Ansted became the first postmaster on 8 Dec 1884. The post office operated out of several location in Temperance. In the early days the mail was delivered by the Ann Arbor Railroad to the depot at Temperance.

Return to J. B. Bellish
GOLDWATER, Mich.,
If not delivered within 10 days.



Mr. Lawrence Addams,
Temperance Post Office
Bedford
Monroe Co. Mich.

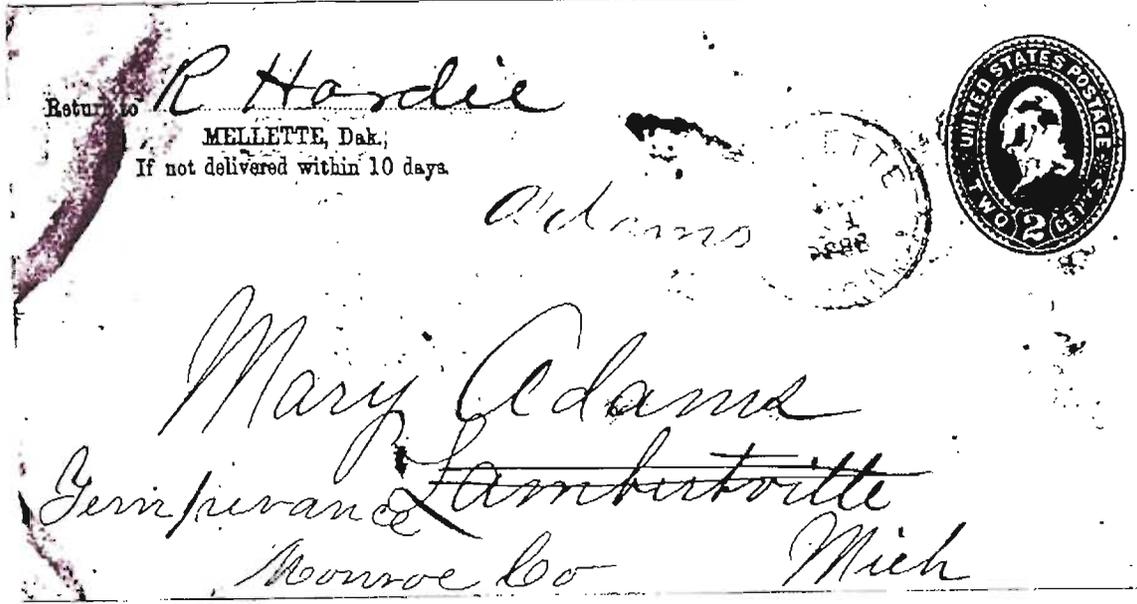
Letter dated 7 Nov 1892

Goldwater Nov 7th 92
Bro Lawrence Addams

Dear Sir

This writing finds us all well, and very greatfull to God for the blessings we enjoy. I wrote to you a year ago last winter in answer to your letter in regard to the money I owed you, and said, I had at that time

This letter dated 29 Aug 1888, was addressed to Lambertville. As the Temperance post office was opened on 8 Dec 1884, the Lambertville post office changed the address to Temperance.



PROV. XI: 24.

Study of Rev. Robt. Hardie,
Mellette, Spink County, Dak.

Sister Adams *Aug 29* 1888

—We are happy to inform you that another church edifice is being built within the bounds of our Conference, for which aid is asked from the Pioneer Association, of which you are a member. Please read carefully the enclosed "call."

We thank you much for your assistance in the past and wish to say that your help at this time will be appreciated more, if possible, than ever before.

The chapel is to be built at Aberdeen, a city of 5,000 inhabitants and destined to become one of the largest cities of Dakota. The church there was organized only last spring, since which time they have worshipped in a private house. As they wish to complete the building by Oct. 1st you will recognize the necessity of an immediate response.

Hoping to receive your remittance as soon as possible I remain,

Your Brother in the Work,

ROBT. HARDIE.

Aberdeen Church.

The second report of names who have sent money for Aberdeen church by letter to the corresponding secretary:

W. M. Lacy,.....	\$1.00.
J. P. Taylor,.....	1.00.
J. L. Benton,.....	1.00.
Mrs. H. Balen,.....	1.00.
Texas church,.....	1.25.
Jerusha Rice,.....	3.00.
Michael Miller,.....	1.00.
S. A. Manwell,.....	1.00.
Mary Adams,.....	1.00.
F. J. Wilson,.....	1.00.
W. C. Mullanix,.....	1.00.
J. N. Bedford,.....	2.00.
L. N. Stratton,.....	1.00.
Mrs. H. C. Fox,.....	1.00.
L. W. Allen,.....	1.00.
Eliza Allen,.....	1.00.
Wm. Lewis,.....	1.00.
A. W. Hall,.....	1.00.
E. M. Tarbell,.....	5.00.
Homer Hull,.....	1.00.
Geo. Fry,.....	1.00.

The friends in Dakota have paid up to date for Aberdeen church \$56, making in all \$102.25 paid for this church. A great many who have agreed to give \$1.00 for each church we build, have not responded yet. The work has been hindered for want of your dollar, brother. Will you not send it immediately! Address

ROBERT HARDIE,

Mellette, Dakota.



Temperance Community Service Record



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World War I (1914-1918) United States was
involved in the European War in 1917-1918

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Temperance, Michigan
July 28, 1918



CLAYTON BUTLER.

Clayton Oscar Butler, son of Charles and Liddle Butler, was born at Temperance, Michigan, November 11th, 1895. Attended the Temperance School. Entered the selective Military Service of the United States at Toledo, Ohio, Oct. 4th, 1917, and was transferred to Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio. Later transferred to Camp Merritt, N. Y., where he attends a Military Training School.

LIONAL WALLACE.

Lional L. Wallace, son of S. L. and Olive Wallace, born at Carleton, Mich., March 25th, 1896. Attended the Carleton and Temperance Schools, Monroe High School and Hillsdale College. With ten of his College chums, he enlisted in the First Ambulance Company of the Ohio National Guards, at Toledo, Ohio, May 19th, 1917. Mustered in July 15th, promoted to high private and transferred to headquarters staff, 148th United States Ambulance Company. Went to Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Alabama, Oct. 1st, 1917. Transferred to Camp Upton, N. Y. Sailed overseas June 28th, 1918. News of safe arrival overseas received.

RAY LOWE.

Ray Lowe, son of John and Alice Lowe, was born at Temperance, Michigan, June 16th, 1896. Attended the Temperance school. Entered the selective Military Service of the United States at Monroe, Michigan, September 15th, 1917. He is now a member of Company I, Military Police, at Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Michigan. Promoted to a Corporal and was sent to Camp Mills, N. J., July 14th, where he was made a member of Co. A, 316th Military Police. Left an Atlantic Port July 20th or 21st, supposedly for Italy.

CARL MAYER.

Carl J. Mayer, son of David and Mary Mayer, was born at Ann Arbor, Michigan, September 16th, 1887. Attended the Toledo Schools. Entered Selective Military Service of the United States at Columbus, Ohio, on October 7th, 1917. He is now a member of Battery C, 324th Heavy Artillery, located at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio. Was transferred to Camp Mills, N. J., June 3, 1918. Left Camp Mills for overseas June 11, 1918.

HARRY MEINHARDT.

Harry R. Meinhardt, son of J. C. and Effie Meinhardt, was born at Temperance, Michigan, January 21st, 1896. Attended the French and Temperance Schools. Was much interested in music and for several years played the trombone in the Temperance band

and orchestra. On July 20th, 1917 he enlisted in the 1st Ohio Ambulance Company of the Ohio National Guards, at Toledo, Ohio. Was transferred to Montgomery, Alabama, Oct. 1st, 1917. Transferred to Camp Upton, N. Y., June 16, 1918, and sailed overseas June 25th, 1918. News of his safe arrival received July 12, 1918.

LESTER ELLIOTT.

Lester W. Elliott, son of Edwin F. and Alta A. Elliott, was born at Samaria, Michigan, January 14th, 1895. Attended the Temperance and Toledo Schools. Enlisted in the 1st Ohio Ambulance Company of the Ohio National Guards, June 3rd, 1917, at Toledo, Ohio. Was transferred to Montgomery, Alabama, Oct. 1st, 1917, to Camp Sheridan. He is known as Lieut. Pennington's Orderly. Transferred to Camp Upton, N. Y., June 16th, 1918. Sailed overseas June 23th, and notice of his safe arrival overseas received July 12, 1918.

HAZEN C. ELLIOTT.

Hazen C. Elliott, son of Edwin F. and Alta A. Elliott, was born at Toledo Ohio, May 15th, 1897. Attended the Temperance and Toledo Schools. Entered into Government Service January 10th, 1917, when he enlisted in the Hospital Corps at Columbus, Ohio. He is now in Walter Reed General Hospital, at Washington, D. C., where he is employed as a 1st class nurse. Transferred to Camp Upton, N. Y., June 16, 1918, and sailed overseas June 28. Notice of safe arrival overseas received July 12, 1918.

WALTER A. COOLEY.

Walter Allen Cooley, son of Charles and Lucy Cooley, was born in Toledo, Ohio, April 19th, 1891. Enlisted in the 6th Ohio Infantry, July 15th, 1917. Left Toledo for Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Alabama, August 25th, 1917. Has been promoted to First Class Private, with an increase of \$3.00 per month in wages. In Company H. Was sent to Camp Hancock, Ga., Feb. 1, 1918, as a Motor Mechanic. Was transferred May 1st, to Camp Greene, N. Carolina, where he was made a Sergeant. July 1st he was sent to Camp Upton, N. Y., and is now probably going over.

AUBRY GOLDSMITH.

Aubrey Goldsmith, son of Frederick and Charlotte Goldsmith, was born at Eawburst, England, Feb. 11th, 1899. Attended school in England. Enlisted in the 5th Regiment, Ohio National Guards at Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 6th, 1917. Was transferred to Montgomery, Alabama. Was sent to Camp Lee, Va., and notice of his safe arrival overseas was received by his parents July 11, 1918.

ARTHUR W. LOGA.

Arthur W. Loga, son of Charles and Clara Loga, was born at Toledo, Ohio, July 22d, 1894. Attended the Temperance and Whiteford schools. Entered the Selective Military Service of the United States at Monroe, Michigan, November 21st, 1917. Is now located at Battle Creek, Michigan, at Camp Custer. Was transferred to Waco, Texas, Dec. 19, 1917, and left there Jan. 10, 1918, for Camp Merritt, N. J. He had been made a member of the 107th Engineer Corps and was last heard from by a card mailed from an army base. On Feb. 10th, his parents received a telegram that he was on the British Transport Tuscania that was torpedoed off the north coast of Ireland Feb. 5th, 1918, and that he was safe. The transport is reported as having sailed from Halifax, Nova Scotia, Feb. 6th, he landed at Lowden-dery, Ireland, and he was sent to a hospital and later sent to a base hospital at Morn Hill, Camp Winchester, England. Arrived in France May 26th and on June 1st was transferred to 110th Engineer's 2nd, Provisional Co.

HENRY HOBART.

Henry Hobart, son of William and Lucy Hobart, was born at Whiteford, March 22nd, 1892. Attended school at Whiteford and Lambertville, Mich. Enlisted in Company L, Ohio Infantry, now the 147th, August 20th, 1917. Promoted to a high private. He was sent to Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Alabama. Confined in a hospital of that place for five weeks. Transferred to Camp Lee, Va., and notice of his safe arrival overseas was received July 10, 1918.

HOWARD J. SCHULER.

Howard J. Schuler, adopted son of John and Katie Schuler, was born in Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 15, 1897. Attended school at Toledo, Liberty Corners and Detroit High school. Graduated from the American School of Correspondence. Enlisted in Co. A, Ohio Engineers, May 1917. Mustered into service at Camp Perry, Ohio, July 1st, 1917. Transferred to Camp Sheridan, Alabama, Sept. 1st, 1917. Transferred to Camp Lee, Va., and notice of his safe arrival overseas was received July 10, 1918.

RALPH WYNOCKER.

Ralph Wynocker, son of Walter and Loretta Wynocker, was born at Dunkirk, Indiana, Feb. 3d, 1894. Attended school at Findlay, Ohio, and Vincennes, Ind. Entered Selective Military Service of the U. S. Sept. 18th, 1917. Was sent to Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Mich. Was assigned to Co. A No. 328, Machine Gun Battalion. Was promoted to the rank of Corporal 330th Mach. Gun Bat. Left Camp Custer for Camp Mills, N. Y., July 15, 1918.

LAWRENCE E. WYNOCKER.

Lawrence E. Wynocker, son of Walter and Lurita Wynocker, was born at Bowling Green, Ohio, April 7th, 1890. Attended school at Bowling Green and Vincennes, Indiana. About the middle of May he enlisted in the 6th Ohio Infantry Band. Was transferred to Bay View Park, Camp Webster, and assigned to Ambulance Corps. Sept. 27th was transferred to Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Ala. 14th Infantry Band and is teacher of Glee and pic-nic in camp. Was promoted to Sergeant Headquarters Co. 14th Infantry 31st Div. Transferred to Camp Lee, Va. May 28th. Sailed overseas probably June 21st. Notice of his safe arrival overseas received by his parents July 12th, 1918.

EDWARD F. TRAPP.

Edward F. Trapp, son of John and Margaret Trapp, was born in Gibsonburg, Ohio, Dec. 7, 1897. Attended the Hillsburg school. Entered the Selective Military Service May 25, 1918. Sent to Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky. June 21st. Was sent to Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga.

CHARLES TEIDERMAN.

Charles Teiderman, son of Christ and Alice Teiderman, was born at Petersburg, Michigan, in 1889. Attended the Temperance school. Enlisted in Co. C, 6th Ohio National Guards, July 2d, 1917. Transferred to remount station at Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Alabama.

WALTER TEIDERMAN.

Walter Teiderman, son of Christ and Alice Teiderman, was born at Toledo, Ohio, in 1895. Attended the Temperance schools. Entered the Selective Military service of the United States at Monroe, Mich., Nov. 21st, 1917. Is now located at Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Michigan.

STANLEY VALENTINE.

Stanley Valentine was born in the State of New York in 1898. Enlisted from the community in the 6th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Saw service on the Mexican frontier. Is now in Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Alabama.

BERTHA A. ADAMS.

Bertha A. Adams, daughter of John Q. and Jane Adams, was born in Bedford, Monroe Co., Michigan, July 12, 1885. Attended Monroe county public schools. Enlisted in Naval base hospital Unit No. 7, American Red Cross Organization, Nov. 22d, 1917, at Toledo, Ohio. Transferred to United States Hospital at Brooklyn, N. Y., and given a furlough dated July 11, 1918.

ELMER E. WETZEL.

Elmer Evert Wetzal, son of Alvina and Emma Wetzal, was born at Findlay, O., Feb. 14th, 1893. Attended the Toledo school. Enlisted in the 8th Cavalry Co. C. at Presidio, Cal., in November, 1912.

Was sent to El Paso, Texas. Promoted to Corporal. Served until Nov., 1915, when he was placed in reserve. Was called back Aug. 14th, 1917, and sent to Ft. Bliss, Texas. Was promoted to Sergeant and is now in Co. C, 8th Cavalry, at Santa Helena, Texas. He is a brother of Mrs. Albert Rodd, with whom he made his home. Was transferred to Troop C, 8th Cavalry now stationed at Terlingua, Texas.

PERRY C. WHITMILL.

Perry Clayton Whitmill, son of Edwin and Catherine Whitmill, was born at Samaria, Mich., July 9th, 1891. Attended the Samaria school. Enlisted in the Machine Gun Corps Dec. 3rd, 1917, and went to Washington, D. C., to Ft. Myer Barracks Ft. 26. Was sent to an Atlantic port and went overseas about Jan. 1, 1918, and is now somewhere in France.

ROY H. MEINHARDT.

Roy H. Meinhardt, son of J. C. and Effie Meinhardt, was born at Temperance, Mich. July 12th, 1900. Attended the French and Temperance schools. Enlisted in the Hospital Corps of the U. S. A. Dec. 8th, 1917, at Toledo, O. Was sent to Columbus, O. Transferred to Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., and to San Antonio, Texas, and later to Camp Greene, N. Carolina.

STANLEY HOBART BORDEN.

Stanley Hobart Borden was born July 1, 1899. Enlisted in the 145th U. S. Infantry, Dec. 3rd. And is now somewhere in France. Request of Mrs. White, with whom he lived.

HARRY W. SCHMUHL.

Harry C. Schmuhl, son of Chas. and Milla Schmuhl, was born at Toledo, O., Oct. 27th, 1895, attended the Toledo schools. Enlisted in the Aviation Corps, Dec. 7th, 1917, and left Toledo for Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, Dec. 13th, 1917. Transferred to Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill. and Waco, Texas. Is now at Camp Plamfield, West Point, Miss., studying for an Aerial Gunner.

GUY D. CULVER.

Guy D. Culver, son of Laverne and Mary Culver, was born at Milan, Mich., Dec. 21, 1893. He attended the district school and graduated from the Milan High school. After teaching for five years, he took up the study of medicine and was at the time he enlisted a medical student at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He enlisted in the Naval Reserves Dec., 1917, and was called for service March 15, 1918. He has just completed two months training at the Great Lakes Training Station.

EDWARD B. MILLER.

Edward B. Miller, son of Edward and Anna Miller, was born at Delphos, O., Sept. 13, 1893. He entered the Naval Service at Lima, O., but was rejected and entered the Selective Service at Detroit, Mich., and was sent to Camp Custer, and transferred to Waco, Texas.

LEWIS LEUBBIN.

Lewis Leubbin, son of John and Fredrica Leubbin, was born in Ferrysburg, O., March 15th, 1892. Attended Whiteford schools. Entered the Selective Military service of the United States, April 2nd, 1918. Was sent to Camp Custer, Mich., July 20th, he was injured in a railroad wreck near Jackson, Mich., and last reports he was nearly recovered.

EDGAR GORDEN.

Edgar Gordon, son of Isaac and Nettie Gordon, was born at Samaria, Mich., in 1889. He attended the Temperance and Lambertville schools. After teaching three years he attended Hillsdale college, graduated from there in 1915. He attended the University of Michigan and is at present at the Great Lakes Training Station at Illinois.

WILLIAM HACKMAN.

William Hackman, son of William and Elizabeth Hackman, was born in Toledo, O., March 22nd, 1895. Attended the French and Temperance schools. Entered the Selective Military Service of the United States, July 22nd, 1918, and is at Camp Custer, Mich.

CHRIST TEIDERMAN.

Christ Teiderman, son of Christ and Alice Teiderman, was born in Bedford Township, Sept. 11, 1895. Entered Selective Military Service of the United States at Monroe, Mich., May 27th, 1918, and was sent to Camp Custer and later to Camp Mills, Long Island, N. Y.

ORA L. FREEMAN.

Oru L. Freeman, son of Charles and Cora May Freeman, was born at Elk Rapids, Mich., Oct. 10, 1895. Attended the Temperance school. Entered the Selective Military Service of the United States at Toledo, O., May 24th, 1918. Sent to Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., and transferred to Camp Johnson, Jacksonville, Fla.

HARRY EISENMANN.

Harry J. Eisenmann, son of Charles and Viola Eisenmann, was born at Toledo, O., June 7th, 1887. Attended the Rawson, Lambertville and Temperance and State Normal school at Hillsdale. He was a teacher for ten years in Monroe Co. Entered Selective Military Service, May 27th, 1918, and several weeks later was transferred to Camp Mills, Long Island, N. Y. Last report in his hospital in New York City.

NOAH LAPLANTE.

Noah Laplante, son of Sol and Margaret Laplante, was born in Bedford Township, March 23, 1891. Attended French school. Entered Military Service of the United States, April 22nd, 1918, and sent to Camp Custer, Mich.

BURR HOOVER.

Durr Hoover, son of David and Minnie Hoover, was born in Whiteford Township, Oct. 4, 1897. Attended West Toledo school and Liberty school. He enlisted on June 12, 1918, and entered the Naval Service June 16, when he was sent to the Training Station at Great Lakes, Ill.

Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan men who gave their lives while serving their Country during the listed wars.

World War I

Ford, Marvin C.
Nusbaum, Edmund T.
Oberski, Anthony J.
Osborn, Sherman H.
Sulinski, Adam E.
Tiederman, Christ

Korea

Stengel, William

Vietnam

Colwell, Ronald L.
Gray, Thomas E.
Long, Thomas K.
VanCleave, William F.
Widmer, Richard J.

World War II

Adams, Arlon L.
Bay, Carlton H.
Bell, Harold E.
Berkheimer, Jack S.
Blackman, Allen E.
Bryant, Richard E.
Corl, Harry L.
Couture, Daryl W.
Elliott, A D
Evans, Laurel P.
Fisher, Walter R.
Mathewson, Glenn V.
McCarty, Paul D.
Osenbaugh, Raymond A.
Ott, Earl R.
Pattison, Herbert L.
Roe, LeRoy C.
Ruckreigle, Lawrence R.
Sauter, Byron
Schmidt, LeRoy D.
Sheldon, Marvin J.
Shoup, Clyde M.
Shoup, Lambert L.
Spotts, Melvin A.

Desert Storm

Iraq

Garza, Juan Jr.

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Monroe, Michigan

daughter of Lewis and Catherine (Fickle) Welker,
born Darnstadt, Germany, 09 Dec 1818.

1831 - Elizabeth with her parents and an older brother embarked
from the seaport, Bremen, Germany on the ship Alexandria
for the United States and nine weeks later landed at the
the port of Baltimore, Maryland.

1834 - Elizabeth and her parents left the brother in Maryland
and moved to Sandusky County, Ohio.

1838 - Elizabeth married Jacob A. Ansted on 18 Oct 1838, in
Sandusky County, Ohio. Jacob, son of Jacob and Charlotte
Ansted, born 07 Jan 1815, Bavaria, Germany.

Jacob and Elizabeth had 13 children, all born in Ohio,
including Lewis M. Ansted (1846-1928), first postmaster
at Temperance, Michigan.

1864 - The family left Ohio for Bedford Township, Monroe County,
Michigan. During the move Jacob died on 23 Mar 1864, at
the age of 49 years, 2 month, 16 days.

Elizabeth died at Temperance, Michigan, 02 Feb 1904, at
the age of 85 years, 1 month, 23 days.

Both Jacob and Elizabeth are buried at Hitchcock Cemetery,
Temperance, Michigan



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My Ancestors *1815* *1904*



WHITMAN & CARR SALES CO.

TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN

PRESENTED BY
C. G. CARR



Whitman & Carr Sales Co.
Chevrolet Agency
8967 Lewis Avenue
Temperance, Michigan

Owners John Silas Whitman and Chester George Carr

Business started about 1927 and they went out of business in 1938 when the Whitman family moved to Arizona.

In photo - John Silas Whitman on left and Irwin Gerald Brunt on right. Two autos in front are 1928 Chevrolets. Auto in back 1928 Pontiac. Irwin was taking delivery of the 1928 Pontiac.

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John Silas Whitman
1895 - 1975



Chester George Carr
1868 - 1952

26 JUN 1944



**Clarence J.
Wittman**
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE
FOR
SHERIFF
AT
JULY 11, PRIMARY

Director of M. C. McLachlin State Bank, Member of Board of Supervisors for Monroe Co., Director of Farmers Market & Supply Co., 29 yrs. in Automobile Business, 14 Yrs. Deputy Sheriff.

Your Vote Will Be Appreciated Pol. Adv.

The Whitman & Carr Sales Co. was a Chevrolet sub-agency of Wittman Chevrolet Motor Sales, owned by Clarence J. Wittman, a brother of John Silas Whitman. John changed the spelling to Whitman from Wittman.

Wittman Chevrolet Motor Sales was at 1137-39 Sylvania Ave., Toledo, Ohio, south side of Sylvania Ave., two blocks west of Lewis Ave. Their phone number was Lawndale 1103. Wittman Motor Sales also operated used car sales at 1115 Madison Ave. and 920 Phillips Ave. This information found in a 1936 Toledo City directory.

WHITMAN FORD CO
8946 Lewis Ave.
Temperance, Michigan

Grand Opening

04 Mar 1950



History by
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History of Whitman Ford Co.

John S. Whitman and his son, Paul, obtained a franchise in January of 1950 to become a dealer and represent the Ford Motor Company in the southern part of Monroe County, including the villages of Erie, Temperance & Lambertville.

In February 1950 the company opened for business in temporary quarters at 8946 Lewis Ave., Temperance (where Crary Drugs currently are). The factory gave the dealership an allotment of 4 cars per month for most of that first year. The employees of the company were:

- Salesmen - John & Paul Whitman
- Parts mgr. - Virginia Whitman
- Mechanic - James Krieger
- Office mgr. - Retha Kinney

On January 28, 1950 the Whitmans purchased about 5 acres of land at 9100 Lewis Ave (which was then known as the Fred Colton roadside market) from Paul Vance and his wife Ruth. The house was moved to the rear of the property and Fred Colton and wife lived there until their death. Construction was started on the new dealership building in late 1950 and the dealership moved into the building in September 1951.

John Whitman retired from the business in 1965

In 1969 the company built a new body shop at 896 Whitman Drive

In April 1973 the company purchased 77 acres of land at the northwest corner of Lewis Ave. & Stems Rd. from Arthur & Robert Frautschi. During the fall of 1976 the company started construction of their present building at 7555 Lewis Ave. The building was ready for occupancy in November 1977.

Both sons of Paul & Virginia Whitman joined the company after their college graduation. Jon joined in 1978 and was elected president of the company on June 30, 1983. Lee joined the company in 1979 and worked there 5 years before leaving to enter seminary.

Paul Whitman retired in October of 1992.



Whitman Ford Co



Parts Department



Paul R. Whitman
Ready for the Grand Opening

WHITMAN GENERAL STORE and FRANCIS FOODS

John Silas Whitman was born 01 May 1895, in Riga Township, Lenawee County, Michigan. John married Claire E. Klump on 26 Jun 1919. In 1920, John and Claire moved to Temperance, Monroe County, Michigan.

They opened the Whitman General Store at 8955 Lewis Avenue, Temperance, Michigan and also had a store in Samaria, MI.

John and Claire had three children. Paul and Pauline, twins, born in 1922 and Caroline, born in 1926.

See attached three advertisements for the J. S. Whitman, Nation-wide Stores taken from The Temperance News. The three papers were dated April 25, 1935; May 03, 1935; and May 10, 1935.

In 1938, the family moved to Tucson, Arizona and it was there that the family met Raymond Marshall Francis. Ray was born 07 Dec 1921, in Berkeley, California.

Ray was in the U. S. Navy for the period of 1942 thru 1945.

The Whitman family moved back to Temperance in 1940, after Paul and Pauline graduated from high school.

While in Arizona the Temperance and Samaria stores were operated by Clarence J. Wittman, a brother to John S. Whitman. John had changed the spelling of his name.

See attached advertisement for Wittman's Food Markets. The ad is dated May 3 and 4, without the year. This would have been during the period of 1938 to 1940.

While in the U. S. Navy, Raymond Marshall Francis married Pauline Mae Whitman in Temperance on 30 Aug 1944.

After Ray was honorably discharged from the U. S. Navy on 09 Oct 1945, he went to work for the Whitman Store, Temperance, Michigan.

In 1948, Ray and Pauline purchased the general store from John S. Whitman. The store was named Whitman's Market and continued at 8955 Lewis Avenue.

In 1952, Ray and Pauline moved the store to 8946 Lewis Avenue. They renamed the business Francis Foodland. At some point in time the name was changed to Francis Foods. This was the original location of Whitman Ford after John and Paul obtained a Ford franchise in January 1950. Whitman Ford moved to 9100 Lewis Avenue in September 1951.

WHITMAN GENERAL STORE and FRANCIS FOODS

Francis Foods moved to their newly constructed store at 8926 Lewis Avenue on 22 Oct 1956. In 1972, the store was remodeled, doubling its size to 12,200 sq. ft. Another expansion in 1983, increased the size to 23,800 sq.ft.

Ray and Pauline sold the business to Food Town Supermarkets in August 1989, after providing friendly service to the Community for 41 years.

Ray and Pauline had two sons, Paul Raymond in 1945 and Mark William in 1952.

Howard A Kinney worked for Ray the full 41 years and become manager in 1966. Howard continued with Food Town until he retired in 1992.

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WHITMAN GENERAL STORE

Below are ads from high school year books

Groceries
Meats
Dry Goods
J. S. Whitman

1937
Temperance High School

Compliments
WHITMAN'S
MEATS
GROCERIES
DRY GOODS
FEEDS
TEMPERANCE
&
SAMARIA

1943
Temperance High School

Compliments
Whitman's
Meats
Groceries
Dry Goods
Feeds

1941
Temperance High School

J. S. WHITMAN
GROCERIES - MEATS - DRY GOODS
SHOES - FEEDS - HARDWARE
AND DRUGS
Temperance, Michigan

1948
Bedford Rural Agricultural
School

NATION-WIDE STORES

J. S. WHITMAN
Temperance and Samaria, Mich.

"Economy Buying"

W. J. WHITTAKER
Lambertville, Mich.

NATION-WIDE STORES OFFER:

ALICE OF OLD VINCENNES "TOMATO JUICE"

AT GREAT SAVINGS!

Nature's Healthful Food. Rich in Vitamins. Appetizer. Drink Mass at Every Meal.
TWO JUMBO CANS 25 CENTS

Del Monte SPINACH—Free from Grit Two No. 2 Cans **25c**

Kidney Beans, N-W, 2 No. 2 cans	19c	Baby Food, Stokelys, all kinds, can	10c
Mushrooms, stems and pieces 2 oz.	10c	Fancy Tea, Green or Black, 1/4 lb. pkg.	

Maxwell HOUSE COFFEE, A Coffee You'll Really Enjoy One Pound Tin

Coffee, All American, Finest, 1 lb	19c	Sauerkraut, 3 No. 2 1/2 cans	
Dole <i>Apple</i> Apples, No. 2 cans	29c	Soap Flakes, Fine quality, 5 lb	

Fruit Jam PURE—It's Delicious—Buy a Jar To-Day 16-ounce Jar **25c**

Borax, Famous 20-Mule Team, 10 oz.	12c	Mop Sticks, finest quality, each	9c
Washclothes, 40-ft. sashcord each	15c	Cotton Mops, finest quality, each	11c

Old Dutch CLEANSER—Cleans and Scours. Doesn't Scratch—2 cans for **15c**

Brooms, 5-sewed, good quality, each	47c	Climaleene, 3 small pkgs.	17c
Wax-Rite, liquid floor wax, pint can	39c	Bowlene, for cleansing, large can	19c

Flour NATION-WIDE—All Purpose, 5 lb. sack 27c. **\$1.05**
2 1/2 Lb. sack

BUTTER, Pure Creamery, lb. 38c

DRAIN KING

For Sluggish Drains, Guaranteed to do the Work.
A Trial Will Convince You. Can 15 Cents.



NATION-WIDE STORES

J. S. WHITMAN
Temperance and Samaria, Mich.

"Economy Buying"

W. J. WHITTAKER
Lambertville, Mich.

NATION-WIDE GROCERS CELEBRATE THEIR

10th Birthday Sale

It is just ten years since the birth of Nation-Wide in the United States. Starting with only a handful of individually owned stores, we now have 6,500 stores and still growing. In appreciation of your patronage we are offering these **OUTSTANDING VALUES!**

COFFEE ALL AMERICAN—Finest Bourbon Santos three pounds **55c**

Fancy Tea, N-W, All Kinds, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.	17c	Comet Rice, Finest Quality, 2 lb.	19c
Fancy Tea, N-W, All Kinds, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	33c	Crackers, Tasty Flake Graham, 2 lb.	23c

CRACKERS TASTY FLAKE SODAS—Unexcelled for Quality. 2 pound pkg. **21c**

Gelatin, Dessert, N-W, 4 pkgs.	19c	White House Coffee, Lb. pkg.	27c
Red Salmon, Sea Rose, tall can	21c	Asparagus, early garden, No. 2 can	25c

GOLD DUST POWDER—For All Household Uses Large Package **17c**

Luxury 3-Minute Oats, prizes, can	29c	Northern Tissue, lined, 3 rolls	17c
Duff's Ginger Bread, ready to bake	23c	Grape Nut Flakes, pitcher free, pkg.	9c

TOWN CRIER The World's Finest Flour—24 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. sack \$1.19, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. sack **63c**

Canned Milk, N-W, 3 tall cans	19c	Drain King, for sluggish drains	15c
Clabber Girl Baking Powder, 10 oz.	10c	Laundry Soap, Big 4 or Magic, 10 bar	29c

JET OIL, Shoe Dressing, bottle - - - 13c

BUTTER, Pure Creamery, N-W, lb. roll 36c
Plain Print 34c Lb.



NATION-WIDE STORES



J. S. WHITMAN
Temperance and Samaria, Mich.

"Economy Buying"

W. I. WHITTAKER
Lambertville, Mich.

NATION-WIDE GROCERS SUGGEST OVEN-FRIED CHICKEN

and Cream Gravy makes the Tenderest Chicken more Tender and Creamy Gravy More Creamy by Following these Tested and Approved Recipes.

RECIPE—3½ lb. Chicken, 1 cup fine dry bread crumbs, 1½ teaspoons salt, 1-3 teaspoon pepper, ¾ cup shortening, 1 cup Pet milk. Cut chicken to pieces. Roll in the crumbs. Dip in milk. Roll again in remaining crumbs. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Melt shortening in skillet. Add chicken and brown, cover and bake in moderate oven 1½ hours, or until tender. Turn chicken over occasionally during baking. Remove to platter and serve with gravy. Serves six.

PET MILK

FOR ALL—Milk uses, Tall Can 7c
2 Small Cans

7c

Fancy Peas N-W, 2 No. 2 cans	29c	Apple Sauce, finest, 2 No. 2 cans	19c
Fancy Corn, N-W, 2 No. 2 cans	29c	Sunsweet Prunes, tenderized, 1b. pkg.	13c

FLOUR

TOWN-CRIER—Finest All Purpose
5 Pound Sack

27c

Sunsweet Prunes, Tenderized, 2 lb.	23c	Peaches—Del Monte, No. 2½ can	21c
Prune Juice, Sunsweet, 10 oz. bottle	10c	Spinach, Del Monte 2 No. 2 cans	25c

SNOWDRIFT

SHORTENING—For Pastries and
Frying, 1 lb. can

21c

Tomato Juice, Alice quality, 2 cans	25c	Lima Beans, Alice, 3 Jumbo cans	25c
Pork and Beans, Alice, 3 Jumbo cans	25c	Hominy, Alice fancy 3 lg. cans	25c

JELL-O

PURE FRUIT FLAVOR—All Kinds
3 Packages

19c

Lakeside, Romance Wafers, 20 for	10c	Chow Mein Noodles, 5 oz. can	19c
Butter, N-W, finest, 1b. roll	34c	Show-You Sauce, 6 oz. bottle	19c

KRAFT'S

CHEESE—All Kinds Except Swiss, Old
English, 2 ½ lb. pkgs.

33c

ALL DAY
FRIDAY and SATURDAY

Fancy Mixed
Candy lb. **9c**

See Us About Our
MOTHER'S DAY CAKES
ALSO
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Below Super Market Prices at

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SATURDAY ONLY
UNTIL 11 O'CLOCK A. M.
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Fancy
Short Ribs of Beef
lb. **10c**

FANCY LEAN
PORK STEAK
lb. **15 1/2c**

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SPECIALS TWO BIG DAYS Friday & Saturday MAY 3-4

Grocery Dept.

SUGAR 10 lbs. **45c**
(10 lbs. 10 lbs.)

THE FAMOUS **RITZ COFFEE** - - - - 15c
per lb.

GRAPEFRUIT JUICE - - - 19c
The Big 17-ounce cans.

FLOUR, Rob Roy - - - - 73c
A fine winter wheat flour. 24 1/2-lb. Bag

ORANGE MARMALADE - - - 23c
Very Fancy 2-lb. Jar

BEANS - - - - 3 cans - 23c
The tall, large size

TOMATO JUICE - 3 cans - 25c
Medium Large Size.

PEAS - - - - 2 cans - 21c
OLD FASHIONED BEEL TREK BRAND

CRACKERS - - 2-lb. box - 15c
Fine Quality

CATSUP - 14-oz. bottle - 10c
reg. 15c value

CORN FLAKES - 2 pkgs. - 19c
The large size

House Cleaning Specials

Kitchen Klenzer - 2 cans - 11c

IVORY SOAP, two 10c bars - 15c

RINSO - - - - 2 pkgs. - 37c
Medium size

WE BAKED THE VERY BEST BREAD.
"THE NAME IS 'WONDER.'"

TRY WONDER BREAD. Fine for toast in the morning and very fine for your evening dinner. The price is the same as other bread. THE RIGHT BREAD FOR YOUR DINNER ANY DAY.

Dry Goods & Shoes

JUST ARRIVED—Another shipment of
DRESS GOODS in fancy new

SPRING PRINTS - - - - 15c
yd.

TABLE CLOTHS - each - 25c
Size 50x30

THREAD, reg. 10c spools - - - 8c

LADIES' HOSE - - - - 89c
\$1.50 value pair

Fruits & Vegetables

— We Carry Only the Best —

BANANAS - - - 4 lbs. - 25c
FANCY GREEN TIP.

SUNKIST ORANGES - - - 35c
Fancy large 130 size per dozen

HEAD LETTUCE - - - 10c
FANCY NEW CRISP ARIZONA Large Head

Sunkist Oranges - - - 25c
MEDIUM SIZE per dozen

GREEN ONIONS - bunch - 5c

GRAPEFRUIT - 6 for - 25c
FANCY ARIZONA

Feed Dept.

Starter-Grower - - - - \$2.45
A - O. 100-lb. Bag

Laying Mash - - - - \$2.35
A - O. 100-lb. Bag

DAIRY FEED - - - - \$1.65
MIDDISON 100% 100-lb. Bag

Middlings - 100-lb. bag - \$1.70

Soybean Meal, 100-lb. bag \$1.70

BRAN, 100-lb. bag - - - \$1.70

SCRATCH GRAIN, 100 lbs. \$1.80

SALT, per 100 pounds - - 99c

DRUG DEPT.

DR. CALDWELL'S SYRUP OF PEPSIN - - - 49c
6oz. Jar

CARTER'S Liver Pills - - - 19c

ANACIN TABLETS - - - 21c
1 1/2 in.

BAYER'S Aspirin Tablets - - 12c

Kemp Balsam, for colds - - 19c

SMITH BROTHERS COUGH SYRUP - - - 49c
the value

EX-LAX - - 25c value - - 19c

Babys' Rubber Pants - - - 19c

Bring Your Welfare Orders
TO US AND GET "MORE FOR YOUR MONEY."

WE WON'T BE UNDERSOLD!

Meat Dept.

THE DEPARTMENT WE ARE PROUD OF!

STEER BEEF ROAST - 18 1/2c
WILSON'S Fancy Yearling (Choice Cuts) per lb.

Fancy SPARERIBS - lb. - 12 1/2c

VEAL ROAST - - - - 19c
SWIFT'S BLUE RIBBON per lb.

PORK ROAST, per lb. - - 16c
Fancy Pork Butts. All lean meat. No chubbies—no bones. Four to five pound average.

PORK LOINS - - lb. - - 18c
Fancy Young Pig Whole or half—why pay more?

VEAL BREAST - - - lb. - 12c
FANCY Cut from Tender 7 1/2 c

RIB BOILING BEEF - - 12 1/2c
CUT FROM YEARLING BEEF per lb.

DRIED BEEF - - - - 30c
FANCY QUALITY per lb. over

PORK LIVER - - lb. - 12c
We have plenty on hand for this sale

FRANKFURTS - - - - 19c
RICHMOND SIGNLESS per lb.

MINCED HAM LOAF - lb. - 19c
THE FINEST LUNCH MEAT.

BOLOGNA - - - - 15c
LARGE or RING Selection Finest per lb.

BEEF STEAK - - lb. - 25c
ROUND, T BONE or SIRLOIN from Heavy Beef

Fancy Creamery Butter, lb. - 30c

BACON SQUARES - - - 12c
WILSON'S FANCY per lb.

SHORTENING, 3-lb. can - 43c
JEWEL The Best

LIVER SAUSAGE - - - 13c
RING per lb.

VEAL Ham Roast - - - 25c
NEATLY ROLLED "No Bone" per lb.

SIDE PORK - - - - 10c
FANCY FRESH per lb.

We would like to have you compare our prices with any other market prices. You will find that our prices are better than any other prices and our quality is better. We pay extra cash for our products. We are able to sell in large quantities. Right now we are able to sell in quantities that other markets are not able to sell in. Trade here and save the difference!

