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Author's Note

More than a dozen years ago, I began work on a systematic "biographical dictionary" that would contain sketches of the lives of people who contributed in large ways and small to the culture, economy, and quality of life of Northwest Ottawa County. It is a continuing work in progress, an evolving organism. The *People Directory* has grown to include biographical sketches of thousands of people who lived in this area between the eighteenth and the twenty-first centuries. While the *People Directory* is not a complete census of everyone who ever resided in Northwest Ottawa County, it is far more extensive than I ever thought possible. To complement the biographies, I recorded where those people lived and worked in *Directory of Buildings and Sites*, followed by *Directory of Businesses, Industries, and Other Organizations*, which summarized the life spans of the hundreds of manufactories, retail stores, and non-profit groups in which area residents worked. The fourth book, *Directory of Historical Topics*, presents a small encyclopedia of local history. Each directory supplements the others, and together they provide a detailed history of Northwest Ottawa County. Each revision since the first printing in 1999 included additions and corrections, many based on information received from dozens of families.

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In this *People Directory* names are presented in alphabetical order. References at the end of an entry cite the source for some of the information, and brackets after a name, date, or address show alternate spellings or data. *Tribune* refers to the *Grand Haven Tribune*, or one of its predecessors, and *Chronicle* is a reference to the *Muskegon Chronicle*. Entries that have no citation came from genealogical data found on the Internet or from isolated scraps of information. The bibliography lists my major resources.

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A DIRECTORY OF PEOPLE

Abel [Abba] Abbinga [Abenga] [1879-1963]

Before going into commercial fishing, Abel Abbinga worked for Kilbourn Company in Grand Haven. After the timber business declined, Abel in the early 1900s became associated with commercial fisherman Peter Fase. They owned and operated the tugs *Alice*, *Dutch*, *Neptune*, and *Sport*. After Captain Fase died in 1926, Captain Abbinga ran his own fishing business. His average daily catch of trout in the 1920s was 600 pounds. The son of Henry and Henrietta Abbinga of Grand Haven, Abel was born on February 18, 1879 and died in late December, 1963 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He resided with his parents at 8 Clinton Street most of his life.

Henry Abbinga [Abenga] I [1846-1918]

Henry Abbinga, a native of The Netherlands, was born in February, 1846. He married Henrietta Stap while still in their native country. Prior to immigrating to the United States sometime after 1889, the Abbingas had several children, including Abel [Abba], who was born in February, 1879 and went into commercial fishing in Grand Haven; Dora, born in 1880; Ettie, born in June, 1882; Teman [Timothy], who lived from March 1, 1885 to 1931 and also worked as a fisherman with Peter Fase; Nellie, born in January, 1887; Elsie., born about 1888; and Henry, born in March, 1889. Another child, Annie [Anna], was born locally in February, 1892. Dora married Henry Fase of Grand Haven, and Elsie married John Hammond. The Abbingas had another son, Henry II, whose wife, Nellie, lived from 1896 to 1917. In Grand Haven the Abbingas lived at 8 Clinton Street. Henry, who worked as a freight handler, died about January 17, 1918. Henrietta, a native of The Netherlands, lived from October, 1850 [1849] to 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband and other family members.

Charles J. Abbott [1854-?]

Born in London, Canada, in 1854, Charles Abbott came to Michigan when he was 13. A lumberman by trade, he went to work for White, Friant, & Company Sawmill in 1877 and became Foreman by 1882. He married Lillie F. Crane of Greenville in Montcalm County on September 22, 1880. Lillie was born in Michigan about 1855.

George A. Abbott [@1851- ?]

Prior to George Abbott's marriage, he was in the banking business in Grand Haven, probably with Ferry

& Son and its successor, First National, where he was Cashier in 1880. On December 24, 1874, he married Ella Adele Conklin, born about 1856 in Auburn, New York, a daughter of Benson Conklin and sister of Mrs A. E. Bosusch of Detroit and Kate Conklin, a nurse at Harper Hospital, also in Detroit. A daughter, Florence [Frolenie], was born in Grand Haven in 1876. About 1884 the family moved from Grand Haven to Muskegon. Ella died on January 28, 1906 at Harper Hospital. George was born in New York about 1851. [*Tribune* obituary, January 30, 1906.]

Nondus "Sammy" Abel [1912-2003]

See Earle E. Hill [1899-1971].

Jacob Achterhof I [1901-1983]

Born March 25, 1901 in Holland, Michigan, Jacob was the son of Harry and Gezina "Sena" Wiegerink Achterhof. Jacob moved to Grand Haven in 1923 and was employed by the Story & Clark Piano Company. He also owned Achterhof Variety Stores in Ferrysburg and North Muskegon until 1970, when his son Dick took over the business. He was a member of the Second Christian Reformed Church in Grand Haven.

Jacob married Henrietta Bus on March 16, 1921 in Holland. She was born on June 5, 1902 in The Netherlands and died in Grand Haven on October 30, 1994. Their children included Harold J., who was born on February 15, 1922 and died in Grand Haven on May 11, 1997; Kathryn [Kitty], who was born on June 12, 1924 and married Wesley Van Oordt of Spring Lake; Jesena [Gezina], who was born on May 21, 1926 and married Henry Prys of Grand Haven; Joan [Jean] Harriet, who was born on February 6, 1929 and died at the age of five; Kenneth P., born on October 16, 1932; Alvin, who was born on November 29, 1934 and moved to North Muskegon; and Jacob II born on October 18, 1937 and his twin, Harriet; who died at birth. The Achterhofs resided in Spring Lake and later relocated to 1028 Arlington in Grand Haven. Jacob died of "cachia" [cachexia] on December 30, 1983 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 30, 1983 and family history dated November, 1982.]

Elmer E. Ackley [1862-1923]

Born in Coopersville on June 1, 1862, Elmer was the son of Hezekiah and Eleanor Ackley. His sister Elizabeth married Sherman Dickinson of Grand Haven. Elmer was a barber in Grand Rapids at Madison Square for more than 25 years. Sometime after 1910 he and his

wife, Bertha, moved to Grand Haven and resided at 129 Elliott. They had several children, including Leona Mae, born in May, 1889; Fern B., born in January, 1896; and Edith, who married Edwin W. Thompson of Grand Haven. Elmer died at his home at 720 Fulton Street on February 18, 1923. Bertha A., a Michigan native, lived from June, 1868 [1869] to 1925 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, February 19, 1923.]

William Wellington Ackley [1842–1911]

Born in Chagrin Falls, Cuyahoga County, Ohio on August 4, 1842 William Ackley served as Private in the Civil War with the 14th Independent Battery Ohio Light Artillery from September 10, 1861 to August 9, 1865. He was the son of Uriah W. and Alice Sophia Ackley of Ohio. William arrived in Grand Haven in 1876 and was hired in 1881 as saw filer at Boyden & Akeley's Mill. He died at his home in Geauga Lake, Ohio on January 26, 1911 from "pleuro pneumonia" and was buried at Restland Cemetery in Bainbridge, Ohio. He married Diana [Diane] Jones, who applied for a widow's Civil War pension on February 24, 1911. Born in Ohio in March, 1851, she died from "Bright's disease" [a kidney ailment] at the home of their daughter, Mrs D. McLean of Cleveland, Ohio, on October 17, 1921. William and Diana were buried at Bainbridge, Ohio, where they had settled about 1896. [*Tribune* obituary, January 30, 1911.]

Charles H. Adams [1855-1942]

Born in Waterbury, Connecticut in July, 1855, Charles Adams came to Grand Haven as a young man. He was one of the founders of American Brass Novelty Company in 1896, which started in the Forrest Brothers Grist Mill building on Second Street. His associates were Samuel Ardis, Rev. James A. Kennedy, James Hallas, and Andrew Thomson I. Charles was employed by American Brass for about five years, and then returned to his former job as a salesman.

About 1886 Charles married Anna "Annie" Thomson. Born in Scotland in December, 1863 [1861], Anna was the daughter of Andrew and Charlotte Thomson I, early Grand Haven residents, and the sister of Andrew II and Isabel Thomson of Grand Haven. Anna was a teacher in the Grand Haven public schools. The Adamses' children were Isabel [Isabella], who was born in June, 1888 and married John D. Bakker [Baker] of Grand Haven; Isabel's twin, Charlotte, who married Lorimer Dunlevy of Milwaukee; Helen A., born in January, 1894; Frances B., born in January, 1897; and Louise B., born in October 2, 1899. Helen, Frances, and Louise all moved to Chicago. Louise, who married a Mr Blair, died on August 1, 1928. The Adams family resided at 533 Lafayette Street. Anna died in Chicago on January

15, 1922. Charles died April 11, 1942 at the home of a daughter, Mrs George Anderson, in Chicago. Both he and his wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 15, 1922 and April 11, 1942.]

Eli Adams [@1842-1862]

Eli, the son of Ephraim and Caroline Allen Adams, was born in Ohio about 1842. He enlisted as Private in Company A of the 8th Ohio Infantry on June 20, 1861 and died of disease in Washington, D.C. on December 12, 1862. He was buried at the Military Asylum Hospital in Washington. On June 9, 1880 his mother applied for a survivor's Civil War pension.

Ephraim Adams II [1809-1899]

Ephraim, the son of Ephraim and Martha Mason Adams, was born in 1809 in New York State. Ephraim II married Caroline [Carolyn] Allen, who was born in the same state and lived from July, 1819 to July 7, 1901. In the 1870s the couple moved from Huron County, Ohio to Robinson Township. Ephraim and Caroline had eight children: Eli A., born about 1842; Angeline, born about 1844; Hiram W., born about 1848; John G., born about 1850; Mary G., born about 1853; Ephraim III, born in 1855; Martha E., born about 1857; and Ezra W., who was born in April, 1860 and died on August 6, 1891 in a sawmill accident. All the children were born in Ohio. Ephraim II died on August 26 [22], 1899.

Hiram Mason Adams [@1848-1937]

Hiram Adams was born in Ohio about 1848, the son of Ephraim and Caroline Allen Adams. On February 17, 1864 Hiram enlisted as Private in Company C of the Ohio 123rd Infantry. He was mustered out on June 12, 1865. Hiram came to Spring Lake from Clyde, Ohio in 1867. In 1870 he began work for Cutler & Savidge, where in 1878 he became Foreman of the yard at Mill #9. Hiram married Emma Caroline Gibbs, who was born in Ohio around 1850. Among their children were Ella L., who was born about 1870, and married Gustav Diedrich in Robinson Township on December 26, 1891, and May S., born about 1874. Also living with the family in Spring Lake was Emma's sister, Ellen Gibbs. Ellen, who was born in Ohio about 1856, became a music teacher. By 1910 Hiram and Emma were residing in Home, Michigan. At that time they had two more daughters: Marguerite E., born in in Spring Lake on September 11, 1889, and Frances T., born about 1892. Marguerite married John W. Bidwell in Home on March 6, 1915. Frances married John L. Hodges in Muskegon on November 11, 1918. Emma died on December 11, 1932, and Hiram passed away January 12, 1937. Both were buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Muskegon.

Joseph Adams [@1794- ?]

Joseph Adams, born in Maryland about 1794, was residing in 1860 in Spring Lake, where he worked as a barber. The census enumerator classified Joseph and the other members of his family as Mulattoes. Joseph's wife, Sophia, was born in Pennsylvania about 1824. Their children were Helen, born in Delhi, New York about 1848; Frank, born in New York about 1850; Isabella, born in New York about 1852; and Walter, born in Canada about 1858. None of the family members appeared in subsequent censuses for Ottawa County.

Corneil [Cornelius] N. Addison I [1821-1893]

The 1893 *Compendium* listed Cornelius Addison I as a "shoemaker." Corneil and his wife, Christina, moved from New York State to Fremont, Michigan and then to Grand Haven. Corneil was born in The Netherlands on March 13, 1821 and died on May 5, 1893. Christina, also a native of The Netherlands, lived from September 12, 1831 [1832] to July 27, 1910. She died in Grand Haven. Corneil married Christina Johanna Fischer in The Netherlands on January 2, 1850. Among their children were Sophia, who was born on September 15, 1854 in The Netherlands and married Robert [Raymond] Misner in Fremont; Corneil II, who was born in New York on November 1, 1860; Elizabeth "Lissie," born in New York in June, 1863; Fredrick Joseph, who was born in Fremont, Michigan in April, 1866; and Christian, who was born in Fremont on May 20, 1870 and died about July 29, 1910. The Addisons were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Corneil "Cornelius" N. Addison II [1860-1933]

Born November 1, 1860 near Syracuse, New York, Cornelius was the son of Corneil and Christina Addison. The family moved to Fremont, Michigan, when Cornelius was a boy. When he was 20, Cornelius worked as a clerk in a Fremont store. He later was employed in the sawmills of Muskegon and then in a grocery store in the same city. In 1887 he started a grocery store in Fruitport that burned down in 1889. He then came to Grand Haven in 1890 and joined John M. Cook as owners and managers of a grocery store, located at 123 North Third. Cornelius sold his half interest to his partner in 1892 and opened a dry goods store at the southeast corner of Washington and Second Streets [Akeley Building, 200 Washington], specializing in "bazaar goods," toys, fancy goods, crockery, and dry goods. The store was known as Addison's Bazaar.

On June 14 [18], 1890 in Grand Haven, Cornelius married Alice Hoffman, who was born in The Netherlands in May, 1867 and died in Los Angeles on October 23, 1934. They had seven children, all born locally: Cornelius J., who was born on May 23, 1891; John H., who was born on October 11, 1893 and served

in the Navy during WWI; Margaret, who was born about 1897; Howard, who was born on July 11, 1899, worked as bookkeeper at the Addison store, and later moved to Boston; Christina [Cristene] E., who was born in 1902, became a teacher, and married Russell Ray, and Lewis E., who was born in 1908 and died in Mt. Vernon, Ohio on February 16, 1927. A second daughter, Alice J., was born on September 12, 1905 and also became a teacher. She married Paul S. Matheson, who was born in Canada about 1905. They moved to Los Angeles, where Alice later married Elmore Andre of Los Angeles, who lived from August 14, 1908 to September 6, 1984. The Addison family lived at 413 Lafayette in Grand Haven and later built a Dutch Colonial home at 602 Pennoyer Avenue. Before 1930 they moved to Los Angeles. Cornelius died on June 16, 1933 in Los Angeles and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, mother, father, and other family members. [*Tribune* obituary, June 17, 1933.]

Cornelius John Addison [1891- ?]

Born in Grand Haven on May 23, 1891, Cornelius Addison served as 1st Lieutenant with the Medical Corps in England during WWI and later practiced medicine in Grand Haven. On May 25, 1916 in Ann Arbor, he married Caroline Anna Coon, who was born in Grand Rapids on March 20, 1890. He received his medical degree the same year from the University of Michigan. In 1918 Cornelius and Caroline were living in Marquette, where Addison was working as a physician. Two years later the family was residing in Clinton, Michigan, where Addison had opened a medical office. They had at least six children, all born in Michigan: Cornelius Philip, born about 1918; Martha Jane, born about 1920; David Russell, born about 1922; Joseph John, born about 1924; Mary Patricia, born about 1926; and Margaret E., born on November 17, 1927 in Grand Haven. The family resided in Cornelius's childhood home at 413 Lafayette. Cornelius served with the U.S. Army as a medical doctor with the rank of Major. He was stationed in Europe. His wife and youngest child returned to Michigan from Italy in 1947. Cornelius's parents were Cornelius and Alice Hoffman Addison of Grand Haven. Caroline died in Orange County, California on January 14, 1985.

Frederick Joseph Addison I [1866-1926]

Fred Addison, who was born in Fremont, Michigan in April, 1866, married Klazina "Sena" Ver Murlen. The daughter of Cornelius and Catherine Ver Murlen, Sena was born in Grand Haven on November 30, 1869. She and Fred were married in 1889 in Grand Haven. As early as 1893 the Addisons resided in Muskegon, where Fred worked in a factory. By 1908 he and Sena were living at 334 Columbus and Fred was in the printing trade. They had two children: Christina Johanna, who

was born on July 10, 1891, died on August 31, 1931, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; and Fred J. II, born in Muskegon on August 15, 1893. Sena died November 27, 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Fred, the son of Cornelius and Alice Hoffman Addison of Grand Haven, passed away in 1926.

Frederick Joseph Addison II [1893-1957]

The son of Fred and Sena Ver Murlen Addison, Fred II was born in Muskegon on August 15, 1893 [1894]. On July 9, 1916 he married Nellie Ruster, who was born in Michigan on October 7, 1891. They were married before 1917 and had a son, Robert, who was born on May 7, 1918 and passed away in Kalamazoo on March 20, 1995. Another son, David, was born on February 6, 1926 and died in Kalamazoo on December 7, 2001. By 1917 Fred and his wife had moved to Grand Haven. In Grand Haven, Fred was partner in a furniture business. The Addisons then resided at 230 Clinton. By 1930 the family had moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where Fred worked for a plumbing company. Nellie passed away in St. Joseph, Michigan on March 1, 1982. Fred died about August 17, 1957. He and Nellie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Allan C. Adsit [Allen Adzit] [1837-1912]

Born in Rutland, New York on February 20, 1837, Allan was the son of Stephen and Polly Smiley Allen. Allan attended Fairfield Seminary and studied law at Watertown, New York. In 1859 he was admitted to the New York bar. After teaching for a short time, he began the practice of law in Adams, New York in 1859. On September 9, 1861 in Albany, New York Allan enlisted as Private in Company B of the 44th New York Infantry. Nineteen days later he transferred to Company G. He was promoted to Sergeant on December 29, 1862 and to First Lieutenant on February 27, 1863. Allan was discharged on August 6 the same year.

A year after the war ended, Allan came to Ottawa County as a grocer and dry goods merchant. He was Supervisor of Spring Lake from 1867 to 1873, representative in the State Legislature between 1871 and 1872, and Prosecuting Attorney for Ottawa County from 1874 to 1877, when he moved to Grand Rapids and became Kent Circuit Court Judge from 1891 to 1900. When the Village of Spring Lake was incorporated in 1869, he was elected Trustee and in April two years later he was elected the third President of the Village. The next year, he became one of the first directors of the new Spring Lake Salt Company, along with Aloys Bilz, Hunter Savidge, and others.

Allan's first wife was Mary Hubble, whom he married in Spring Lake on October 19, 1871. Mary was born about August 25, 1848, died on November 4, 1872, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had a daughter,

May, who died on September 27, 1872, not quite two months old, and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Allan moved to Grand Rapids in 1877, where on February 24, 1886 he married Sarah Kirkpatrick [Kilpatrick]. On May 22, 1899 he applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. He died of "neuralgia of the heart" on January 3, 1912 and was buried at Valley City Cemetery in Kent County. Sarah applied for a widow's Civil War pension the following February 3. She lived from 1853 to 1920 and also was buried at Valley City. [*Tribune* obituary, January 3, 1912.]

Henry Ahrens [1843-1935]

German-born Henry Ahrens, who lived from February, 1843 to 1935, married Augusta Matilda [Mary/Maria/Bruns] Krause. Like her husband she was born in Hanover, Germany and lived from May, 1848 to 1924. Their children, all born in the Grand Haven area, were Charles, who died at birth on March 29, 1874; Ida, who lived from 1875 to 1902; Louisa Dortha, who was born on March 5, 1876, married August Van Tol, and died September 17, 1958; Henry Theodore, who was born on April 1, 1878, worked at Story & Clark, and died in July, 1962; and John, born in April, 1881. The Ahrens's 120-acre farm was in Section 20 of Crockery Township. Henry, Augusta, and Ida were buried at Nunica Cemetery.

Edward Doud Aiken [1886-1972]

Born on the 123-acre family farm on Potawatomie Bayou on March 26, 1886, Edward was the son of George and Amelia Doud Aiken. He was a bellboy in the Cutler House Hotel and sailed a few trips on the *Naomi* steamship between Grand Haven and Milwaukee. Edward was a steeplejack, painter, and window washer. He helped build the 151-foot chimney for Eagle Ottawa Leather Company in 1925. He died at Glenwood Christian Nursing Home in Marne on March 30, 1972 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 30, 1972.]

George W. Aiken [1846-1916]

Born in Rumney, New Hampshire in 1846, George Aiken sailed from 1866 to 1870 on the Southern Pacific Ocean on the whaling vessel, *Sappho*, commanded by Captain James Handy and owned by a Mr Seabury. From 1870 to 1874 he sailed on the Great Lakes between Buffalo and Chicago aboard the bark *Chicago Board of Trade*, in charge of Captain Fountain and owned by Charles Bradley. He came to the Grand Haven area in 1870, and by 1874 he owned a 123-acre homestead on the banks of the Grand River a little southeast of Grand Haven [Section 35, then numbered as part of Spring Lake Township]. Twenty-five acres of the land were devoted to gardening and raising fruit. George was a member of the Unitarian Church and the Masons and he

was a Republican in politics. In the late 1880s he purchased land from the estate of Townsend Gidley, including the Trotting Park [Trotting Oval] in Section 35.

In 1872 George married Amelia [Emilie] Doud of Port Byron, New York. She was born in February, 1845, died on November 25, 1921, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had two children: Jessie, who was born in 1874 and married a Mr Paul of Grand Rapids, and Edward [Edmund] Doud Aiken, who was born on March 26, 1886 and helped on the 123-acre family farm until 1921. They named their farm Everlow. One of its features was a large Driving Park. George died in December, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest. Amelia managed the farm after her husband's death. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa County Michigan*, pp. 281-282; *Tribune* obituary, November 25, 1921; and Lake Forest Cemetery Records.]

Dewitt Ainsworth [1842-1911]

Born July 17, 1842 in New York State Dewitt was the son of Dr. Henry Ainsworth. Dewitt had a brother, Walter, who lived from 1850 to 1931, and two sisters, Delia, who married Charles C. Reed of Stillwater, Minnesota and Mary Campbell of Bellingham, Washington. On August 17, 1864 Dewitt enlisted as Private in Company L of the 1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery and was mustered out on June 26, 1865. He came to Grand Haven from Rome, Wisconsin in 1871 and was an employee of Wait Manufacturing Company. Ainsworth moved to Spring Lake and joined the Cutler & Savidge Sawmill in 1877 to become Foreman of the planing mill.

On October 31, 1869 Dewitt married Frances A. Force, who was born in Rome, Wisconsin on May 8, 1842, and on October 5, 1927, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They resided on Park Street in Spring Lake. Dewitt died on May 4, 1911 at his home and also was buried at Lake Forest. Frances applied for a widow's Civil War pension on May 27, 1911. [*Tribune* obituaries, May 4, 1911 and October 5, 1927.]

Healy Cady Akeley [1836-1912]

Healy was born in Stowe, Vermont on March 16, 1836, the son of George and Eluta [Electa] Coffin Akeley. His father was a lineal descendant of Hannah Dustin, made famous by her escape from captivity by the Indians in 1698. Healy was instructed in the ancient languages and mathematics at the Academy at Barre, Vermont and studied law with the firm of Dillingham & Durant in Waterbury, Connecticut. He continued his studies at a Poughkeepsie, New York law school. After practicing law in Greensborough, Vermont, in 1858 Healy moved to Grand Haven where he helped develop the lumber and

shipping industries. He was one of the major stockholders of the Grand Haven Lumber Company, and he served as Justice of the Peace and Circuit Court Commissioner for two years. In 1862 he founded the newspaper *Grand Haven Union*, a voice of the Republican Party, which was edited by Lemoyne M. S. Smith from 1862 until 1872. Healy enlisted in the 2nd Michigan Cavalry on October 23, 1863. He served primarily in Mississippi, and was promoted to First Lieutenant and Adjutant on November 30, 1864 and to Captain the following July 31. He was discharged on August 17, 1865.

After the war, Healy bought for \$13,000 a considerable amount of land outside the original Grand Haven village limits for building sites. From 1866 to 1880 he was Customs Collector for the United States Government. In 1872 he shared a law office with a Mr Stewart. The next year Healy was named a director of the First National Bank of Grand Haven.

In 1871 Healy erected a large two-story frame building at 200-202 Washington, which became known as the Akeley Block. The new structure housed several retail establishments over the years, including Slayton's Dry Goods, Watson's Dry Goods, Addison's, Addison-Baltz, and Steketee's, and now is home to the Tri-Cities Historical Museum. In 1872 Healy entered into partnership with Charles Boyden and formed the Boyden and Akeley Shingle Mill, for a time the world's largest. He and Captain Thomas Kirby owned the Kirby & Akeley Shipbuilding Company. Their steam barges, including the *H. C. Akeley* built in 1881, transported goods to every corner of the Great Lakes. He was also a silent partner in the firm of Harris Brothers, merchants in Grand Haven. Healy was a civic leader, and from 1882 to 1884 served as Mayor of Grand Haven. In 1882 he contributed \$20,000 to provide the Unitarian Church with its first permanent building on Washington, between Third and Fourth Streets. When the lumber trade along the Grand River began to decline in the late 1880s, Healy and his family left Grand Haven for Minneapolis, where he started the Akeley Lumber Company in partnership with Charles H. Hackley and Thomas Hume of Muskegon.

In 1871, Dr. Munroe graded the ridge on Washington and Fifth, put a wall around it, constructed a barn, and then sold the property to the Akeleys, who built a "beautiful residence." In 1887, after the Akeleys had moved to Minneapolis, the philanthropist gave \$5,000 in cash and their mansion and land on Washington Street, then valued at \$47,000, to be used as the main building of the Akeley School for Girls. The home was named Blanche Hall, in memory of Akeley's daughter. On September 12, 1888, Akeley Institute opened with 11 boarding pupils. Rev. James W. and Mrs Wilkinson

[Abbie] were in charge. The school flourished for years, and then closed in 1926. In politics Healey was a Mason and in politics he was a Republican.

In June, 1859, Healy married Anna Murray, who died in 1868. On August 10, 1869, he married Henrietta "Hettie" [Hattie] E. Smith, who was born about 1835 in Ohio. They had two daughters, Alice Blanche, who lived from April 26, 1873 to May 7, 1884 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, and Florence, who was born on November 3, 1878, married James Park Quirk, and died in Los Angeles on September 10, 1956. On August 11, 1905 Healy applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. In Long Beach, California, on October 18, 1911, Healey married Clara Rood, who was born in Minnesota on January 1, 1872. Clara resided in Alhambra, California after her husband's death in 1912 in Minneapolis. His name was inscribed on a monument in Lake Forest Cemetery. Hettie, who was born in 1835, died about May 5, 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Clara died in Los Angeles on November 1, 1947. [*Guide to the Hume-Hackley Papers*; *Tribune* obituary, December 4, 1899; and an article in the *Tribune*, February 12, 1899, "Early Reminiscences."]

Thomas I. Akeley [1834-1899]

In 1880 Thomas Akeley owned a "Commission Store" in Grand Haven. On September 23, 1873, in Olive, Michigan, he married Martha Welton Keller. The Akeleys resided in the 100 block of Washington with their son, Charles S. Thomas was born in Vermont in June, 1834, and Martha was a native of Ohio, where she was born in March, 1850. Their son Charles, a Grand Haven native, was born in March, 1876. Thomas died on November 30, 1899 and was buried at Valley City Cemetery in Kent County. In 1900 Charles and his widowed mother were residents of Grand Rapids. Charles was a teamster.

Clark Barton Albee [1811-1874]

Born in Highgate, Vermont on July 10, 1811, Clark was the son of Elkanah A. and Susan Potter Albee. In 1835 Clark took a position with David Carver of Chicago. He came to Grand Haven from Chicago in 1836 as an agent in Carver's forwarding and commission business. After Carver left the area in 1838, Clark opened a general store at One North Harbor [Lot 10]. He lost a winter's stock of stores for his general store because the schooner *Pocahontas* lost its propeller when it struck a sand bar at the mouth of the Grand River. Later he ran a boot and shoe store at approximately 122 Franklin [Lot 139], midway between First and Second Streets on the south side of Franklin. He also owned a warehouse built by John F. Stearns on the northwest corner of Washington and Water [Harbor]. The structure later was called "the Stegeman" after its new owner, Albert Stegeman, who

bought Albee's commission business in August, 1863. Albee's slogan was "sell for small profits and get quick returns." Clark was elected County Commissioner in 1842. He donated land on the west side of Third Street between Fulton and Elliott [Lot 254] for construction of the original First Reformed Church from waste lumber. Clark took an active interest in civic affairs from the start, being elected Register of Deeds in 1838. He was originally a Whig, then a Republican. In 1846 he was awarded construction of the county jail, to be erected at the southeast corner of Washington and Fourth Streets at a cost of \$100. In 1850 he was commissioner to the Grand Haven and Black River Plank Road Company which laid out a plank road between Grand Haven in Holland. About two years later Clark bought the Washington House [12 Washington] from Henry Middlemist. In 1854 he took over Sheldon's tannery and started his own tannery on the corner of Harbor and Washington Streets. His ship, the schooner *Vermont*, was destroyed in a wreck off little Pigeon Creek on December 9, 1855, while returning from Chicago with a load of oats, wheat, and lumber camp supplies. The schooner also was used to transport hides for the tannery. Captain Albee was in command of the vessel at the time it went down. All 18 crew members were rescued through the efforts of Richard Connell. [*Shipping in the Port of Grand Haven, 1820-1840*, pages 9-10.] Clark needed the straw for 150 vats he was installing at the tannery. The tannery burned down in 1865 at a loss of \$20,000. It was rebuilt in a different location three years later.

During the Civil War Clark was Draft Commissioner, allowing him to help heads-of-family secure substitutes when they were drafted into the military. In 1863 he became moderator of the new Grand Haven Union High School and in 1867 he was school commissioner for the Second Ward. He owned the scow *Crook* and later, with Captain Noyes, built the schooner *Vermont*.

In 1840 Clark married Caroline, daughter of Nehemiah and Lucretia Hathaway. They had two sons, both born in Grand Haven: Harry C., born on July 9, 1841, and James Elkanah, born February 28, 1848. The Albees also had a daughter, Caroline Amanda, who was born in Grand Haven on April 7, 1846 and married James Oscar McClellan on October 31, 1868 in Grand Haven. Daughter Caroline died in Washington, D.C. after 1904. Evidently Albee's wife Caroline died, and he next married Samantha Taylor. Their daughter, Mary Samantha [Minnie], born in Grand Haven in 1853, married James P. Brayton in 1871 and died in Florida in 1880. After the death of his second wife, Albee married Tryphena Ransom Farnham in Grand Rapids in 1858. She was born on June 1, 1828 and died at the home of her daughter, Louisa [Louise] Amelia, at 5629 Dearborn in Chicago on April 14, 1900. Louisa was the wife of

Andrew Lytle Cummings, whom she married in Chicago on June 15, 1882. The Albees were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, where Clark was one of the first Trustees. Clark died on January 30th, 1874 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Albee Street in Grand Haven memorialized his name. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 1, 1897 and April 16, 1900; article in the *Tribune*, "The Family Album."]

Harry Clark Albee [1841-1921]

Harry, the son of Clark B. and Caroline Hathaway Albee, was born in Grand Haven on July 9, 1841. On July 26, 1862, a year after the start of the Civil War, Captain Harry Albee recruited men in Grand Haven for Company G of the 21st Michigan Infantry. Called the "Ottawa Wild Cats," Albee's Regiment was united with a company of sharpshooters. Captain Albee was wounded at the Battle of Stone River, near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on December 31, 1862, and was discharged for disability on December 20, 1863. He returned to Grand Haven three weeks later, one week after the Wild Cats left for duty. He applied for an invalid's pension on September 16, 1876. By 1910 Harry had moved to Portland, Oregon. There his wife, Nellie A. Russell, applied for a widow's Civil War pension on March 10, 1921, not long after Harry's death. He was buried at Riverview Cemetery in Portland. Nellie was born in Connecticut about 1848. They had at least one child, Harry Russell, who was born in Illinois about 1868.

James Elkanah Albee [1848-1897]

Born in Grand Haven on February 28, 1848, the son of Clark and Caroline Hathaway Albee, James was Alderman on the City Council for several terms representing the Fourth Ward [Beech Tree District]. He was a member of Grand Haven Lodge No. 139. James moved to Detroit, where he took a job as railway mail clerk. He graduated from the University of Michigan College of Medicine, and had a medical practice in Detroit for about six years. On August 4, 1867 James married Lucy Duncan of Grand Haven. She was born about 1850 and was the sister of Benjamin D. Safford's second wife. By 1880 James was a postal clerk in Detroit, where he and Lucy lived with his uncle, Charles W. Hathaway. The Albees resided at 488 Third Avenue in Detroit. James died on August 31, 1897 after collapsing on the street in Saginaw. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 1, 1897.]

Frederick Albers [1856-1948]

Frederick was born in Grand Haven on April 21, 1856, the son of Johannes and Lydia Maria Michmirhuizen Albers. For 60 years he worked as a painter and decorator with his two brothers, Johannes II and Henry. Frederick was a member of the First Reformed Church

for 68 years and teacher of the Star Adult Bible class for 38 years.

On October 26, 1886 in Grand Haven, Frederick married Adrianna "Anna" Van Tol. Born in Michigan in January, 1863 [1860], Anna was the daughter of Adriannus and Johanna Bentley Van Tol. In the 1900 census and 1908 *City Directory*, Anna was listed as "Jennie." Frederick and Anna had five children, all born in Grand Haven: John Maurice, who was born on August 4, 1887, moved to Madison, Wisconsin, became a member of the State Planning Board of Wisconsin, and died in Madison on June 7, 1960; Frances J., who was born in June, 1889 and died in 1911; Marie A., who was born on July 21, 1891 and married William Fritz of Grand Haven; Bentley Adrian, who was born on June 22, 1895 and served with the 120th Artillery in France during WWI; and Julia, born in 1902. Bentley, who married Elizabeth Nemire, died in 1967. Elizabeth lived from March 2, 1900 to June 8, 1988.

Frederick built a house at 115 South Third Street in Grand Haven, across from his father's home, which later became the home of his daughter. He died on October 8, 1948 at his home at 115 South Third Street, then also occupied by his daughter Julia and her husband, John Joldersman, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 25, 1936, October 9, 1948, and June 9, 1988.]

Henry Albers [1865-1932]

Henry, the son of Johannes and Lydia Maria Michmirhuizen Albers, was born in Grand Haven on November 3, 1865. After the death of his father, and in partnership with his brothers, Fred and Johannes II, Henry continued in the family painting business until he went out on his own about 1927. Many of the largest public and commercial buildings and some of the finest homes in the city were decorated by the Albers brothers. Among them were the 1894 Court House, several public school buildings, the First Reformed Church, the Bell Telephone building on Washington, the Hunter Robbins home on Spring Lake, and the Nathaniel Robbins home on Fifth Street in Grand Haven. Henry was a member of the First Reformed Church and Grand Haven Bible class.

On October 25, 1892 in Grand Rapids, Henry married Dora Maria [Marie] Vis, who was born on November 17, 1866. She was the daughter of Cornelius and Eliza Vander Velde Vis of Grand Rapids. The Alberses' children included Harold J., who was born in August, 1895, served as 2nd Lieutenant in Company L of the 126th Infantry in France during WWI and moved to Cleveland after the war; Adelaide Dorothy, who was born January 28, 1896 and married Abram James Fisher; Londrie E., who was born about November, 1898; James

M., who was born about 1905 and moved to Detroit; Dora M., who was born about 1914; and Mrs E. M. Alexander. Henry lived at 114 South Third Street for the last 35 years of his life. He died in Grand Haven in January, 1932 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Dora died on December 15 four years later and was buried next to him. [*Tribune* Obituary, January 31, 1932.]

Johannes Marinus Albers I [1821-1902]

Born in The Netherlands on May 7, 1821, Johannes Albers came to Grand Haven in December, 1855 and became one of Grand Haven's earliest house painters. Albers operated a paint store next to the family home on Third Street in the early years, and later moved into a large garage in the back of the property. Three sons joined him in the business, and they were noted for quality decorating work. Johannes was a member of the First Reformed Church.

On May 1, 1850 Johannes married Lydia Maria [Maria Alyda] Michmerhuizen, who was born in The Netherlands on September 25, 1823 and died in Grand Haven in 1908. They had six children: Johannes Marinus II, who was born in The Netherlands in 1851; Frederick, who was born in 1856; Sena, who was born on September 4, 1860 and died on October 28, 1910; Mary, who was born in 1863; and Henry, who was born in 1866. All the children except Johannes II were born in Michigan. The Albers's first home was on the north side of Clinton, two houses west of Third Street, and in 1880 they built a larger home at 114 South Third. Lydia Maria Albers died on March 6, 1901 and her husband died at his home on Third Street on April 18, 1902. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 7, 1901, April 18, 1902, and October 29, 1910.]

Johannes Marinus [Morris] Albers II [1851-1929]

Born in The Netherlands in July, 1851 [1850], Johannes was the son of Johannes and Lydia Maria Michmirhuizen Albers. The younger Johannes came to Grand Haven in 1854 with his family, and in 1867 he went into the house painting business with his father. The 1908 *City Directory* listed brothers Fred, Henry, and Johannes Albers as "painters and paper hangers." Their office and residences were on South Third. Johannes built a fine home at 202 South Seventh. He died about July 1, 1929 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Mary Kampt, who was born in The Netherlands and lived from August, 1850 to 1933 and was buried with her husband. In 1880 Mary's brother, Harm, resided with her and her husband in Grand Haven. Harm, who worked in the shingle mill, was born in The Netherlands about 1853.

Maybelle Alderman [1913-1990]

Maybelle Alderman was President-Secretary of the Dama Tool & Gauge Company when it moved from Warren, Michigan to Grand Haven in 1964. It was located at that time at 1634 Marion. Maybelle was born on September 17, 1913 and died in Grand Haven on January 23, 1990. Her husband, Dale, died about September 1, 1965. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Agnes Bodine Lowe Allen [1788-1868]

Born March 30, 1788, Agnes was the daughter of Cornelius and Catherine McKinney Lowe. Her sister, Catherine, married Benjamin Hopkins, and Agnes resided with the couple in Eastmanville for several years prior to her death. Agnes owned 100 acres close to the site of the County Poor Farm [Infirmity], which was built later on the Grand River. She was credited with being the first person named in the tax roll of 1846 for Eastmanville. On September 7, 1808 at Smithville, Canada, Agnes married Captain Hannibal Montresor Allen of the U.S. Army. Hannibal, born in Burlington, Vermont on November 24, 1787, was the eldest son of Revolutionary War hero Colonel Ethan Allen. It was Ethan Allen who demanded surrender of Fort Ticonderoga "in the name of the great Jehovah and the Continental Congress." Hannibal Allen died at Fort Nelson, Virginia, in 1819. Agnes Allen died on November 8, 1868 and was buried at Eastmanville Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 9, 1899.]

Charles Allen [1830-1893]

Charles Allen married Catherine Donahue. They were early residents of Spring Lake, where they settled in 1850. Their home at 110 West Savidge later became the site of Braak's Bakery. In 1853 they built a house at 341 South Lake and raised fruit on the adjoining land. At the same time Allen built the house across the street at 344 South Lake. The Allens were members of the Roman Catholic Church and held services at their home until a place of worship was erected in 1866. Charles was a partner in the bond business with Hunter Savidge, and he was Spring Lake Township Treasurer at one time. He was born in Wexford, Ireland in 1830 and died on February 28, 1893. Catherine died on March 12, 1868 at the age of 40. The couple was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Charles Mathew Allen I [1859-1940]

Charles Allen was born in Spring Lake on March 29, 1859. On July 2, 1894 in Grand Haven, he married Mary A. Diendorf, who came from Trier, Germany, where she was born on December 21, 1873. Among their children, all born in Michigan, were Mary, born in July, 1895; John C., born in April, 1896; Catherine P., born in September, 1898; Margaret, born in February, 1900; Charles II, born on January 19, 1903; Martin J.,

born about 1909; Martha A. and Dennis P., both born about 1913; Geraldine, who was born on May 3, 1915 and passed away on October 2, 2000; and James Pershing, who lived from September 13, 1918 to May 5, 1997 and practiced medicine. Charles owned a fruit farm in Section 23 of Spring Lake Township. Originally 20 acres in size, the farm by 1912 was reduced to five acres. Charles died on September 6, 1940 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Mary passed away on October 7, 1958 and was buried with her husband.

Charles Mathew Allen II [1903-1995]

Charles was born on January 19, 1903 in Spring Lake Township to Charles and Mary Diendorf Allen, all of whom preceded Charles II in death. Charles retired on May 31, 1967 after 31 years with the Grand Haven Board of Light & Power. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Allen married Ruth Edna Bosse, who died in May, 1948 and on October 6, 1949 he married Mina Hudson, who was born on May 4, 1907. Charles died June 15, 1995 in Grand Haven and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Mina died on October 13, 1998 and was buried with her husband. [*Tribune* obituaries, June 8, 1967 and June 16, 1995.]

John Allen [1796-1851]

John Allen spent all or most of his adult life in Ann Arbor, Michigan, a village he co-founded in 1834 with Elisha Rumsey. John was the village's first president, sheriff, coroner, postmaster from 1824, the date of the town's founding, to 1830, and he was State Senator from 1845 to 1848. One theory is that Ann Arbor was named for John's wife, Ann Isabella Barry McCue, whom he married on June 7, 1821. She formerly had been married to William McCue, who died in 1817. John purchased thousands of acres in West Michigan, including some in Ottawa County. He partnered with Henry Morgan, another speculator who invested his money in land in and around Grand Haven. John appeared in the 1827, 1830, 1834, and 1835 censuses for Ann Arbor. He was born in Virginia about July, 1796. Ann was born January 22, 1797 in Staunton, Virginia and died in Augusta, Virginia on January 27, 1875. John died on March 11, 1851.

Benjamin Allison I [1831-1895]

A native of England, Benjamin Allison became a saloon keeper in Spring Lake, including one located at 226 West Savidge. Charles Begin purchased the saloon. Benjamin was born about 1831, and married Margaret Lewis, who was born in Ohio around 1832. Benjamin died on December 25, 1895 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife [no dates]. Their son, Frank, lived from June 1, 1869 to April 10, 1951 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Another son, Benjamin II, was born in June, 1868. The Allison's had

a daughter, Ida, who was born in Grand Rapids about 1852 and on March 25, 1872 married Robert Clydesdale of Spring Lake.

David G. Alston [1826-1919]

Born in Glasgow, Scotland in October, 1826 [1823], David Alston came to the United States in 1841 and to Spring Lake 28 years later. On December 20, 1853 he married Margaret [Marguerite], who was born March 16, 1831, the daughter of Daniel and Margaret Campbell of Scotland. The Alstons had five children: James, who was born in Illinois on September 18, 1854 and died in 1902; Daniel, who also was a native of Illinois and lived from November 1, 1855 to June 6, 1902; Margaret [Marguerite], born in Wisconsin in May 20, 1859; Christina, who lived from June 10, 1869 to December 3, 1893; and a daughter who died in 1863. The family had a 40-acre fruit farm on Spring Lake in Section 10, extending to both sides of West Spring Lake Road [approximately 17700 West Spring Lake Road]. Margaret passed away on May 17, 1904 and David died in 1919. The family was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 22, 1904.]

William Alt [1914-2003]

William Alt founded CoroTech, Inc. in Grand Haven in 1974, after retiring from the Brunswick Corporation. He was born in Chicago on January 16, 1914 to Hugo and Anna Alt. In 1936 William graduated from Illinois Institute of Technology with a degree in mechanical engineering. He married Edith Mae Howell on June 10, 1939 in Chicago. Edith lived from January 26, 1912 to March 2, 1999. While serving as Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy during WWII, William taught aeronautical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and later he was stationed at Seattle, Washington.

As an employee of Brunswick, William and his wife moved to Spring Lake in 1951. Seven years later the Alts and their two daughters, Sandra [Mercurio] and Susan [Jonas], moved to New Jersey, where they stayed for two years before William was transferred back to West Michigan. Their home was at 17863 Oakwood in Spring Lake, on land the William had bought in 1935 from Edwin and Nora Booth, who just that year had purchased the property, known as Arbutus Banks.. William retired from CoroTech in 1993. He was a member of the American Legion, trustee of the Spring Lake Schools Foundation, President of the Spring Lake Rotary Club, and President of Spring Lake Country Club. He received the Paul Harris Award from Rotary. He also helped start the STRIVE mentoring program at Spring Lake High School and coached Odyssey of the Mind teams. He was a member and elder for the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven. In 2001 he was

recognized as an outstanding senior volunteer at the "Night of 100 Stars." William died on November 8, 2003. [*Tribune* obituary, November 10, 2003.]

Jacob Ammeraal [1871-1952]

On June 1, 1905, in Grand Haven, Jacob Ammeraal married Isabella Sarah Hale Deremo, who was divorced from John Quincy Deremo on August 11, 1904. The Ammeraals owned a 70-acre fruit farm in Section 35 of northern Grand Haven Township. A residential street in that Section, running parallel to the Grand River, was given the family name. Prior to moving to the township, Jacob owned a grocery store on Jackson Street for six years. Isabella, who was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin, lived from July 6, 1858 to October 18, 1931. After her death, Jacob remarried. His second wife, Anna, died on November 7, 1945. Jacob was born in The Netherlands on October 6, 1871, and died in Grand Haven Township on November 2, 1952. He and Isabella were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, October 19, 1931 and November 3, 1952.]

Andrew Anderson [1845-1916]

Andrew Anderson owned a 59-acre farm in Section 10 of Crockery Township by 1893. Born in September, 1845 in Denmark, he died April 20, 1916 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. Apparently he was never married.

Andrew Anderson [1851-1934]

Andrew Anderson and his wife, Mary Nelson, were both born in Sweden in 1851, he in September and she in November. They met on the ship coming to America in 1883. They lived in a house located on the southwest corner of Exchange and Buchanan Streets [105 West Exchange] in Spring Lake, which was torn down in 1968, and the lot later became the site of Barber School. The Andersons raised five children, all born in Michigan: Hannah, born in 1884; Nels [Nelson] August, who lived from August 29, 1885 to 1958; Amanda Marie, born in December, 1887; Minnie born in 1890; and William, born on May 21, 1893. Andrew, who worked on the railroad, died on February 13, 1934, and Mary died a month later on March 11. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Benjamin Anderson [1862-1934]

Benjamin Anderson, who was born in Sweden in December, 1862, came to the United States in 1880 and became a shipping clerk at Challenge Refrigerator in Grand Haven. He and his wife, Ida, lived at the corner of Madison and Elliott. Their son Arthur Walter Anderson was born on May 20, 1890 and worked at Johnston Bros. Their other children were George, born in August, 1892; Oscar, born in February, 1895; and Edith, born in October, 1897. The children were all born locally. Ida, also a native of Sweden, lived from March,

1871 to 1927. She arrived in the United States in 1886. Benjamin died in 1934 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. The family resided on Third Street around 1900.

Carl Eric Anderson [1883-?]

Born in Sweden on February 4, 1883, Carl was the son of Elba Jacobson and C. P. Anderson, a landscape gardener. Carl attended a trade school for nine years in Sweden, specializing in mechanical engineering. In 1909 he came to the United States and settled in Chicago, where in 1911 he became Superintendent of the Acorn Brass Works and then served as Superintendent of the Reliance Die & Stamping Company. He later was employed as a mechanical engineer by the Western Cartridge Company at Alton Illinois, after which he became a consulting engineer for the S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Company of Staten Island, New York. During World War I he developed the gas masks which were used by the soldiers and also created improvements for making cartridges. On February 22, 1935, in partnership with Baltzar Bolling, he established the Anderson-Bolling Manufacturer Company to manufacture automobile parts and electrical appliances.

Carl was a Republican and a member of Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, the Rotary Club, Citizens Historical Association, and the Presbyterian Church. He was also interested in art, especially copperware and charcoal drawings. In 1917 he married Gertrude Bowling of Sweden, daughter of Captain Lars Bowling. The Andersons had no children. [Citizens Historical Association, Indianapolis, September 27, 1941.]

Chester "Chet" Anderson [1916-1995]

Born in Chicago, Illinois on January 3, 1916 to Oscar H. and Evelyn Berggren Anderson I, Chester graduated from Michigan State College [MSU] and served as an officer in the Army's 922nd Field Artillery during WWII. Chet and Bob Cernoch formed the Anderson-Cernoch Construction Company in 1952 and worked as carpenters and building contractors. Anderson helped remodel the old Grand Trunk Depot into the Tri-Cities Historical Museum. Anderson served 18 years on the Grand Haven Zoning Board, and was a member of the American Legion.

Chet married Betty J. Johnson on February 22, 1947 in Lake Odessa. They became members of the Tri-Cities Historical Society, and were named Historians of the Year in 1994. Their children included Marcia of New Jersey; Abigail of Grand Haven; Bruce of Milwaukee; Randall of Lake Odessa; and David, who died in 1975. They lived at 421 Clinton Street. Chet died on December 12, 1995. [*Tribune* obituary, December 13, 1995.]

John Anderson [1850-1905]

John Anderson, a ship's carpenter, was born in Norway on May 5, 1850. He came to the United States in 1870. John and his wife, Carrie, lived at 218 Water Street [South Harbor]. Carrie was born in Ohio in February, 1859. They had an adopted son, Robert Anderson, who was born in Michigan in January, 1889. John died on May 15, 1905 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Joseph Anderson [@1802-@1884]

The First Congregational Church was organized in Grand Haven in 1858. A year later, on May 31, its first place of worship was dedicated at 134 Washington, and in the afternoon of that day Rev. Joseph Anderson was installed as Pastor. Rev. Anderson, who was born in Scotland, also served members of the Spring Lake Congregational Church. In addition he, among others, filled in at the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church during the period between Rev. Ferry's retirement in April, 1857 and the arrival of a full-time replacement on October 18, 1859. Joseph replaced Rev. Lucas in 1854 to lead the Presbyterian Church in Spring Lake during its early years. On April 1, 1862 Joseph was given a leave of absence to allow him to be Chaplain to the 3rd Michigan Infantry, then in Virginia under the leadership of General George McClellan. The 3rd Infantry had been organized in Grand Rapids shortly after the Civil War began. Joseph resigned his Chaplain's post on March 28, 1863 and entered the U.S. Volunteer Hospital Chaplain Corps. He was mustered out on August 4, 1865. Joseph's wife, Lucy P., while living in Michigan, applied for a widow's Civil War pension on August 16, 1884. Lucy was born in Vermont around 1821 and Joseph was born in Scotland about 1802.

Nels [Nelson] August Anderson [1885-1958]

Nels Anderson was born in Spring Lake in August 29, 1885 and died in 1958. He was one of five children of Andrew and Mary Anderson. Nels worked as a ship carpenter for Barrett Boat Works for about 40 years. He married Nellie Vander Vere, who lived from 1886 to July 31, 1935 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Nels was employed at Barrett Boat Works. The family resided at 305 Liberty, where they raised three sons: Clyde Andrew, Harold Henry, and Norman William. Norman's daughter, Norma Anderson Koopman, resided in the Grand Haven area.

Oscar H. Anderson I [@1883-1959]

Oscar Anderson was born in Sweden about 1883. He married Evelyn F. Berggren about 1902. She also was a native of Sweden, where she was born about 1886. Their children were Oscar II, born in Illinois on July 20, 1914; Chester, born in Chicago on January 3, 1916, and Stuart, born in Michigan about 1921. The Andersons

lived at 943 Lake Avenue in the 1920 and 1930s. Oscar was a polisher in one of the local factories, and he also worked in Chicago. He died about July 7, 1959 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Evelyn passed away around March 7, 1974 and was buried with her husband.

Oscar H. Anderson II [1914-1992] and Katherine [1911-1993]

Oscar was born July 20, 1914, in Michigan, the son of Oscar H. and Evelyn Berggren Anderson I. Oscar's wife, Katherine, was born in Evanston, Illinois on November 12, 1911. Oscar and Katherine lived in Grand Haven from 1931 to 1965, when they moved to Virginia. She worked at Reichardt's until 1952, when she opened Anderson's Store for Children at 224 Washington, later the location of Grand Haven Jewelry. After closing the store in 1965 she worked for Leggett Department Store in Lynchburg, Virginia. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, the Red Cross, and Community Chest [United Way], and she was a Grand Haven Public School volunteer. Their children included Kristen A., who married Danny Fox of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Katherine died in Lynchburg on January 24, 1993 and Oscar died November 24, 1992. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 18, 1993]

Oscar R. Anderson [1901-1984]

Oscar Anderson was born on April 6, 1901 and died on April 13, 1984. He was employed as a sheet metal worker at Bastian Blessing. Oscar married Elnora Hehl on July 1, 1939. He served during WWII with the 389th Bombardment Group and was promoted to Second Lieutenant in 1945. Their children were Lawrence of Grand Rapids and Blaise and Eugene, both of Nunica. Elnora lived from October 13, 1908 to January 16, 1990.

Theodor Anderson [1873-1941]

See Mary Elizabeth Swanson [1877-1958].

Thomas F. Anderson [@1843- ?]

A resident of Grand Haven, Thomas Anderson enlisted as Private in Company D of the 2nd Michigan Cavalry on September 10, 1861. He was promoted to Sergeant on January 5, 1864 and to Sergeant Major on April 1 the same year. He then was promoted to First Lieutenant of Company M on the last day of December, 1864 and to Captain on July 1, 1865. He was mustered out on August 17, 1865. Thomas was born about 1843. On December 22, 1898, while living in Illinois, he applied for a Civil War pension.

William Andrew Anderson [1893-1966]

William, the son of Andrew and Mary Nelson Anderson, was born on May 21, 1893 and served in the military

during WWI. Prior to his military service, William was a woodworker at Challenge Refrigerator. He married Alice De Young of Grand Haven in 1923 and died in 1966. Their home was on Summit Street in Spring Lake. A son, William L., was born in March, 1925, and remained a resident of Spring Lake. The elder William was a house painter. He died December 5, 1966 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Edward Harry Andres [1864–1944]

Born in Grand Haven on October 1, 1864, Edward was the son of Ernest and Ida Schultz Andres. In Grand Haven he and his brother, William L. managed the New Cutler House when it opened in 1890 after the big fire the previous year destroyed the original hotel. After his father's death in 1882, Edward assumed management of the Andres House, located at the southeast corner of Franklin and Water [Harbor], which he leased in 1891 to Joseph Rue. Edward was one of the incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. The next year 1887 he was chosen Second Lieutenant of the "Grand Haven Guards." As its Captain in 1898 he led Company F of the 32nd Michigan Infantry to Tampa, where the group remained during the short Spanish-American War. He was mustered out on October 31, 1898. He was a graduate of the Fort Leavenworth Officer's School. By 1910 he was residing in Sheridan County, Wyoming. Edward also served in World War I as a Lieutenant Colonel in the quartermaster's division at Waco, Texas. After the war he was assigned to Fort Jay on Governor's Island, New York, where he lived with his wife and son. He retired to a ranch near Tucson, Arizona, where he was residing in 1930 with his wife, Lydiam, and their son, Edward II, who was born about 1911 in Wyoming. Edward died on February 19, 1944 and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Lydiann was born in Michigan around 1878 and died on March 3, 1944 and was buried with her husband.

Ernest Andres I [Andrees/Andreis/Andrews] [1832–1882]

A native of Germany, where he was born on October 6, 1832, Ernest Andres and his wife in 1857 moved from Port Huron to Grand Haven, where he was employed as a clerk by Clark B. Albee. However, he is listed in the 1856 *Michigan Gazetteer* as manager of the Grand River House, a hotel in Grand Haven. In 1858 he opened the first bakery in Grand Haven, a restaurant, and a hotel, called the Milwaukee House, on the west side of the river [Muir], which at that time was the terminus for the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad. Both buildings burned down in June, 1860. He later ran the Washington House in Grand Haven, and in 1863 built a new hotel, which he also called the Milwaukee House, on the northeast corner of Franklin and Harbor Streets.

By 1864 Ernest owned acreage in Section 1 of Grand Haven Township, south of Potawatomie Bayou. In 1867 he bought additional acreage from Robert W. Duncan and about that time built a gristmill, which he operated for awhile, and then converted to a shingle mill. Located on the Grand River and adjacent to Potawatomie Bayou, the mill was destroyed by fire in 1874. That same year he built the Andres House, later called the River View Hotel, at 100 South Water Street [Harbor Drive]. He was Alderman in 1877, 1878, 1879, and 1880, and a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Church.

In 1854 in Buffalo, New York, Ernest married Ida Schultz, born in Mecklenburg, Germany on October 24, 1836. Their children were William L., who was born in Michigan about 1860, married Florence, the daughter of Henry and Hannah Trotter Buswell, in Grand Haven on August 1, 1888, and moved to Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina; Edward, who was born in Michigan on October 1, 1864, and made his career in the United States Army, where he achieved the rank of captain; Ida, who was born in 1867 and married Archie Campbell of Grand Haven; and Ernest II, who died on August 11, 1877 at the age of six months. The older Ernest died on October 7, 1882 and was buried at Lake Forest on October 9. His wife died of the "grippe" on February 18, 1913, at the home of her daughter at 225 Franklin Street, which was the family homestead and where she had lived for 17 years. She also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, February 19, 1913.]

Daniel W. Andrews [1857-1929]

Born in Michigan in 1857, Daniel Andrews married Anna, daughter of William and Anna Evarts Angel of Grand Haven. Daniel was an insurance agent who worked out of his home at 532 Lafayette, formerly Anna's family home. Anna was one of the founders of the Christian Science movement in Grand Haven. Daniel and Anna had at least four children: Helen, who was born about 1891 and married Stanley B. Oakes of Grand Haven; William A. born about 1892; George, who was born about 1893 and served as Lieutenant in the Navy during WWI; Louise, who moved to Elsau, Illinois; and Winifred. Louise Andrews in 1916 built "Windy Dune," one of the early North Shore cottages. Daniel died in 1929 and Anna, who was born in Michigan in 1860, died the next year. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Elijah [Eleazur] C. Angel [Angell] [1849-@1912]

The son of George A. and Mary Ann Eatiner Angel, Elijah was born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, on May 13, 1849. On December 21, 1863 he enlisted as Private in Company I of the 128th Ohio Veteran Infantry, where his name was entered as Eleazur Anger. He represented himself as being 18 years old. He was mustered out on

July 13, 1865 and came to Ottawa County the same year to work in the lumbering business, eventually becoming the head sawyer and filer at Olive Center Mills in 1882. On September 27, 1876 he married Jennie [Lydia] Pocock, who was born in Fulton County, Ohio on March 18, 1856. She applied for a widow's Civil War pension on September 14, 1912, indicating her husband's approximate year of death.

George E. Angel [Angell] [1864- ?]

George E, the son of William and Anna Evarts. Angel, was born locally in April, 1864. He moved to Prince Rupert in British Columbia, but returned to Grand Haven. On January 19, 1891 he married Clara B. Benton [Burton] Mower. She was the widow of Grand Haven resident Samuel C. Mower, who died about 1890. Clara was born in Illinois in July, 1849. By 1900 George and Clara were residing in Detroit, where he operated a confectionary. Living with them was Samuel W. Mower from Clara's earlier marriage. Ten years later Clara was widowed and still living in Detroit.

William M. Angel [Angell] [1825-1911]

Born in Moores, New York, on December 16, 1825, William was a descendant of Thomas Angel, who was born in England in 1618 and came to America in 1625 with Roger Williams, founder of Rhode Island. William's grandfather, Asa Angel, was born in Rhode Island, and his father was born in Champlain, New York in 1800. William's mother was Mary Keyes, a native of Vermont. William was third in a family that consisted of four sons and two daughters. Starting at the age of ten he and his father spent eight years on a dairy farm in Portage, Ohio. He studied for part of a year at Twinsburg Seminary, and in 1844 [1843] joined his family in Tallmadge Township, Ottawa County, where he chopped wood and cleared forest. When he was about 20 he was attacked with sciatic rheumatism, which resulted in dislocation of a hip. From 1848 to 1854 he was Register of Deeds for Muskegon County. In 1851, with John and James Barnes as partners, he was editor of Grand Haven's first newspaper, the *Grand River Times*.

At the expiration of his period of public service, William resumed farming operations for two years in Tallmadge Township. However, because of his lameness, he found it necessary to select a less active vocation and accordingly entered Bryant and Stratton's Business College, where he spent the winter of 1856-57. Upon finishing his commercial studies, he accepted a position as bookkeeper in a country store at Eastmanville. Later he came to Grand Haven and worked as bookkeeper for a merchant and vessel owner. By 1864 he was in the drug and grocery business under the name of Angel & North, and for a time had an extensive dry goods business called Angel & Beaudry. In December, 1869,

the store burned to the ground, and since there was no insurance it proved a total loss to the owners. They did, however, pay seventy cents on every dollar of their indebtedness.

In the spring of 1870 William was elected Recorder and Police Justice, holding these positions for two years. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1871, forming a partnership with Lurentus B. Soule, of Ionia, Michigan and at different times with other prominent lawyers. In 1887 he was elected to the office of City Recorder and was reelected in 1889, 1892, and 1893. He had his own law office by 1892. With Charles Soule he owned the land on the North Shore, and sold part of it to the U.S. government on January 22, 1922 as the new site for the Life Saving Station. At one time an Episcopalian, Angel later converted to Christian Science. Angel spoke at the laying of the cornerstone for the Court House, built in 1893 near the corner of Fifth and Washington Streets in Grand Haven.

In 1853 William married Anna [Ann] M. of Grand Rapids, the daughter of Shadrack Evarts. She was born in Niagara County, New York on July 19, 1831 and died on March 14, 1903. The Angels had seven sons and one daughter, including a child who died in infancy, and another, Charles Hudson, who was born in Grand Haven in 1870 and died on January 9, 1893. Among the surviving members of the family in 1893, all born in Michigan, were Anna, who was born about 1860 and married Daniel Andrews of Grand Haven; George E., who was born about 1864 and settled in Prince Rupert, British Columbia; and Harry A., who was born about 1868 and later resided in Indianapolis. The Angels resided at 532 Lafayette, also the home of their daughter Anna, her husband, Daniel Andrews, and their family. William died at his home in Grand Haven on December 24, 1911. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa County Michigan*, pp. 553-554; *Tribune* obituary December 27, 1911; and *Tribune* article by Charles E. Soule, December 26, 1911.]

Donald James Angus [1887-1966]

Donald was the son of John and May Sibly Angus of Grand Haven. He was born in Plymouth, Wisconsin in June 17, 1887 and died in Indianapolis, Indiana, in October, 1966. He was a self-taught engineer-inventor and electrician. Donald didn't finish high school, but he did attend engineering classes at the University of Wisconsin and Michigan State University. He became expert on electrical measuring and recording devices. He was granted 47 patents on electrical and mechanical devices. Donald joined John W. Esterline in 1910 in the Esterline-Angus engineering firm and became its President. In 1939 he purchased a home at 302 North Buchanan in Spring Lake, which remained in the family

into the 21st century. The Annis Water Resources Institute of Grand Valley State University operates a research vessel, the 45-foot *D. J. Angus*, donated by Donald. The vessel, berthed in Grand Haven, is equipped for sampling chemical, biological, and physical parameters and houses on-board laboratories for analyses of the samples.

Francis Clark Angus [1889-1971]

Francis, the son of John and May Sibly Angus of Grand Haven, was born in Plymouth, Wisconsin on February 18, 1889 and died on September 22, 1971. From 1907 to 1915 he worked at Challenge Machinery. From 1915 to 1917 he was co-owner of Franklin Press with Henry Arkema II. He held a variety of positions until 1921, when he became a manufacturer of electrical instruments. On January 1, 1932 Francis married Margaret W., the daughter of Charles and Margaret Belle Cotton. Margaret, who lived from December 16, 1899 to May 20, 1993, taught school in Grand Rapids prior to her marriage and in Grand Haven during the 1930s. The Anguses resided at 710 Lake Avenue with their two sons, John, who was born about 1933, and Charles, who was born two years later. In the 1950s, when Francis and Margaret moved to 220 North Buchanan in Spring Lake. The Anguses also owned some acreage on Spring Lake in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township. Donald Angus, Francis's brother, in 1939 bought a house at 302 North Buchanan in Spring Lake. When Donald died in 1966 the house went to Francis, who in turn passed it on to his son Charles. Francis and Margaret were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John James Angus [1859-1932]

Born on August 7, 1859, John Angus became a resident of Grand Haven. In the early 1900s he and his wife, May Sibley, lived at 1226 Washington with their two sons, Donald, born in Plymouth, Wisconsin on June 17, 1887, and Francis, born in the same town on February 18, 1889. By 1917, the Anguses were residing at 526 Lafayette. They also owned a cottage in Highland Park. John died on October 31, 1932. May lived from May 12, 1863 to December 13, 1939. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Edward G. Applegate [1909-1994]

Edward G. Applegate was born in Illinois on June 15, 1909 and died on May 13, 1994. He and his wife, Beverly, lived at 202 South Eighth Street in Grand Haven. On October 27, 1942 in Kalamazo, Edward enlisted as Private in the U.S. Army Air Corps. After the war, he became a design engineer at Bastian Blessing. Beverly lived from January 11, 1921 to October 10, 1999. She died in Grand Haven. They had a son Terrence L.

Frank F. Archer [1845 - ?]

Frank Archer, who was born about 1845 in Ohio, became a resident of Lamont, where he lived with his mother, Maria A. Archer. Maria was born on May 18, 1819 in New York and died in Tallmadge Township on January 10, 1885. In 1878 Frank received a five-year license to operate a ferry across the Grand River, but two years later the license was passed to Bradford Velsey.

Mark B. Ardis [1872-1952]

Vice President of the American Brass Novelty Company, a position he assumed in 1904, Mark Ardis also was associated with the Wiltshire Glove Company in Grand Haven. He was born in Ireland on March 16, 1872. Samuel Ardis was his uncle. On June 5, 1899, Mark married Alta Mae Gilbert in Reed City, Michigan. They lived at 502 Lafayette in Grand Haven. Alta was President of the first Parent Teachers Club, organized in Grand Haven in 1909. She was born in Burlington, Michigan on January 23, 1876, died in East Lansing in April, 1957, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery on May 1. Mark died about December 20, 1952 in Los Angeles and also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Ardises had one daughter, Margaret, who was born in Lake City on May 1, 1901.

Samuel Boyd Ardis [1856-1950]

In 1902, Samuel Ardis, as company President and with help from the Grand Haven Board of Trade, reorganized the American Brass Novelty Company, which he had assisted in organizing seven years earlier, the year he and his wife arrived in Grand Haven. First situated in a three-story frame building at 13 South Second Street, about 1903 the company was moved to a new building on Harbor Drive. In 1950 the business took the name Michigan Brass. Ardis also was associated with the Wiltshire Glove Company, formed in 1905 and situated near the southwest corner of Washington and Second Streets in Grand Haven.

Samuel was born in Ireland in January, 1856 [1857] and had his first retail job there at the age of 13. Ten years later he came to Michigan, settling first in Evart and then Lake City. He and his wife, Maymie, who was born in Ireland in May, 1861, were married in Lake City on March 28, 1884. They lived at 318 Washington in Grand Haven, but around 1915 Ardis also owned 160 acres in Robinson Township. The Ardises had a son, Everton, who was born in Grand Haven in July, 1888; a daughter, Dorothy E., who was born on December 19, 1899 and died five years later; and another daughter, Amy, who lived just nine years. Ardis also had banking and business interests in Ann Arbor and Lake City. Maymie died in Cadillac on January 5, 1911 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Samuel then married Jeanette Cherry, a teacher in the Grand Haven schools. Jeanette, who lived from 1867 to 1935, was the daughter of James and Mathilda Cherry of Grand Haven and resided in the family home at 520 Clinton until her marriage. She was a first grade teacher in the Grand Haven School System for almost 30 years. She also taught a Sunday School class for older girls at the First Presbyterian Church for more than 35 years. Samuel died in 1950. Mark Ardis was his nephew. [*Tribune* obituary, January 6, 1911, and *Industrial Hi-Lites*, April, 1954.]

John “Andrew” J. Arentsen [Arentson] [1832 - ?]

Andrew Arentsen was a native of The Netherlands, where he was born about 1832. He and his family lived for awhile in Wisconsin, and then came to Ferrysburg in 1864. By late 1867 he owned a store in Ferrysburg near the railroad depot. His motto was “Small Profits and quick returns” and “The nimble sixpence is better than the slow shilling.” He carried groceries and other provisions. In the 1880 census Andrew was listed as a hotel keeper. His wife, Barbara, managed the Central House in Spring Lake. Their daughter, Lena, married Charles Begin of Spring Lake. Barbara, who was born in Germany, lived from March 7, 1825 to October 7, 1918. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their children were Emma, born about 1856 in Wisconsin, and John, born about 1861, also in Wisconsin.

Gerald C. Arkema [1911-1977]

Gerald, the son of Gerrit and Sena Arkema, was born July 7, 1911 in Spring Lake and died on May 6, 1977. He owned the Citizens Realty Company at 422 Franklin Street in Grand Haven, and resided with his wife, Jean, in Spring Lake Township, later at 14417 Lakeshore Drive, and finally in Muskegon. Gerald owned large parcels of land, including nearly 300 acres in Section 16 of Grand Haven Township, which he sold around 1960 to W. Bruce Matthews as the site for Grand Haven Golf Club. Jean, who was born on October 25, 1912, died in Muskegon on April 28, 1974. She and Gerald were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Gerrit Arkema [1875-1952]

Gerrit, the son of Henry and Grace Arkema I, was born on May 4, 1875. He became proprietor of the Franklin Press at 401 Fulton in the early 1900s. He married Etta Byl on September 20, 1900 in Grand Haven. They lived at 519 Fulton. Etta, who lived all her life in Grand Haven, was born on December 29, 1880 and died on November 19, 1959. Kenneth J. Arkema was one of their children. They also had another son, Gerald C., born on July 11, 1907, and a daughter, Dorothy M., who was born about 1920. Gerrit died about September 23, 1952 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune*

obituary, February 28, 1957, and marriage announcement, March 23, 1996.]

Gerrit John Arkema [1900-1971]

Gerrit Arkema was born in Grand Haven on September 2, 1900 and died there on May 21, 1971. He was the son of John and Sena Holman Arkema and the grandson of Henry Arkema I. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his parents. At the time of his death he resided in the family home at 517 Madison.

Hendrick “Henry” Arkema I [1842-1921]

Born at Uithuizen, The Netherlands in May, 1842, Henry Arkema came to Grand Haven in 1867. He was engaged in the flour and feed business until he retired, but also had an interest in the printing business. On June 24, 1867 in Grand Haven, he married Grace [Geeske/Gieski] Kampenga. Also a native of The Netherlands, Grace lived from October, 1838 [1839] to 1924. Their children, all of Grand Haven, included John, born in 1868; Dena, who was born in December, 1871 and married William Vaxter of Grand Haven; Gerrit I [Gerret], who was born on May 4, 1875 and married Etta Byl in 1900; and Henry II, born in April, 1877. The elder Arkema died at the family home and place of business, 517 Fulton Street in Grand Haven, on March 13, 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 14, 1921 and April 24, 1930.]

Henry Arkema II [1877-1942]

The son of Henry and Grace Arkema, Henry II resided at 523 Pennoyer with his wife, Della. Della, the daughter of John and Kate Hoeksema of Grand Haven, was born in Michigan on September 9, 1882 and passed away in Grand Haven about June 12, 1962. Henry was born in Grand Haven on April 19, 1877 and died on January 11, 1942. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Henry and Della were married in Grand Haven on September 8, 1910. He worked at the *Grand Haven Tribune* in the early 1900s and was hired there as fulltime pressman in 1918. In 1912 he started his own print shop, Franklin Printing, at 517 Fulton, which he operated for 30 years.

Henry J. Arkema [1895-1977]

Henry J., the son of John and Sena Holman Arkema was born in Chicago on September 19, 1895 and died on May 14, 1977. He and his wife, Leatha, lived at 949 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. Leatha was born on June 24, 1895, and died on February 11, 1976. She was a Grand Haven resident all her life. In 1918 Henry was a tacker at Eagle Ottawa. Henry and Leatha were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John Henry Arkema [1868–1955]

Born in Grand Haven in December, 1868 [1867], the son of Henry and Grace Arkema, John was first employed by the Boyden Shingle Mill and later worked for Story & Clark, Eagle Ottawa, and other factories, as well as the City of Grand Haven. On December 17, 1888, he married Sena Holman, who was born in March, 1868 in The Netherlands and came to the United States in 1881. The wedding took place at the groom's home, 517 Fulton, where he had lived for many years. John and Sena resided at 517 Madison. Among their children were Henry, born in Chicago on September 19, 1895, and Gerrit John, born in Grand Haven on September 2, 1900. They were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. John died around September 22, 1950, and Sena passed away about June 21, 1955. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Kenneth J. Arkema I [1915-2003]

Kenneth was born on September 4, 1915 to Garrit [Garret] and Etta Byl Arkema. He married Ruth Bomers on April 9, 1941 in Holland, Michigan. Ruth, the daughter of Dewey and Reka Kolenbrander Bomers of Holland, was born on August 6, 1920. Kenneth earned a bronze star while serving with the Army during WWII. In Grand Haven, he was Public Relations Manager for Gardner-Denver. Kenneth also was an amateur musician. The Arkemas, who resided at 1230 Slayton, were members of the Second Christian Reformed Church. Their children were Kenneth II and Karen, who married Vern Peters. Kenneth died on September 11, 2003 in Muskegon. Ruth passed away in Grand Haven on November 3, 2004. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 13, 2003 and November 4, 2004.]

Henry T. Armstead [1822-1896]

Born in Schroon, New York on October 17, 1822, Henry Armstead moved to Ohio and then became involved in lumbering operations at Wyman, Michigan, and relocated to Grand Haven in 1870. While still in Schroon he married Jane A. Wyman in 1858. She was born in New York on March 25, 1822 and died on December 10, 1900. Their children included James P. of Grand Haven, and C. O. and Wyman P. of Aitkin, Minnesota. Wyman was born about 1864 in Ohio. Henry died at his son's home, located on the corner of Fifth and Clinton Streets [120 South Fifth], on July 19, 1896. Henry and Jane were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, July 20, 1896 and December 10, 1900.]

James P. Armstead [1855-1918]

James P. Armstead, the son Henry T. and Jane Wyman Armstead, was born near Cleveland, Ohio in May, 1855. Jane was born in England in March, 1822. James came to Grand Haven with his family in 1870. He attended

high school in Grand Haven and spent one year at Grand Rapids Commercial College. He worked three years for the Crystal City Glass Works in Detroit. He returned to Grand Haven in 1877 as head clerk of the Cutler House. James was named Secretary and Treasurer of Dake Engine Company when it was organized in 1887, and he became Secretary and General Manager at a later re-organization. In 1907 he was Secretary for the Grand Haven Board of Trade. James was a charter member of the Spring Lake Yacht Club, founded in 1897.

On November 3, 1880 James married Carrie, daughter of Ebenezer and Caroline Barnes and a niece of Dwight Cutler. Carrie, who was born on December 22, 1856, died on January 5, 1882 in Grand Rapids, leaving one child. On December 3, 1901 James married Myrtle "Myrtie" Moody. They built and lived in a home at 120 South Fifth. James died in June, 1918 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Myrtle passed away around June 9, 1952 and was buried with her husband. [*Dake, The First One Hundred Years, 1887-1987.*]

George Armstrong [@1845- ?]

In 1867 George Armstrong was arrested at White River for burning down a sawmill at Nortonville in April. A George Armstrong living in White River in 1880 was born in Michigan around 1845.

Leonard "Lee" Arnold [1903-1991]

Born April 12, 1903 in Waupaca, Wisconsin to Leonard and Mary Arnold, Lee earned his teaching certificate from the State Normal and Industrial College in Ellendale, North Dakota, and a bachelor degree from Western Michigan University in 1938. He came to Grand Haven from Ellendale in 1928 to teach general shop and to work with the junior high athletic program. He taught industrial arts for several years and worked later in the Vocational Department of Grand Haven Public Schools. Lee retired in 1968. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Masons, and Grand Haven Historical Society. Lee in 1932 became County Agricultural Agent. He went before the Board of Supervisors and asked for funds to develop a soil stabilization plan within the county. He was granted \$75. He married Helen Dunphy, who taught kindergarten in Grand Haven from 1954 to 1962. She was born on September 19, 1903 and died on March 30, 1993. The Lee family resided at 912 Sheldon Road in Grand Haven, and later moved to 18047 North Beach Drive in Spring Lake. Their children included two sons, both dentists: Charles, who had a practice in Grand Rapids, and William of Parnell [Kent County]. Lee died March 20, 1991 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Helen. William Dunphy Arnold, who was born on September 18, 1939, married Sandra Johnson of Grand Rapids on May 3, 1968. He served as

a dentist in the U.S. Navy and later maintained offices in Rockford and Grand Rapids. William died on June 23, 2001. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 21, 1991 and January 18, 2002.]

Albert Bartlett Ashley [1838-1916]

A native of Massachusetts, where he was born on September 9, 1838, Albert Ashley enlisted in the city of Freetown and was mustered into the Federal Navy on May 9, 1861 as an Ordinary Seaman. He served on the *USS Ohio* and the *USS Mississippi*. He was discharged from his unit on June 23 the next year, and then became a member of Company A of the Massachusetts 3rd Infantry the following September 23. He left that detachment on June 26, 1863 and was mustered into Company B, Massachusetts 4th Cavalry, which he left on March 12, 1865. He next was commissioned into the Connecticut 21st Infantry, and left the military for good on April 25, 1866.

On October 30, 1865 Albert married Jeanette [Janette] Wilhelmina Miller, who was born on June 20, 1839 in Edgartown, Massachusetts. In 1880 they were residing in Kewanee, Illinois, where Albert was Superintendent of a coal mining company. The two of them started spending summers in Spring Lake, and in 1892 they built a 30-room hotel, called Ashley Heights, on the west shore of the lake, at the east end of Van Wagoner Road [Section 10, approximately 17800 West Spring Lake Road]. Perhaps the resort was named for an Ashley Heights near his hometown in Massachusetts. The couple operated the resort until the early 1900s, when they started to spend their summers in a home in Lovell Park, just north of Ashley Heights, which burned down in 1918. Their principal residence remained in Macon, Illinois, where they were living in 1910. By the early 1900s Anna Selbmann held title to the property and renamed it Lott Hannah Resort. The property reverted to the Ashleys when the Selbmans defaulted on the mortgage. Called "Captain," Albert was active in the Masons and attained the position of Deputy Grand Master of the Illinois Chapter in 1909. He was also active in the Masons locally. Albert died in Chicago on November 2, 1916, while en route to Florida for the winter. Jeanette applied for a widow's Civil War pension about two weeks after his death. She died eight years later, and both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Ashleys had a daughter Jennie W., born in August, 1867 in South Carolina, and a son Albert II, who was born around 1873 in Illinois.

George G. Austgen [1903-1982]

George Austgen was born in Indiana on April 23, 1903. The 1930 census listed him as an aviator, living in Paris Township, Kent County. In 1949 he started Auto Radiator & Welding Service and Welders & Fabricators

at 307 Pine Street in Ferrysburg. His residence was at 18316 144th Street in Crockery Township. He died on July 28, 1982. His wife, Phyllis, worked as a clerk at the Hostetter News Agency.

Edward John Avery [1876-1912]

The son of James Colby and Mary Catherine Murray Avery, Edward was born in Grand Haven in December, 1876. He became a partner with his father in a jewelry business located at 128 Washington, which he operated until he died in May, 1912 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He resided in the family home at 426 Franklin.

Edward Jones Avery [1816-1901]

Born in Groton, Connecticut on May 4, 1816, Edward Avery was engaged in cabinet making in the east. On August 8, 1837, in Sherburne, New York, Edward married Eleanor [Honor] Jane Murray, who was born at New Berlin, New York on December 17, 1819 and died in Grand Haven on June 9, 1893. The couple left New York and moved to Grand Haven in the spring of 1845. Edward was listed in the Business Directory of the 1864 *Map of the Counties of Ottawa & Muskegon* as a house carpenter and undertaker. The Averys had two children, James Colby and Ellen Cornelia. Both children were born in New York, James on December 1, 1842 and Ellen a year earlier, on August 2. Ellen married Robert Leggat of Grand Haven. In the 1880 census the two Leggat children were listed as living in Grand Haven with their Edward and Eleanor. The Averys apparently had a second daughter, Margaret, who appears in the 1860 census, residing with Henry and Rachel Griffin and her brother, James C. Avery.

In their early years in Grand Haven, Edward and Eleanor resided on the corner of Second and Columbus Streets, but by 1880 they were at 426 Franklin Street, in a house occupied by their son James and his family after Eleanor's death. Edward lived with his son until his death on September 4, 1901, and was buried with Eleanor at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Evening Tribune* obituary, June 2, 1893 and *Tribune* obituary September 5, 1901.]

James Colby Avery [1842-1903]

Born in Sherburne, New York on December 1, 1842 [1843], the son of Edward Jones and Eleanor Jane Murray Avery, James came to Grand Haven with his parents when he was four years old. In 1860 he was living with Henry and Rachel Griffin, working as an apprentice at Henry's drugstore in downtown Grand Haven. A jeweler and watchmaker by trade, James owned a jewelry store at 128 Washington in partnership with his son, Edward John Avery, who was a jeweler and optician. James later became associated with A. L.

Holmes in putting in water supply systems in the west. They put in the first water supply for the City of Denver and did similar work at other places in Colorado. By 1884 he was in the wholesale and retail tobacco trade and a producer of cigars with George E. Hubbard, a Grand Haven hardware merchant.

On May 12 1869 in Grand Haven, James married Mary Catherine Murray, who was born on Prince Edward Island, Canada, in May, 1850 [1851] and died on August 31, 1911. They lived on Lafayette Street in 1880. After the death of his mother in 1893, James moved into the family home at 426 Franklin, where Edward Avery continued to reside. James and Mary had two children, both of whom remained in Grand Haven: Eleanor C., who was born in July, 1870 [1872] and on February 4, 1900 in Grand Haven married Augustus Eugene Scott, and Edward John Avery, who was born in December, 1876. James died from complications of asthma on January 12, 1903. Family members were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Tribune obituaries, January 16, 1903 and August 31, 1911.]

Riley “Pete” Avery [1933-1999]

Pete was born on February 19, 1933 in Grand Haven, the son of Riley C. and Lois Hubbell Avery. He was an employee of Michigan Plastics for 30 years, retiring in 1988. During the Korean War Pete served in the U.S. Army, and upon his return to the area he joined the Conklin Post of the American Legion. He had two sons, Ken Schmitt of Fruitport and Dirk Schmitt of Grand Haven. Pete died on December 13, 1999.

Henry Baar [Barr] [1862- ?]

Henry Baar was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. A druggist, he owned a pharmacy at 216 Washington and evidently had a second outlet, called “East End Drug Store,” at an unspecified address. Henry, born in April, 1862 in Grand Haven, was the son of Simon and Helena Yonker Baar. He married Isabelle Johnston, the daughter of John Watt and Ann Baud Johnston of Ferrysburg. Isabelle was born on August 27, 1862 and died in Los Angeles on June 24, 1947. The Baars lived at 515 Clinton in the early 1900s. By 1930 Henry and Isabelle were living in Los Angeles, California, where he worked as a pharmacist. The Baars’ daughter, Marguerite, was born on September 11, 1888 and died in Orange County, California on April 2, 1981. Henry and Jacob Baar were brothers.

Jacob Baar [Barr] [1859-1949]

Jacob was born in Grand Haven in May 16, 1859 [1858] to Simon and Helena Yonker Baar. The third of their four children, Jacob grew up in Grand Haven. He was a clerk in George W. Miller’s hardware store for five

years, and he was in the employ of George E. Hubbard, Grand Haven hardware dealer, until 1880, when he was elected to the office of Registrar of Deeds of Ottawa County for four years. After leaving the office Jacob embarked in the real estate business. In 1892 he advertised the availability of “Real Estate and Loans” from his office at 136 Washington, and added, “Desirable Property in farms and wild lands for sale or exchange.” Jacob was a member of the Reformed Church, for three terms was Director in his school district, and he was staunchly Democratic. He was Mayor of Grand Haven from 1898 to 1899 and Postmaster from 1894 to 1898. In 1900 Jacob and his family moved to Chicago, where he was appointed American Consul to The Netherlands and arranged for The Netherlands exhibit at the World’s Fair [Century of Progress] in Chicago in 1932. He was employed by the Davis Scale Company in Chicago. Residing with the Baars were their daughters Gertrude and Katherine, and Gertrude’s husband. Jacob and Henry Baar were brothers.

In September, 1878 Jacob married Hattie, daughter of Abraham [Abram] and Sarah Slaghuis of Grand Haven. Hattie lived from 1857 to about January 24, 1939. The Baars had four children, all born in Grand Haven, including Ella, who was born in 1879; Helena, also born in 1879; Gertrude [Gertruda] Evans, born in 1881; and Katherine “Kitty,” who was born in 1885 and married Stickney Seymour. The Baar home on Third Street in Grand Haven had a large lawn with huge maple trees and choice shrubbery. Jacob died in Chicago in April, 1949. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife and other family members. [Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa County Michigan, pp. 290-291, Tribune obituary, April, 1949, and “Guide To The Hume-Hackley Papers.”]

Simon Baar [Barr] [1830-1901]

Born in March, 1830 [1829] in The Netherlands, Simon Baar married Helena “Lena” Yonker, who also was born in The Netherlands in May, 1828. She died about October 8, 1911 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1855 they immigrated to the United States. They first settled in Chicago, but moved from there to Kalamazoo and in 1857 came to Grand Haven, where they continued to reside. Simon was classified as “gardener” in the 1880 census. They had five children, including a daughter Altje “Alice,” who was born in The Netherlands in 1852 and married Folgert Van Zanten of Grand Haven; Johanna “Anna” [Joan], who was born in Illinois in 1854, married Cornelius Glerum, and moved to Kenosha, Wisconsin; Jacob, born in Grand Haven on May 16, 1859; Henry, who was born in Grand Haven in 1853 and apparently died before 1862; and a second Henry, born about 1862 in Grand Haven. Living with

the family in 1870 was Jacob's widowed mother, Johanna, who was born in The Netherlands around 1798. Simon died June 27, 1901 in Grand Haven and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Michigan*, p. 288, and *Tribune* obituary, June 27, 1901.]

Edward M. Baas [1911-2003]

In May, 1943 Ed Baas left his hometown of Grand Rapids and moved to Grand Haven as owner and Proprietor of the well-established Big Store at 100 North Third. Accompanying him were his wife, Ruth Dornbos, and their son, Gary. Eddie and Ruth were married in Grand Rapids on October 9, 1936. Gary joined his father at the Big Store in 1964 and in 1970 changed the business name to Baas' Store for Men. Ed retired in 1979. He and his wife were members of the Second Christian Reformed Church, where he was Deacon and Sunday school teacher. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club, Spring Lake Country Club, and Chamber of Commerce; he served on the United Way Fund Board and was fund drive Chairman; and he served on the Grand Haven Christian School Board and was a Director of Security First Bank [Fifth Third]. Eddie died in Zeeland on May 19, 2003. Margaret lived from June 25, 1913 to February 24, 1992. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Gary L., Sarah, and David W. Ed and Ruth resided at 18141 Holcomb Hills Road in Grand Haven Township.

Albert H. Babcock [1877-1912]

Born in February, 1877, Albert Babcock owned a boat repair shop and offered marine fuel at a place on Spring Lake called Babcock's Landing, near the foot of Jackson Street. He also was a watch maker, jeweler, and optician in Spring Lake, and he sold electrical supplies for boats and automobiles. His wife, Celestine, was born in France in November, 1878. In 1900 the couple resided in Chester Township. Albert died in 1912 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Charles Babcock [1882-1960]

Charles Babcock raised stock and sold farm implements. His 42-acre farm was located in Section 12 of Olive Township. Charles, the son of George and Barbara Walder Babcock, was born on June 16, 1882 and died on September 12, 1960. His wife, Margaret, the daughter of Alfred and Mary Wolder [Walter] Wabbel, was born on January 27, 1883 and died on January 4, 1959. Three of their sons died as infants. Both Babcocks were buried at West Olive Cemetery with other family members.

Earl Hamilton Babcock [1886-1966]

Earl Babcock was born on December 30, 1886 in Britton, Michigan. He was the son of Laban A. Babcock, who was born near Sylvania, Ohio, and Addie

M. Underwood. Earl's father was a cooper by trade. Earl's grandfather, Henry Babcock, who was born in New York and died in Ohio, also was a cooper by trade. About 1880 the Babcocks moved to Britton where Laban operated a stave mill and general store. Laban and Addie also had a daughter, Myrtle. Myrtle married Warren D. Byrum, a farmer in Leslie. Laban died in 1911 and Addie married S. S. Main. Earl graduated from Britton High School and from Michigan State Normal College in Ypsilanti, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in 1922 and a Master of Arts in 1929 from the University of Michigan. In 1939 he was given an honorary Master of Education from Michigan State Normal College. He also attended Columbia University Graduate School. He taught two years in rural schools. From 1909 to 1912 he was principal of Fremont High School, from 1912 to 1915 he was Superintendent of Newaygo Schools, and between 1915 and 1923 he was Superintendent of Fremont Schools. In 1923 he became Superintendent of Grand Haven Public Schools, a post he held until his retirement in 1951. He was President of the Michigan Education Association in 1938; Chairman of the Special Michigan Education Association in 1925; Chairman of the 4th District in 1928; Michigan Education Association Director at-large from 1929 to 1932; Chairman of the Journal Planning Commission in 1933-34; and President of the Michigan Education Association Department of City Superintendents in 1934-35. Earl was independent in politics and was a member of the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, Scottish Rite Consistory, National Education Association, American Association of School Administrators, Kappa Phi Alpha, Rotary Club, Spring Lake Country Club, Lake Duck Hunt Club, Ottawa County Chapter of Citizens Historical Association, the Grand Haven Stag Club, and the Presbyterian Church.

On July 24, 1912, Earl married Hazel O. Exelby of Britton. She was the daughter of Walter L. Exelby, a farmer, and Jennie Gibson. The Babcocks had two children. The first was Earl Paul, born May 19, 1913. Their other child was Richard Exelby, who was born August 15 1916 and became a metallurgical engineer from the University of Michigan. The Babcocks lived at 315 Woodlawn. Earl died about December 21, 1966 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Hazel was born on October 6, 1889 and died in Grand Haven on February 15, 1984. She, too, was buried at Lake Forest. [*Citizens Historical Association Manuscript.*]

Earl Paul Babcock [1913-1982]

Earl, born in Fremont, Michigan, was the son of Earl and Hazel O. Exelby Babcock. Young Earl was born May 19, 1913 and died in October, 1982. He was employed as Purchasing Agent by the Challenge Machinery Company. He married Helen Clark, and they had one

child, Barbara Ann. The Babcocks resided at 414 Duncan Court.

Eugene F. Babcock [1923-1985]

Born in Grand Haven on September 13, 1923, Gene was the son of Cecil Babcock. He attended Hope College and graduated from Western Michigan University. Gene served in the U.S. Navy in WWII. He served as the first Mayor of Ferrysburg for seven years; was employed at Challenge Machinery Company for 32 years as an industrial engineer; served as volunteer fireman for 20 years; belonged to St. John's Episcopal Church; was a member of the Ferrysburg Planning Commission; and joined the Supervisors Club, Industrial Engineers Society, Masons, Eastern Star, American Legion, Boy Scouts, Red Cross Board, and the Republican Party. Gene married Margaret Clark in Muskegon on July 22, 1950. Margaret, the daughter of Fred L. and Ethel Jupp Clark, was born in Flint, Michigan on March 19, 1923. The Babcocks had five sons: Gerald of Mackinac Island; James of Ann Arbor; John of Fremont, California; Mark of Bay City; and Robert. The family resided at 16789 Lake View in Spring Lake. Gene died in Grand Haven on May 23, 1985 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Margaret passed away on July 6, 2008. [Tribune obituary, May 24, 1985.]

Isaak [Isaac] Gasner Babcock [1883- ?]

The son of Fred and Cecelia Babcock, Isaak was born in Spring Lake on September 20, 1883. An employee of Johnston Bros., where he worked as a boilermaker, Isaak resided with his wife, Florence, at 108 East Savidge in the early 1900s. In 1925 they moved to 114 East Savidge. Florence was born in Canada about 1880. The Babcocks had a daughter, Cecilia, who was born in Michigan about 1904. Ike and Florence died after 1950.

Joseph Bachunas [1893-1969]

A resident of Berrien County, Joseph Bachunas was born on May 10, 1893. He bought the Spring Lake resort Prospect Point in 1941. He also operated the Macatawa Hotel near Holland and Tabor Farm near Benton Harbor. In 1953 he sold Prospect Point to Weldon Brummels of Grand Rapids. Joseph died in Berrien County in January, 1969.

Donald Badcon [1918-2001]

Donald was born in Ludington on August 19, 1918, the son of Harry J. and Margaret McKenzie Badcon, who were resident of Grand Haven by 1930. On August 3, 1956 in Grand Haven he married Winifred, the daughter of John E. and Ella Osterburg Mieras. Donald received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1940 and served with the Army in Europe during WWII. From 1953 to 1983 he was Sports Editor for the *Grand Haven Tribune*. He belonged to the

United Methodist Church.. Don headed a successful effort to organize the Tri-Cities Kids' Baseball League in 1954. Don also was a charter member of the YMCA, assisted in bringing that organization to Grand Haven, and served on its first Board of Directors, organized in 1963. He and his wife resided at 404 Leggat. After retiring from the *Tribune* the Badcons moved to Freedom Village in Holland. Donald died on March 24, 2001. [Tribune obituary, March 26, 2001.]

William F. Bading [1850-1916]

About January 1, 1907, William Bading opened a machine repair shop at 628 Washington, where he also resided. Previously he was employed by the Challenge Machinery Company and the American Brass Novelty Company. He also had worked in Chicago, where he was Foreman in a bicycle manufacturing plant and he had formed a partnership to open the Harmony Company in Chicago for the production of guitars, mandolins, drums, and other musical instruments. Also in 1907 William became Proprietor of the Riverview House at 10 Franklin. His wife, Louise, was born in Germany in February, 1841 and died on August 27, 1901. They came to the United States in 1877. Their children were Lucy, born in Austria in April, 1873; Eva, born in Michigan in March, 1892; and Florence, born in Illinois in November, 1894. On November 1, 1902 in Grand Haven, William married Fredrika [Frederika] Dronian Stittgen, who was born in Germany about 1860 and died about May 5, 1904. William, born in Austria in November, 1850, died about December 18, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Louise and Fredrika.