FOLLOW THE CROWD—TRADE AT WITTMAN'S AND SAVE THE DIFFERENCE. "THE STORE THAT AIMS TO PLEASE!"

Advertisement flyer May 3-4, without year.
This would have been during period of 1938 to 1940.







Francis Foodland, 8946 Lewis Avenue, Temperance, Michigan
business at this location 1952 to October 1956
while at this location name changed to Francis Foods
photo not dated



Francis Foodland, 8946 Lewis Avenue, Temperance, Michigan
photo not dated





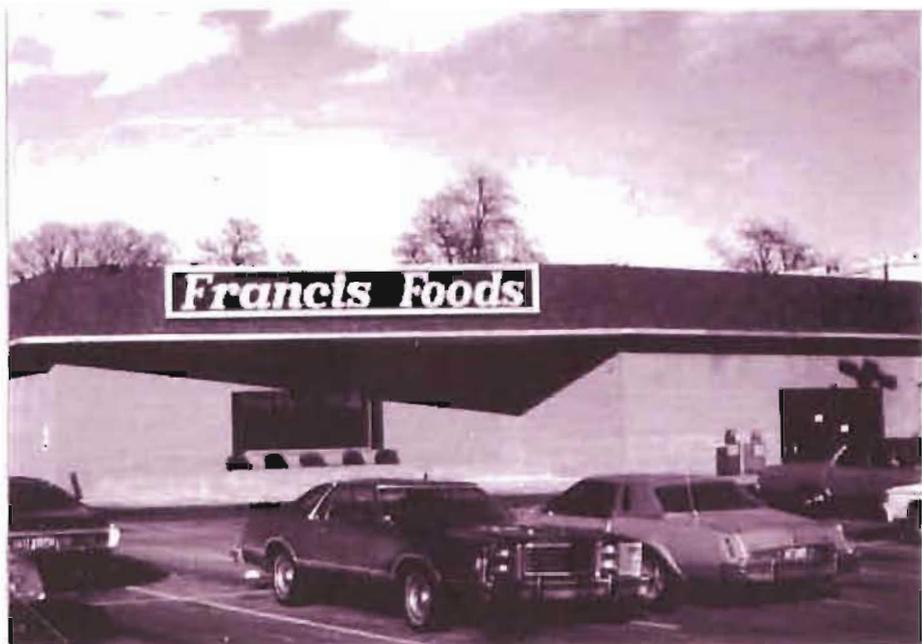
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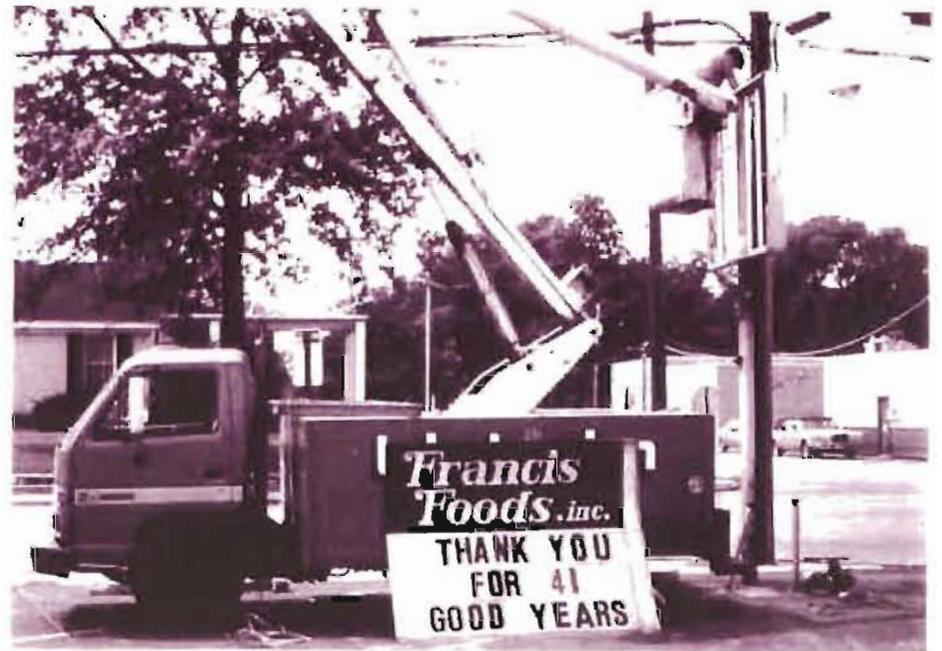
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In recent times there has been considerable publicity on the subject of abandoned cemeteries. A newly created Monroe County Committee is charged with the task of tracing and ultimately documenting all of the county's cemeteries, including the perhaps dozens of neglected or altogether forsaken plots. Matthew Switlik, director of the Monroe County Historical Museum, is a member of this committee.

I received a call from Shirley Keehn, secretary to Matt Switlik. Shirley has been active for many years in recording cemetery history. Shirley requested I do research on the abandoned cemetery located on the east side of Jackman Road, about 2/10 mile south of Samaria Road. This site is near the Samaria School building that was demolished by a March 28, 1920, tornado.

For a number of years I had suggested to Jim Porter and Carol Sue (Porter) Moon that the last remaining monument at this abandoned cemetery be removed until the Porter family could decide where it should be placed. I was concerned the monument would be vandalized. There is evidence that other monuments are missing as there are remaining concrete foundations without monuments. The William Henry and Mary A. (Sergent) Porter monument is now in the possession of the Porter family.

In my research I find evidence of seven burials at this site.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of death</u>
Alfred Porter	10 Feb 1873
William Henry Porter	09 Mar 1873
Genny Masters	25 Mar 1873
Martha Maud Pond	10 Feb 1882
Amelia (Woodford) Hungerford	17 Mar 1887
Mary A. (Sergent) Porter	29 Aug 1888
Ezra Josiah Hungerford	09 Jan 1890

ALFRED PORTER, son of William Henry and Mary A. (Sergent) Porter. Monroe County death records - Book A, Page 63, E197. Died 10 Feb 1873, age 17 years 10 months, single, at Bedford Township, occupation - farmer, of small pox, birthplace - New York.

Carol Sue (Porter) Moon, a family genealogist, reports there is good reason to believe that Alfred Porter was buried at Samaria Burial Ground. I agree there is good reason as Alfred Porter, William Henry Porter, and Genny Masters, all related, all lived in the Samaria area, and all three died of small pox within 30+days of each other.

WILLIAM HENRY PORTER, husband of Mary A. (Sergent) Porter. Monroe County death records - Book A, Page 63, E196. Died 09 Mar 1873, age 60 years, married, at Bedford Township, occupation - farmer, of small pox, birthplace - England.

As stated earlier there was a monument at the Samaria Burial Ground for William Henry Porter, born March 4, 1811, died March 9, 1873, aged 62 years 5 days. Age on monument does not agree with age at Monroe County death records. William Henry Porter was the great great grandfather of Carol Sue (Porter) Moon.

SAMARIA BURIAL GROUND contd

GENNY MASTERS, daughter of William and Mary (Porter) Masters and granddaughter of William Henry and Mary A. (Sergent) Porter. Monroe County death records - Book A, Page 63, E195. Died 25 Mar 1873, age 3 years 6 months 15 days, at Bedford Township, of small pox, birthplace - Michigan.

LaVern Charles Masters reports that his aunt Genny Masters was buried at the Samaria Burial Ground. This information has been passed down from Masters family members.

MARTHA MAUD POND, daughter of Robert E. and Laura Emeline (Hungerford) Pond and granddaughter of Ezra Josiah and Amelia (Woodford) Hungerford. Lucas County Health Department death records - Page 115C. Lucas County Probate records - Volume 1, Page 342. Died 10 Feb 1882, age 4 years 6 months 10 days, at 417 Michigan St., Toledo, Ohio, of typhoid fever, birthplace - Toledo, Ohio. Most important to this research is the records reflect the place of interment for Martha Maud Pond was Samaria, Michigan.

A monument at Lambertville Cemetery is inscribed "Maud dau of R. E. & L. E. Pond, 1878-1883. Bedford Township records reflect this monument was placed at Lambertville Cemetery in 1936. Both dates of 1878-1883 may be in error as the Lucas County Ohio records reflect Martha Maud Pond was 4 years 6 months 10 days when she died on 10 Feb 1882. This would make her date of birth August 1877.

The 1890 daily journal by William Dunbar (1858-1932) under the date of 12 Jan 1890, reflects, "We buried Ezra J. Hungerford by the school house where Mrs H and grandchild are buried".

Caroline Anna (Lutz) Siminski, a family genealogist, assisted with information on the Hungerford family. Found that Laura Emeline (Hungerford) Pond was the only child of Ezra Josiah and Amelia (Woodford) Hungerford. The children of Robert E. and Laura Emeline (Hungerford) Pond were May 1874-1933, Maud 1877-1882, Charlie 1879-1959, and Goldie 1883-1967.

AMELIA (WOODFORD) HUNGERFORD, wife of Ezra Josiah Hungerford. Monroe County death records - Book A, Page 267, E275. Died 17 Mar 1887, age 72 years, married, at Bedford Township, occupation - housekeeper, of lung disease, birthplace - New York.

A monument at Lambertville Cemetery is inscribed "Amelia Hungerford, 1815-1887. No record of when this monument was placed there.

The 1890 daily journal by William Dunbar (1858-1932) under the date of 12 Jan 1890, reflects, "We buried Ezra J. Hungerford by the school house where Mrs H and grandchild are buried".

MARY A. (SERGENT) PORTER, wife of William Henry Porter. Monroe County death records - Book A, Page 282, E228. Died 29 Aug 1888, age 72 years 5 month 5 days, widow, at Bedford Township, of dropsy, birthplace - England.

As stated earlier there was a monument at the Samaria Burial Ground for Mary A. Porter, wife of W. Porter, born March 14, 1816, died August 29, 1888, aged 72 years.

EZRA JOSIAH HUNGERFORD, husband of Amelia (Woodford) Hungerford and son of Josiah Hungerford, Jr and Lucy Beebe.

Information from Caroline Anna (Lutz) Siminske, a family genealogist, as follows: Ezra Josiah Hungerford born 16 Jan 1820, New York, married Amelia Woodford on 17 Mar 1850, died 09 Jan 1890, Toledo, Ohio.

The entries of William Dunbar (1858-1932) from his 1890 daily journal, at a time when he lived at 10042 Jackman Road, a short distance south of the Samaria Burial Ground, are as follows:

09 Jan 1890, Thursday - "Ezra J. Hungerford died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Rob Pond in Toledo, at about 12 noon from paralysis".

10 Jan 1890, Friday - "The School Board met and appointed me assessor for our School Dist. No. 3 to fill vacancy caused by death of E. J. Hungerford". District 3 was Samaria School.

11 Jan 1890, Saturday - "Ezra J. Hungerford brought on train from Toledo at 11:30 am. Mr. J. C. Dull and I met them at the depot".

12 Jan 1890, Sunday - "John H. and I went to dig a grave for Mr. E. J. H. Sent for D. S. Nafus to come and superintend to job as it is my first experience. Funeral at 2 pm from the school house. We buried him by the school house where Mrs. H and gradchild are buried. I acting as undertaker and Rev. Hagerty preached the sermon. A large funeral considering the condition of the roads at present". Rev. Hagerty was Rev. J. W. Hagerty, pastor of Little Lake Baptist Church for the period 1889-1892. Little Lake Baptist Church, on Erie Road, was about one mile from Samaria School.

A monument at Lambertville Cemetery is inscribed "E. J. Hungerford, 1820-1890". No record of when this monument was placed there.

Samaria Burial Ground is on land now owned by the Kreuchauf family. John C. Kreuchauf has been giving thought to preservation of the Samaria Burial Ground site. The abandoned cemetery is located on the east side of Jackman Road about 2/10 mile south of Samaria Road and is marked with a hickory tree in the farm field a short distance off Jackman Road.

On April 1, 2000, John C. Kreuchauf, Jim Porter, and Carl Porter were at the site to excavate for evidence of burials. I was there to photograph. They unearthed a bronze casket handle and a monument with the Porter name. The first thought was that the Porter monument was for Alfred Porter. When I placed the tape measure on the monument it measured 14" square at the base, slanting to 10" square at the top. The base of the Porter monument, that remains at the site, measured 18" square at the base, slanting to 14" square at the top. The top part of the monument, now in the possession of the Porter family, measured 10" square at the base. It is obvious that the three pieces were one monument at one time. No remains were unearthed other than the bronze casket handle. There is some thought the original burials were further east in the farm field and the monuments were moved to the area of the hickory tree.

August 2000
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BEDFORD TOWNSHIP, MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

HISTORY OF BEDFORD TOWNSHIP HALL

- 23 Mar 1836 Bedford Township was organized out of Erie Township.
- 02 May 1836 First election of Bedford Township officials at the home of Levi Lewis, 166 Samaria Road. William Dunbar (1807-1870) elected the first supervisor. (1)
- 1890 Available Bedford Township Board Minutes start with 1890.
- 06 Apr 1891 Annual Township meeting held at Centre School House. (1575 W. Temperance Road. Name changed to Temperance School about 1902). (This meeting was for voting).
 Supervisor - 169 votes Arthur O. Kinney (1860-1952)
 114 William Dunbar (1858-1932)
 27 Elisha B. Hitchcock (1831-1909)
 310 total votes
- 05 May 1891 Meeting of Township Board held at office of Township Clerk, Henry T. Brunt (1842-1923). (South side of Erie Road between Jackman & Douglas, Section 16). Board voted to have Lyman A. Conant (1831-1907) as Sexton of Township Cemetery (Lambertville Cemetery) and to have cemetery mowed twice during the year.
- 12 Mar 1892 Meeting of Township Board held at office of Township Supervisor, Arthur O. Kinney (1860-1952). (South side of Temperance Road between Douglas & Secor, Section 20). At this meeting the Board accounted for their annual settlement with Treasurer totaling \$993.73, including settlement with eight farmers for \$84.50 out of the Dog Fund for damage to sheep by dogs.
- 19 Mar 1892 Petition the Township Board at the next Township Meeting to be held on 04 Apr 1892, to move for the appropriation by a vote of the qualified electors for \$700.00 to be raised by tax in 1892 for the erection of a Town Hall, said hall to be located as near the center of the Township as a suitable site can be obtained.
- 04 Apr 1892 Annual Township meeting held at Centre School House.
 Supervisor - 152 votes Joseph R. Rogers (1841-1900)
 137 Philander Karr (1846-1929)
 45 Elisha B. Hitchcock (1831-1909)
 334 total votes
 The whole number of votes given for and against an appropriation for a Town Hall was 214. 149 yes, 65 no. It was moved and supported to raise \$300.00 for Highway and Bridge Fund - carried; \$75.00 for Poor Fund - carried; Pay .15¢ bounty on woodchucks - carried; .10¢ bounty on moles - lost; \$1.00 bounty on fox - lost.
- 25 May 1892 Meeting of Township Board. Voted by Board to defer letting contract for building Township Hall until the expense shall be spread on the tax roll.

(1) (1807-1870) year of birth and death.

- 16 Jun 1892 Petition to call special Township Meeting for the purpose of voting upon the question of raising \$1,000.00 by a loan at 6% interest for 8 months for the purpose of erecting a Town Hall.
- 20 Jun 1892 Township Board called a special meeting to be held for the purpose of voting upon the question of raising a loan of \$1,000.00 at 6% interest for 8 months for the purpose of construction of a Town Hall. Meeting to be held in the Centre School House on 06 Jul 1892, with polls open at 9 AM.
- 06 Jul 1892 Special Township Meeting. Vote number given for Town Hall loan, 52 yes, 91 no, 3 imperfect ballots. Total votes 146.
- 15 Aug 1892 Township Board voted to recind a former vote of the Board taken 25 May 1892, to defer building of the Town Hall until the expense is spread on the tax roll. The Clerk (Henry T. Brunt 1842-1923) was ordered to survey the Town Hall site and to advertise for proposals and to post notices for letting contract to build said Town Hall.
- 30 Aug 1892 Township Board Meeting. Sealed proposals for building Town Hall were opened. It was decided to award the contract to Edmond Dull (1863-1910) at \$680.00 to be paid when taxes voted at the Spring election are collected (Spring election was 04 Apr 1892). Mr. Vaughn (Joseph W. Vaughn 1836-1928) was appointed to oversee the material used and the building of said Hall.
- 17 Sep 1892 Did not find Board minutes to approve, however, did find at the Monroe County Court House a recording in Liber 130 Page 620 of the following warranty deed: Dated 17 Sep 1892, Lewis and Mary E. Ansted sold to the Township of Bedford for \$1.00, one half acre out of the south-east corner of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 15, T8S, R7E.
- The Temperance Clause is included in this deed and reads, "It is hereby mutually agreed and this is upon the express condition that no intoxicating beverages shall be sold upon the premises hereby conveyed and a further condition that said second party shall build & maintain a good & suitable fence around said lot".
- This became the site of the Bedford Township Hall and is now the station for the Bedford #1 Fire Department. The address is 1106 W. Temperance Road.
- 30 Nov 1892 Supervisor requested "charge the Township Treasurer with the following, school tax for 11 School Districts, \$849.79 from one mill tax, \$1,384.67 from voted tax, for a total of \$2,234.46. (The 2000 school tax on my home was \$1,469.07.

HISTORY OF BEDFORD TOWNSHIP HALL

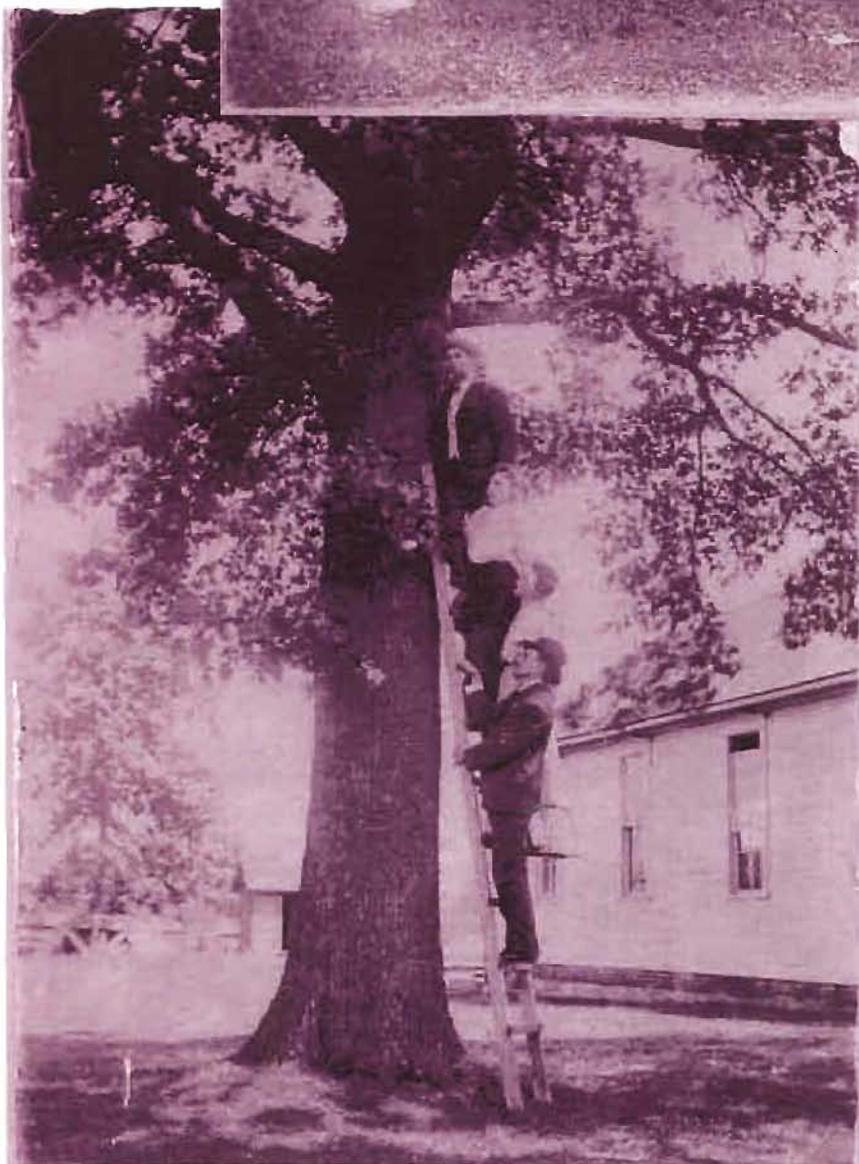
- 10 Dec 1892 Township Board Meeting. Committe appointed to get the Town Hall insured by some reliable company. Orders were audited and allowed and orders drawn on the Township Treasurer for order number 58 to Edmond Dull, \$680.00.
- 03 Apr 1893 Annual Township Election held at the Town Hall. (This is the first Township election held at the new Town Hall, 1106 W. Temperance Road).
 Supervisor - 141 votes Henry T. Brunt (1842-1923)
 112 Roger Willard (1839-1903)
 29 Thomas Hitchcock (1842-1912)
 282 total votes
 At this meeting it was moved and supported to raise, \$500.00 for Highway and Bridge Fund - carried; \$100.00 for Poor Fund - carried; Pay .10¢ bounty on moles - lost.
- 03 Sep 1893 Township Board Meeting. Resolved that a plank platform be placed for steps to Town Hall and a railing for hitching purposes be placed near the fence around said building.
- 27 Mar 1894 Township Board Meeting. Resolved that the Town Hall be opened for all purposes except dancing which is prohibited, on the payment of \$1.00 per night to be paid in advance to the janitor, and that all political parties shall have the use of the hall free during political campaigns and at no other time. That \$2.00 be charged when used by traveling shows or entertainment. Resolved that Edmond Dull be janitor of the Town Hall for the ensuing year.
- 17 Dec 1949 Meeting of Township Board. Township paid \$450.00 for a 132' X 165' parcel of land directly back of Township Hall, purchased from Arthur and Minnie Kinney.

 With the 132' X 165' parcel the Township purchased from Lewis and Mary Ansted on 17 Sep 1892, this made a parcel of 132' X 330'. A recent visit to the Township Hall confirmed the current size of parcel to be 132' X 330'.
- 09 Sep 1952 Township Board Meeting. Accepted bid of \$111.00 by Ted Shinkle for Old Town Hall. May proceed to remove as soon as Library and Township records are removed. Ted salvaged the building and constructed with it a hunting cabin at Crystal Falls, Iron County, Michigan.
- 01 Jul 1953 An addition was made on the west side of the Temperance Fire Hall, 1106 W. Temperance Road, to provide for a new Town Hall and Library.
- 16 Oct 1966 Dedication of new Town Hall, 8100 Jackman Road.

March 2001
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Bedford Township Hall
 1106 W. Temperance Road
 Built in 1892, by Edmond
 Dull for \$680.00. Photo
 taken 04 Jul 1905, at the
 Gordon family reunion.
 People not identified. See
 edge of tent on east side of
 Hall.



Left
 Bedford Township Hall, west
 side. Photo taken 04 Jul
 1905, at the Gordon family
 reunion. Top to botton,
 Jacob and Sadie Gordon,
 Maud and J. C. Gordon.



Bedford Township Hall (west side) in the background. See unpaved Temperance Road (then called Main Street) to the right. Photo taken in 1903, at the Barber family reunion. Tent for reunion setup on west side of Hall. 1901 Bedford Township plat has the Barber home two lots west of Hall. Three people on the left are Robert A. and Rebecca (Gordon) Barber with their daughter Edith.



Robert A. Barber & Isaac Gordon. Construction of bridge over Center Drain at Temperance Road between Lewis and Jackman. Believe photo was taken in 1904. Robert A. Barber married Rebecca Gordon, the sister of Isaac Gordon. Robert A. Barber was the Bedford Township Highway Commissioner in 1904. The 1900 Bedford Township census listed the occupation of Robert A. Barber as a mason. Isaac Gordon lived at 1454 W. Temperance Road just west of Center Drain and was the Bedford Township Highway Commissioner in 1893 and 1894.



Bedford Township Hall, 1106 W. Temperance Road. Photo taken in 1947, by James E. Salisbury. Ted Shinkle purchased and salvaged the building in 1952. See first phase of Bedford Township Fire Hall to the east of Town Hall.



Ted Shinkle hunting cabin. Constructed with salvaged lumber from Bedford Township Hall. Cabin at Crystal Falls, Iron County, MI.



Former Bedford Township Hall from 1953 to 1966. In 1953 an addition was made on the west side of the Temperance Fire Hall, 1106 W. Temperance Road, to provide for a new Town Hall and Library.



Current Bedford Township Hall at 8100 Jackman Road. Dedication was on 16 Oct 1966.

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LEWIS AVENUE HISTORY

One of the projects I have worked on while researching history of Bedford township, is the history of Lewis Avenue. I had access to great photographs taken by Reba (Salter) Tolly of the concrete paving of Lewis Avenue in September 1923. Reba was born 31 Dec 1902, and presently resides in Bedford Township.

Time line

- 1859 Bedford Township plat map has north-south road through Bedford Center (now Temperance) only going north to Erie Road.
- 1876 Bedford Township plat map has north-south road through Bedford Center extending complete length of Bedford Township. Also has a line that reflects the property of Toledo and Ann Arbor R R.
- 01 May 1878 "Rail line completed and first train operated between Toledo and Ann Arbor. On July 19, 1950, the last passenger train over the Ann Arbor Railroad from Elberta, Michigan to Toledo, Ohio". Information from 150 years of Michigan's Railroad History by Michigan Department of Transportation.
- 1910 "The need for national highways began to be promoted in 1910 by the Dixie Highway Association. Within a year the association had persuaded the appropriate state and local officials to make enough improvements along the chosen route so that it was possible to drive the Dixie Highway from Detroit, through southeastern Michigan (where the road's name still survives) to Florida".
- "In the horse-and-buggy era, surfaced roads usually meant a macadam road or some other stone or gravel surface. The slow-moving buggy and wagon wheels gradually packed the stones at the top down into the lower layers of rocks, producing a hard surface that was usable in wet weather and dry. The fast-moving rubber tires of automobiles and the suction force of the speeding vehicle, however, tore these roads to pieces, forcing road builders in an automotive age to search for a better kind of surfacing method. In Michigan the Dow Chemical Company successfully experimented with the use of calcium chloride as an agent that helped to maintain gravel roads while the use of oil as a binding material led to the evolution of the macadam road into asphalt pavement. However, concrete pavement, first used at Bellefontaine, Ohio in 1893-94, would come to be recognized as the most satisfactory surface on heavily traveled roads."

Source - Michigan: A History of the Wolverine State, Dunbar-May, 1980.

LEWIS AVENUE HISTORY

28 Apr 1923 Monroe Evening News. "The Hilding Construction Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, offered the lowest bid of \$145,654.61 for the construction of the south end of the Ida-Bedford road. The Hilding Construction Company is now building the north end of this highway. The south end of the road is 5.3 miles long, running from Samaria Road to the Michigan-Ohio line".

16 May 1923 Monroe Evening News. "At present the north end of the Ida-Bedford road is under construction. The state highway department received bids here two weeks ago on the south end of the Ida-Bedford road, but as yet has not announced who was the successful bidder".

Continued research did not find an announcement of the successful bidder. As with many other projects, I phoned my friend Regina Goldsmith, for information he remembered on the construction of this road. I should not have been surprised when Reg told me he worked on the construction of this road. On 24 Sep 1999, I was at his home with a recorder to interview Reg. Reg said there was no better way to understand the construction process than to view the photographs taken by Reba. At age 15, Reg was the water boy for this road construction crew. When Reg told me he worked for the Hilding Company that answered the question as to the successful bidder. Reg said the water for this construction was pumped from a well at the Temperance Creamery Company. This building is at 620 W. Temperance Road and is now the Sherman H. Osborn American Legion Post 192. When this well at the Creamery was drilled a water stream was hit that could not be pumped dry. The water was piped west on W. Temperance Road (Main Street at that time) to north and south on Lewis Avenue (see water pipe along construction site in the photographs).

A site at the railroad crossing of Lewis Avenue just south of Erie Road was used for the dry mix of concrete. The dry mix was transported to the cement mixer by a narrow gauge railroad that was laid the full 5.3 miles of the road construction. Reg said he did not remember other members of the road crew, however, knew no convict employees were used. When Hilding Construction Company built the bridge at Lewis and Erie, Reg and his brother Leonard were on the crew. The bridge was over Little Lake Creek which drains Little Lake in Section 15 just to the west of the bridge.

08 Sep 1923 Monroe Evening News. "State will build 500 miles of concrete road during coming season. There are now more than 400 convicts employed on road projects. Next year the number will probably be more like 1,000".

LEWIS AVENUE HISTORY

30 Aug 1923 Monroe Evening News. "Five new highways are nearing completion and will soon be ready. County will have splendid network of improved highways. The state is building the south end of the Ida-Bedford road".

The Ida-Bedford Road (now Lewis Avenue) was designated Route 65 on the 1920 and 1921 Michigan State maps and on the 1924 and 1928 Monroe County maps. The 1920 map did not have a legend. The legend on the 1921 map listed the Route 65 as poor but passable. The legends on the 1924 and 1928 maps listed Route 65 as concrete.

A 1930 Monroe County map listed Lewis Avenue as US 23 and the legend as improved county road. In 1957 a new US 23 Freeway was opened through Whiteford Township, to the west of Bedford Township. A 1958 Bedford Township map has Lewis Avenue listed as Old US 23.

Prior to the 1957 opening of the new US 23 Freeway and when there was an Ohio-Michigan football game, there were times it was almost impossible to cross Lewis Ave.

22 Sep 1923 Monroe Evening News. "Report of condition of highways in Michigan. Dixie Highway is paved from state line to north of Pontiac, also over considerable portion between Flint and Saginaw, but the gravel sections from Pontiac to Bay City are somewhat rough and rutted".

Of interest to Monroe County historians.
Maps on file at Monroe County Historical Museum.

The 1924 and 1928 Monroe County road maps list Telegraph Road as Route 10 and the Dixie Highway as Route 56. The 1930 Monroe County road map list Telegraph as US 24 and Dixie as US 25. Current maps list Telegraph as US 24 and Dixie as state route 125.

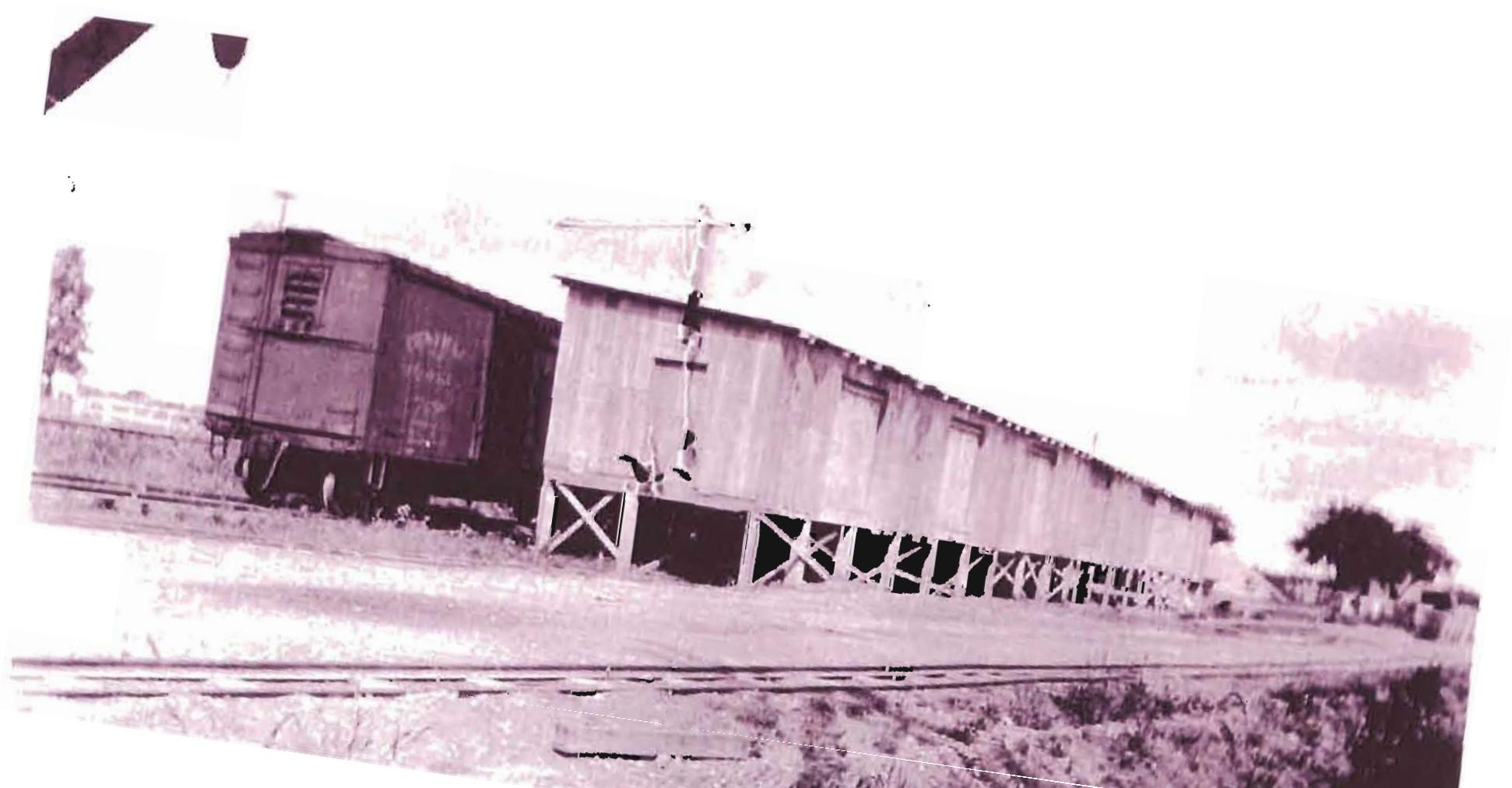
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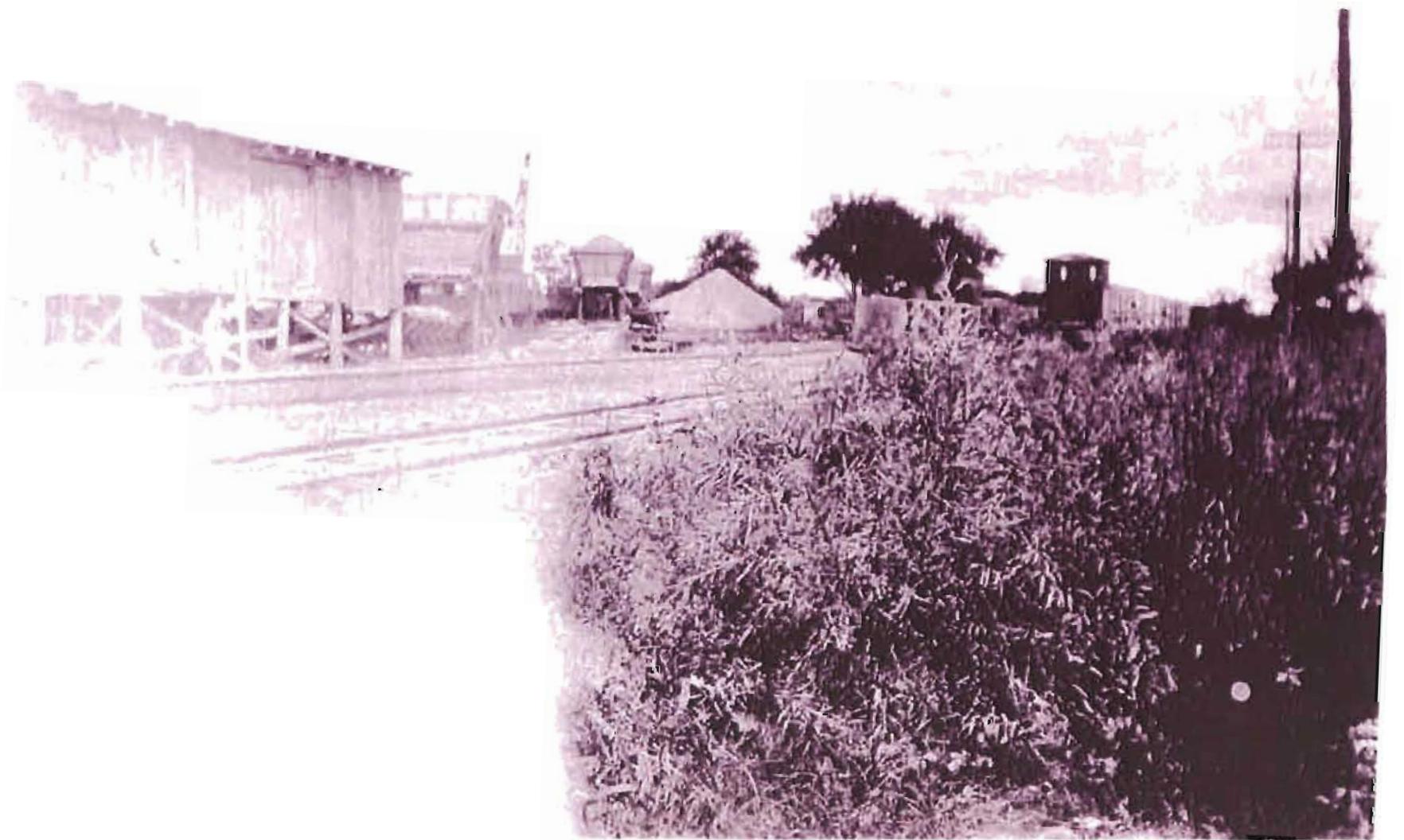
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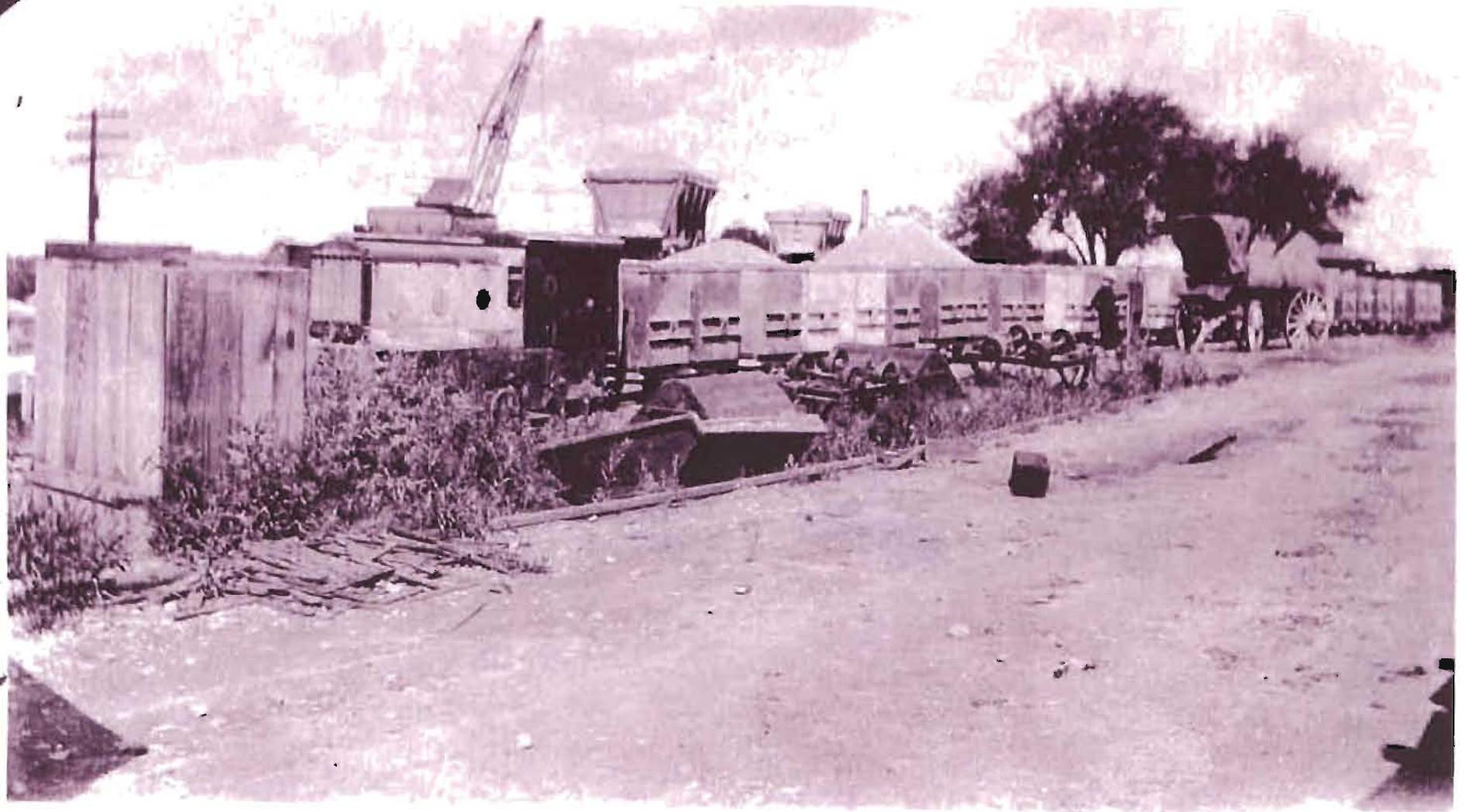


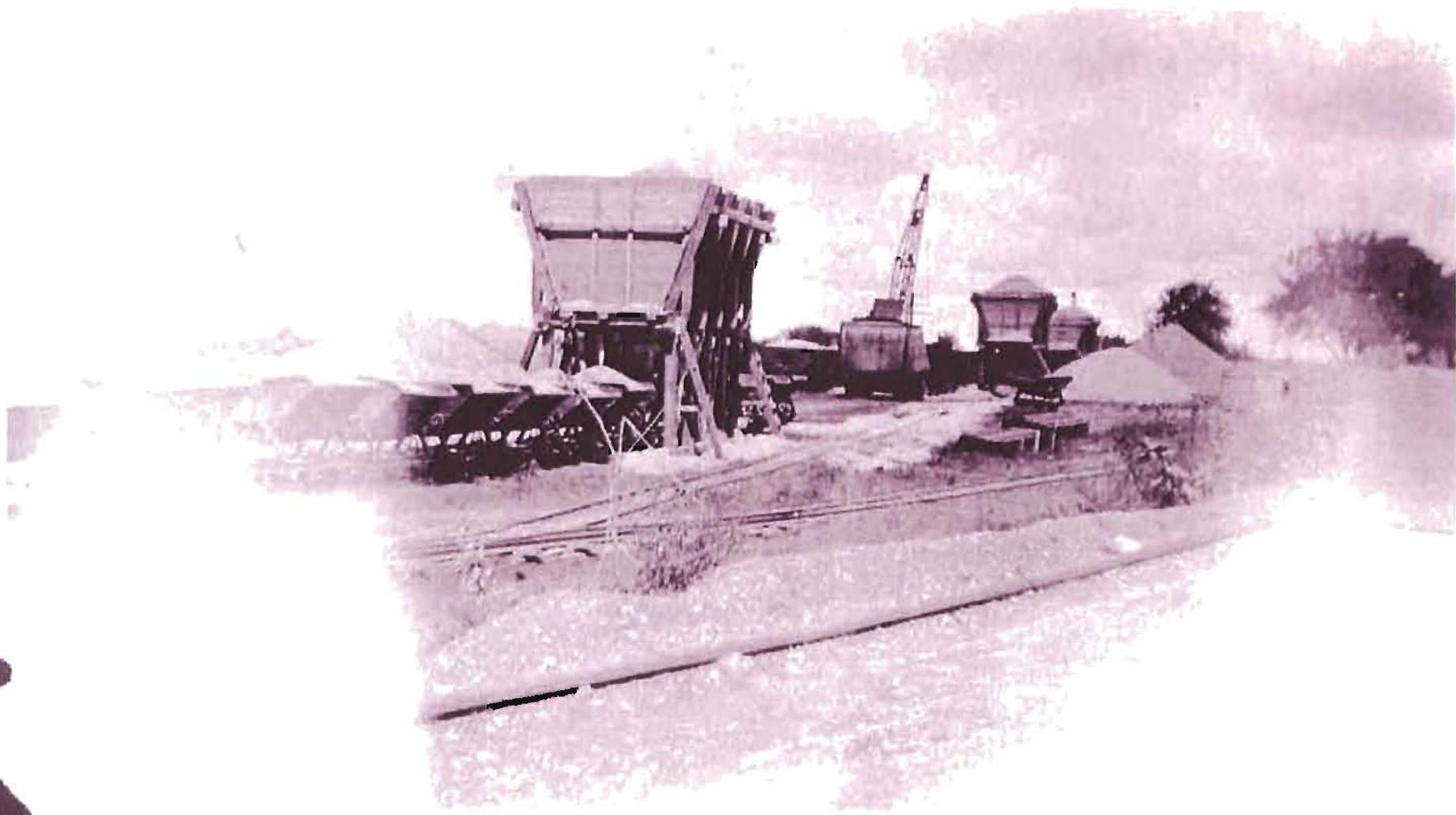


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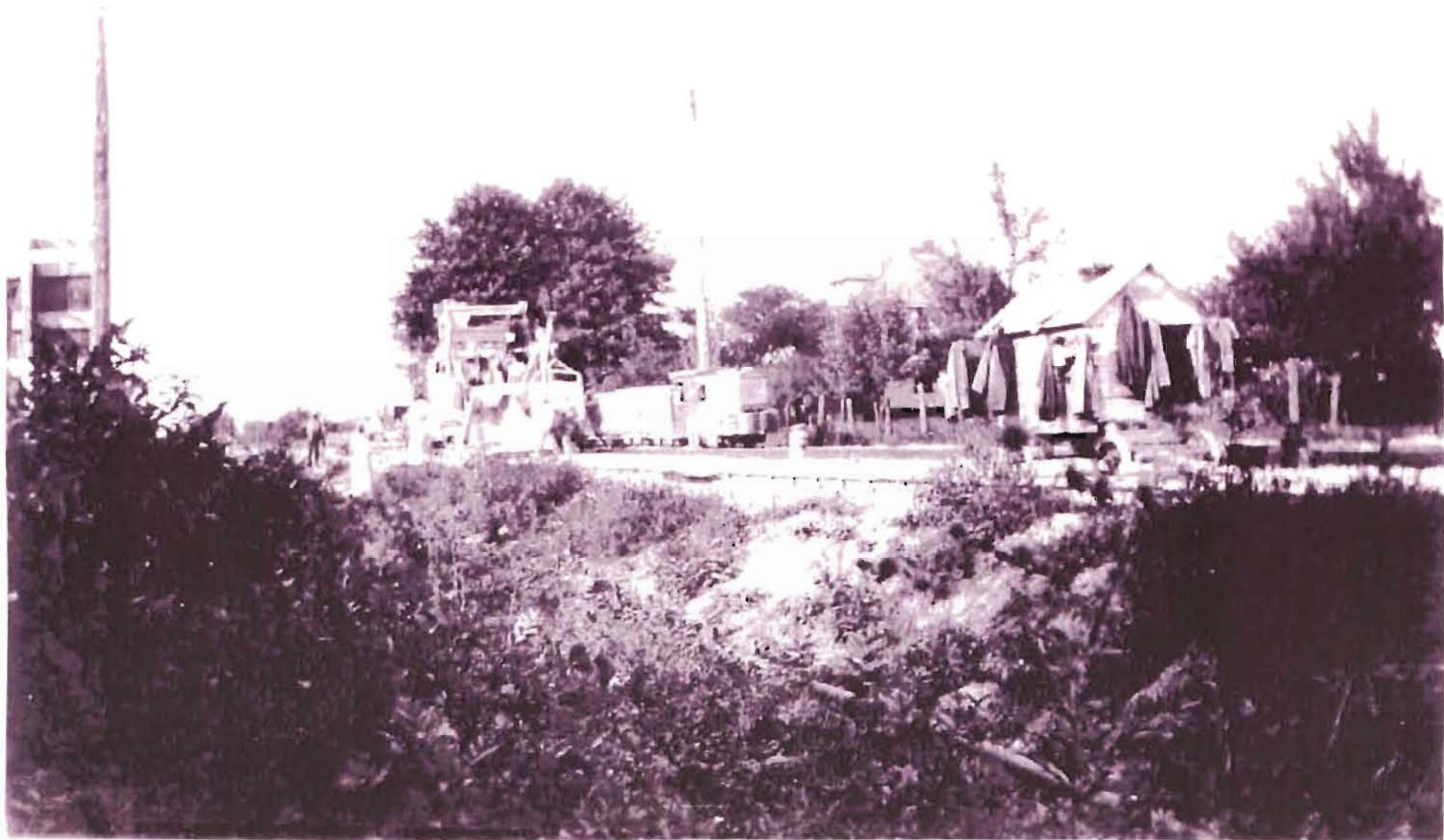






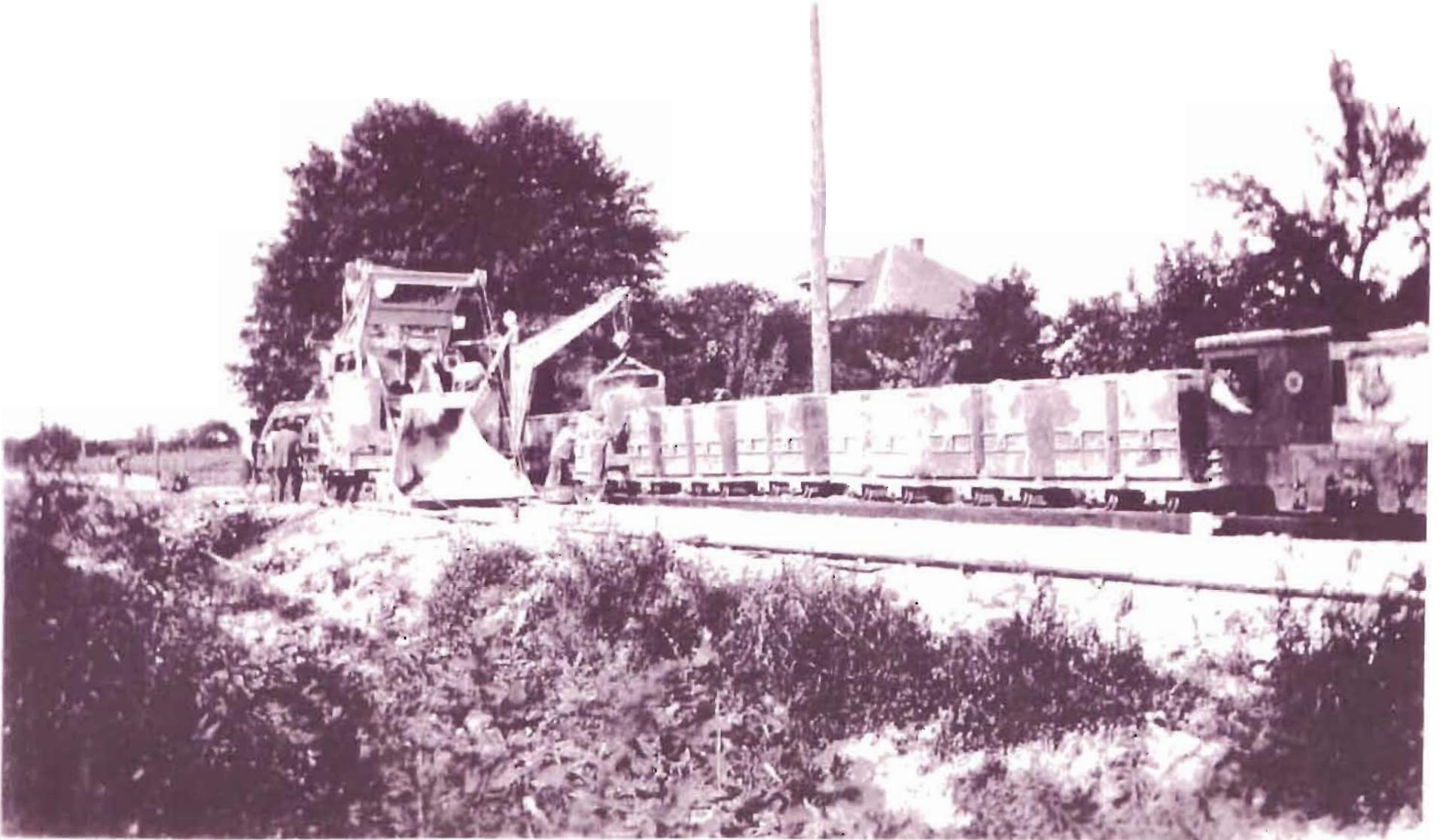






Road construction is taking place in front of 10030 Lewis Avenue, home of Albert S. Pickard 1866-1953 and Carrie (Brunt) Pickard 1862-1929. 10030 Lewis Avenue is now on Lot 3, Midway Gardens, that was platted on 14 Dec 1927.













PATENT LAND OWNERS OF BEDFORD TOWNSHIP, MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN (1)

In my research I find there were 210 patent land owners that purchased 288 parcels in Bedford Township. This includes the 36 sections of Town 8 South, Range 7 East, north of Smith Road and the six half sections in Town 9 South, Range 7 East, south of Smith Road.

The publication, Landsmen of Monroe County reflects the 36 sections north of Smith Road contains 23,391.92 acres. 36 sections at 640 acres per section would total 23,040.00 acres. Sections one through six at the north border of Bedford Township all contain in excess of 640 acres as do sections 7, 18, 19, 30, and 31 that border the west. Section 36 contains 553.29 acres as part of this section had Indian Reservation Land in the southeast corner. At present, I believe section 36 has 640 acres of Bedford Township land. This would make the 36 sections with 23,478.63 acres.

The six sections in Town 9 South, Range 7 East, south of Smith Road has 1,568.49 acres in Bedford Township with the balance of the six sections in Ohio since the border dispute between Michigan Territory and the State of Ohio was settled in January 1837. In the early 1830's when the patent land owners acquired land from the United States in section one of Town 9 South, Range 7 East, only 145.49 acres were sold in the area that is now Bedford Township. Section one included part of the four mile square Ottawa Indian Reserve. At present, I believe section one has 262.63 acres in Bedford Township. This would make a total of 25,164.26 acres in Bedford Township.

I believe a number of the 210 patent land owners were land speculators and never took up residence in Bedford Township. People like James Wadsworth of Livingston County, New York. James Wadsworth was born in Durham, Connecticut on 20 Apr 1768, and died in Geneseo, New York on 08 Jun 1844. In time he became one of the richest land proprietors in New York. He acquired 2,000 acres in what became Bedford Township from the United States with a patent date of 25 May 1835. I have not found any record of James Wadsworth or any of his descendants ever living in Bedford Township. Descendants of John Noyes Wadsworth, a brother to James, did reside in Bedford Township. Fred Elihu Wadsworth, born 03 Oct 1872, Petersburg, Michigan, moved to Temperance, Michigan in 1915. Fred had a son Neil Lewis Wadsworth, born 30 Sep 1910. Neil was a 1929 graduate of Temperance High School. Neil died 16 Dec 1999. James Wadsworth (1768-1844) was a 4th great uncle to Neil Lewis Wadsworth.

- (1) People that purchased land from the General Land Office of The United States of America are patent land owners.

PATENT LAND OWNERS

In 1890 when the History of Monroe County, Michigan was published with Talcott E. Wing, Editor, the following information was in the Bedford Township section. "Of the American residents who were heads of families at the 1836 organization of Bedford Township, the following only are left in the township; Lucas Adams, Levi Lewis, Theophilus Osgood, and Edmund Rawson."

In my research I found this information was not complete. The list should have included Upton Carr and Theophilus Osgood died 05 Apr 1883. Of this list only Lucas Adams, Upton Carr, and Theophilus Osgood were patent land owners.

Of the 210 patent land owners, the following still have known descendants currently residing in Bedford Township.

PATENT LAND OWNERS

DESCENDANTS

Adams, Lucas	Adams, Donald Ray
Aysh, John Sr	Adams, Donald Ray
Bibb, Richard Sr	Teufel, Jo-Ann Elaine (Straus)
Bradford, Stephen	Adams, Donald Ray
Hayden, Elisha Sr	Lengel, Norma May (Trapp)
Hitchcock, Elisha Barlow	Covell, Phillip Lee
Hungerford, Josiah Sr	Siminski, Caroline Anna (Lutz)
Martin, Peter	Teufel, Jo-Ann Elaine (Straus)
Osgood, Theophilus	Hubbard, Clifford Jr
Smith, Silas	Teufel, Jo-Ann Elaine (Straus)
Southard, James	Young, Eileen Della (Curson)

The only known descendant with the same surname and residing in the same home as the patent land owner is Terry Dean Adams, great great grandson of Lucas Adams. Lucas and Mary (Baker) Adams purchased 120 acres in Section 22 with a patent date of 03 Nov 1834. Lucas and Mary moved to Michigan from Vermont in 1835. They first lived with another patent land owner, Peter Martin. In September 1836, Lucas and Mary moved into the log home they built on their 120 acres. In 1856 they moved into their new home at 1502 West Dean Road, Temperance, Michigan. The home is 145 years old this year. Seven generations of the Adams family have lived on this 120 acres including Samuel Adams, father of Lucas Adams. Samuel was born in Boston in 1762 and was a veteran of The American Revolutionary War. Samuel came to Michigan in 1841 to live with Lucas after the death of his wife Julianna (Stone) Adams. Samuel died 07 Sep 1847, with interment at Hitchcock Cemetery, Temperance, Michigan. There are over 40 descendants of Lucas and Mary (Baker) Adams currently residing in Bedford Township.

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The President signed the land grant.

From time to time we read articles about the purchase of land from the General Land Office of the United States. They reflect "Andrew Jackson signed the family land grant in 1835" or Martin VanBuren signed the family patent deed in 1837".

Most of the patent certificates I have seen are signed Andrew Jackson, by A. J. Donelson, Secretary or Martin VanBuren, by A. VanBuren, Secretary.

I have not found there were any land grants or military bounty lands in Monroe County. Congress enacted a law which provided that 2,000,000 acres of land were to be awarded to veterans of the War of 1812. Surveyors were sent to the southeastern part of the Territory of Michigan in 1815. The Territory of Michigan was established in 1805. The surveyor reported the land not suitable. Congress, as a result, designated land in Illinois and Missouri for the veterans.

As a result of the Northwest Ordinance of 1785 the federal government sold land in thirty-six-section townships (23,040 acres) and in sections (640 acres) for a minimum of \$1 per acre payable within one year. A new ordinance in 1786 raised the minimum price to \$2 per acre, and another in 1800 (the Harrison Land Act) reduced the minimum size of a sale tract to 320 acres (a half section). The 1800 ordinance also allowed for four payments over a five-year period.

On April 24, 1820, the Act of Congress entitled "An act making further provision for sale of Public Lands", was passed. This act did away with credit sales, reduced the minimum size of a sale tract to eighty acres, and lowered the minimum price to \$1.25 per acre. Land was sold under this act until 1908.

Did not find when the minimum size of a sale tract was reduced from eighty acres, however, in Bedford Township, in excess of 100 parcels of less than eighty acres were sold.

The survey of the public land had progressed sufficiently by 1818 so that a government land office was opened in Detroit. On July 6, 1818, the sale of lands began, with an auction held in Detroit. The minimum price that could be bid was \$2.00 per acre, but the average price bid at the auction was \$4.00, with some of the better lands, located near Detroit, going for as much as \$40.00 per acre.

Another land office was opened in Monroe in July 1823, and a third at White Pigeon in 1831. In 1834 the White Pigeon office was moved to Kalamazoo. Two additional offices were opened in 1836, at Ionia and Flint. Each land office was assigned a given segment of public lands.

Have not found the territory assigned to the Monroe office or the average price paid out of the Monroe office. During the 25 years the land office in Kalamazoo was open the average price received by the government was \$1.28 per acre, just three cents above the minimum.

The President signed the land grant.

At these offices, the prospective buyer could obtain maps which showed the lands that were still available, with the letter "S" marking those sections or parts of sections that had been sold. It also was possible to obtain the surveyor's notes as a guide to the quality of the land.

For some time I could not understand the difference in dates reflected as patent dates in the publications, Landsmen of Monroe County and First Land Owners of Monroe County and the dates that the patent certificates were issued.

As an example, the patent date for Lucas Adams, my second great grandfather, is November 3, 1834, and the patent certificate is dated March 16, 1837. At first thought it was from terms given, but then read that sales after 1820 were cash.

Records reflect the buyer paid for the land and was given a receipt. A record of the sale was then sent to Washington and after some delay (often a year or more) he would receive a "patent" giving him title to the land he had purchased.

As to the signature of the President on the patent certificate the following was found.

These patents were actually signed by the President of the United States until 1833, when the sheer volume of business forced Congress to permit the President to appoint a secretary to sign his name to the patents which were now numbering in the tens of thousands.

Thus Michigan land owners who proudly display their original land titles do not, as many of them think, have an authentic Andrew Jackson autograph if the patent is from the period after 1833.

In my collection of copies of patent certificates there is one signed by a President. This is certificate number 457 covering land in Section 4 of Erie Township dated December 1, 1826, and signed J. Q. Adams. The patent date on the parcel is October 2, 1826.

The signature of John Adams, our second President, is easy to recognize but not the signature of his son, John Quincy Adams, our sixth President. Found a sample signature of Presidents Washington thru Clinton and the sample signature of John Quincy Adams matched the signature of J. Q. Adams on the patent. My next project, search for patent certificates with the signature of a President.

Source - Michigan: A History of the Wolverine State, Willis F. Dunbar, 1965 and W. F. Dunbar and G. S. May, 1980.
The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy, Greenwood.

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PATENT LAND RECORDS

Land Office at Monroe, Michigan Territory

This office was opened in July 1823. Land sales prior to July 1823, would have been out of the Land Office at Detroit, Michigan Territory which opened on July 6, 1818.

In September 2001, I was doing research on patent land records. I was not able to find the territory assigned to the Land Office at Monroe.

In the publication, First Land Owners of Monroe County, is an 1822 map that has all the territory along the southern border of Michigan listed as Monroe County.

With this information a search was made for records of land sales in various Michigan counties.

Monroe Land Office sales were found in the following counties; Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph, Branch, Hillsdale, Lenawee, Monroe, and VanBuren.

Allegan County was checked without finding any sales out of the Land Office at Monroe.

Other counties like Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Jackson, and Washtenaw have not been checked.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL FUND

Section 16, Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan

In September 2001, I was doing research on Patent Land Records. These records cover the sale of land by the General Land Office of the United States. A source for copies of patent certificates is, www.glorerecords.blm.gov.

While reviewing these records I found that the land in Section 16 of each township did not have patent certificates. It was decided to research for the lack of patent certificates.

The Landsmen and First Land Owners publications list the purchasers. In Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan, the purchase dates for land in Section 16 were 19 Jun 1852 thru 27 Dec 1867. This compared to purchase dates from land sales in other sections of 02 Aug 1824 thru 24 Dec 1836.

In 1804, the Congress of the United States passed an act to set aside section 16 of every congressional township. Funds received from the sale of land in section 16 were to be used for promoting education.

In Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan, Section 16 was sold by the State of Michigan. There were fourteen 40 acre parcels and one 80 acre parcel, for the total of 640 acres. There were eleven purchasers.

The purchase price was \$4.00 per acre. On a 40 acre parcel, \$40.00 was paid at date of sale with \$120.00 to be paid at anytime hereafter at the option of the purchaser, 7% interest to be paid annually on March 1 or within 60 days thereafter.

In case of default the purchaser may redeem, prior to the time appointed for the sale of lands at public auction, with payment of arrearages past due with 25% penalty upon the same.

In some recordings at the Register of Deeds Office I have found the filing under the name of an assignee. An example is, Solomon H. Wright purchased on 30 Mar 1854, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 16, Township 8 south, Range 7 east, 40 acres. Solomon assigned his rights in this land to Clovis Bookey. This was recorded at the Monroe County Register of Deeds on 05 Jun 1874, in liber 80, page 606 and 607. The index book list Clovis Bookey, not Solomon H. Wright. This information was found the easy way by having an abstract to the property that referred to Liber 80, Page 606.

PRIMARY SCHOOL FUND

Section 16, Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan

In each deed found there was reference to a Primary School Land certificate filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Michigan. In the Clovis Bookey deed filed in liber 80, page 606 and 607, it list "Certificate No. 5048 for Primary School Land."

As title was not passed to the purchaser from the General Land Office of the United States, the purchaser did not receive a patent certificate. The land was purchased from the State of Michigan and the deed was signed by the Michigan Secretary of State or the Commissioner of Michigan State Land Office.

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See attached

The State Primary Interest Fund from the publication, State and Local Government in Michigan, first revision 1961.

History of Education in Michigan, from the 1873 Michigan Atlas.

THE STATE PRIMARY INTEREST FUND

In 1804, the Congress of the United States started a long-time plan to aid education. According to the act passed on that date, section sixteen of every congressional township, not yet sold was to be set aside as the school section and the funds received from the sale of the school sections were to be used for promoting education. During the early years, before Michigan became a state, this money was often spent by local township districts to build local schools and to pay teachers. What is more some districts received more money than did others because of this grant. Some section sixteens were good farm land and were sold at a high price, but other section sixteens were poor land, some were even swamps or lakes, and therefore brought in little money. Because of this, all districts did not share alike in the amount of money each received from the sale of these public lands.

When Michigan became a state, the new state constitution accepted public education as a state duty. The general plan of state education suggested by Crary and Pierce was adopted. The state legislature was to provide a school system that would be open to all children for at least three months each year. The cost of paying for these public schools, however, was still to be paid by the local school districts. The state at the same time changed the method of collecting and spending the money derived from the sale of public land in the school sections. Now all the money received from the sale of such land was to be kept by the state. The money thus secured was to be known as the Primary School Fund. This money was spent by the state for other purposes. The state was to pay interest to the school districts each year on the money the state had borrowed.

Each year since that time the state has paid interest to the school districts on the Primary School Fund money that it then borrowed. The state never pays back any of the Primary School Fund. The annual interest paid by the state to the school districts is known as the Primary Interest Fund. To this amount is now added other moneys such as taxes on railroad companies, telegraph and telephone companies, money that escheats back to the state, and from inheritance taxes. This Primary Interest Fund money is divided among the school districts in proportion to the number of children attending school in the district.

Since 1804 other grants of land have also been given to the state by the federal government to aid education. This money has been used to swell the Primary Fund. The state also pays interest on these funds.

Note - All 640 acres of Section 16 in Bedford Township was sold after 1837 when Michigan became a state.

HISTORY OF EDUCATION IN MICHIGAN.

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THE first School Law of the Territory of Michigan, was enacted in 1827. That Law ordained that the citizens of any township, having fifty house-holders, should provide themselves with a schoolmaster, of good morals, to teach the children to read and write. Any township with two hundred house-holders, was required to have a schoolmaster who could teach Latin, French and English. For neglect to comply with the requirements of the law, the town became liable to a fine of \$ 50 to \$ 150.

In 1833, this law gave place to another creating the office of Superintendent of Common Schools, and providing for three Commissioners, and ten Inspectors, who were to have charge of the School lands, which had, by act of Congress, in 1828, been under the supervision of the Territorial Governor and Council.

As early as 1787, an ordinance was passed by Congress for the government of the North Western Territory, in which it was declared that "Schools and the means of education, shall forever be encouraged."

SCHOOL LANDS.

An act passed in 1804, providing for the sale of lands in the Indian Territory, afterwards formed into the States of Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin—expressly reserved from sale Section 16 in every township "for the support of schools."

All the rights and privileges which these acts conferred, were confirmed to the Territory of Michigan organized in 1805. The ordinance admitting the State of Michigan into the Union in 1836 declares, that "Section number 16 in every township of the public lands, and where such section has been sold, or otherwise disposed of, other lands equivalent thereto, and as contiguous as may be, shall be granted to the State for the use of schools."

The original Constitution, as well as the present, required that the proceeds of these

lands, should "remain a perpetual fund for that object." The original design of Congress was to grant to each township the avails of the section found within its limits, or to give to the township, the section to be managed by them, as they might think best. In many of the townships, these lands were nearly worthless, being near swamps or covered with water. These grants led to most serious difficulties in other states, as they attempted to manage the lands, as proposed by Congress. Townships having worthless lands would apply to Congress for additional aid, and failing there, would apply to their Legislature. In addition to all this, different parts of the same township, and different townships, presented their conflicting claims, which could not possibly be adjusted, satisfactorily.

To escape these troubles the people of Michigan, when they came, in 1835, to form a State government, included in the ordinance submitted to Congress, that "Section 16, &c., shall be granted to the State, for the use of schools." The wisdom of this arrangement is seen in the ease with which the land grant has been managed, and the slight expense attending the sale of the lands and the appropriation of the School Fund.

Another great advantage has been, that all the schools of the State have shared in the School Fund as soon as such fund has accrued. Townships having poor or worthless sections, suffered no *special* loss on that account; it was a loss shared by the whole State, and those townships lying at a distance from the more settled portions of the State, were not compelled to go without schools, or conduct them at their own expense, until the school section of their township could be disposed of—but they at once shared, with all the schools of the State, in the Common School Fund.

The success of our school system is largely owing to this wise foresight of those who had the responsibility of its organization.

The first State Superintendent, Hon. J. D. Pierce, estimated the amount of land thus donated by Congress for the use of public schools, to be 1,148,160 acres, and that there would be realized from them a sum not less than \$ 6,000,000. This estimate, as it now appears, was too large, the actual amount being not far from 1,000,000 acres. A little more than one half has been sold, and the fund arising therefrom is \$ 2,601,319, which added to \$ 218,462 derived from swamp lands, gives a total of \$ 2,819,781 as the present School Fund. The State pays 7 per cent. on the School land fund, and 5 per cent. on the swamp land fund. The school lands are sold at four dollars per acre. The purchaser can pay the full amount and secure his patent at once, or he can pay one fourth at the time of purchase, and the balance at his own convenience—the land reverting to the State, on a failure to pay the interest. About 440,000 acres are yet unsold. This should eventually increase the fund to nearly four and one half millions of dollars, and, adding the amount to be received from swamp lands, we may reasonably expect that ultimately the fund will reach \$ 5,000,000.

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

in bits and pieces

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BEDFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS in bits and pieces.

I am pleased to share with you my hobby of family genealogy and local history.

After reading the minutes from past Temperance High School Alumni Association reunions, I found that a bell owned by the Association was used at the Temperance School. It is possible the bell is in excess of 100 years old. Thanks to Reg Goldsmith, Temperance High School Class of 1927, he saved the bell and donated it to our Alumni Association. Some of you may think I am suggesting Reg is in excess of 100, however, as Reg is my good friend, I know he was 93 last March 9th.

With my interest in local history, another good friend, Esther (Dunbar) Hammerstein, Temperance High School Class of 1931, gave me daily journals of her grandfather, William Dunbar. Esther died on October 28, 1996. In an entry under the date of Monday, November 24, 1890, he writes "Willie took me over to The Center School house where I began school this morning at 9 O C. I enrolled 44 scholars today and it is a noisy lot of people". With the photos of William Dunbar in my collection, it is easy to envision him ringing this bell to begin the school day.

The Center School was the name of School District Number 2 prior to being named Temperance School. The Center name came from its location being 80 rods east of the center of Bedford Township. According to the writings of Chester Newcombe, Temperance High School Class of 1926, the building known as the Center School replaced the original log school house. The name was probably changed to Temperance with the first phase of construction of the school building constructed in about 1902. The east room of this building was for grades 1 to 3 and the west room for grades 4 to 8. In the summer of 1917 a third room was added on the back. This was for the 8th, 9th, and 10th grades. In the summer of 1921, the whole building was raised and a basement put under all of it. In the fall of 1921, the 11th grade was added and the 12th was added in the fall of 1922. When the school population grew to the extent that the building was too small, two more rooms with basement, were added to the back

The last addition to the school was a WPA (Works Projects Administration) project in 1937-38. In a writing of Burns Scott, Temperance High School Class of 1940, he reports "On February 10, 1938, our new school was dedicated with pomp and ceremony". Scotty died March 3, 1993.

At present the Temperance Elementary School of the Bedford School system is on this property at 1575 West Temperance Road.

The first land for the school was acquired on October 31, 1868, when William and Mercy Dunbar (great great grandparents of Esther Hammerstein) sold $\frac{1}{2}$ of an acre out of the northeast corner of the west $\frac{1}{2}$ of the northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22.

Some earlier history of this land is as follows:

James Wadsworth of Livingston County, New York purchased the northwest quarter, 160 acres, of Section 22 along with 1,840 other acres in Bedford Township from the United States of America on May 25, 1835. About eight years ago in some research I discovered this purchase. Since that time I have been curious as to this James Wadsworth and was he related to the Wadsworth family that lived in Temperance. A visit with Neil and Hazel Wadsworth, Temperance High School Class of 1929 for both, found that Neil had a hardcover book with the Wadsworth family history. James Wadsworth was born in Durham, Connecticut on April 20, 1768, and died in Geneseo, New York on June 8, 1844. In time he became one of the richest land proprietors in New York. His son James Samuel Wadsworth was a Brigadier General in the Union Army during the Civil War and died May 8, 1864, from a battle wound received May 6, 1864, in the Battle of the Wilderness near Spotsylvania, Virginia. By following back the ancestors of Neil Wadsworth I find that James Wadsworth was a fourth great uncle to Neil.

Following the 1844 death of James Wadsworth, this land was held in his estate until my second great uncle Charles Lucas Adams purchased it on February 19, 1857.

On September 7, 1861, the land was deeded to William Dunbar. William Dunbar was named the first postmaster on June 13, 1834, of the West Erie Post Office, which was the first post office in what was to become Bedford Township. At the first Bedford Township meeting on May 2, 1836, William was elected Supervisor. William represented in the State Legislature, the first district of Monroe County for two terms in 1857 and 1859, and for four years served as Monroe County Sheriff.

Now back to Bedford Township Schools.

The first 12th grade graduating class of Temperance High School was the Class of 1923. I believe the Class of 1923, may be the only class to graduate twice from Temperance High. The Commencement Exercise of the Temperance High School Class of 1921 was held at eight o'clock, Friday evening, June 10, 1921, at the Baptist Church, Temperance, Michigan. This was a graduation from the 10th grade. There were 15 students in this class. Of the 15 students 5 did not graduate with the Temperance High Class of 1923. The five are Amy (Goldsmith) Bemis, Helen Anna (Kimerer) Albring, Gwueneth (Hitchcock) Bectel-Opdyke, Kenneth Earl Ley, and Melvin J. Lawrence. My research found that Amy and Helen finished high school at Monroe. I have not found records on Gwueneth. That leaves Kenneth and Melvin, and I found their school history to be interesting.

The first 12th grade graduation of Lambertville High School was also with the Class of 1923. In this class there were three members as compared to the 10 at Temperance. The three were Kenneth Ley, Melvin Lawrence, and Velma Lawrence. If Kenneth and Melvin had not transferred from Temperance to Lambertville, Temperance would have had 12 members in the 1923 Class and Lambertville just one.

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS in bits and pieces.

As I said earlier there were 10 members of the Temperance High School Class of 1923.

Gertrude Mae (Adams) Kidney, my aunt
 Lawrence Frederick Danzeisen
 Rhoda May (Dull) Rawson
 Rhuby May (Dull) Reid
 Lucille E. (Hachman) Ward
 Mary M. (Klaiss) Bingaman
 Hubert Graydon Rawson
 Sylvia E. (Rendle) Clark
 Gertrude Henrietta (Scharer) Goldsmith
 Elsie Marie (Trapp) Martin

Both Gertrude Henrietta (Scharer) Goldsmith and Elsie Marie (Trapp) Martin were in attendance at the Temperance High School Alumni Association reunion in 1998, in honor of the 75th Anniversary as graduates of their 1923 Class. Elsie died December 5, 2000.

Before more history of Lambertville High School and Temperance High School is recorded, earlier history of Bedford Township Schools should be covered.

Schools in Bedford Township at the time the 1859 Bedford Township plat map was published are as follows;

Little Lake School at Erie and the Angling Road. Angling Road ran northeast from Sterns Road at a point west of Secor Road, crossed Summerfield, Secor, Douglas, Temperance, Jackman, Erie, Lewis, and ended on Samaria Road at the Levi Lewis home, 166 Samaria Road, where the first Bedford Township meeting was held on May 2, 1836. Today we can still drive on part of this road known as Monroe Road between Sterns and Secor. Limited history is available on Little Lake School.

Rawson School at Smith and another angling road that crossed Smith Road about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile west of Douglas Road.

Lambertville School located a short distance west and across the road from the location when the new school opened in 1922.

Liberty Corners School on the northwest corner of Sterns and Jackman as compared to where the building is today at the southeast corner of Sterns and Jackman.

Lord School on the northeast corner of Sterns and Crabb until 1871, when a new school was constructed at the southeast corner of Sterns and Crabb and later changed the name to Banner Oak School.

Then there was Stone School which is the only school house building still at the same location as it was on the 1859 map. The land this school is on was purchased from one of my 16 3rd Great Grandfathers, Samuel K. Kinney. Stone School is located on the east side of Crabb Road at the half mile between Samaria and Erie. The building is presently a residential home.

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS in bits and pieces.

School Districts in Bedford Township at the time the 1876 Bedford Township plat map was published, with school buildings located as follows:

District #2 - South side of West Temperance Road, 80 rods east of Jackman Road. Temperance School.

District #3 - East side of Jackman Road, 800 feet south of Samaria Road. Samaria School.

District #4 - Southwest corner of Secor and Monroe. Lambertville School.

District #6 - Southeast corner of Sterns and Crabb. Banner Oak School.

District #7 - East side of Crabb Road at the half mile between Samaria and Erie. Stone School.

District #8 - Southwest corner of Secor and Section. Rawson School.

District #9 - Southeast corner of Sterns and Jackman. Liberty Corners School.

District #10 - North side of Sub-Station Road about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile east of Crabb. French School which was later named Wayside School.

In Bedford Township Board meeting minutes in 1890, 1891, and 1892, is listed school tax distribution to School Districts number 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. Also School District 1 frl., Bedford and Whiteford; School District 3 frl., Bedford and Ida; School District 7 frl., Bedford and Erie.

Frl. is an abbreviation for fractional. A fractional district is a district that serves parts of more than one township.

District 1 frl. was DeLand School located in Whiteford Township on the east side of Summerfield Road a short distance north of St. Anthony Road. District 3 frl. was Moyer School located in Ida Township on the north side of Rauch Road just west of Geiger Road. Geiger Road in Bedford Township becomes Crabb Road. District 7 frl. was Forman School located in Erie Township on the east side of US 25 south of Sterns Road.

An 1895 Bedford School Districts map list all of the above plus District 1 and District 4 frl. District #1 was Bullock School located east side of Secor Road between Samaria and Erie Roads. District 4 frl. was Dean School located in Erie Township west side of US 25 south of Dean Road.

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL in bits and pieces.

In a Monroe Democrat article dated Wednesday February 19, 1902, it reads "A rally was held at the Temperance town hall Tuesday afternoon to discuss the question of a high school for Bedford Township. The meeting was addressed by School Commissioner Marvin". The Monroe Democrat was published between 1880 and 1915. Albert C. Marvin was the Monroe County Commissioner of Schools at this time.

In a Monroe Record article dated Thursday February 20, 1902, it reads "At the rural high school meeting held at the town hall on the afternoon of the 18th, was largely attended and resulted in the choice of S K Kinney as chairman and A. B. Tuttle as secretary. County Commissioner A. C. Marvin was present and read a very interesting and instructive paper of which we will give a synopsis in next week's issue of the Record. E. B. Hitchcock, Isaac Gordon, Thomas Hitchcock, A. B. Tuttle, H. M. Slick and others engaged in the discussion and all of them committed themselves to a better system of education for the children above the eighth grade throughout the rural districts and the following committee was appointed for the purpose of circulating petitions in favor of the afore said school. Thomas Hitchcock, A. O. Kinney, A. H. King, and V. E. Janney were chosen as said committee." The Monroe Record was published between 1900 and 1921.

A search was made for the synopsis of the paper by A. C. Marvin without success.

In a Monroe Record article dated Thursday February 27, 1902, it reads "School officers and others interested in our public schools are given a very cordial invitation to attend the Education meeting to be held at the High School, in Monroe City, this week Saturday. An interesting program has been prepared and a large attendance is looked for. Prof. W.D. Henderson, of Ann Arbor will lecture in the afternoon on the subject, "Nuggets of Gold." Mr Henderson is an able speaker and it will be a treat to hear him. Besides the program as announced in the papers last week, we have the following to add: Solos by Miss Frances E. Willard and Miss Blanche Dunbar, of Samaria and Leon Shafer of Erie. Miss Minnie Zeigler of Lambertville will give a paper on some interesting subject. Dinner will be served at the High School by the Junior class. Remember the date Saturday, March 1st."