Henry C. Baehre [Bahre] [1837-1871]

Henry Baehre was born in Germany about June 16 [July 16], 1837 and died on January 26, 1871. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After Henry's death, his wife, Mary [Anna], opened a boarding house at their home, located at 709 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. Mary was born in New York on September 6, 1843 and died in Grand Haven on January 31, 1933. She was buried with her husband at Lake Forest. Interred with them was a son, Roland A., who lived from 1867 to January 9, 1891. They also had two daughters, Julia E., born in September, 1866 [1865], and Ida, born in Grand Haven in 1868.

Harry Baggott [1891-1955]

Born in Grand Haven on November 19, 1891, Harry was the son of Samuel and Elida Baggott of Grand Haven. After the death of his parents when he was quite young, Harry was adopted by Samuel and Mary Kimball of Grand Haven. Harry was a gas company employee for 33 years, retiring on December 20, 1954. He was a WWI veteran, serving with the Polar Bear unit in Russia

and in Calumet on mine strike duty. Harry was past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sgt. Alvin Jonker Post. He was a member of the Second Reformed Church and the Masons. On Sept 27, 1922 Harry married Clara Bouwman. Their children included Glenn, who was in the Army, and Norman, who was killed in a motorcycle accident near Holland in 1949. Harry died at his home at 523 Butler Street in Grand Haven on March 21, 1955 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Clara was born on May 30, 1897 and died in Grand Haven on February 3, 1991. Harry and Clara were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 22, 1955.]

Samuel Baggott [Baggett/Baggatt] [1862-1896]

Samuel Baggott, born in England on August 23, 1862, was listed as a "railroader" in the 1893 *Compendium*. His wife, Elida, lived from March 7, 1855 to December 28, 1896, and Samuel died on December 21, 1896. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. A daughter, Carrie, who was born on March 1, 1885, died on September 23 two years later, and was buried at Lake Forest with her parents. Another daughter, Laone, was born about 1893. They also had two sons, William David born on November 1, 1889, and Harry Joseph, born on November 19, 1891.

Charles Bahr [1856-1936]

Charles and Adeline "Lena" Bahr were married in Germany just prior to immigrating to the United States in 1881. Lena was born in Germany about 1862. Their children were William, born in September, 1884, and Catherine, born in 1888. The family resided at 620 North Fifth Street. Charles was listed in the 1900 census as a farmer and in 1920 as a gardener. Lena died about February 26, 1922, and Charles about December 9, 1936. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Catherine married Frederick Fink.

Isaac Edward Bailey [@1829-1921]

Isaac Edward Bailey's obituary noted that he resided in Grand Haven. According to the article, which appeared in the *Grand Rapids Press* around December 26, 1921, the date of Isaac's death, he "broke away from his owner's plantation in Essex County, Virginia, the state in which he was born, and in 1852, when he was about 23 years old, Isaac made his way by the 'underground railway' to Canada." He enlisted in Company A of the 102nd Colored Infantry in Grand Rapids on January 30, 1865. A resident of Ionia at the time of enlistment, he was listed as 36 years old, and his occupation was given as ostler [variant of hostler], someone who looks after guests' horses at an inn. [Isaac's death certificate cited July 4, 1816 as his date of birth, which would have made him 49 at the time of his enlistment.] Isaac was discharged on September 30, 1865. He filed for an

invalid's pension on November 4, 1890, and on May 11, 1891, while living in Detroit, he applied again. On May 24, 1867 he married Clarissa Ann Bardley in Grand Haven, with Reverend John B. Fisk of the Congregational Church officiating. Clarissa filed for a widow's pension shortly after her husband's death. Also African American, she was born in Marion, Pennsylvania in 1848 [cited elsewhere as July 4, 1850] and moved with her family first to London, Canada, and then to Grand Haven. Although the name Bardley does not appear in the censuses for Grand Haven, the name Barley does. Included in the Barley household in the 1870 census was Clara [a name also used by Clarissa], born in Pennsylvania about 1847. Other family members in the census were Isaac Barley, born in Virginia about 1826, Marid, born about 1866 in Michigan, and Isaac II, born about February, 1870, also in Michigan. There was no explanation for the family using Clarissa's maiden name instead of Isaac's. In the 1880 census Isaac was living in Grand Rapids, working as a laborer. His age was given as 65. Isaac then disappears from view until his death notice in 1921. In a letter dated June 2, 1929, Clarissa refers to her sister, Celess who married a Bennett. A Celeste Bourdley married Virgil Bennett of Grand Haven [see above], and she must be the sister Clarissa refers to. Clarissa in 1930 was still living in Grand Rapids, where she shared a house with her granddaughter's family. Also living in the house was Clarissa's daughter, Minnie Harris, who was born in Michigan about 1865. Minnie married Jerome Harris in Grand Rapids on October 4, 1888. Minnie's presumed birth year matches that of Marid, who appeared in the 1870 census. Isaac the father was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Grand Rapids, but his headstone does not indicate the date of death.

Joseph Bailly [Bailey] [1774-1835]

Of French ancestry and a native of Canada, where he was born in 1774, Joseph Bailly became a fur trader who worked out of Grand Haven between 1808 [1821] and 1822. Joseph first married Angelique McGulpin, a Native American [Ottawa], who was born in Michigan in 1776. They were divorced, and Joseph then married Marie Le Fevre de la Vigne. Marie was born in Michigan in 1783 and died in 1866. A descendant, Carolee Bailly Nyborg of Veradale, Washington, said that several of Joseph's and Angelique's children were born in Grand Haven ["Little Fort"], including Alexis C. Bailly, who was born on September 14, 1798. They also had a daughter, Sophie, born in March, 1807. Lillie recorded that the fur trader built a post on the Grand River and another one on Muskegon Lake in 1830 and later sold it to Louis Benjamin Badeau, who appeared in the 1835 Ottawa County census. Louis was born in Canada in 1815 and was buried at Sand Creek Cemetery

in Newaygo County. Joseph died in Baillytown, Indiana on December 1, 1835.

Warner Baird I [1885-1984]

Born in Chicago on March 25, 1885 Warner was the son of Wyllys Baird who, in 1883, married Olivia, daughter of Oliver Bourne Green. Warner was the grandson of Lyman Baird, who owned and managed the Baird & Bradley real estate office located at 90 La Salle Street in Chicago, which was destroyed in the great fire of 1871, but rebuilt afterwards. As a mortgage bank, the firm obtained funds from investors in the East and helped rebuild Chicago after the fire. Warner first came to Spring Lake when he was a college student. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University in 1908. After 1965 his residence was in Geneva, Illinois and he summered at his home at Orchard Point Estates on the west shore of Spring Lake [18720 West Spring Lake Road], the former Ferndale Resort. He was associated with his grandfather's real estate firm for 67 years. Warner was President from 1928 to 1963 and Chairman of the Board until his death. In 1975 he was designated Realtor Emeritus by the National Association of Realtors.

On January 14, 1913 in Evanston, Illinois, Warner married Julia L. Dole, a graduate of Smith College. She was born in Illinois on March 3, 1887. The couple had four children, all born in Illinois: John Wyllys Baird, who was born about 1916 and succeeded his father as President of Baird & Bradley; Katherine, who was born about 1917 and married Herbert Hansen of Vero Beach, Florida and Cazenovia, New York; Warner G. Baird II, who was born July 4, 1918, became Vice President and Treasurer, and died in August, 1981; and Olive, who was born about 1924 and married Neil McKay of Geneva, Illinois. In 1974 Warner gave Spring Lake \$100,000 to finance a library and the Warner Baird Library in Spring Lake was named for him. Warner died on February 8, 1984 and was buried in Geneva, Illinois. Julia passed away the following August 15. [*Tribune* obituary, February 9, 1984, and *Tribune* articles, "Family gives \$100,000 to SL Twp.," December 10, 1976, and "WB family in Great Chicago fire," April 3, 1978.]

William B. Baird [1817- ?]

William Baird, born in Scotland about 1817, managed the Michigan Exchange in Muir, at the base of Dewey Hill. Muir lost its importance when the railroad moved its depot to the Grand Haven side of the Grand River in 1870. By 1880 he was listed as a sailor. On September 10, 1845 in Scotland, William married Ann Jane [Jean] Smith, who was born in Ireland about 1833. They moved to Grand Haven by way of New York State. On August 26, 1861, William enlisted as Private in Company L of the 1st Michigan Cavalry. He was

discharged for disability on October 9 the next year and applied for an invalid's Civil War pension on September 5, 1883. The Bairds' children were John, born around 1853 in Scotland, Hercules, born about 1858, also in Scotland, and William, born about 1866 in Michigan. The family resided on Fulton Street.

Geraldine I. vanden Berg Bakale [1921-2003] and Paul J. Bakale [1919-2004]

Geraldine, the daughter of Theodore and Edith M. Dreese vanden Berg of Ferrysburg, was born on July 24, 1921. She married Paul J. Bakale on October 18, 1941. Paul was born on March 10, 1919 and raised in Robinson Township. His parents were Ivan and Luba C. Bakale. Paul became Field Supervisor for Sta-Rand Enterprises. Geraldine and Paul resided at 15241 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven Township. Their children were Linda, who first married Wallace Schroeder of Grand Haven and later Ray Mieras; Larry and Roger. Geraldine attended the Second Reformed Church. She passed away in Muskegon on January 31, 2003, and Paul died in Grand Haven on May 24, 2004. [*Tribune* obituary, February 1, 2003.]

Baker

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Alfred S. Baker [1846-@1926]

Alfred Baker was a farmer in Section 12 of Olive Township in the 1890s. He was born in Indiana in June, 1846. On March 5, 1864 he enlisted as Private in Company F of the 42nd Indiana Infantry. He was mustered out on July 21 the next year. He married Rebecca A. Bowers about 1870. She was born in Indiana in January, 1852. Their children were Georgia Alberta, born August 8, 1875 in Indiana; Carrie, born about 1877 in Olive Township; and Emily, born on September 2, 1891 in Olive Township. By 1910 they were residing at 107 Madison in Grand Haven. Alfred became Post Commander of Weatherwax Post, No. 75, or the G.A.R. He died about 1926. On September 2, 1926, as a resident of Michigan, Rebecca applied for a widow's Civil War pension.

Austin S. Baker [1861-1930]

Born in Massachusetts on August 17, 1861, Austin Baker came to Grand Haven in 1908 and owned and operated an ice cream parlor on Washington just off Seventh street and a candy store on the corner of Seventh and Fulton Streets in Grand Haven [105 North Seventh], where they also resided, although later they moved to 607 Sheldon. For nine years prior to his death he was employed by the Story & Clark Piano Company. Baker was a member of the Maccabees and Odd Fellows. His wife's name was Isabelle. They had two children, Shirley and Clarence. Clarence was born on

April 19, 1899 and moved to Muskegon. Austin died at his home at 1000 Pennoyer Avenue on December 11, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Isabelle, who was born in Pennsylvania around 1873, passed away about February 19, 1951 and was buried with her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, December 12, 1930.]

Bernard W. Baker I [1899-1983]

Bernard Baker was born August 31, 1899 in Clessey, Michigan. He owned Baker Plaza on Getty Street in Muskegon, and also was a sculptor and ceramist who exhibited at Grand Valley State Colleges and at the Grand Haven Community Center. In addition Bernard was active in conservation causes and a member of the Michigan Audubon Society. He donated a 491-acre "wildlife oasis" [Bernard W. Baker Sanctuary] in Convis Township. He also was a member of Lakeland Painters. He and his wife, Emilie, were married in 1942. Their children were David J. of Berkeley, California, Don of Grand Rapids, and Bernard W. II of Lansing. Bernard died February 2, 1983. [*Tribune* obituary, February 2, 1983.]

Charles Baker [1920-1991]

Born in Chicago on July 1, 1920, Charles was the son of John and Isabel Baker and brother of John Douglas Baker of Spring Lake. He earned a bachelor's degree at Harvard College. In WWII he served in the Navy, mainly on patrols in the North Sea, and was promoted to Lieutenant. After the war, Charles became an agent in New York City for Angela Lansbury, Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau, Eva Marie Saint, and Robert Preston. He died in New York City on March 15, 1991. [*Tribune* obituary, March 19, 1991.]

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Edwin P. Baker [@1830-1911]

Born about 1830 in Michigan, Edwin Baker moved to Grand Haven from Ypsilanti in June, 1880. He bought the photography studio of Joseph T. Wixon, with studios over the old post office at the southeast corner of Washington and First Streets [100 Washington]. Edwin died about July 6, 1911.

George Baker [1844-1925]

George Baker, a day laborer, and his wife Anjes "Anna," immigrated to the United States from The Netherlands in 1869 when they were in their mid-twenties. George was born on August 11, 1845, and Anna was born on December 22, 1844. A daughter, Jennie, was born in May, 1878 and a son, Tony George, was born on November 28, 1883. The family lived in Spring Lake. Around 1920 Tony owned a store on Savidge Street and resided on Liberty with his widowed father and sister.

George died about November 13 1925, Anna about October 14, 1908, Tony around February 16, 1945, and Jennie about February 24, 1961. All four were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

John Douglas Baker [1918-2007]

Born on July 1, 1918 in Grand Haven, Doug was the son of John and Isabel Adams Baker. In 1941 he graduated from Antioch College at Yellow Springs, Ohio at which time he worked for the Currier Lumber Co. in Detroit and wrote for the magazine *Wood Construction and Building Materials*. In 1943 he graduated from Harvard Business School. In 1946, following four years serving as supply officer on the ship *Otus* during WWII, he joined the family business, D. Baker & Sons, and purchased his brother Charles' shares in the company. In 1949 he purchased the remaining shares in the company from his aunts, Della Steininger and Harriet Prins, and by January 1, 1950, he was the sole owner of the business.

Doug was a clarinetist and saxophonist who played with the West Shore Symphony Orchestra. Doug was instrumental in ushering in the Big Band Era in the Grand Haven area. He was first chair clarinet in Grand Haven High School's band and orchestra, and went on to play saxophone in Don Warner's band. He became an investor and later vice president of the Bilmar Resort on Treasure Island, Florida, owned by his friend Russ Baltz, and played Dixieland music there on Sunday afternoons.

He married Katherine Hall, also a student at Antioch, on August 31, 1941. They had four children: Rachel Ann, born on May 2, 1944; John Dickinson, who was born on June 16, 1947 and became President of the company; Bruce Winship, born on June 28, 1949; and Virginia, born on April 8, 1952. John passed away in 2007. [*Tribune* articles, "DB Becomes Owner of Lumber Yard" March 11, 1950, and "Baker and Baltz families are close," June 21, 1989.]

Jan "John" [James] Baker [Bakker] [1834-1914]

John Baker was born in The Netherlands in March, 1834. He came to Grand Haven in 1871 and was a commercial fisherman, one of the early industries of Grand Haven. His wife, Marie [Maria], was born September 14, 1835 [1834]. Their children included William, born in 1862; Tony, born in 1863; Jacob, who was born in 1864, remained in the area as a businessman and later as a grocer in Grand Rapids, and died in May, 1923; Johannes, born in 1865; Cornelius, born in December, 1866 [1865]; J. Anna, born in January, 1867 [1868]; Henry, born in January, 1868 [1869]; Adrianna, born in 1869; Johanna, born in 1870; Frank, born on January 17, 1874; Amelia, born on June 10, 1875; Gertrude, who was born on April 16, 1878 and became City Clerk for the City of Grand Haven; and Jennie, who

was born in 1873, married John Klaassen and moved to Grand Rapids. All the children except the last three were born in The Netherlands. The Bakers resided at 731 Columbus. John died on November 12, 1914. Marie died March 13, 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband and other family members. [*Tribune* article, January 4, 1900, "Jacob Baker Loses Business to Fire" and *Tribune* obituary, November 14, 1914.]

Tony J. Baker [1863–1953]

Tony was born in The Netherlands about 1863 and came to Grand Haven with his parents, John and Marie Baker, in 1871. Tony and his brother William opened a grocery store on Fulton Street about 1895. Then in 1904 they erected a new structure at 109-111 Seventh Street, and opened a dry goods and grocery store called the People's Mercantile Company, which included Edward Moll's Shoe Store. Tony was President and in charge of the dry goods.

On November 20, 1901 Tony married Sena Boer in Chicago. They lived at 109 North Seventh. Sena was the daughter of Jan and Lammigye [Lammechien] Jans Van Dam Boer and the sister of John Boer of Grand Haven. She was born in 1868, died about March 27, 1963, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Tony passed away about February 14, 1953, and also was buried at Lake Forest.

William Chapman Baker II [1809-1901]

Born on April 27, 1809 in Natchez, Mississippi, William Baker was at one time the oldest living graduate of Princeton, having been one of four to divide second honors at Princeton in 1825. For a time he was engaged in cotton trade down south and later was associated with his father, William Chapman Baker I, who was a wealthy silk merchant of New York. Their home for many years was in Morristown, New Jersey, where William I shared his wealth. During the Civil War he provided an entire New Jersey regiment with rubber blankets. He established a seminary for young women and was instrumental in giving Morristown its first gas illumination system through his personal efforts and funds.

On June 23, 1842 in Detroit, William II married Kate, the daughter of Robert and Emma Elizabeth Sullivan Stuart. Kate was born in Michilmackinac on July 21, 1820. They had six children, none born in Michigan: Mary Stuart, who was born in New Orleans on April 14, 1843, married William Newton Ladue in Morristown, New Jersey on September 19, 1867, and passed away in Mount Vernon, New York on May 2, 1936; Elizabeth Emma, who was born in New Orleans on November 9, 1845, married her first cousin and step-brother, Robert Stuart Turner, and died in Mount Vernon, New York on

July 21, 1923; Sarah Morris, who was born in Chicago on November 24, 1847 and died in Morristown four years later; Eliza Wardell, who was born Skaneateles, New York on August 8, 1849 and died in Minneapolis on July 26, 1928; Looe, who was born in Morristown, New Jersey on July 29, 1851, married Elizabeth Saunders, resided in Chatham County, Georgia with his wife and children, and died near Savannah, Georgia on April 26, 1911; and Kate Stuart, who was born in Morristown on April 26, 1853 and died in Minneapolis on February 21, 1878.

Kate died in Morristown, New Jersey on October 4, 1853. William then married his sister-in-law, Mary Elizabeth Stuart Turner, on April 18, 1856 in Detroit. Mary. The widow of Dr. George Franklin Turner, Mary was born in New York City on June 27, 1814. Robert Stuart Turner, who married Elizabeth Emma Baker, was their son. Mary passed away in Minneapolis on June 4, 1878. William and Mary had one son, William C. III, who was born in Morristown, New Jersey, on January 15, 1858.

In 1872 William II and Mary moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where they resided with William III and his family. On June 4, 1878, Mary died in Minneapolis. By 1880 William III, Frederika, Robert S., and the Looe born in 1851 were living in Spring Lake Village. By the late 1800s William II owned a 45-acre fruit farm located on Spring Lake at Point Stuart, just east of today's Spring Lake Yacht Club [Sections 10 and 15 of Spring Lake Township]. In the winters, he joined the Howletts at their home in Grand Rapids, and in the summers the Howletts took up residence at Point Stuart. William was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. Through his father, William became personally acquainted with General Lafayette of France and visited and was entertained by the Marquis on his trips abroad. Also, while in New York City, William became acquainted with Cornelius Vanderbilt, who built a railroad empire. Another acquaintance was Samuel Morse, inventor of the Morse code, whom he met while aboard the ship *Sully* on its way back from Europe to New York. William was a member of the Episcopal Church in Spring Lake and the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids. He died on February 2, 1901 in Grand Rapids. Bakers interred in the Howlett-Loutit Mausoleum at Lake Forest Cemetery were Robert Stuart Baker, who died on April 8, 1915, and his wife, Lulu D., who was born on January 4, 1881 and died on August 17, 1958. [*Tribune* obituary, February 4, 1901.]

William Chapman Baker III [1858-1887]

The son of William C. and Mary Elizabeth Stuart Turner Baker, William III was born in Morristown, New Jersey, on January 15, 1858. He married Frederika Matilda

Schneider in Minneapolis on November 17, 1877, and died in Spring Lake on August 26, 1887. Frederika was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on January 11, 1861. William and Frederika had two sons: Robert, who was born in Michigan on November 17, 1879, and Looe, who was born in Detroit on February 10, 1884, married, and settled in Minneapolis. After William's death, Frederika married Nelson Howlett of Grand Haven.

William J. Baker [1862-1933]

Born in The Netherlands in November, 1862 [1861], William came to Grand Haven with his parents, John and Marie Baker, in 1871. William and his brother Tony opened a grocery store on Fulton Street about 1895. Then in 1904 they erected a new structure at 109-111 Seventh Street, and opened a dry goods and grocery store called the People's Mercantile Company, which also included Edward Moll's Shoe Store. William was Secretary and Vice President and was in charge of the grocery department.

William was Alderman from 1899 to 1901 and served on the Grand Haven City Council during the formation of the Grand Rapids, Grand Haven, & Muskegon Interurban. He was a member of a well-known quartet, which sang in the Second Reformed Church for 36 years. In 1893 he married Clara Van Hoef in Grand Haven. Clara, who was born in Michigan in April, 1862, had a sister Dirkje "Delia," who married Jurrien Ball, and a brother Andrew, who was a commercial fisherman in Grand Haven. One of the Baker's children, Marion, who was born about 1902, became a teacher in local schools. The family lived at 128 Elliott and later at 515 Clinton Street. Clara died in 1910. William died on March 17, 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, March 18, 1933.]

William T. Baker I [1867-1931]

Born February 28, 1867 in The Netherlands, the son of Teunis Baker, William came with his family to Grand Haven when he was three and later worked in a sawmill. In his youth he moved to Muskegon, where for many years he was connected with the W. D. Hardy & Company Department Store. He returned to Grand Haven in 1901 and became associated with Beaudry & Company, then located at 224 Washington. An avid sports enthusiast, he sponsored a baseball team called the Beaudry Boys. About 1920 he sold his interest in Beaudry's and organized his own store, Baker & Baker, selling floor coverings and draperies.

In 1891 William married Dora Vogel, who was born in 1868. Their children were T. Frederic, who was born about 1892 and relocated to Englewood, New Jersey; Barbara Adrian [Ada], who was born about 1893 and married Clarence N. Vyn, originally from Grand Haven and later a dentist in Detroit; Bess, who was born about

1896 and married Charles Robinson; and William T. Baker II, who was born about 1897 and married Helen Van Oorde of Ferrysburg. William and Dora resided at 107 South Seventh Street. Dora died in April, 1941 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. William I died January 16, 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest with other family members. His granddaughter said he was a "fine Christian man and a great trickster." [*Tribune* obituary, January 16, 1931.]

Derk [Dirk] W. Bakker [Baker] [1842-1925]

Derk, the son of William [Willem] and Etje [Ettje] Bakker, was born in The Netherlands in January, 1842 [1844]. In the censuses of 1850 and 1870 he was living with his parents, who owned acreage in Sections 14 and 15 in Olive Township. William was born in The Netherlands on April 3, 1800 and died on August 25, 1876. Etje, who was born on March 27, 1807 in The Netherlands, died on May 15, 1880 and was buried in Lake Forest Cemetery. They had at least six children beside Derk.

In 1870 Derk was employed at a sawmill. The next year, with his brother Jeltz, he began the Derk Bakker Sawmill at the foot of Third Street, just south of the Boyden & Akeley Shingle Mill. It had a capacity of 40,000 board feet a day. By 1893 the business name was Bakker & Son, although it was listed as D. Baker in an advertisement in the 1908 *Directory*. After the mill burned down in 1894, Derk started to supply lumber to local builders. By the early 1900s the family spelled its name "Baker." About 1912, he and his son John purchased eight lots from Charles and Lizzie Shupe on Pennoyer Street, whose land had been used for raising berries. On that site the Bakkers built D. Bakker & Son Lumber Company at 722 Pennoyer. When Derk's son John died in 1920, he resumed control of his lumber business. He hired Martin Boon as Manager. Boon, an employee of the lumber company for more than 50 years, worked with another Bakker son, Doug, and later with Doug's sons, Dick and Bruce. Derk was on the Board of Directors of Peoples Savings Bank of Grand Haven in 1920.

On April 27, 1886 Derk married Sena [Lina] Lamann [Lamen] in Grand Haven. She was born in Germany on March 12, 1860, and came to America when she was 18. After living in Holland and Fremont, she came to Grand Haven. Derk and Sena had three children: John D., born on March 15, 1887; Della [Dora] who was born in November, 1891, married George Steininger, and moved to Brooklyn, New York; and Harriet [Henrietta], who was born in May, 1897, married Henry Prins, and moved to Lyon County, Iowa. Derk also had a son, William D., by an earlier marriage, who was born about 1875. The Derk Bakker family resided at 208 Franklin Street. Sena died around August 11, 1941 and was buried at Lake

Forest Cemetery. Derk died about July 4, 1925 and was buried at Lake Forest with his wife and other family members. [*Tribune* articles, August 18, 1920, "Expressions of Sympathy," and "DB Becomes Owner of Lumber Yard."]

Jeltz [Jeltze/Jellje/Jeltje] W. Bakker [1839-1872]

An older brother of Derk Bakker, Jeltz helped start his brother's lumberyard, Derk Bakker [Baker] & Son. He married and had two children. Born in The Netherlands 1839, Jeltz died of smallpox on August 28, 1872 along with his wife, Antje, and two children. They were buried in the pest house cemetery near Sheldon Road and Taylor Street. Their bodies were discovered at an excavation site when North Ottawa Community Hospital expanded in 1969. [*Tribune* article, October 11, 1969, "Tragedy Recalled by Bakers."]

John Douglas Bakker I [1887-1920]

Born March 15, 1887, the son of Derk and Sena Lamann Bakker, John was associated with his father as the junior member of the lumber firm of Derk Bakker & Son. He married Isabel G., daughter of Charles Adams of Grand Haven. She was born in June, 1888 and died about February 19, 1951. Their children included John Douglas II, born in 1918 [see John Douglas Baker], and Charles, born about 1919. John I died of meningitis on March 16, 1920 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Isabel. Martin Boon, who had been with the company since March 1 that year, took over as General Manager. Isabel was a teacher in the Grand Haven Schools. In 1930 she was residing at 209 North Fifth Street with her two sons and sister, Isabel Thomson. Charles became an agent for Broadway theater productions in New York City. Doug remained with the family lumber business in Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, March 14, 1921 and *Tribune* article, March 11, 1950, "Doug B. Becomes Owner of Lumber Yard."]

William D. Bakker [Baker] [c.1875- ?]

William, the son of Derk Bakker, was born about 1875. In the early 1900s he worked at the family lumber yard. He married Mattie [Matie] Farnham, the daughter of Byron and Bodelia Farnham and the sister of John Farnham. Mattie was born about 1874. William and Mattie lived at 222 Franklin. By 1910 William and Mattie were residing in Battle Creek, where he continued to work in the lumber business. They had two children.

Melvin Baldwin [1922-1994]

Melvin, the son of Arthur J. Baldwin of Staples, Minnesota, was one of two hands to survive the sinking of the Coast Guard Cutter *Escanaba* in June, 1943. He

was a Boatswains Mate at the time. Baldwin was born on October 21, 1922 and died August 3, 1994.

Phineas Baldwin [1817-1882]

Born in Vermont on February 15, 1817, Dr. Phineas Baldwin opened a medical office in Spring Lake in 1863. He helped organize Spring Lake Baptist Church on December 7, 1867, and he served on the Spring Lake School Board. He advertised himself as a "Botanic Physician," one who cured with natural products. His wife, Lucy, was born in New York about 1809. Their son John was born in New York about 1850, and a daughter, Idella, was born in Wisconsin around 1860. Phineas died in Spring Lake on July 18, 1882.

Hendrick "Henry" Balgooyen [Van Balgooyen/Van Balgooyen] [1823-1893]

Henry Balgooyen was born in The Netherlands in 1823. He helped organize Olive Township in 1857 and was one of its first officers. On December 1, 1860, he took title to 130 acres in Section 28 of Olive Township, along the Lake Michigan shoreline. By 1864 he also owned about 80 acres in Section 4 of Grand Haven Township. In 1863 Henry became the first District Director of the Rosy Mound School. In 1880 he was listed as a railroad worker. His wife, Julia, was born about 1831 in The Netherlands and died on December 27, 1893. Their daughter, Annie, was born on December 13, 1873 and married James Misner of Grand Haven. The Balgooyens had at least four other children, including Albert. Albert, who was born about 1870 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1889, went on to become a Methodist clergyman in Augusta [Washetnaw County]. At some point many members of the family dropped the "Van" and were listed as "Balgooyen." Henry died on January 22, 1893.

John W. Balgooyen [1862-1934]

Born in The Netherlands on February 5, 1862, John Balgooyen for many years was Foreman at the Silas Kilbourn barrel factory in Grand Haven. In the early 1900s John began the manufacture of concrete building blocks at the corner of First and Clinton Streets in Grand Haven. His father, William Balgooyen, was born in The Netherlands on January 3, 1814.

About 1884 John married Fredrika, born in Kalamazoo on July 13, 1865, the daughter of Gerrit Vanden Beldt. The Balgooyens' children included Susanna W., who was born in May, 1886 and married Ralph L. Farnham of Grand Haven; Marion E., who was born in December, 1888, married Solon Winter, and moved to Grand Rapids; Janet [Jeanette] A., who was born in July, 1890 and married George Vander Weide of Zeeland; William John, who was born January 25, 1894, married Edna Thelma Fors [January 30, 1907-February 5, 1953],

attended the U.S. Naval Reserve Officer Training School in Cleveland during WWI, and moved to Muskegon Heights after the war, where he died on February 16, 1958; Jerrold C., who was born in February, 1896, moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, died about December 14, 1935, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Ethelyn, who was born in December, 1897; Gertrude M., who was born in December, 1899 and married Ernest R. Fett of Grand Haven; and Edwin F., who was born January 28, 1905, married Hazel E. Bottema [1905-1994], and moved to Spring Lake. Fredrika died at her home at 16 South Sixth Street on January 6, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John died at home on June 18, 1934 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 6, 1930, June 18, 1934, and January 4, 1994.]

William Balgooyen [1814-1892]

William Balgooyen was born January 3, 1814 in The Netherlands, settled in Grand Haven in 1877, and died on January 29, 1892. He worked in the sawmills. A daughter, Elizabeth, was born in The Netherlands in May, 1855 and married Martin Van Doorne of Grand Haven. William's other children, all born in The Netherlands, were Peter, born about 1853; Henrietta, born about 1859; and John, born on February 5, 1862. The family resided on Madison Street. William's wife died before 1880. Living with the family in 1880 was William's unmarried brother Alexander, born in The Netherlands about 1822. Alexander was a dock worker.

Cornelis "Neal" Ball [1881-1957]

After playing the minor leagues, Neal Ball spent seven seasons with the New York Highlanders, forerunner of the Yankees, the Cleveland Indians, and the Boston Red Sox. A right-handed hitter, Neal was best remembered for completing the first unassisted triple play in the American League. That occurred on July 19, 1909, when he was playing shortstop for the Indians. He snagged a line drive, doubled one Red Sox player off second base, and then tagged the runner coming in from first. Bill hit an inside-the-park homerun in the same game. He maintained a .251 batting average for the 496 games of his major league career. He returned to the minor leagues in 1914, and he also was manager from time to time until his full retirement from the game in 1922. Neal, who stood five feet seven inches and weighed 145 pounds, was born in Grand Haven on April 22, 1881 and died in Bridgeport, Connecticut on October 15, 1957. He was the son of Cornelius and Minnie Ball.

Cornelius Ball [c.1850-1899]

Born in The Netherlands about 1850, Cornelius Ball settled in Grand Haven and became a commercial fisherman. He married Jakomina "Minnie" Mieras, who was born around 1851, also in The Netherlands.

Cornelius and Minnie had several children, all born in Michigan, including Willemina, born about 1872; Adrianna S., born about 1874; Cornelia, born in Grand Haven on June 20, 1876; and Jacob, who lived from 1878 to 1871. Cornelis "Neal" Ball, born on April 22, 1881, was another son. In 1880 Adriana Glerum, a widow, was residing with them. Listed as mother-in-law, Adriana was born in The Netherlands about 1817. The Ball family resided at 116 Howard in Grand Haven, but relocated to Kalamazoo, where Corneilus died on March 9, 1899.

John R. Ball [Bol] [1818-1871]

Born on April 17, 1818, John Ball in 1849 immigrated from Gronigen, The Netherlands to Holland, Michigan with his wife, Angie [Anje] "Anne" Winter and at least two children. Two years later the family moved to Grand Haven. John and Angie were married on July 31, 1845 in Gronigen. In Grand Haven John became Proprietor of a grocery store. He was active in founding the First Reformed Church in 1851. Fifteen families braved hardships to worship and, with two 25-foot canoes bought from the Indians, they picked up the logs that were thrown into the river as waste and built their first church on Third Street, a feat that earned it the name "Slab Church." Rev. Seine Bolks was their pastor. Angie Ball remained a member of the First Reformed Church until her death at the age of 93.

John and Angie had six children: Rijpke [Riepke], who lived from September 14, 1845 to February 9, 1877, married Mary [Maria] Kooiman; Jurrien Jans, who was born in Grand Haven on July 11, 1852; Jan "John," who was born on August 13, 1855 and died in Grand Haven on December 11, 1943; Peter, who was born on December 18, 1858 and went into the concrete block business; Gerrit, who was born in 1861, married Dora Belle Robinson, and died on May 15, 1929; and Rena, who was born January 7, 1863 and married William Balgooyen in 1883. William died before 1900, and Rena and her daughter, Ella H., who was born in February, 1884, resided with Angie. Gerrit joined his brother Jurrien in a downtown business, and eventually owned and operated a grocery store at 201-203 Washington. The Balls made their home at 320 Clinton Street. John died on May 21, 1871, Angie was born in Gronigen, The Netherlands on June 9, 1822 and died in Grand Haven on January 26, 1917. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. [*Tribune* article, November 2, 1984, "Ball came from The Netherlands in 1849."]

John Ball [c.1844- ?]

John Ball was born in The Netherlands about 1844. He joined the U.S. Army in Grand Haven on August 6, 1862 and was assigned to Company D of the 21st Michigan

Infantry. His wife, Jane, was born in The Netherlands also, about a year after John. Their children were Minnie; born about 1868 Lucy, born about 1872; Anna, born about 1876; James, born about 1876; and Cornelius, born about July, 1879. James was a fisherman. The family resided on Fulton Street.

Jurrien [Jurren/Jurrien] Jans Ball [1852-1941]

Jurrien was born on November 7, 1852 in Grand Haven, the son of John and Angie Winter Ball. When Jurrien was 12 he quit school to make fishnets. Later he went to work making wagons and then he was employed at Challenge Refrigerator Company, where he made \$2.25 a day, a substantial sum for a 22-year old in those days. Jurrien began business in Grand Haven in 1875 as partner with Jurrien [Jerry] and Arie [Orie] Woltman [Waltman] at their store, called Woltman, Ball & Company, built in 1872 at 201-203 Washington Street [Howlett Block]. It was a grocery and dry goods outlet. Their first customer was Grand Haven pharmacist Jacob Vander Veen, who bought a gallon of vinegar for 30 cents on April 17, 1875. On November 1, 1877 the business failed, but Jurrien appealed to his creditors to let him carry on. He and a brother bought out the Woltmans and operated the dry goods and grocery business as the J. Ball Store. Later Jurrien confined himself entirely to dry goods and his brother Gerrit took over the grocery outlet. He retired from business in 1940. He claimed to have three distinctions: at one time he was the oldest native son, the oldest baptized member of the First Reformed Church, and the oldest merchant in the city.

On January 23, 1879 in Grand Haven, Jurrien married Dirkje "Delia" Van Hoef, who had come to Grand Haven when she was two years old. She had one sister, Clara, who married William Baker, and a brother, Andrew. Jurrien and Delia had two daughters: Anna, a music teacher, who was born in February, 1881 and died in October, 1959, and Kitty [Cornelia Clauzine], who was born in December, 1884. Kitty worked as a clerk in the family store, and resided in the family home at 215 South Fourth until she fell in 1976 and moved to a nursing home. There she celebrated her 100th birthday on December 8, 1984. Kitty died two years later, on January 11, 1987 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Delia was born in The Netherlands in April, 1854 and died on February 3, 1918. Jurrien passed away on December 24, 1941 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 24, 1941, two *Tribune* articles, August 1, 1934 and November 2, 1984, "Ball came from The Netherlands in 1849," and a *Chronicle* article, "Jurrien Ball In Business for Fifty-seven Years," about April 17, 1932.]

Neal Ball [1881-1957]

See Cornelis "Neal" Ball.

Peter Ball [Boll/Bol] [1858-1944]

A manufacturer of concrete blocks with a plant at 312 South Fourth, Peter Ball [Boll/Bol] resided at 314 Clinton and at 323 Lafayette. Peter, the son of John R. and Angie Winter Ball, was born December 18, 1858 and died on June 26, 1944.

Melkon Arakel Baloyan [1878-1971]

A native of Turkey, Melkon Baloyan was born in Istanbul on December 3, 1878. He was approximately 29 when he married a woman with the last name Minasian. In the mid-1920s Baloyan operated a shop at 28 Washington where he sold "Oriental Goods." He also offered rug cleaning and repair at his Grand Rapids store. Melkon died in Grand Rapids on March 7, 1971.

Mary Helen Connolly Baltz [1922-1999] and Russell Louis Baltz [1922-1993]

Mary Helen Connolly, born in Ishpeming, Michigan on October 12, 1922, married Russell Baltz. Russell, born on February 23, 1922, was the son of William D. and Ethel Baltz. William in 1928 became part owner of the department store at 200 Washington, subsequently known as Addison-Baltz. Russell graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1939 and soon he and Mary Helen Connolly were married. The two of them in the 1940s managed the "Barn," a roller-skating and dance pavilion at 215 Harbor. Later they ran Hyland Gardens and the Bil-Mar Restaurant, near Highland Park. In 1957 the couple moved to Florida, where they bought and operated the Bilmar Resort on Treasure Island. Mary Helen was a graduate of Alma College and was a certified registered medical assistant. She also belonged to the Spring Lake Country Club. For awhile the Baltz family lived at 522 River Street in Spring Lake. She and Russell had two children, Bill and Margot. By combining those two names the Baltzes arrived at "Bil-Mar" as the name for their enterprises, including the lakefront restaurant with that name. Russell died in St. Petersburg, Florida on October 3, 1993. Mary Helen passed away in Gulfport, Florida, on September 24, 1999.

William Dominique Baltz [1889-1952]

A native of Attica, Kansas, where he was born on January 22, 1889 [1890], William Baltz came to Grand Haven in 1925 and three years later became part owner of Addison & Company in Grand Haven. Prior to that he managed the F. N. Arbaugh Department Store in Lansing, Michigan. The Addison Company, located at 200 Washington, subsequently became known as Addison-Baltz. On July 3, 1916 he married Ethel Cassidy. Ethel was born in Michigan around 1896, died in Grand Haven about January 3, 1963, and was buried

at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Baltzes' children were Stanley, born about 1918 in Michigan, and Russell, born on February 23, 1922, also in Michigan. Around 1930 the family resided at 532 Lafayette. Later William and Ethel moved to 522 East River in Spring Lake. Around 1950 William sold the department store business, but not the real estate, to Paul F. Oltman. William passed away about July 22, 1952 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Aaron Barber [1827-1899]

Aaron Barber owned a 160-acre farm in Section 22 of Grand Haven Township. The two-story brick farmhouse, built about 1880, faced west and later was numbered 11250 168th Avenue. On December 27, 1877 in Grand Haven, Aaron married Sophia Maria Schultz [Schulz]. Born in Germany, she had been married previously and had two children, a daughter Levine Schultz, born in Michigan about 1866, and a son, Fredrick Schultz, born in Michigan about 1868. Aaron was a native of Ohio, where he was born around 1827, and Sophia came from Mecklenberg, Germany, where she was born about 1830. They moved to Polkton Township, where Aaron died on August 4, 1899. His first wife's name was Elizabeth.

Jabez Barber [1810-1854]

Born around 1810 in England, Jabez Barber arrived in Spring Lake subsequent to the 1837 rebellion in Canada. In 1841 he and fellow Canadian Richard Mason hired John Newcomb to construct a sawmill at Mill Point [Spring Lake]. He opened a boarding house, which was managed by Henry Middlemist, and in association with Amos Norton, Jabez built a sawmill about four miles up the Grand River. The Nortonville sawmill burned down in 1854. The mill was rebuilt in 1856 at Mill Point, with the help of Richard Mason. This mill was destroyed by fire in 1859. On March 6, 1843, Jabez married Frances Baley in Ottawa County. Frances was born in England about 1827. By 1850 the Barbers lived in Chicago, where Jabez built schooners to carry their milled lumber from Spring Lake. Jabez, Frances, and their two daughters, Ann and Mary, were drowned when returning from England on the steamer *Pacific* in 1854. The husband of Jabez Barber's sister Elizabeth was Charles Y. Bell. He ran the business after the shipwreck and named it W. H. Bell & Co. for his son, William H. Bell.

Don M. Barbier [1907-1993]

Born on February 13, 1907, Don Barbier started as an apprentice mortician in Detroit at the Henry J. Stahl Funeral Home in 1926 and was licensed as a funeral director in 1928. In 1931 he became a partner in the Robinson-Barbier Funeral Home in Lansing and in 1947 bought the Ringold Funeral Home in Spring Lake. He sold to Kammeraad Funeral Home on December 1,

1966. He achieved the distinction of 50 years of continuous licensing as a Michigan funeral director in 1978. He worked at Oldberg Mfg. Company for six years and in 1975 joined Medallion Instruments, Inc. of Spring Lake as a janitor and became sub-assembler. He spent 30 years as a volunteer for the Spring Lake Fire Department, served on the Village Council, and was a member of Spring Lake Baptist Church, Eagles, and Rotary Club. He married Edith M. Schofield. They had a son, David, who had four daughters. Don and Edith lived at 213 East River in Spring Lake. Don died on his birthday in 1993. Edith was born on May 31, 1907 and died in Spring Lake on January 14, 1999. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* articles, "Licensed mortician for 50 years," May 16, 1978, and "Retirement Job Keeps SL man Young," February 12, 1987.]

Karl [Charles] Barbrick [1846-1935]

Karl Barbrick and his wife, Christina, farmed 63 acres in Sections 26 and 35 of Crockery Township. He was born on June 24, 1846 and died on December 16, 1935, and Christina lived from June 17, 1857 to March 6, 1921. Both were buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery. One son, Gustav, who was born on November 20, 1891, married Catherine, widow of William Frietchen I. Karl and Christina arrived in the United States in 1892.

Jack V. Barendse [1922-1987]

Jack Barendse was sales representative for Grand Haven Gasket Company. About 1980 he left that job to open his own business at 700 Fulton. There he started a business named Accent-Us and produced flags, pennants, and banners. Jack and his wife, Katherine M, resided at 15045 154th Street in Grand Haven Township. He was born May 12, 1922 and passed away in Ann Arbor on October 10, 1987. Katherine lived from October 20, 1923 to October 1, 2002.

Eunice Keskey Bareham [1925-2002]

Eunice Keskey was born to Finnish parents in Wakefield, Michigan on May 23, 1925. During WWII she worked at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. for General Eisenhower. After the war she attended Nursing School at the University of Michigan, where she met her husband, Robert N. Bareham. Robert lived from October 31, 1922 to January 15, 1971. The couple resided at 530 Grand View in Spring Lake. Eunice served as County Commissioner from 1972 to 1978 and was Treasurer of Ottawa County from 1979 to 1999, the first woman to serve in that capacity. In 1976 she was a delegate to the Republican Convention. Eunice was a member of the Mackinaw Bridge Authority, Spring Lake School Board, Spring Lake Education Foundation, and the state and national County Treasurer's Associations. She attended St. John's Episcopal Church in Grand

Haven. The Barehams had four children: Robert of Spring Lake, Bruce of Grand Haven, Philip of Lansing, and Elizabeth of Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. Eunice died at her daughter's home on April 11, 2002 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 17, 2002.]

Adora Barlow [Barlou] [1825- ?]

Adora was born in Prussia in January, 1825. Her husband, Henry, also a native of Prussia, was born about 1824 and died between 1871 and 1879. After his death, Adora took in laundry. By the early 1890s she was Proprietor of The Madison House, located at 301 Madison [approximate number], close to the Chicago & West Michigan Depot [Pere Marquette Station]. Rates were \$1.00 a day or \$4.00 a week. The Barlows had six children, including Lina [Lena] Sophia, who was born in Prussia on July 8, 1856, died in Grand Haven on January 8, 1878, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; and Lurissa, who was born in June, 1862 in Michigan and married Adelbert Van Wormer of Grand Haven. Adora died after 1910.

John W. Barnard [@1823- ?]

On June 15, 1857, John Barnard became the first Postmaster in Robinson Township. Born about 1823 in New York, John owned a farm and land in Sections 22, 23, and 24 of Robinson Township. He also was known as a lumberman. He married Jane E. Allen, who was born in Michigan around 1834. John and Jane had two sons, both natives of Michigan: Hepsy J., born about 1853, and Charles H., born about 1858.

Cornelius Barnes [1830-1891]

Born in Waterbury, Vermont on February 17, 1830, Cornelius was the son of Jacob and Nancy Winslow Barnes and the brother of Ebenezer, James, and John Barnes. The family moved to Grand Rapids in 1838. On November 26, 1857, in Grand Rapids, Cornelius married Catherine "Kate" Miller, who was 22 at the time. They moved from Plainfield Township, Kent County, to Grand Haven before 1860, the year Cornelius was enumerated in the census for Ottawa County. Their children, all natives of Michigan, were Monroe, born about 1863; Egbert W., born around 1865; Mary, born about 1868; Mabel, born about 1875; and another daughter, born about 1879. From 1872 to 1882 Cornelius was bookkeeper for Boyden & Akeley's Shingle Mill. In 1882 he became bookkeeper for lumberman Stephen C. Hall in Muskegon. Cornelius died in Minneapolis on September 8, 1891.

Ebenezer Winslow Barnes [1819-1890]

Ebenezer was born in Pomfret, Vermont on July 10, 1812 and arrived in Grand Rapids with his parents, Jacob and Nancy Winslow Ebenezer, in 1838.