This article is not directly related to Bedford Township Schools, however, does reflect the attention given to education at this time.

An article in The Monroe Record dated Thursday March 6, 1902, as a follow-up to the February 27, 1902, article reads in part, "The educational meeting held at the Monroe High School last Saturday was attended by nearly two hundred patrons, school officers and teachers, and was one of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held in the county, all parts of the county were well represented considering the bad roads and weather. Prof. Bauer read a very excellent paper on "School Centralization". The disadvantages of the present system and the advantages of the centralized system were made plain."

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS in bits and pieces.

Loss of school buildings:

Lambertville School - Courier Scrapbook, Sue Potter article dated December 8, 1970. "The building was the second school to be built in Lambertville. Constructed in 1860, it cost \$1,294.52. There were two rooms, one on each story." The building was so badly damaged by a March 28, 1920, tornado that it was considered unsafe for further use.

In a paper by Edith Parmelee she writes "Monday evening, November 27, 1922, was a proud night for the community for it witnessed the formal opening of the new school building." This building was used for various grades until 1972. From 1972 to 1982 the building was used by the Bedford Public School Administration.

In the spring of 1986 the former school building, renamed Olde Schoolhouse Commons, was renovated to accomodate specialty shops and offices.

Samaria School - Courier Scrapbook, Sue Potter article dated April 27, 1971. "In the 1890's the one room school was demolished and a two-room frame building was constructed. On Sunday, March 28, 1920, the sky darkened and soon after 7 pm a tornado wound its way across Bedford Township, striking Samaria at 7:30. The Samaria schoolhouse was demolished. A new brick schoolhouse was constructed in Samaria in 1920 to replace the one demolished by the tornado. It had two rooms and a basement and faced Samaria Road. The last school classes were moved out in 1969."

The history of the Bedford Senior Citizens reads "On April 1, 1971, the Bedford School Board approved turning over the Samaria School building to the Bedford Senior Citizens."

My research found at the Monroe County Register of Deeds, a lease dated October 19, 1868, to School District #3 (Samaria) from Lucy, Gibbs, and Maria Hungerford. This covered a parcel 165' X 187.50' on the east side of Jackman Road, 781.50' south of Samaria and Jackman Roads. The lease is recorded in Liber 72 page 609. This location was the site of the first two school buildings for Samaria School. A condition of the lease "To be occupied for school purpose only, except that no continuous meetings of night after night, but there may be religious preaching on Sabbath, and Singing School at the option of District 3."

The third Samaria School building was constructed on a parcel "Commencing at the northwest corner of Section 10, then south 330', east 264', north 330'. west 264', to place of beginning." This is covered by a warranty deed dated August 21, 1929, to Trustees School District 3, from Richard Johnston, widower, and recorded in Liber 247 page 70.

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS in bits and pieces.

Loss of school buildings:

Bullock School - Monroe Evening News dated February 23, 1945.
"Bullock School was leveled early this morning in a fire believed to have started from an overheated furnace."

Courier Scrapbook , Sue Potter article dated April 11, 1972.
"St. Anthony's Church opened its doors and the children of Bullock School completed their school year in a basement there." "The one-room frame building, named for an early settler, was constructed in about the year 1892."

Temperance School - At 10 am on February 4, 1946, the fire alarm sounded and the 282 students, including myself, cleared the Temperance School building to safety. At that moment did we realize this would be the last day to attend classes in this building? Fifteen minutes later the building was in flames and burned to the ground, despite the efforts of eight fire departments from Temperance and surrounding villages. There was no water supply at that time and the Temperance Volunteer Fire Department was organized just ten months earlier. The wood floor hallways were oiled to reduce wear and this provided a wick for the fire, right down the middle of the building.

Never heard the official cause of the fire, however, I believe it was a chimney fire, as the flames first appeared in the northwest corner where the furnace and chimney were.

Following the fire the elementary students attended class in many buildings including Hamilton School, Manhattan Blvd, Toledo, Ohio. The high school students attended Lambertville High School in the afternoon and the Lambertville high school students in the forenoon. This provided an opportunity for the two groups of high school students to become better acquainted prior to the June 1, 1946, consolidation and the first school year of 1946-47 for the Bedford Rural Agricultural School.

The following articles were found in The Monroe Evening News with dates as indicated.

01 Mar 1946 -

County Briefs

LAMBERTVILLE -- The meeting scheduled for March 12 at the Lambertville school for residents of district No. 4 to discuss the reorganization plan, has been moved up to Tuesday March 5 at 8 p.m.

The Monroe Evening News

Thursday, March 7, 1946

TEMPERANCE PUPILS WILL GO TO TOLEDO

District Approves Transportation, Also Favors Township School Unit

(Special to The Evening News)

TEMPERANCE, March 7—By a vote of 130 to 5, residents of Temperance school district last night approved a proposal by the board to transport Temperance pupils to Hamilton school in Toledo beginning next September. Since the Temperance school burned high school pupils have been transported

See school picture on page 2

to Lambertville while grade pupils are using churches and lodge halls.

By an unanimous vote, the residents also approved setting up an area in Bedford township as a rural agricultural school unit. The Temperance meeting was the last of a series being held in all Bedford districts which might be interested in joining a school reorganization plan. Some of the districts adjoin the township. A committeeman from each district and a member of each school board will meet early next week in Lambertville to form district committees to undertake the next step in reorganization. Advocates of the plan hope to bring the reorganization to a vote before the

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close of the present school term, probably in April.

J. S. Whitman president of the Temperance school board presided last night and explained the situation confronting the district. After various questions and discussion from the floor, Mr. Whitman asked Superintendent Reid Stout to describe the facilities available at Hamilton school and tentative plans to transport the pupils by bus.

Mr. Whitman said the Toledo board of education has agreed to rental on a per capita basis which is estimated at \$4000 for the coming year and at \$3000 for a second year. The Toledo board will recondition the 12 classrooms on the second floor.

Mr. Whitman said use of the school was only a temporary measure and he brought up the reorganization plan for discussion. Superintendent Stout reviewed the work already done in the various districts and explained the procedure to be followed. The next step, he said, is to circulate a sample petition in each district to determine if it favors reorganization. This is necessary since a negative vote in any district nullifies the entire procedure. Districts which do not indicate probable approval will not be included in the legal petition, which is next circulated. This must carry the names of 50 per cent of the voters of each district, the county school commissioner and the township board checking the petitions.

If the petitions are correct, then the township board and the school commissioner establishes an election date. At this election, the graded schools, Lambertville and Temperance, vote as separate units with all primary school districts voting as a unit. If 51 per cent of the voters in each unit favor the reorganization and it is approved by the state department of public instruction, the district then elects a five-member school board. This school board takes over operation of all schools in the reorganization area.

The Monroe Evening News

Friday, March 8, 1946

Wednesday, March 27, 1946

School Committees Meet Next Week

(Special to The Evening News)

TEMPERANCE, March 8 — Two meetings have been set for next week to continue necessary steps in bringing about an election to determine whether schools in the area shall be reorganized on a unit plan.

A committee meeting of schools in the Lambertville district will be held at Lambertville high school next Tuesday to formulate plans for a sample petition which is to be circulated in districts in the area. On Wednesday night committee members from all districts interested in the reorganization plan in the Bedford-Whiteford area will meet at the Lambertville school building to coordinate sample petitions and prepare for their distribution.

Action by Temperance district school electors Wednesday night in approving a rural agricultural reorganization plan has speeded the program. Lambertville district school officials have favored a rural agricultural unit which would take in portions of Whiteford township, while Temperance had formerly favored a township plan taking in only Bedford township school districts. Under the rural agricultural plan, the area included may cross township lines and join all districts wishing to come under the program. The township plan includes only a single township.

Temperance is situated at virtually the center of Bedford township while Lambertville, also in Bedford township, is the focal point for a considerable portion of Whiteford township.

Reviewed papers thru March 30, 1946. Found nothing on school meetings of Tuesday, March 12, 1946 or Wednesday March 13, 1946.

TEMPERANCE BOARD PLANS REBUILDING OF BURNED SCHOOL

Proposed Construction To Be
One-Story Cement Block,
With 8 Class Rooms

(Special to The Evening News)

TEMPERANCE, March 27 — The rebuilding of the Temperance school, destroyed by fire February 4, for permanent use by pupils of the first eight grades was approved by the Temperance board of education at a special meeting last night. The contemplated building will be one-story cement block construction with probably eight class rooms. The building will utilize as much salvaged material as possible from the old structure.

The project will be carried forward as rapidly as possible but due to materials shortages it is considered unlikely the building will be ready for occupancy next fall.

Use Toledo School

The Temperance board has agreed to the proposal of the Toledo board of education for the unrestricted use of the second floor of the Hamilton school in Toledo for the coming school year. The Toledo board is to furnish all janitor service and supplies, heat, light and equipment according to the Temperance requirements for a \$4000 rental for the first year. An option of use for a second year at a lower rate is included. The Temperance board plans to transport its pupils to the Hamilton school, a distance of about nine miles.

To Clean Up Debris

The board announced it will accept bids for cleaning up the debris from the fire preparatory to rebuilding and will also ask for bids on the new structure. It is estimated that possibly two-thirds of the cement block used in the lower portion of the old frame building are recoverable and usable. The pump, water well, septic tank and basement cement floor also can be utilized, it is believed, to greatly lessen the cost.

Will Call Meeting

As soon as the probable cost of the building is determined, the board will call a school district meeting and ask school electors to vote the necessary millage.

Second Floor Possible

The new building is to have a flat roof and the walls and foundation are to be so constructed that a second floor can be added later if needed. There are now 150 pupils in the first eight grades and classes are being held in halls in the village. The high school pupils are being transported to Lambertville where half-day sessions are being held.

The rebuilding of the Temperance school was never done as discussed in this March 27, 1946, article.

The Monroe Evening News

Monday, April 15, 1946

SCHOOL PETITIONS BEING CIRCULATED

(Special to The Evening News)

LAMBERTVILLE, April 15 — Legal petitions are now being circulated in 12 school districts in this area to obtain the signatures of 50 per cent of legal school elections required for an election on reorganization of schools in the area into a rural agricultural unit. A series of "straw" petitions have been circulated and have shown the areas favorable to reorganization. A vote is planned for May or early June.

Petitions are being circulated in Lambertville: Temperance, Liberty Corners, Rawson, Samaria, Bullock, Stone and Wayside districts in Bedford township and in Whiteford township.

The reorganization plan has been approved by the state department of public instruction and includes: Operation of all present usable buildings to capacity; transportation of all pupils within the area who should be transported in accordance with the state transportation statutes as soon as possible; operation of Lambertville high school as the senior high school for the district; lease approved school building facilities outside the district for the accommodation of such junior high pupils (seventh, eighth and ninth grades) as cannot at present be housed in the district; erection of a new school building in the Temperance area as soon as possible; provide for instruction in agriculture, homemaking and shop; establishment of a building and site sinking fund to provide adequate school plant facilities within the district as soon as possible.

Arrangements have already been made by the Temperance board of education to lease facilities of the Hamilton school at Toledo for the coming school year to replace the Temperance building destroyed by fire in February. The Bullock school burned slightly more than a year ago and classes are now being held in the basement of St. Anthony's church.

Wednesday, May 29, 1946

School Electors Ballot Saturday

(Special to The Evening News)

LAMBERTVILLE, May 29 —

School electors in 10 districts will decide Saturday if a rural agricultural unit will be established in this area. Lambertville voters will cast their ballots at the Lambertville high school; Temperance, at the Bedford Township hall in Temperance; Rawson, Wayside and Liberty Corners, at Liberty Corners; Stone, Bullock and Samaria, at the Samaria school; and DeLand and Iott, at the DeLand school.

Monday, June 3, 1946

BEDFORD VOTERS OK SCHOOL PLAN

Voters approved by almost three to one Saturday the reorganization of an area in Bedford and Whiteford townships into a rural agricultural school area. The area includes the Lambertville and Temperance school districts, districts one, three, seven, eight, nine and ten fractional of Bedford township and districts one and ten fractional of Whiteford township.

The next step in the reorganization program is the election of a school board of five members. This election will be at Lambertville high school, the date not yet set.

Under the reorganization plan it was necessary for each of three units to approve the plan by a simple majority. Temperance and Lambertville voted as unit districts with the rural districts combined as the third unit. The vote totals were as follows: Temperance district 2, 424 votes For, 164 Against with three ballots spoiled in a total of 591 votes cast; Lambertville district 4, 199 votes For, 136 Against, one spoiled with 336 votes cast; rural districts combined, 237 votes For, 10 Against, three spoiled with a total of 250 votes cast.

The Monroe Evening News

Tuesday, June 11, 1946

Friday Election At Lambertville

(Special to The Evening News)

LAMBERTVILLE, June 11—The five persons who will form the first school board for the rural agricultural unit recently voted in this area will be elected at a meeting at 8 p. m. Friday at the Lambertville high school. The new unit comprises ten districts, including Temperance and Lambertville.

The school board members will be nominated and elected at the meeting. One to serve for one year, two for two years each and two for three years each. The board will complete its organization by election of officers. The school year starts July 1 and runs to June 30.

School electors of the districts, voting in three separate groups, approved the reorganization by approximately three to one in the election held May 25.

Correction - Reorganization election was June 1, 1946.

The results of election of the five school board members on Friday, June 14, 1946, was not announced in the paper. Reviewed the papers thru June 20, 1946.

See June 15, 1946, school board minutes for names of trustees.

The first meeting of the Board of Education of the reorganized school unit of Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan was held at the Lambertville School on Saturday, June 15, 1946 at 8 P.M.

All members and Mr. Conat were present. First order of business was organization of the board.

J.J. Straus was selected temporary chairman. The board selected these officers;

J.J. Straus	President
Irma E. Linzie	Secretary
June B. Winslow	Treasurer
Henry Clark	Trustee
Beryl Albring	Trustee

for the ensuing year.

Moved by Beryl Albring and supported by J.B. Winslow that we designate \$10,000.00 as the amount of the treasurer's bond. Carried.

Moved by H. Clark and supported by J.B. Winslow that Wm. Fielding of Temperance be requested to write the treasurer's bond. Carried.

Moved by J.E. Linzie and supported by H. Clark that we adopt the following resolution;

"Whereas, under the laws of Michigan, this Board is required to provide by Resolution for the deposit of all public moneys, including tax moneys coming into the hands of said treasurer, in one or more banks, hereinafter called bank(s) to be designated in such Resolution.

Now, Therefore Be It:

Resolved, That said Treasurer, June B. Winslow, is hereby directed to deposit all public moneys, including tax moneys now in his or coming into his hands as treasurer in his name as treasurer, in the following bank(s):

Petersburg State Bank, Petersburg, Michigan, Monroe County.

Resolution adopted by vote.

Moved by J.B. Winslow and supported by B. Albring that the Secretary contact Mr. Eiker relative to the districts turning in their funds and property on Tuesday, June 25th at 8 P.M. at the Lambertville School with notifications to be made to them by registered mail and return receipt sent by the secretary. Carried.

Moved by J.B. Winslow and supported by B. Albring that we request of Mr. Eiker that the unit be called - "Bedford Rural Agricultural School". Carried.

Motion made, supported, and carried that we adjourn. An adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irma E. Linzie

Secretary

Form S.O.R.A. 4a—Billed by (Mich.) School Supply Company

In the 1945-46 Monroe County School Directory, William Eiker was listed as the Monroe County School Commissioner.

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS in bits and pieces

Banner Oak School, District #6
Board of Education meeting minutes
October 21, 1947

Minutes

A special meeting of the school Board of Banner Oak School, District #6, was held at the school building, October 21, 1947. The purpose of the meeting was to have a general discussion pertaining joining the Bedford Rural Agricultural school District.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rubin. Board members present were Mr. Leonard, Director, Mr. Rubin, Moderator, and Mr. Bamber, Treasurer. At this time Mr. Rubin turned the meeting over to Mr. Bamber, as temporary Chairman, who appointed Mr. Magee as temporary Secretary. Mr. Bamber explained the issue at hand, including taxation, general schooling for just twelve grades, transportation, recreational facilities, and on a responsibility for the entire township, and not as an individual school. At this time Mr. Bamber opened the meeting for general discussion, suggesting one of two actions to be made, namely: -

1. To hold a vote to instruct the Board to proceed with necessary steps to join the reorganization known as the Bedford Rural Agricultural school
- or
2. To continue school on the same basis as at present.

Mr. Vorseberg made the motion to instruct the

Board to proceed with necessary steps to join the reorganization.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Van Belle.

Mr. Leonard explained the necessary procedure for the motion.

Mr. John Conrad, Superintendent of the Bedford Rural Agricultural school, spoke on the new school district, explaining the program thoroughly including transportation, the purchase of twenty-six acres, school buildings, and facilities, that are being drawn up at this time. The new rate in this district is nine and seventy-three hundredths (.973) mills.

The motion was put to vote, and carried 21 to 9. The date of said election to be published.

Mr. Bamber adjourned the meeting at 9:45 P.M.

Madeline R. Dreyer
(Temporary Secretary)

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS in bits and pieces.

Bedford Rural Agricultural School
Board of Education meeting minutes
March 4, 1948

~~FORM 3-CA-3~~

Special meeting of the Board of Education held March 4, 1948 at Lambertville School at 8 P.M.

All board members and Mr. Comat present.

Minutes of the January 21, 27, February 4, 10, 21 meetings read and approved.

Money received as follows:

Sales Tax Diversion	\$9,078.66
Whiteford Trans. Charges	160.00
D.T.I. RR. Refund of freight	3.74

Communication from R. Leonard, Director of Banner Oak School, read.

Moved by J.B. Winslow seconded by H. Clark that we place on file the statement of Banner Oak School District and that we accept them into this system. Motion carried.

A committee representing the teaching staff presented to the board a request for a "Cost-of-living" bonus and a salary schedule and recommendations for the coming year.

Moved by J.B. Winslow seconded by B. Albring that the superintendent make provision for the printing of ballots for the April 3rd election- namely (1) raising the millage to 25 mills or 2.5%; (2) bonding to the extent of Two-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for 5 years; (3) accepting Banner Oak School District into this system. Motion carried.

Superintendent to complete plans for a trip to Dearborn to inspect several schools Mr. Jensen and Mr. Keough designed on Sunday, March 14, 1948.

J.B. Winslow moved seconded by H. Clark that we pay the principal on bonds #24 and #23 to Chas. Janney along with the interest due him. Motion Carried.

Next meeting a special on March 10, 1948 at Lambertville School at 8 P.M.

Meeting adjourned by vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lena K. Luzzi, Secretary

Approved March 17, 1948

The Monroe Evening News

Friday, April 2, 1948

Monday, April 5, 1948

Bedford Voters Ballot Tomorrow

(Special to The Evening News)
LAMBERTVILLE, April 2 — Voting places in the Town Hall at Temperance and in the school gymnasium at Lambertville will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. tomorrow as registered school electors ballot on three questions. Voters in Bedford Township Precinct No. 1 will vote at Temperance, those in Precinct No. 2 at Lambertville.

One ballot will be on the question of increasing the millage from 15 to 25, raising it 10 mills, and the second ballot on the question of a \$200,000 bond issue to erect a 15-room unit of a proposed entire school building. Only property owners may vote on the bond issue.

A third ballot will be on the question admitting the Banner Oak school district to the present consolidated district known as Bedford Rural Agricultural School district. The Banner Oak district is the only one in Bedford Township not now included.

BEDFORD'S SCHOOL ISSUES APPROVED

LAMBERTVILLE, April 5 — By votes of four to one and more school electors of Bedford Rural Agricultural District approved three proposals placed before them Saturday.

A 10-mil increase in the taxes, raising the total from 15 to 25 mills, was approved 792 to 177, with Precinct No. 1 at Temperance approving it 463 to 47 and Precinct No. 2 at Lambertville approving the increase by a vote of 329 to 130.

The balloting on the \$200,000 bond issue, the proceeds to be used for construction of the first 15-room unit of a new elementary school, showed 742 yes votes and 137 no votes. Temperance voters favored the issue, 411 to 34 and Lambertville voters by 331 to 103.

The admission of the Banner Oak School District to the Bedford Rural 876 to 99. The Banner Oak District is the only one in Bedford Township not now in the consolidation. Temperance voters approved entry 493 to 21 and Lambertville voters by 383 to 78.

After the consolidation of the various school districts with the voting of June 1, 1946, and April 3, 1948, we had students from the southeast corner of Bedford Township attending school at the Mason School system, students from the northeast corner attending Ida School system, and students from the northeast corner of Whiteford Township attending school in the Bedford School system.

As I understand, this continues at the present time.

In 1955 the name was changed from Bedford Rural Agricultural School to Bedford Public Schools.

History of school buildings since 1946 and 1948 consolidation.

<u>Building</u>	<u>Construction</u>	<u>opened</u>	<u>addition</u>
Intermediate School (1) 8486 Douglas Road	1951	1953	1953 1959 1969
Temperance Road Elementary 1575 West Temperance Road	1955	1956	1957
Douglas Road Elementary 6875 Douglas Road	1958	1959	1959 1969
Jackman Road Elementary 8008 Jackman Road	1959	1960	1963 1969
Senior High School 8285 Jackman Road	1964	1965	2000
Junior High School 8405 Jackman Road	1969	1971	
Smith Road Elementary 1135 Smith Road	1969	1971	1998
Monroe Road Elementary 7979 Monroe Road	2000	2001	
Bus Garage - Warehouse	1969	1971	
Administration Building 8336 Monroe Road	(1972 - 1982)		
1575 West Temperance Road	(1982 - 1993)		
1623 West Sterns Road	(1993 - current)		
Bedford Community Stadium		1997	

(1) This property was sold, the buildings demolished, and is now the site of a residential development.

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The number of students graduating from 12th grade public high school in Bedford Township as follows:

<u>Graduating Class of</u>	Lambertville H S	Temperance H S	Bedford H S
1923/29	67	54	
1930/39	180	114	
1940/46	200	153	
1947/49			140
1950/59			903
1960/69			2,554
1970/79			4,000
1980/89			3,928
1990/99			3,272
2000/01	—	—	<u>775</u>
	447	321	15,572

Total 16,340

This does not include the 310 students that graduated from the 12th grade at State Line Christian School.

Schools in Bedford Township other than Bedford Public Schools.

New Bedford Academy
6315 Secor Road

A charter school of kindergarten through eighth grade, was established in 1997 and in operation during school year 1998/99.

State Line Christian School
6320 Lewis Avenue

Ministry of Lewis Avenue Baptist Church of K4 (pre-kindergarten) through 12th grade, was established in 1973, and added grades until school year 1979/80 when they had all K4 thru 12th grades. There have been 310 students graduate from the 12th grade.

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church
8330 Lewis Avenue

A parochial school, opened September 7, 1967, for 1st grade only, added the 2nd grade in 1968, the 3rd grade in 1969, and closed June 1970.

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LITTLE LAKE SCHOOL

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LITTLE LAKE SCHOOL, Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan

Location - North side of Erie Road at the half mile between Lewis Avenue and Jackman Road. On the 1859 Bedford Township plat map it has a small parcel in the southwest corner of the west $\frac{1}{2}$ of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10 marked as S. H. (schoolhouse). Out of a number of Bedford Township plat maps it is only the 1859 that has a schoolhouse at this location.

Limited history is available on Little Lake School. Only three items have been found.

1. Bedford Township plat map.
2. Courier Scrapbook, Sue Potter article on the Tuttle family dated June 9, 1970. "The children all attended school in a log building, Little Lake School, west of their farm home. Ora, Elmer, Alice, and Orlie had attended Samaria School, for Little Lake School was no longer there."

The children of William and Urania (Hubble) Tuttle were the children that attended Little Lake School. The children and year of birth as follows; John 1856, Alma 1858, Abe 1859, Austin 1862, Etna 1864, Emma 1865, and William 1869.

The children of John and Etna (Vaughn) Tuttle were the children that attended Samaria School. The children and year of birth as follows; Ora 1881, Elmer 1882, Alice 1885, and Orlie 1888.

3. A 150 year history of The First Baptist Church of Temperance, Michigan, May 1844 - May 1994, page 4. "During the winter of 1868 a revival was held in the Little Lake School with Rev. Heskett as the revivalist."

The First Free Will Little Lake Baptist Church of Bedford and Erie was on the south side of Erie Road across from the Little Lake School.

The Little Lake School may have been closed when the schools at Samaria and Temperance were established. The land for Samaria School was leased on October 19, 1868. See lease recorded Liber 72 page 609. The land for Temperance School was purchased October 31, 1868. See indenture recorded Liber 67 page 490.

A search for a lease or deed to Little Lake School was made at the Register of Deeds, Monroe County, Michigan. As the 1859 Bedford Township plat map has a small parcel marked schoolhouse in the southwest corner of the west $\frac{1}{2}$ of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, this is the area that was searched. In case the 1859 map was not properly marked, other areas were searched without success, for a small parcel that could have been used for a school.

LITTLE LAKE SCHOOL

W $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 10, 80 acres, T8S, R7E.

This 80 acre parcel was purchased by Smith Bowen from The General Land Office of The United States of America with a patent date of 13 May 1834, followed by transactions:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Deeded to</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Recorded</u>
25 Nov 1835	Gideon Tuttle	\$ 300.00	L X P513
20 May 1839	John M. Tuttle	1,200.00	L DD P429
10 Feb 1840	Gideon Tuttle	600.00	L FF P 92
24 Dec 1844	William Turner	450.00	L JJ P597
09 Jan 1845	Gideon Tuttle	450.00	L KK P 2
19 Feb 1847	John Turner	700.00	L MM P145
01 Jun 1847	William Tuttle	700.00	L MM P371
13 Jan 1854	Jacob Frederick Klinck	1,200.00	L 43 P301 (1)
13 Nov 1899	Charles G. Willis	2,000.00	L140 P498 (2)

Found nothing to indicate that the Little Lake School either leased or purchased land on the above 80 acres. My guess is that the property owner at the time permitted the school to use a building on this 80 acres.

(1) On this recording the legal description to the 80 acres was W $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 10, T8S, R7E. In my opinion the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ was transcribed from the original deed in error as NE $\frac{1}{4}$. I found no record of the Tuttle family owning the W $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 10.

(2) This deed excluded the right of way of the Ann Arbor Rail Road. The 150 years of Michigan Railroad History reflects, "May 1878, the rail line was completed and the first Ann Arbor railroad train operated between Toledo and Ann Arbor.

June 2001
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LITTLE LAKE SCHOOL

Bedford Township

Monroe County

Michigan

Article #2

July 2001

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LITTLE LAKE SCHOOL, Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan

After completing the article on Little Lake School in June 2001, I found more information with the help of Harley Hartline, another local historian.

At the Bedford Library is a roll of microfilm titled District School Board, 1864 - 1912. Found these were not school board records, but were Clerk of Bedford Township records of tax distribution to school districts.

The records list distribution to District #5 during the period 1864 through 1868.

Prior research identified school names for the school districts number one to ten, except number five. In time it may be proven wrong but I believe District #5 was Little Lake School.

On the same roll of microfilm are teacher contracts, There are five contracts covering 1866, 1867, and 1868, all signed by W. S. Tuttle, Director, District #5, Bedford Township. Others researching school history have identified these contracts with District #5, Ida Township, Harwick School. During the period of 1871 through 1879, the Clerk of Bedford Township listed tax distribution to District #5 fractional, Bedford and Ida, however, this period covered a period following the final tax distribution to District #5 in 1868.

W. S. Tuttle was William S. Tuttle (1824-1879) and the property owner of adjoining property to the location of Little Lake School in Section 10 of Bedford Township.

If the above five teacher contracts were for Harwick School, District #5, Ida Township, they would list Ida Township, not Bedford Township and would be signed as Director by an Ida Township resident.

Tax distribution for District #2, Temperance School and District #3, Samaria School started in 1868, the same year as they stopped for District #5. It appears as though District #5, Little Lake School was closed in 1868 and the district divided into District #2 and District #3.

At the Bedford Library is a roll of microfilm titled Bedford Township, Treasurer Account, May 1863 - April 1882. The records list tax distribution for various reasons including school districts.

Page 63 of these records covers primary school money belonging to District #5. Following the last entry dated July 25, 1868, are two words, "District Divided", without explanation.

Page 99 covers School District #2, and an entry dated April 4, 1871, list "To funds collected from Wm Willis on note given for school house formerly belonging to District #5". \$7.⁰³

Page 114 covers School District #3, and an entry dated April 4, 1871, list "To funds collected on note given by Wm Willis for school house formerly belonging to District #5". \$7.⁰⁹

Over the years we have read various publications about, "Temperance Platted in 1895".

Before that subject is covered lets go back in time.

- 11 Jan 1805 Territory of Michigan was established, whose southern boundary was a line surveyed east from the southerly extreme of Lake Michigan, until it shall intersect Lake Erie. This southern boundary included a strip of nine miles wide of what is now a portion of Ohio.
- 14 Jul 1817 Monroe County was organized.
- 26 Oct 1825 Erie Canal opened in upstate New York, connecting Lake Erie and the Hudson River, allowing for easier access to Lake Erie from New York and New England.
- 12 Apr 1827 Erie Township was organized to include all of present day Bedford, Erie, LaSalle, and Whiteford Townships.
- 13 Jun 1834 First post office opened in what is now Lambertville, Bedford Township, to be known as the West Erie Post Office. William Dunbar the first postmaster.
- 18 Sep 1834 Stephen Bradford, my 3rd great grandfather, acquired from the United States, the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 23, 40 acres for \$50.00. This is the southeast corner of Lewis and Temperance.
- 03 Mar 1836 Stephen Bradford sold the 40 acres to Elisha Hayden for \$150.00.
- 23 Mar 1836 Bedford Township was organized out of Erie Township. Some indication at that time what is now known as Temperance was known as Bedford Center. Just as Temperance School was formerly known as Center School, as it was 80 rods east of the center of Bedford Township.
- 02 May 1836 First election of Bedford Township officials at the home of Levi Lewis, 166 Samaria Road. William Dunbar elected first Supervisor.
- 26 Jan 1837 Michigan became the 26th state of the Union.
- 23 Dec 1854 Elisha Hayden sold the south 10 acres of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 23, to Joseph McClanathan for \$130.00.
- 03 Dec 1860 Elisha Hayden sold the north 30 acres to Joseph McClanathan for \$300.00.
- 08 Dec 1884 Lewis Ansted and his wife Marietta (Hayden) Ansted, an ardent member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, successfully petitioned for a post office named Temperance. Lewis became the first postmaster.

Now back to the subject, "Temperance Platted in 1895".

A quote from publications "The village of Temperance was platted in 1895 and was set around an early farm which belonged to Lewis Ansted and was located on the south side of Main Street, now called Temperance Road, between Lewis Avenue and the Ann Arbor Railroad. Mr Ansted and his wife were strong Temperance people, which led to the inclusion of a "Temperance Clause" forbidding the making or sale of intoxicating liquors for a period of 99 years in all deeds as lots were sold within the village limits."

My research does not disclose that Lewis Ansted ever had an interest in the 40 acres that is the southeast corner of Lewis and Temperance.

01 Mar 1895 Plat of Temperance was signed by 26 people with family names of Armstrong, Brunt, Carr, Cone, Cowell, Dull, Gordon, King, Kinney, and McClanathan. The boundaries of this 47 lot plat is Lewis Avenue, Temperance Road, Ann Arbor Railroad, north boundary of the 45 lot of the plat of King's Addition, and McClanathan Aveune.

I have found no evidence of the deeds to the plat of Temperance that includes the "Temperance Clause".

I have found deeds to property north of Temperance Road, that Lewis Ansted sold, that include the clause, "one condition of this indenture is that no intoxicating liquors shall be sold thereon". In other deeds the clause is worded, "there is not to be any intoxicating liquors manufactured or sold on the above described premises".

The Temperance Clause is included in the deed when Lewis Ansted sold to the Township of Bedford, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre on 17 Sep 1892, for \$1.00. This became the site of the Bedford Township Hall and is now the station for the Bedford #1 Fire Department. The clause reads "it is hereby mutually agreed and this is upon the express condition that no intoxicating beverages shall be sold upon the premises hereby conveyed and a further condition that said second party shall build & maintain a good & suitable fence around said lot". (1)

I have not found any parcel that was platted by Lewis Ansted within the village of Temperance. Property sold by Lewis Ansted was sold as "metes and bounds" parcels as compared to lots within a platted parcel.

(1) Copy of deed attached.

BEDFORD TOWNSHP cont.

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The following plats are within the village of Temperance.

- 01 Mar 1895 Plat of Temperance. See info page 2. Copy attached.
- 11 Oct 1899 Plat of King's Addition.
45 lot plat by Albert H. and Susanna F. King.
Copy attached.
- 06 Feb 1925 Kinney's Subdivision.
43 lot plat by S K Kinney, Jessie C. Kinney, Arlton
Kinney, and Josephine Kinney. Copy attached.
- 27 Dec 1926 Orchardale Allotment.
40 lot Supervisors Plat by C. E. Janney, Supervisor
of Bedford Township, under authority of Section 3350,
Compiled Laws of 1915. Copy attached.
- 12 Jan 1927 Goodale Park.
45 lot plat by George C. and Martha E. Good. Copy
attached.
- 23 Nov 1927 Hubbard Plat.
12 lot plat by Winford R. and Beulah L. Hubbard.
Copy attached.

October 2000
Research by

Donald R. Adams

WARRANTY DEED - Short Form, Monroe County, Liber 130

THE PERSONS & NAMES ARE, IN FULL, TO BE PRINTED, APPROVED

Lewis Assted & wife
TO

Received for Record, the 15th day of November, A. D. 1892, at 9 o'clock A.M.
J. Leo Brown Register of Deeds.

The Township of Bedford

This Indenture, Made this seventeenth

day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety two.

BETWEEN Lewis Assted and Mary E. Assted his wife of Temperance Monroe County, Michigan of the first part and

The Township of Bedford of Monroe County Michigan of the second part,

Witnesseth, That the said part of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One (\$1) Dollar

to them in hand paid by the said part of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, do by these presents grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien and confirm unto the said part of the second part, and to their heirs and assigns, Forever, All that certain piece or parcel of land, situate and being in the Township of Bedford County of Monroe, and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

One (1/2) acre of land, out of the south east corner of the west half (1/2) of the south east quarter (1/4) of the south east quarter (1/4) of section number fifteen (15) in Township eight (8) North of Range seven (7) East.

The measurement of same being as follows:
Commencing forty (40) Rods west of the section corner stone between sections numbered fourteen (14), fifteen (15) and twenty-two (22) & twenty-three (23) in the township above said. Measure thence north ten (10) Rods, thence west eight (8) Rods, thence south ten (10) Rods to section line, thence east along said section line eight (8) Rods, to the place of beginning.

Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining; To Have and to hold the said premises, as above described, with the appurtenances, unto the said part of the second part, and to their heirs and assigns, Forever. And the said part of the first part, their heirs, executors, and administrators, do covenant, grant, bargain and agree, to and with the said part of the second part, their heirs and assigns, that at the time of the sealing and delivery of these presents they are well seized of the above granted premises in Fee Simple; that they are free from all incumbrances whatever and that they will, and their heirs, executors and administrators shall warrant and defend the same against all lawful claims whatsoever.

It is hereby mutually agreed, and this is upon the express condition that no rent or interest shall be paid upon the premises hereby conveyed, and a further condition that said second party shall build & maintain a good & suitable fence around said lot.

In Witness Whereof, The said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of
William Duffner
Edmond Dull

Lewis Assted [L.S.]
Mary E. Assted [L.S.]

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
County of Monroe

On this seventeenth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety two before me, a Notary Public in and for said County, personally appeared Lewis Assted and Mary E. Assted

to me known to be the same persons described in and who executed the within instrument, who have acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed.

William Duffner
Notary Public

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Dec 22-1926
L. E. Hamer

OF
ORCHARDALE ALLOTMENT

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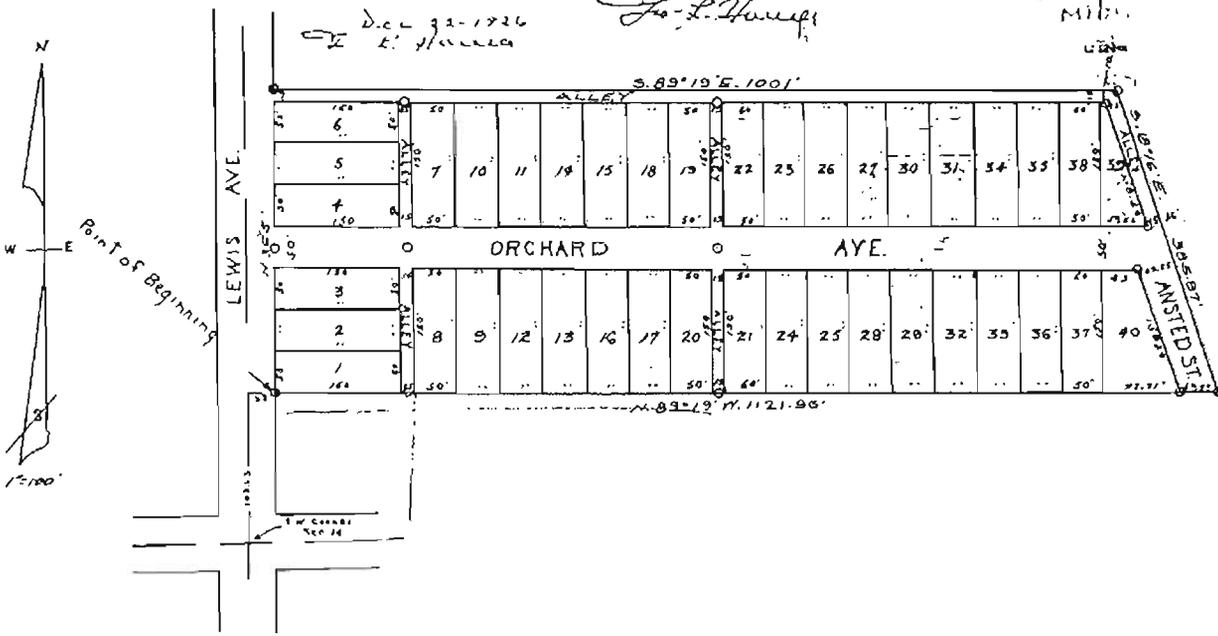
Being a part of the S.W. 1/4 of Section 14, Bedford Twp, Monroe Co, Mich.

Major
Superintendent Plat
Richard Allott
Dec 26 9
George J. Dechler

DEC 27-1926
L. E. Hamer

Dec 22-1926
L. E. Hamer

SECTION
MICH.



Know all men by these presents, that C. E. Janney, Supervisor of Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan, by virtue of authority in so vested by Section 3350, Compiled Laws of 1915, as amended, having been duly authorized by the Township Board, have caused the land described in the annexed plat to be surveyed, laid out and plotted to be known as Orchardale Allotment, being a part of the S.W. 1/4 of Section 14, Bedford Twp., Monroe Co., Mich., and that the streets and alleys as shown on said plat are hereby dedicated to the use of the public.

Description
Commencing at a point marked "A" and 35' S. 89° 19' E. from the S.E. corner of Section 14, Township 5 N., Range 24 E., 1003' thence S. 10° 14' E. 385.87', thence S. 89° 19' E. 1121.96' to the place of beginning.

C. E. Janney, Supervisor of Bedford Township, Monroe Co., Mich.
Witnessed: Harry F. Decker

This plat was approved by the Bedford Twp. Board Dec 10, 1926
W. C. ... Clerk.

State of Michigan s.s.
County of Monroe
On this 27th day of Dec 1926, before me a Notary Public, in and for said county appeared the above named C. E. Janney, Supervisor, of Bedford Township, known to me to be the person who executed the above dedication and acknowledged the same to be the free act and deed of said Supervisor.
W. C. ... Notary Public, Monroe Co., Mich.
My Commission expires Dec 26, 1927

This plat was approved by the Monroe County Platting Board Dec 14, 1926
Earl ... Probate Judge,
Otto ... County Treasurer,
William ... County Clerk.

I hereby certify that a plat hereon delineated is a correct one and that permanent monuments consisting of 2 inch iron pipe 30 inches long, set in a concrete base 4" x 4" x 48" have been placed at all points marked "o" as thereon shown, at all intersections of streets and alleys and at all angles in the boundaries of the land platted.
A. B. ... Registered Surveyor.

This plat borders on a Trunk Line Road.
Earl ... Probate Judge,
Otto ... County Treasurer,
William ... County Clerk.

Examined and Approved
State Highway Commissioner.

8-16-00
July 8-1927
J. H. Hume, 191

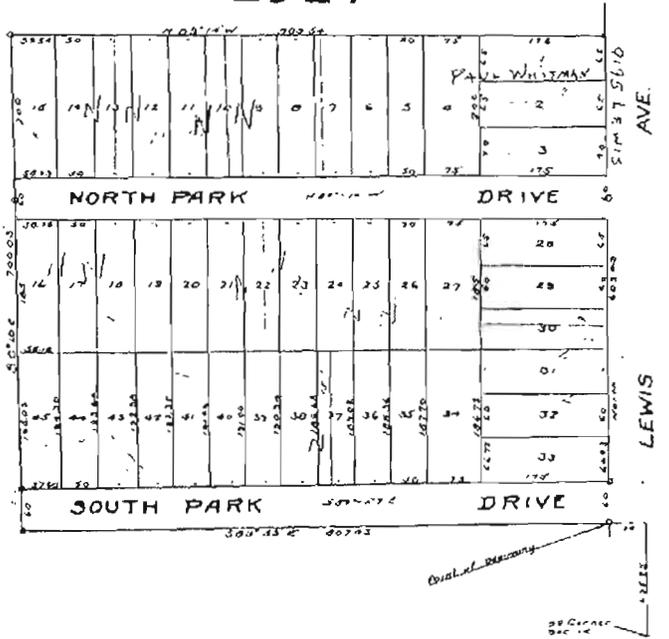
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George J. Heckel

GOODALE PARK

BEING A PART OF THE SE 1/4 OF SEC 15 T8S R7E.
BEDFORD TWP. MONROE CO. MICH.
1927

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July 18 1927
C. B. Hume
July 18 - 1927
C. B. Hume



Know all men of these presents, that we, George O. Good and Larkin E. Good, his wife, as proprietors, and O. B. Apsted and Viola Apsted, his wife, as mortgagors, have caused the land embraced in the annexed plat to be surveyed and laid out and platted to be known as "GOODALE PARK", being a part of the S.E. 1/4 of Sec. 15, T. 8 S. R. 7 E. N. Bedford Twp., Monroe Co., Mich., and that the streets as shown on said plat are hereby dedicated to the use of the public.

Witness my hand and seal in presence of
George O. Good L.S.
Larkin E. Good L.S.
O. B. Apsted L.S.
Viola Apsted L.S.
State of Michigan

County of Monroe
On this 12 day of January 1927, before me, a Notary Public, do appear Geo. O. Good, Larkin E. Good, O. B. Apsted and Viola Apsted, who know to me to be the persons who executed the above declaration and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed.

My commission expires Feb 5 1927
Notary Public, Monroe Co., Mich.

Lincoln County Treasurer Office, Monroe, Mich.

I hereby certify that according to the records of this office all taxes due to this date have been paid and that there are no tax liens or titles held by the State or any individual against the property herein described for five years preceding this date.

Description,
Commencing at a point 635.25' North and 50' E 89° 59' W from the S. E. corner of Sec. 15, T8S R7E, Bedford Twp., Monroe Co., Mich., thence North 69° 23' thence E 89° 14' E 200.24', thence S 0° 10' E 100.03', thence S 89° 55' E 807.45' to the place of beginning.

Arthur H. Kraft County Treasurer.

I hereby certify that the plat hereto delineated is a correct one and that permanent monuments consisting of 1" iron pipe 24" long set in a concrete base 12" x 4" x 40" have been placed at all points marked "O" as thereon shown, at all angles in the boundaries of the land platted and at all intersections of streets.

Robt. B. ... Registered Surveyor
This plat was approved by the Bedford Twp. Board at a meeting held Jan. 22, 1927
W. B. Fielding Township Clerk.

This plat was approved by the Monroe County Platting Board at a meeting held Jan. 24, 1927
Earl Frank Probate Judge
Wm. J. ... County Treasurer
Wm. J. ... County Clerk

This plat borders on a State Trunk Line Road.
Earl Frank Probate Judge
Wm. J. ... County Treasurer
Wm. J. ... County Clerk

Examined and approved Feb 5 1927
Frank F. Royer State Highway Commissioner.

State of Michigan
County of Monroe
On this 12 day of January 1927, before me a Notary Public, in and for said County appeared O. B. Apsted and Viola Apsted, known to me to be the persons who executed the above declaration and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed.
Wm. J. ... Notary Public, Monroe County, Mich.
My Commission expires May 3, 1925

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June 16 1928
L. H. ...

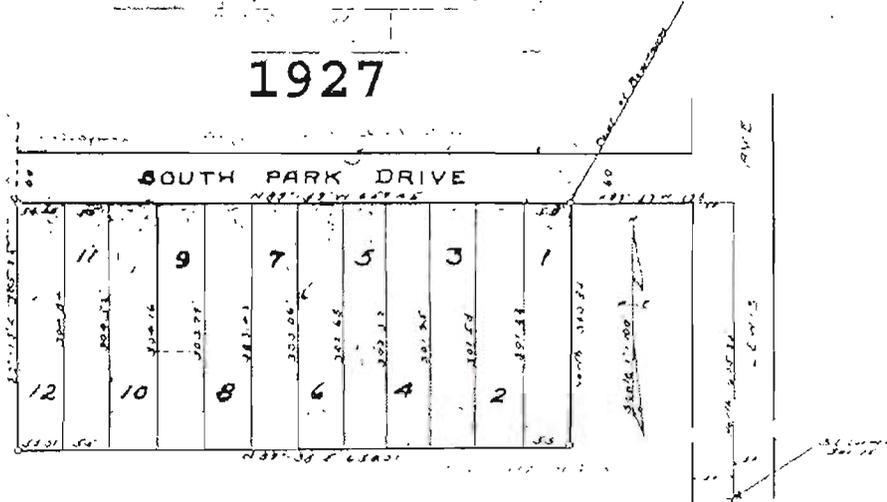
SECTION 15

HUBBARD PLAT

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BEING A PART OF THE S.E. 1/4 OF THE S.E. 1/4 SECTION 15, T. 8 S., R. 7 E.
BEDFORD TWP, MONROE CO., MICH.

1927



Know all men by these presents, that we, Winford B. Hubbard and Pauline B. Hubbard, his wife, as proprietors, have caused the land hereinafter described to be surveyed, laid out and platted to be known as, Hubbard Plat being a part of the S.E. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4 Section 15, T. 8 S. R. 7 E., Bedford Twp., Monroe Co., Mich. and that the Street as shown on this plat is hereby dedicated to the use of the public.

Signed and sealed in presence of Carl B. ... ella J. ... Winford B. Hubbard & Pauline B. Hubbard, s. s.

State of Michigan
County of Monroe

On this 3rd day of September, 1927, before me, Notary Public, in and for said County appeared Winford B. Hubbard and Pauline B. Hubbard who to me to be the persons who executed the above dedication and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed.
Notary Public, Monroe Co., Mich. My commission expires ...

Monroe County Treasurers Office, Monroe Mich. I hereby certify that according to the records of this office all taxes prior to this date have been paid and that there are no liens or titles on the State or any individual against the property herein described for five years preceding this date.

Description.
Commencing at a point 626.00' North and 197' 31.00' E from the South East Corner of Section 15 thence S 89° 30' 15" W 350.46'; thence S 0° 13' 15" W 306.96'; thence N 89° 30' 15" W 306.96'; to the place of beginning.

I hereby certify that the plat herein delineated is a correct one and that permanent monuments consisting of 1" iron pipe 30" long set in a concrete base 12" x 12" x 40" have been placed at all points marked 'O' as thereon shown, at all angles to the boundaries of the land platted and at all intersections of Streets.

This plat was approved by the Bedford Twp. board at a meeting held Dec. 2, 1927.

This plat was approved by the Monroe County Platting board at a meeting held Dec. 25, 1927.

W. H. ... County Treasurer.
W. H. ... Registered Surveyor.
W. H. ... Clerk.
W. H. ... Probate Judge.
W. H. ... County Treasurer.
W. H. ... County Clerk.

Hubbard Plat
Jan 25 1928
George J. Nechal

Jan 19-1928
L. H. ...

Jan 16-1928
L. H. ...

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Monroe County, Michigan

Many residents of Bedford Township are aware that the Fire Department at Temperance started in 1945, at Lambertville in 1948, and at Samaria in 1951.

Very few residents know of the Fire Department in Lambertville prior to any of the above dates.

Following is the limited information my research has discovered on this early department.

In a 1994 discussion with Roy J. Whittaker (1919-2001) he stated, "The fire truck was a Ford Model T, purchased new and was red with gold trim. Do not know what company converted it to a fire truck. Believe it carried 300 to 400 gallons of water. It was called a chemical fire truck but do not know the kind of chemical used. The water tanks did not have a pump to provide pressure. The pressure was created when the chemical was added to the water and the foam was sprayed on the fire.

There was no organized group of people to fight the fires.

To the best of my knowledge, the last fire the truck was used on was the Old Universalist Church, Monroe Road, Lambertville, MI. At that time the building was being used as a Lambertville School gym. The fire truck would not start so it was pushed to the fire."

In a 1996 discussion with Ray Arnold Collier (1912-1996), he stated, "I remember the early Lambertville fire truck and it used sodium. I remember riding on the truck to two fires, one a house on Consear. The fire truck was maintained at the Elliott-Whittaker garage just to the west of the current Lambertville Fire Hall on Dean Road. I do not know what happened to the truck."

In a 1996 discussion with Harry J. Ruckreigle (1920-2002), he stated, "I graduated from Lambertville High School in 1939. We lived behind the Elliott-Whittaker garage and I remember two fire trucks in the garage. The Ford Model T and a horse drawn hand pump apparatus. I do not remember any fires that the equipment was used on. I believe the American Legion at Temperance may have acquired the Ford Model T after the Lambertville Fire Department was finished with it."

In a 1996 discussion with Romena (Garverick) Bair, she stated, "I graduated from Lambertville High School in 1932. We lived on Dean Road, east of the current fire hall and west of Secor Road. We had a fire at our home and I remember the fire truck coming to the fire. Channing Parmelee (Lambertville H S Class of 1928) came to the fire wearing his Lambertville School sweater and I was concerned that he would damage the sweater fighting the fire."

In a 1996 discussion with Lila Mata (Elliott) Randolph (1916-1997), she stated, "I remember the fire truck at my brothers garage. My brother Lester William Elliott (1895-1941) was in business with Roy Lester Whittaker (1899-1951)." Lester William Elliott was my first cousin twice removed.

In a 2002 discussion with Donald L. Cutts, a Ford Model T owner and historian, he stated, "Ford made 15 million Model T's from 1908 thru 1927. Ford did not make a Model T fire truck but provided a chassis for others to convert to a fire truck. It can be difficult to age a Model T from photos and more difficult when a Ford Model T chassis has been modified for some special use such as a fire truck. From the limited photos of the Lambertville Ford Model T fire truck, my best guess is that it is in the area of 1923 to 1925."

In the 16 Jan 1925, Sherman H. Osborn American Legion Post 192, Temperance, Michigan minutes, I found the following. "Plans were laid for the Legion taking over the fire apparatus and try to form a legion brigade for fire purposes. Commander Clark will investigate and report later." No other minutes were found of these plans.

In a 27 Oct 1970, edition of the Courier & Monroe Ad-Venture, Courier Scrapbook article by Sue Potter was the following.

The Temperance Delegation

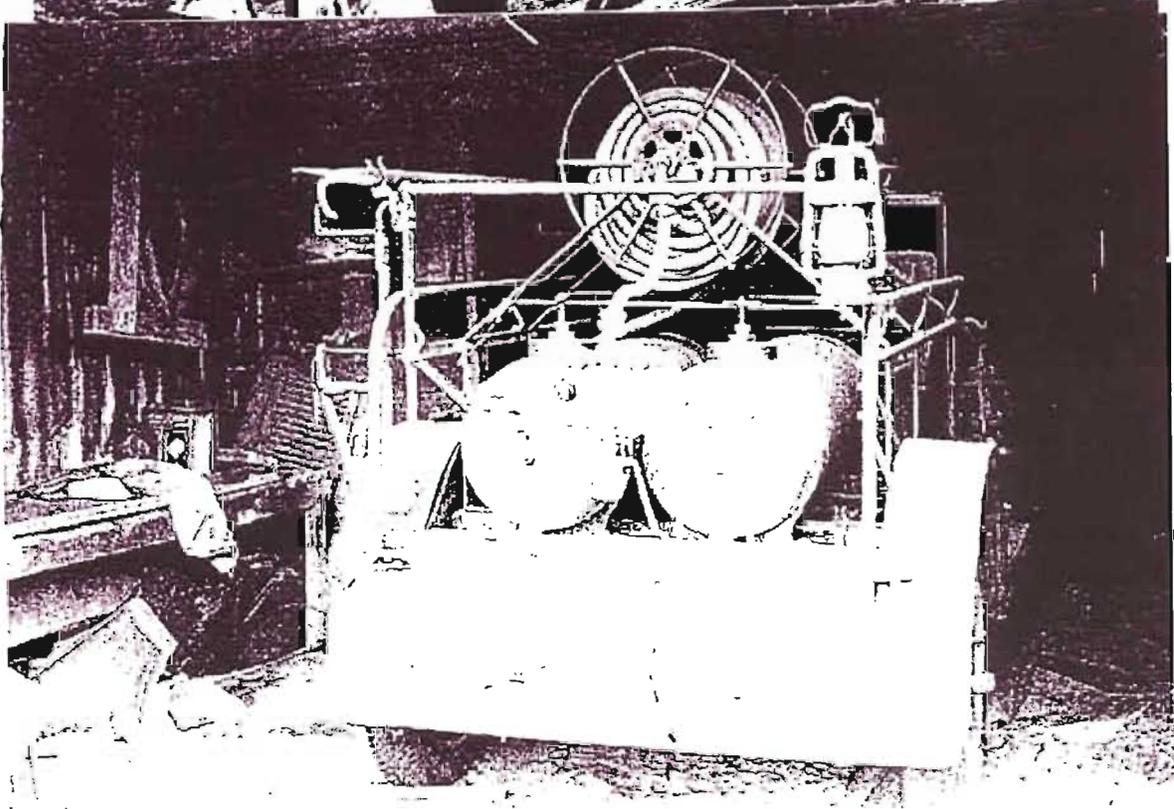
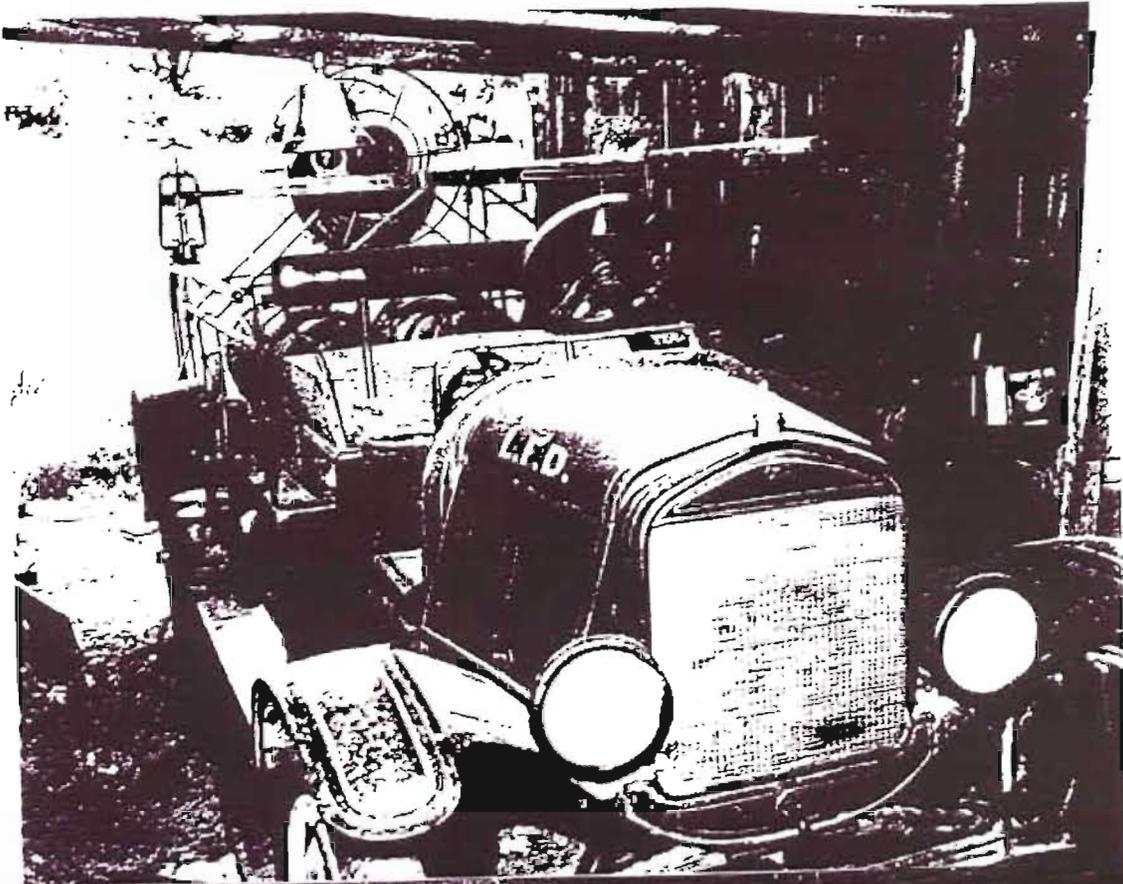


In 1937 the Sherman H. Osborne American Legion Post 192 of Temperance traveled to Cleveland for an American Legion national convention. Eight of the men rode to and from the convention in the old Lambertville fire truck. Luckily there was no rain. For the parade they dressed up

The American Legion National Convention was in Cleveland, Ohio, Sept 21-24, 1937. The 1937 convention in New York, NY

and decorated the truck with a poster inviting the Legion to have their 1937 convention in Temperance. Standing in front (l to r) are John DeLo, Ernest E. Robinson, dressed as a farmer; Aubrey F. Goldsmith, in his Forty and Eight smock; and Charles Burn, resplendent in a "general's uniform" borrowed from a Commodore Perry doorman. Carl Ruckreigle is in the driver's seat. Behind him, dressed as a chauffeur, stands Mayor Thorne, Bill Fielding, in constable's costume, and Doc Dahn are sitting in the back of the truck. This picture hangs in Bill Fielding's office. When asked if he remembered anything else noteworthy about the convention he answered, "None, except we had a lot of fun."

Below are other photos of the Lambertville firetruck. These were obtained from The Monroe Evening News out of their Everett Payette collection.



After receipt of the photos from The Monroe Evening News, my research found that The Monroe Evening News used one of the photos in a 22 Oct 1938, article. "Firefighting Equipment, Old and New, Serves Villages." The article reads in part, "Four Monroe County townships have adequate fire protection. They are Ida, Erie, Dundee and Whiteford. London and Summerfield Townships receive partial protection from Dundee.

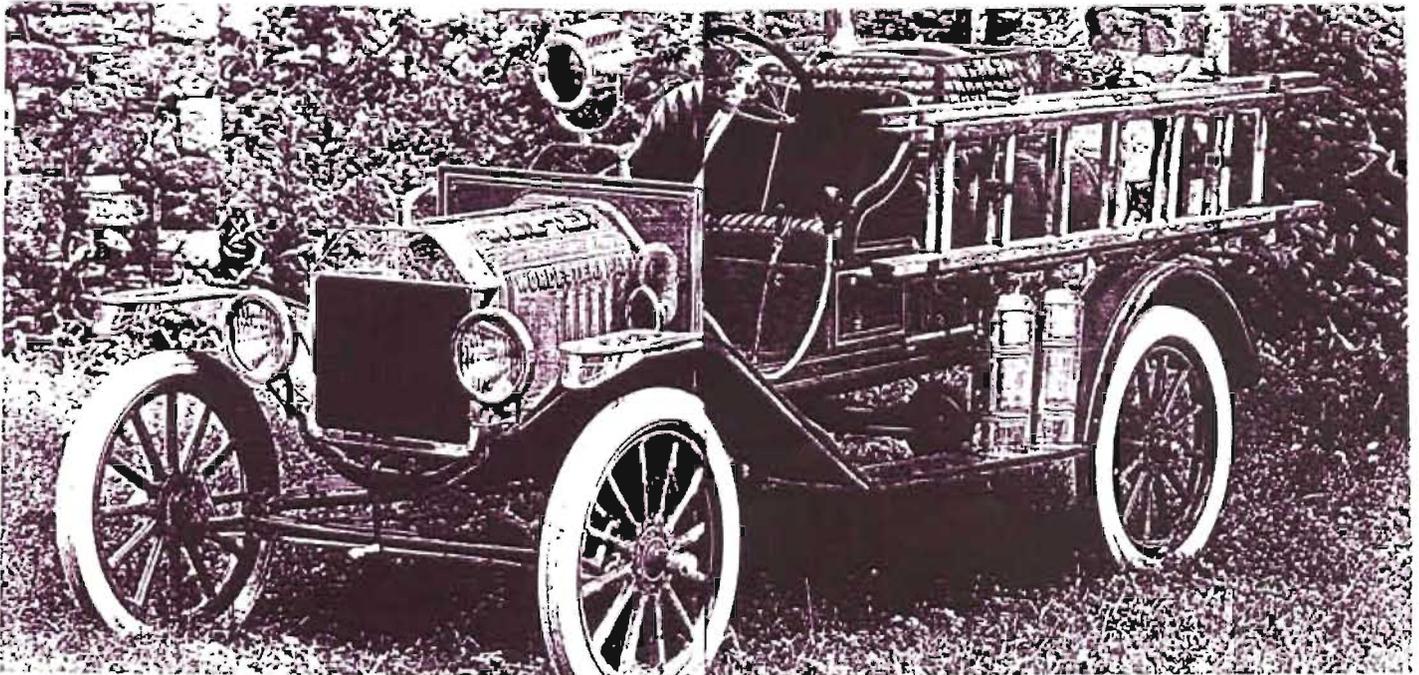
Nine townships have no fire protection whatever, depending on bucket brigades or on guarantees of individual property owners to pay city or village departments to answer alarms. They are Milan, LaSalle, Exeter, Ash, Berlin, Raisinville, Frenchtown, Monroetown, and Bedford.

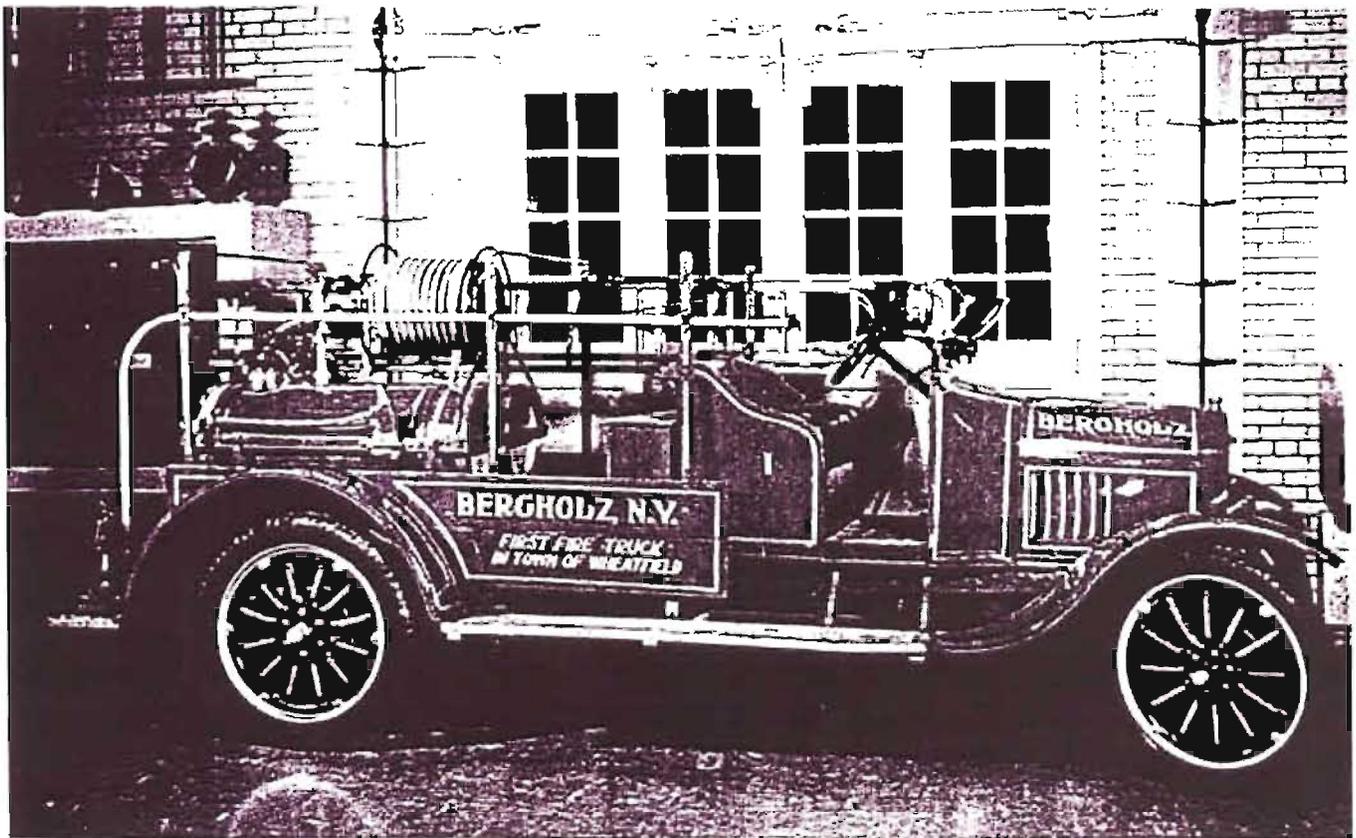
Petersburg has a hand-drawn hose cart and chemical tank and Lambertville has an ancient home-made truck that no longer is manned.

Lambertville and the surrounding community purchased a chemical truck by subscription and entertainments several years ago. It was used for some time but no department was organized and gradually everyone gave up being responsible for it. Because of this and the need of repairs, it was hauled out of the village. Supervisor Gust Kuhmann is housing it on his farm."

The following information from a publication, "A History of Fire-Fighting and Equipment, by Arthur Ingram.

**Below: Model T Ford fire engine
typical of the type used by small
towns and villages during the period
1908-27.**





Above : Ford Model T chemical engine, at present on display at the American Museum of Fire Fighting.

"The early fire engines of the petrol-motor era were of the chemical type, there being insufficient power, or reliability, in the early petrol engines to power the pump. A chemical engine usually consisted of a large copper cylinder of about 50-60 gallons of water which was discharged by gas pressure. The gas was generated by adding bicarbonate of soda to a small amount of sulphuric acid and the ensuing carbonic acid gas was piped to the water tank where it forced the water along a small-bore rubber hose stored on a hose-reel.

Ford was responsible only for the basic chassis, while the equipment was added by a specialist.

Small villages and townships could, perhaps, only afford a Model T Ford with hose-reel, chemical tank, small booster pump, a short ladder and sundry hand equipment."

Following information from Bedford Township Board minutes.

19 Mar 1892 - Petition the Township Board at the next Township meeting to be held on 04 Apr 1892, to move for the appropriation by a vote of the qualified electors for \$700.00 to be raised by tax in 1892 for the erection of a Town Hall, said hall to be located as near the center of the Township as a suitable site can be obtained.

04 Apr 1892 - Annual Township meeting held at Centre School House (In about 1902 name changed to Temperance School). The whole number of votes given for and against an appropriation for a Town Hall was 214. 149 yes, 65 no.

30 Aug 1892 - Township Board Meeting. Sealed proposals for building Town Hall were opened. It was decided to award the contract to Edmond Dull (1863-1910) at \$680.00 to be paid when taxes voted at the spring election are collected (spring election was 04 Apr 1892). Mr. Vaughn (Joseph W. Vaughn 1836-1928) was appointed to oversee the material used and the building of said hall.

17 Sep 1892 - Did not find Board minutes to approve, however, did find at the Monroe County Court House a recording in Liber 130 Page 620 of the following warranty deed: Dated 17 Sep 1892, Lewis and Mary E. Ansted sold to the Township of Bedford for \$1.00, one half acre out of the southeast corner of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 15, T8S, R7E.

The Temperance Clause is included in this deed and reads, "It is hereby mutually agreed and this is upon the express condition that no intoxicating beverages shall be sold upon the premises hereby conveyed and a further condition that said second party shall build & maintain a good & suitable fence around said lot."

10 Dec 1892 - Township Board Meeting. Committee appointed to get the Town Hall insured by some reliable company. Orders were audited and allowed and orders drawn on the Township Treasurer for order number 58 to Edmond Dull, \$680.00.

03 Sep 1893 - Township Board Meeting. Resolved that a plank platform be placed for steps to Town Hall and a railing for hitching purposes be placed near the fence around said building.

This became the site of the Bedford Township Hall and is now the station for the Bedford #1 Fire Department. The address is 1106 W. Temperance Road.

20 Mar 1924 - Granted franchise to Toledo, Ottawa Beach, and Northern Ry. Co, to run electric light line in Temperance and Samaria.

25 Apr 1924 - Approved Town Hall to be wired and lights installed.

09 Oct 1941 - Several citizens appeared before the Board requesting fire protection.

23 Oct 1941 - Petitions were read to provide fire protection.

02 Mar 1942 - The Township Board to submit the question of bonding the Township, not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the purpose of the purchase of housing and maintenance of fire fighting equipment at the annual Township election to be held on 06 Apr 1942.

Minutes did not reflect the purchase of equipment but surely that was the intend. The minutes reflect the meeting was called to discuss the question of fire fighting equipment.

07 Apr 1942 - Results of 06 Apr 1942, voting published in The Monroe Evening News dated Tuesday, April 7, 1942.

Bedford

By slightly more than two to one Bedford township voters approved a proposal to bond the township for a sum not to exceed \$15,000 for the purchase, housing and maintenance of fire fighting equipment. The total vote in the township was Yes 109, No. 51. The proposal carried in both precincts, 42 to 32 in the first precinct at Temperance and 67 to 19 in the second precinct at Lambertville.

There were no contests for any office. The votes by precincts were: First precinct, supervisor, Gust Kuhmann 70; clerk, Aubrey Goldsmith 70; treasurer, George Bell 72; Justice of peace, James Staughton 70; board of review, Christian Rooh 70.

Second precinct, supervisor, Mr. Kuhman 80; clerk, Mr. Goldsmith 79; treasurer, Mr. Bell 79; justice of peace, Mr. Staughton 79; board of review, Mr. Rooh 78. All are Republicans. No candidates were named for constables.

07 Jul 1942 - Representative from fire fighting company to advise on necessity of priority rating from War Production Board.

01 Mar 1943 - Attended meeting of Whiteford Fire Department members and agreed to their charge of \$25.00 per run for runs into Bedford Township.

17 Dec 1943 - Paid Whiteford Fire Department \$25.00 each for Karn's, Turski, and Hager runs.

21 Feb 1944 - Henry William Hachman appointed fire chief for Bedford Township. Supervisor Kuhmann to appoint assistant chief for Lambertville, Justice Aysh to appoint assistant chief for Fortuna, and Treasurer Bell to appoint assistant chief for Samaria.

31 May 1944 - Competitive bids of three equipment companies were submitted as follows: (1,000 gallon tank).

Howe Equipment Co., Anderson, Ind.	\$7,500.00
Buffalo Co., Buffalo, NY	9,723.00
General Fireproof, Detroit	8,466.00
Howe (800 gallon tank)	7,400.00

Moved by Fielding, supported by Bell, that Township purchase the Howe Equipment at \$7,400.00 as per specifications, carried.

22 Sep 1944 - Reo Nachtrab Co. representative present and was paid \$2,000.00 as down payment on the Reo fire truck. Delivery to be about Dec 1.

10 Nov 1944 - Meeting called for purpose of discussing plans for starting construction of new Township building. (believe this to be Fire Hall at Temperance). Priority rating of AA3 received from War Production Board on 03 Nov 1944.

My research found the following on the War Production Board.

War Production Board

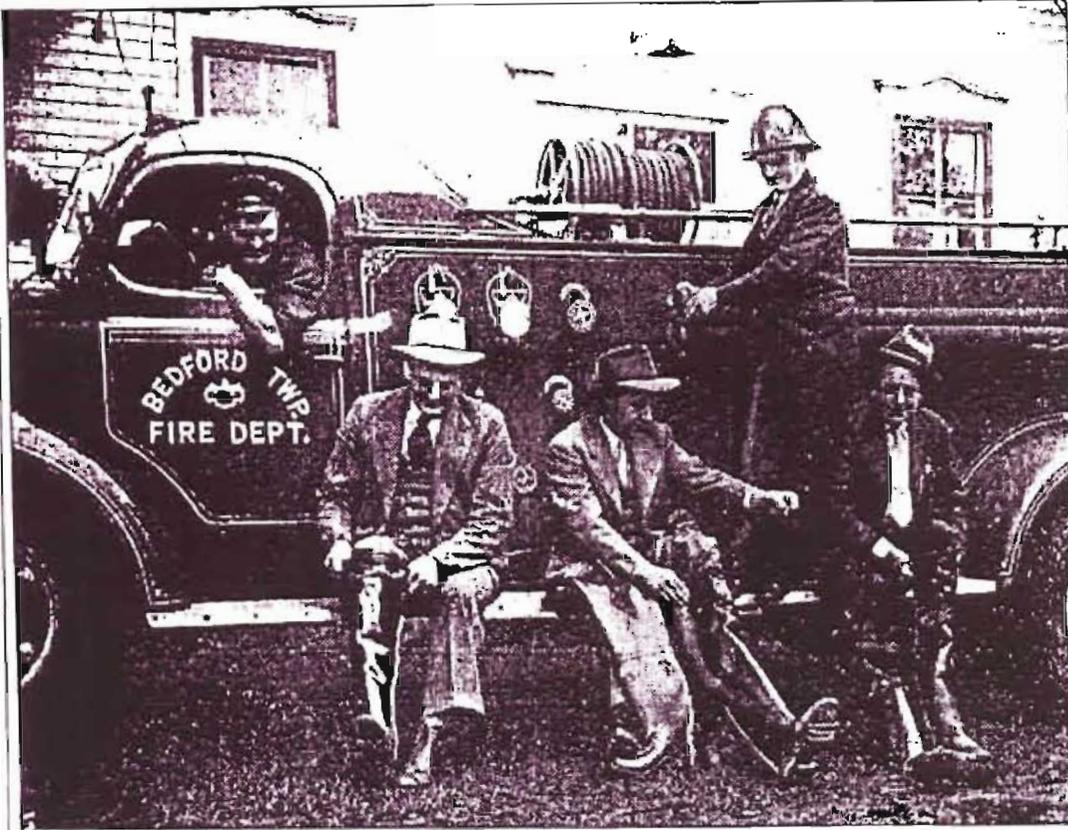
War Production Board (WPB), former U.S. government agency, established (Jan., 1942) by executive order to direct war production and the procurement of materials in World War II. The chairman (Donald M. Nelson, 1942-44; Julius A. Krug, 1944-45) was granted sweeping powers over the nation's economic life. The WPB converted and expanded the peacetime economy to maximum war production; controls included assignment of priorities to deliveries of scarce materials and prohibition of nonessential industrial activities. During its three-year existence the WPB supervised the production of \$185 billion worth of weapons and supplies. Businessmen serving with the WPB were sharply criticized by a Senate committee headed by Harry S Truman. WPB organization changed frequently, and disputes with the armed services occurred. After the defeat of Japan, most restrictions were quickly lifted, and the WPB was abolished in Nov., 1945. The Civilian Production Administration was set up to take over the remaining WPB reconversion functions.

15 May 1945 - Toledo Blade article dated 16 May 1945.

"Yesterday residents of Bedford Township watched with pride as the new fire truck rolled into Temperance."

See article on page 9.

They Try On New Boots For Size



—Blade Photo

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP FIRE-FIGHTERS IN THE MAKING

Fire Chief William H. Hachman, left, P. R. Krueger, George Bell and W. E. Fielding try on new equipment as Floyd D. Clark watches

Michigan Township Gets Sparkling New Fire Truck

Equipment to Serve Temperance Area; Volunteer Department, Hall Planned

Most people get a thrill out of the sound of a fire siren but for the residents of Bedford, Mich., township it was a different kind of thrill, yesterday, as they listened for the first time to the wail of their own fire truck's siren.

They watched with pride as the brand new vehicle, agleam with fresh red paint and polished chrome rolled into Temperance, eight miles north of Toledo. Its arrival marked the climax of more than a year's wait while township officials methodically cut their way through wartime red tape and priority requirements.

Four township officials made the overnight trip to Anderson, Ind., to bring home the Howe fire truck. They included William H. Hachman, fire chief; P. R. Krueger, clerk; George Bell, treasurer and W. E. Fielding, township supervisor. Floyd D. Clark was driver.

Truck Is Fully Equipped

It was a good trip, they reported—only ran out of gas once and only one flat tire. They had fun too, watching startled motorists on country roads give them the right of way at the sound of the siren.

Pleased as children with a new toy, the township of Temperance issued out to examine the \$7,500 truck parked in front of the township hall.

The Suburban supply tank for water is equipped with a pump which also can be used as a water hydrant or to draw water from a well, lake or river. Except for chemicals the truck carries every fire-fighting essential from ladders, 1350 feet of hose and axes to firemen's helmets and hip boots.

To Serve Whole Township

The apparatus will serve all of Bedford Twp. which includes the towns of Temperance, Lambertville and Samaria and covers some 30 square miles. It offers protection to nearly 1,800 dwellings and a number of industrial plants. Formerly, the area depended on surrounding Michigan towns for fire protection.

Now that the fire-fighting equipment is on hand, township officials plan to organize a full fire department. A new township hall, for which ground will be broken this fall, will provide a combination meeting hall and fire house. Until then the equipment will be housed in Mr. Clark's garage, one-and-a-half miles north of Temperance.

Residents of the township will serve as volunteer fire fighters and a telephone alarm system will be worked out.

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1945 Reo-Howe fire apparatus arrived in Temperance on 15 May 1945. This was the first fire truck received for the current Fire Department. The Reo was converted by Temperance Firemen into a parade vehicle that still runs today.

The Reo was maintained at the business of Floyd Clark, at 10429 Lewis Ave. until the Fire Hall was constructed in 1948.



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24 May 1945 - Discussion as to insurance on new fire truck. About 40 men attended meeting for demonstration of fire apparatus and organization of fire fighters. Quite a bit of enthusiasm was shown. Fire chief Hachman acted as chairman of meeting.

08 Jun 1945 - Voted to purchase various equipment for fire truck including one siren, model M.

05 Jul 1945 - Voted that fire apparatus be allowed to extend coverage to surrounding townships within reasonable distance. Grass fires excepted.

(1) 12 Sep 1945 - Allowed bills with exception of \$300.00 bill of Ida Fire Dept for three runs to farm of Harry Hachman. Board to allow \$25.00 per run only.

31 Mar 1946 - Annual meeting held at Town Hall, Temperance. It was moved by Arthur Fosgate and supported by George Leonard to purchase land in Lambertville known as the Hotchkiss property at a price not to exceed \$3,600.00 and that the Township Board be further authorized to sell any part of said premises not needed for a building to house fire apparatus and a voting place. All persons present voted in favor.

24 Sep 1946 - Fire chief Hachman, William Cooper, and Kenneth Klinck met with Board and presented the Constitution and By-Laws of the newly organized Fire Department.

09 Jan 1947 - Bills as read be allowed and ordered paid, including \$3,500.00 for Hotchkiss property in Lambertville. Board authorized disposition of property known as Hotchkiss Estate in three parcels for a total price of \$3,900.00. Disposition of the three parcels leaves parcel on Dean Road, northeast of I.O.O.F. Hall for Township purposes.

07 Oct 1947 - Did not find minutes to cover contract to construct fire hall on the Bedford Township Hall property, however, in the 07 Oct 1947, minutes are the following: Approved contract for plumbing and heating for Fire Hall on cost plus basis. Appointed committee to get estimates on lighting for new Fire Hall.

17 Oct 1947 - Approved purchase of Buffalo Better Built Path Finder fire apparatus and equipment at a cost of \$12,977.00 plus \$160.00 for aluminum running boards.

27 Oct 1947 - Question of fire department for Lambertville and building to house apparatus and to be used for voting purposes.