Cornelius, James, and John were his brothers. Ebenezer was appointed Kent County's Register of Deeds to fill a vacancy in 1842, and he also filled the post of County Treasurer. On August 19, 1852 in Vermont he married Caroline Fidelia Slayton, the sister of Nathaniel Slayton. Caroline was born in Vermont on August 2, 1826. The couple moved to Grand Haven in 1853. When Rev. William Ferry gave up his position as Grand Haven Postmaster, Ebenezer took over and held the position from May 30, 1853 to April 9, 1861. Ebenezer owned a farm in Section 10 of Olive Township. He returned to Grand Rapids in 1865, where he died on November 20, 1890. Caroline subsequently relocated to Emporia, Kansas. Four of the couple's five children were born in Grand Haven. One of them, Carrie, married James P. Armstead of Grand Haven. Carrie was born on December 22, 1856. The Barneses' other children were Hattie, born about 1854; Nancy, born about 1860; and Edward, born about 1864. Caroline, the mother, died on December 22, 1899. She was buried with her husband and other family members at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

Jacob Barnes [Barns] [1799-1841]

Although Jacob Barnes never resided in Ottawa County, four of his children were early settlers here: Ebenezer, born in 1819; James and John, twins, born in 1823; and Cornelius, born in 1830. Jacob was born in 1799 in Washington County, Vermont, and died in Grand Rapids on May 14, 1840. His wife, Nancy Winslow, lived from 1801 to April 30, 1844. They moved to Grand Rapids before 1837. Jacob was Register of Deeds for Kent County from 1837 to 1838. Both Jacob and Nancy were buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

James Barnes [Barns] [1823-1899]

Born in Stowe, Vermont on April 10, 1823, the son of Jacob and Nancy Winslow Barnes, James moved from Grand Rapids to Grand Haven in 1845 [1846]. In 1851, with his twin brother John and William M. Angel, Barnes helped edit and publish *The Grand River Times*, the first newspaper in Ottawa and Muskegon Counties. The newspaper office was located in the upstairs rooms of Henry Griffin's drug store on the northwest corner of First and Washington. Leaning towards the views of the Democratic Party, the first issue came out on July 2, 1851. James and John acquired sole ownership of the paper, which they sold to Galen Eastman in 1857. The new owner moved it to Eastmanville, trusting that the village would become the County seat. When that expectation failed, publication ceased the same year and Barnes repurchased the paper, returned it to Grand Haven, and changed its name to the *Grand Haven News*, publishing the first issue on December 22, 1858. In 1862 James became a trustee of the new Grand Haven Union High School. Also known as a carpenter, in 1866

he constructed a building at 121 Washington Street as a site for a furniture store. He continued to work there until his death in 1899. James supervised the building of Grand Haven's second jail, located on the southeast corner of Washington and Fourth Streets. With John W. Cook he built Senator Ferry's large residence on the northeast corner of First and Columbus Streets, one of the local schoolhouses, and other structures.

James married Pamela Ranney in 1850. She was born in New York about 1832. On May 24, 1865, four years after Pamela died, James married Ellen M. Moss of Eastmanville and Grand Rapids. Ellen was born in Youngstown, New York on February 28, 1840. The newlyweds immediately moved from Grand Rapids to Grand Haven. They resided at 226 Franklin and had several children: Jessie, who was born about 1870 and married George Simpson of Detroit; Mrs W. S. Marks of Grand Rapids; and Fred T. Barnes of Cincinnati, Ohio. Ellen died in March, 1912 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband, who died in Grand Haven on January 17, 1899. [*Tribune* obituary, March 13, 1912.]

James B. Barnes [1857-1909]

Born in Grand Haven in October, 1857, James was the son of John and Ruth C. Brough Barnes. James was connected with the Johnston Brothers shops at Ferrysburg for many years, and he was known as one of the best and most efficient mechanics in the area. He was a Mason.

On December 5, 1882 James married Jennie, the daughter of Uzell and Sarah Ames of Ferrysburg. Jennie was born in March, 1862 and died on February 17, 1925. James and Jennie had four children, all born locally: Mille E., who was born in October, 1883; Allan Uzell, who lived from August 16, 1888 to 1967 and graduated from Michigan Agricultural College [MSU]; Everett J., who lived from December, 1893 to 1969 and served in France with the Engineering Corps during WWI; and John M., who lived from May, 1900 to 1984. James died at his home in Ferrysburg on May 23, 1909. He and his wife were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 24, 1909.]

John W. Barnes [Barns] I [1823-1892]

Born in Stowe, Vermont on April 10, 1823, the son of Jacob and Nancy Winslow Barnes, John moved to Grand Rapids in 1838 [1836]. In 1845, John came to Grand Haven with his twin brother James. In 1851, John, James, and William M. Angel, published the first newspaper in Ottawa or Muskegon Counties, *The Grand River Times*. Leaning toward the Democratic Party, the first issue came out on July 2, 1851. John and James Barnes acquired sole ownership, and published the paper until December, 1856, when they sold it to Galen

Eastman, who moved it to Eastmanville. From December 29, 1859 to April 1860, John, with the help of Reuben Fosha, was proprietor of the *Grand Haven News*. In 1860, James became second partner and in 1865, John became sole owner, publishing it until July 17, 1876 when he became engaged in the furniture business with his brother. The office was destroyed twice by fire, once in 1859 and again in 1866. It was leased for one year to De Long and Mills, then in 1867 it was sold to J. H. Mitchell, and soon afterward it was consolidated with the *News Journal* of Grand Haven. John was City Alderman from 1876 to 1879.

In 1856 John married Ruth [Lucy] C. Brough [Breau] of Ohaze, New York. She was born February 6, 1836 and died February 6, 1899. The Barneses had three sons and three daughters, all born in Michigan: James B., born in 1857; Orpha M., who was born about 1861 and married a Mr Quayle of Santa Barbara, California; John II, who was born in 1862; Jennie, who was born about 1865 and married Dwight A. Lane of Grand Haven; Bertha, who was born about 1867, married a Mr Donaldson and moved to Des Moines, Iowa and Washington, D.C.; and Jerry [Jedediah] H., who was born about 1869 and moved to Los Angeles. John I died January 18, 1892 from influenza. He had suffered a severe stroke with resulting paralysis years earlier. John and Ruth were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 18 1892 and February 7, 1899.]

John W. Barnes II [1862- ?]

The son of John and Ruth Brough Barnes, John II was born in Grand Haven in 1862. From 1883 to 1890 he worked for Kilbourn Company of Grand Haven, and he then became partner with M. L. Green and John Bryce of the Bryce, Barnes & Green Mfg. Co., located at the corner of Seventh and Elliott Streets. The company made interior wood products for residences. In the 1893 *Compendium* John was listed as a machinist. On November 19, 1884, in Grand Haven, John married Lillie M. Stone, who was born in Ohio about 1865. She was the daughter of George W. and Mehitabel Stone of Grand Haven. The Barnes's children, both born in Grand Haven, were named Florence, born on October 18, 1885, and Kenneth George, born in on February 8, 1893. The family moved to Los Angeles, California.

Alexander Barnett [1840-1910]

Born in Arbroth, Scotland in August, 1840 Alexander Barnett immigrated to Detroit in 1862 and moved on to Grand Haven ten years later. He was a ship's carpenter by trade and served his apprenticeship on the River Clyde. During the Civil War, Alexander, John Neil, and John W. Callister were among the expert ship carpenters engaged by the government to build and rebuild the ships for the U.S. Navy at Newport News and Norfolk.

Later Alexander was engaged with Thomas Kirby in shipbuilding at the Kirby yards in Grand Haven. He was a Mason and member of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1867 Alexander married Katherine [Catherine] Duff Patterson, who was born in Scotland in May, 1840. They had four children, all born in Michigan: William James, born about 1867; Cora Ann Flemley, born in October, 1875; Alexander Ford, born in July, 1887; and Scott Anderson, who died young. The three surviving children later settled in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Alexander died at his home at 620 Clinton Street on November 10, 1910. His wife lived from 1840 to 1926. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with their son Scott, who died on February 14, 1879 at the age of nine. [*Tribune* obituary, November 10, 1910 and November 12, 1910.]

James M. Barnett [1833- ?]

In 1873 James Barnett joined Edward P. Ferry and others from Grand Haven to form the "Michigan Bunch" in Utah, a group that speculated in the silver mining business. By 1880 he was back in Grand Rapids as a lumber merchant. James was born in New York about 1833 and his wife, Lucy, was from the same state, where she was born in 1839.

Robert P. Barney [1867-1936]

Robert Barney was a Spring Lake barber. His shop was located at approximately 224 West Savidge. He married Clara "Carrie" Lape in Evansville, Indiana on November 24, 1893. She was born on March 15, 1870. They had two daughters, Irene [Irine], born in July, 1895, and Inez M., born in January, 1897. The family lived at 103 East Exchange. In the early 1900s Robert played cornet with the Spring Lake orchestra. He lived from December, 1867 to 1936 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Carrie passed away on June 15, 1951 and was buried with her husband.

Cornelius, Ebenezer, James, and John Barns

See Barnes.

M. G. Barns [? - ?]

M. G. Barns began publication of the *Coopersville Observer* in November, 1850. It was considered independent in its political slant.

George H. Barnum [? - ?]

George H. Barnum was a Grand Haven photographer in the late 1880s. His studio was in the Cutler House on Washington Street. A George Barnum born in Grand Haven in 1875 seems too young to be the photographer.

Joseph Needham Corey Barnum [1832-1920]

Joseph C. Barnum enlisted as Private in Company A of the 34th Iowa Infantry on September 6, 1862. He was mustered out on January 1, 1865 and transferred the same day to Company F of the 38th Iowa Infantry. He was mustered out permanently on August 15 that year. Joseph was a resident of Spring Lake in 1890. Ten years later he was in a home for disabled soldiers in Milwaukee. By 1915 he was living in a soldiers' home in Marshall, Iowa. Born in 1832 in New York, he died in Iowa in 1920.

Lewis Barnum [1830- ?]

In the 1870s Lewis Barnum sold to Walter Sinclair the boarding house on the northeast corner of Exchange and Division Streets in Spring Lake [Lot 4, Block 14, Bryant's Addition]. Lewis was born in Connecticut about 1830 and was listed in the 1870 census as a hotel keeper in Spring Lake. His wife, Frances, also from Connecticut, was born around 1838. Their son, Brigham, was born in Connecticut about 1863, and a daughter, Betsy, was born in Michigan about 1870.

Ruby Barrett [1880-1960]

The daughter of William and Catherine Patterson Barrett, Ruby was born on February 1, 1880. In 1901 she attended the School of Music at the University of Michigan, but her health failed and she returned to Spring Lake to rest. She resumed working with her father in the boat yard office. In 1943 she and her brother Robert became owners of the Barrett Boat Works when her mother died and willed it to her. Ruby ran the business upon her brother's death in 1950. She was organist at the First Presbyterian Church for over 40 years. Ruby died in 1960. [*Tribune* article, "Spring Lake Woman Devotes over 50 Years to Boats," 1955.]

William M. Barrett [1854-1917]

Born in Ohio in March, 1854 [1856], William Barrett arrived in Spring Lake in 1856 with his family. His father was Milton Barrett. William went to work for the Cutler & Savidge Sawmill as a "tallier" [one who keeps tally], but he was more interested in shipbuilding. When the Spring Lake Clinker Boat Company was organized in 1887, he was named Vice President. "Clinker" referred to rowboats in which external planks were attached so that the edge of one overlapped the edge of the next one, like clapboard on a house. These boats were sold all over the world. Another local ship builder, Hiram C. Pearson, went out of business in 1872, and Clinker Boat Company subsequently assumed control of his patents. Later William's firm became known as the Spring Lake Boat Company. William also had the time and expertise in the early 1900s to manufacture three automobiles.

William died in May, 1917 and was given the largest Masonic funeral ever held in Spring Lake. His wife, Catherine [Katherine], daughter of Scott and Catherine Patterson of Spring Lake, was born in Canada on December 11 1856 and came to the United States when she was eleven. William's and Catherine's children, both born locally, were Ruby I., who was born on February 1, 1880 and passed away on January 7, 1960, and Robert Milton, who lived from December 23, 1889 to March 22, 1950. Robert married Sadie Matthews in Spring Lake on September 8, 1923. After her husband's death, Catherine continued running the business until the time of her death on December 24, 1943. It was then taken over by Robert, who was a marine mechanic. After Robert's death, Ruby took over. William was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, where Catherine, Ruby, and Robert also were buried. [*Tribune* article, "Spring Lake Woman Devotes over 50 Years to Boats," 1955.]

R. M. Barrow [? - ?]

In 1873 Dr. Barrow joined Edward P. Ferry and others to form the "Michigan Bunch" in Utah, a group which speculated in the silver mining business.

Thomas Barry [1845-1895]

Born in 1845 and a resident of Hamburg, Livingston County, Michigan, Thomas Barry on December 30, 1861 enlisted as Private in Company D of the 15th Michigan Infantry. He was mustered out on August 24, 1865 and then moved to Ottawa County. He and his wife, Mary, lived on a 40-acre farm in Section 12 of Olive Township. On July 22 following her husband's death on October 19, 1895, Mary applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Later she moved to Grand Haven Township, where she maintained a 35-acre farm. Mary lived from 1868 to 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

Barend Preston Bartels [1861-1953]

Berend Bartels owned a 60-acre farm in Section 16 of Olive Township. His wife, Lena, the daughter of Lucas and Lena Brink Busscher, lived from June 8, 1866 to October 11, 1941. She was born in Germany. Berend was born in The Netherlands in June, 1861 and immigrated to the United States in 1882. He died in 1953 and was buried at Olive Township Cemetery with his wife and other family members. Their children, all born locally, included Herman B., born on June 25, 1889; Suna, born in July, 1891; Lefert, born in June, 1892; Johanna, born in December, 1898; and Elizabeth, born in November, 1899.

Herman B. Bartels [1889-1967]

Herman was born on June 25, 1889, the son of Berend and Lena Busscher Bartels. Herman owned a 40-acre farm in Section 33 of Olive Township, where he raised

livestock. His wife, Johanna, was the daughter of Peter and Susan De Barnes De Haan. Johanna was born on November 25, 1888 and died on July 29, 1956. She was buried at Olive Township Cemetery with her husband. He passed away in Holland in April, 1967.

Jan "John" Bartels [1866-1939]

The son of Hermanus Bartels, John was born in The Netherlands on January 7, 1866. On October 28, 1892 in Olive Township, he married Klaage "Clara" Troost, also a native of The Netherlands. She lived from November, 1873 to 1974. John immigrated to the United States in 1882 and Clara the following year. They owned a 60-acre farm in Section 17 of Olive Township. Their children, all born locally, were Herman, born in October, 1893; Klaas, born in February, 1896; and Johannes, born in May, 1898. John died on November 25, 1939. He and his wife were buried at Olive Township Cemetery with other family members.

Arza Bartholomew I [1806-1871]

The son of Ebenezer and Charlotte Pratt Bartholomew, Arza moved to Crockery Township with his parents in 1846. By 1864 he owned 40 acres in Section 24 and another 40 acres in Section 25. He married Isabel Mumy of New York, who was born on February 28, 1810, died on June 12, 1851, and was buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery. He next married Eliza Hunter, who lived from 1817 to February 18, 1876. Among Arza's and Isabel's children was Arza II, who was born about 1842; Wheeler H., who was born on May 5, 1846, served as Sergeant with Company G of the 21st Michigan Infantry, and died on October 27, 1933; and George Newton, who was born on June 10, 1848 and died on August 4, 1932. Arza I was born on August 1, 1806 and died in Ottawa County on April 28, 1871. Isabel, Eliza, and Arza were buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery.

Arza Bartholomew II [1842-1863]

Born about 1842, Arza was the son of Arza and Isabel Bartholomew. On August 14, 1861, young Arza enlisted in Company G of the 21st Michigan Infantry as Private. He was killed in a battle near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and was buried at nearby Stone River National Cemetery.

Ebenezer Bartholomew [1782-1864]

A native of New York State and a veteran of the War of 1812, where he served as Fifer, Ebenezer Bartholomew settled in Sections 24 and 25 of Crockery Township in 1846. He owned 80 acres in each section. On July 19, 1805 he married Charlotte Pratt in Watertown, Jefferson County, New York. Bartholomew was born on December 27, 1782 and died in Crockery in 1864. Charlotte, who was born about February 25, 1782, died

on September 18, 1850. Both Bartholomews were buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery with other members of their family, including their children Daniel, who lived from 1822 to 1848, and Arza I.

William H. Bartholomew [1842-1865]

A resident of Crockery Township, William Bartholomew on August 4, 1862 enlisted in Company G of the 21st Michigan Infantry as Private. He was promoted to Sergeant before he returned home on furlough, where he died on March 1, 1865. He was buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery with other Bartholomews.

Rev. Bartlett [? - ?]

A Methodist-Episcopal preacher, Rev. Bartlett was aware of the inadequate condition of the Ottawa Indians living at Battle Point, about six miles up river from Grand Haven in Crockery Township. In 1855 he established a school that enrolled 20 or more Indian pupils.

Charles L. Bastian [1861-1936]

While on a hunting trip in Wisconsin, Charles L. Bastian's sight suddenly failed him as he was walking across a field. Within a short time he was totally blind. Because of this handicap, the brass foundry at which he worked in Chicago terminated his services. Bastian was not a man to have idle time on his hands, and almost immediately he made plans to start his own business, persuading a co-worker, Lewis Greene Blessing, and several other young associates to join him. Together in 1908 Charles and Lewis formed the Bastian-Blessing Company in Chicago, and from the very start they were highly successful. Two years later they moved the company to Grand Haven. Charles obtained some 54 patents on inventions for his company after losing his sight. Bastian, who was born in Germany in November, 1861, came to the United States in 1880. On February 18, 1888 he married Meta Schroeder. There is no evidence Charles ever resided in the Grand Haven area. He died in Winnetka, Illinois on December 3, 1936.

James Batchellor [Batcheller/Batchelor] [1881-1921]

Born in Grand Haven in 1881, James Batchellor was employed by the Grand Haven Gas Company. He served in the army during WWI and while in the army was said to have suffered a stroke of paralysis which impaired his health. He invented a musical instrument, which he planned to use in a vaudeville skit, and at one time he reportedly was connected with the stage. He drowned while swimming off the pier at Fruitport on July 11, 1921. [*Tribune* obituary, July 11, 1921.]

Webster Batchellor [Batcheller/Batchelor/Batchells] [1834-1904]

Webster was born in South Adams, Massachusetts on November 21, 1834, the son of Daniel and Martha Jennison Batchellor. He moved to Chicago where, in 1866, he started a business with a partner named Slaght. That firm bought the Hopkins & Ferry Sawmill in Ferrysburg in 1871. It was located approximately where the north end of the U.S. 31 bridge later rested. He was one of the original shareholders of the Dake Engine Company when it was formed in 1887. His sister, Sarah, married George Shippey of Ferrysburg. Webster was still in Chicago in the early 1900s. He died June 2, 1904. [*Tribune* obituary, June 3, 1904.]

James O. Bates [1838- ?]

Born in New York around 1838, James Bates by 1870 was one of Spring Lake's physicians. His wife, Hattie M., was born in the same state about 1843. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Willie E., born about 1862; Jessie A., who was born in Hubbardston, Michigan about 1867 and married Benjamin N. Savidge in Spring Lake on October 6, 1886; and Arthur D., born about 1868. In 1871 James was appointed Consulting Physician for the Magnetic and Sulphur Springs Company of Fruitport. For awhile he was a partner with Charles Begin as owner of a brick company that in 1889 was sold to Fred Bertschy.

Edward [Edwin] Baughn [1852- ?]

Coming to Grand Haven from St. Johns, Michigan in 1865, Edward Baughn was a lumber inspector [scaler]. He married Henrietta "Nettie" Rud in Cooperville on October 6, 1877, and remained in the area into the 1880s. Their surviving children were Francis, born in Michigan around 1878; Bertha, born two years later; Georget, born in Grand Haven on January 29, 1881; George, born in Grand Haven on January 29, 1882; and Edna, born in Muskegon on May 3, 1887. In Grand Haven, the family resided at 300 Franklin. Edward was born in Michigan about 1852 and died after 1880. Henrietta was born in Ohio about 1858. George and Gilbert Baughn were Edward's brothers.

George W. Baughn [1844-1880]

George Baughn was born in Michigan on May 9, 1844 and was included in the 1860 census for Bingham, Clinton County. His wife, Susan Eaton, was born in England around 1856. They were married in Ottawa County on January 25, 1873. George served as Private with Company M of the 7th Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War. He stayed with his unit from the time of his enlistment in St. Johns on June 22, 1863 until he received a disability discharge on June 15, 1864. After George died in Grand Haven on February 5, 1880, Susan managed a rooming house on the corner of Franklin and Fourth Streets. She was a member of the Grand Haven First Presbyterian Church the Order of the Eastern Star.

Susan passed away on Grand Haven on February 26, 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. Susan's brother, William Eaton [Heaton] lived in Muskegon. Edward and Gilbert Baughn were George's brothers.

Gilbert Baughn [1860- ?]

By 1880 Gilbert Baughn was employed at a Grand Haven sawmill. Like his brother George, Gilbert was included in the 1860 census for Bingham, Clinton County. Edward Baughn of Grand Haven was another brother. Gilbert and his wife, Celia, had at least one surviving child, Julia [Lulu], born in Spring Lake on July 8, 1885. Julia was married in Muskegon on June 29, 1905 to George W. Pegg. Gilbert and Celia were residing in Muskegon by 1897, where Russel Gilbert Baughn was born on December 7, 1899. Celia was born in Ferrysburg. Gilbert was born in St. John's, Michigan in 1860.

Edward John Bauman [1886-1963]

Michigan native Edward Bauman was a motor boat dealer as early as 1926. He previously had been in the restaurant business in Grand Rapids. In Spring Lake, his place of business was at the north end of Alden Street, at the lake's edge [227 Alden]. Ed retired in May, 1945. Grand Rapids residents Howard C. Raimier operated the business for ten years. Edward resided nearby, at 401 Lake View Court, with his mother, Carrie. Edward's wife and father had passed away before 1930. Edward was born on February 17, 1886 in Grand Rapids, Michigan and passed away at his home in Spring Lake on May 2, 1963. Ed never married. [*Tribune* obituary, May 2, 1963.]

Charles Bavry [Barry] [1872-1927]

Charles Bavry served as Lighthouse Keeper at Grand Haven from 1922 to 1926 and died in 1927. His wife, Mabel, was born in Michigan about 1888. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Viola C., who was born on October 7, 1903 and died in California on September 7, 1988; Louis W., born on October 2, 1904; Myrtle [Marion] L., who was born on September 6, 1905 and died in California on May 2, 1990; Marian C., also born about 1906; and Charles Harold, who was born on July 17, 1907 and died in Florida in 1952. Charles the father was born in Wisconsin in 1872.

Jacob Bayer [? - ?]

See Jacob Boyer.

Christopher Davis Beale [Beal] [1835-1904]

Christopher Beale was born in Cohasset, Massachusetts on October 12, 1835. His wife, Helen M., was born in New York in March, 1839. They had at least seven children, including Warren E., who was born in

Brooklyn, New York in December, 1859 and settled in Spring Lake; Roland Rutherford, who was born in New York on March 30, 1866, married Augusta Hall in Ottawa County, died on October 8, 1899, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; Lulu, born in New York about 1870; Evelyn M., born in New York in July, 1871; Helen L., born in New York in September, 1872; William I. A., who was born in New York in August, 1875, became a minister, died in Spring Lake in 1910, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; and Louis M., born in Illinois in January, 1880. Augusta Hall Beale, Roland's wife, died on March 26, 1906 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Christopher was a merchant and sales agent. Most of the family moved from Chicago to Spring Lake after 1900, where Helen, the mother, became manager of Prospect Manor Resort in Section 11 of Spring Lake Township [approximately 15820 Connelly]. Later ownership passed to her son and daughter-in-law, Warren and Agnes Beale. Christopher died on June 27, 1904 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Warren A. Beale [1859-1929]

Warren, born in Brooklyn, New York in December, 1859, was the son of Christopher and Helen M. Beale. Warren and his wife, Agnes, moved from Chicago to Spring Lake sometime after 1900 and eventually took over ownership and management of Prospect Point Resort [Section 11 of Spring Lake Township, approximately 15820 Connelly]. After Warren's death in 1929, Agnes continued management of the property. She was born in Michigan about 1870. Warren was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

George W. Beamer [1908-1983]

After retiring as a tool and die maker, George W. Beamer started Falcon Corporation at 510 Elm Street in Ferrysburg in 1962 for the manufacture of tools. He was Chairman of the Board and his wife, Evelyn R., was President-Secretary-Treasurer. Their son John was Vice President. The Beamers resided at 19447 North Shore Road and later at 313 Terrill Street in Grand Haven. George was born on August 11, 1908 and died in Grand Haven on May 5, 1983. Evelyn lived from February 1, 1911 to January, 1990.

Hiram Bean [1802- ?]

In 1856 Hiram Bean managed the Railroad House, a hotel next to the railway depot at the foot of Dewey Hill. Four years later he was listed in the 1860 census as a surveyor. Hiram was born in Vermont about 1802, and his wife, Maria, was born in the same state around ten years later. They had two daughters, both born in Vermont: Netta, born about 1835, and Edna, born about 1837.

Paul Raymond Beardsley [1869-1947]

Paul Beardsley founded Sealed Power in Muskegon for the manufacture of piston rings. He and his wife, Grace, owned a summer home in Section 11 of Spring Lake Township [approximately 17701 Fruitport Road]. They called their estate Beardsley Point. The Beardsleys' residence was in Muskegon. He was born in Chicago on November 3, 1869. Grace was a native of Michigan, where she was born in December, 1873. Paul died on May 31, 1947 and was buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Muskegon.

Frank X. Beaubien [Beaubin] [1863- ?]

Frank Beaubien was born in Michigan around 1863, as was his wife, Reca. As early as 1910 Frank and Reca [Rica] maintained a fruit farm on 40 acres in Section 3 of Spring Lake Township [approximately 18500 West Spring Lake Road]. By 1918 they had opened a summer resort named Peaceful Retreat. A daughter, Mercia [Merca], was born on August 1, 1891 in Detroit. She died on April 17, 1944 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. A son, Frank M., was born in Michigan about 1896. Reca was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery [no dates].

Medore [Medare/Medard/Medart/] Beaubien [1809-1883]

Medore Beaubien was born at "Grand River, Mich., July 15, 1809." The phrase "Grand River" often designated a place at or near the mouth of the Grand River before Grand Haven was platted and recorded in April, 1835. Medore was the son of John Baptiste Beaubien and Mah-naw-bun-no-quah, one of the Ottawas. Apparently John and Mah-naw-bun-no-quah had another son, Charles Henry Beaubien, also born at Grand River two years earlier. Medore spent most of his life in Chicago. His father, John, may be the I. B. Beaubien Lillie refers to as a clerk for Joseph Bailley at Grand River in 1808. Medore's third wife, whom he married on June 2, 1854, was Therese Watkins, daughter of Joseph and Josette La Framboise and divorced wife of Thomas Watkins. Joseph and Josette La Framboise do not appear to be related to the La Fromboises of fur trading fame in Ottawa County. Therese was listed as Medore's cousin. Medore died in Silver Lake, Kansas on December 26, 1883. His father, Jean Baptiste, was born in Detroit on September 5, 1887 and died in Naperville, Illinois on January 25, 1863. [*Antiquities of Chicago*, p. 334.]

Nazarie [Nasaire] I. Beaudry [1841-1915]

Born in Canada in 1841, Nazarie Beaudry in 1866 opened a small mercantile establishment near the docks, under the name of Church & Beaudry. As business grew he became known as owner of one of Grand Haven's leading dry goods stores. Later the retail establishment

was moved farther east to 224 Washington under the name Beaudry & Safford, with Benjamin Delop Safford as his partner from 1871 to 1879. About 1908 Nazarie moved his store next door to the corner of Washington and Third Streets [232-234 Washington] and it became known as Beaudry & Company, which specialized in "gentlemen's furnishings, carpetings, wall paper, etc."

Mary, Nazarie's wife, was born in New York [Ireland] about September, 1841, died on January 2, 1906, and was buried at Woodmere Cemetery in Detroit. The couple resided at 219 South Second Street in a house that later was converted to a nursing home. One of their daughters, Louise, born in Grand Haven on March 22, 1868, married Dr. Ernest C. Lee of Detroit on October 31, 1894. She died of pneumonia in Detroit on September 7, 1901 leaving her husband and a son. Another daughter, Mabel, was born about 1871. The third, Marie, was born in 1876, married Lucien [Lucian] Upham of Grand Haven on June 14, 1922, and died in 1936. Nazarie married Marie Elizabeth Root on April 18, 1907. Marie was born about 1869. He died on May 6, 1915 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where Marie later was interred. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 9, 1901, January 5, 1906, and May 6, 1915.]

James Beaustead [1816-1877]

See James Benstead.

William Beaustead [1812-1880]

See William Benstead.

Thomas St. Gemme de Beauvais [Beauvois] [1846-1931]

Captain Thomas Beauvais replaced Captain John De Young as Keeper of the Grand Haven Life Saving Station in 1885. He served until July 19, 1888, when Captain John Lysaght took over. Thomas was born in Quebec, Canada on April 17, 1846. On September 9, 1867 in Muskegon he married Mary Patnode [Patenade/Patenaude/Patneau], who was born in Canada about 1854 and died in Grand Haven on December 19, 1887 of typhoid. They had at least two sons, William, who was born in Muskegon on March 1, 1877, and Gilbert S., who was born in 1885 in Muskegon and married Christine Jensen in Menominee, Michigan on February 12, 1913, where Thomas and Mary had resided since at least 1910. The couple also had a daughter, Elizabeth, who was born in Michigan about 1888. Thomas passed away on October 4, 1931.

H. B. Beck [? - ?]

Beck was appointed a Director of Dake Engine Company when it was organized in 1887.

Edwin M. Beckwith [1823-1902]

A ship's carpenter, Edwin Beckwith also built boats in the Grand Haven area in the 1860s. Among the vessels he constructed were *Miranda*, a 40-ton tug built for Heber Squier in 1865 [later renamed *Lewis Wallace*]; *J.G. Campbell*, a 34-ton propeller, built for Thomas W. Kirby in 1868; and *J. Stephens*, a 60-ton tug, built for the Stephens family in 1868. He also was credited with building several ships in Holland, Michigan: in 1862, the 105-ton schooner *Beloit* for a Mr Hitchcock; in 1865, the 180-ton schooner *William Smith* for Ryerson & Hills; and two years later, *The Josies*, a 120-ton schooner. Edwin was born in New York in 1823 and died about August 28, 1894. His wife, Helen, was born in Germany about 1827. Their children included Frank, born about 1855; Ellen, born about 1859; Angus, born about 1861; Clara S, born about 1863; and Frederick, born about 1867. The first two children were born in Wisconsin, the last three in Michigan.

Elizabeth M. Beckwith [1847- ?]

See Jesse Morris Cross.

Hiram Beckwith [1809-1899]

Hiram Beckwith, a Universalist minister, was born in New Hampshire in 1809 and died about May 1, 1899. He married Hannah Moore. They settled in Spring Lake, where Rev. Hiram eventually retired and raised fruit. Among their children were Elizabeth M., who was born in Shelby, New York on November 25, 1847 and married Jesse Morris Cross of Grand Haven; Ruth M., who was born about 1850 in New Hampshire and first married John B. Hancock of Spring Lake and then Thomas A. Parish of Ferrysburg; and Lucy, who was born in Wisconsin about 1852. The Beckwiths also had a son, Andrew, who was born about 1854 in Wisconsin and moved to Seattle, Washington, where Elizabeth later relocated. Hannah lived from 1815 to December 21, 1902. The Beckwiths were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Frederick T. Bectel [Becktel] [1837- ?]

Born around 1837 in Germany, Fred Bectel by the age of 19 owned a butcher shop in Grand Haven. His wife, Josephine, also from Germany, was born the same year as her husband.

Albert [Elbert] Beekman [1823-1909]

Albert, the son of Reijer and Aartje Van Den Hoek Beekman, was born in Gelderland, The Netherlands, on January 2, 1823. Albert married Aartje "Alice" Van Den Hoek in Gelderland on October 15, 1869 and they immigrated to the United States two years later with two of their children. Alice, also a native of Gelderland, was born on January 27, 1850. The Beekmans owned a 140-acre farm in Section 33 of Grand Haven Township. Among their children were Sena [Stijntje], who was

born on October 1, 1870 and married John Pellegrom of Grand Haven Township; Reijer, born on November 11, 1870; Albert, born on June 7, 1873; William, born on April 4, 1882; Della [Dirkey], who was born on September 5, 1884 and married Frederick J. Kieft II of Grand Haven; and Ganzen, born in November, 1886. The younger children were all born locally. Albert died at home in Grand Haven Township on February 13, 1909, and Alice died, also at home, the following year.

Albert [Elbert] E. Beekman [1873-1962]

Albert was the son of Albert and Aartje Van Den Hoek Beekman. He was born in Grand Haven on June 7, 1873, died in the local hospital on June 7, 1962, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He was a carpenter by trade. On June 1, 1897, at a home on Seventh Street, Albert married Martje [Martha/Myrtle], daughter of Adam and Cornelia Kieft. She was born September 14, 1878, passed away on August 4, 1975, and also was buried at Lake Forest. The Beekmans raised their family at 834 [836] Slayton, but by the mid-1950s were living at 823 Slayton. The Beekmans' daughter, Gertrude, was born on April 28, 1901 in Grand Haven and died at Shore Haven Nursing Home in June, 1994. Her husband, Martin Carl Olsen, was a native of Michigan City, Indiana and lived from June 22, 1902 to July 6, 1990. Another daughter, Agnes, was born May 3., 1904 and died in Grand Haven on January 31, 1995. Agnes married John Gunard of Grand Haven on April 30, 1927. Gunard lived from October 1, 1902 to February 18, 1981. The Beekmans' other son, Marvin Edwin, was born in Grand Haven on May 9, 1909.

Elbert William Beekman [1897-1978]

The son of Reijer and Elsie Hoeksema Beekman, Elbert was born in Grand Haven on March 14, 1897 and died in East Lansing in December, 1978. He was a resident of Lansing as early as 1918, where he was employed as a bookkeeper. His wife, Anna, was born in Illinois on May 7, 1900 and died in Muskegon on February 3, 1988. Their children were Alfred, who was born on May 13, 1921 and died in Muskegon on March 18, 2000; Stuart, who was born on August 28, 1922 and died at Twin Lakes on November 29, 1998; and Doris M., who was born about 1825.

Marvin Edwin Beekman [1909-1985]

The son of Albert and Martje Kieft Beekman, Marvin was born in Grand Haven on May 9, 1909. He married Pauline Belle Westwood of Flint, who lived from January 14, 1910 to August 19, 1996. Marvin died November 6, 1985 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. Pauline also died in Lansing.

Reijer [Reyer] Beekman [1870-1952]

The son of Albert and Aartje Van Den Hoek Beekman, Reijer was born in The Netherlands on November 11, 1870 and died in Grand Haven in 1952. In 1895 or 1896 he married Elsie Hoeksema in Ottawa County. Elsie, the daughter of John and Kate Hoeksema of Grand Haven, was born in The Netherlands on January 30, 1878. Elbert W., one of their children, was born on March 24, 1897 and another was Catherine, who was born on May 28, 1900 and married Ralph Sheffield. Both Elbert and Catherine were born in Grand Haven. Reijer worked at Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. The Beekmans, who resided at 915 Fulton, were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Elsie died in Grand Rapids on May 28, 1975.

William Beekman [1882-1964]

William, the son of Albert and Aartje "Alice" Van Den Hoek Beekman, was born in Grand Haven on April 24, 1882. He married Margaret Pellegrum on October 21, 1909. She was born in Michigan on February 19, 1890, and died in Grand Haven on February 9, 1976. The Beekmans owned a 30-acre farm in Grand Haven Township. William died in Grand Haven about December 28, 1964. Their children, both born in Grand Haven Township, were Robert, who lived from September 12, 1913 to February 5, 1992, and Harold, who lived from October 16, 1915 to November, 1958. Margaret and William were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Ernest Henry Beernink [1894-1970]

Ernest Beernink was born in Muskegon on July 2, 1894. In 1917 he resided in Coopersville, but by 1940 he had moved to Grand Haven and opened a physician's office at 222½ Washington. He received his medical degree from the University of Michigan in 1921. Ernest married Gladys Dunbrook on October 24, 1922. They resided at 502 Lafayette. They had at three daughters: Betty, born about 1928; and Mary, born about 1932. Beverly C. Ernest died about January 6, 1970 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Charles Begin I [1857-1907]

In 1889 Charles Begin sold his interest in a Spring Lake brick-making business to Fred J. Bertschy, who reopened it under the name Bertschy Brick & Tile Company. Charles became Superintendent of the company. At another time he had a saloon on the southeast corner of Division and Savidge Streets in Spring Lake [226 West Savidge]. His wife was Lena Arentsen [Auisston], whom he married in Ottawa County in 1889. Lena was born in Wisconsin on December 18, 1859 and died on July 15, 1931. Her mother, Barbara Arentsen, ran the Central House in Spring Lake and her father, Andrew Arentsen, opened a grocery store in Ferrysburg in 1867. The Begins' infant

son, born in 1894, died on October 8, 1899. They also had a daughter, Florence P., born in February, 1890, and a son, Charles H. II, born in December, 1897. Charles I was born in Canada on February 2, 1857 and died on October 28, 1907. He and his wife were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Charles [Carl] Behm [1862-1942]

Charles, the son of Friedrich Johannes and Dorothea Maria Behm, was born in Prussia on November 29, 1862 and immigrated to the United States in 1868. The Behms settled in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township, where they lived in a log cabin. Charles and his brother Ferdinand [Fred] owned adjoining farms in Section 26, about a half mile east of U.S. 31 along M-45. In 1897 Charles's 40 acres was on the east and Ferdinand's 40 acres on the west of the dividing line. The farms extended as far south as Winans. Charles also was Road Commissioner. On December 4, 1887 in Grand Haven, he married Minna "Minnie" Groth, who was born in Germany on June 26, 1867, immigrated to the United States in 1880, died on June 11, 1906, and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Their children, all born locally, were William, born in May, 1888; Herman, born on February 28, 1893; Emil, born about 1895; Ida, born in September, 1896; Otto Henry, born May 18, 1899 and Ewalt [Ewald], born on May 13, 1900. Ewalt worked with the maintenance department at the Brunswick Corporation in Muskegon. Charles died about December 2, 1942 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

Charles William Behm [@1870-1908]

Born in Grand Haven about 1870, the son of Captain Frederick and Minnie Behm, Charles graduated in 1892 from the University of Michigan Medical School. He was with the Chicago Health Department as disinfectant chief. He married and lived at 409 Laurence Avenue in Chicago. Charles died of cancer of the liver on May 16, 1908, leaving his wife and several brothers. He was buried in Chicago. [*Tribune* obituary, May 18, 1908.]

Dorothy Klemke Behm [1908-1999] and Henry Behm [1904-1969]

Dorothy was born on February 26, 1908 to George and Augusta Anna Post Klemke. She married Henry Behm on June 4, 1927. He was born July 10, 1904 and died in June, 1969. Dorothy Behm was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and was active with the Ladies Aid and Quilters Group. Their four sons included Richard and Kenneth of Grand Haven; Edwin of Arizona; and Edmond of California. In 1930 Henry was a polisher at Grand Haven Brass Foundry.

Edward Louis Behm [1876-1964]

In 1908 Edward Behm made his living as a sailor. By 1918 he was Foreman at the Panhard Motor Company at 1301 Fulton, and by the mid-1920s he owned a Hudson-Essex auto dealership and repair service at 1453 Pennoyer. On June 29, 1899 in Grand Haven he married Matilda Retzlaff. They resided at 1302 Columbus. Edward was born in Grand Haven on September 7, 1876. Mathilda was born in August, 1877, passed away about May 27, 1965, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They resided at 526 Pennoyer. Edward passed away in Grand Haven in July, 1964 and was buried at Lake Forest.

Ernest Behm [1909-1987]

Ernest, the son of Henry and Henrietta Behm, was born on October 31, 1909. Before moving north, he worked for Anderson-Bolling for a number of years. His wife, Myrtle Schnitz, was born November 16, 1895 and died in Presque Isle on June 9, 1978. Ernest passed away while living in Presque Isle on April 14, 1987.

Ferdinand "Fred" W. Behm [Boehme] [1854- 1940]

Born in Prussia on February 20, 1854, the son of Friedrich Johannes and Dorothea Maria Behm, Fred settled in Grand Haven Township with his parents in 1868 and was raised in a log cabin. He and his brother Charles owned adjoining farms in Section 26, about a half-mile east of U.S. 31 along M-45, as well as other acreage in the township. In 1897 Charles's 40-acre farm was on the east and Ferdinand's 40 acres was on the west of the dividing line. The farms extended as far south as Winans. Their family was among those that started Immanuel Lutheran Church in West Olive, which was moved to M-45, east of the farms, in the mid-1950s when U.S. 31 was improved. Fred was a Deacon of the church. His first wife, Bertha Emilie Louise Wauk, was born on February 22, 1850 and died in childbirth on October 9, 1897. They had at least three sons: Henry, born on September 1, 1875; Ernest, who was born on May 13, 1884 and died on February 2, 1969; and Robert, who was born on September 13, 1894 and died on December 8, 1950. By 1900 Fred's wife was Amelia [Emelie], who was born in Germany on January 27, 1862, immigrated to the United States in 1897, and passed away on June 5, 1939. Fred passed away on November 22, 1940 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery, as were Bertha and Amelia. [*Tribune* obituary, November 7 and 15, 1921.]

Frederick W. Behm [1867-1957]

A native of Michigan, Frederick Behm was born on July 22, 1867. His wife, Hedwig "Hattie," was born in Germany in August, 1877 and came to the United States in 1885. The Behms owned a farm in Grand Haven Township. Their children, all born locally, included Franciska "Francis," born in July, 1897, Margaretha

"Greta," born in July, 1898, and Florence, born about 1903. Fred died on July 3, 1957 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

Friedrich Johannes "John" Behm [1812-1888]

Friedrich Johannes Behm was born in Prussia on April 18, 1812 and died in Grand Haven Township on April 21, 1888. His wife, Dorothea "Dora" Maria, also a native of Prussia, lived from December 3, 1819 to April 28, 1895. All their children were born in Prussia: Wilhelmina "Mina," born on February 2, 1842; Johan Fredeick, who was born and died in Prussia; Maria, born on May 5, 1846; Wilhelm, born in November, 1848; Caroline "Lena", who was born on May 17, 1851 and married Henry Luss of Grand Haven; Ferdinand, born on February 20, 1854; Johan "John" C., born in July, 1856; Mathilde, born on January 22, 1859; and Carl "Charles," born on November 29, 1862. The family settled on 160 acres in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township in 1868. Friedrich and Dorothea were buried in Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

Johan Frederick Wilhelm "William" Behm [1817-1879]

Born in Stettin, Germany on May 17, 1817 William Behm immigrated to Ottawa County and by 1864 owned approximately 200 acres in Section 21 of Grand Haven Township and an additional 100 acres or so in Section 15. While still in Germany, he married Karoline [Caroline] Wilhelmine Augusta Hartman, who was born in Stettin, Germany in January, 1816 [1821]. The Behms had six children, all born in Stettin: Karl Frederick, who was born on June 22, 1844 and settled in Grand Haven Township; Albertina, who was born about 1845, married a Mr Kuehne in Berlin, and died in Chicago about 1876; Ludwig, who was born about 1846 and resided in Grand Haven; Auguste Wilhelmine Dorothee, who was born on June 17, 1850, married Friedrich Kramer of Grand Haven, died on November 10, 1941, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Amelia [Emelie], who was born in Prussia about 1852 and married Charles Hass of Grand Haven on June 5, 1873; and Louise Augusta Dorothea, who was born September 1, 1855 and married Wilhelm "William" Ernst Heinrich Zoerner of Grand Haven. Johan passed away on December 24, 1879 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Karoline died on March 23, 1892.

Johan "John" Behm [Beam] [1819-1907]

Born in 1819 in Prussia [Germany], John Behm was one of the first 23 members of the German Immanuel Church and one of its original elders when the church was organized in 1870 in Grand Haven Township. John and his wife, Minnie, were married in June, 1842 in Prussia. She was born about 1823 and died on July 1, 1907. They settled first in Niagara County, New York in 1848.

By 1864 the Behms owned a 95-acre farm in Section 16 of Grand Haven Township, at the northeast and northwest corners of Buchanan and Lakeshore Drive. Their children were Johannes, who lived from 1852 to 1917 and whose 50-acre farm was directly across the street from his parents; Ferdinand [Fred], who lived from 1854 to 1910; Helena, who was born in 1864 and married Andrew Van Hoef of Grand Haven; William, who was born about 1865 and moved to Los Angeles, California; Annie, who was born about 1866 and married Henry Steffens of Agnew; John C., who married Hazel Hurinel on November 13, 1914; and Charles and Henry Behm, who moved to St. Paul, Minnesota. The Village of Agnew originally was named Johnsville in honor of Johan Behm. He died at his home on May 1, 1907 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery with Minnie. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 11, 1907 and July 1, 1907.]

Johannes “John” Behm [1850-1917]

Johannes Behm was born in New York in April, 1850. He married Wilhelmina Emilie Augusta Ehrke, also known as Minna or Minnie. She was born in Germany in October, 1854, came to the United States in 1868 and died in 1919. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Albert, born on April 24, 1875; Henry, born on September 1, 1877; Bertha, who was born in 1880 and died on January 13, 1899; Anna, born in July, 1882; Louis, born in February, 1885; and John, born on May 12, 1887. John, Minna, and Bertha were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery;

Johannes “John” C. Behm [1856- ?]

John Behm was born in Germany in July, 1856 and came to the United States in 1868. His wife, Mathilda, was born in Michigan in September, 1858, passed away in 1919, and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Their daughter Emma was born in September, 1882, and Clara, who became a telephone operator, was born on September 20, 1890. The Behms also had a son, Ferdinand “Fred,” who was born on March 15, 1880, became a teamster, and on October 30, 1912 in Coopersville married Cleora Olive Ives Walling, the widow of Amos Walling. Another son, Walter, was born in July, 1884.

In 1900 the Behms owned a farm in Section 16 of Grand Haven Township. According to the 1908 *Directory*, Matilda and her daughter Emma ran a millinery shop at 103-105 Washington Street, and John had a draying business and sold windmills and pumps. His business and residence were both located at 202 North Seventh Street.

Karl Frederick “Fred” Behm [1844-1916]

Frederick Behm, who became a ship carpenter in Grand Haven, was born in Stettin, Prussia on June 22, 1844, the son of William and Karoline Hartman Behm. His wife, Minnie [Wilhelmina], was born in the same country in February, 1842. The Behms had four children, all born locally: Charles W., born about 1870; John W., born about 1871; Louis W., born about 1873; Lena, born on September 4, 1874; and Willi, who was born on April 20, 1877 and died of diphtheria on December 23, 1879. They also had an adopted child, Ella, born in Michigan in August, 1897. The family resided at 216 Madison. In 1886 Captain Behm launched a two-masted schooner, named *Lena Behm* for his daughter. The 59 foot craft carried lumber, fruit, and other products to various Lake Michigan ports. Captain Behm sold the vessel when he retired in 1899. In 1900 he was classified as a lumber dealer and a few years later he was working as a carpenter. Lena passed away on November 11, 1899. Frederick died on April 26, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, daughter, and other family members. Minnie died in 1917.

Ludwig Behm [1845-1905]

The son of William and Karoline Hartman Behm, Ludwig was born Stettin, Germany in October, 1845 and immigrated to America in 1871. He married Albertine Louise Marie [Mena/Mary] Hartmann, worked as a ship’s carpenter in Grand Haven, and died in St. Louis, Missouri on January 12, 1905.

William Behm [1863- ?]

William and Alvirne [Alvine] Behm owned a farm in Grand Haven Township. William was born in Michigan in July, 1863. Alvine, the daughter of Wilhelm and Emily Friese, was born in Germany in February, 1871. Wilhelm Friese was born in May, 1837, and came to Grand Haven Township in 1899. Emilie, a native of Germany, was born in June, 1838. Alvirne had been married before, and had a son, Willi, born in Germany in April, 1894. The family of four was residing in Section 4 of Grand Haven Township in 1900.