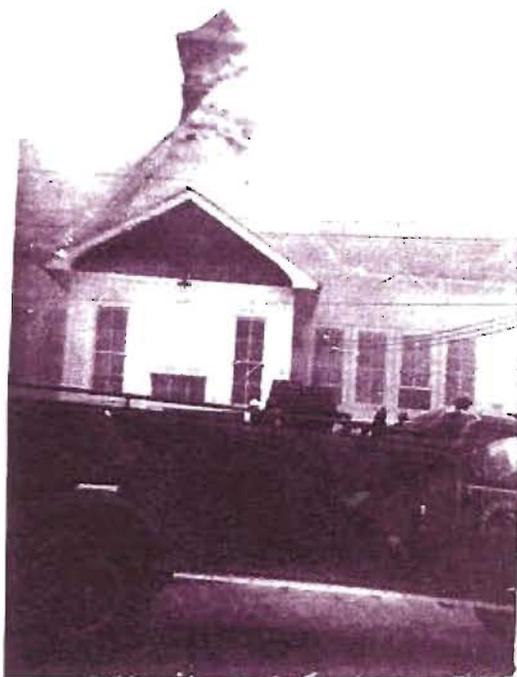
20 Nov 1947 - Authorized to insure Fire Hall for \$7,000.00, fire and extended coverage. Clerk to write Howard Schuler relative to his bill against Township for plans drawn for Fire Hall.

(1) See page 12 for photos of 04 Feb 1946, fire at Temperance School.

04 Feb 1946 - This may have been the first major fire for the new Bedford Township Volunteer Fire Department. This was the Temperance School, District #2, 1575 West Temperance Road.

Temperance School - At 10 am on February 4, 1946, the fire alarm sounded and the 282 students, including myself, cleared the Temperance School building to safety. At that moment did we realize this would be the last day to attend classes in this building? Fifteen minutes later the building was in flames and burned to the ground, despite the efforts of eight fire departments from Temperance and surrounding villages. There was no water supply at that time and the Temperance Volunteer Fire Department was organized just ten months earlier. The wood floor hallways were oiled to reduce wear and this provided a wick for the fire, right down the middle of the building.

Never heard the official cause of the fire, however, I believe it was a chimney fire, as the flames first appeared in the northwest corner where the furnace and chimney were.



30 Dec 1947 - Authorized \$5,000.00 builders risk insurance on new Fire Hall. Floyd Clark, fire chief and Wilbur Klinck, assistant chief were confirmed by the Board.

Approved special election on 26 Jan 1948, "Shall the Township Board be authorized to vote a sum not exceeding \$20,000.00 for the purpose of providing fire protection for the Township by the purchase of fire extinguishing apparatus, equipment and housing there of.

27 Jan 1948 - Results of 26 Jan 1948, voting published in the Monroe Evening News dated Tuesday, January 27, 1948. Article should read, "By a vote of 255 to 13."

BEDFORD APPROVES SECOND FIRE UNIT

(Special to The Evening News)

LAMBERTVILLE, Jan. 27.—By a vote of 255 to 13, Bedford Township authorized a second fire fighting unit in balloting yesterday.

The new fire fighting apparatus, to be manned by a volunteer department, will be stationed at Lambertville. The township now has equipment and a volunteer department at Temperance, the unit being set up about two years ago. Agitation for township fire fighting equipment in Bedford Township started in 1941.

Funds Available

—Yesterday's vote, authorizing the township board to spend up to \$20,000 for a building and equipment, saw 223 Yes votes cast at Bedford No. 2 precinct, voting at Lambertville, with no opposing votes. There were 46 votes cast in Bedford No. 1, voting at Temperance, the tally showing 33 Yes votes and 13 No votes. The township has funds available from sales tax re-

turns and will need no financing.

The station house, probably one-story of cinder block construction, will be located on Dean Rd., about 200 feet east of Monroe Rd., Township Clerk Percy R. Krueger said. The building will be used as a voting place for Precinct 2 and as a town hall meeting place. The township board purchased the old Hotchkiss property several months ago, Mr. Krueger said, and has since sold off portions, retaining about 200 foot frontage on Dean Rd., for the township building.

Size Undetermined

The size of the pumper to be purchased has not been determined, Mr. Krueger said. It will have a tank capacity of 800 to 1,200 gallons. Delivery is expected to be eight months to a year after the order is placed.

The Bedford No. 1 Volunteer Fire Department at Temperance is headed by Floyd Clark, chief, with Wilbur Klinck as assistant. It was organized about two years ago and has been answering calls throughout the township. The Ottawa Lake Volunteer department has also served in emergencies.

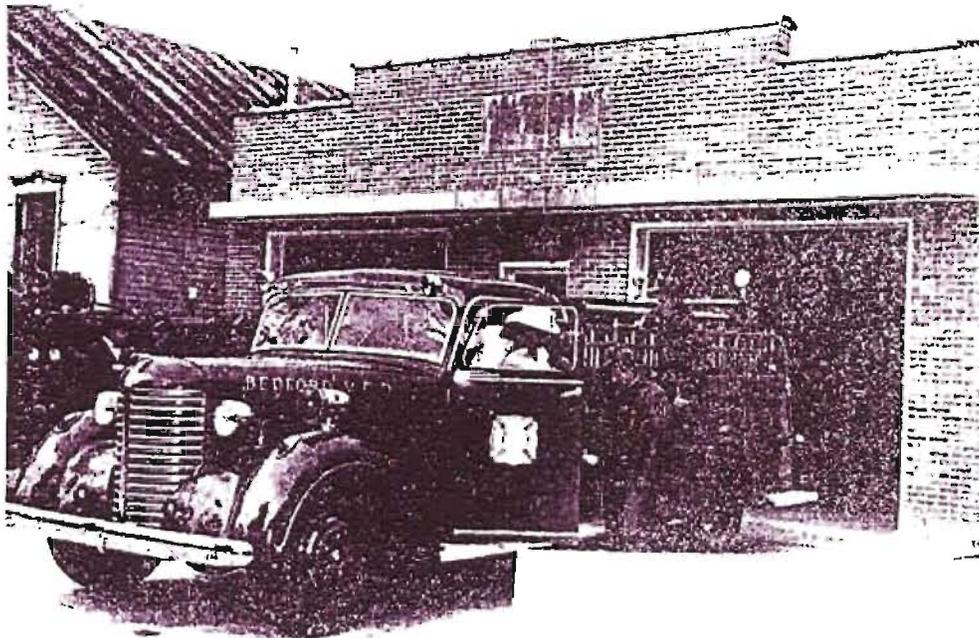
06 Mar 1948 - Board inspected new Fire Hall building and approved acceptance and the payment in full to H. D. Malhan. Appointed a committee of Bell, Aysh, and Krueger to draw up plans for new fire hall at Lambertville and meet with a committee of Lambertville men.

23 Mar 1948 - Committee of Samaria citizens met with Board and presented petitions requesting a siren to be placed in Samaria and also well drilled for fire purposes. Contractor Harry Duncan presented estimate on new fire hall to be erected on Dean Road near Monroe Road. Approved placement of \$16,000.00, 80% co-insurance on new fire hall.

12 May 1948 - Approved purchase of necessary equipment for Bedford Fire Department #2.

19 May 1948 - The Monroe Evening News article. See Bedford Township Hall to the left of the new Fire Hall. This was the first Bedford Township Hall and was built in 1892. Was torn down in 1952, with a new Town Hall and Library constructed in 1953 as an addition on the west side of Fire Hall.

THE MONROE EVENING NEWS, MONROE, MICHIGAN, WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1948



—Evening News Photo
STATION COMPLETED — Bedford Township's crack volunteer fire department, winner of several events in Michigan-Ohio hose and ladder evolution competitions last year, has just completed this modern fire station at a cost of between \$18,000 and \$20,000. The new Buffalo fire truck shown is being kept in Station No. 1, Temperance. It will be moved to Lambertville upon completion of Station No. 2, which has just been started. Fire Chief Floyd D. Clark, white helmet, prepares to back the truck into the engine house while volunteers Kenneth Klinck and Ted Shinkle examine equipment. Mr. Klinck is president of the Temperance V.F.D., Mr. Shinkle is treasurer. Capt. John Shinkle, William H. Cooper, secretary, and Gerald Randolph are on other side of truck. An open house was conducted in the 33-foot by 70-foot building over the week-end. The station contains a kitchen and two bathrooms, is heated by an oil furnace.

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01 Feb 1949 - Committee of Samaria men proposed Township erect a building at Samaria for community service.

12 Mar 1949 - Board accepted Lambertville Fire Hall and paid contractor Harry Duncan in full.

09 May 1949 - Approved \$400.00 to purchase truck to carry lighting equipment and hose carrier as suggested by Fire Chief Clark.

16 Jun 1949 - Approved truck purchase by Chief Clark be raised from \$400.00 to \$550.00 and bill paid.

17 Dec 1949 - Township paid \$450.00 for a 132' X 165' parcel of land directly back of Township Hall, purchased from Arthur and Minnie Kinney.

With the 132' X 165' parcel the Township purchased from Lewis and Mary Ansted on 17 Sep 1892, this made a parcel of 132' X 330'. A recent visit to the Township Hall confirmed the current size of parcel to be 132' X 330'.

11 Oct 1950 - Board meeting for purpose of signing deed from Samaria Sportsman Club to Bedford Township on 2.25 acres in Section 3 of Bedford Township

A committee was appointed to supervise building of hall at Samaria and report to the Township Board for the final contract.

14 Oct 1950 - Approved agreement dated 14 Oct 1950, with Bell Construction Company to build building to house fire equipment and recreational facilities in Samaria. Building to be 32' X 70' with 70' fronting road and one overhead door of 10' X 10'. All materials to be purchased in Township name. Labor and construction at cost plus 10%.

20 Feb 1951 - Approved the order of siren for Samaria Fire Hall.

08 Mar 1951 - Paid Bell Construction on Samaria Fire Hall \$10,298.43.

19 Feb 1952 - Paid Bell Const. balance on Samaria Hall \$6,261.00.

Found no record of time a fire truck was maintained at Samaria. The 1998 50th Anniversary publication of the Lambertville Fire Department has on page 22, "The 1948 Buffalo Pumper was traded for a time with the 1945 Reo Speedwagon, owned by the Temperance Station. Eventually, the Buffalo was housed at the Samaria Hall."

In conversation with a number of firemen, the best guess was a truck was maintained at Samaria during the period 1951 to 1962.

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Photos I took at a time my interest was photography and not local history. No record was made of time or place. Photos taken sometime in Fall of 1950 and in Lambertville.



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Bedford Township Volunteer Fire Dept
Temperance, Monroe County, Michigan

photo taken - ca1965

Front row-left to right - Lynn Hise, Ray Pyle, Leo Bofia,
Jim Crawford, John Molnar, Richard Degner.

Second row - Glenn Garin, Dennis Wilcox, Don Roberts,
James Porter, Donald Myers, Nolan Kinney, Dick Heebsh,
Gary Pentz, Richard Boehme.

Back row - Ed Szymanski, Dick Halpin, Ted Shinkle,
Joe Lesnieski, John Shinkle, Clarence Jackson, Casper Barraco,
Norman Coveil

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Vehicle	Yr. In Service	Yr. Out of Service	Chassis	Made By	Pump Size	Tank Size
REO	1945	N/A	REO	HOWE	?	800 GAL.
BUFFALO	1948	?	BUFFALO	BUFFALO	750 GAL/MIN	800 GAL.
FORD PUMPER	1951	1978	FORD	AMERICAN FIRE APPARATUS	500 GAL/MIN	800 GAL.
POWER WAGON	1954	1979	DODGE	AMERICAN FIRE APPARATUS	250 GAL/MIN	250 GAL.
AMERICAN PUMPER	1967	1987	FORD	AMERICAN FIRE APPARATUS	1000 GAL/MIN	1000 GAL.
AMERICAN PUMPER	1976	1992	CINN. CAB	AMERICAN FIRE APPARATUS	1000 GAL/MIN	1000 GAL.
30-BRUSH 5	1979	N/A	CHEV.	PIERCE	250 GAL/MIN	250 GAL.
30-ENGINE 4	1987	N/A	LANCE	PIERCE	1250 GAL/MIN	1000 GAL.
30-ENGINE 3	1992	N/A	DASH	PIERCE	1250 GAL/MIN	1000 GAL.
30L-1	1992	N/A	LANCE	PIERCE	1500 GAL/MIN	400 GAL.
30-ENGINE 2	1999	N/A	INTER-NATIONAL	PIERCE	1000 GAL/MIN	500 GAL.

N/A under year out of service indicates vehicle still owned by department.
 This list was prepared by Jim Neorr, District Chief at Temperance.

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VEHICLE	CHASSIS	YR. IN SERVICE	YR. OUT OF SERVICE	MADE BY
LIGHTING PLANT	INTER-NATIONAL	1959	1979	
RESCUE VAN	FORD ECONOLINE	1967	1981	
RESCUE TRUCK	FORD	1981	1995	McCOY MILLER
30-R-1	NAVISTAR	1995	N/A	HORTON
IC	SUBURBAN	1996	N/A	CHEV.
CHIEF'S CAR	N/A	1984	N/A	CHRYSLER 1983

N/A under year out of service indicates vehicle still owned by department.

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When Bedford Volunteer Fire Department, #2, had their 50th Anniversary in 1998, they published their history. This history included a Lambertville Fire Department membership roster which I have not duplicated in this record.

Temperance Fire Department Chief roster

Henry William Hachman	1945
Floyd Clark	1946 - 1961
Leo Bofia	1962 - 1991
Dennis Wilcox	1992 - 1995
John Bofia	1996 - 1999
Jim Neorr	2000 -

07 Dec 1999 - Bedford Township Board minutes. Board appointed one overall fire chief and two district chiefs. John Bofia was appointed as Bedford Fire Chief, Jim Neorr as Temperance District Chief, and Dennis Cox as Lambertville District Chief.

Temperance Fire Department Membership Roster

Dates are year on and year off.

W. Hachman	45-48	C. Barraco	64-75
F. Clark	45-61	W. Dojcsak	64-70
L. Brown	45-53	R. Halpin	66-68
W. Klinck	45-53	R. Jacobs	66-73
K. Klinck	45-62	A. Old	66-97
(1) C. Shepler	45-50	W. Rohlman	66-71
W. Cooper	45-50	T. Cairl	66-72
H. Hecklinger	45-50	F. Leverton	67-78
O. Bryan	45-59	J. Neorr	67-
G. Voss	45-64	G. Peterson	67-87
D. Kenne	45-	W. Szymanski	67-73
N. Kinney	46-65	D. Zoldowski	67-72
R. Degner	46-65	A. LaFond	68-71
M. Hammerstein	46-61	L. Matzinger	68-81
H. Neiman	46-62	R. Morman	68-
N. Smith	46-66	S. Lane	70-00
R. Beam	46-49	W. Reau	70-80
J. Shinkle	46-88	B. DuVall	71-
T. Shinkle	46-77	B. Loga	71-83
L. Travis	47-49	K. Kelly	71-81
C. Kirk	47-50	D. Szymanski	71-80
L. Bofia	47-92	R. McCready	72-81
G. Randolph	47-73	J. Bofia	72-
M. Werner	48-62	J. Keane	72-
E. Martin	48-62	G. McCormick	73-76
L. Hise	48-73	S. Edwards	73-82
W. Powers	48-61	M. Markley	74-
W. Blessing	48-53	J. Rogers	74-93
N. Covell	48-72	E. Eisenmann	74-78
G. Osgood	49-61	R. Kortgoede	75-84
D. Myers	51-65	R. Green	75-82
W. Scott	51-59	B. Mannor	75-81
C. Morse	51-61	T. Matzinger	76-95
H. Cornprobst	51-58	R. Bash	77-85
J. Bell	51-62	M. Shea	77-93
E. Meinhart	51-62	D. Soda	78-86
R. Warren	54-65	J. Akens	78-99
J. Crawford	54-69	B. Holmes	79-96
D. Soda	56-	J. Herbster	80-93
J. Ladd	61-68	H. VanDendoleweert	80-95
J. Molnar	61-68	K. Niswender	81-95
J. Porter	61-68	R. Rulton	81-82
D. Roberts	61-68	G. Orth	81-87
D. Brunt	61-66	D. Pribyl	82-92
R. Heebsh	62-68	B. Simmons	82-
G. Pentz	62-74	R. Breier	82-86
E. Szymanski	62-83	M. Leggio	83-
D. Wilcox	62-95	S. Johnson	83-91
B. Cousino	62-67	M. Mihalec	84-93
J. Lisniewski	62-67	J. Sancrant	84-89
G. Garen	62-65	G. Allyn	84-92
R. Boehme	63-84	B. Mominee	85-94
C. Jackson	63-69	R. Bofia	86-02
R. Pyle	63-70	P. Henes	86-00
(1) G. Ledyard	45-48		

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Temperance Fire Department Membership Roster

Dates are year on and year off.

S. DuVall	86-
G. Stoner	87-
M. Konieczny	89-
J. Thompson	89-
V. Keane	92-95
B. Young	92-
D. Graham	93-96
G. Costello	94-
K. Keane	94-
R. Velich	94-
M. Menchaca	94-
S. Romstadt	94-99
C. Smith	94-
K. Kitchens	96-
M. Stininger	96-00
T. Hollstein	96-02
T. Dusseau	97-01
S. Johnson	98-99
J. Gangway	99-
D. Volker	00-01
R. DeLand	00-
J. Lykowski	00-
S. Ladd	01-
M. Eipperle	01-
J. Prater	01-

July 2002
Research by
Donald R. Adams

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of TEMPERANCE



Southwest corner of Lewis Avenue (formerly US 23)
and West Temperance Road (formerly Main Street).

Temperance, Monroe County, Michigan

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF BEDFORD AND ERIE, MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

The church was first organized with a May 4, 1844, meeting held at the Keeney-Turner School located on Route 25 north of Lakewood Road in Erie Township.

For the first five years services were held in a log home at Crabb and Samaria Roads in Bedford Township. This was probably the home of Amos Butler as he purchased in 1833, 120 acres at the northeast corner of Crabb and Samaria Roads. Also Amos Butler became a member of the church on May 5, 1844. Amos Butler is listed in the 1840 Bedford Township census.

A dedication was held in December 1851, for the new church built on the William Eighmey (my third great grandfather) farm on Samaria and Cemetery Roads in Erie Township.

The need for a larger church resulted in the 1868 decision to build at Little Lake. From the 1856-1956 History of the Erie Evangelical United Brethren Church of Erie, Michigan, on June 6, 1868, "The Trustees of the Evangelical Association of Erie bought the Baptist Church from the Trustees of said Baptist Church for the sum of \$320.00".

By the winter of 1868 the exterior was completed with the interior unfinished, on the church at Little Lake. Rev. C. M. Hurlbert preached each Sunday at the new church and once every two weeks at the old church. The 1876 map reflects this church was on the south side of Erie Road between Lewis and Jackman.

During the winter of 1868 a revival was held in the Little Lake School which was on the north side of Erie Road across from the Baptist Church.

The Little Lake Baptist Church was dedicated in 1881. No explanation of the 13 year span of time between construction and dedication.

In 1889 a revival was held and seventeen people were baptized in Little Lake (my childhood swimming hole).

On March 9, 1892, the membership decided to build a new church in Temperance and to name it The First Baptist Church of Temperance. The new church on the southwest corner of Lewis and West Temperance was completed on December 3, 1893.

The Little Lake Church was sold to Edmund Dull and moved to Temperance, east south of the present church.

A committee was appointed in February 1895, for the building of a parsonage which was constructed west of the church. In February 1907, a second story was added to the parsonage.

On December 22, 1904, Irven John Adams and Dora Grace Elliott (my grandparents) were married at The First Baptist Church of Temperance.

In 1914 a new wing was added to the church and in 1920 the church and parsonage were wired for electric lights.

In 1929 the building was jacked up and a basement put under the structure. The remodeling also included a classroom annex and a new entrance.

On March 25, 1945, a memorial service was held at The First Baptist Church of Temperance for Arlon LeRoy "Joe" Adams. Arlon (my uncle) was killed in action on February 23, 1945, at Alsdorf, Germany during World War II.

In 1951 additional space was added.

In 1955 it was decided an expansion was needed and the parsonage was sold to Sterling William and Elma Elizabeth Adams (my parents) to make room for the new addition.

Sterling and Elma moved the parsonage to acreage they owned one-half mile west on West Temperance Road. The address of this property became 1461 West Temperance Road. Sterling and Elma rented this home until it was sold on July 26, 1960, to Ralph and Clara Dunnigan, the present owners.

On January 5, 1966, the congregation voted to build a church facility on new property. The dedication for the new church building at Lewis and Erie was held on September 21, 1969.



The First Baptist Church of Temperance on the southwest corner of Lewis and West Temperance, Temperance, Michigan. The parsonage is at the right of the church. Photo taken in 1904.

Research by
Donald Ray Adams
March 1999



August 5, 1910, funeral of Edmund Dull. Edmund was the Bedford Township Treasurer in 1900 and 1901, the Monroe County Sheriff from 1902 to 1910 when on August 1, 1910, he was shot in line of duty and died on August 3, 1910. Edmund was born in Pennsylvania on February 1, 1863, and moved with his family to Bedford Township in 1865. On February 28, 1884, he was married to Caroline Ansted at Little Lake Baptist Church by Rev. John Silvernail. Edmund purchased the Little Lake Baptist church building and moved it to Temperance.



Photo taken 1951



Church parsonage being moved on to West Temperance Road for the trip one-half mile west.



In front of the home of Sterling and Elma Adams at 1451 West Temperance Road.



Arriving at the new location of 1461 West Temperance Road.



View of the new north facing front which was formerly the east side.



View of the new east end which was formerly the south end.

MICHIGAN HUNTING TRIP

About 1909

Boiling Springs Road

Section 17, Clinton Township, Oscoda County, Michigan

Hunting party

William Henry Elliott 1858 - 1938

Edwin Tyler Elliott 1870 - 1962

Oscar Jay Elliott 1876 - 1958

Irven John Adams 1878 - 1971

William, Edwin, and Oscar were brothers.

William was the father-in-law of Irven.



Photo provided by Melvin Grant VanWormer
Date unknown and men not identified

Family members on both the Adams and Elliott sides, remember stories being told about hunting trips by train, ending at the Comins, Michigan depot. The A. S. & N. W. on the Comins depot sign was The AuSable and Northwestern Railroad Company. This railroad was incorporated on July 15, 1891. It was a 54 mile line from AuSable, Michigan (just south of Oscoda, Michigan) on the shore of Lake Huron to Comins, Michigan. From a Brief History of Oscoda County on an Oscoda map, I found the following. "Sometime in the 90's a narrow gauge railroad was put through from AuSable, on the coast, to Comins. About 1912, the railroad was widened to standard gauge and connected with the Detroit & Mackinac Railroad. In 1928, the last train chuffed off down the tracks taking with it Comins' importance as a shipping center." I leave it to your imagination as to the connecting railroad lines they were on to get to the depot at AuSable. They may have started from the depot at Temperance, Michigan. The 150 years of Michigan Railroad History reflects, "May 1878, the rail line was completed and the first Ann Arbor railroad train operated between Toledo and Ann Arbor. On July 19, 1950, the last passenger train over the Ann Arbor Railroad from Elberta, Michigan to Toledo, Ohio." Elberta is just south of Frankfort, Michigan.

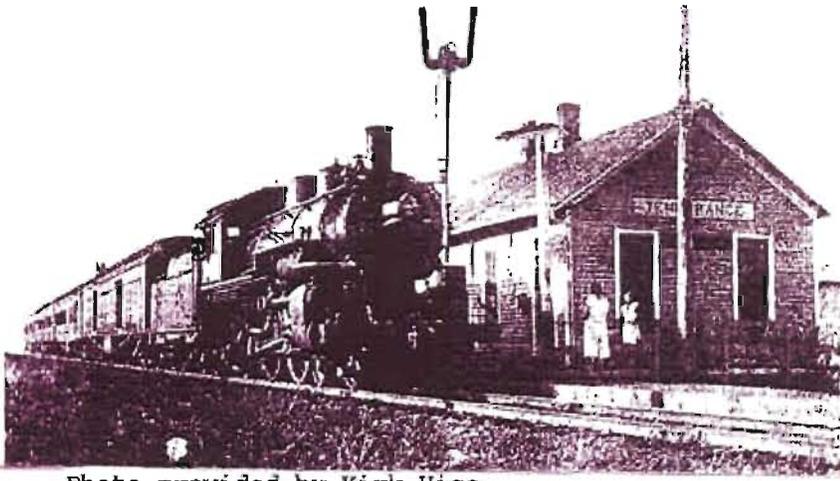


Photo provided by Kirk Hise
 Passenger train at Temperance, Michigan depot.

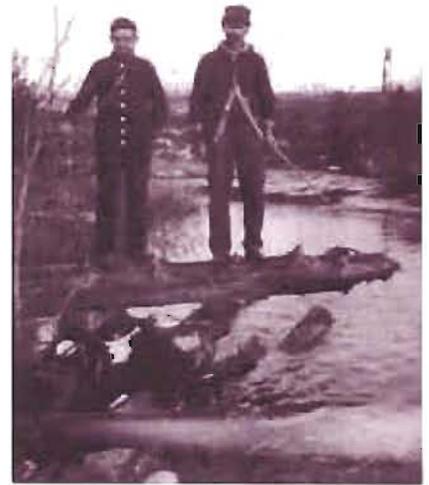


Photo taken at Comins, Michigan depot at the end of the train ride.
 Left to right: Edwin Tyler Elliott, William Henry Elliott, next three men
 from another hunting party, Irven John Adams, and Oscar Jay Elliott.

From Comins, a local resident with a team of horses and wagon would haul the men and their camping equipment to the camp site at Boiling Spring which was approximately three miles.



Irven, William, and Edwin



Irven and William
at Boiling Springs



Oscar, William, Irven and Edwin

Photos provided by
Evelyn Mary (Mayer) Sturtz



Boiling Spring

Photos provided by Reginald Goldsmith. Taken at a November 1938 hunting camp of Reginald & Hazel and Herb & Ruth Rodd.



Ruth, Reg, and Hazel



Reg, Ruth, and Herb

November 1945, my second Michigan deer hunt. I was in our tent camp with Father, Grandfather Irven John Adams, and Uncle Otis Irven Adams. Uncle Otis was discharged from the Army on 12 Nov 1945. We camped at "Little Temperance" about five miles south of Boiling Spring. Father bagged a six point buck at the west end of the swamp.



Sterling



Don, Irven, and Otis

DEC 1949
Donald Ray Adams
Family Genealogist

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP
Monroe County, Michigan

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2003

Donald R. Adams

Donald Ray and Mary Lou (Erard) Adams family



Don



Mary Lou



Donald Ray Adams
 born 23 Feb 1930
 10830 Cemetery Road
 Erie Township, Monroe County, Michigan

married 06 Sep 1952
 St. Louis Catholic Church
 457 Sixth Street, Toledo, Ohio

Mary Lou Erard
 born 21 Apr 1930
 614 Nevada Street
 Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio

Don graduated in the 1948 second class of Bedford Rural Agricultural School. Mary Lou from Central Catholic High in 1949.

Don was in the U.S. Air Force from 1950 thru 1953. Retired in 1985 after 31 years with Ohio Citizens Bank, Toledo, Ohio.

Active in genealogy and local history since 1990. On 15 Apr 2003, was appointed a Bedford Township Historian by the Bedford Township Board.

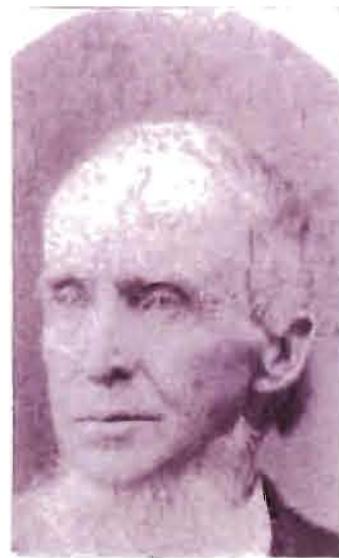


Children

Denise Ann	21 Jul 1953
James Marlon	30 Jun 1954
Kevin Mark	08 Jun 1956
Craig William	22 Jun 1959
Dawn Marie	20 Jul 1962
John Charles	17 Dec 1964
Douglas Stephen	01 Dec 1969

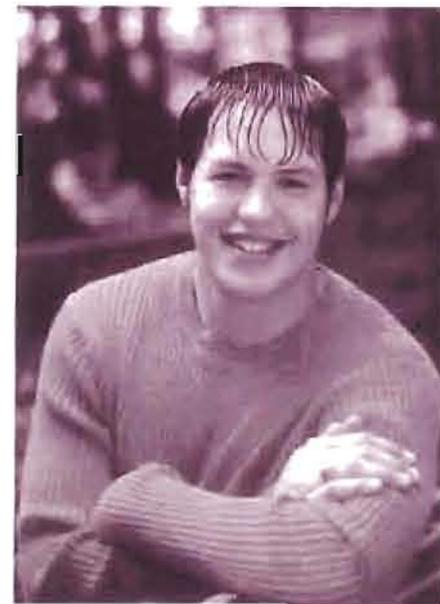
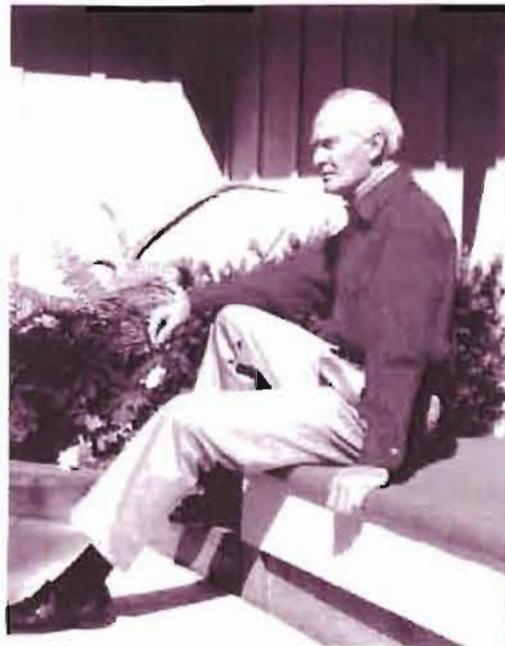
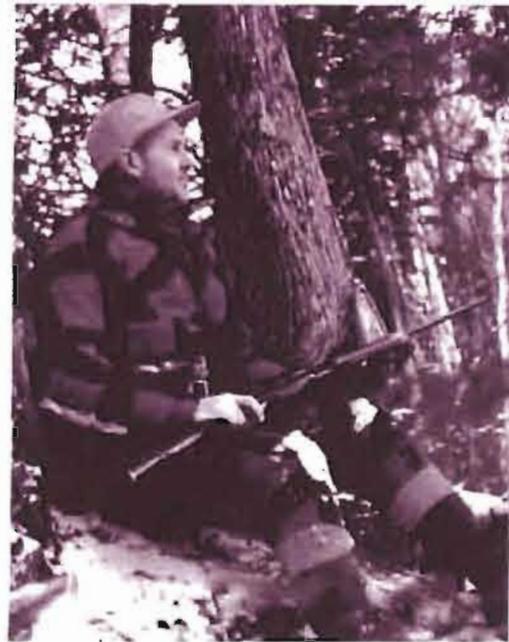
left to right -

Craig, John, Jim, Denise,
 Mary Lou, Dawn, Don,
 Kevin, Doug



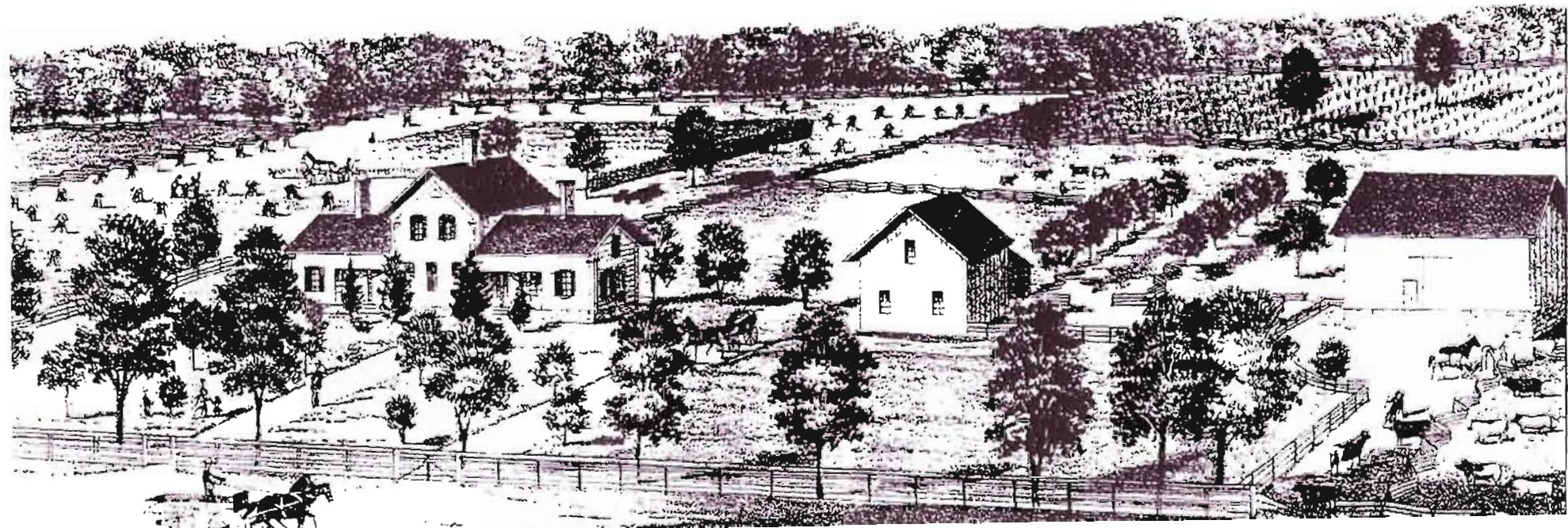
Samuel Adams born in Boston on June 24, 1762, a housewright by trade, married Julianna Stone in Dublin, New Hampshire on July 7, 1783, served in the American Revolutionary War of 1775-83, moved to Leicester, Vermont in 1785. Julianna died in Cleveland, Ohio in 1841. In 1841 Samuel moved to Temperance, Michigan to live with his son where he died September 7, 1847 Interment Hitchcock Cemetery. They had fourteen children.

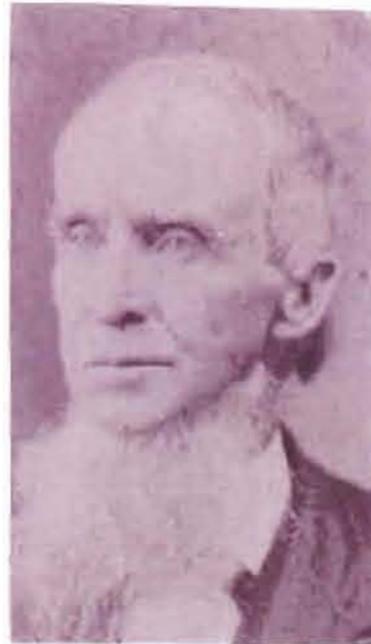
Lucas Adams born in Leicester, Vermont on April 16, 1806 In 1832 Lucas walked from Vermont and in 1833 acquired 120 acres in what became Bedford Township He returned to Vermont and on September 17, 1834, married Mary Baker In 1835 they came to Michigan and in April 1836 moved into the log cabin they built on the 120 acres The frame home that now stands at 1502 Dean Road was built in 1856. Lucas died May 24, 1895. Interment Hitchcock Cemetery. They had five children.



Sterling William Adams born in Temperance, Michigan on August 26, 1910. Temperance High School graduate in 1928. Married Elma Elizabeth Cornprobst on September 3, 1929. He retired in 1974 as inspector after 43 years with Toledo Scale. He died February 18, 1990. Interment Roselawn Memorial Park, LaSalle, Michigan. They have seven children.

Donald Ray Adams born in Erie Township, Michigan on February 23, 1930. Bedford High





*Lucas Adams
1806-1895*



*Mary (Baker) Adams
1812 - 1891*

Lucas came through what is now Bedford Township in 1832 on his way to Chicago, Illinois. Lucas had plans to purchase land in Springfield, Illinois. In a compromise with Mary they purchased land in Michigan. They purchased 120 acres in Section 22 in what is now Bedford Township for \$1.25 per acre from the United States with a patent date of 03 Nov 1834, and Certificate (deed) number 4336 dated 16 Mar 1837. Two brothers of Lucas owned land in this area. Jeduthan Adams purchased 120 acres in Section 15 with a patent date of 07 May 1834, and Benjamin Franklin Adams purchased 40 acres in Section 2.

Following the 17 Sep 1834, marriage of Lucas and Mary in Leicester, Vermont they lived with two brothers (Samuel Adams and Joseph Adams) in Cleveland, Ohio. After the 07 Jul 1835, birth of their first child, Charles Lucas Adams, they came to their property at 1502 W. Dean Road, Temperance, Michigan. They first lived at the home of Peter Martin and in September 1836, moved into their new log home. In 1856 the home that now stands at 1502 W. Dean Road was built and an addition was made in 1895.

The home continues to be owned by the Adams family and may be the only home in Bedford Township that is occupied by a descendant of the patent land owner that built the home.

Their children-

Charles Lucas born 07 Jul 1835, Cleveland, Ohio
Elisha Baker 15 Mar 1837, Temperance





1522 Sterns Rd, Temperance, MI.



11 Sep 1915, Newcombe reunion

John & Ann (Aysh) Newcombe
my 2nd great grandparents

John Newcombe born July 17, 1818, Devonshire, England, died July 14, 1898 at Temperance, Michigan. Ann Aysh born June 5, 1831, Devonshire, England, died February 22, 1920, at Temperance, Michigan. John and Ann were married October 20, 1849, in Bedford Township by Charles F. W. Rawson, J.P. Interment is Whiteford Union Cemetery, Lambertville, Michigan. John was the son of John and Ann Newcombe. I find no record of his parents coming to America. John came to America in 1848. After living two years in Ohio he settled in 1850 on Section 27 in Bedford. He built (year unknown) the brick home at 1522 Sterns Road. John had two unmarried brothers that also settled in Bedford. They were Joseph born November 5, 1820, died March 21, 1910 and Thomas born March 22, 1823, died February 26, 1899. Ann Aysh was the daughter of John Aysh, Sr. and Ann Brooks. The Aysh family came to America in 1834. They lived in a brick home on Smith Road just east of the northeast corner of Jackman and Smith.

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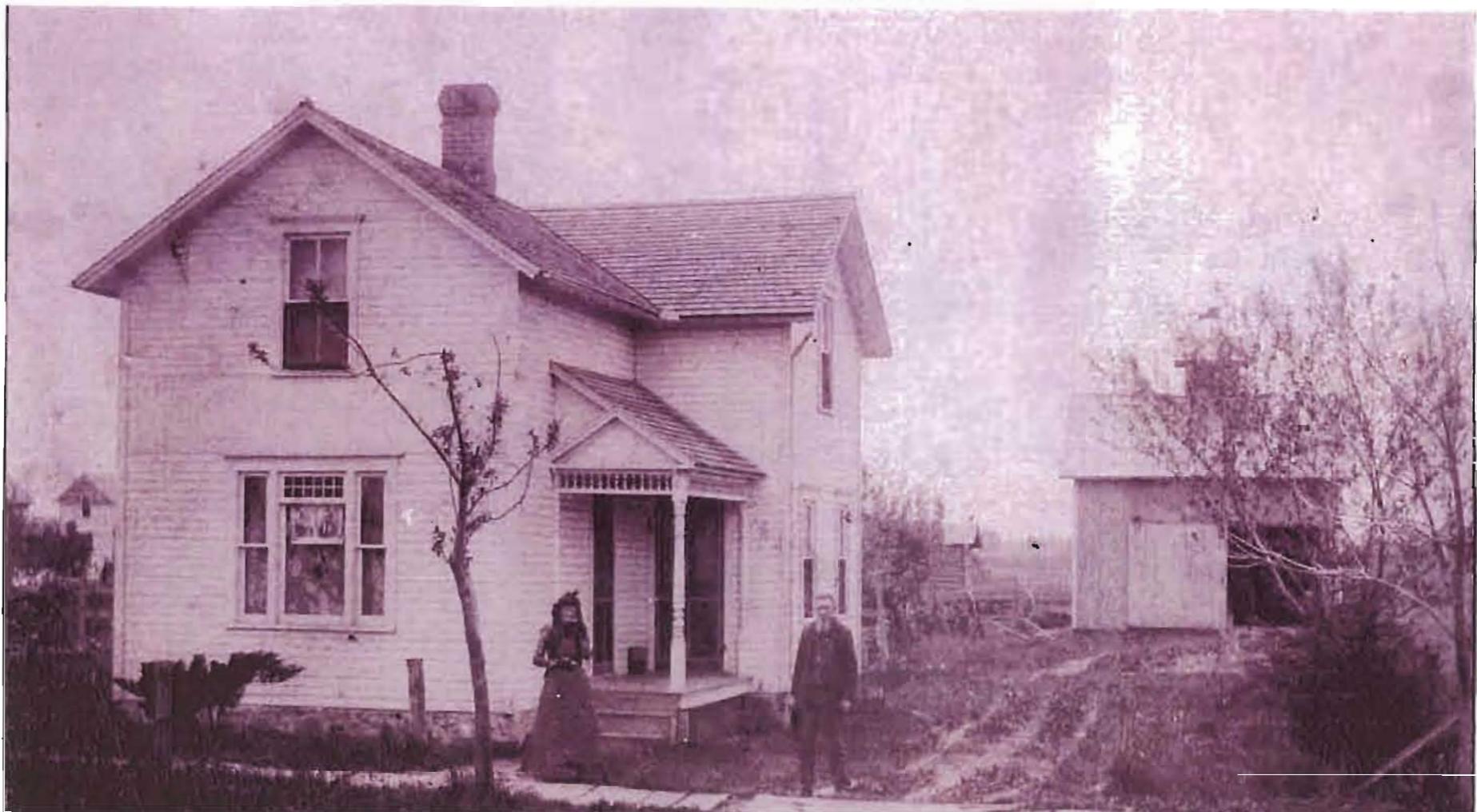
Home of John Aysh, Sr and Ann (Brooks) Aysh.
Was on north side of Smith Road at about
1640 Smith Road just east of Jackman Road.