John “Jack” Paul Beihl [1893-1964]

Jack Beihl was born in Grand Haven on January 4, 1893. His father, William, was born in West Virginia [then part of Virginia] in 1861 and died about February 19, 1926. His mother, Mary Ann, was born in England about 1868 and died on December 11, 1941. The Beihls moved to Grand Haven from Wheeling, West Virginia, during the 1880s or early 1890s, and early in the next decade resided at 1202 Franklin. William worked at Story & Clark. Jack had three sisters and four brothers. As a coronet player, he was a member of the Grand Haven Concert Band in its early days, as well as the Jackie Band and the Elk’s Band. In his teens Jack became a member of the Ewing Zouave Band for a year,

and he gave Henry Kooiman lessons on the saxophone. He earned enough money from his musical talents to cover his tuition fees at Ferris Institute [Ferris State University], where he graduated in 1917 as a pharmacist. He worked for the Van I. Witt Pharmacy in downtown Grand Haven [216 Washington]. About 1922 Jack became a partner with John Boyink and bought Raymond Presley's Square Drug Store on the northwest corner of Seventh and Fulton Streets [635 Fulton]. Two years later, he bought out Boyink and became the sole owner of the store, but lost it during the Depression. After the loss, Jack worked as pharmacist at Mulder's Drug Store [136 Washington] and Voss's at 635 Fulton. In 1928 Jack was elected Alderman under Mayor Herbert H. Hillman. He served in 1929, also.

On March 11, 1919, Jack married Ruth Mae Workman of Spring Lake and they moved into a home on Lake Avenue before building a new house at 515 South Seventh Street as early as the 1920s, where they remained into the 1960s. One of their children, Kathleen, was born about 1921 and died in 1997. Jack died on July 4, 1964 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ruth was born on May 11, 1896 and died in Grand Haven on October 25, 1974.

Charles Hobart "Hoby" Bell [1905-1985]

The brother of Helen Bell, with whom he shared a home at 18168 Terrace Road in Spring Lake, and son of Jacob and Martha Bell, C. Hobart Bell was born on July 23, 1905 and died in Grand Haven on April 28, 1985. He owned and operated Hoby Bell's Sport Shop, first located in the mid-1930s at 118 Washington Street, then at 126 Washington in the 1940s, and finally at 220 North Beacon by 1971. He and Joseph Zeimet I were partners when the Sport Shop was established about 1935. Before he opened the shop on Washington, Hoby was a trimmer at Grand Haven Awning and Auto Trim, located at 409 North Seventh Street. At that time he and his sister lived with their mother, Martha Bell, at 1411 Washington Street.

Charles Y. Bell [1808-1870]

Charles Bell married Eliza Barber, the sister of Jabez Barber. Eliza was born in England about 1807. After Jabez lost his life in the wreck of the *Pacific* while returning from England in 1854, Charles took up residence in Spring Lake and ran the business. His wife had inherited the Barber property. Charles was born in 1808 and died on October 26, 1870. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their son Charles eventually took over the mill, which became known as the W. H. Bell Co. Also working at the mill were two other sons, Edward, born in Canada about 1847, and Frederick, also born in Canada, in 1845. Frederick died on September 18, 1870. Henry, a bookkeeper, was another member of

the Bell family employed at the mill in 1870. He was born in Canada about 1833.

Edwin G. Bell I [1837-1886]

Born in Canada about 1837, Edwin Bell came to Grand Haven from Menasha, Wisconsin in July, 1878 as bookkeeper for the Wait Manufacturing Company. When the Wait Company was reorganized in 1881, Edwin was named President and General Manager. His wife, Louisa Buttrick, was born in New York and lived from 1844 to 1941. Edwin died about April 23, 1886 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was his wife. They had two children born in Wisconsin: Mattie A., born about 1868, and Clara C., born about 1871, and Edwin G. II, born in Grand Haven in 1886. Clara married Hubert "Bert" Mansfield of Grand Haven. Living with the Bells in Grand Haven in 1880 was Louisa's sister, Flora. Flora was born in Wisconsin about 1862.

Helen M. Bell [1898-1968]

Born October 5, 1898 in Salem, Massachusetts, Helen was the sister of C. Hobart Bell of Spring Lake. As a child she moved to Holland with her parents, Jacob and Martha Bell, and graduated from Holland High School and Hope College. Helen did graduate work at Northwestern University and received her master degree from the University of Wisconsin. She taught at Hope College for five years and then came to Grand Haven, where she taught American history at the high school until her retirement in 1964 after 42 years teaching. She was one of the organizers of the League of Women Voters in the 1940s. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Helen died at her home, which she shared with her brother, at 18168 Terrace, Spring Lake, on October 10, 1968 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 11, 1968.]

John Bell [1844-1893]

John Bell was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as "engineer." He was born about July 2, 1844, died on January 2, 1893, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His widow, Helen, lived at 214 Columbus. John and Helen had a daughter Jennie.

William H. Bell [1840-1913]

William Bell joined the firm of Barber & Mason in Spring Lake in 1864 as an engineer. The son of Charles Y. and Eliza Barber Bell, William was born in Canada and lived from February, 1840 to 1913. Eventually the mill took William's name and was called W. H. Bell Co. By 1876 William owned more than 85 acres in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township. William was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Albert Earl Bement [1879-1957]

Born in Georgetown Township, Ottawa County, on May 10, 1879 [1878], Albert Bement owned a 40-acre farm in Section 30 of Allendale Township. His parents were Harley C. and Marinda Parker Bement, who were married in Ottawa County on June 14, 1857. On March 30, 1905, in Ottawa Station, Albert married Fern Headly, who lived from 1883 to October 1, 1969 and was buried at Allendale Cemetery with her husband, who passed away in 1957. The Bements had six children. Clemens Bement was Albert's brother.

Clemens Clinton Bement I [1867-1955]

Around 1900 Clemens Bement and Henry Spear owned Spear & Bement, "Manufacturers of Fish, Syrup and Pickle Packages, Flour, Fruit, and all kinds of slack barrels." The company was located in Grand Haven. Clemens was a cooper by trade. The son of Harley C. and Marinda Parker Bement, he was born in Georgetown Township on May 29, 1867. He married Lutie [Leutie] I. Robinson on September 15, 1892 in Robinson Township. Lutie, the daughter of Ira and Marian Juilene Robinson, was born locally on July 19, 1870. They were married about 1892. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Sherman, born in July, 1892; Herold, born in August, 1895; and Clemens II, who was born on August 16, 1899 and died in February, 1985. The family resided on Washington Street. By 1930 the Bements were residing in Bay City, Michigan, where Clemens passed away on November 16, 1955. Lutie died on December 31, 1964 in Gladwin, Michigan. Albert Bement was Clemens brother.

Harley Bement I [1795-1882]

On January 19, 1863 Harley Bement I enlisted in Grand Rapids as Private with Company F of the 7th Michigan Calvary during the Civil War. He was mustered out a few months later, on May 12, 1863 because of severe "illness," probably a reference to the loss of his left hand. He received \$8.00 a month for his service and wound. In 1834 [1818] he married Eliza Wood Briggs, who was born about 1800. Eliza died in June, 1856 in a house fire in Groton, Michigan. On February 27, 1857 in Ottawa County, he married Annie "Anna" Parker. She was born in New York about 1818. Harley was born in Lenox, Massachusetts about 1795 and served with the Sixth New York Infantry in the War of 1812. A compilation of veterans of that war listed Harley as serving in Dox's and Perry's Company of the 13th Regiment of the United States Army. Harley and Eliza had at least one son, Harley II, who was born in Steuben County, New York on January 3, 1835. The young Harley also served during the Civil War. Harley and Eliza had nine other children. The 1850 census cited Harley I as owning an 80-acre farm in Section 5 of Georgetown Township. The family was located there by 1845. Harley died on March 1 [3], 1882 in Allendale,

probably at the home of Harley II. On July 22 his widow applied for a widow's pension.

Harley Bement II [1835-1916]

Harley C. and Marinda Parker Bement were married in Georgetown Township on June 14, 1857. Marinda was his step-mother's sister. Among their children were Clemens Clinton, born in Georgetown Township on May 29, 1867, and Albert Earl, born in Georgetown Township on May 10, 1879. On May 13, 1861 in Grand Rapids, Harley enlisted as Corporal and joined Company I of the 3rd Michigan Infantry about a month later. He received a disability discharge on November 11, 1862 in New York City. According to an 1890 Civil War census of veterans in Ottawa County, Harley's left hand had been shot off in the war, deeming him "crippled, useless." Harley settled in Georgetown Township after the war and moved to Allendale Township about 1881. In Allendale, he was a Justice of the Peace for 20 years. The son of Harley and Eliza Briggs Bement I, Harley II was born in Steuben County, New York on January 3, 1835 and died on November 5, 1916. He was buried at Allendale Township Cemetery. Marinda, who was born about June, 1835 in Indiana, passed away in 1915.

George Benedict [? - ?]

George Benedict was born in Brooklyn, New York. His father leased a building on the corner of Fulton and Ferry Streets [1003 Fulton], formerly the Maurer Glove Factory, to manufacture baseballs. Organized as a branch of a Brooklyn, New York company, the local business sold baseballs to a number of minor league teams. [*Tribune* article, "GH Sources New Industry," February 2, 1909.]

Homer W. Benedict [1914-1976]

With Lester Kammeraad as his partner, Homer Benedict started Grand Haven Screw Products in 1947. Benedict was born in Grand Haven on July 29, 1914 and died there on January 2, 1976. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Benedict's wife was Christine Dense, whom he married on July 13, 1933. They resided at 519 Terrill in Grand Haven. After Homer's death his son, Robert P. Benedict, became President of the company. Robert's wife, Sheryl, was Vice President. Richard and Sheryl resided at 14879 Cross Lane in Spring Lake Township. Christine passed away on December 12, 2001 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

Frank Benes [1922-1998]

Frank Benes married Margaret J., daughter of John and Janet Van Tol Verseput of Grand Haven. Margaret lived from April 23, 1920 to November 22, 1994. Frank, who worked for Construction Aggregates in Ferrysburg, was born on August 12, 1922 and died on September 7,

1998. The Beneses resided at 15705 Robbins Road. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Whitman Stoddard Benham [1825-1880]

Born in 1825 or 1826 in Byron, New York, the third son of James and Lucy Mead Benham II, Whitman first taught for awhile and then became interested in newspaper publishing. The Benhams left New York and moved to Peru, Indiana, where Whitman was editor of the *Republican*. From there he became editor and owner of the Bedford, Indiana *Independent*, and the Newton, Iowa *Free Press*, before moving to Grand Haven. In June, 1877 Whitman bought the *Grand Haven Herald* from Crinis H. Dubois and published it until his death. Guy Weber bought the business from Benham's estate.

Whitman married Sarah Louise Bates on February 9, 1856. Sarah was born in New York about 1832. They had six children, two of whom survived: George Bates, born in Indiana in 1860, and Grace, born in Newton, Iowa on March 11, 1869. Bates was listed as Printer in the 1880 census. Whitman died, along with his wife, in the wreck of the *Alpena*, which was lost in Lake Michigan on October 15, 1880.

Perry Henry Benjamin [1862-1917]

The Wiltshire Glove Company had a factory near the southwest corner of Washington and Second Streets in Grand Haven. In the early 1900s Perry Benjamin was Secretary of the company. Perry was born in Zeeland, Michigan about 1862. On December 27, 1888, in Hamilton, Michigan, he married May E. Harvey. May, the daughter of John Harvey, was born in Kalamazoo County about 1867. On October 31, 1901, in Grand Haven Perry married Ellen Margaret Young, who was born in Grand Haven about 1872. She was the daughter of William and Ella Young and sister of Williamena Young. The Benjamins lived at 308 South Fifth Street and attended the Presbyterian Church. Their daughter, Lois Catherine, was born on December 12, 1909 and died on August 7, 1929. She was buried with her grandparents, William and Ellen Young, at Lake Forest Cemetery. Perry died about May 3, 1917. Margaret passed away on December 29, 1958 and was buried at the same cemetery.

Alfred Bennett [Bennet] [1803-1881]

Alfred and Louisa Bennett, apparently the first permanent Black settlers in the Grand Haven area were part of the local population by 1845. They and their descendants remained in Spring Lake and Grand Haven for decades. Alfred Bennett was born in Virginia [New York] on August 12, 1803. His wife, Louisa [Louise], a native of New York, was born about 1806. The Bennetts appear in the 1850 census for Spring Lake. The next year, on October 4, 1851 the Bennetts purchased from

Henry Pennoyer and William Kanouse land just east of Five Mile Hill, the location of today's Grand Haven YMCA [Section 29 of Grand Haven Township]. Not long after paying \$100 for the parcel they purchased additional abutting land. Their combined holdings of 24 acres became known as Bennett's Hollow long before it became Mulligan's Hollow, as it is called today. The Bennetts moved their homestead to the Hollow, and they were there at the time of the 1860 census. Another Black family, Leonard and Mary Thompson, lived next door to the Bennetts. The Bennett family was not found in the 1870 enumeration, and by the time of the next census they were residing on Third Street in Grand Haven. Possibly John Mulligan purchased the Hollow from them in the decade of the 1870s. Their children, all born in New York, were George, born in July, 1826; Edward, born about 1831; John E., who was born about 1834 and in 1860 worked as a cook at the Rice Hotel in downtown Grand Haven; Mary J., born on May 30, 1839; Virgil, born about 1841; Rutson [Rudson] M., born about 1844; and Helen, who was born in July, 1845 and married Albert Hicks of Grand Haven. Living with Alfred and Louisa in 1880 was their eight-year old grandson Ivan Bennett. Alfred died in Grand Haven on January 16, 1881. His was one of the bodies moved when the original cemetery was converted to Central Park and Lake Forest became the city's burying ground. [On July 19, 1883 the Grand Haven City Council passed a number of resolutions requiring removal of the bodies, considering the action a "public necessity to safeguard the health of the community." Most of the dead were relocated to the more remote Lake Forest Cemetery]. Louisa, who passed away on March 17, 1885, also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Dennis H. Bennett [1861-1940]

Dennis Bennett partnered with Jesse Woodbury of Allendale Township to start a planing mill. Dennis was born in May, 1861 in Michigan. On January 15, 1890 in Allendale, he married Emma Jenkins. She was born in May, 1873 in Michigan. They had at least three children: Flossie, born about 1892; Fidelia, born about 1893, and Nellie, born about 1896. Dennis and Emma were married in 1889. By 1930 they had moved to Gaines in Kent County. Dennis died in 1940 and was buried at Allendale Township Cemetery. Emma had passed away in 1936 and also was buried at Allendale.

George E. Bennett I [1826- ?]

Alfred and Louisa Bennett's oldest child, George, married Bridget [Britton], a White woman, who was born in Ireland about 1823. George's and Britton's children, listed as Mulattoes in the 1860 census, were Sarah L., born in Michigan about 1856, George E. II, born in Wisconsin about 1858, and Charles, born in Michigan about 1866. George I, born in New York in

July, 1826, worked as a laborer in Grand Haven, but by the time of the 1880 census he and his family had moved to Walker, Kent County, where he was employed as an expressman [a freight handler]. In 1900 he was a widower and retired and still residing in Walker. The Bennett family was Black.

Richard Bennett [@1831- ?]

In 1870 Dick Bennett was a laborer residing in Grand Haven. He was born about 1831 in New York. With him were his wife, Ann, who was born in Ohio about 1834. Their children were Ruth, who was born about 1852 and became a dressmaker; Mary, also born about 1852 and also a dressmaker; John, born in New York about 1858; Henry, born in Indiana about 1862; William, born about 1864; Susan, born about 1867; and Phebe, born about 1869. Ruth and Mary were born in Ohio, William, Susan, and Phebe were born in Michigan. Also part of the Bennett household in 1870 was Mary Witter, another dressmaker, born in Ohio about 1851.

Rutson [Rudson/Rutsen] Bennett [@1844- ?]

On March 12, 1863 in Detroit, Rutson Bennett enlisted as Private in Company E of the 1st Michigan Colored Infantry. The regiment left Detroit on March 28, 1864 and was first attached to the Ninth Army in Annapolis, Maryland, but around the middle of the next month it was sent to Hilton Head, South Carolina, and eventually on to other assignments in the southeast United States. The troops of the 102nd participated in a number of battles, mostly in South Carolina. Rutson, the son of Alfred and Louisa Bennett, was promoted to Corporal on January 1, 1864. He and the rest of the regiment were mustered out in Charleston, South Carolina on September 30, 1865 and released with pay in Detroit two and a half weeks later.

Rutson's wife, Ellen [Ella], was born in Missouri about 1847. They had three sons, including Irwin [Edwin], who was born in Grand Haven on June 7, 1872 and died in Grand Haven on September 7, 1872. Another of their sons, Eugene, was born locally about 1874. A third son, Frederick, died in Grand Haven on December 24, 1877 at the age of one year. In the 1870s Rutson worked as a barber at a shop on Washington Street in downtown Grand Haven. He and Ellen were still in Grand Haven as late as December 24, 1877, the day they lost their three-month old infant boy, Frederick, who was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. By 1880 Rutson and Ellen were residing in Savannah, Georgia, where both worked as hairdressers. Thirty years later Rutson was a widower living alone in Oakland, Alameda County, California. There was no record after that except a reference to him in his brother Virgil's obituary of November 6, 1915 as still being a resident of California.

Selet Bennett [? - ?]

Selet Bennett appeared as the name of the father in two death records for Ottawa County, but did not show up in any other records. On April 8, 1891, his son Bertel died. Bertel was born in Michigan on January 20, 1874. Selet's daughter Daisy died a little more than a month after her brother, on May 23. She was nine years old. The cause of their deaths was not given, nor was their mother's name. Selet and the children were listed as Black.

Virgil C. Bennett [@1841-1915]

Virgil, the son of Alfred and Louisa Bennett, in 1880 was working as a tugboat engineer in Grand Haven. He married Celeste Bourdley in Ottawa County on January 27, 1866. She was born in Pennsylvania [Canada] in 1847. As early as 1871 and into the 1880s Celeste owned and operated a laundry at the corner of Fulton and Third Streets, where she, Virgil, and their ten children also resided. The children, all born locally, included Robert C., born about 1866; Nan, born on December 29, 1868; Mary, born about 1869; Cecilia, born in October, 1869; Ira W., who was born about 1871 and moved to Cleveland; Virgil Alfred, born on March 10, 1873; Harry M., born on December 18, 1874; Clara L., born on June 6, 1876; Joseph Almer, who was born on January 19, 1878 and died on May 15, 1879, and Alva [Alovy], who was born on March 3, 1879 and died on February 2 two years later. Both Joseph and Alva were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Living next door to Virgil and his family on Third Street were his parents, Alfred and Louisa Bennett. In 1860 Virgil was working as a laborer, as were his father and his brother, Edward. Virgil left town for a number of years, not returning until 1912 or so. None of Virgil's children appears in subsequent censuses for Ottawa County. He passed away at the home of Ulysses Fordham in Ferrysburg on November 6, 1915 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Celeste passed away in 1934 and also was buried at Lake Forest, where her name was listed as May Bennett. On various occasions Virgil's wife's name appears as Celeste, Celestia, Silly, and May. The various names must refer to the same woman, since presumably Virgil had one wife. It was an African American family. [*Tribune* obituary, November 6, 1915.]

Ward [William] Warren Bennett [1879–1959]

Lieutenant Commander Ward Bennett was Coast Guard District Commander in Grand Haven from 1933 until 1939, when the headquarters were moved. Before that he was a crewman. He was born in Glen Haven, Michigan on June 21, 1879. He married Jessica M. Hanchew on February 15, 1907. She was born in Indiana in 1887. They had a son, Kentnor Ward., who was born about 1911 and died around December 10, 1938. The family was residing at 17 South Fourth Street

in Grand Haven in 1930. Ward died around May 28, 1959 and was buried with his son at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 28, 1959.]

James Benstead [Beaustead] [1816-1877]

The Bensteads were early settlers in the Spring Lake area. James was born in England on January 25, 1816 and died on June 27, 1877. His wife, Mary, was born in England on May 26, 1814 and died on June 18, 1883. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their daughter Ella was born in Michigan in 1858. In 1870 James was a teamster. William Benstead was James's brother.

William Benstead [Beaustead] [1812-1880]

The Bensteads were early settlers in the Spring Lake area. William was born in England on June 19, 1812. His wife, Mary Ann, was born in England on November 30, 1814 and died on June 18, 1906. William was a teamster in 1870. He died on June 21, 1880. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. James and William Benstead were brothers.

Carl Ferdinand Berg [1906-1976]

Carl was born in Grand Haven on March 31, 1906, the son of Ferdinand and Mary Schroeder Berg. Carl married Margaret Julia Wachter, who was born on January 6, 1909 and died on April 9, 1992. The Bergs around 1930 resided at 211 Fulton. Carl, who was an auto mechanic, owned the Grand Haven Pontiac dealership at 9-11 Washington. The building was destroyed by fire on January 18, 1940, but Carl rebuilt and continued operating his business until he sold it to Donald Rosso of Grand Haven about 1958. Carl died on August 19, 1976.

Ferdinand [Fred] Berg [1873-1961]

Ferdinand, the son of William F. and Mary Berg, lived from June 22, 1873 to June 5, 1961, and his wife, Mary, from August 22, 1886 to February 5, 1973. They owned a 110 acre farm in Grand Haven and Robinson Townships.

Frederich Berg [1844-1933]

Frederich [Ferdinand] Berg by 1876 owned an 80-acre farm in Section 13 of Grand Haven Township. The farm by 1912 had expanded to 220 acres, plus additional acreage in Robinson Township. Frederick was born in Prussia in April, 1844 [1845] and died in 1933. His wife, Wilhelmina [Wilhelmine], lived from May, 1845 to 1914. Both were born in Prussia and immigrated to the United States in 1872. A son, Herman, who was born on March 22, 1888, took title to the property. Their other children were Elizabeth, who was born in Prussia about 1871 and died in Ottawa County on November 27, 1881; Carl, born in Prussia about 1872; Mathilde, who

was born about 1874 and died on July 10, 1893; Martha Maria Helene [Mary], who was born on April 26, 1876 and married Henry Saul II of Grand Haven Township; Richart [Richard], who was born on April 3, 1878 and married May Stearns in Grand Haven on October 8, 1905; Wilhelm [William Frederich], born on February 24, 1880; Frederich II, born in November, 1882; Edward, born in January, 1884; and Herman, born in March, 1888. Elizabeth and Carl were born in Prussia, while the other children were born locally. Frederich and Wilhelmina were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

William Ferdinand Berg [1849-1931]

William F. Berg was born on March 22, 1849 and died on July 6, 1931, and his wife, Mary Priem, lived from December 7, 1849 to May 29, 1935. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Born in Ziemkendorf, Germany [Prussia], William served in the Franco-Prussian War in 1870-71. With his wife and oldest son, William immigrated to the United States in 1883 and settled on a farm in Robinson Township. About 1919 William and Mary moved to 310 North Third in Grand Haven. Among their children were Ferdinand, born in Germany in June, 1873; Carl Ferdinand [Charles Fred], who was born on September 12, 1880; Suzzie, born in April, 1884; Elizabeth Louise, who was born about 1885, married Albert Graska of Grand Haven; died about December 7, 1946, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; August, born in May, 1887; Fred, born in April, 1891; William, born on August 19, 1893; Matilda, born in March, 1896; and Bertha, who married a Mr Van Weelden. [*Tribune* article, "Death Claims William Berg," July 6, 1931.]

Albert C. Bertch I [1868-1929]

In February, 1926, Albert C. and Eda [Edna] Bertch purchased from Robert Ferris 13 acres and a home that were part of a resort known as The Willows. The property was located in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township [18635 Fruitport Road]. Albert was a meat dealer from Grand Rapids. He was born about 1868 in New York. Eda was born on July 14, 1872 in Michigan and died in May, 1967 in Grand Rapids. A son, John Widman, was born in Maine on May 14, 1900. Another son, Albert C. II, was born in Michigan in 1907.

Frederick J. Bertschy [1870- ?]

In September, 1889, Fred Bertschy purchased from Dr. James O. Bates of Muskegon and Charles Begin of Spring Lake the machinery and land of a brickyard located on Spring Lake in Muskegon County, just north of Stahl's Bayou. He named the business Fred J. Bertschy & Company, and later, when C. J. Bertschy joined the firm in 1891 as President, it became the Bertschy Brick and Tile Company. Fred J. was

Secretary/Treasurer, and Begin was named Superintendent. Three years later C. J. sold his interest to Adolph L. Kern of Milwaukee, who then became Chief Executive Officer. By 1880 Bertschy owned a men's clothing store in Spring Lake, which he advertised as the "New Agency for the Star Laundry of Grand Haven," in addition to carrying "Gents' Furnishings & Shoes." He then bought Sam Fall's grocery store at the southwest corner of Jackson and Savidge [200 West Savidge]. In 1915 he sold that business to William Spencer and John Singerland, who opened the S & S Grocery Store. Fred was Postmaster of Spring Lake from June 15, 1911 to April 16, 1917, when his wife, Helen J., was appointed to the post and held it until September 13 of the next year.

It was 1878 when Fred, who was born in Wisconsin around 1870, came to Spring Lake from Milwaukee with his mother after his father had died at a young 36. On July 28, 1903 he married Helen "Nellie" V. Shoemaker in Ottawa County. The daughter of pioneer settler Michael Shoemaker, Nellie was born in February, 1870 in Spring Lake. The Bertschys' daughter, Esther J. Ahern, born about 1907, was Spring Lake Township Treasurer for 11 years. Her husband was Jack T. Ahern, born about 1904. The Bertschy family resided at 305 East Savidge, and was still living there in 1930. Fred's mother, Johanna H. Bertschy, was born about 1820 and died on June 12, 1905. His father's name was Jacob. [*Tribune* obituary, June 13, 1905.]

Emil Wilhelm Bethke [1872-1959]

Born on January 11, 1872 in Potrzymowo, Posen, Prussia [Germany], Emil was the son of J. Frederick and Otilie Fritz Bethke. He immigrated to America with his parents in 1873. On August 30, 1902 in Milwaukee, he married Katharina [Katherine] "Kate" Gross. A native of Galicia, Austria, Kate lived from December 5, 1883 to June 28, 1975. The family homestead was an 80-acre farm in Section 17 of Robinson Township [12134 136th Avenue]. Kate's parents, George and Magdalena [Amelia] Huhlman Gross had an adjacent 40-acre farm.

Emil's and Kate's children all born locally, were Emilie, who was born on August 5, 1903 and on June 20, 1923 in Robinson Township married Julius M. Ott [1900-1977]; George F., who was born on April 14, 1905 married Margaret Crouse [1910-1998] in 1929, and died on August 11, 1972; Charlotte "Lottie" Otilie, who was born on August 29, 1906, married Anthony Ploughman [1900-1986] in 1926, and died on August 28, 1993; Carl John, who was born on December 21, 1908, married Jeanette Wiegerink [1913-1988] in 1937, and died on September 29, 1981; Edward Emil, who was born on March 18, 1911, married Dorothea Schillo [born on December 17, 1918] in 1937, and died on July 8, 1988; Wilhelmina "Minnie" Katharina, who was born on

August 19, 1912; married Stewart "Bob" Johnson in 1932, and died on December 29, 2006; and Arnold Adolph, who was born on March 1, 1919, married Garnetta Spiegel [1924-2009] in 1946. In their later years, Emile and Kate built a small retirement home on the corner of their farm property at 13467 Buchanan. Emile died on January 11, 1959 and was buried with Kate in Robinson Township Cemetery.

Frederick George Bethke [1877-1965]

Frederick, the son of J. Frederick and Otilie [Otilie] Fritz Bethke, was born in Peru, Indiana on October 3, 1877. He married Alma Dransfeldt on May 25, 1907 in Robinson Township. Alma, the daughter of Andrew and Christina Handeveldt Dransfeldt, was born on August 7, 1888 in Dwight, Illinois. Four children were born on the family's 120-acre farm in Section 17 of Robinson Township: Harold A., who was born on March 8, 1908, married Frances Edna "Betty" Alberda [July 13, 1912 to March 26, 1997] in 1933, and died on April 23, 1996; Stanley B., who was born on June 6, 1912, married Edna Engle [1913-1996] in 1934, and died on July 9, 1989; Irma, who was born on January 31, 1914, married William Melvin [1916-1989] in 1935, and died on August 9, 1994; and Kenneth, who was born on March 21, 1920. The four children played on a Robinson Township baseball team called the Rinky Dinks. They played many of their games on fields at Battle Point in Crockery Township and the Driving Park in Grand Haven Township. About 1925 the family moved to 1126 Slayton Street and Frederick was employed at Bastian-Blessing. Frederick died on February 15, 1965 and Alma passed away on October 3, 1978. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Personal correspondence from Marjorie Viveen, February 3, 2008 and from Ruth Horton on January 7, 2010.]

Johann Friedrich [Frederick] "Fred" Bethke [1837-1918]

Frederick Bethke was born on February 6, 1837 [1835/1836] in Bierzglin, Posen, Prussia [Germany]. Prior to immigrating to the United States aboard the *G. L. Rhein* in 1873, he married Otilie Wilhelmine Heriette Fritz on December 30, 1866 in Schwarzenau, Posen. She was the daughter of Johann and Katie Seeman Fritztz and lived from April 25, 1845 to January 20, 1912. At the time of their arrival in America, the Bethkes had three children, all born in Germany: Rinhold, who was born on October 26, 1867; Emma [Lena] who was born on June 23, 1870, married Captain William Rosie of Grand Haven; and Emil Wilhelm, who was born on January 11, 1872. They spent one year in Grand Haven before settling in Peru, Indiana for the next eight years, and returned to Ottawa County permanently in 1882. Frederick purchased a 240-acre farm and raised livestock on the southeast corner of Section 17 in

Robinson Township. On December 30, 1866 married Otilie Wilhelmine Henriette Fritz about 1866 in Prussia. A native of Germany and daughter of Johann and Katie Seeman Fritz, she lived from April, 1845 to 1912. Their other five children were: Frederick George, born in Indiana on October 3, 1877; Mina "Minnie" Anna, who was born in Peru, Indiana on February 21, 1880, married Alfred E. Kramer [1875-1950] in 1901, and died on December 19, 1940; Natalie "Nettie," who was born on October 7, 1882 in Grand Haven, married Frederick Klatt [1877-1961] in 1901, resided in Grand Haven, and died on January 5, 1973; John Wilhelm, born in Grand Haven on January 4, 1888; and Rosalie "Rosa/Rose" Sara Adolphine, who was born on October 13, 1891 in Grand Haven, married Fred Sinnhuber [born on April 14, 1892 in Pennsylvania and died in 1958] in 1916 in Cleveland, Ohio; moved to Gross Pointe, Michigan, and died on June 9, 1975. Rinold, Emil, Frederick, and John. remained for the most part on farms near their parents in Section 17 of Robinson Township. Frederick J. died on May 3, 1918 and was buried at Robinson Cemetery with his wife and other family members.

John Wilhelm Bethke [1888-1984]

Born in Robinson Township on January 4, 1888, the son of Frederick and Otilie Fritz Bethke, John was a carpenter and tree farmer. Between 1938 and 1949 the family planted 10,000 red and scotch pine and spruce trees to stabilize the soil and generate return from pulpwood and Christmas tree sales. His 100-acre farm at 136th and Lincoln in Section 17, which had been homesteaded by his father, was certified in 1942. He was one of the founders of the Soil Conservation Service and Christmas Tree Growers Association. On August 9, 1913 he married Celia Emma Rapp, who was born on March 1, 1894 in Bloomingdale, Illinois, the daughter of Henry and Ida Raap. Their children included: Robert Herman, who was born on April 18, 1916; Warren C., who was born on April 14, 1923, married Norma M. Warber [1928-2006] in 1949, and died on September 30, 2004; and Lucille A., who was born on June 13, 1927, married Walter Teichma [born on June 25, 1920] in 1948, and died on May 1, 2007. John died in Robinson Township on August 14, 1984, and Celia passed away on May 3, 1994. Both were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Robinson Couple Owns 100 Acre Tree Farm," June 23, 1976.]

Kenneth Bethke [1920-1999]

Kenneth was born in Grand Haven on March 21, 1920, the son of Frederick G. and Anna Dransfeldt Bethke. He married Marian F. "Jane" Spiegel on July 17 1942 while serving with the Army during WWII. She was born on September 7, 1920 and died in Grand Haven on October 16, 1984. Kenneth served in the Army Air Corps during WWII and was a member of the local American Legion

post. He was employed by Botbyl's Garage in Grand Haven. Kenneth and Jane had a daughter, Roxanne, who married Rich Thibault of Hudsonville. Kenneth died on March 4, 1999.

Rinold [Reinold] Bethke [1867-1941]

Rinold Bethke was born in Wygoda, Posen, Prussia [Germany] in October, 1867, the son of Frederick J. and Otilie Fritz Bethke. At age six, Rinhold moved to the United States with his parents, lived in Peru, Indiana for eight years, and settled permanently in Robinson Township in 1882. On October 11, 1894 in Grand Haven, Rinold married Fredarika Schroeder, who was born on September 16, 1868 in Ritttermannshagen, Mecklenberg, Germany. She was the daughter of Johann and Sophie Roggelin Schroeder. Fredarika was employed as a laundry woman at the Cutler House in downtown Grand Haven. In 1895 the Bethkes built their home on an 80-acre farm in Section 17 of Robinson Township [13160 Lincoln Street]. They cleared the land and operated a general farm where they lived the rest of their lives. Their children were: John Emil, who was born on August 3, 1896, remained single, worked the family farm, and died on July 24, 1971; Frederick R., who was born on January 15, 1898, remained single, and died on November 12, 1923; Rinold F., who was born on October 1, 1901, in 1936 married Marian J. Slaughter [1905-1967], the daughter of Louis and Elizabeth Solms Slaughter of Grand Haven, and died on May 25, 1981; and Herbert H., who was born on September 7, 1906, married Leah Alderman White [1904-2003] in 1936, and died on January 18, 1998. Rinold the father died on October 19, 1941, and Fredarika passed away on July 19, 1927. Both Bethkes were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery with their sons John, Frederick, Herbert, and Herbert's wife, Leah.

Robert Herman Bethke I [1916-1986]

Badly wounded while serving in Europe with the U.S. Army during WWII, Robert Bethke returned home to face two years of reconstructive surgery. The son of John and Celia Raap Bethke, Robert was born in Grand Haven on April 18, 1916. On April 18, he married Ella Mary Van Burgel of Grand Haven. The next day he began his service with the Army. After the war, he became ill from a brief stint as a house painter. Not long afterward, Robert met U.S. Representative Gerald R. Ford. They chatted awhile, and before long Robert was hired as a mail carrier, a position he held for 30 years. Making his regular postal deliveries on June 18, 1957, Robert opened a mailbox and discovered a new born boy stuffed inside. The week-old infant survived and became known around the world as the "Mailbox Baby."

Robert and Ella had three children: Robert II, Bonnie, and Bruce, who was born on September 26, 1953.

Robert I died in Grand Haven on July 23, 1986. Ella passed away on September 3, 2000 in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. She was 81 years old. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Theodore [Theodor] Bethke [1874-1945]

Theodore, the son of William F. and Henrietta Klukas Bethke, was born in Toledo, Ohio, on December 3, 1875. His parents purchased an 80-acre farm in Section 24 of Grand Haven Township in 1883. Around 1898 Theodore married Augusta Johanna Yeske, who was born on January 18, 1870 in Germany. By 1921 Theodore and Augusta had owned 80 acres in Section 25, across the street from his parents 80 acres. The couple's surviving children were: Ella M., who was born on April 7, 1899, married Fred C. Holtz in 1921 in Grand Haven, and died in Kalamazoo on September 22, 1958; Emma Augusta Maria, who was born on May 28, 1900, married Joseph W. Wessels [1901-1957] in 1923, and died in Kalamazoo on July 3, 1964; Maria Hulda Lillian, who was born on January 7, 1905, married Russell Van Stratt [1906-1967] in 1929, and died on November 13, 1962 in Muskegon; and Walter Paul, who was born on September 6, 1909, married Dorothy Berry in 1938 and Helen Easterling in 1958; and died in Grand Haven on March 3, 1966.

Claude Beukema [1887-1969]

The son of Hendrik and Jantje Neiwold Beukema, Claude was born in Grand Haven on June 17, 1887. In 1912 he married Rose Buwalda in Holland. Six years later Claude purchased Gerritt Bottje's hardware store at 203 Washington, where he had been an employee since 1906. He renamed the store Beukema Hardware. He sold the business in 1930, and worked for Bastian Blessing as a sheet metal worker. Claude and Rose were members of the First Christian Reformed Church. They resided at 220 Sherman, and had two daughters, both born in Grand Haven: Janet, who was born on November 18, 1912, and Ruth, born on August 20, 1914 and died on June 4, 2004.. Claude died on January 1, 1969 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Rose was born in Grand Haven in May, 1891, and was a teacher before marrying Claude. Her parents were Charles and Susie Buwalda. Rose died on February 13, 1978 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, June 3, 2004.]

Frederick Beukema [Buikema] [1882-1961]

Fred Beukema was born in Grand Haven on May 22, 1882, the son of Hendrik and Jantje "Jennie" Niewold Beukema. He was a painter by trade. On July 27, 1916 Fred married Cornelia "Cora" Van Koevering [Van Coevering] of Grand Haven. Cora was born on June 19, 1889. Shortly after their marriage the Beukemas moved to 714 Pennoyer, where they lived for the next six years.

It was there two of their three children were born: Christian, who was born on July 20, 1917, died in Florida on May 14, 1999 and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, and Jean, on February 28, 1919. Their third child, Cornell "Corky," was born at Elizabeth Hatton Memorial Hospital in Grand Haven on May 5, 1920. The family attended the Second Christian Reformed Church. Although Fred and Cora lived in such places as Miami, Orlando, Grand Rapids, and Phoenix, they maintained their church affiliation in Grand Haven. Fred died in Grand Haven on August 12, 1961. Cora passed away in Phoenix, Arizona on February 14, 1970. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Privately printed manuscript "These Are Mine," 1988, by Cornell Beukema.]

Hendrik "Henry" Beukema [Buikema] [1841-1909]

Hendrik Beukema was born in The Netherlands on May 7, 1841. Although he and Jantje "Jennie" Neiwold knew each other in The Netherlands, they evidently came to America separately, and were married in Holland, Michigan about 1869. At that time Hendrik was working for the railroad, laying track south of Holland. Jennie was born in Groningen, The Netherlands, in June, 1846 [1845]. After the couple moved to Grand Haven around 1879, Henry worked in a local sawmill, and then found employment loading and unloading boats. The Beukemas had ten children, six born in Holland, Michigan, and four in Grand Haven. The children were Pieter "Peter," who lived from 1870 to 1934; twins John and Hilbrand [Hillebrand], born on March 29, 1872, although Hilbrand lived only a month; Hilbrand "Hilbert," born on February 1, 1874; Fanny, who was born on May 28, 1876, married John Martin Japinga of Grand Haven, and settled in Holland, Michigan; Jacob, born on February 7, 1879; Frederick, born on May 22, 1882; on May 11, 1884 another set of twins was born: Jantje "Jennie" and Henry; and Klaas "Claude," born on June 17, 1887. The family paid \$100 for a home at 109 Elliott, which was moved in 1922 to 106 Clinton. Henry died in June, 1909, and Jennie passed away on April 8, 1934. At the time of her death she was living at 121 North Second Street with her daughter Jennie, who was not married. Henry, Jennie, Peter, and Peter's wife, Reka [Rika], were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Privately printed manuscript "These Are Mine," 1988, by Cornell Beukema.]

Henry Beukema [1884-1961]

Henry Beukema was born in Grand Haven on May 11, 1884. His parents were Hendrik and Jantje Neiwold Beukema, who lived at 109 Elliott. Henry studied accounting at Davenport College in Grand Rapids, and in 1914 was bookkeeper at the Dake Engine Company. By 1920 he was doing the same job at the Thieleman Ford dealership at 12-16 North Third Street. Henry and

his wife, Etta, resided at 627 Fulton, before moving to Zeeland sometime before 1930. He retired from the job in Zeeland, returned to Grand Haven, and opened a feed store on North Seventh. He and Etta were members of the First Christian Reformed Church. Etta, who was born about 1889, died in February, 1961, and Henry passed away the following December 16. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They left two daughters, both born in Grand Haven: Jennie Harriet, who was born on June 28, 1915 and married Jay Rop of Muskegon, and Anje Lois, who was born on March 25, 1922, married John A. De Kruyter and eventually moved to Decatur, Georgia.

Henry John Beukema [1915-2005]

Henry was born in Grand Haven on February 21, 1915 to Hilbrand and Johanna Fisher Beukema. His childhood home was at 127 Fulton Street. Henry graduated from Grand Haven High School, Muskegon College of Business and Technology, Western Michigan University, and the University of Michigan, where he earned a master degree. He taught industrial education courses at Algonac, Michigan, and Grand Haven. He retired in 1977 from Western Michigan University where he taught engineering graphics for 35 years. In addition to his academic career, Henry worked in various engineering capacities with the Army Corps of Engineers, Camfield Co., Ingersol Division of Borg-Warner in Kalamazoo, Hapman Conveyor Corp., and Prab, Inc. With Dr. J. W. Giachino he authored more than a dozen high school and college textbooks in engineering graphics and welding technology. He also was a consultant to the Department of Defense in the preparation of instructional materials for the Armed Forces Institute. Henry was a member of Rotary, Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, and Epsilon Pi Tau. He served on the Board of Directors of the Kalamazoo Engineering Society and the Michigan Industrial and Technology Society. He married Helen Rhoads in 1943. Helen, the daughter of Benjamin and Eva Emmons Rhoads, was born on December 15, 1919 and died in Waterford, Michigan on February 14, 2006. At the age of two, following the death of her mother, Helen was adopted by Hugh and Rose Acker Wilt. The Beukemas' daughter Susan married John Trudeau of Waterford. They also had a son John, whose wife's name was Patricia. Henry died on November 23, 2005. [*Tribune* obituaries, November 26, 2005 and February 20, 2006.]

Hilbrand [Hilbert] Beukema [1874-1951]

The son of Hendrik and Jantje Neiwold Beukema, Hilbrand was born in Holland, Michigan on February 1, 1874 and was given the same name as a brother born earlier, who lived only a month. Hilbrand moved to Grand Haven with his parents about 1879. On March 17, 1914 Hilbrand married Johanna, the daughter of

Henry Fisher of Grand Haven Township. Not long after the wedding they built a home at 111 North First Street for \$1600. That house was moved to the southeast corner of Leggat and Howard Streets [102 Howard] in 1922, when Story & Clark expanded. The family moved again, this time to 127 Fulton Street. Hilbrand became a tinsmith, and worked for Augie Hartel, first at 30 Washington and later in the 100 block of North Third Street. Hilbrand died of skin cancer in May, 1951, and Johanna, who was born on September 25, 1884, died about January 4, 1958 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children, both born locally, were Henry John, born on February 21, 1915, and Mary Jane, who was born on April 30, 1919, married Anthony John Kovak [Kovacich], and died on February 13, 2007. The family attended the First Christian Reformed Church. [*Tribune* obituary, February 16, 2007.]

Jacob Beukema [1879-1959]

Jacob was the first child of Hendrik and Jantje Neiwold Beukema to be born in Grand Haven. The date was February 7, 1879. Jake married Lillian Shields Web from Petoskey, Michigan in 1921. He did general labor until taking a job with Construction Aggregates in Ferrysburg. Jake retired in 1949 from that company and died in New York City on December 15, 1959. Lillian died in 1952. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Jan "John" Beukema [1872-1931]

John and his twin brother, Hilbrand, were born in Holland, Michigan on March 29, 1872, the sons of Hendrik and Jantje Neiwold Beukema. Hilbrand died when a little more than a month old, and John moved to Grand Haven with his parents about 1879, where he later worked for the Challenge Refrigerator Company, and later Bastian Blessing. In 1919 he married Cornelia "Cora" Boon of Holland. John died of a heart attack on December 1, 1931. Their home was at 1022 Washington, and they attended the First Reformed Church. John was a Sergeant with the Michigan National Guard. Cora was born about 1877, passed away around 1953, and was buried with her husband at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Klaas Beukema [1887-1969]

See Claude Beukema.

Lambertus Beukema [? - ?]

See Lambertus Boersma.

Pieter "Peter" Beukema [1870-1934]

Peter was born in Holland, Michigan in 1870, the eldest son of Hendrik and Jantje Neiwold Beukema. His parents moved to Grand Haven, and Peter followed about 1900, moving into a house at 207 Elliott, just a

block east of his parents' home at 109 Elliott. Accompanying him were his wife, Reka [Rika] Alderink of Holland, whom he had married in 1896, and their first child, Henry Peter Beukema, who was born on May 13, 1897 and on December 23, 1936 married Marian Vanderkolk of Ferrysburg. Marian was the daughter of Roelf "Ralph" and Mina Vanderkolk. Peter worked as a wood finisher at Story & Clark, a job he held for 35 years. He died about May 23, 1934. Reka lived from 1876 to late July, 1936. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

Emily "Emma" Jane Bidgood [1858-1941]

When Loretta Lemke had her kitchen remodeled in 1986, workers found stuck between the wall studs a collection of themes, miscellaneous writings, and arithmetic worksheets, most of it the work of Emily "Emma" Bidgood. Emma was born in Detroit, Michigan on December 15, 1858. Her family moved to Grand Haven prior to 1870 and lived on Washington Street. Her mother, Sarah Bidgood, passed away on September 19, 1872, and her father, John, died on February 3, 1879. Immediately after the death of her father, Emma moved in with Joseph Kirkland and his wife Elizabeth, Emma's older sister. Since at least 1880, the Kirklands had resided at 608 Clinton, the home later occupied by Mrs Lemke. Around 1890 Emma married Elmer Bryce, son of John J. and Helen Bryce of Grand Haven. Elmer was a machinist. They were divorced by 1900. Emma and Elmer had at least two children, an unnamed daughter who died shortly after birth in 1891, and a son, Lawrence, born in Grand Haven in 1892. After her divorce Emma worked as a telephone operator before being employed as a clerk at National Bank of Grand Haven [Grand Haven State Bank/Fifth Third]. She retired as bookkeeper at the bank in the early 1920s. Emma was a charter member of the Grand Haven Woman's Club and she attended the Christian Science Church. In 1930, four years after Joseph's death, Elizabeth and Emma were again living together in the house on Clinton. Emily signed all her papers "Emma." She passed away on December 8, 1941, while living with her son Lawrence and his wife Maurine in Long Beach, California.

John Bidgood [@1822-1879]

John Bidgood was born in England about 1822. His wife Eliza Sarah, also from England, was born about 1824. Among their children were Elizabeth A., who was born in August, 1856 and married Joseph Kirkland of Grand Haven; Walter J., who was born on December 3, 1858, died on November 23, 1910, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Emily "Emma" Jane, who was born in Michigan in December, 1861, and married Elmer Bryce, son of John J. and Helen Bryce of Grand Haven; and Frederick, who was born about 1863 in Michigan.

John died on February 3, 1879, and Sarah passed away on September 19, 1872. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After the death of their parents, Walter, Emily, and Frederick moved in with Joseph and Elizabeth Kirkland, who as early as 1880 resided at 608 Clinton. In 1930, four years after Joseph's death, Elizabeth and Emily were still living together in the house on Clinton. Emily worked as a telephone operator and bank clerk in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. The Bidgoods moved from Detroit to Grand Haven in 1868. The family was in Detroit as early as 1852. John was a ship's carpenter.

Hendryk [Henry] Bierman [Beerman] [1833-1902]

Born in Mecklenberg, Germany in 1833, Henry [Hendryk] Bierman immigrated to Grand Haven Township and on April 8, 1863 purchased 60 acres in Section 9 from George P. Mulder. Nine years later, Henry took title to a one-acre parcel abutting the southwest corner of his acreage, property that had been designated for a township school, but was never used for that purpose. Henry later added another 40 acres to his farm, north and east of his 61 acres. He died in 1902. Henry married Sophia Smith, who also was born in Germany and lived from August 31, 1845 to October 12, 1923. The Bierman children, all born in Michigan, were Augusta, who was born in 1867 and married Henry Roth of Muskegon, Ludwig, born in 1869; Bertha, who was born in 1870 and married Frank Rymer of Grand Haven; Elisabeth, born in 1874; Carl [Charles Louis], born on March 9, 1875, and Henry II, born on July 21, 1877. After Sophia's death the land passed to Henry [Heinrich] II and Henry's wife, Hannah [Anna]. When the younger Henry died on August 2, 1937, the 61 acres went to his widow and a daughter, Emma Burkhart, and three sons, Walter, Fred, and Henry III. Henry and Sophia were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

William Francis Biggar [1836-1907]

Born in Canada on July 10, 1836, William Biggar came to Michigan in 1881 and to Grand Haven in 1891. A civil engineer by trade, William surveyed the lines of the Chicago and Grand Trunk and the Michigan Air Line railways. He married Ada Mary Clarke on September 29, 1885 in Jackson, Michigan. After moving to Grand Haven, Ada became the Proprietor of the White Laundry, located at 100 Washington in downtown Grand Haven. Working with her at the laundry were Eleanor Biggar and Ivan F. Biggar. Ivan, a daughter, was born Michigan on December 17, 1887 and died in Mason, Michigan in August, 1968. Eleanor L. was born in Ohio in June, 1890. The family resided at 17 First Street. Herbert Biggar, listed in the 1908 *City Directory* as a newsagent, lived at the same address. He was born in Canada in April, 1884. William Biggar died on August 20, 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ada

was born in Canada in February, 1858 [1857], died in August, 1940 and was buried at Lake Forest with her husband.

Jamies [James] Bignell [1856-1941]

Jamies, the son of Thomas and Mary Bignell, was born in Schoolcraft, Michigan, on December 12, 1856. He lived on the family farm in Muskegon County and arrived in Grand Haven Township about 1872. He moved to Grand Haven around 1910 and was listed as a real estate agent in the 1912 *Atlas of Ottawa County*. Jamies had extensive land holdings at various times. By 1897 he and his wife, Hattie, owned 190 acres in Sections 11 and 14 that were once held by Jamies' father. Hattie, born to Charles and Abigail Wall Clark of Robinson Township on June 4, 1858, died in May, 1955, just a few weeks short of 97. Bignell School, near the southwest corner of Ferris and 152nd Streets, was named for this family and Hattie, its first teacher, was there from 1879 to 1883. The land on which the school sat originally may have belonged to the Bignell family.

Jamies married Hattie [Kitty] Clark in Grand Haven on January 1, 1881, with the groom's father officiating. The couple bought 170 acres between Potawatomie [Potawatomie] and Millhouse Bayous in Section 1 of Grand Haven Township, land once owned by Robert and Martha Duncan. A 1915 plat map showed Bignell and Peter Northouse as co-owners of the land between the Bayous. [Potawatomie was then called a lake.] Their holdings totaled about 375 acres, but the 1912 *Atlas* listed "James" Bignell as the sole owner of Potawatomie Lake Resort, a subdivision dating to at least 1897 that was intended to attract buyers interested in hunting, fishing, and resort life. By 1930 the Bignell name had disappeared from the Resort plat and they were then residing at 805 Washington. Jamies was a member of the Methodist Church and donated to the organization two parcels of land located in Grand Haven Township. The land was used as picnic grounds. Jamies and his wife both taught Sunday school and supported the work of the WCTU [Women's Christian Temperance Union]. Jamies also gave land to the First Reformed Church, which erected a chapel. The Bignells' children were: Gayla, who was born in May, 1882, married a Mr Lange, resided at 905 Washington after living in Grand Rapids for awhile, and died in 1972; Thomas, born in October, 1885; Garnet, who was born in March, 1888, married Gerrit Rose and moved to Detroit; and Dora Bignell, who was born on November 22, 1890 and died on January 28, 1991. Dora remained in the Grand Haven area. Jamies died on December 24, 1941 at his home, 825 Washington and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Tribune obituary, December 24, 1941.]

Thomas H. Bignell [1820-1900]

Thomas Bignell was born in New York on June 26, 1820, and moved to Schoolcraft, Michigan, then to Muskegon, and finally to Grand Haven Township about 1872. As early as 1876 there was an O. Bignell who owned 20 acres in Section 2 of Grand Haven Township. About the same time Thomas Bignell, a farmer and a minister, held title to three different parcels in Section 11, totaling 230 acres. In 1897 Thomas and his wife, Mary, purchased a 20-acre site, once owned by a M. Munger, which adjoined their son Jamies's property in Section 11. The Bignells also had a daughter, Ann Jeanette Pearson, who married George L. Pearson and moved to San Jose, California; another daughter, Arlette, who was born in Michigan about 1850; and a son, John W., who was born in Michigan about 1856. Mary was born in England about 1819. The Reverend died at the age of 80 on November 9, 1900, and Mary died nine years later, on January 8, at the age of 90. Thomas was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Aloys Bilz [1841-1934]

Born July 2, 1841 at Dipplesgreen, Bohemia, Aloys was one of 10 children of Joseph and Margaret Haberkorn Bilz. The three eldest immigrated to America and in 1849 the father, mother, and seven remaining children came to the United States. The mother died in the fall of 1866 and the father in the following spring. Aloys attended private school in Buffalo and St. Vincent's College in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and at the age of 13 learned the trade of tinner in New Hamburg, Ontario. In 1853 he settled in Detroit. Eight years later he enlisted in the only regiment of lancers organized in the State, but the regiment was disbanded, so his service was restricted to recruiting. He next moved to New Baltimore in Macomb County.

In 1866 Aloys came to Spring Lake and started a tin shop and hardware and furniture business with \$500. He had intended to open his business in Grand Rapids, but decided there would be less competition in Spring Lake. He soon became interested in real estate and handled large amounts of land. Within five years he had increased his worth from the initial \$500 to \$20,000. In 1871 a disastrous fire destroyed his hardware business, destroying all his assets and leaving him \$10,000 in debt. He was saved by Hunter Savidge, who loaned him \$10,000 to restart his business.

The year before, in 1870, Aloys formed the Spring Lake Salt Company with Hunter Savidge, Allan C. Adsit, and Robert A. Haire. They bored for salt on the Hopkins Mill site, and at a depth of 200 feet struck water, which turned out to be magnetic. He and the others immediately made plans to build the \$70,000, 74-room, four-story Spring Lake House on the site and take advantage of the Magnetic Mineral Springs. The building was destroyed by fire on June 16, 1916.

For two years Aloys published the *Spring Lake Republican*, a bright, newsy paper representing the Republican point of view. Kedzie & Kedzie purchased the newspaper in 1881 and merged it with the *Grand Haven Herald*. In 1867 Aloys drew up the first charter for Spring Lake, when the name was changed from Mill Point, and he served 10 years as President of the Village. He was Supervisor of Spring Lake in 1877-78, County Register in 1878, and as a member of the Board of Education helped advance local education. As an insurance agent he represented Phoenix of Hartford, Continental of New York, and the Fireman's Fund of San Francisco. With his other businesses he combined the local agency of the American Express Company. He was one of the organizers of the Spring Lake State Bank in 1913 and served as President for a number of years. He was for 26 years a Trustee of the Presbyterian Church of Spring Lake. Aloys became one of the outstanding civic and political leaders during the growth of the village. For a number of years he was proprietor of the *Forest City Press*, at Forest City, South Dakota.

On August 17, 1864 Aloys married Mary Alice Thompson in Detroit. She was born May 9, 1839 in St. Clair, Michigan, the daughter of Rev. Oren C. Thompson. The Bilzes had eight children, all born locally: Fannie G., who lived from 1867 to 1933 and married John Slingerland of Spring Lake; Margaret J., who was born about 1868 and became a nationally known worker in the Women's Christian Temperance Union [WCTU]; Suzan, born in 1871; Bessie E., who was born about 1872 and married Harry B. Albertus of Los Angeles; Charles, who was born early in 1873 and lived about two weeks; Mamie E., who lived from 1874 to 1930 and married Arthur E. Van Emon of Portland, Oregon; Alice B., who was born in 1877 and married Harlan Stigand Emlaw on June 26, 1901 in Grand Haven; and William Aloys, born on May 15, 1880. Alice passed away on March 25, 1914, and Aloys died on November 28, 1934. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as were Mamie, Fannie, and William. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa County Michigan*, pp. 513-514, *Tribune* obituaries, *Tribune* wedding announcement, June 9, 1904, and article in the *Grand Rapids Pres*, November 28, 1934, "Spring Lake Loses Aloys Bilz at 93."]

William Preston Bilz [1905-1983]

Born on August 5, 1905 in Spring Lake, Preston was the son of William and Mildred Bilz. He graduated from Western Michigan College [WMU] and was a teacher in the public schools of Decatur, Michigan. In 1930 he took over management of Bilz Plumbing and Heating Company in Spring Lake from his father. He was a trustee on the Spring Lake Village Council from 1949 to 1953 and again in 1963. He was a member of the Spring

Lake Lodge, De Witt Clinton Consistory of Grand Rapids, Saladin Temple of Grand Rapids, Knight of the York Cross of Honor, Boy Scouts of America for 50 years, from whom he received the honorary rank of Eagle Scout in 1924, Silver Beaver in 1942, and Scoutmaster key in 1938, Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Spring Lake Presbyterian Church, and the National and Michigan Association of Master Plumbers. He supervised the installation of the plumbing for the Grand Haven Musical Fountain.

On August 31, 1938 Preston married M. Isabel Smith, who taught school in Spring Lake Public Schools for 15 years and was a grade school librarian for 10 years. She retired in 1976. She was a member of the choir at Spring Lake Presbyterian Church for more than 50 years. She also belonged to Eastern Star, White Shrine of Jerusalem, and Greater Muskegon Court of Order of the Amaranth. She served as Corresponding Secretary when the Tri-Cities Historical Society was organized in 1959. In addition, she was President of Tri-Cities Garden Club and worked with the Spring Lake Historic Commission. Isabel was born on May 30, 1913, the daughter of Robert A. and Laura Smith. Isabel and Preston had two children, Doris Ann, who married Donald R. McLeod of Portland, Wisconsin, and later moved to Alpena, Michigan, and Richard Gordon Bilz, who died in 1964. The Bilzes lived in the family home at 107 South Division in Spring Lake. Preston died on April 6, 1983. Isabel passed away on September 14, 2001 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her husband. [*Tribune* articles, August 27, 1945, "Scouting District Salutes Preston Bilz," May 8, 1963, "Home Greenhouse Relaxation," January 14, 1977, and *Tribune* obituaries, April 6, 1983 and September 15, 2001.]

William Aloys Bilz [1880-1940]

The son of Aloys and Mary Bilz, William lived from May 15, 1880 to 1940 and was buried Spring Lake Cemetery with his parents. He founded Bilz Plumbing and Heating Company in Spring Lake. On June 9, 1904 he married Mildred, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Bidgood Kirkland. Mildred was born in Grand Haven on December 1, 1880. W. Preston was their son.

Charles B. Binns [1859-1916]

Charles Binns raised livestock on his 100-acre farm in Section 7 of Olive Township. Charles, who was born in Michigan and arrived in the area in 1900, lived from March 3, 1859 to December 13, 1916. His wife, Cornelia, was born in Kansas in October, 1863. Charles, the son of Thomas and Mary Leslie Binns, was buried at West Olive Cemetery. Among their children, both born locally, were Row, born in December, 1890, and Fern, born in September, 1892.

Leonard “Red” Bird [1936-2010]

Born in San Diego, California on June 3, 1936, Red was the son of George and Florence Crockett Bird. In 1957 Red was one of 900 marines ordered to witness the detonation of a nuclear weapon at Yucca Flats, New Mexico. Exposure to extreme levels of radiation caused the cancer that took his life on October 22, 2010. Red taught English at Concordia College in Morehead, Minnesota and at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado, where he was on the faculty for 31 years. He published three books: *River of Lost Souls*, *Folding Paper Cranes, an Atomic Memoir*, and *The Scorned Ally*. He and his wife, Jane, resided at 1910 Grand Street in Grand Haven. They had two children: David and Maria, who married Clint Thorne. [*Tribune* obituary, October 25, 2010.]

? Bissonet [? - ?]

Leo Lillie noted that Father Pierre du Jaunay on May 30, 1762 baptized two infant boys, both born on the Grand River. One of the infants, Michel, was the son of “one Bissonet, a voyageur,” and Elizabeth Nattamanissethe. The other infant, Pierre Ignace, was the son of Pierre Kiniouchattouin and his wife, Marie. Elizabeth was the daughter of Kiniouchattouin. [“Baptismal Records of the Mission of St. Ignace de Michilmackinac, 1761-1786.”]

George L. Bitting [1882-1949]

See Julia Annette Soule [1873-1945].

William [Wiley] W. Blackaby [1886- ?]

William Blackaby owned a barber shop at 22 South Beechtree in Grand Haven. He was born about 1886 in Indiana, and his wife, Clementine, was born about 1889 in the same state. They were married in 1909. A daughter Marjorie was born in Indiana around 1911. The Blackabys moved to Grand Haven after 1920.

Edwin D. Blair [1829- ?]

From 1874 to 1882, Edwin Blair was “Searcher of Records” for Ottawa County, and at about the same time he owned an Abstracts and Real Estate Office in Grand Haven. He was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as oil inspector. Edwin was born in New York in June, 1829, and arrived in Grand Haven in 1865. He and his wife, Virginia, were married in Grand Haven August 17, 1867. She was born in Grand Haven around 1849. They had four surviving children, all born in Michigan: Grace, born in 1868; Edwin, born in 1870; Ada, born in 1876, and Virginia, born in 1879.

Benona Angell Blakeney [1859-1941]

Born in October, 1859, Benona Blakeney was Ottawa County Treasurer from 1892 to 1893 and a traveling

salesman by the early 1900s. On March 13, 1884 in Lamont, he married, Mabel, the daughter of Walter Lynn. The couple lived at 454 Pennoyer [454 Sheldon Terrace] with their two children, Kittie [Katie] and Lou. Kitty was born in Blunt, South Dakota in June, 1885 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1904, where she later taught mathematics and German. Kitty and her husband, Ralph Gordon Wilson, eventually occupied 454 Sheldon Terrace [also known as 454 Pennoyer]. Benona served on the Grand Haven School Board in the early 1900s. Another daughter, Lucy, was born in May, 1887, also in South Dakota. Mabel was born in December, 1862 [1861] and died around January 9, 1941. Benona passed away about May 18, 1941. He and Mabel were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Henry Blankenship [1840-1897]

See Hiram M Adams.

Chauncey M. Blakeslee [1863-1928]

Born in Grand Rapids [Kalamazoo] in February, 1863, Chauncey was the son of William and Mary Wood Blakeslee. He worked with his father in Grand Rapids in the contracting business, where they built many structures, including part of the Michigan Soldiers’ Home. By 1893 he and his wife were living in Spring Lake, but in 1904 he went to Mexico to help with masonry work there. He returned to Spring Lake, and in 1914 laid the first half-mile of concrete road in the area, one half mile east from the Village limits. Chauncey was responsible for many miles of paved road after that. Chauncey and his brother-in-law, James Spencer, built in Grand Haven the Armory, the Grand Theater, and the Presbyterian Church that preceded the current structure at the corner of Franklin and Fifth Streets. They also were hired to build the Spring Lake County Club, where Chauncey was an officer when the clubhouse was dedicated on May 31, 1926. With William Connelly and Samuel Falls Chauncey developed Long View Resort, situated between Petty’s Bayou and Spring Lake. He was one of the organizers of the Spring Lake Yacht Club, promoted and helped organize the Spring Lake Motor Boat Club, and served on the township board.

In 1886 Chauncey married Mary Wood Spencer, the daughter of David and Elizabeth Spencer of Spring Lake. Mary was born in Canada in August, 1867. In 1893 he and Mary built a cottage on Spring Lake and lived in it for two years. They then built a new home, large enough to take in summer boarders. They added to the home and improved it over the years until they were able to accommodate as many as fifty guests. The resort became known as “Arbutus Banks Hotel,” which they operated until 1914, when they sold the property to Earl J. and Clarice Blanche Davis of Grand Rapids.

Chauncey died about March 24, 1928 and Mary died in 1949. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

William Wallace Blakeslee I [1832-1891]

William Blakeslee was settled in Grand Rapids by the 1870 census. He was born in Ohio on June 20, 1832 and became a building contractor, starting in the Grand Rapids area. He and his son, Chauncey, worked together and constructed such buildings as part of the Michigan Soldiers' Home in Grand Rapids. The Blakeslees later moved to Spring Lake. William married Mary Ann Wood, who was born in England on May 8, 1837. In addition to Chauncey, the Blakeslees had two other sons: Charles Sherman, who lived from July 31, 1857 to 1910, and William W. II, who was born in Michigan in March, 1859. Their seven daughters were Verona, born in 1861; Mary, born in 1866; Fanny S., who was born in 1868 and married Joseph Edward Clark; twins Martha and Marcia, born in 1872; Lenora, born in 1874; and Cassie, born in 1877. William I died on November 11, 1891 and his wife passed away on August 2, 1904. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

William Wallace Blakeslee II [1859-1930]

William, born in Kalamazoo, Michigan in March, 1859, was the son of William and Mary Wood Blakeslee of Grand Rapids and Spring Lake. William II entered the contracting business as a mason, although in the 1893 *Compendium* he was listed as a railroad agent. He married Sarah Margaret [Maggie/Marguerite] McIlraith in Grand Rapids on January 1, 1884. She was born in Perth, Ontario in September 21, 1863. Their three sons were; Laurel S., who was born on May 28, 1886 and died in Los Angeles, California, on June 12, 1966; Stanley McIlraith., who was born in Grand Rapids on October 30, 1888 and died in Merced, California in May, 1964; and Earle James, who was born in Spring Lake on February 18, 1893 and died in Los Angeles on September 25, 1964. The family moved to Spring Lake from Grand Rapids. William died after 1934, when he was residing in Los Angeles, California. Maggie passed away in Los Angeles on August 6, 1948.

Lewis Green Blessing [1873-1964]

Lewis Blessing, an expert in sales and finance, was Vice President of the Bastian-Blessing Company in Grand Haven [301 North Hopkins] by 1930 and eventually ran the company until his retirement in 1961. On August 31, 1896, in Chicago, he married Grace Elizabeth Williams. Lewis, a native of Illinois, was born on March 28, 1873 and died in Wilmette, Illinois in December, 1964. Apparently he never resided in Grand Haven.

Henry Bloecker [Blocker] [1845-1910]

Born in Schleswig, Germany, on September 6, 1845, Henry was the son of Mark Bloecker, a German soldier.

Henry was educated in Germany and learned the trade of machinist, following that profession as a journeyman, and he traveled to many of the principal cities of Germany and France. In 1867 he came to Grand Haven and worked at the Ottawa Iron Works in Ferrysburg. In 1879, in partnership with John Bryce, he formed Bryce & Bloecker to manufacture general marine engines and all kinds of machinery for tugs, steamers, and any vessel using steam. The plant burned in 1881 and the company sustained heavy loss. It was reorganized and in 1883 the name changed to Bloecker & Company, and still later to Henry Bloecker & Company. The firm had excellent shipping facilities, and during the busy season it employed thirty to forty men.

A Democrat in politics, Henry served in 1881, 1882, 1883, and 1884 as Alderman of the First Ward and was elected Mayor of Grand Haven in 1893. He was U.S. Inspector of Boilers from 1894 to 1895, President of the National Dotare Association and German Workingmen's Society, a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the Maccabees, and one of the leading Germans of Grand Haven.

In 1868, Henry married Mary, the daughter of Herman Glazat. Mary, who lived from December 21, 1850 to December 6, 1913, was a native of Prussia and moved to Grand Haven after her father arrived in 1855. The Bloeckers had eight sons and one daughter, all born in Michigan: Hugo, who was born in 1869; Edward, who was born about 1871; Paul, who was born in 1873 and died on October 20, 1935; Fred [Ferdinand] Emil, who was born on March 19, 1875, moved to Marion, Indiana, and died on December 9, 1927; Robert M., who was born in 1878 and became Chief Engineer of the car ferry *City of Grand Haven* and died on May 8, 1965; Emma M., who was born February 28, 1882 and died on July 10, 1965; Ernest, who was born in December, 1886 and moved to Detroit; and Henry F., who was born on June 8, 1888, worked as a machinist at Dake, and died on May 10, 1957. The family resided at 112 Franklin, where Henry died on February 16, 1910. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa County Michigan*, pp. 273-274, and *Tribune* obituary, February 16, 1910.]

Willard "Bill" Bernard Bloemendal [1901-1995]

Dr. Willard Bloemendal opened his medical practice in Grand Haven on June 8, 1928. He was born in Chicago on May 28, 1901. His parents moved to Holland, Michigan, where Bloemendal attended Hope College. He subsequently graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and then received his medical degree from Rush College in Chicago. He was County Coroner from 1934 to 1942, served on the Grand Haven School Board, and was a Director of Security First Bank and Trust [Old Kent/Fifth Third]. He was a member of

the Grand Haven Stag Club. His office was at 300 Franklin. He married Ethel M. Leenhouts on September 17, 1929. In 1944 Bill and Ethel sold their house on Fourth Street to the Methodist Church and moved to 411 Woodlawn. They had at least one child, Mary Margaret, who was born about 1936. Ethel, who was born on March 2, 1902, died in Grand Haven on September 9, 1987. When Bill died on March 20, 1995, he was residing in Grand Rapids.

Edward John Blotney [1913-1978]

When B & B Metal Products Company was organized in Spring Lake in 1955, Edward Blotney was Vice President and Hubert Burnside, President. He resided at 403 Ohio in Grand Haven. Edward was born on March 16, 1913 and died in Palm Beach, Florida on June 13, 1978.

Harvey B. Blunt [Blount] [1840-1917]

After the Civil War, an increasing number of African Americans made their home in Northwest Ottawa County. These early settlers tended to stay longer than their predecessors, although there still were many who showed up only briefly. One of the more permanent ones was Harvey B. Blunt [Blount]. Harvey was born into slavery in Kentucky [Georgia] in May, 1840. He was settled in Grand Haven by 1870 with his wife, Anna. She was born in Georgia [Tennessee] about 1841 [1830], died on March 30, 1899, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Harvey was working as a laborer in 1870 and as a janitor in 1880. He was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* again as a laborer. He is said to have worked for the Ferry family, descendants of Rev. William Ferry who, with Rix Robinson, founded the City of Grand Haven. Living with Harvey and Anna in 1870 was Hannah Blunt, who was born in Virginia in 1814. Although the census enumerator listed her as a Blunt, when she passed away about January 12, 1880 she was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with the name Hannah Cox. It's likely that Hannah was Anna's mother. Also in the household in 1870 was Gordon [Gorton] Miller, born in Georgia about 1822, and unemployed at the time of the census. In the 1900 census Harvey was listed as building janitor, and reportedly was custodian for several businesses on Washington Street. By 1910 he was retired and living alone at 512 Adams Street. [*Tribune* obituary, March 30, 1899.]

In late summer 1912 City Health Officer Dr. Arthur Turner and City Marshal John Welch went to Harvey's house at the request of neighbors, who had complained "of the filth and stench" associated with his home. "All of the dirt and accumulation was burned and the entire place rooted and dug out," the *Grand Haven Tribune* reported. There also had been rumors of a Blunt fortune hidden there. During their inspection, the authorities

found one quarter, an ornament made from a gold dollar, more than 600 yards of unused bolts of cloth, but no treasure. The article did not mention whether Harvey was home at the time of the inspection. On August 12, 1913 Harvey became a self-sufficient inmate at the County Poor Farm in Eastmanville. On July 16 two years later, he was transferred to the State Hospital in Kalamazoo, diagnosed as insane and ill. He died there on February 11, 1917 and was returned to Grand Haven to be buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. There is no record that the Blunts had children. [*Tribune* article "No Fabulous Fortune Found," August 20, 1912, and *Tribune* obituaries, March 30, 1899 and February 12, 1917.]

Klaas [Klaus] Boelens [1865-1931]

Klaas Boelens and David M. Cline operated a road building business named Cline & Boelens Contracting Company. On July 3, 1890 in Spring Lake, Klaas married Tryntje "Katie" Klouw of Spring Lake. Tryntje lived from 1866 to 1931 and Klaas from 1865 to 1931. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Henry John "Bub" Boer [1885-1973]

Henry, the son of John J. Boer, in January, 1907 went into partnership with James W. Oakes to form the Grand Haven Realty Company. He next opened an insurance office in his father's building at 119 Washington. Later, working with his father, he operated the family furniture and undertaking store under the name of John J. Boer & Son at the same address. Bub, who was born on November 24 [27], 1885, died in February, 1973 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. At the time of his death he resided at 215 South Barry in Greenville. His wife, Hannah, was born in Michigan about 1884. They had a daughter, Mary E., who was born about 1920. [*Tribune* obituary, November 5, 1942.]

John J. Boer [1857-1942]

John was born in Drenthe, Ottawa County on March 10, 1857. He was one of nine children, including Jennie, who was born about 1858 and married John Henry Rysdorp of Grand Haven; Egberdena, who was born in September, 1866 and married Peter Klaver of Grand Haven; Sena, who was born in 1868 and married Tony Baker, also of Grand Haven; John L. who moved to Lansing; and Rufus, who moved to Grand Rapids. John's father, John, died before he was 10, so young John came to Grand Haven and worked as an errand boy for Henry Brouwer, who operated a grocery store near the corner of First and Washington Streets. John's mother, Lammigye [Lammechien] "Lucy" Van Dam, was born in Drenthe Province, The Netherlands, on April 14, 1837. Lucy's parents were Jan, born August 23, 1801 in Groningen Province, the son of Roelof and Engerdina Van Dam, and Geesje "Gertje" Jans, born

May 14, 1801 in Drenthe, The Netherlands, the daughter of Jan Meinders. Gertje died on October 7, 1875.

John Boer drove a horse-drawn bus for Henry Sprick, worked for George W. Miller in a hardware store, and was an employee at "Little Joe, Clothier King of the World" [101 Washington]. After his marriage he left his job clerking in a clothing store and went to Grand Rapids and then to Muskegon where he worked for the J. Riordan Company for more than six years. In 1877 John opened a grocery store with his future father-in-law, Henry Bolt, near the corner of Seventh and Washington Streets, under the name of Boer & Bolt. In 1888 he opened a grocery store in the Snook building at Eighth and Washington Streets [800 Washington]. The grocery store was called the Beehive. About 1897 John sold out his share of the grocery business and became a traveling salesman as part of the "Knights of the Grip." After three months he bought a furniture business from James Barnes and named it Boer & Boer. His store, located at 119-121 Washington Street in Grand Haven, carried a complete line of dry goods, groceries, provisions, and general merchandise, and also offered sewing machines and pianos. About 1930 his son Henry joined the business, which became known as "John J. Boer & Son." He was also well established as the leading mortician in the area.

On December 21, 1880 John married Jennie, who was born June 13, 1857, the daughter of Hendrick "Henry" Jan and Cornelia Elfers Bolt. The Boers had four children: Lucy, born in May, 1883; Henry John "Bub," who was born on November 27, 1885 and went into business with his father; Cornelia B., who was born on February 26, 1892; and Cathryn Ruth, who was born on February 27, 1897 and married Elmore J. Hoek of Grand Haven. Cornelia married Wayland Bickford in 1927. The Bickfords lived in New Orleans until Wayland's death in 1932. Cornelia next married Cornot R. Wagener and resided in Spring Lake. John Boer was a member of the Grand Haven Elks. He and his family lived at 1028 Washington Street for many years. John died November 4, 1942, and Jennie died August 8, 1937. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 5, 1942, and *Tribune* articles, "Golden Wedding Anniversary," Jan 3, 1931, and other articles on March 10, 1932, August 1 1934, and June 23, 1938.]

Lambertus Boerma [Boersma] [1839-1889]

A native of The Netherlands, Lambertus Boerma came to Spring Lake in 1868. He was a civil engineer, and in 1877 he joined the Sisson & Lilley Sawmill. He married Renske Annema [Irene/Irena Anema] in Spring Lake on December 25, 1882. She was born in The Netherlands about 1838. For unknown reasons, Lambertus Boerma also was known as or was confused with Lambertus

Beukema. He passed away in Grand Rapids on July 8, 1889.

Chester Boersema [1931-2003]

In 1972 Chester Boersema founded Non-Ferrous Cast Alloys 18750 Trimble Court in Spring Lake Township. In 1998 the company moved to Norton Shores. Chet was born October 31, 1931, the son of Cornelius and Grace Werkema Boersema of Grand Rapids. He married Vivienne Schreiber in Borculo, Michigan on November 9, 1951. They resided at 15931 Robbins Road and had four children: Kristen Miner, Anita Anderson, and Dale and David Boersema. The family attended Christ Community Church. Chet was a member of Spring Lake Country Club and American Foundryman's Society. He died in Grand Haven on December 15, 2003. [*Tribune* obituary, December 17, 2003.]

Richard Boersma [1881-1939]

Born in The Netherlands on June 27, 1881, the son of Fred Boersma, Richard came to Grand Haven in 1906. He was a commercial fisherman before opening a dry goods business on Seventh Street. He married Nellie Joldersma, a native of Grand Haven, who died about June 10, 1951. Richard died around December 4, 1939 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Antone [Toney/Anthony] Boet [Boot] [1847-1917]

On February 27, 1864, while in Flint, Michigan, Antone Boet enlisted as Private in Company D of the 8th Michigan Infantry. He was listed in the roster as Anthony Boot. He was mustered out on July 30, 1865. On July 3, 1868 in Grand Haven, he married Pauline [Paulina/Paulena] Moll. They lived at 1203 Washington in Grand Haven. Antone, a carpenter, lived from May, 1847 to 1917. Pauline, the daughter of Arie and Adriana Moll of Grand Haven, was born in February, 1851 and died in 1932. Both were natives of The Netherlands. Pauline was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. Their daughter Minnie, born in 1871, married Albert J. Bolt of Grand Haven. Pauline lived with the Bolts after her husband's death.

Rudolf [Rudolph] G. Boettcher II [1907-1983]

Born December 31, 1907 in Grand Haven to Rudolf G. and Anna M. Boettcher I, the young Rudolf was a life-long resident of the community. His father lived from 1875 to 1933 and his mother from 1867 to 1940. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Rudolf II was employed as an engineer at Structural Concepts. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Muskegon Heights Eagles, and Muskegon Moose Club. His wife's name was Lorraine. Their children included Janice Raby of Holland; Jacqueline, who married Terry McGowen of Interlochen; Joyce, who married Paul Rich

of Spring Lake; Donna, who married Edwin Boeve of Grand Haven; and Colleen, who married Ronald Jones of West Olive. The Boettchers lived at 1704 Pennoyer Street. Rudolph died December 29, 1983 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Lorraine, who was born on August 20, 1918, died in Grand Haven on May 28, 1995. [*Tribune* obituary, December 30, 1983.]

Frederick Bol [1893-1968]

Born March 2, 1893 in Grand Haven, Fred Bol was employed by Variety Woodwork on Davis Street in Grand Haven. He married Hattie Bouwman on December 7, 1911. Hattie was born in Michigan in 1896. Their children were Harriet, born about 1913; Cornelia, born about 1915; William, born on December 1, 1916; and John, who lived from October 21, 1919 to March 31, 2005. The Frederick Bol family lived on Wallace Street. Fred died in Grand Haven on April 24, 1968. His parents were Peter and Henrietta Martens Postema Bol. [*Tribune* obituary, March 31, 2005.]

Hilbrand Bol [1890-1959]

Hilbrand was born March 4 [14], 1890 in Grand Haven. His parents were Peter and Henrietta Martens Postema Bol. In the 1920 census Hilbrand was listed as a manufacturer of cigars and in the mid-1920s he was agent for the *Grand Rapids Press*, using 516 Washington as his place of business and his residence. He also bought and operated Jobber's Outlet, a grocery store, at 104 North Seventh.

On July 30, 1913 Hilbrand married Margaret [Grietje], the daughter of John and Anna Huizenga Vander Zwaag of Spring Lake. Hilbrand passed away on January 16, 1959. Margaret was born June 17, 1893 and died in Grand Haven on November 22, 1983. Peter, born in Grand Haven on April 17, 1914, was one of their children. A daughter, Annetta [Annette] Helen, was born on August 1, 1915, married Louis Haven Baker, and died on February 13, 1983. Other children were John R., born about 1919; Jane S., born about 1922; and Viola, born about 1928. Martin Bol, born on August 4, 1882, was Hilbrand's brother. A nephew, Peter Bol, was Mayor of Grand Haven in 1980 and 1981.

Martin Bol [1882-1957]

Martin Bol's barbershop was at 216 North Seventh in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. He and his wife, Katie, lived at the same address. Later they moved to Holland. Martin, the son of Peter and Henrietta Bol, was born in Grand Haven on August 4, 1882, and Katie was born in The Netherlands around 1881. They were married in Grand Rapids on May 16, 1906. Their children, all born locally, were Peter, who was born about 1909 and became a Chaplain with the U. S. Navy; John, born about 1911; Andrew, born about 1913; and Jacob, born

about 1916. The family was located in Holland, Michigan by 1930. Hilbrand Bol was Martin's brother. Martin passed away in 1957.

Peter Hilbrand Bol [Boll] [1914-1986]

The son of Hilbrand and Margaret Vander Zwaag Bol, Peter was born on April 17, 1914 and died on January 18, 1986 in Grand Haven. He and his wife, Josephine, were married on April 16, 1935 in Grand Rapids. She lived from November 5, 1915 to June, 1990. They resided at 503 Ohio in Grand Haven. The Bols had at least four children, all born in Grand Haven: Annette Helen, who was born August 1, 1915, married Louis Baker on July 27, 1938, and died in Grand Haven on February 13, 1982; John Robert, born on March 29, 1919; James Edward, born on May 10, 1921 and died in Grand Haven on August 7, 2002; and Viola Ruth, who was born on July 27, 1927. Viola was married three times, first to Ray Hornstra, who died in Grand Haven on October 21, 1982, then to Nolan F. Galdeen, who died in Grand Haven on July 18, 1990, and finally to Joe Heir. Peter was a meat cutter at Charley's Market in Holland.

Peter [Pieter] Jans Bol [Ball] [1855-1937]

Peter Bol married Henrietta [Hendriktje] Martens Postema in Gronigen, The Netherlands, on October 26, 1878. They both were born in that country, Peter on July 18, 1855, and Henrietta on June 23, 1851. They settled first in Spring Lake, where they were members of the Christian Reformed Church from 1881 to 1884, and they then moved to a small farm at 941 Pennoyer in Grand Haven [apparently Lot 8, Block 22, Munroe & Harris Addition]. Among their children, all born in Grand Haven, were Martin, born on August 4, 1882; John, who was born in September, 1885, worked at Challenge Refrigerator, and died in Grand Haven on October 22, 1918; Hilge, who was born on January 15, 1888 and died on November 25 that year in Grand Haven Township; Hilbrand, born on March 4 [14], 1890; Frederick, born March 2, 1893; Robert [Rip], who was born in April, 1895, and died on June 27, 1969; and Pieterka [Nellie], who was born on May 12, 1880 and moved to Grand Rapids. Peter I died in Grand Rapids on October 31, 1937, but was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. Henrietta died on October 15, 1920 in Grand Haven.

William H. Bol I [1916-2006]

The son of Fred and Hattie Bouwman Bol, William was born in Grand Haven on December 1, 1916. William who married Sena Muilenberg on September 29, 1950 in Holland, Michigan, retired from Challenge Machinery in 1980 after 30 years of employment there. He also served with the Army during WWII. He was a member of Second Christian Reformed Church, where he served as

deacon, and he volunteered for the Christian School in Grand Haven. He and Sena had two daughters, Barbara Bol of Byron Center; Joan, who married Richard Loeper and resided in Spring Lake; and a son, William H. Bol II, who passed away in 1955. The elder Bill died in Grand Haven on December 7, 2006. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 8, 2006.]

Seine Bolks [1814-1894]

Rev. Seine Bolks in 1848 founded the town of Overisel [Overijssel] in Allegan County. In 1865 he was installed as Minister of the First Reformed Church of Zeeland. Prior to that, he was named the first pastor of Grand Haven's First Reformed Church. He was born April 13, 1814 in Overijssel, The Netherlands, died on June 16, 1894, and was buried at Orange City, Iowa.

Peter Boll [Ball] [1858-1944]

See Peter Ball.

Baltzar E. Bolling [1890-1969]

Born in Gothenburg, Sweden, on December 20, 1890, Baltzar was the son of Lars Johan, a sea captain who lived from 1845 to 1931, and Selma Emanuella Gronquist Bolling, who died in 1892. Lars owned his own sea-going boat at 17. He became a teacher and later engaged in the plumbing business. Baltzar came to the United States at age 16, settling in Chicago. There he studied mechanical engineering at the Armour Institute of Technology and took courses in factory management and business administration at Northwestern University. He later studied commercial law at Marquette University in Milwaukee. In 1907 he started work for the Chicago Flexible Shaft Company as toolmaker. In 1911 he became a draftsman for the Adams and West Lake Company in Chicago. From 1913 to 1917 he was chief engineer of the J. K. Stewart Manufacturing Company, later becoming Superintendent of the Alemite Die Casting and Manufacturing Company. In 1918 he was named General Manager of the die casting department of the Hamilton Beach Manufacturing Company in Racine, Wisconsin, but returned to Chicago in 1921. In 1924 he organized the Bolling Manufacturing Company, which was sold in 1927 and later was named the Grand Haven Metal Products Company. In 1928 he established the Lumite Corp. in Grand Haven. In 1929 Stewart Die Casting purchased the business. In 1930 Bolling became Assistant Manager of the Iowa Manufacturing Company in Spring Lake. On February 22, 1935, in partnership with Eric Anderson, he established the Anderson-Bolling Manufacturing Company, at first leasing a wing of the Challenge Stamping & Porcelain Company at 850 Jackson and using the facilities of Michigan Brass at night. In 1941 a 16,500 sq. ft. building was erected at 701 East Savidge in Spring Lake, which was increased

to 57,250 sq. ft. in 1950. Baltzar was a Republican and member of the Blue Lake Free and Accepted Masons; Medina Temple Shrine; Rotary Club; Kiwanis, Spring Lake Country Club; Spring Lake Yacht Club; Citizens Historical Association; and the People's Church of Chicago. He was active in Boy Scout work, received the silver beaver award, and was an honorary citizen of Boys' Town. He owned four sailboats and won many racing trophies.

On August 30, 1920 Baltzar married Esther Olivia Turnquist, daughter of John and Matilda Turnquist of Chicago. Esther was born January 25, 1894, and she died October 27, 1983 in Pompano Beach, Florida. The Bollings had four children: Warren Ellwood, who was born on July 25; Roger Eugene, born May 20, 1926; Vernon Baltzar, born on July 3, 1927; and Donald Winfield, born on December 22, 1929. Baltzar died in Florida in February, 1969. The family resided at 18777 Fruitport Road in Section 1 of Spring Lake Township. [Citizens Historical Association, September 20, 1941, *Tribune* article, August, 1948, and *Tribune* obituary, November 1, 1983.]

Roger Eugene Bolling [1926-2000]

Roger, the son of Baltzar and Esther Olivia Turnquist Bolling, was born in Muskegon on May 20, 1926. He served in the Army during WWII. After the war he graduated from Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois and returned to Spring Lake, where he was employed at his father's company, Anderson-Bolling, eventually becoming its owner and Chief Executive Officer. He served on the Grand Haven School Board and as President of the Spring Lake Country Club. He also was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Grand Haven Rotary, Spring Lake Country Club, Spring Lake Yacht Club, and Tri-Cities Y.M.C.A.

On February 7, 1948, Roger married Vivian Dahlman. She was born on November 18, 1927 to Albert and Amanda Dahlman. Vivian graduated from Grand Haven High School and was a volunteer at the Mary Free Bed Guild of North Ottawa Community Hospital. The Bollings lived at 1856 Doris in Grand Haven and later at 16069 Lake Point Drive in Spring Lake. Their five children were Pam Ellison of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Roger of Lake Worth, Florida; Cindy, who married Bryan Lewis of Royal Palm, Florida; Debby Lintjer of Spring Lake; and Craig of Grand Haven. Vivian passed away on December 23, 1997, and Roger died three years later, on December 1, 2000. Their residence was at 16069 Lake Point Drive [Harbor Point], but they were living in Palm Beach, Florida at the time of their deaths. [*Tribune* article, "Roger Bolling 'Boss of the Year,'" April 23, 1970.]

Vernon Baltzar Bolling [1927-1978]

Born on July 3, 1927 in Spring Lake, the son of Baltzar E. and Esther Olivia Turnquist Bolling, Vernon graduated from Kalamazoo College, worked in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Oak Park, Illinois, and then became Manager of Research for Steelcase in Grand Rapids. About 1968 Vernon went to work for National Displays at 725 Taylor in Grand Haven, later becoming Vice President. Vernon was active in the Boy Scouts and chaired the Sustaining Membership Drive for the Grand Valley Council in 1973. He and his wife, Mobe Brant, had three sons, Mark, Steve, and John. The family resided at 18903 Fruitport road in Spring Lake Township. Mobe was a real estate agent with the James L. Bolthouse Company of Grand Haven. Vernon died in August, 1978. [*Tribune* article, "Scouting Memberships," November 10, 1973.]

Warren Elwood Bolling [1920-2000]

Born in Chicago, Illinois on July 25, 1921, Warren was the son of Baltzar and Esther Turnquist Bolling, he attended Michigan State College [MSU] and Stanford University. He became Sales Manager for the Anderson Bolling Company of Spring Lake. He was a member of the American Legion; Kiwanis Club; Century Club of Muskegon; and Lake Shore Club of Chicago. He married Mary Elaine Aldrich of Grand Rapids. Warren passed away in Naples, Florida on October 16, 2000.

Albert J. Bolt [1871-1938]

In the early 1900s Albert Bolt had a grocery store at 706 Washington. He and his wife, Minnie Boet, lived at 728 Washington and later at 1046 Washington. They were married in Ottawa County on September 29, 1898. Minnie, the daughter of Antone and Pauline Boet of Grand Haven, was born in Michigan in February, 1871. Albert also was born in Michigan in May of the same year. The Bolts' two children were Pauline [nee Antonet], born in July, 1899, and Willis, born about 1913. Albert died around March 15, 1938 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Minnie, who passed away about November 24, 1950, was buried with her husband. Albert's parents were Henry John and Cornelia Elfers Bolt of Grand Haven.

Frederick Cornelius "Ted" Bolt [1897-1976]

Born July 15, 1897 in Grand Haven, Ted was the son of John J. and Dena Van Zanten Bolt. He graduated from the University of Michigan School of Business Administration and was a WWI veteran. He was employed by the Peoples Bank on November 1, 1917. Ted became President of the bank in 1944 and Chairman and Trust officer in 1962. Ted was working at the bank on the day it was robbed, August 17, 1933. He and others stopped the robbery while it was in progress, and Ted shared in a \$1,000 reward. From 1921 to 1934 he went into business with his father, John J. Bolt. They

offered general insurance at their office located in the Grand Haven State Bank building at 223 Washington. Ted was a member of the Elks; Grand Haven Aviation Club, which initiated the Ted Bolt Annual Award; Chamber of Commerce; Grand Haven Library Board; Grand Haven Gideon Camp; and Spring Lake Country Club. Bolt also headed bond drives for the WWII war effort, and raised money for a new Chamber of Commerce building and the Grand Haven High School building on Cutler. In addition, he organized and was trustee for the Hofma Trust, and was Secretary of the Grand Haven Salvation Army Advisory Board. Ted organized the Boy Scout troop of the Second Christian Reformed Church. Ted never married and lived in the family home at 826 Washington with his sister Anje, who was born about 1889 and died on February 22, 1974. Ted died of heart disease on May 10, 1976 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* articles, "Peoples Bank Names Three New Directors," December 7, 1971, and "F. C. Bolt: Dies at 78," May 11, 1976.]

Henry John [Hendrik Jan] Bolt I [1823-1907]

The son of Arend and Jennekje Bouwhuis Bolt, Henry was born in Lockum, The Netherlands on October 30, 1823. He came to Grand Haven in July, 1847, where he spent the remainder of his life. By occupation Henry was a farmer. He had no capital at the time of his arrival and had to depend upon his own resources for a livelihood. He started earning money by shoveling sawdust at the Throop Mill for \$16 a month. In 1848 he was employed by Clark Albee and stayed with him for six years. He was paid \$180 a year, plus board. He was the first coroner in Ottawa County and held a number of inquests. He was Street Commissioner of Grand Haven for over ten years, beginning about 1870. After a time he began devoting his energies to farming and fruit growing. Nathan White, assisted by Thomas White, started planting maple trees on Franklin Street, and Bolt helped plant many hundreds of trees in the city. He was a charter member of the First Reformed Church, started by 15 families in 1851. He later was a member of the Second Reformed Church. He was Republican in politics.

On May 9, 1852, Henry married Cornelia [Lena/Rena] Elfers. She was born on April 7, 1828, in Goor, The Netherlands, and came to America at age 20. They had eight children: Johannah [Hannah], who was born on July 10, 1853 and on July 30, 1874 married Johannes "John" Kolvoord of Battle Creek; Aaltje "Alice," who was born on April 26, 1855 and died in Battle Creek on June 10, 1918; Jantje "Jennie," who was born June 23, 1857 and married John Boer; Henry, who was born on August 27, 1859 and died 17 months later; Hattie, who was born on June 27, 1862; Cornelia, who died at the age of six months in June, 1865; Hendrick "Henry" J. II,

who was born on October 22, 1866 and was listed as a teamster in the early 1890s; and Albert J., who was born May 29, 1871. The Bolt family resided at 1036 Washington Avenue. Around 1913 they sold five acres of their land at the southwest corner of Ferry and Pennoyer for \$1,600. That land became the site of Ferry School. Cornelia died on April 1, 1892. Henry died at his home on Washington Street on March 26, 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. On June 10, 1938, Bolt Park, at Beechtree and Pennoyer, was named in his memory. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa County Michigan*, p. 119, *Chronicle* article, "Bolt's Observation of City's Early History," June 9, 1938, *Tribune* article, "Frank Sparks Speaks at Park Dedication," June 9, 1938, *Chronicle* article, "Hatton, H. J. Bolt Are Honored at Public Ceremony," June 9, 1938, *Tribune* obituaries, April 2, 1892 and March 27, 1907.]