John Aysh, Sr and Ann (Brooks) Aysh my 3rd great grandparents,
John Aysh, Sr, his wife Ann (Brooks) Aysh, and their five children came to
what is now Bedford Township from Devonshire, England in 1834. John
acquired from the U. S. the $W\frac{1}{2}$, $SW\frac{1}{4}$, Section 34 (80 acres) with a patent
date of 18 Jun 1834. The above photo is the home they constructed, at an
unknown date, on the 80 acres. The home was destroyed by fire in 1983.



Michael W. Pawlak Funeral Home
1640 Smith Road
opened on 13 Oct 1998

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Isaac and Eleanor Kinney on their way to church ?? . Their home is on Lot 41 of the 1895 Plat of Temperance. Home still stands. Isaac and Eleanor were two of the 26 signers of the 1895 Plat of Temperance. The plat listed Isaac as owner of Lot 41. 1896 and 1901 Temperance plat maps has a home on Lot 41 with Isaac the owner. The 1901 Bedford plat map list Isaac as owner of 40 acres at NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 14. This is on Crabb Road about one mile from their home at 729 Main St.

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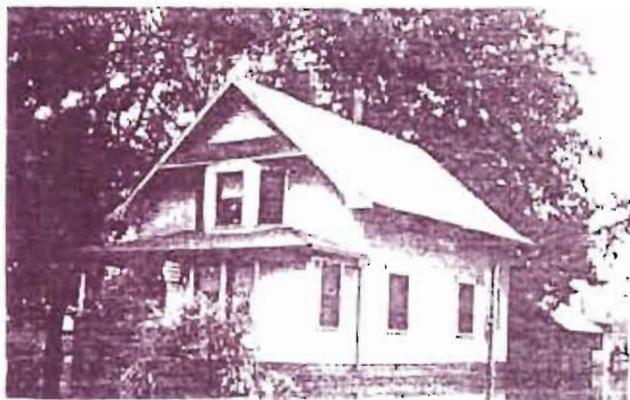




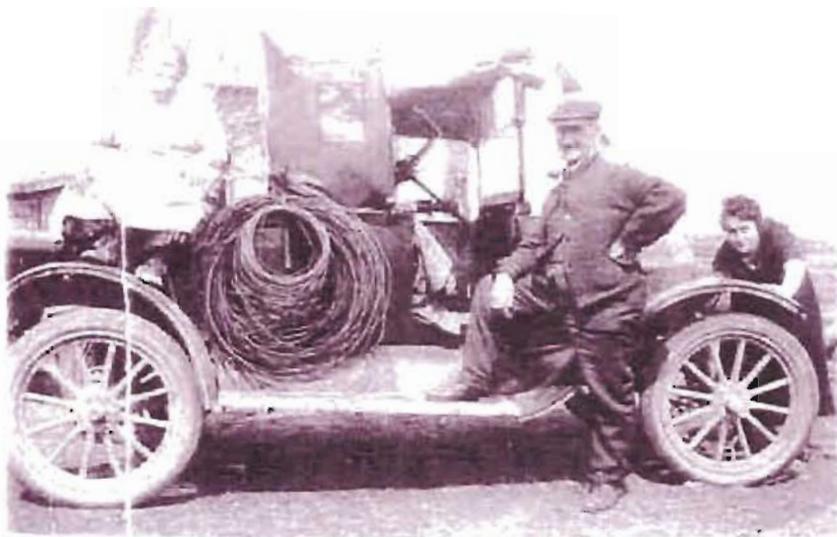
Isaac and
Eleanor Kinney



2003 photo of
729 W. Temperance Rd.



8941 Lewis
Temperance telephone office



Undated photo taken at Temperance
telephone office. 8941 Lewis.
Left to right -
Marie Alvira (Eighmey) Teall 1862-1932
Telephone operator
Edward Alonzo Teall 1862-1929
Telephone lineman
Mary Blanche (Teall) Whitmill 1898-1985
their daughter.

Edward & Marie my great grandparents.

The 1920 Bedford census list Edward A. and Marie A. Teall as telephone
lineman and operator and that they rented the building. It is not
known how long they operated the phone company in Temperance. There
is a post card addressed to Miss. Blanche Teall, dated 24 Apr 1915,
that reads, "Hope your new switchboard will soon be installed".

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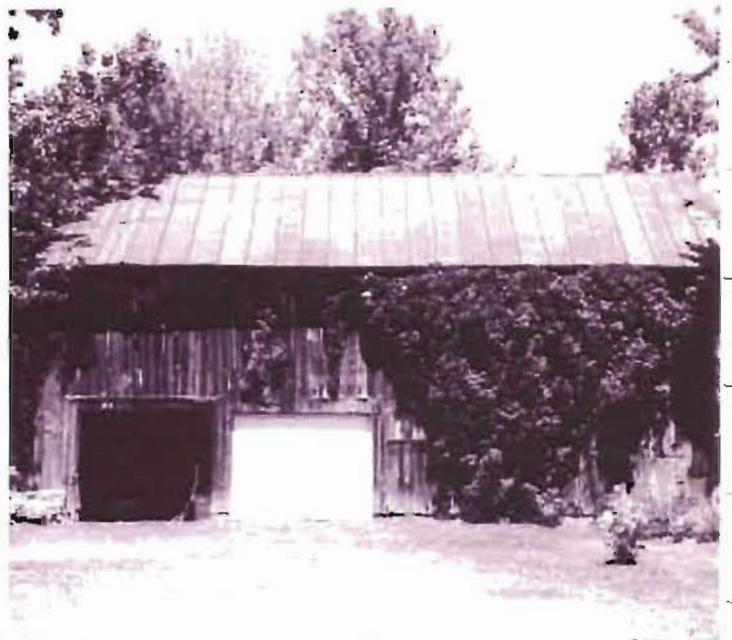


May homestead
photo taken circa 1910
1660 Sterns Road

left to right - Lillie Electa (Aysh) May, 1864-1939 (Mrs Oscar May)
Catherine E. (Crowell) Aysh, 1837-1911 (Mrs William Aysh)
Haskell May, son of Oscar and Lillie
Oscar James May, 1857-1915



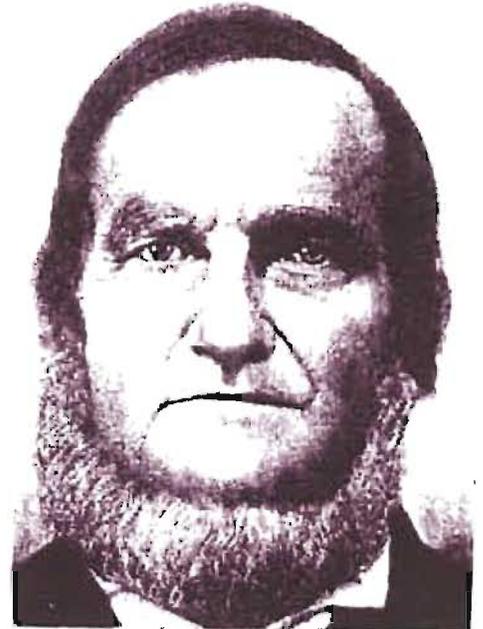
Howard Schuler photo,
dated 20 Oct 1912
Sterns Road looking west to the
May home and the Wesleyan Methodist
Church at Liberty Corners.



The first Bedford Township meeting and election was held 02 May 1836, at the home of Levi Lewis, 166 W. Samaria Road. Among the officials elected was William Dunbar, Supervisor and Theophilus Osgood, Clerk.

Supervisor

Clerk



William Dunbar
1807-1870

Theophilus Osgood
1808-1883

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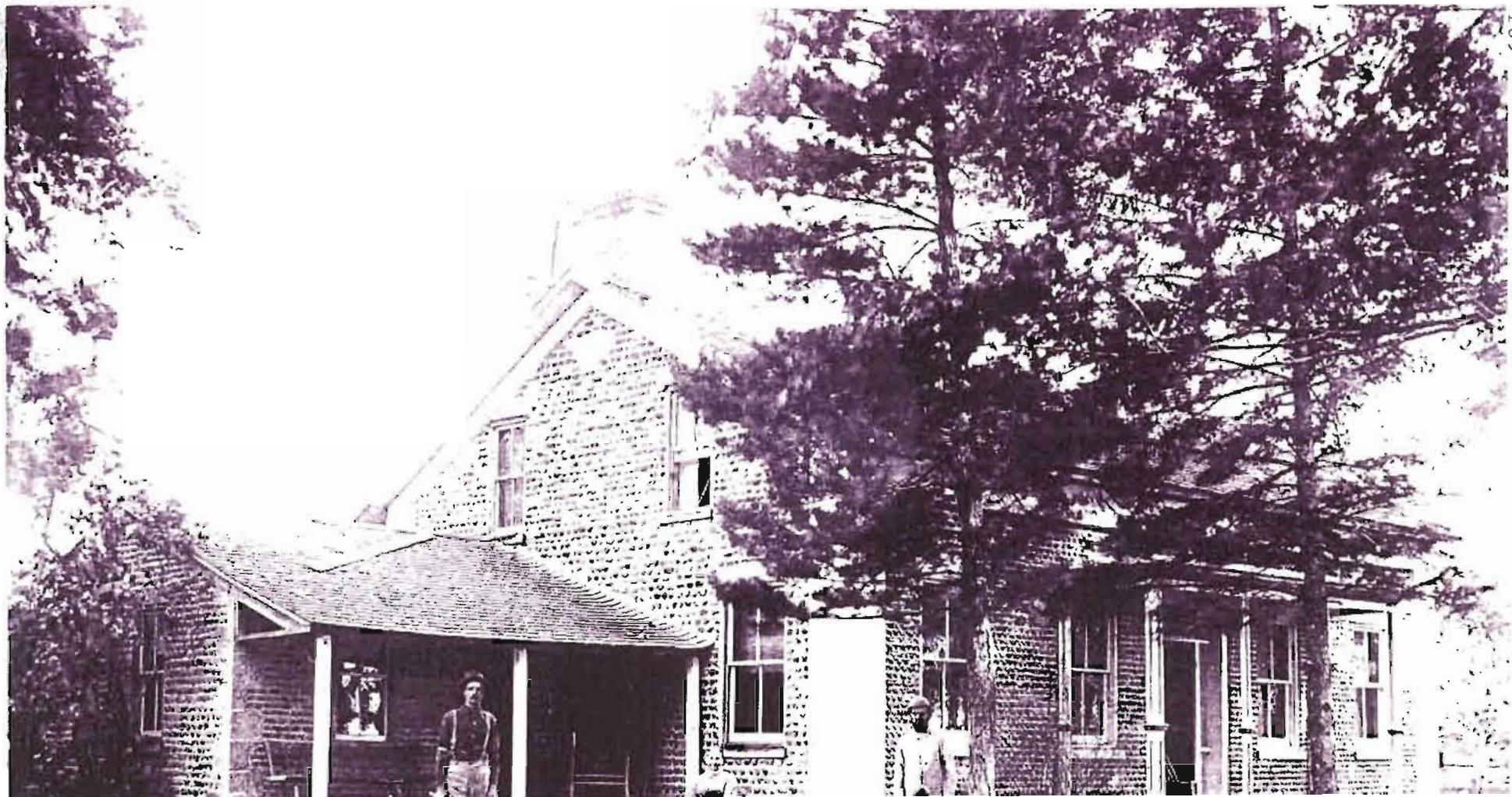


R. LaMar Frederick
elected to a four year
term 1996 & 2000

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Robert Schockman
elected to a four
year term 2000



THEOPHILUS OSGOOD PIONEER FAMILY

Theophilus Osgood, born 27 Apr 1808, Fort Ann Township, Washington County, New York. Son of Levi Osgood (1773-1853) and Martha Ivory (1766-1828).

In 1816 the family moved to Seneca County, New York.

On 19 Oct 1827, Theophilus married Roxana Atilda Brightman, in Seneca County, New York. Roxana was born 21 Aug 1809, New York, daughter of Henry Brightman (1767-1858) and mother unknown.

First child of Theophilus and Roxana was born and died in infancy in New York. Their second child, Mersena, born 13 Jul 1830, New York and their third child, Rowena, born 09 Nov 1831, New York.

In 1833, Theophilus, Roxana and family moved to Michigan Territory. They purchased from the General Land Office of the United States, the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 1, 160 acres, in what is now Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan, with a patent date of 28 Oct 1833. Patent certificate #1537 is dated 20 Oct 1835.

Seven more children were born after arrival in Michigan.

Caroline	23 Aug 1834
Martha	1838
Cynthia	10 May 1839
Lester	18 Nov 1840
Celia Ann	21 Jan 1843
Charles Linus	03 May 1844
Clarinda	03 Aug 1847

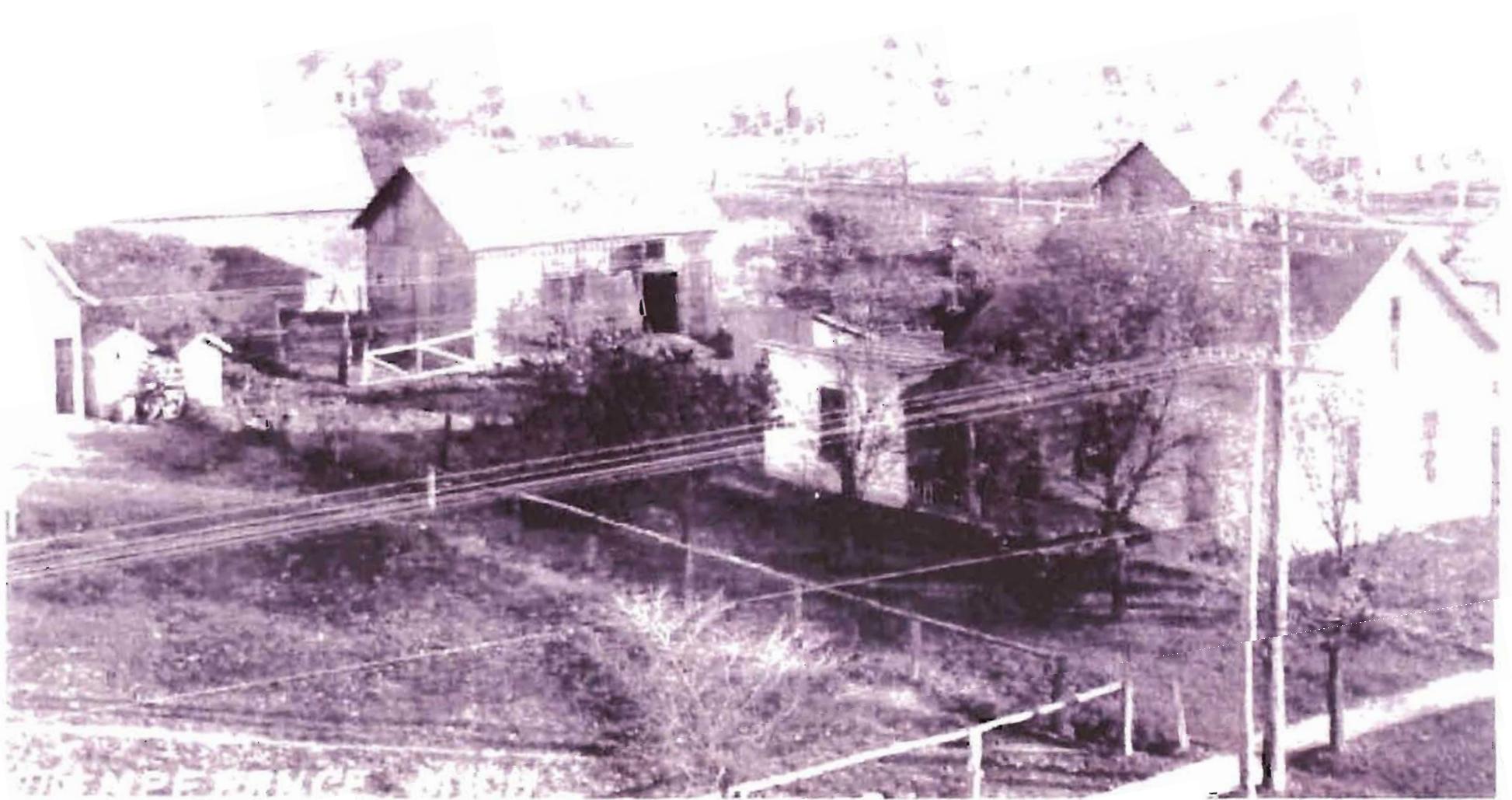
The family first lived in a log home and in 1846, moved into their new cobble stone home at 744 E. Samaria Road. This home continues to be owned by members of the Osgood family.

Roxana died 25 May 1868, and Theophilus on 05 Apr 1883. Interment for both is at the Bedford Memorial Cemetery, (formerly Blouch-Osgood Cemetery).



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Photo taken circa 1920, from bell tower of Frist Baptist Church of Temperance, looking southeast from church.

Home on right - 8952 Ida-Bedford Road (at one time the first stone road in Monroe County, US 23, and now Lewis Avenue). Lot 35 of 1895 Plat of Temperance and owned at that time by Ed. Dull. 1896 Temperance plat map has building on Lot 35. 1901 Temperance plat map has Lot 35 owned by Levi M. Ward. Undated Temperance plat map has Lot 35 owned by William Hobart.

Other owners of Lot 35 were Elmer and Ethel (Kinney) Tolly, Thomas and Gladys Blickensdurfer. The Blickensdurfer family turned the front room into a store and operated Blick's Confectionery.

In 1933, Glea Harrison Kinney (1888-1971) and Clara May (Grosteffon) Kinney (1889-1966) purchased the property and operated Kinney's Confectionery. About 1942, Glea added onto the front and apartment on the second floor. As many teenagers did, I worked at Kinney's Confectionery.

On 29 Sep 1958, the property was sold to Harvey DeWitt Tolly (1905-1968) and Ida Irene (Gray) Tolly (1911-1988). They operated Tolly's Confectionery. H & S Sports is currently operating from this property.

White barn on left was part of the Free Methodist Church property, 795 Main Street (now Temperance Road). Note hitching rail around church yard. Barn and hitching rail no longer there. Large barn on left was the Livery and Feed Barn for Hotel Wayne, 751 Main Street. Reported that George R. Kinney built the barn in 1902. Barn remains. Smaller barn was part of property on Lot 35. Barn no longer there.





TEMPERANCE, MICH.

Photo taken circa 1920, from bell tower of First Baptist Church of Temperance, looking southeast from church. In lower right corner is Ida-Bedford Road (at one time the first stone road in Monroe County, US 23, and now Lewis Avenue)

Found record of sidewalks laid 1914 and Ida-Bedford Road was paved in 1923. Photo would have been taken between those years.

Homes from left to right - 8952 Lewis, history of this property covered in another photo. This is Lot 35 of 1895 Plat of Temperance.

8948 & 8946 Lewis, this is one building, currently occupied by John Crayne, M.D. and Crary Drug. This building and parking lot to the south is on Lot 34 of the 1895 Plat of Temperance. In 1895, the owner of Lot 34 was David Dull. The 1896, plat map has a home in the northwest corner of Lot 34, owner not listed. The 1901 plat map list owner of north part of Lot 34 as William E. Brunt and the south part owner as David Dull. Undated plat map list T. Hitchcock as owner of north part of Lot 34 and Chester Carr as owner of south part.

On the current parking lot south of Crary Drug was the third home from the left in the above photo. This was the home of Chester George Carr (1868-1952) and Mabel Electa (Vaughn) Carr (1872-1949).

No other history of the second home from the left in the above photo has been researched.

8926 Lewis - The fourth house from the left was on Lot 33 of 1895 Plat of Temperance. In 1895 the owner of Lot 33 was David Dull. Lot 33 is on the southeast corner of Lewis and Washington. This was the home of David Dull (1861-1921) and Catherine (Carr) Dull (1867-_____). On 22 Oct 1956, Francis Foods moved into their newly constructed store at this location. Raymond Marshall Francis (1921-2002) and Pauline Mae (Whitman) Francis (1922-2002) sold the business to Food Town Supermarkets in August 1989. In June 2003 Food Town closed the store.

Barn at far right is on property at 8814 Lewis. This was the McClanathan-Powlesland property. The home burned in the early 1900's and was replaced by the home that still stands at 8814 Lewis. The barn was on land that is now part of the Eagle Ridge subdivision. In upper left are shocks of corn and homes on King Street.



Photo taken circa 1920, from bell tower of First Baptist Church of Temperance, looking west on Main Street (now West Temperance Road).

Building in lower left corner was the church parsonage.

Homes from right to left.

1024 Main St - Ellis W. Kelly, M.D. and Bessie M. (Choate) Kelly. This home was razed in February 2002.

1032 Main St - George Carr (1837-1918) and Elizabeth (Ansted) Carr (1844-1922). Note windmill.

1044 Main St - Albert S. Stieg (1875-1951) and Jessie (Hitchcock) Stieg (1880-1965).





Howard Schuler photo taken 19 Nov 1912
 Ida-Bedford Road (now Lewis Avenue) looking north just south of
 Main Street (now Temperance Road). Lewis Avenue was paved with
 concrete in 1923.

Home on left is where Lewis M. Ansted (1846-1928) and Marietta
 Hayden (1850-1915) were married on 01 Mar 1870. This address
 is 9007 Lewis Avenue, Temperance, Michigan (formerly Bedford
 Center) and is currently the Temperance Branch of the Monroe
 Bank & Trust.

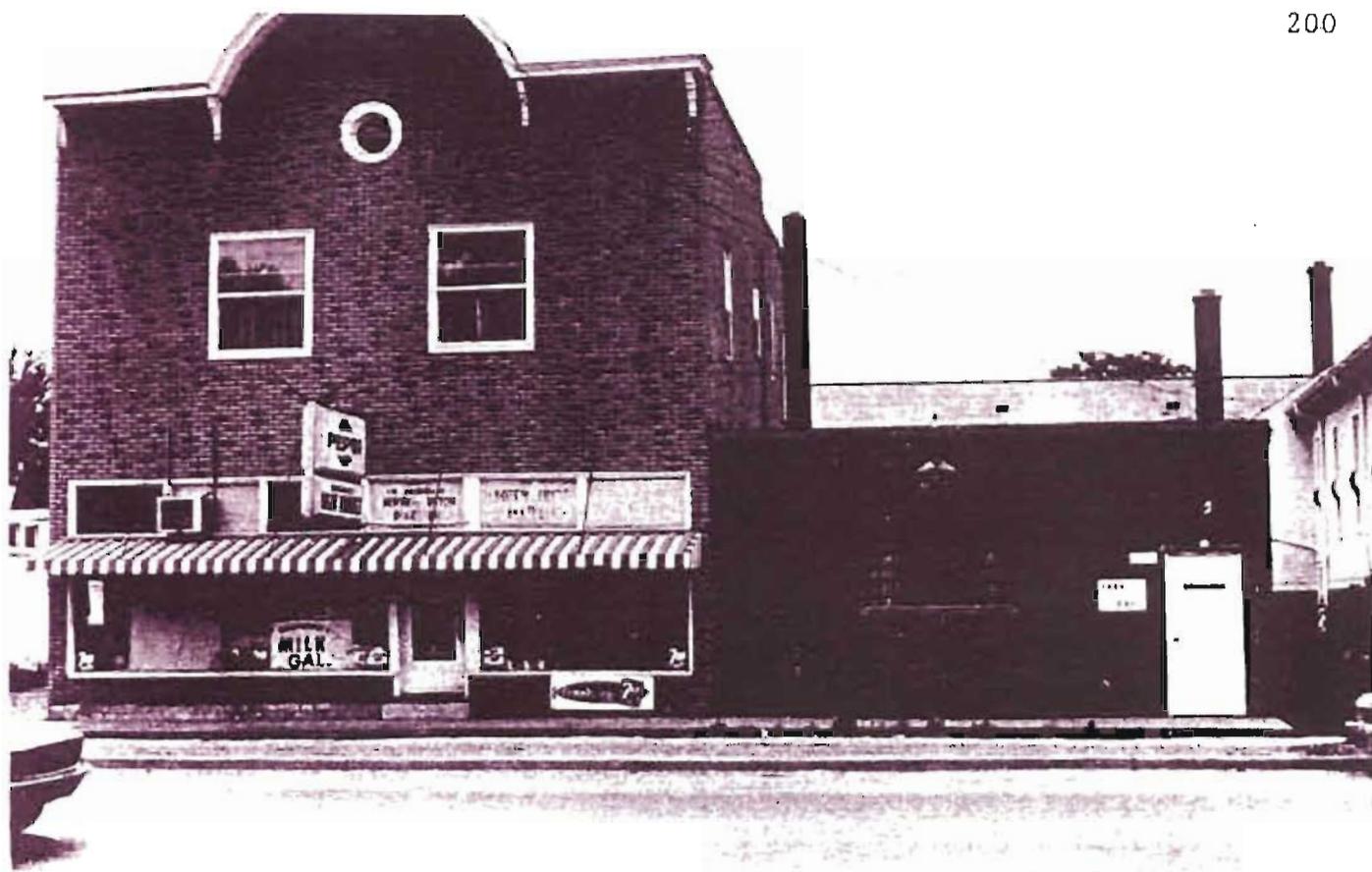
Building on right was the general store opened in 1880 by
 Lewis M. Ansted. In 1881, Lewis M. Ansted was appointed librarian
 and the library was opened in his store. On 08 Dec 1884, Lewis M.
 Ansted was appointed the first Temperance postmaster and the first
 Temperance Post Office was opened in his store at 9006 Lewis Ave.
 The store was destroyed by fire in 1937. Sunoco Service Station
 is now at this address.

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8967 Lewis Ave.



Historic Bldg. Being Demolished

December 1976



The recent home of the Temperance Food Lockers in downtown Temperance is being complete razed.

8967 Lewis Ave.

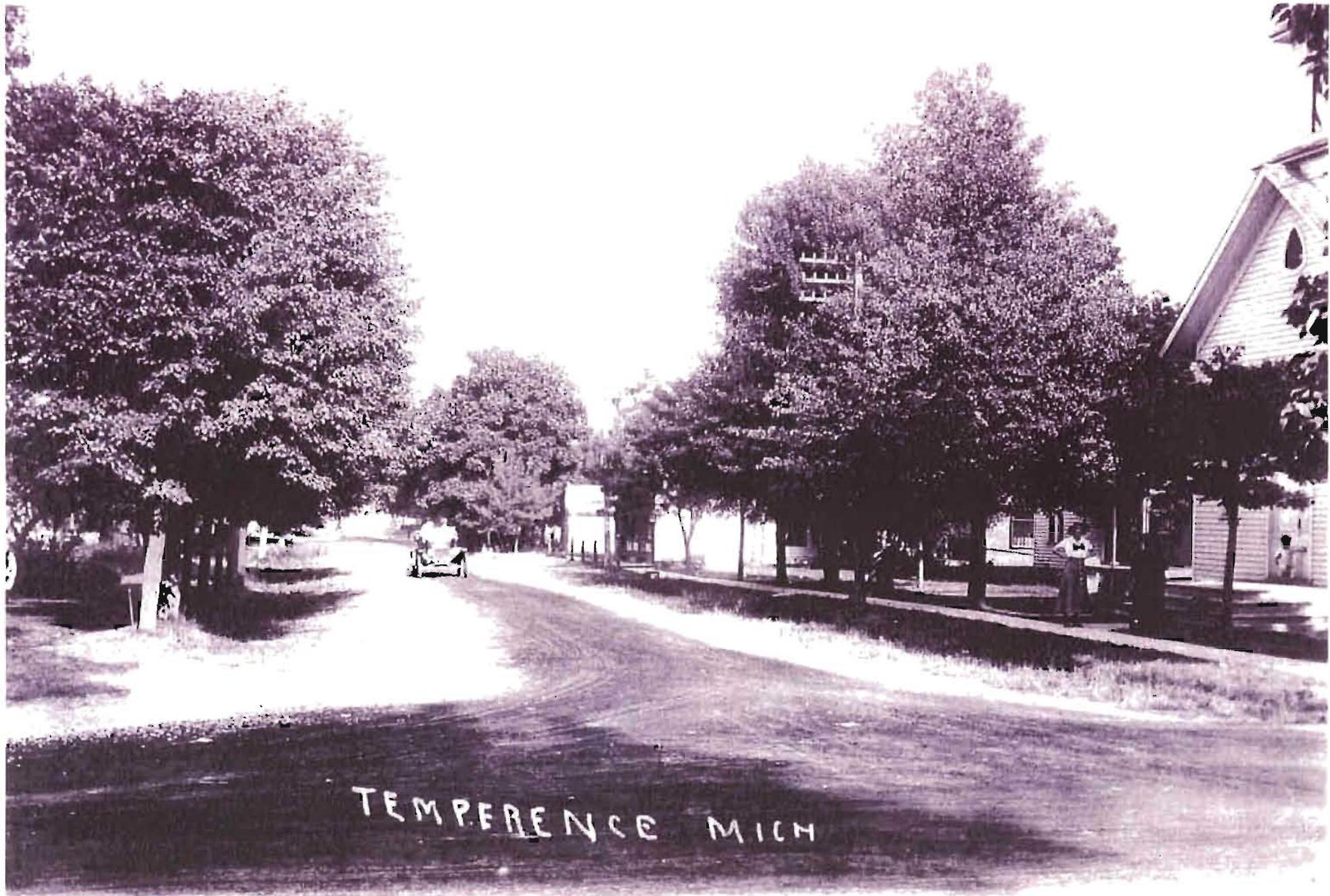






Looking north at Lewis and Temperance

1916



Looking east at Temperance and Lewis

1916







Julia Ann (Bisel) Corl in the front yard of the home of Josiah C. and Julia Ann (Bisel) Corl, 1021 West Temperance Road, Temperance, Michigan.

99th birthday of Josiah C. Corl.

The Monroe Evening News article dated 28 Sep 1944, reflects "Born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, September 28, 1845, he later moved to Wayne County, Ohio, and in the spring of 1878 brought his family to the farm home he purchased a half mile west of Temperance. He lived there for 23 years, then sold the farm and moved to the village."

1878 plus 23 years = 1901.

The 1896 and 1901 Bedford Township plat maps list Josiah C. Corl as the owner of 30 acres at what is now the Legacy subdivision.





Home was at 6918 Lewis Avenue and about across from Zeiler's Farm Market, 6925 Lewis.
Home was razed circa 1980. No date on above photos.

From a wagon rutted sand hill road that was cleared of snow by shovel to the first stone road in Monroe County. Then to a two lane concrete paved road in 1923 that became US 23. In 1978, from the Ohio-Michigan line to north of Sterns Road, Lewis Avenue was expanded to five lanes.



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HAYDEN, ANSTED, NOGAR, BRUNT, families home
9007 Ida-Bedford Road (now Lewis Avenue)
Temperance, Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan

Believe the home was constructed by the Hayden family. Only available record of construction date is at the Bedford Township Hall which list the date as 1874.

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Date acquired</u>
Elisha A. & Harriet A. (Reynolds) Hayden, Jr.	28 Jun 1834
Lewis & Marietta (Hayden) Ansted	16 Aug 1876
Edwin E. & Mary E. (Newsome) Nogar	28 Oct 1902
Arthur J. & Eliza (Alcock) Brunt	08 Mar 1920
Monroe State Savings Bank	26 Aug 1947

In the photo is Mary Elizabeth (Newsome) Nogar (1862-1947), and her adopted son, Clayton A. Nogar (1902-1947).
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HORSE SHOEING.
WAGON WORK.
GENERAL REPAIRING.

E. E. NOGAR.
TEMPERANCE GARAGE.
MACHINE SHOP.

AUTOMOBILE
SUPPLIES
REPAIRING

GASOLINE

OILS

TEMPERANCE GARAGE

9015-9023 Ida-Bedford Road (now Lewis Avenue)
Temperance, Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan

In the photo at the left is Edwin Eugene Nogar (1861-1927). Other men not identified.

Mr. Nogar owned and operated this business from 1902 to 1920. In 1920 the Nogar family moved to Dundee, Michigan, where Mr. Nogar and his adopted son, Clayton A. Nogar (1902-1947), operated an automobile sales and service.

Research by
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FREE METHODIST CH - TEMPERANCE, MICH

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

795 Main Street (now Temperance Road)
Temperance, Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan

Construction on this church began in 1880 and was completed in 1882.

The parsonage to the left in the photo was built in 1892.

The last service in this church was held Sunday, 09 Jan 1966. Razing of the church was done in 1966.

The congregation built a new church at 1590 W. Temperance Road.

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HOTEL WAYNE

751 Main Street (now Temperance Road)
Temperance, Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan

In the 14 Jan 1890, entry of the daily journal of William Dunbar (1858-1932), "I went with J.C. Dull to Ed. Dull's in Temperance to write papers for Ed who has sold his lot of three acres with store and contents to George R. Kinney."

Hotel Wayne, along with a general store and post office, was operated by George Riley Kinney (1866-1916) and his wife Salina Isabel (Cowell) Kinney (1862-1943). The hotel was named for their son, Irwin Wayne Kinney (1899-1978). Note the sign, Livery and Feed Barn.

George R. Kinney was named the second postmaster for Temperance on 13 Dec 1890 to 05 Jan 1915.

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HOTEL WAYNE

751 Main Street (now Temperance Road)
Temperance, Bedford Township, Monroe County, Michigan





George Riley Kinney 1866-1916
Salina Isabel (Cowell) Kinney 1862-1943





JITNEY BUS

Driver – Forrest Elsto Wright (1892-1981)

Passengers not identified

In 1914 the Ida, Samaria, and Temperance Bus Company was formed by Forrest Wright, George Bell, and Will Bell. The three men were from Samaria.

Over the sand knolls and through the ruts the Jitney traveled from Ida, through Samaria and Temperance and ended in Toledo at Cherry and Summit Streets.

In 1923 the Ida-Bedford Road (now Lewis Avenue) was paved.

The bus service was terminated in 1918.

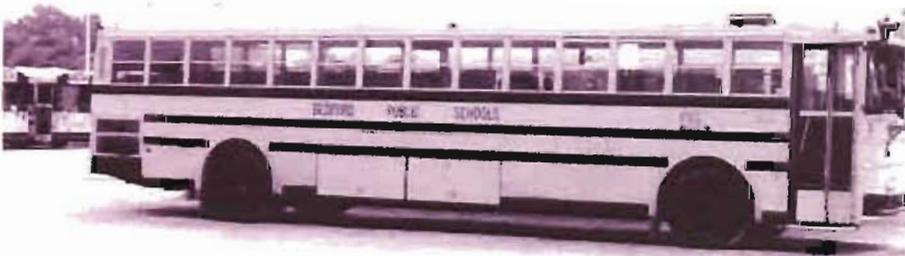
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School bus transportation



Liberty Corners Church
1720 W. Sterns Road



Unpaved Roads of Bedford Township
Photos taken 20 Oct 1912
by Howard Schuler
Old Acres
7808 Lewis Ave.
Temperance, Michigan





William H. Ansted built this store in 1898, at what is now 627 West Temperance Road.

The Ansted family came to Temperance from Sandusky County, Ohio in 1864.

In 1897, William H. Ansted (1854-1912) rented the large store building where Lewis M. Ansted, his brother, previously had the post office and a grocery store. The Ansteds lived on the first floor behind the store. They lived there for only a year.

In 1898, William H. Ansted built a store on Main Street where Hachman Farm Supply is presently at 627 W. Temperance Road. Lot is 35' X 178.4' and is Lot #2, 1895 Plat of Temperance. The 1901 Temperance plat map has William H. Ansted as the owner.





Home of Edwin Joseph and Lola Jane (Gordon) Whitmill
726 Temperance Road, Temperance, Michigan.

Left to right- Vera (Rogers) Logan (2)
Lola Jane (Gordon) Whitmill 1875 - 1952
Ruby Mae (Whitmill) Straus 1901 - 1999
1905 - date of photo

Note telephone sign on front of home.

From a Sue Potter, June 8, 1971, Courier Scrapbook article.

"In 1902 Edwin and Lola Whitmill started a hotel-boarding house and livery at their Main Street (1) home. The house still stands, three doors east of the post office. Traveling men or "drummers" came into Temperance on the train and Whitmill drove them on a route to the area stores. After visiting Temperance they took the horse and buggy to Lambertville, Samaria, Lulu, Ida, Strasburg, Yargerville and Erie, where the streetcar carried the salesmen back to Toledo.

While the family lived in that house the wonderful invention, the telephone, came to town and the switchboard was set up in the Whitmill dining room. Mrs. Whitmill and oldest son, Lloyd, were the operators and when one of the six subscribers rang up it was not unusual for Lola Whitmill to hurry from her kitchen, wiping floury hands on her apron, to see who wanted whom."



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- (1) In 1902 Temperance Road was known as Main Street.
- (2) Brunt reunion minutes - Vera Rogers married Roy Logan on 12 Jul 1921.



1915 Elliott reunion

8855 Lewis
Temperance, Michigan

home of
Richard Benjamin O'dell
and
Lucretia Jane (Elliott) O'dell

Lucretia was my 2nd great aunt

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8203 Lewis
Temperance, Michigan

northwest corner
Dean and Lewis





166 W. Samaria Road

This was the home of Levi and Experience (Ketcham) Lewis. The 160 acre farm is in Section 2 of what is now Bedford Township and was purchased from the patent land owner, Niel F. Butterfield.

The Lewis family settled here in the 1830's and built a log home on the property, followed by a one story home with three rooms and a loft. Later a two story addition was constructed.

On 23 Mar 1836, the area known as West Erie was split from Erie Township and named Bedford Township. On 02 May 1836, the first Bedford Township meeting was held at the home of Levi Lewis. Levi Lewis was elected Commissioner of Common Schools.

Levi and Experience both died in 1891 with burial at Erie Union Cemetery. Their daughter Anna, married Joel Hubbard. Thereafter the farm became known as the Lewis-Hubbard homestead. In 1905, Charles Hubbard built the current home at 166 W. Samaria Road.



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BEDFORD TOWNSHIP



Style of home in 1830's

Address of both homes not identified



Current style of home



W. C. E M B U R Y

William Barber's Journal

August,

Thursday, 25.

1892.

A pleasant day.

In morning of rain this morn.

I milked a little about 10 A.M.

This evening I drove to Mr. Concher's
to ask for the return of \$10.00
He had been to Toledo with potatoes.
I paid \$5.00 for bushel for them.
He promised to come & settle out
tomorrow morning.
F. S. Bonnet rode with me

The Temperance Creamery is now in operation

We drove to Lillian Kinney's after
we called at Concher's.