"Henry" Hendrick John Bolt II [1866-1934]

"Henry" Hendrick, the son of Henry J. and Cornelia Elfers Bolt, was born on October 22, 1866 in Grand Haven. He was listed as a teamster in the early 1890s, and occupation he continued to follow in the early 1900s, although in 1920 he was listed as a farmer. On May 22, 1895 he married Rena Hoffman in Grand Haven. Rena, the daughter of John and Roelfa Hoffman, was born in February, 1872. The Bolts resided at 1036 Washington. Their children were Henry John III, born about 1901; Grace M., born about 1904; Irene V., born about 1907; and Cornelia Ann, born about 1908. Cornelia married Percy C. Floto of Grand Haven. Rena passed away about March 21, 1947 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where Henry was buried on May 5, 1934.

Henry V. Bolt I [1887-1934]

Henry V. Bolt, who owned Bolt's Meat Market at 403 Fulton, was born in Grand Haven in 1887. On July 17, 1901 in Grand Haven, he married Jennie Mathilde Vander Zalm. The daughter of Toney and Dora Voss Vander Zalm, Jennie was born in Grand Haven in 1878. They lived at 719 Pennoyer. Henry V. Bolt II was their son. Henry I died about May 5, 1934 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jennie passed away around April 27, 1945 and was buried with her husband.

Henry V. Bolt II [1915-1999]

Henry II, the son of Henry V. and Jennie Bolt, was born on May 1, 1915 and died in Grand Haven on December 13, 1999, when he was still residing in the family home at 719 Pennoyer. Henry II graduated from Western State Teachers College [WMU] in 1936 and went into teaching, first at Durand High School in Michigan and later at Grand Haven High School.

Jacob Bolt [1840-1887]

Jacob Bolt, born in The Netherlands on May 31, 1840, became a lumber shaver in Grand Haven, and later was classified as a teamster. He married Johanna Moss, who also was born in The Netherlands about 1842. They had seven surviving children, including: John L., born in 1864; Derk, born about 1866; Mary, who was born about November, 1870 and married John Lock of Grand Haven; Jane [Jennie], who was born about 1874 and married Joseph Maurits in Grand Rapids on May 17, 1900; Kate, who was born about 1876 and married Doeke Kniper in Ottawa County on October 24, 1893; Henry, who was born about 1877 and in Grand Haven on July 17, 1901 married Jennie, the daughter of Toney and Dora Voss Vander Zalm; Fanny, born about 1880; Gertrude, who was born about 1883 and married Fred Ensing in Grand Rapids on February 19, 1902; James, who also was born about 1883 and married Nellie Patterson in Muskegon on December 24, 1904. John and Derk were born in The Netherlands, and the rest were born locally. Jacob died on August 27, 1887. After his death, Johanna maintained a dressmaking business in her home at 508 Elliott Street in Grand Haven. Living with her in the early 1900s were Florence Bolt, who worked at Challenge Machinery, and Henrietta, the widow of John Bolt, Jacob's and Johanna's son, who died on August 26, 1905. Henrietta lived from 1865 to 1928. Johanna passed away in 1908. She and Jacob were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members, including John and Henrietta.

Jacob J. Bolt [1892-1978]

Born on December 30, 1892 in Grand Haven, the son of John and Henrietta Dykema Bolt, Jacob worked at the Grand Haven post office for 48 years. In August, 1951 he became Assistant Postmaster and in 1962 he was named the 15th Postmaster of Grand Haven. On June 18, 1918 in Kent County, he married Esther Goodrich. Esther, the daughter of William and Alice Gorman Goodrich, was born in 1895 and about September 23, 1948. The Bolts had two daughters, Mary Alice, who married Robert Storm of Merritt Island, Florida, and Delores, who married Donald Bartels of Grand Haven. The Bolts resided at 904 Pennoyer. In Muskegon he married Agnes E. Sullivan, who lived from September 17, 1897 to June 5, 1983. She was the daughter of James Sullivan. Jacob died on July 3, 1978. Esther, Jacob, and Agnes were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Jake Bolt Named Postmaster Here," April 3, 1962, and *Tribune* obituary, June 6, 1983.]

John Bolt [1880-1939] and Etta Koster Bolt [1878-1974]

John Bolt was born in 1880 in Spring Lake. After attending Muskegon Business College, he bought John

Koster's grocery business in Spring Lake, which he sold after a short time to George Rankin. John then bought a concrete and fuel business in Muskegon, operating it under the name of Bolt Cement & Coal Company. On March 30, 1909 in Spring Lake he married Etta, daughter of the man who owned the grocery store in the Village. John and Etta lived in Muskegon, where the family business was located. He died on January 4, 1939.

Born in Spring Lake on October 11, 1878, Etta was the daughter of John and Gertrude Ekster Koster. Etta worked at Beaudry's Dry Goods Store in Grand Haven for 11 or 12 years. She recalled that her commute on the Interurban would have cost five cents each way, 60 cents a week, at a time when she was earning \$3 a week, so she traveled by horse-drawn bus, instead. When her husband died in early 1939, Etta returned to Spring Lake, where she passed away on June 12, 1974. She lived at 205 North Division. John and Etta were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

John Bolt [1861–1934]

In partnership with Edward P. Kinkema, John Bolt operated a cold storage and fresh fish market at 1034 Fulton in Grand Haven from 1901 to 1921. He then went into business with his son, Frederick Cornelius [Cornelius Frederick.]. They offered general insurance at their office located in the Grand Haven State Bank building at 223 Washington. John was an original Director of Peoples Bank, which opened in 1910 in downtown Grand Haven [300 Washington]. He was born in The Netherlands on February 23, 1861 and came to Grand Haven when he was ten.

On December 21, 1880, John married Dena, daughter of Cornelius Van Zanten I. Dena was born January 13, 1869 and died September 2, 1937. The Bolts lived at 1221 Washington and later at 826 Washington. They had four children: Anje, who was born in March, 1888, became a school teacher, and died on February 22, 1974; Frederick Cornelius, who was born in August, 1889, served as Principal at Muskegon Heights High School Principal for many years, and died on December 19, 1954; Arthur J., who was born in March, 1891 [1892] and became a Muskegon dentist and State Senator; and Frederick C. "Ted," who lived in Grand Haven was born on July 15, 1897 [1898/1899]. John died April 10, 1934 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife and other family members. [*Tribune* article, "F. C. Bolt Dies at 78," May 11, 1976.]

Richard D. Bolt I [1865-1938]

Richard Bolt, born in The Netherlands in 1865, operated a meat market at 207 North Seventh Street in Grand Haven and resided in a nearby two-story frame house [219 North Seventh]. In the 1908 *Directory* he was

listed as a cooper, and two years later he was a machinist at Dake Engine Company. He married Margaret Powell, whose father, John Powell, had once owned the meat market. Margaret was born locally the same year as her husband. Dick took over the meat market following his father's-in-law death in 1913. Among the Bolt children, all born locally, were Joy, born about 1886; John, born about 1888; Josephine Margaret "Josie," who was born about 1894 and married Paul B. Markhoff of Spring Lake; Katie, born about 1902; and Richard II, who lived from 1904 to 1921. Richard I died about January 26, 1938 and was buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery. Margaret passed away about September 25, 1952 and was buried with her husband.

Henry "Harry" J. Bolthouse [Bulthuis] [1887-1975]

Henry Bolthouse had a 25-acre farm in Section 9 of Spring Lake Township in the early 1900s. He was born in Michigan on October 22, 1887 and died on October 28, 1975. On May 24, 1911 in Ferrysburg, he married Hilda Katt. The daughter of John and Steentje "Kate" Wierenga Katt of Ferrysburg, Hilda was born on September 2, 1891. Henry's and Hilda's children, all born locally, were Selma J., born about 1913; Clarence, born about 1915; Stella J., born about 1918; Kenneth, born about 1920; and Raymond, born about 1922. They also had an adopted son, Robert L. Bolthouse, who was born around 1930. Hilda died in Spring Lake on December 11, 1982. Henry and Hilda were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

John Paul Bolthouse [1912-2006]

John, the son of Harm and Maggie Dekkinga Bolthouse, was born in Spring Lake on September 4, 1912. He married Thelma M. Vander Ark in Melville, Louisiana on March 2, 1934. She was the daughter of Henry and Margaret Hansma Vander Ark. John owned and operated the Texaco Service Station in Spring Lake for 32 years, including 25 years in partnership with Steve Bottema. He served on the Spring Lake Village Council in 1940, was Village Clerk for 31 years, and Village Manager from the early to mid-1970s. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Spring Lake. The Bolthouses children include John of Grandville, Michigan; Jim of Andalusia, Alabama; and Jerry of Spring Lake. John passed away at home on February 17, 2006 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Thelma lived from November 6, 1908 to December 12, 2001. She also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 20, 2006.]

Richard Bolthouse [Bulthaus/Bulthuis] [1880-1956]

The son of Krein and Soutje "Sarah" Bolthouse, Dick was born in Ferrysburg on June 6, 1880 [1879]. On June 15, 1904 in Spring Lake, he married Jennie Luloffs. She was born in Coopersville on October 20, 1882. Her

father, Meindert Luloffs, was born in The Netherlands on April 30, 1856. Meindert married Martha Leuring Luloffs. One of the Bolthouses' children, Susan Marie, who was born about 1907, married Charles Rouwhorst. Jennie died on October 24, 1941. Dick passed away in Grand Haven on August 8, 1956. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

George Bolton [1862-1923]

Born in 1862 in Canada, George Bolton brought his family to Spring Lake in 1905. He owned and operated Bolton's Shoe Repair Shop, which was located at 213 West Savidge, later the site of the Idle Hour Bowling Lanes. George also repaired clocks, watches, and rings. His wife, Hannah, also a Canadian, was born in 1864. The couple lived at 210 Williams Street. They had five sons, all born in Canada: Adelbert, born about 1887; Stewart W. born about 1890; Harry, born on April 8, 1891; and Ernest, born in 1894. All five sons resided in Spring Lake. George Bolton died at his home in Spring Lake on September 6, 1923 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Hannah died 13 years later and was buried in the family plot. [*Tribune* obituary, September 7, 1923.]

Harry Bolton [1891-1973]

Born in Canada on April 8, 1891, Harry Bolton in 1905 came to Spring Lake with his parents, George and Hannah Bolton. Harry worked for the Challenge Corn Planter Company for 16 years and later was custodian of the Spring Lake School on Exchange Street for 23 years. On May 13, 1913 he married Gertrude Eckelcamp, who lived from December 10, 1891 to November 26, 1983. She was the daughter of Henry Eckelcamp. The Boltons' children included Gladys, who was born on August 20, 1914 and married Paul Lampe of Spring Lake on May 1, 1937; Harold, who was born May 9, 1917, married Winifred Weavers on May 18, 1939, and died October 27, 1991; Russell, who was born about 1920 and whose wife's name was Maxine; Irene, who was born about 1922 and married Darwin Andree of Muskegon; and Albert G., who was born in 1926 and died July, 1963. Harry and Gertrude lived at 230 Summit in Spring Lake. He died in February, 1973. Harry and Gertrude were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, November 26, 1983 and October 28, 1991.]

Lucius Manlius Boltwood II [1825-1905]

Lucius Boltwood was reputed to be 100 years old when he died on February 28, 1905, but recent data points to a birth date of June 8, 1825, in Amherst, Massachusetts. His birth date may have been confused with his father's, Lucius I, who was born in 1792 and died in 1852. Lucius I purchased land in Michigan as early as 1836. Lillie recorded that in 1861 Lucius II offered to forgive

any balance remaining on land bought from him by a husband or father enlisting in the military, if that soldier failed to survive the Civil War. By 1864 he held title to acreage in Section 32 of Grand Haven Township, near the south border of the City of Grand Haven, and also in Sections 19 and 30 of Allendale Township. On June 6, 1860 Lucius married Clarinda Boardman Williams, who was born on August 31, 1836. Clarinda died on October 8, 1890. A son, Lucius III, married Etta Monique Comstock in Grand Rapids.

Thaddeus V. Bomberski [1904-1998]

The son of Vincent Bomberski, Thaddeus worked with his father at the family grocery store, located at 601 Fulton. Thaddeus was born on August 26, 1904 and died in Grand Haven on January 25, 1998.

Vincent Charles Bomberski [1876-1937]

Born on December 20, 1876, the son of Martin and Anna Diskey Bomberski, Vincent was raised in the Detroit area. From 1910 to 1925 he owned and operated a grocery store at 601 Fulton Avenue in Grand Haven. His son Thaddeus worked with him. Vincent died and was buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Kent County in 1937.

Lewis [Louis] W. Bon [Ban] [1827-1901]

Lewis Bon was born in Ohio on December 10, 1827. When the Civil War began he was a sailor living in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, where he enlisted in Company C of the Wisconsin 4th Cavalry as a Private on June 17, 1864. He was discharged for promotion on September 2, 1864, the same day he received a commission in the USC 15th Infantry. Lewis's enlistment papers specified that he was 5' 7½" with blue eyes and black hair. After the war he became a tugboat Captain. When Lewis retired from that duty, he was hired by the government to monitor the pier and lighthouse. He suffered a bad fall on the pier and was taken to the Soldier's Home in Grand Rapids, where he died on July 1, 1901. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Lewis was a member of the Weatherwax Post of the Grand Army of the Republic [G.A.R.]. On April 23, 1853, in Spring Lake, he married Euphemia Raymond, who was, born on October 8, 1835 in Michigan, the daughter of Louisa M. Raymond, Curtis Gray's second wife. Lewis and Euphemia had seven children, all born in Michigan or Wisconsin. One of the children, Charlie H., was born on September 27, 1880, died on August 27, 1881, and was buried at Lake Forest. On July 18, 1901, Euphemia applied for a widow's Civil War pension. She died October 18, 1919 in Grand Haven and was buried with her husband.

Baldwin Boomgaard [1899-1954]

Born in Grand Haven on April 10, 1899, Baldwin was the son of Cornelius C. and Jennie Boomgaard. In 1918 he was Walter Lillie's chauffeur. He married Alice Allman, who was born in Illinois about 1899. In 1920 the couple resided in Chicago, where Baldwin was a shipping clerk. By 1930 he was divorced and living in Los Angeles, California, where he died on November 17, 1954. In Los Angeles he was a salesman for a radio tube company.

Boudewijn "Baldwin" Boomgaard [1859-1900]

Boudewijn "Baldwin" Boomgaard was born in The Netherlands on January 6, 1859. He was the son of Cornelius and Wilhelmina Boomgaard. Baldwin became part owner of Boomgaard & Sons Hardware, located at 335 Fulton, that was started by his father.. Baldwin married Antje "Anna" Veenstra on September 27, 1882 in Grand Haven. The daughter of Luwe and Reina Fisher Veenstra, she was born in Grand Haven on August 31, 1862 and passed away on May 7, 1910. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, were Cornelius Baldwin, born on April 21, 1883; Louis, who was born in 1884, died in 1913 in Grand Haven, and was buried at Lake Forest; Wilhelmina "Minnie," who was born in 1887 and married Peter Helmers of Grand Haven; Reina, who was born on May 19, 1889, died on September 26, 1891 in Grand Haven, and was buried at Lake Forest; Mattie, who was born in April, 1891 died in Grand Haven on August 31, 1895, and was buried at Lake Forest; and Irene, who was born on January 11, 1899, married John Gerrit Dirkse of Grand Haven on April 15, 1926, died on November 24, 1990, and was buried at Lake Forest. Gerrit lived from April 17, 1903 to January 3, 1985, and also was buried at Lake Forest. Baldwin died in Grand Haven on December 3, 1900. He and Anna buried at Lake Forest with other family members. The family resided at 105 North Fourth.

Cornelia Boomgaard [1896-1965]

Cornelia Boomgaard was appointed head of bookkeeping at Challenge Stamping and Porcelain Co. in Grand Haven when it was formed in 1929. When Challenge acquired Puffer Hubbard Company in 1940, Cornelia was named Secretary/Treasurer. In 1930 she was living with her father, Hubert Boomgaard, at 1144 Washington, where she remained after his death in 1942. Her mother, Jacoba, died in 1927. Cornelia was born in Grand Haven on December 22, 1896 and died in April, 1965.

Cornelius Boomgaard [1833-1905]

Cornelius, the son of Jacobus and Cornelia Van Noorden Boomgaard, was born in The Netherlands in December 1833. Cornelius started a hardware business called Boomgaard & Sons, located at 335 Fulton. He married Wilhelmina Van Powell in The Netherlands. She lived

from November, 1835 to June 1, 1924 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Boomgaards' children were Boudewijn "Baldwin," born on January 6, 1859; Marinus, who was born in 1862, and died in Grand Haven on April 4, 1893; Jacobus, who was born in 1864 and died in Grand Haven on May 10, 1879; Dena, who was born in 1868 and died in Grand Haven on September 18, 1902; Cornelius G. [C.], born on May 5, 1870; Katri, born in 1872; Dennis, who was born in 1873 and died in Grand Haven on March 13, 1893; and Herbert, who was born in 1876 and died in Grand Haven on April 28, 1894. The three older children were born in The Netherlands, the rest were born locally.

Cornelius Baldwin Boomgaard [Vanden Boomgaard] [1883-1921]

Born on April 21, 1883 in Grand Haven, Cornelius Boomgaard was the son of Boudewijn and Antje Veenstra Boomgaard of Grand Haven. Cornelius married Della Westhof on May 23, 1906 in Grand Haven. The daughter of Petrus and Fenna De Groot Westhof, she was born September 29, 1885 in Ferrysburg. Cornelius was the last family member to own the Boomgaard & Sons Hardware at 335 Fulton. After her husband's death in 1921 Della, sold the store, located at 335 Fulton, to Hartger Jonker and Peter Robinson. The Boomgaards lived at 317 Clinton, but after Cornelius's mother died in 1910, he moved his family into her home at 105 North Fourth Street. They were members of the First Reformed Church. Their daughter, Frances Irene, was born in Grand Haven on September 21, 1917. She married John Joseph Herbert Hierholzer of Grand Haven in 1935. After Cornelius died of pneumonia on February 21, 1921, Irene lived with her mother at 105 North Fourth until her marriage. Cornelius was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Della, who passed away on April 13, 1978. [*Tribune* obituary, February 21, 1921.]

Cornelius G. [C.] Boomgaard [1870-1945]

Born in Grand Haven on May 25, 1870, Cornelius was the son of Cornelius and Wilhelmina Van Powell Boomgaard. The younger Cornelius eventually inherited the family hardware store and operated it for many years before Della Boomgaard sold it to Hartger Jonker and Peter Robinson around 1920. In 1889 Cornelius married Jeanette [Jennette] "Jennie" Cole. They had at least six children, including Cornelius, born on October 7, 1889; Johanna, born in 1891; William, born on September 18, 1892; Nieltje, born in 1898; Baldwin, born on April 10, 1899; James, born in 1901; Jeanette, born in 1908; Irene, born about 1915; and Eugene, born about 1918. The Boomgaards were members of the Second Reformed Church and resided at 109 North Fourth, where Cornelius was janitor for ten years. Cornelius died in

1945. Jennie, who was born in 1864, died in 1923. She and her husband were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Edward Boomgaard [1885-1967]

Edward Boomgaard, a clerk, married Effie Zangman in Grand Haven on May 23, 1907. They lived at 618 Elliott in the early 1900s and later moved to Mercury Drive. Edward was Grand Haven Fire Chief from 1919 to 1937. They then resided at 702 Franklin. He was born November 20, 1885 and died about August 8, 1967. Effie passed away around January 30, 1912. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Hubert Boomgaard [Boomgard] [1870-1942]

Hubert Boomgaard, who was born in The Netherlands in August, 1870, became a mechanic in Grand Haven. On October 15, 1890 in Grand Haven, he married Jacoba [Cora] Hoebeke. She was born in Michigan in August, 1868 [1869] and died in 1927. Hubert died on December 15, 1942. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They lived at 1005 Washington in Grand Haven, and later at 1144 Washington. Their children, all born locally, were Johanna, born in December, 1892; Tracy, who was born August 24, 1894, married Albert Vander Ven of Grand Haven, and died on March 5, 1985; Cornelia, born on December 22, 1896; Anthony, who was born on March 24, 1900 and died August 27, 1995; James, who was born on December 10, 1902; and Marian, born about 1912.

Jacobus Boomgaard [Vanden Boomgaard/Vanden Boomgaart] [1819-1894]

Jacobus Boomgaard, a tinsmith, was born in The Netherlands about 1819. He married Cornelia Van Noorden, who was born in The Netherlands and died on September 18, 1902 in Grand Haven. Their children, both born in The Netherlands, were Cornelius, who was born in December, 1833, and Lougier, who was born in 1836 and died in Grand Haven on April 3, 1900. Jacobus died on July 16, 1894.

James Boomgaard [1902-1983]

James was born in Grand Haven on December 10, 1902, the son of Hubert [Hubrecht] and Jacoba Boomgaard. James, who resided at 16585 Sleeper Street in Grand Haven Township, worked as a painter and welder at Challenge Porcelain. He died December 29, 1983 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 29, 1983.]

James John "Jay" Boomgaard [1892-1920]

Born in Grand Haven June, 1892, Jay was the son of John and Maggie Van Dyke Boomgaard of Grand Haven. About 1917 James married Helen Kraus, who was born in Wisconsin around 1890. The couple resided in Milwaukee, where they had two sons, James, born

about 1918, and Clarence, born about 1920. Jay died of tuberculosis in Milwaukee in April, 1920. Helen was still a resident of Milwaukee in 1930. [*Tribune* obituary, April 15, 1920.]

John Boomgaard [Vanden Boomgaard/Boomgaart] [1868- 1946]

John Boomgaard was born in Grand Haven in January, 1868. On January 20, 1887 he married Margaretha "Maggie" Van Dijk [Van Dyke], who was born in May, 1866. John worked for William Heap & Sons. The family lived at 523 Fulton in the early 1900s. Among their children were a daughter Alice, who was born on March 6, 1891, became a dressmaker, and married George Carpenter in Grand Haven on May 17, 1911; Jay, born in June, 1892; Johanna, who was born in April, 1894, married, and moved to Detroit; Berdiena "Birdie," who was born April 20, 1896, married E. M. Walcott, and moved to Los Angeles; Elizabeth, born in April, 1897; James John, who was born about 1900; and Chester, who was born May 17, 1905 and moved to Grand Rapids; and Joseph. John, who worked as a tinner, died on December 14, 1946 in Grand Rapids and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

William B. Boomgaard [1892-1971]

William Boomgaard, a jeweler and watch maker, was born in Grand Haven on September 18, 1892. He worked at John S. Lowe's Optical and Jewelry Store, first located first at 115 Washington and later at 220 Washington. Sometime between 1917 and 1919 William married Ida, the daughter of Klass and Lucy Leninga of Grand Haven. Ida was born locally in 1889. In 1920 William and his wife resided with her widowed mother at 216 Elliott. William died in One Thousand Oaks, California on January 31, 1971 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ida passed away around April 7, 1967, and also was buried at Lake Forest.

Marinus Cornelius "George" Boomsluiters [Boomsliter] [1835-1895]

Captain George Boomsluiters was born on February 26, 1835. He was the son of Marinus Cornelius Boomsluiters, born in The Netherlands in 1799, and Janna Van Den Berg Koopman. Janna was a native of Zeeland, The Netherlands, where she was born January 24, 1808. She died in Grand Haven in 1901. On December 6, 1870 George married Sarah Vogel. George and Sarah lived at 519 Madison in Grand Haven. They had at least two sons: George, born in October, 1880, and Walter. They also had a daughter, Barbara Lena, who married Elmer Bradway of Grand Haven. George died on January 27, 1895. Sarah, who was born in Alsace Lorraine, Germany, lived from February 26, 1848 [1849] to May 31, 1935. Walter was born in 1883

and died in 1920. Parents and son were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Marjorie De Neut Boon [1930-2006]

Marge Boon was elected the first woman mayor of Grand Haven in 1981, the first of three two-year terms. Before her election as mayor, she served eight years on the City Council, beginning in 1973. She was born in Grand Rapids on June 28, 1930 to Earl and Marie Romance De Neut. She graduated from Hope College and taught in the Grand Haven school system for 15 years. On June 30, 1956, she married Maurice "Moon" Boon in Grand Haven. They had three children: Cristine, who married Marvin Hinga of Zeeland; Amy, who married Fred Gadsby of Holland, and Dennis of Grand Haven.

As Mayor, Marge was instrumental in the rejuvenation of the industrial waterfront that had fallen into decay along Harbor Drive. Chinook Pier and the Boardwalk and Lighthouse Connector Park were built under her leadership. She and City Manager Larry Deetjen worked closely together to obtain state and federal grants to assist in paying for the redevelopment projects. Marge was named by Counterpart as the Woman of the Year in 1982. In 1984 she was invited to christen the Coast Guard Cutter *Escanaba* III. 1984 also was the year of Grand Haven's Sesquicentennial Celebration. Marge and Moon were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven, and Marge belonged to the League of Woman Voters, Michigan Municipal League, and served on many boards. Grand Haven Rotary awarded her the Paul Harris Fellowship Award. Marge died on April 1, 2006 in Grand Haven. [*Tribune* article, "Former GH mayor Marge Boon dead at 75" and obituary, April 3, 2006.]

Martin Boon [1884-1981]

Born on December 16, 1884 in The Netherlands, Martin was the son of Arie Floris [Floris A.] and Adriana Bommel Boon. Arie, an upholsterer by trade, brought his family to Grand Haven in 1911. He lived from 1854 to 1937 and his wife from 1857 to 1934. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had 11 children, Martin being the fifth. At the age of 19 Martin served in the Netherlands' army as a member of the Queen's and Dowager Queen Emma honor guard. In Grand Haven he worked for the Story & Clark Piano Company for three years and then Bastian Blessing. In 1920 Martin joined the Bakker [Baker] Lumber Company and learned the business from Derk Baker, who returned to the firm after his son John's premature death that year. Martin stayed with the company for more than fifty years, retiring in 1976. He was a member of the City Council from 1932 to 1935 and again in 1938 and 1939. He was elected Mayor of Grand Haven from 1948 to 1951. Martin was

a Republican and member of the Chamber of Commerce, Citizens Historical Association, and the First Reformed Church.

In 1913 Martin married Kate, who was born about 1889 in Ferrysburg, the daughter of Henry, a boilermaker, and Kate Dykema Yock. Jean [Jennie] Yock, Kate Boon's sister, owned a millinery shop in Grand Haven. The Boons had two children: Kathryn Jane, who was born in 1916 and first married Raymond Boot and then Gerald D. Whiting. The Boons' other child was Harold Marvin, who was born on April 27, 1921 and died in Lansing on March 31, 1991 of throat cancer. The Boons resided at 717 Pennoyer in the 1920s and into the 1940s and later at 805 South De Spelder. Kate Boon died August 2, 1959. Martin's second wife, Gertrude, was born on March 17, 1896 and died on February 28, 1983. Martin died of cardiac arrest on June 30, 1981 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Citizens Historical Association*, September 20, 1941, *Tribune* articles, August, 1948, "Mayor Boon Was Guard of Dutch Queen," April 14, 1952, and "Happy Birthday Mart!" December 15, 1973."]

Edwin Booth [1889-1958]

Edwin and Nora Boneburg Booth purchased Arbutus Banks Hotel from Clarice Davis in 1935. At that time the land consisted of six and a half acres and had 386' of lake frontage. Also in 1935 the Booths sold a 100-foot parcel to William Alt for a building site on a street that became known as 17863 Oakwood Drive. The Booths, natives of Cleveland, Ohio, operated the resort for nine years. In 1944 the Booths ceased operation of Arbutus Banks Hotel, but they continued to use the property as their residence. In 1954 the boathouse was destroyed in a storm. Edwin was born in 1889 and died in New York on September 3, 1958. Nora was born in Michigan on October 20, 1896 and passed away on January 18, 1964. Both were buried at Georgetown Township Cemetery.

William M. Booth II [1920-2008]

Bill Booth moved to Grand Haven in 1994 and became a self-employed professional engineers with several patents to his credit. Among his community achievements was perfecting the technical details for the Musical Fountain. He served on the Fountain Committee until 2007. Bill was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, where he received the Bishop's Service Cross. He also was a member of the Muskegon Chapter of the Society of Professional Engineers, the Masons, the Saladin Temple, Sons of the American Revolution, American Legion, and the National Rifle Association., and the Optimist Club. During WWII Bill served with the Army's 104th Timberwolf Division and received two Purple Hearts, two oak clusters, two bronze stars, and other decorations and citations.

Bill was born in Terre Haute, Indiana on September 12, 1920, the son of Morris Fenton and Elsa Ahlgren Booth. On March 18, 1944, he married Ruth Anna Friess in New York City. Their children were Carol Ann, who married Larry Edinger of Paw Paw, and William III, also of Paw Paw. William II passed away in Grand Haven on January 6, 2008. [*Tribune* obituary, January 9, 2008.]

Fred John Borchers [1900-1994]

Fred was born on September 2, 1900 to Henry and Edith Warber Borchers in Nunica. His father, who was born in Hanover, Germany on October 18, 1835, died of pneumonia on May 12, 1908 and was buried in Nunica. Fred was a farmer and a trapper, and he was employed at Eagle Ottawa. On February 23, 1923 in Grand Haven he married Jessie B. Chittenden, who was born on July 16, 1907 and died on December 21, 1986. Their children included Betty J., born about 1924; Helen, E., born about 1925; Dorothy M., born about 1929; and Fred L., born in March, 1933, all of Grand Haven. Fred L. opened the Frame and Mat shop at 720 Washington. Fred John and Jessie later resided at 100 Franklin Street. Fred John died in August, 1994. [*Tribune* obituary, August 16, 1994.]

George C. Borck [Bork] [1879-1952]

George Borck, who owned a 50-acre farm in Section 4 of Grand Haven Township, was born in the Grand Haven area on December 1, 1879. He was the adopted son of Charles F. and Amelia Borck of Grand Haven. George's wife, Hettie, lived from 1880 to February 17, 1912. On February 12, 1923 he applied for an invalid's war pension and listed service in Company F of the 32nd Michigan Infantry, which was activated during the Spanish-American conflict. The Borcks were members of the Second Reformed Church of Grand Haven. George died about April 18, 1952 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Hettie.

Adrian Borgman [1907-1993]

Adrian Borgman founded the monument company bearing his name at 616 South Beechtree. It was in operation from the mid-1950s into the late 1990s. Adrian married Lois Schmick. They resided at 1522 Sheldon Road. Adrian was born August 6, 1907 and died in Grand Haven on July 22, 1993. Lois, who was born on March 17, 1910, passed away on November 6, a year after her husband.

Richard Lee Borgman [1942-2003]

Richard L. Borgman owned and operated Forever Tan shops in Grand Haven and Spring Lake, and in 1983 took ownership of Town & Country Laundry and Dry Cleaning at 947 Robbins Road. He was born December 14, 1942 in Grand Rapids, the son of Peter and Ruth Kuiper Borgman. Richard married Claudia Dickson on

April 28, 1967 in Grand Rapids. They resided at 15108 160th in Grand Haven Township. He died in Grand Haven on March 9, 2003. [*Tribune* obituary, March 11, 2003.]

Abigail Weldon Harbeck Bos [1883-1960]

Abigail was born October 6, 1883 in Chicago, the daughter of Dr. William Weldon. The Weldons spent summers at Spring Lake. At the age of eight, following her parents' deaths, Abigail and her sister Ruth were adopted by Herman and Mabel Harbeck. Abigail graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1902 as Gail Weldon Harbeck. She became an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church. She began her work at the *Grand Haven Daily Tribune* as a society reporter. During the mid-1920s she went into partnership with Jack H. Reichardt, purchasing the Guillard Hat Shop at 218 Washington and expanding it to include women's apparel. It was called "The Abigail," and after a year and a half she sold her interest. In 1926 Abigail started working full time as a reporter for the *Tribune* and also was a correspondent for other newspapers, including the *Grand Rapids Press*, *Grand Rapids Herald*, *Detroit Free Press*, *Milwaukee Journal*, *Chicago Tribune*, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, and *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*. She promoted civic organizations, including Community Chest [United Way], Red Cross, Polio Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, Coast Guard Water Festival, and Lake Michigan Playhouse.

On August 20, 1908 in Grand Haven Abigail married Martin [Mortimer] Bos, who was born on April 10, 1884 and died June 20, 1951. Martin's parents were Cornelius and Maria Bos. Martin and Abigail had two children, Ruth, who was born April 13, 1912, and Mary Fran. Ruth married Milton Burr of Grand Haven and Mary Fran married Lawrence Jack of Vancouver, British Columbia. In 1920 Abigail and Martin were residing at 527 Slayton, and ten years later they were located at 518 Franklin. Abigail died October 13, 1960 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, August 14, 1951, and *Tribune* obituary, October 13, 1960.]

Carroll G. Bos [1921-2000]

Carroll, the son of Gilbert and Cecilia Zuidema Bos, was born in Grand Rapids on May 14, 1921. He had two sisters, Betty and June, and one brother, Lawrence. On September 1, 1941, Carroll married Jeanette A. Gazan in Grand Rapids. She was the daughter of Marcus C. and Louise Gazan. Carroll served with the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII. He and his wife moved to Spring Lake in 1948, where he and his father-in-law started the Tri-City Dairy. The Dairy Company closed eight years later. Carroll then became statewide representative for Rycenga Homes of Grand Haven, a position he held for

40 years. In partnership with Ray Markle, Carroll started M & B Enterprises and developed Princeton Estates in Grand Rapids, the first housing development in Michigan having all utilities underground. He also owned Home Sales and was a partner in BB & C Builders, both located in Spring Lake. BB & C built the Spring Lake Post Office on Exchange Street, Dogwood Meadows, Baird Pointe Farms, Wildwood Springs, Veit's Landing, and River Run, all in Ferrysburg and Spring Lake Township.

Carroll was President of Spring Lake Businessmen's Association in the 1960s and was elected to the Spring Lake Village Council in the same decade. He was a member of the Tri-Cities Optimist Club, which he served as President in 1954 and as State Lieutenant Governor the next year. He was President of the Haven Foundation, which founded Haven School, later known as the Ottawa Area Center, a school for mentally impaired adolescents and young adults. As a member of the Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church, Carroll served as Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent. He and his wife also were members of the Spring Lake Country Club. Their children were David C., and Janice, who married Douglas Zuidema. Both children resided in Spring Lake. Carroll died at his home on February 2, 2000. Jeanette was born on November 18, 1920 in Milwaukee and passed away on December 31, 2009. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Cornelius J. Bos [1841-1903]

Born on February 3, 1841 [1840] in Jerome, The Netherlands, Cornelius was the son of John and Knelska Deint Hanns Bos, who spent their entire lives in their native country. At the age of 24, the young Bos came to Ottawa County, where he began working in a sawmill on the Grand River. Two years later, in 1867, he opened a meat market, which he sold after 20 years. In 1885, having bought a tract of 22 acres near Fulton Street in Grand Haven, he began raising celery on 13 acres. He washed and marketed from 700 to 1,000 stalks of celery per day and made large shipments to Chicago by boat. Cornelius advertised, "Orders by telephone and telegraph, promptly attended to, and Mail Orders carefully filled. Correspondence Solicited." Another of his celery beds was on Wallace Street [Beacon Boulevard]. He became very prosperous and made large investments in real estate and owned a number of residences and other town property. Cornelius was a Republican in politics, and was elected Alderman of the Third Ward.

On November 12, 1873, Cornelius married Maria, the daughter of Martinus and Maria De Bruyn Van Doorne. The young Maria was born in Grand Island, New York, on January 26, 1852 and lived in Grand Haven Township for about 15 years prior to her marriage. The

Bos family lived at the corner of Fulton and Fifth Streets. They were members of the Second Christian Reformed Church of Grand Haven, which Cornelius helped organize. Cornelius and Maria had six children: Cornelia, who was born in October, 1874 and married William Ver Duin of Grand Haven; Mary, born in September, 1876; Jennie, born in May, 1878; Martha, born in July, 1880; Henrietta, born in May, 1882; Martin [Mortimer] [Martin], who was born in April, 1884 and married Abigail Weldon, the adopted daughter of Herman and Mary Harbeck; and Marie, who was born in November, 1893 and married William Poel of Grand Haven. Jennie married Gerrit Zaagman. Cornelius died in Grand Haven on July 24, 1903 and was buried at Lake Forest. His wife died April 1, 1945. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Michigan*, pp. 572-573, and *Tribune* obituary, July 25, 1903.]

Martin [Mortimer] Bos [1884-1951]

See Abigail Weldon Harbeck Bos.

Harmon Bosch [Busch/Busche] [1833-1912]

Born in The Netherlands in 1833, Harmon Bosch came to America with the Van Raalte colony in 1847. He worked in the lumber business with Henry Rysdorp and John Sprik in their mill at Port Sheldon. In 1863 the mill moved to Grand Haven, with Harmon in partnership with Rysdorp and Sprik, as well as Johannes Vos. In 1867 Harmon was elected Alderman on Grand Haven's first City Council. Prior to his death he moved to Bass River and farmed and then retired in Zeeland. Harmon married Martha Baker. Their children were: Gezina "Sena," who lived from 1857 to 1933 and was the wife of Daniel J. Smith [1858-1930] of Zeeland; Etta, who was born about 1861 and married Dr. Thomas G. Huizenga of Zeeland; Anna, who was born about 1862, married a Mr Stewart, and moved to Springfield, Missouri; Johanna "Jo," who was born in October, 1864 and married Charles J. Den Herder of Zeeland; Minnie, who was born about 1870 and married Jacob Veneklassen of Zeeland; John H., born about 1873; and Henrietta, who was born about September, 1879 and married Mr De Bruyn of Zeeland. Harmon died in Zeeland in March, 1912. Martha was born in 1837 and died January 15, 1913. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, 1 April, 1912 and January 16, 1913.]

Roelof "Ralph" Bosch [1855-1927]

Roelof Bosch, who was born in 1855, owned a 40-acre farm in Section 8 of Spring Lake Township, where DeWitt School was located. He arrived in the area in 1893. Bosch died in 1927. His wife, Annijen, lived from 1861 to 1937. Both Bosches were buried at Spring

Lake Cemetery. Their daughter, Elsie, married Frederick Bramer of Spring Lake Township.

August W. Boseker [1877–1919]

August Boseker was born in Germany on April 12, 1877 and came to Grand Haven in 1893. At first he worked on local farms, drove a stagecoach, and worked for Captain Walker. He also was a carpenter, and built many of the cottages in Highland Park. In the early 1900s August purchased for \$100 the Highland Park Pavilion, where bathing suits and towels could be rented and snacks purchased from Captain Jack Walker, who had built the place. In the early 1900s August was Superintendent of Highland Park. He owned a garage near the Lake Forest Cemetery, approximately where the Chapel was built in 1966, which could store as many as 30 automobiles at a time. Lake Avenue ended there at that time, and Highland Park residents walked from that point to their cottages.

August married Henrietta Podein on October 8, 1901. Their home was at 1308 Lake Avenue, later the site of the Lee Memorial Chapel. August also dealt in real estate, and toward the end of his life was Manager of the J. W. Oakes Real Estate office. After August's death in 1919, Henrietta ran a real estate office for Highland Park, and she handled rentals of many of the cottages until she was 80. Henrietta was born in a log cabin south of Grand Haven [Section 22] on December 24, 1879. Her parents were Charles and Hanna Podein. She was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ. She died on July 28, 1969. The Bosekers' children, all born in Grand Haven, were Edna, who was born February 4, 1904, married Charles L. Plowman of Grand Haven, and passed away on February 5, 1993; Bertha, who was born on April 9, 1905 and married Jacob Fase of Grand Haven; and Clarence, who was born on September 28, 1911 and passed away in Albion, Michigan on November 18, 2000. August died around January 24, 1919 at the age of 42 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where Henrietta also was buried. [*Tribune* obituary.]

Roy Bosma [1891-1974]

In the 1940s partners Jordan and Roy Bosma owned and operated Midway Motors, a used car lot located at 1100 Washington. Roy lived from October 11, 1891 to August 8, 1974. He lived at 15822 Cherry in Spring Lake, where his widow, Ernestine M., continued to reside after his death. She lived from December 25, 1901 to March 21, 1980.

John William Bosman [1881- ?]

On February 17, 1909 Bill Bosman married Mabel Huntley in Holland, Michigan. She was born in Michigan on March 23, 1883. In 1913 Bill opened the

first dry cleaning business in Grand Haven. His shop was located at 15 Washington, where he and Mabel also resided. He later relocated the business to 14 South Second. Bill was born in Hamilton, Michigan on May 11, 1881. Prior to moving to Grand Haven, the Bosmans resided in Holland, Michigan. Mabel passed away in Arizona in February, 1976.

Guy Leo Boswell [1875- ?]

Guy Boswell bought the *Helen B.*, a Spring Lake passenger boat, and in the early 1900s used it for shuttle service between St. Joseph, Michigan and Spring Lake. Guy also owned the *Hazel B.* He continued to operate his own boat into the 1930s. Guy, who was born on April 25, 1875, resided in St. Joseph. He married Maud D. Chisholm on August 7, 1895 in St. Joseph. She was born in June the same year as Guy. Both were natives of Michigan.

George Botbyl I [Botbel] [1897-1953]

George, the son of John and Floran Botbyl, was born in Grand Haven in August, 1897. In 1924 he opened Botbyl Garage at 632 Washington [also known as 9 South Seventh] and operated it until his death about July 27, 1953. His wife, Matilda Berg, was born on June 21, 1896 and died in Grand Haven on January 13, 1974. She and George were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Among their children were Helen, George R II., and Gerald. George was married twice.

Gerald Botbyl II [1935-2001]

The son of George and Matilda Berg Botbyl, Gerald was born in Grand Haven on October 15, 1935. After his father's death in 1953, Gerald ran the Botbyl Garage on the corner of Washington and Seventh Streets until it closed. Gerald died at the family home at 1320 Sheldon Road in Grand Haven on February 24, 2001. [*Tribune* obituary, February 26, 2001.]

Gerry J. Botbyl [1913-1959]

Gerry Botbyl and his partner Ralph J. Built II started Grand Office Supply in Spring Lake in 1945. Gerry and his wife, Amelia, resided at 114 Maple Terrace in Spring Lake. Gerry was born on August 24, 1913 and died about October 30, 1959. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Jacob J. Botbyl [1885-1919] and Henry John Botbyl [1883- ?]

In the early 1900s Jacob and Henry Botbyl operated the Botbyl Grocery at 534 Jackson. Jacob and his wife, Ethel Rosema, lived at 421 North Sixth Street. Jacob, the son of John and Flora Botbyl of Grand Haven, lived from January 6, 1885 to 1919. Among their children was Jay Botbyl, who was born August 2, 1909, married

Mildred Schouwenaar, and died in Grand Rapids on June 4, 1971.

Henry J. Botbyl [1883-1918]

Born in Grand Haven on September 3, 1883 [1882], Henry was the son of John and Flora Botbyl. In the early 1900s Henry and his brother Jacob operated the Botbyl Grocery at 534 Jackson. On November 30, 1905, Henry married, Grace Alvina Huizenga in Grand Haven. They resided at 520 Monroe. Grace lived from 1886 to 1913 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their daughter, also named Grace Alvina, who lived from 1908 to 1933, was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Henry and his second wife, Anna, resided at 415 North Sixth Street. Henry passed away around November 5, 1918 and was buried with Grace at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John Botbyl [1859-1937]

A native of The Netherlands, where he was born in July, 1859, John Botbyl immigrated to the United States in 1872. His wife, Flora, also a native of Netherlands, came over in 1880. She was born in December, 1863 and passed away in 1912. Their children, all born locally, included Henry, born on September 3, 1883 [1882]; Jacob, born on January 6, 1885; Mary, born in September, 1890; Renie, born in November, 1892; and George, born in August, 1897. Renie married M. Winifred Ambler in Grand Haven on December 31, 1913. Winifred was born in Belleville, Ohio on November 22, 1891 and passed away in Grand Haven on November 21, 1963. John and Flora were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 22, 1963.]

Gerrit Bottema [1902-1984]

Born in December, 1899 [May 31, 1902 [December, 1899] in Spring Lake Township, Gerrit was the son of John and Johanna Bramer Bottema. He was a contractor and builder for many years, Township Supervisor for 36 years, Chairman of the Spring Lake Township Board, Chairman of the Ottawa County Board of Supervisors, and member of Christ Community Church. He owned about 12 acres in Section 23 of Spring Lake Township constructed and maintained a group of cottages at Indian Village, near Stickney Ridge south of Grand Haven. On December 18, 1924 he married Johanna Balgooyen in Spring Lake. Their children included Marvin J., Thelma, Gerald L., and June Bottema, all of Spring Lake. Gerrit died March 24, 1984 at his home at 327 South Lake in Spring Lake. Johanna, the daughter of John and Gertrude Walcott Balgooyen, was born in Spring Lake on June 21, 1903 and died there on April 20, 1986. She and Gerrit were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 24, 1984.] [Note: The 1900 census listed Gerrit's birthdate as December,

1899, but the Social Security Death List and cemetery records cited May 31, 1902.]

John Bottema [Buttuma] [1872-1942]

John, a farmer, was the son of Gerhard Wister and Hermke "Hattie" Debruin Bottema. John was born in Michigan on January 26, 1872 and died on February 22, 1942. He married Johanna Bramer in Spring Lake on February 23, 1898. The daughter of Berend Jan and Fanny Swiftney Bramer, Johanna lived from March, 1875 [1876] to 1903. Their son, Gerrit Bottema, was born in May 31, 1902 and married Johanna Balgooyen. John and Johanna were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Anthony [Antoine/Antonie] Bottje I [1825-1907]

Born in Groningen, Netherlands, on November 14, 1825, Anthony Bottje in 1853 came to America on board the *South Carolina*, went to Chicago, and set sail on the schooner *Pioneer*, bound for Grand Haven. Gerrit Gringhuis I sailed with him. Anthony opened a dry goods and grocery store at 106 Washington, in a building previously occupied by the Ester Price Clothing Company. Anthony's store sold flour, buttons, boots, thread, and whiskey at \$1.25 a gallon—as long as the customer provided his own container. Anthony was a member of the First Reformed Church.

On December 6, 1851 Anthony married Henrietta [Anna] Gringhuis, who was born December 19, 1827 and died April 18, 1894. Gerrit Gringhuis was her brother. Their children were Antoine II, who died October 15, 1952 in Kenosha, Wisconsin; Gerrit A., who was born in 1854 and died June 5, 1942; Derek [Dick], who was born in 1856 and died on February 5, 1910; Henrietta [Henrikje], who was born about 1858 and in 1882 married John [Jan] Roossien of Grand Haven; Harmon, born in 1859; John, born in September, 1861; Peter, who lived from September 13, 1863 to July 16, 1930; Sena, who was born in June, 1866 and died in July, 1933; Anna, Sena's twin, who was Assistant Register of Deeds and died on April 25, 1945; and Jennie, who lived from July 16, 1869 to January 25, 1940. Peter was "crippled" since childhood and after his parents' death was closely confined to the family home at 115 South Fifth Street, which he shared with three sisters and his nephew, Frank, who was County Register of Deeds. Anthony died in Grand Haven on October 17, 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, October 17, 1907 and July 17, 1930.]