Concher let me have 1 1/2 bu. potatoes at
\$2.00 & I give him credit for same on
the



The Temperance or Cloverleaf creamery was built sometime around the turn of the century on the north side of East Temperance Road, immediately west of the railroad tracks. This picture, which belongs to Lillian Kinney Hise, was taken sometime before 1916. Mrs. Hise's father, Jason Kinney, is standing at the left. In 1935 the Cloverleaf Dairy put the building up for sale and on April 12, 1936 officials of the dairy and the American Legion met and the building was sold to the Temperance Post as a meeting hall. The first Legion meeting was held there in June of 1936.

L. ANSTEAD.

J. HAYDEN.

OFFICE

Temperance Creamery Co.,

MANUFACTURERS OF AND DEALERS IN

Fancy Separator Butter, Cream, Cheese,
MILK, Etc.

Temperance, Mich., 1897



American Legion
Sherman H. Osborn Post 192
620 W. Temperance Road

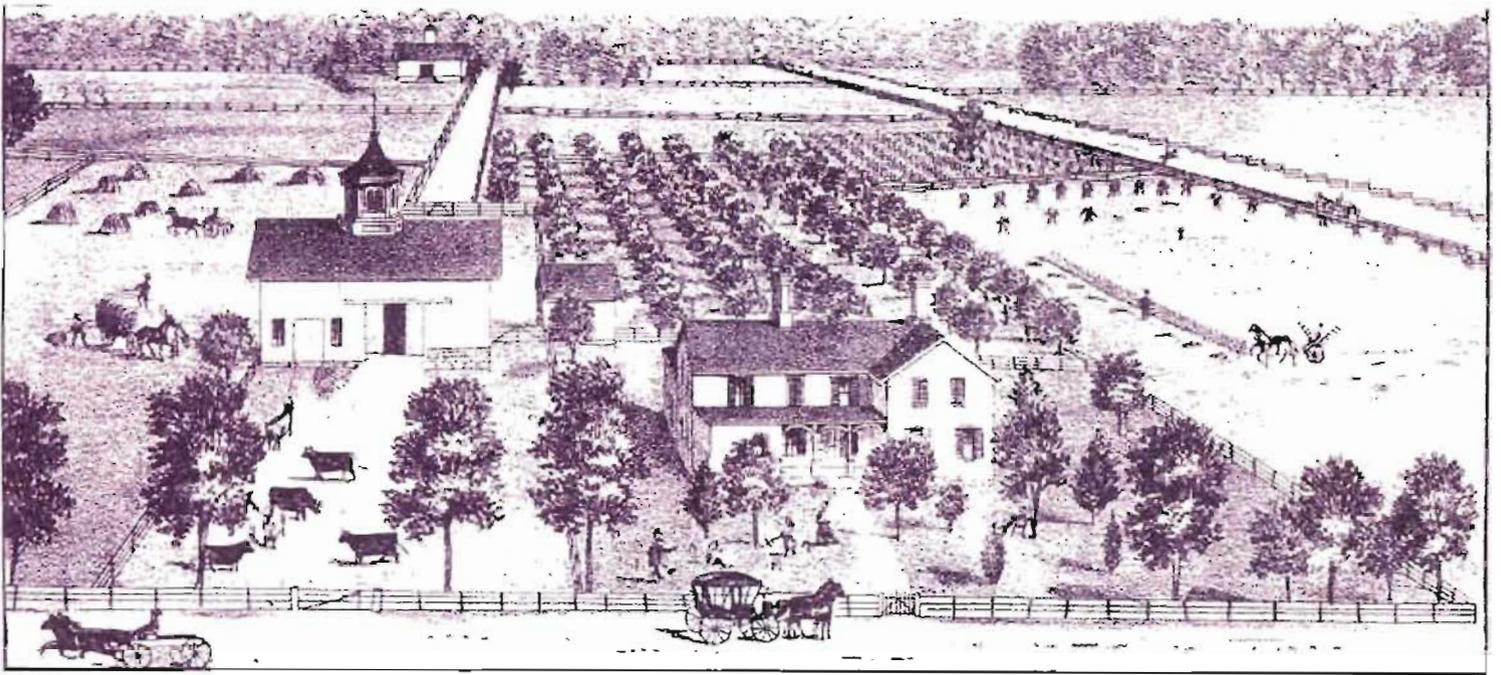


G. R. Powlesland
 Groceries and Meats
 9020 Lewis Ave.
 Temperance, Michigan

G. R. Powlesland operated store from 1927 to 1931.

Standing left to right-
 Melvin R. Powlesland 1908-1980
 George Ray Powlesland 1885-1965





Res. of RICHARD BIBB Sec.28, Bedford Tp. Monroe Co. Mich.

Page from History of Monroe County, Michigan, 1876 - 1848 Sterns Road



Richard Bibb, II, 1824-1912, son of Richard Bibb, Sr, 1791-1855 and Mary (Brown) Bibb, 1792-1878.

on 20 Dec 1861, married

Anna E. Martin, 1842-1901, daughter of Peter Martin, 1807-1868 and Keziah (Dean) Brown, 1811-1883.

Both Richard Bibb, Sr and Peter Martin were patent land owners. Richard Bibb, Sr with a patent date of 03 Jul 1834, and Peter Martin with a patent date of 28 Apr 1835. Both were pioneer families of what is now Bedford Township.

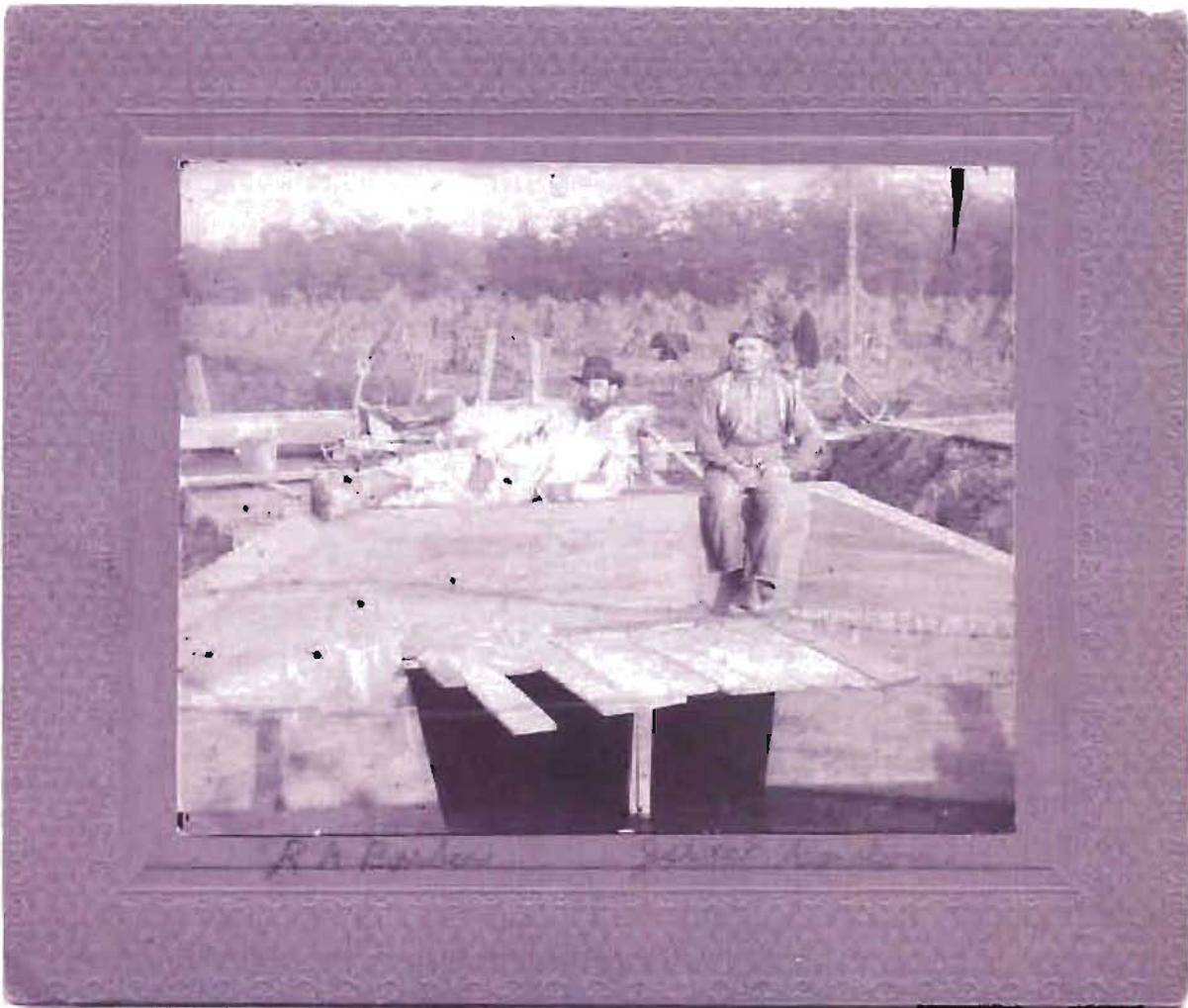


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Home of
Abraham Isaac Maybee 1859-1940
and
Mary Jane "Kittie" (Hitchcock) Maybee 1859-1940
W $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$. Section 20, 80 acre farm
2766 Dean Road between Douglas and Secor





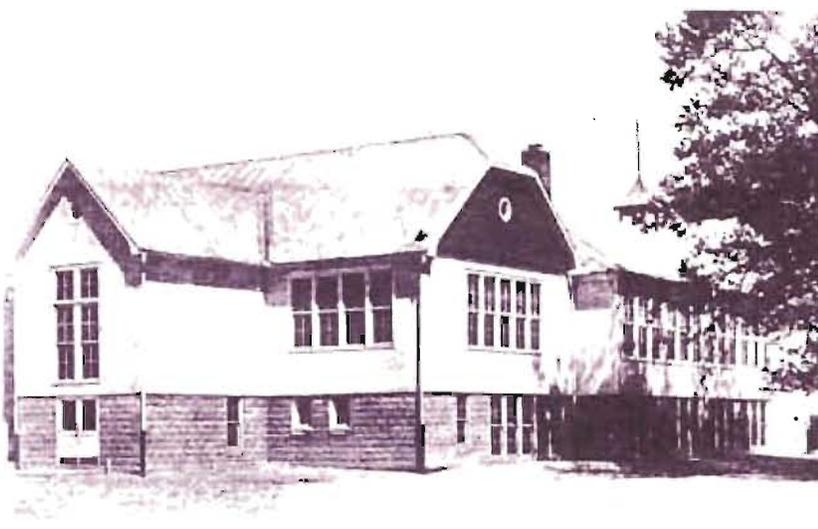
Robert A. Barber and Isaac Gordon
They probably constructed this bridge which I
believe is over Center Drain at Temperance Road
between Lewis and Jackman.



BEDFORD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS



Lambertville High School



Temperance High School

Both Lambertville High School and Temperance High School had their first 12th graduation in 1923 and the last in 1946. On 01 Jun 1946, Bedford Township voters approved reorganization into a rural agricultural school. At the first meeting of the new Board of Education on 15 Jun 1946, it was decided the name of the school would be the Bedford Rural Agricultural School. In 1955 the name was changed to Bedford Public School.

The number of students graduating from 12th grade public high schools.

Class of	Lambertville H S	Temperance H S	Bedford H S
1923/29	67	54	
1930/39	181	114	
1940/46	200	153	
1947/49			140
1950/59			903
1960/69			2,554
1970/79			4,000
1980/89			3,928
1990/99			3,272
2000/03			1,608
	<u>448</u>	<u>321</u>	<u>16,405</u>
Total	17,174		



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Bedford High School



Danzeisen homestead
1250 W. Temperance Road

left to right-

Albert Edward Danzeisen	1901-1991
Carl Valentine	" 1903-1991
Anna K (Geisen)	"
Karl F.	"





1206 W. Temperance Road

Frank W. Brunt 1864-1936
Phebe A. (Cord) Brunt 1867-1925





The above home may have burned in 1905 and replaced with the current home.



1246 Smith Road
Pickard-Hoover farm
The Hoover family first listing in the Bedford Township census is 1910.







H. W. Konker store
6959 Lewis Ave
northwest corner of Bedford and Lewis
building razed in 1964



Lil' Shack Ice Cream Parlor
7003 Lewis Ave.



D T & I train headed north crossing
Secor Road at Summerfield Road.

From a 23 Dec 1965, Toledo Blade
article, "Ragweed Railway moves last
train." This was on the Detroit,
Toledo & Ironton Railway.





A PRETTY SCENE NEAR LANCASTER, PA.



Secor Road looking south just south of Summerfield Road at Spring Brook Creek crossing. Rasmussen log home on left.





Jens Peters Rasmussen & wife Molly (Peterson) Rasmussen

Jens Peters "Pete" Rasmussen 1875-1944
 Molly Nilsine (Peterson) Rasmussen 1880-1943

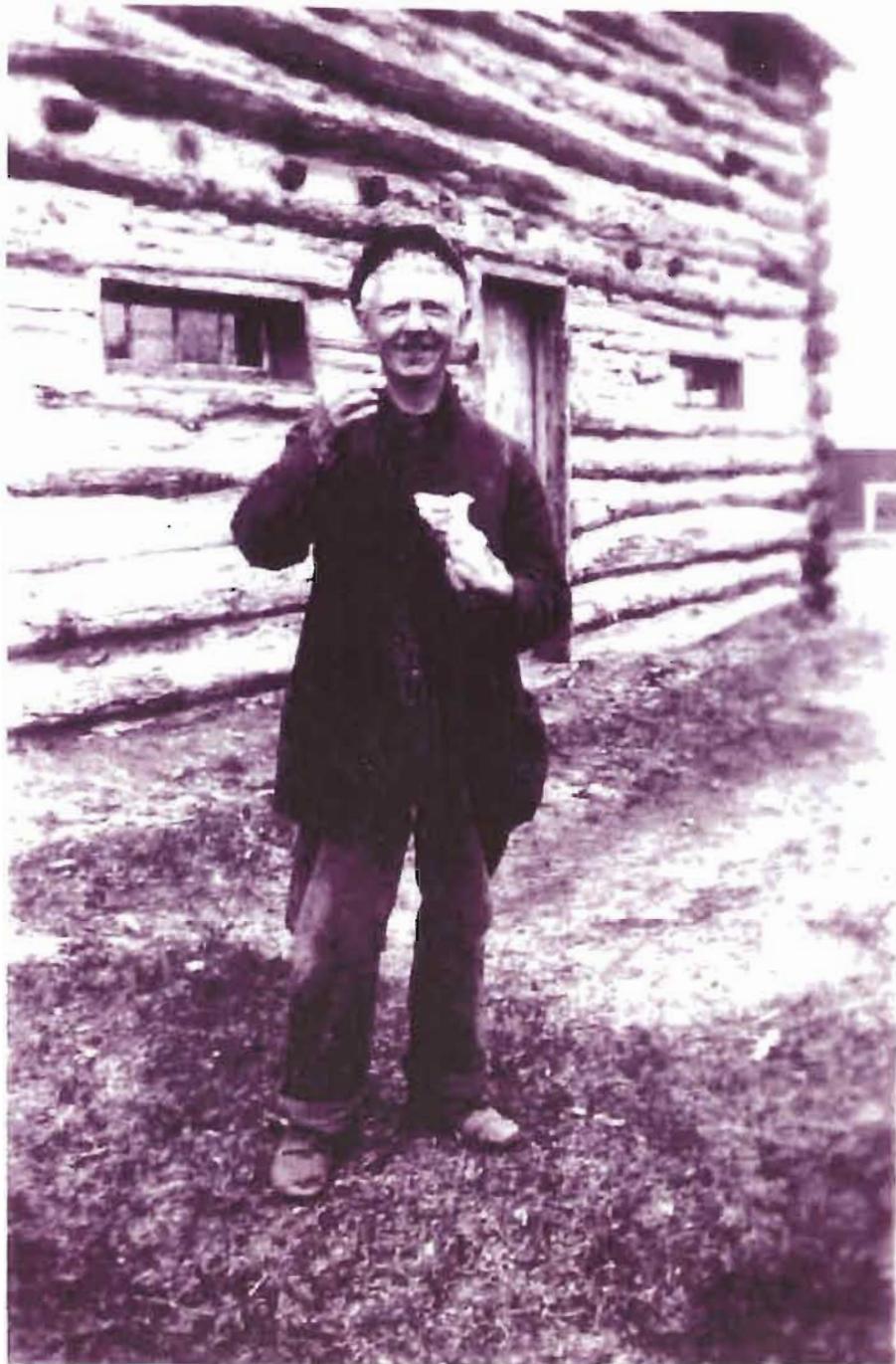
Both born in Copenhagen, Denmark
 Married 1905, Denmark

Pete and Molly came to U.S. in 1906 and both naturalized
 in 1942. Family moved to Lambertville in Jun 1917.

Both died in Lambertville and are buried at Lambertville
 Cemetery, Section 1 Lot 58, without markers.



May 2001
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Pete Rasmussen



Pete, Molly (white hat), Herman and friends



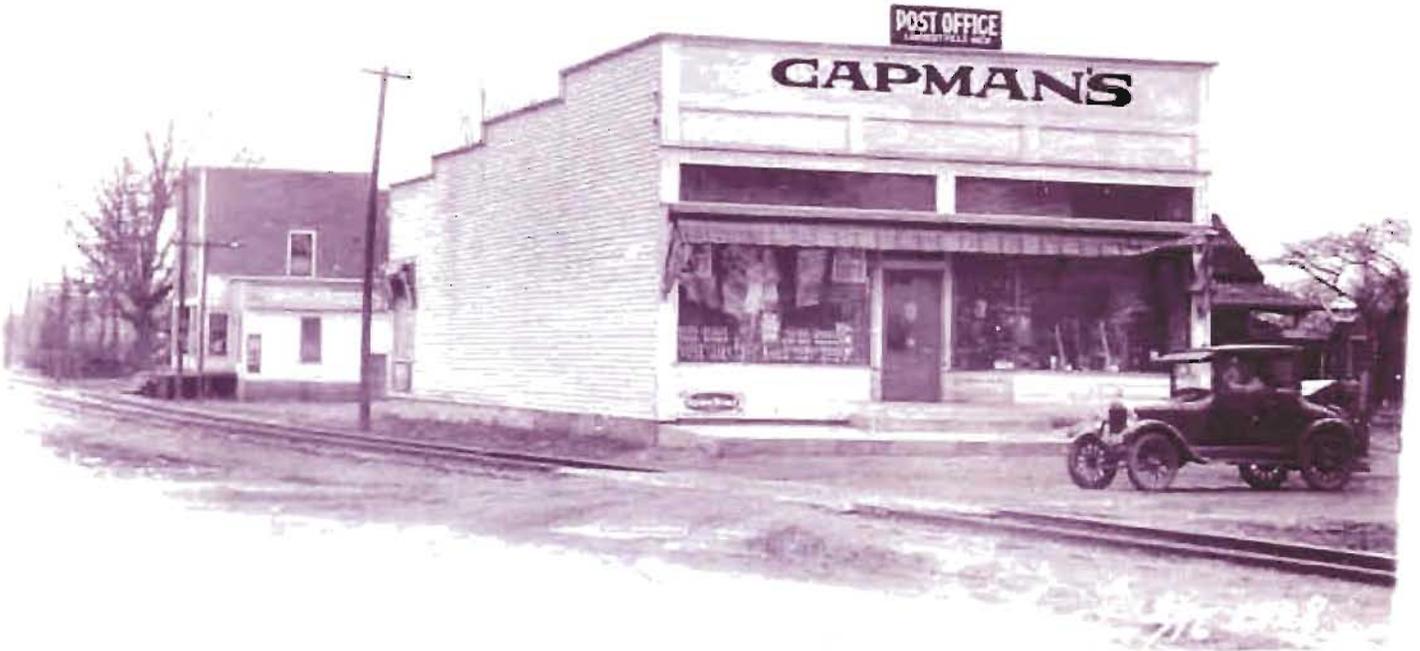
Rasmussen family (Herman with first bike)





Grocery store on southwest corner of Monroe and Summerfield. Note Fairbanks scale in foreground.





6159 Monroe Road
 Summerfield Road looking north at the Monroe
 Road crossing.

Harper Capman was the Lambertville postmaster
 from 26 Apr 1917 to 30 Jun 1954.

The track following Summerfield Road was the
 Detroit, Toledo & Ironton Railway.





MEMORIAL DAY IN LAMBERTVILLE



Memorial Day Services Lambertville, Michigan May 30, 1925

Opening song "America"
Renewal of Pledge by Commander
Prayer by Chaplain
Song By The Ladies
"Welcome" by Luella Joy Patterson
Exercise "What Little Children Can Do."
"Our Flag" by Erna Elliot
Song "The Heroes of Auld Land Syne"
"End of Strife" by Clara Opdyke
Piano Duet by Ralph and Anita Capman
"Keeping Memorial Day" by Virginia Allison
Selection by Orchestra
Exercises "Here Comes the Flag"
Song By The Ladies
"Over Here and Over There" by Virginia Schaf-
tstall
Song by Ruth and Grace Emery
"A Reminiscence of Service" by Helen Timmons
"The American Legion" by Melba Ott
"The Nameless One" by Margaret Hogar
Song by Miss Francis Lowe
Recitation by Miss Helen Alcock
Selection by Orchestra
Droll
"God Be With You" by choir and audience
Address by the Chaplain Rev. Denmore,
"Star Spangled Banner"
30 seconds silence
Announcement and Thanks
Benediction
(Followed by Funeral Services at Mount, Koonburgler)

Memorial Day has traditionally been a day set aside to honor American servicemen who gave their lives for their country. It was in 1866 that Major General John A. Logan, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans of the Civil War, named May 30 a special day to honor the graves of Union men killed in the Civil War.

There was an active post of the GAR in Bedford township which held meetings in a two-story building which stood on the southwest corner of Samaria Road and the railroad tracks in Samaria. The men gathered on the second floor of the building while the Women's Relief Corps (WRC), whose members were wives of daughters of veterans, met on the ground floor.

According to Howard Schuler, whose father was a member of the GAR, "Memorial Day was a sacred occasion and was religiously observed with good attendance. The old silk flag was proudly carried followed by the firing squad and the post members."

Memorial Day Services were always held at the Lambertville cemetery and the adjacent Methodist church. On the Sunday preceding Memorial Day services were held in the church, with patriotic music and an address by the minister.

On the day itself people gathered for miles around for one of the biggest public events of the year in the township. Howard Schuler continued, "During afternoon church services the church would be full and overflowing and usually there would be two or three speakers. Afterwards the Post marched to the soldiers' mound memorial in the cemetery behind the church. For several years there was a band, made up of local men."

"At the mound, ritual services were read by the GAR and the WRC. After the Union's (angel calls) and a three volley salute, the post marched out and a general visiting among neighbors took place. Many people went back to the church basement where cake and ice cream were served."

On May 30, 1919 the GAR conducted the services for the last time, there being only twelve veterans left, and the next year the program was taken over by the American Legion, whose members were veterans of World War I. In recent years the Lambertville Veterans of Foreign Wars has carried out the military



program, assisted by the American Legion.

Howard Schuler was marshal of the Memorial Day for 37 years and has acted as historian of the Sherman Osborne Post of the American Legion for nearly that long. Going through the history and his diary he picked out some assorted facts about Memorial Day celebrations which he thought would be of interest.

In 1910 the 16 member Lulu band played at the services. In 1916 the church served a dinner of chicken, pie, potatoes, pickles, pie and coffee at cost of 25¢ a plate. In 1921 Rev. Darwin of Samaria gave the address and Lupton's band played.

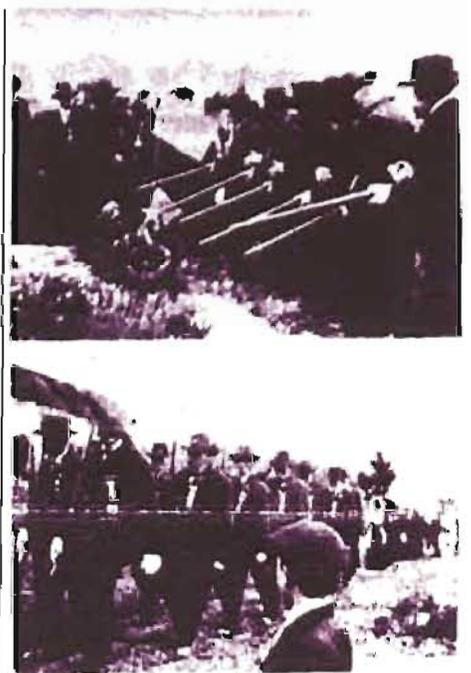
Before Memorial Day the Legion Post decorated the church exterior with flags and bunting.

The Legion arranged the program, placed flags and wreaths on the veteran's graves, not only in Lambertville cemetery but also at Union and Hitchcock cemeteries, and the night before they decorated the exterior of the church with flags and bunting.

In 1942 the old GAR mound was replaced with a new monument on a larger site which was donated by the township. Howard Schuler designed the monument which was completed on August 10, 1942, at a cost of \$433.51.

This Memorial Day the veterans will again gather around the monument in Lambertville Cemetery. Taps will be blown, a volley fired, and flags will fly from every soldier's grave, just as they have for the past 100 years. On fame's eternal camping

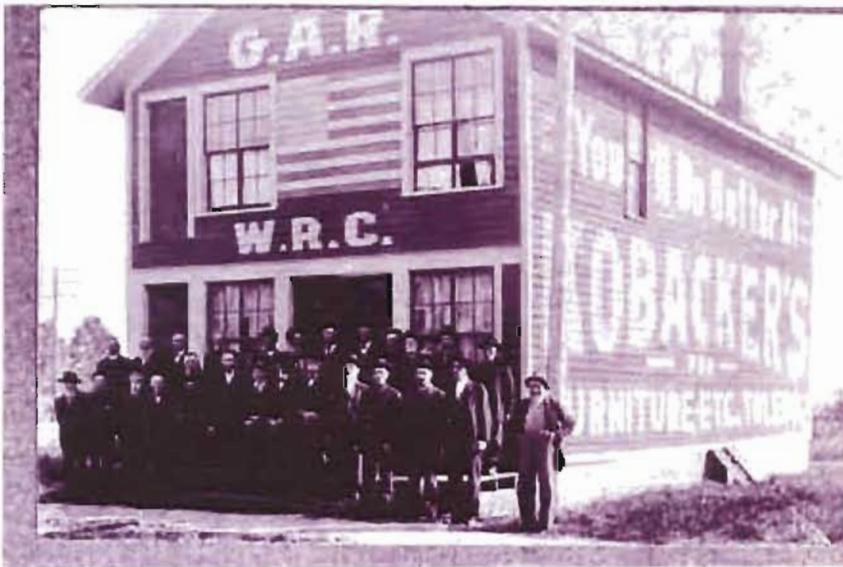
ground
Their silent tents are spread
And glory guards with solemn round
The avouac of the dead.



(The pictures of the Lambertville Memorial Day Ceremonies were taken in 1913 by Howard Schuler, using a box camera. They show the GAR and WRC members, the parade, the volley and the Lambertville Church and are perhaps the only photographs in existence of the special day at the turn of the century.)



Memorial Day service
at Veterans Monument
Lambertville Cemetery



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HOWARD JOHN SCHULER
1887-1985

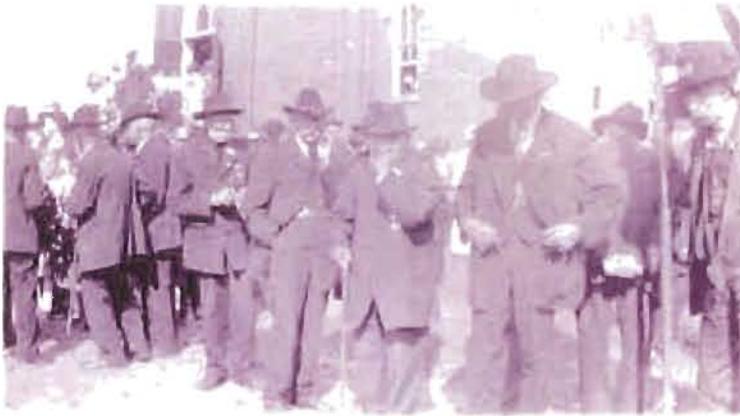


HARRY RALPH MEINHART
1896-1982



HOWARD JOHN SCHULER photo collection, Memorial Day Services in Lambertville





HOWARD JOHN SCHULER photo collection, Memorial Day Services in Lambertville



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE
Lambertville Cemetery
26 May 2003



Howard John Schuler
1887-1985



Lambertville Cider Mill
Dean Road across from
Lambertville Cemetery



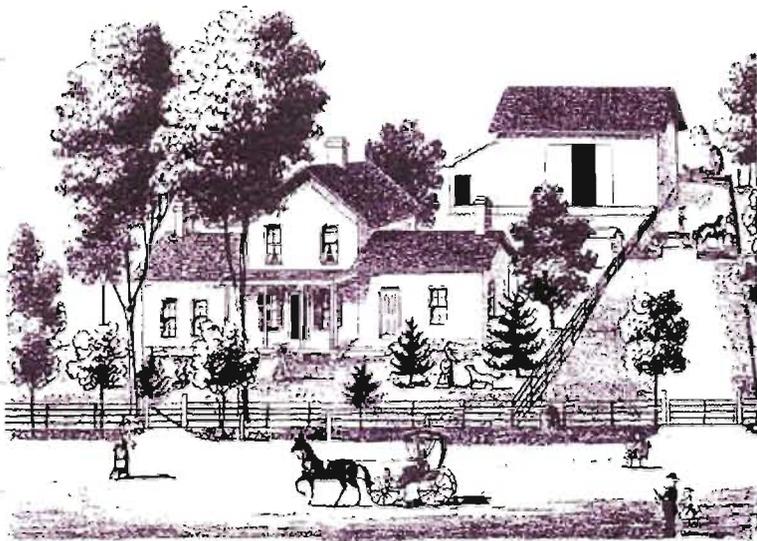












FARM RES. OF E. WEEKS Sec. 10, Bedford Tp, Monroe Co, Mich

page from History of Monroe County,
Michigan, published 1876.
1443 Samaria Road

The Commercial, Monroe, Michigan, dated 19 Jul 1878.

"The name of Weeksville has been changed to Sammaria. The people of Sammaria have been circulating a petition for the removal of the Little Lake Post Office to Sammaria."

Little Lake Post Office was at Erie Road and the Ann Arbor Railway. The post office opened on 11 Aug 1873, with William S. Tuttle as postmaster, and was closed 30 Dec 1879. By 17 Jan 1879, when the new post office was opened with Samuel Weeks as postmaster, the name had been changed to Samaria from Sammaria.

Chester D. Mason, 1820-1865, and Emma Jane Butler, 1825-1905, were married 17 Jul 1842, and lived on the north side of Samaria Road just east of Lewis Ave. Their eighth child, Mary, was born in 1860. Elijah Weeks, 1826-1917, and Elizabeth Kirkland, 1835-1907, were married 03 Mar 1851, and lived in the second house east of the Methodist Church in Samaria. The second son, Samuel, was born 01 Jun 1853.

Samuel Weeks, 26, and Mary Mason, 18, were married 05 Jun 1879. Sam and Mary were very well liked and very social people who liked to entertain. Thus, "lets go over to Sam and Mary's led to the choice of the name Samaria. Sam died 10 Feb 1882, just prior to the birth of his son on 08 Apr 1882. The son died 01 Aug 1883. Sam and his son were buried in the lane of the Weeks farm. In 1965, their monument was moved to the grounds at Sportsman's Hall in Samaria and remains there today.



Research by
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STONE SCHOOL, District 7
10130 Crabb Road

Following from a November 1990, article by Reba (Salter) Tolly, 1902-2001

"I was not quite seven when in September 1909, I started school at Stone School, District 7, Bedford Township.

It is not known when the district was organized, It is known the first school, a log building, was located a few rods east of Crabb Road on Lakeside Road.

On 25 Sep 1854, a vote was taken in favor of the erection of a stone school. John Kinney, Samuel K. Kinney, and John Wheaton were appointed as the building committee. On 31 Jan 1855, one-half acre was purchased for \$16.00 from Samuel K. Kinney. (Recording of deed is in Liber 52, Page 86) In 1856 the 24 X 30 stone building was completed for \$407.74."

Della, Alta, Rhoda, and Iva Elliott were sisters of Dora Grace (Elliott) Adams.

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Donald R. Adams, grandson of Dora G. Adams

Stone School,

Bedford, Monroe Co., Mich.

May 19, 1905.

C. W. Rooh, Teacher.

Director, David Ford; Moderator, William Elliott;
Assessor, George Eisenmann.

Pupils

Beriah Ford	<i>Primer Class</i>	Clifford Dusseau
Fred Davenport	Addison Osgood	Harry Remele
Haule Clark	Harold Roberts	Harry Osgood
Ruth Moyer	Emma Schmidt	
Edwin Osgood	<i>First Grade</i>	Iva Elliott
Charles Davenport	Mabel Roe	Herman Dusseau
	Curtis Dusseau	
Jessie Brunt	<i>Second Grade</i>	Sadie Blair
	Lee Roe	
Walter Felix	<i>Third Grade</i>	Winford Hubbard
Elda Osgood	Lorden Roe	Eston Butler
	Reba Davenport	
Walter Remele	<i>Fourth Grade</i>	Elna Osgood
Clifford Davenport	Alta Pettee	Charlie Hotchkiss
	Eddie Ford	
Florence Osgood	<i>Fifth Grade</i>	Roy Hubbard
Ver. Davenport	Rhodie Elliott	David Hotchkiss
	Belle Ford	
	<i>Sixth Grade</i>	
	Clifford Hubbard	
Joel Hubbard	<i>Seventh Grade</i>	Glen Hubbard
Alta Elliott	William Pickard	Richard Remele
	Mary Butler	
	Harry Ford	
	<i>Eighth Grade</i>	
	Frances Roberts	
	<i>Past Graduate</i>	
Grover Eisenmann	Delta Elliott	Roger W. Eisenmann



This land was purchased on 25 May 1835, by James Wadsworth, of Livingston County, NY.

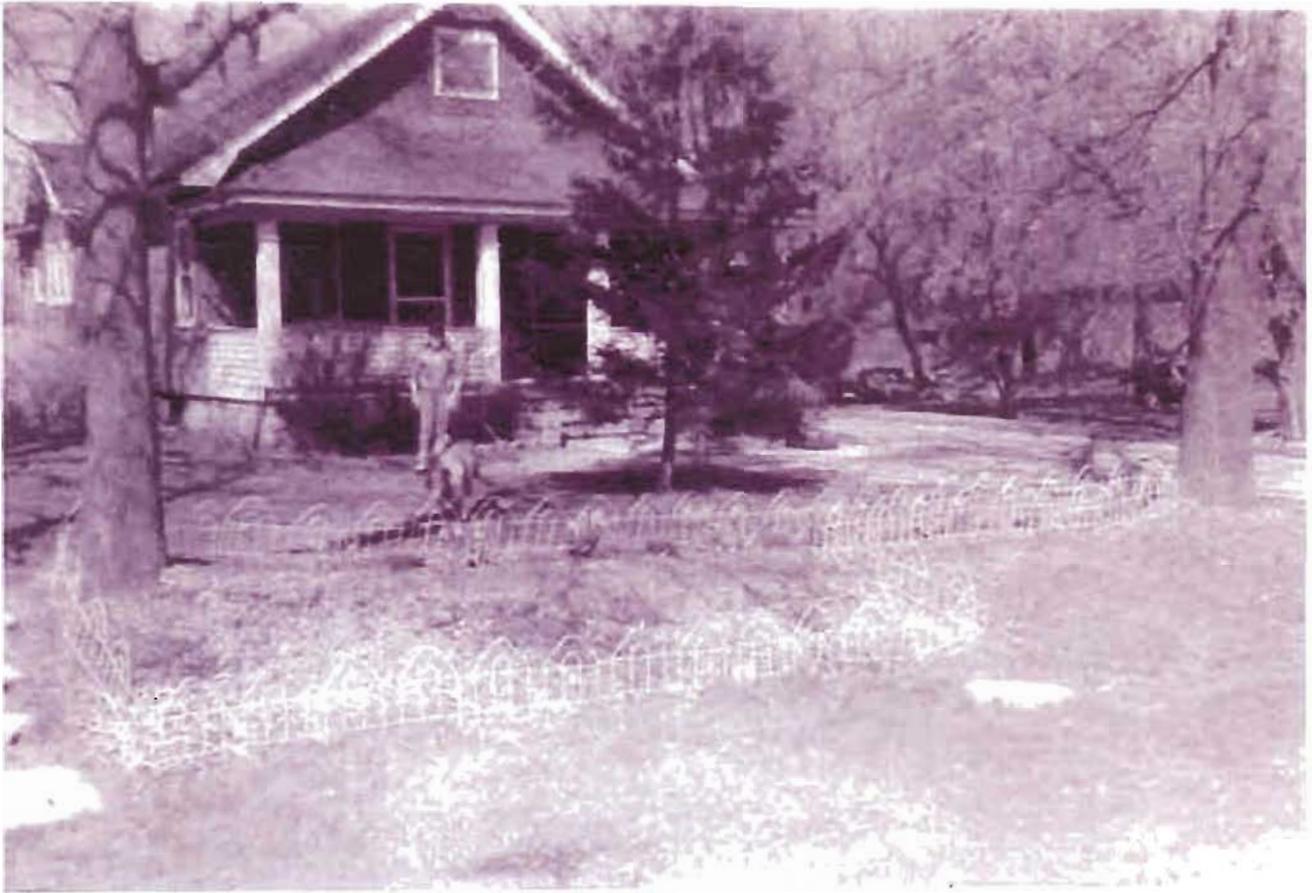
Following that this was the farm of John Aysh Newcombe, 1850-1934 and Sarah Ann (Brunt) Newcombe, 1850-1919.

Then the farm of Donald E. Brunt, 1925-1991 and Leola (Eisenmann) Brunt, 1925-

The address for the farm was 8321 Jackman Road.

Now Bedford Senior High School is on this property with an address of 8285 Jackman Road.





Loga Family farm
8463 Jackman Road

Bedford Junior High School
8405 Jackman Road





Loga Family farm
Jackman Road

Bedford Branch Library
8575 Jackman Road



LOGA FAMILY HOMESTEAD & FARM

Loga family first appear in the 1910 Bedford census

Owned N $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 21, 80 acres.
Frontage on Jackman Road

Carl A. Loga	1864-1945
Clara M. (Senski) Loga	1870-1945

Herbert R. Loga	1892-1974
Ruth P. (Lasse) Loga	1898-1977

Arthur W. Loga	1894-1967
Florence C. (White) Loga	1895-1943
Evelyn M. (Loga) Cowell	1930-
daughter of Arthur & Florence	

Photos and information provided by Evelyn M. (Loga) Cowell
Photos on next 2 pages of the Loga Family farm.



Arthur W. Loga and
Evelyn M. (Loga) Cowell

BEDFORD BRANCH LIBRARY
8575 Jackman Road

- 07 Nov 1972 Bedford Township voters approved the construction of a branch library and the consolidation of the Temperance and Lambertville Libraries.
- 24 Jun 1973 Ground breaking.
- 28 Apr 1974 Dedication and opening.



Loga Family farm





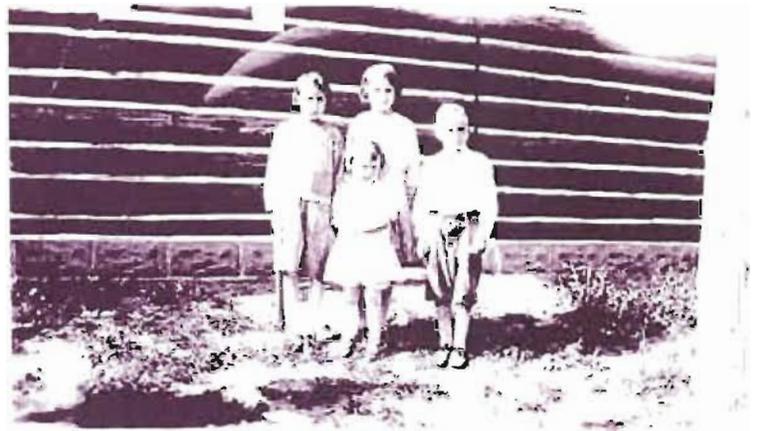


Charles & Ella Striggow farm
6315 Jackman Road



Home under construction about 1929
 by - George Straus and
 Ruby Mae Whitmill
 Married 01 Oct 1920

465 Sterns Road
 Temperance, Michigan



Children

Lila Mae	born 06 May 1921
Melva Jane	11 Mar 1923
Garold Allen	26 Apr 1925
Lola Jean	27 Mar 1928