Bernard Bottje [1885-1910]

Bernard was born in Grand Haven, January 22, 1885, the son of Richard and Alice Sterenberg Bottje. He was Register of Probate in the office of Judge Kirby. Bernard died at his home on May 8, 1910 and was

buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 9, 1910.]

Derk [Dick] Bottje [1856-1910]

Born in Grand Haven on December 7, 1856 Derk was the son of Anthony [Antoine] Bottje. He was a member of the Yates Light Infantry, Grand Haven's first military organization. In the spring of 1880 Derk started a meat business in Grand Haven with Ed Hollestelle and dealt with nearly every retail meat dealer in the city. He also was listed as "Dealer in Fat Stock" in the 1893 Compendium. Derk served Grand Haven as Marshal and was also a candidate for Sheriff. Bottje was a member of Highland Tent, and K.O.T.M. [Maccabees] of Grand Haven. He married Alice Sterenberg on September 19, 1882. Alice was born in The Netherlands about 1861. Their children, all born in Michigan, included Henrietta, born on July 14, 1881; Bernard, who born on June 23, 1885, died on May 8, 1910, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Anthony [Antonie], born June 24, 1887; Henry, who lived from August 1, 1889 to 1928 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Alice, born about 1892; Jeannette, born about 1896; Richard, who was born April 21, 1899; and Mary. A son Benjamin died May 8, 1910 of consumption. In the early 1900s the family resided at 618 Sheldon Road. Derk died February 4, 1910 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Alice and some of her children continued to live at 618 Sheldon after Derk's death. [*Tribune* obituary, February 6, 1910.]

Edward A. Bottje [1882-1964]

Edward Bottje was born in Grand Haven on April 25, 1882 and died about July 6, 1964 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The son of Gerrit and Elizabeth Van Toll Bottje. Edward worked at his father's hardware store when he was young, but later moved to Milwaukee, where he was Branch Manager of the G. J. Johnson Cigar Company. Edward and his wife, Frances W., were divorced by 1930, still residents of Milwaukee, where at that time he was salesman for an electric sign manufacturing company. Frances, who was born in Iowa on December 10, 1879, in 1930 was Practitioner Reader for the Christian Science Church and she rented rooms. Frances died in Los Angeles, California on April 22, 1965. Edward was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Gerrit A. Bottje [Bottji] [1853-1942]

Gerrit was born October 1, 1853 in Grand Haven. He was the son of Anthony [Antoine] Bottje, who was a native of Groningen, The Netherlands and came to Grand Haven in 1853. Gerrit's siblings included a sister, Mrs John [Jan] Roossien; Derk; Harmon; John; Peter; Anna; Sena; Jennie; and Antoine. In 1867, at the age of 13, Gerrit entered the dry goods trade working for his father. Not long after, with John Dykstra as his partner,

he opened a hardware store at 108 Washington, which later was moved to a building he and John Juistema constructed in 1889 [1887] at 205 Washington. It became one of the largest hardware stores in Grand Haven until Gerrit retired in 1918 and sold the business to Claude Beukema. Gerrit was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886.

Gerrit and his wife, Elizabeth Van Toll, lived at 420 Clinton. Elizabeth, who was born in Michigan in October, 1856 [1855], was the daughter of Adriannus and Johanna Bentley Van Toll. She helped organize the Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Reformed Church. Elizabeth died about February 4, 1949. Among their children were Henrietta, who was born on June 17, 1879; Edward, who was born on April 25, 1882; A. Harry, who was born April 16, 1887 and worked at the hardware store; George, who was born August 10, 1889 and died in Colorado in June, 1974; Clifford, who was born on July 12, 1893, worked at the hardware store in his early years, and died in Grand Rapids on November 18, 1982; and Hazel, who was born on July 1, 1895 and married Victor L. Colson. The Colsons lived at 416 Clinton, next door to the Bottje residence. Will Gay Bottje, once a Grand Haven Township resident, was Gerrit's grandson. Gerrit died about June 5, 1942 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elizabeth passed away around February 7, 1949 and was buried with her husband. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 19, 1894 and May 9, 1910.]

Harmon [Harmen/Harman] Bottje [1859-1951]

Harmon, the son of Anthony and Henrietta Bottje, was born about 1859 in Michigan. On July 1, 1884 in Grand Haven, he married Jennie [Jannie] Elizabeth Starling, who was born in Chicago in 1865 and died on August 3, 1922 in Grand Haven. Their children included at least two sons and one daughter: Harmon II, who was born in Grand Haven on December 25, 1884; William, who was born in Grand Haven on September 10, 1887 and died about July 21, 1966; and Betty who died about October 13, 1916. The Bottjes lived on a 50-acre farm in Section 10 of Grand Haven Township on Lakeshore Drive, just south of Grand Haven. Harmon, who died about April 2, 1951, was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, August 4, 1922.]

Jeanette Bottje [1895-1983]

Jeanette, the daughter of Richard and Alice Sterenberg Bottje, taught history at Grand Haven High School from 1924 to 1955. She lived from October 25, 1895 to January 20, 1983. Jeanette resided in the family home at 618 Sheldon with her sister Mary, who also retired from a career in education. Jeanette was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John Bottje [1861-1935]

John, the son of Anthony and Henrietta Gringhuis Bottje, was born on September 25, 1861 and became a carpenter. He and his wife, Alida Kerkhof, had two children, a boy and a daughter: Frank, who was born on March 31, 1894 and died in Grand Haven on June 12, 1974, and Ruth Angell, who died of bronchitis on October 20, 1913. [Ruth Angell Bottje was not enumerated in the 1900 or 1910 censuses.] Alida, who was born on May 4, 1871, died on July 5, 1895 of "inflammation of the bowels" a few days after Ruth's birth. After his wife's death John resided with his sister and other siblings at the family home at 115 South Fifth. John died August 22, 1935 and was buried with his wife at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Mary Bottje [1897-1985]

Born in Grand Haven on April 25, 1897, Mary was the daughter of Richard and Alice Sterenberg Bottje. Mary received her Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1934. She taught freshmen physical education classes for years. She joined the faculty of Western Michigan College [WMU] in 1926 after teaching from 1921 to 1924 at South Haven and a year at Wyandotte. She wrote two books, "Games for Elementary and Rural Schools," and "Songs for Children." She retired in June, 1956 and was named Associate Professor Emeritus of Physical Education at Western. She was a member of Pi Lambda Theta honorary sorority, served on the Assembly Committee at Western, sponsored the Women's League and was sponsor for the Women's Physical Education Association. She spent summers at Camp Bryn Afon at Rhineland, Wisconsin, supervising summer pageants and regattas and editing and writing the camp papers. She lived in the family home at 618 Sheldon with her sister Jeanette, who also taught at Grand Haven High School. Mary died of "congestive heart failure" on April 13, 1985 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Tribune article, "Western Michigan U. Honors Mary Bottje," May 24, 1957.]

Sena Bottje [1866-1933]

Born in Grand Haven in 1866, the daughter of Anthony [Antoine] Bottje, Sena as a young girl clerked in her father's store, Bottje & Sons, located at 106 Washington. She was a member of the First Reformed Church. For the last 15 years of her life she suffered paralysis and lost her ability to talk because of a stroke. She died in July, 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Tribune obituary, July 31, 1933.]

Arthur P. Bourns [1870-1966]

Arthur Bourns, Pastor of the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church from 1905 to 1910, was born in Illinois in October, 1870. He married Bessie Marion Beach in Austin, Illinois on June 22, 1897. Bessie was born in

Wisconsin around 1871. They had two daughters and three sons, who were born between 1898 and 1908. By 1920 they were residing in Union, Indiana. Bessie passed away in 1944. Arthur died in Cleveland, Ohio on July 17, 1966.

Jacob Bouwman [1869-1897]

Jacob Bouwman, who was born in 1869, died in Grand Haven on April 22, 1897. In the early 1900s his widow, Maggie, and their son Claud resided at 606 Elliott Street. By 1910 she was married to Thomas Ruiter, also of Grand Haven. Maggie, the daughter of William and Anje Helder, was born in November, 1869 and became a nurse. Claud, who was born in August, 1893, worked at American Brass Novelty Company. Jacob was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jacob and Maggie also had a daughter, Anna, who was born in August, 1894.

Carl Taylor Bowen [1890-1957]

About 1918 Carl Bowen, a graduate from the University of Iowa, was hired as engineer-manager of the Ottawa County Road Commission, less than ten years after its formation. His salary, \$5,200 the first year, was increased only \$300 during the next 20 years. Bowen first had worked as City Engineer for Holland and then took a position with the State Highway Department in Lansing before moving to Spring Lake. Carl retired in 1953. A bridge over Petty's Bayou in Spring Lake Township, completed in 1947, was named in honor of Carl's decades of service and in 2000 was designated an Historic Place in the National Register. Carl owned a 39-acre parcel east of Fruitport Road in Section 11 of Spring Lake Township. He and his family had a home on a smaller lot west of Fruitport Road, bordering on Spring Lake. On December 29, 1915 he married Edna Lucille Imhoff, who was born in Iowa on May 3, 1892 and passed away on November 14, 1987. After his death, Edna purchased a house at 110 North Buchanan in Spring Lake. The Bowens had three sons, all born locally and all of whom became engineers: Howard, born about 1917; Paul, born about 1919; and Robert, born about 1924. Carl, who was born in Chariton, Iowa on June 30, 1890, died in San Diego, California, on February 24, 1957 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, where Edna also was buried. He was a member of the Grand Haven Rotary Club, the Grand Haven Stag Club, Masons, Elks, and Spring Lake Presbyterian Church. Willard Bowen of Spring Lake was Carl's brother.

Willard Lincoln Bowen [1905-1952]

An optometrist, Willard Bowen kept an office at 304½ Washington Street in Grand Haven, above the Addison-Pellegrom-Colson furniture store. Willard was born in Chariton, Iowa on June 9, 1905 and died on February 18, 1952. He married Helen Mae Smith on March 5, 1934.

They had at least one child, Roger, who was born about 1936. Carl Bowen of Spring Lake was Willard's brother.

Sherman H. Boyce [1832-1904]

Sherman was born in Dutchess County, New York on February 19, 1832, where his father, John M. Boyce, was born in 1780. His father, a farmer, was of English origin. His mother, Hannah Schofield, was a native of Connecticut and daughter of Jacob Schofield. Sherman was the third of seven children. The only one besides Sherman still living in 1893 was Harvey, who resided in Chenango, New York. Sherman came to Michigan with his sister, Mrs Divine, when he was 11 years old. He made his home with her in Montcalm County until he was 20. In 1852 he moved to Grand Rapids and helped clear the land where Greenville now stands and resided there until the fall of 1866, when he came to Grand Haven. He became connected with the lumber industry when he joined Carlton L. Storrs, and in 1871 he was named Director of the First National Bank of Grand Haven.

In 1872 Sherman became associated with Dr. Stephen Munroe in the firm of Munroe, Boyce & Company in Spring Lake. He was a director and stockholder in the Grand Haven Furniture Company and the Globe Match Company. He was a member of the Democratic Party. In 1896 and 1897 he was Alderman on the Grand Haven City Council. Socially, Sherman was a member of Grand Rapids Lodge No. 34, Free and Accepted Masons, and reached the degree of Knight Templar. He was one of the organizers of the Grand Haven Street Railway Company in 1895.

Sherman married Mary P. Holbrook in Grand Haven on April 10, 1881. The daughter of James and Althea Holbrook, she was born in Muskegon on October 16, 1858 and died about February 12, 1941. The Boyces lived at 326 Franklin Street, next door to the George McBride home at 332. Sherman died about October 22, 1904 in Grand Haven. After his death Mary lived at 1035 Washington Street. He and his wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa County Michigan* and *Tribune* obituaries, August 6, 1936 and February 12, 1941.]

Walter J. Boyd [1895- ?]

A mechanic by trade, Walter Boyd by 1932 had opened Boyd's Garage at 201 Columbus Street. He was born in Fremont, Michigan on November 8, 1895. Prior to opening his own garage, Walter worked as a mechanic at Kooiman Auto Company at 217 South Seventh. He resided at 534 Fulton.

Charles Boyden I [1842-1897]

Born in Onondaga County, New York around 1842, Charles Boyden began selling Soule's Pills in the rural areas of that state. The pills were manufactured by an uncle of Judge Benjamin Soule of Grand Haven. On August 12, 1862, Charles enlisted in the 3rd New York Cavalry, but no further records were located. He came to Grand Haven about 1868 and purchased the Hunting Mill property, which subsequently burned down. In 1871, with Healy C. Akeley as his partner, he started the Boyden & Akeley Shingle and Sawmill on the south side of the Grand River channel between Second and Third Streets. It burnt later that year. They rebuilt the mill and it became the world's largest shingle mill and produced the best known and most popular shingle known at that time. However, this plant, too, burned down in June, 1882. In 1872 Charles constructed for the Thomas Stewart White family the house on the southwest corner of Lafayette and Fifth Streets in Grand Haven [301 South Fifth]. In 1881 [1880] the Grand Haven Lumber Company was organized with Charles as President. He bought out all the shareholders and until 1890, when it closed, he was sole owner. It included three sawmills, one shingle mill, extensive tracts of pinelands, a logging railroad and lumberyards. He became President and Treasurer of the Boyden & Wyman Lumber company at Neelyville, Missouri on Iron Mountain Road, and was heavily involved in the Keystone Land & Cattle company in the Dakotas, which owned over 20,000 acres of hardwood timberlands. He served from 1882 to 1883 on the Grand Haven City Council.

On August 22, 1876 Charles married Jerusha "Inkie" Mitchell, who was a teacher and cousin to Senator Mitchell of Pennsylvania. She was born in New York [Pennsylvania] in January, 1850. The Boydens had two sons, John, who was born in Michigan in September, 1881 and was scheduled to take over his father's business, and Charles II, who was born in 1883. Charles I and his wife also had a daughter, Maud, who married Robert Graham Macfie of Grand Haven. Maud was born in Pennsylvania on August 19, 1868. Charles I was injured at his mill in Neelyville, Missouri, on Saturday, February 20, 1897 and died two days later. A private train returned him to Grand Haven. The impressive Boyden mausoleum in Lake Forest Cemetery has a cap piece of granite, which probably had to be lifted into position by real horse power. [Charles was not interred in the mausoleum until August 26, 1901.] Jerusha continued to live in the family home at 301 South Fifth until her death about August 13, 1913. [*Tribune* article, "Common Council," March 30, 1897, and *Tribune* obituaries, February 23, 1897 and August 13, 1913.]

Charles Boyden II [1883-1960]

Charles, the son of Charles and Jerusha Mitchell Boyden, was born in Grand Haven on July 16, 1883. He

attended Poughkeepsie Military Academy in New York. Around 1900 Charles bought Dwight Lane's Bookstore at 129 Washington. Charles constructed a new building at 222 Washington and moved his book business there. Before 1910 he sold the business to Jack Reichardt. On January 21, 1908 in Kalamazoo Charles married Kate, daughter of John and Lizzie Wiles of Grand Haven. Kate, who was born in March, 1886, died in August, 1913. Charles and Kate resided at the family home at 301 South Fifth Street, until they moved to Indianapolis between 1908 and 1910. Charles and Kate had a son, Charles Boyden III, who was born in Indianapolis around 1909. By 1920 Charles II was a mechanical engineer working and residing in Pasadena, California with his second wife, Lestella, and Charles III. Ten years later he was divorced and living in Los Angeles. He died in Los Angeles on July 17, 1960.

Jacob Boyer [Bayer] [? - ?]

Jacob Boyer [Bayer] was included as a boatman in Rix Robinson's 1829 "Descriptive List of Aliens." Rix, a fur trader in West Michigan, completed the form, as required by law, listing some men who were born in Canada and others who were Half Breed or, in Jacob's case, Mulatto. Nineteen years later, on August 25, 1848, Jacob again appeared in Rix's accounts: "Jacob Boyer commenced work for one year at \$100." In the summer of 1849 several ledger entries showed Jacob owed Rix \$50 for miscellaneous supplies, which was paid off, according to a later entry, "By Labor Miserably endured." Apparently it was Jacob who endured, but in any case Rix was happy enough with the Mulatto's labors to keep him employed for more than two decades, longer than anyone else of record who worked for Rix. No other information about Jacob was found.

James G. Boyes [Boyce] [1837- ?]

Born in New York City on June 5, 1837, James Boyes learned the blacksmithing trade. On December 4, 1863 he enlisted as Private in the New York 7th Heavy Artillery, but there were no further records of his service. By 1870 he had settled in Sections 27 and 33 of Olive Township [later Port Sheldon Township]. James owned 165 acres and engaged in farming and fruit growing. He was married first to Josephine L. Jocelyn on August 2, 1863. Born in New York around 1843, Josephine died May 12, 1877. Their daughter Ann was born in Olive Township about 1871. After Josephine's death, James married Laura A. Calkins [Calkin/Colkins] in Allegan County on November 20, 1877. Laura was born in Pennsylvania on January 13, 1849.

Bernard Boyink II [1913-1976]

Born in Muskegon on May 19, 1913, Bernard Boyink moved with his family to Grand Haven when he was just six months old. His parents were Bernard "Red" and

Gertrude Stang Boyink. Bernard was the first Grand Haven Community Center Director, a position he held for the ten years prior to his death. Bernard also was official scorekeeper for 23 years for all basketball games at Grand Haven High School, and he was the "down marker" at home football games for over 20 years. Bernard was the area representative for West Michigan Sound Company. He was a veteran member of the Buccaneer Banquet Committee. On October 16, 1936 he married Charlotte Moll. They a son, Rick, and another son, Brent, who was born March 14, 1940 and died March 26, 1993. The family lived at 511 South Griffin. Bernard died on July 4, 1976 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, Community says "Thanks to Bernie," March 18, 1976.]

Henry Gerrit Boyink [1868-1941]

Born in Grand Haven in May, 1868, Henry was the son of John Albert and Sena Boyink. Henry started as a blacksmith in Spring Lake, but in 1897 moved to Grand Haven, where he opened a blacksmith shop at the corner of Seventh and Fulton Streets. Around 1922 Henry joined Jack Biehl as co-owners of Square Drug Store at 635 Fulton. Henry married Henrietta Boss in Grand Haven on August 20, 1891. They lived above the drugstore from the early 1900s into the late 1920s. Henrietta was born in The Netherlands in December, 1872. A daughter, Sena J., was born in February, 1892. Henry died about August 6, 1941 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John Albert Boyink [Bojenk] I [1825-1899]

Born in Gelderland, Netherlands on February 16, 1825, John Boyink came to America about 1856. He was classified as a laborer in the 1870 census. John was a member of the First Reformed Church in Grand Haven. He married Sena Johanna Terbeek. They had three sons: Barnard [Barney], who was born in The Netherlands in 1854 and died about September 3, 1915; Henry [Gerrit], born in Michigan around 1868 and John II, born in Grand Haven on July 24, 1865. They also had a daughter, Jennie, born about 1875 in Grand Haven. Jennie married Orrie Vander Meidne of Grand Haven. John I died September 10, 1899 at his home in Grand Haven. Sena was born July 25, 1826 in The Netherlands and died October 5, 1905. Both Boyinks and Barney were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 11, 1899.]

John Albert Boyink II [1865-1910]

Born in Grand Haven on July 24, 1865 the son of John Albert and Sena Johanna Boyink, John II in the early 1900s owned a bottling company located at 13 South First Street in Grand Haven. He also ran the Health Office Saloon at 24 Washington. In 1893 he married Margaret "Maggie" Golden, who was born March 15,

1873 and died December 8, 1927. They had at least five children: Howard, born in July, 1897; William Patrick Henry Joseph, who was born on April 11, 1899 and died about February 12, 1972; Albert, who was born October 15, 1905 and died in Grand Haven on December 21, 1993; Margaret, who was born about 1908; and Sena. The family lived at 24 Washington. In the early 1900s the Boyinks resided at 516 Madison., but when John died on April 11, 1910 he was living on Washington Street. John II was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, April 12, 1910.]

Paul John Boyink [1914-1996]

A graduate of Hope College and the University of Michigan, Paul Boyink was born in Grand Haven on September 14, 1914. His parents were Gerrit J. and Ethel Boyink of Grand Haven. Paul was high school principal and coach at Whitehall for four years, taught high school science at Fremont, and taught science and coached at Spring Lake high school for three years before being appointed Principal of the Junior High School. On December 20, 1940 he married Dorothy, daughter of Henry and Nana Casemier. She was born in Grand Haven about 1919. The Boyinks had four children: Judy, who married Mike Ferrell of Pittsburgh; Barbara, who married Jim Boelkins of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania; Doug, who became a physician in Augusta, Maine; and Nanette, who married David Beall of North Leeds, Maine. The Boyink family resided at 159611 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven Township, and attended the First Reformed Church in Spring Lake and later Christ Community Church. Paul was a member of the Spring Lake Business and Professional Association, Michigan Education Association, Michigan Secondary School Principals' Association, National Secondary School Principals' Association, Tri-Cities Officials' Organization, and Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. He retired in 1976 as Assistant Superintendent of Ottawa Area Intermediate Schools. Paul died in Grand Haven on September 10, 1996. [*Tribune* articles, "New Junior High Fulfills Dreams," November 27, 1959, Area Foundation Member Appointed," February 13, 1974, and "Boyinks to Celebrate 50th," December 19, 1990.]

Richard Boyink [1881-1938]

Richard Boyink was born in Grand Haven on April 17, 1881 and became a carpenter and cabinet maker. He married Agnes Bolthouse in 1900. They resided at 1125 Fulton Street. Agnes, who was born in January, 1880, died in 1937 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Dick died December 30, 1938 and was buried with his wife.

Charles Augustus Boyle [1907-1959]

Charles Boyle was born in Spring Lake on August 13, 1907. He moved to Illinois, where he was elected Representative to Congress in 1955. On November 4, four years later, he was killed in an automobile accident in Chicago. Charles was buried at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, Illinois.

Ruel William [William Ruel] Boynton [1855-1927]

Ruel W. Boynton was a member of the first class to graduate from Grand Haven High School in 1876. He evidently used both names, Ruel W. and William Ruel. Born in New York State [Maine] in March, 1855, Ruel was the son of William and Mary Pratt Boynton, who moved from New York to Grand Haven. About 1890 Ruel married Iva Rose Reed, who was born in September, 1873 in Coopersville. Her parents were Theophilus M. and Rose Adna Roath Reed of Coopersville. Ruel was Inspector at the Challenge Refrigerator Company. He and Iva resided at 521 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. Iva died in 1916 and Ruel in 1927. They had three children: Jay; Roselyn "Rose," who was born in March, 1891; and Mabel, who was born in April, 1893 and died in Grand Haven on July 2, 1932. Ruel, Iva, and Mabel were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Mary Boynton.

Ruel William Boynton I [1821-1927]

A native of Liberty, Maine, where he was born in December, 1821, William Boynton came to Michigan in 1844 and arrived in Grand Haven in 1868 to open a law office. He died about December 1, 1927 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1846 he married Mary Pratt, who was born in Niagara County, New York. She lived from May 24, 1823 to June 29, 1895 and also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children included Henry, who was born in 1847; Milo, who was born in June, 1850 and died in Muskegon on September 1, 1918; Esther, who was born in 1853 in Allegheny County, New York; Ruel II, who was born in Allegheny County, New York, in 1855; and Mabel, who was born in December, 1858 and married Herman Harbeck of Grand Haven. Milo, an attorney, married Emma, the daughter of Maria Brigham.

Albert P. Braak [1909-1985]

Born in Spring Lake on March 4, 1909, Albert was the son of Jacob and Jennie Braak. He was the owner and operator of Braak's Bakeries since the 1940s. He was a member of the Second Reformed Church and, before that, the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church. He was a member of Gideons, Western Michigan Bakers Association, Tri-Cities Ministries Forum, and the Spring Lake Business and Professional Association. Braak served on the North Ottawa Council on Aging, delivered Meals on Wheels, volunteered for the Red Cross Blood

Bank, was involved in Boy Scouting, and belonged to the Chamber of Commerce and Y.M.C.A.

On June 17, 1931 Albert married Kathryn Ruiter, who was born December 27, 1910 and died in Florida on January 31, 1976. Their children were Joyce, who married Roy Overway; Ronald, whose wife's name was Dorah; and Jack, who, with his wife, Judy, moved to Doylestown, Pennsylvania. On July 17, 1982 Albert married Katherine De Young. He died December 22, 1985 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 23, 1985.]

Arnold Braak [1906-1970] and Louise Ellingen Braak [1912-1999]

Arnold Braak was born in Spring Lake on October 2, 1906. He and his brother, Reynard Braak, ran the family bakery in Spring Lake after their father's death in 1949. They were the sons of Jacob and Jennie Reenders Braak, the founder of the bakery.

In 1934 Arnold married Louise Caroline Augusta, the oldest child of Mary and August Ellingen of Grand Haven. Louise was born in 1912. Arnold and Louise owned and operated Braak's Bakery in Spring Lake for many years, and then managed Christian Haven Nursing Home, where Louise continued to work until retiring in 1978. Arnold died in July, 1970, and 15 years later Louise married Raymond Streeting of Muskegon. Raymond died in 1995. Louise was a member of the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church, where she served as an elder, deacon, Sunday school teacher, and participated in the Women's Association and scouting program. One of her four children, Charles, died in 1997. The others were Richard, of Chico, California, Larry, and Mary Nash. Louise died on January 19, 1999.

Jacob Braak [1882-1950]

Jacob Braak was born in Friesland, The Netherlands, on June 19, 1882, and became a baker's apprentice there. He came to America in 1899. After a brief stay in Grand Rapids, he bought a bakery in Chicago on June 1, 1901, when he was only 18. He returned to The Netherlands to fulfill his military obligation, but was excused from service. On his way back to Chicago, he visited his friend, John Ver Kuyl, in Spring Lake, who happened to need a baker at that time. He sold his Chicago bakery in February, 1902 and went right to work in Spring Lake. After two unsuccessful starts in Grand Haven, in June, 1903 he started the Spring Lake Bakery, located in the Reender's Building at 110 West Savidge. Jacob worked in the bakery by day and at the Holland Honey Cake Company in the city of Holland at night, until he got his bakery business established and renamed it Braak's Bakery. Jacob opened another store in Centertown Grand Haven in 1926. He retired in October, 1941 and

turned the business over to his sons. They opened a store in downtown in 1953, started another one in Fruitport in 1958, and opened a third store on Robbins Road in 1965. They sold the business in 1990. Jacob originated the secret recipe for his famous "Town Talk" cookies that he preferred to cut by hand. He was active in the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church and in the Boy Scouts.

On March 2, 1904 in Ottawa County, Jacob married Jennie Reenders. Jennie, born in March, 1877, was a clerk in the same shop as her husband. She was the daughter of Reender and Martje Brongersma Reenders of Spring Lake. Jacob and Jennie had eight children, all born in Michigan: Sidney, born in 1904; Arnold R., born in 1906; Martha I., born about 1906; Albert, born in 1909; Christine, born about 1912; Reynard, born in 1914; Ida, who was born October 23, 1915, married Ray Streeting of Muskegon, and died on February 18, 1984; and Lola, who married Elsbet Cummins of Ferrysburg. The Braaks built and lived in the house at 212 Prospect. Jennie died on December 30, 1944. Jacob was married a second time, on January 19, 1949, to Mrs Leonora Johnson of Ferrysburg. He died on January 25, 1950, five years after his first wife, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* article "Jacob Braak, Bakery Pioneer is Taken," January 26, 1950 and *Citizens Historical Association*, October 11, 1941.]

Reynard E. "Ray" Braak [1914-1999]

Reynard Braak was born in Spring Lake on July 13, 1914, and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1934. He and his brother, Arnold, ran the family bakery in Spring Lake after their father's death in 1949. They were the sons of Jacob and Jennie Reenders Braak, the founder of the bakery. Reynard was a member of the Spring Lake Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and elder. Braak was the first Boy Scout in Spring Lake to receive the Eagle Scout Award with Troop 14. Reynard and his wife, Margaret D. Rank, were married on February 14, [September 29], 1937. Margaret was born about 1916 and died in Grand Haven on June 23, 1903. Their children were a daughter, Daneen Braak, who lived in Three Rivers, Michigan, and a son, James, who moved to Grand Rapids. Reynard died in Spring Lake on February 14, 1999. Margaret died on June 23, 2003. The daughter of August and Elsie Burnhouse Rank, Margaret was born in Grand Haven on February 1, 1916. [*Tribune* obituary, January 30, 2003.]

Elmer E. Bradway [1868-1934]

Born in Milwaukee on July 20, 1868, Elmer Bradway worked for more than 30 years as a steward on lake and ocean ships. He moved to Grand Haven about 1906, where he was employed as a cook. He and his wife,

Barbara L. Boomsluiters, lived at 507 North Fifth Street. Barbara, the daughter of Captain George and Sarah Boomsluiters, was born in Grand Haven on December 2, 1872 and died there about November 10, 1963. Elmer died around January 10, 1934 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was his wife.

Daniel J. Brady II [1929-1996]

Born in Grand Haven on March 9, 1929, Daniel was the son of Daniel and Susan Hiler Brady. His brother, Duane Brady, founded Welded Products in 1942 and Kip Equipment in 1959. Young Daniel served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a millwright for Oldberg Mfg., and he was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the V.F.W. He married Beverly J. Baars on April 23, 1955 in Spring Lake, and they had a son, Mark. Daniel died on January 10, 1996 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 11, 1996.]

Duane T. Brady [1914-2003]

In 1942, Duane Brady founded Welded Products with James B. Scott as his partner. They sold the company to Krug International in 1969. Duane also started Kip Equipment in Grand Haven in 1959. Duane was born in Grand Haven on October 3, 1914, to Daniel and Sylvia Hilder Brady. He married Mollie I. Murphy on January 20, 1940 in Three Rivers. Duane was a member of the Spring Lake Country Club, Knights of Columbus, and Elks. He attended St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spring Lake. He and Mollie had a son, Tom, of Muskegon. Duane died in Muskegon on February 16, 2003 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 18, 2003.]

Thomas Brady [1815-1883]

Born in 1815, Thomas Brady came to Ottawa County from Goederich, Ontario, Canada in 1857 and continued farming. In 1845 in Goederich he married Bridget Morrissey, who was born in January, 1830 [1823] in Ireland and migrated to Canada at age one. Not long after the Bradys' arrival in Spring Lake, Thomas was hired as Foreman to supervise construction of the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad, being extended from Grand Rapids to Grand Haven at that time. At the same time, Bridget managed a boarding house at the northeast corner of Exchange and Division Streets, later known as the Rideout House. After completion of the railroad, Thomas was hired as watchman for Hunter Savidge. Eventually the Bradys were able to buy acreage on 144th Avenue in Spring Lake Township, where they built a house and started a farm.

The Bradys were members of the Catholic Church of Spring Lake. They had nine surviving children: Ann, who was born in 1846 and married Michael Shoemaker

of Spring Lake; James H. of Spring Lake, who lived from March, 1864 [1865] to 1929; Mary, who was born in 1867 and married Anthony Quinton of Crockery Township; Julia, who lived from 1868 to 1942, taught school in Crockery Township, and was Principal at Agnew School when she retired; Michael and Mrs Duane Campbell, both of Manistee; Thomas, who was born in 1870 and settled in Traverse City; John [Joseph] who in 1882 worked for White, Friant & Company Lumber Mill in Nortonville; and Margaret "Maggie," who was born in August, 1874 and married John Walsh of Berlin [Marne]. John apparently died prior to his mother in 1909. Thomas died July 3, 1883, and his wife passed away on July 14, 1909. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 16, 1909.]

William H. Brady I [1829- ?]

Born in Canada in August, 1829, William Brady and his wife, Emma [Alice Emma], settled in Robinson Township about 1866. Emma, also a native of Canada, was born in May, 1840. Their children were William II, born in Canada in July, 1859; John A., born in November, 1863 in Canada; and a foster son, George A. Hitsman, born on October 1, 1873 in Michigan. George remained in Robinson Township. William I and his son John took over Oliver Whitney's general store in Robinson Village in the 1890s. Around the same time William I owned an 80-acre in Section 14 of Robinson and John had a 40-acre farm in Section 15. John eventually moved to Cheboygan, Michigan.

William H. Brady II [1859-1930]

William, the son of William and Emma Brady, was born in Canada in July, 1859 and came with his family to the Grand Haven area when he was seven years old. He lived for many years in Robinson Township with his parents and then started out on his own as a farmer on 40 acres in Section 16. Around 1920 he moved to Grand Haven and was employed as a laborer. He resided at 525 Elliott Street. William died around February 20, 1930, when he fell off a city truck and on to the newly laid pavement of Harbor Drive. On April 2, 1889 he married Mariah, the daughter of Andrew Logan of Robinson Township. The Bradys' children, all born locally, included Owen, born in February, 1892; Lafayette, born in June, 1894; Nancy T., who was born in April, 1897 and married Henry Borchers of Detroit; and William III, born about 1901. William III and Lafayette moved to Grand Haven. William II was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. Mariah was born in Michigan in November, 1867 and died in Robinson Township in 1955. [*Tribune* obituary, February 20, 1930.]

Berend Jan "John" Bramer I [Bremer] [1849-1922]

Born in The Netherlands [Prussia] on July 9, 1849, John was the son of Jan Hendrik and Janna Van Wieren Bramer. On December 27, 1872 John married Fenne "Fanny" Swavink [Zwavink/Swiftney] in Spring Lake. Fanny, also a native of The Netherlands [Prussia], immigrated to the United States in 1872. She was born on December 22, 1846, the daughter of Jan and Ale Nijhof Zwafink [Swavink]. The Bramers owned a 125-acre farm in Section 9 of Spring Lake Township. Their children, all born in Michigan, were John Hendrick, who was born on December 12, 1873 in Ferrysburg and died about six months later; Johanna, who was born about 1875 and married John Bottema of Spring Lake; John Hendrick [Henry John], born in November, 1876 and died at the age of five; Albert, born on October 18, 1878 and died at the age of three; Jennie, who was born in 1880, married Jan "John" Miskotten [Miskett] about 1900, and died on January 1, 1946 in Holland; John II, who was born in 1883; Alice, who was born on February 6, 1884, married Marion Daniels, and died in Spring Lake on June 3, 1972; Frederick, who was born on October 7, 1886; and Harry, who was born on February 25, 1890. John passed away in 1922 and Fanny five years later. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Berend Jan "John" Bramer II [1883-1945]

Born in 1883 in Ferrysburg, John II was the son of John and Fanny Swiftney Bramer. On November 6, 1901 John II married Maggie Yonker. Maggie, the daughter of William and Martje "Mary" Yonker, was born in Spring Lake on September 3, 1881 and died in Spring Lake on July 2, 1962. The Bramers had four children: Bernard John, who was born on February 22, 1902, married Dorothy Dietz [May 8, 1901 to July 21, 1967], and died on November 1, 1972 in Ferrysburg; Martha, who was born on May 21, 1904, married Arthur Vander Linde [September 11, 1903 to January 29, 1973], and died in Little Rock, Arkansas in November, 1976; William Frederick, who was born on April 10, 1909, married Amy Edith Kuck [April 19, 1912, and died in Spring Lake on June 29, 1990]; and Fannie, who was born on August 3, 1911, married Jay K. Teunis [born in 1911], and died in Spring Lake on March 15, 1999. John died in Spring Lake in 1945 and Maggie passed away on July 2, 1962, also in Spring Lake.

Frederick Bramer [1886-1936]

Frederick, the son of Berend Jan and Fanny Bramer, was born in Ferrysburg in 1886 and died in Spring Lake on December 15, 1936. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. About 1910 he married Elsie Bosch [Bush], who was born in The Netherlands in 1888, the daughter of Roelof and Annijen Bosch. The Bramers owned 180 acres of farmland in Section 8 of Spring Lake Township. Their children were Fannie, who was born in 1910 and married Allie Wilcox, who lived from April 5, 1905 to

December, 1980; Anna [Ann], who was born in 1912 and married William J. Kieft, who lived from August 25, 1909 to March 8, 1982; Jeannie A., who was born in 1914 and married George Bishop, who lived from May 25, 1912 to May 24, 1989; Bernard John, who was born on May 2, 1915, married Beatrice Barney, and died in Coopersville on April 1, 1975; Ralph, who was born on August 6, 1917, married Eunice Vander Wall, and died in Spring Lake on August 25, 1993; and Elsie, who was born about 1920 and married William Mattison.

Harry Bramer [1890-1960]

Harry, the son of Berend Jan "John" and Fanny Swiftney Bramer, was born on February 25, 1890 in Spring Lake Township. On February 8, 1911 in Spring Lake he married Alice Ruiter, who was born on October 15, 1890 in Ottawa County and died on June 21, 1964. Harry and Alice owned a 95-acre farm in Section 8 of Spring Lake Township. Their daughter Fanny was born in 1918. She married Russell Bosch, who was born on March 30, 1919 and died in Spring Lake May 26, 1998. The Bramers' son Lawrence was born on June 20, 1921, married Betty Visser, and died in Spring Lake on January 6, 1984. A second daughter, Sadie R., was born about 1925 and married Donald Jeske, a Spring Lake attorney. Harry passed away on July 21, 1960 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Alice.

John Bramer I [1849-1922]

See Berend Jan "John" Bramer I.

William Frederick Bramer [1909-1990]

Born on April 10, 1909 in Spring Lake, William was the son of John and Maggie Yonker Bramer. William was employed as a sheet metal worker at Bastian-Blessing and retired in 1974. He was a member of the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church and former member of the Spring Lake Township Board and township fire department. On December 8, 1938, in Grand Haven, he married Amy Edith Kuck, who was born April 19, 1912. Their children were William of Holland, Gerald of Spring Lake, and Jim of Ferrysburg. In 1928 the older William helped build the North Shore Road for access to the United States Coast Guard Station. William died June 29, 1990 at his home in Ferrysburg and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 30, 1990.]

Carl Edgar Brandon [1883-1961]

Born on June 11, 1883 in Defiance County, Ohio, Carl was the son of Francis Lambert and Mary [Eva May] Lower Brandon, who were married in that county on February 27, 1881. Carl was employed in Kimmell, Indiana by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad as a telegraph operator, between 1900 and 1904. He worked in Chicago from 1904 to 1907, then for the Great Northern

Railroad for the next two years, and various other railroads until 1917 when he was made telegraph operator for the Grand Trunk Railroad in Grand Haven. Beginning in 1933 he was agent for the company. Carl was a member of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, Elks, Citizens Historical Association, and the Baptist Church. On May 20, 1911 he married Cora Manting, who was born in Holland, Michigan, on January 31, 1888, the daughter of Dr. Albert and Mary [Maria] Loker Manting. The Brandons had no children. Carl died June 25, 1961. [*Citizens Historical Association*, September 27, 1941.]

Ewald C. Braun [1894-1930]

On December 11, 1915 in Grand Haven, Ewald Braun married Frieda [Freda] Pofahl. Ewald was born in 1894, died in 1930, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Frieda was born on October 21, 1896 and died in Grand Haven on May 24, 1979. Ewald and Frieda had several children, all born in Grand Haven, including Carl, born on July 25, 1916; James C., who lived from 1920 to 1922 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, and Frederick, who was born on August 1, 1925, died around August 31, 1943, and was buried at Lake Forest. Ewald was a metal polisher. After his death in 1930, Frieda married Charles Rudershausen, who had been a roomer at the Braun house.

James Pease Brayton [1847-1912]

James was the son of James Colgrove and Julia Ann Barnard Brayton. James Colgrove Brayton was born in 1814 and died on September 2, 1892. Julia was born about 1816 in New York. James and Julia were married in Monroe County, Michigan on September 30, 1838. Son James was born in Aztalon, Wisconsin, on November 23, 1847. His father bought 240 acres in that state between 1840 and 1848. James and Julia parents returned to Michigan when their son was 15 years old and eventually settled in Grand Haven. The father was a civil engineer and surveyor, and for some years he was the surveyor for Ottawa County. One of his charts was reproduced on page 317 of Lillie's *Historic Grand Haven*. James the son went to Apalachicola, Florida, in 1877, where he continued the lumber business he had started in Ludington with T. R. Lyons. He maintained an office in Chicago, but returned to Grand Haven in 1899.

In 1872, a year after their wedding, James and his wife, Mary Samantha "Minnie," daughter of Clark and Samantha Taylor Albee, bought a piece of land near Lake Michigan for \$495. The next year they built a cottage and gave it the name Khardomah, which either was a Native American word meaning Happy Home or the name of a local Indian chief. The Braytons and their daughters, Mary and Louise, enjoyed their summer

residence for many years. Also in 1873 Second Street was extended from Clinton Street to the east side of the Lake Michigan dunes and named Lake Avenue. Daughter Louise was born in 1874 and Mary was born in Michigan in 1878. Minnie, who was born about 1852 in Michigan, died in Apalachicola, Florida on August 1, 1880. On January 24, 1884, James married Emma Marett Sanford of Grand Haven. She was born in Akron, Ohio on August 6, 1849. The daughter of Isaac and Mary Stanton Sanford, Emma was born in Akron, Ohio on August 6, 1849. James was a member of the original Grand Haven Concert Band, formed in 1868, and he was a Mason. He died on January 25, 1912 and was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Grand Rapids Township, Kent County. Emma Brayton sold Khardomah for \$2,000 on January 10, 1919 to Susan Hill Yerkes, who was head mistress at Akeley Academy for Girls. Emma remained a part of the community, and in 1907 she delivered to the Grand Haven Woman's Club a paper titled "Early Days in Grand Haven."

Charles L. Breckon [Brecken] [1858- ?]

A second area newspaper named *Grand Haven News* was established by Charles Breckon in November, 1894. It appeared weekly until July of the next year, when the *Daily News* was formed. Both newspapers leaned toward Republican policies. On May 5, 1880 in Muscatine, Iowa, he married Mary Elizabeth Cunningham, who subsequently worked with him. Mary was born in Muscatine about 1859. They had at least three children: Annie M. born in Muscatine, Iowa about 1881, Mabel L, who was born in Chicago on April 11, 1884 and died in Dallas Texas on August 9, 1947, and Charles Harry, born in Chicago on January 6, 1890. Charles the father had spent 12 years with the *Chicago Herald* before coming to Grand Haven. He returned to Chicago, and in 1903 was an unsuccessful candidate for mayor of the city, running on the Socialist ticket. The next year Charles was State Representative to the Socialist Party Convention. He was born September, 1858 in Illinois.

Louis [Lutje] Bredehoft [Bredehoeft] II [1840-1928]

Louis Bredehoft was born in Hannover, Germany, on July 15, 1840. His parents were Lutje and Anna Margaretha Ehlers Bredehoft of Hannover. Louis II came to Grand Haven in 1866 [1867] as a mill worker. On November 15, 1869, he and Metha [Metta] "Martha" Lutze were married in Grand Haven. She was born in Germany in October, 1845, died in Grand Haven Township on November 17, 1885, and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Their children, all born in Grand Haven Township, were Louis III, born in November, 1871; Annie, born on May 8, 1872; Hendrick, born on July 18, 1874; Catherine, born on August 24, 1876; Frederick Martin, born on June 14,

1878; John Theodore, who was born on December 17, 1880, married Matilda Pearl Puglsey on November 7, 1906, and died in Coopersville on December 14, 1967; Carl William, born on June 24, 1883; and an unnamed child, who was born on November 17, 1885 and died as an infant. After Martha's death, Louis married Augusta F. Lueke in Ottawa County on December 29, 1887. Augusta, a native of Posen, Germany, was born April 29, 1855. Her parents were Ludwig and Rosalie Lueke. Louis and Augusta had several children: Franklin, born in November, 1889; Albert, born in November, 1891; Lorenz, born in April, 1893; and Charles, born in December, 1898.

Between 1876 and 1897 Louis purchased 40 acres of farmland at 13699 Lakeshore Drive, a flat area just south of Rosy Mound in Grand Haven Township. In 1874 Louis took ownership of 90 acres of Lake Michigan frontage in Sections 8 and 17, which he sold in early 1920 to Alvin and Carlotta Ewing.

Louis and Augusta had four sons, all born in Grand Haven Township: Franklin Louis II, born November 7, 1888, died in Woodland, California on September 6, 1965, and was buried at Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, California; Albert Theodore, born on November 2, 1890 and died on July 18, 1968; Lawrence Arthur, born April 20, 1893 and died in Missouri in June, 1973; and Carl, born December 12, 1897 and died February 28, 1932. Lawrence served in the military during WWI and was injured by gunshot wounds in both legs. Louis died August 15, 1928 and Augusta died in Grand Rapids on November 2, 1945. Both were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

Louis Bredehoft III [1888-1965]

The son of Louis and Augusta Lueke Bredehoft, Louis III was born in Grand Haven Township on November 7, 1888. He was farming at 16865 Lincoln Street by 1912 on 40 acres of land, previously owned by one of the Behms. Louis later bought from Henry Bierman an adjacent 40 acres to the north. He married Louise, a daughter of Henry Bierman. One of Louis's sons, Harold, was born on January 16, 1914 and died October 25, 1978. Harold and his family occupied the property on Lincoln Street. The Bredehoft farmhouse on Lincoln Street, with barns and sheds intact, was still occupied in 2002 by Harold's daughter, Mary Jane Bredehoft Pyle. Louis and Louise also had a daughter, Martha, born about 1911.

Lawrence Breitels I [1868-1942]

Lawrence Breitels was born in Chicago, Illinois in October, 1868, died about August 3, 1942, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On December 25, 1895 in Grand Haven, he married Matilda. The daughter of Gustave and Augusta Hubert of Grand Haven, she lived

from June, 1875 to about December 28, 1933 and also was buried at Lake Forest. With Nels Fisher, Lawrence owned the Grand Haven Coal & Dock Company at 117 South Harbor. It carried coal, fuel oil, and a "COMPLETE LINE OF BUILDERS' SUPPLIES." A son, Arnold, was born on July 29, 1897 and died shortly after birth. Another son, Louis II, was born on May 4, 1899. A third son, Richard A., was born in 1901 and married Pearl R. Swiftney in Grand Haven on May 1, 1919. Richard was organist at the Robin Hood Theater. The family resided at 331 Elliott.

Louis Henry Breitels [Breidels] I [1899-1983]

Louis, the son of Lawrence and Matilda Breitels, was born in Grand Haven on May 4, 1899. As a young man, Louis worked at Keller Tool Company and later he was employed by Nathaniel Robbins. In 1936 with Nelson Fisher as his partner, he took over his father's business, Grand Haven Coal & Dock at 117 South Harbor Drive. Louis served as Grand Haven Alderman from 1947 to 1953. On September 15, 1920 in Grand Haven, Louis married Harriet, the daughter of John and Dena Fisher of Grand Haven. Harriet was born on February 8, 1899 and died in Grand Haven on June 10, 1990. A daughter, Gwendolyn, was born about 1922. Another daughter, Sylvia Maxine, was born in Grand Haven on June 8, 1923. She married Leslie Vink on December 10, 1943. He died on May 10, 2003, and Sylvia passed away in Grand Haven on March 23, 2011. They also had a son, Louis F., who was born about 1927 and became Assistant Manager of the family business. Louis I died in Grand Haven on September 3, 1983. He and Harriet were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Breitels family resided at 214 North Fourth Street and later at 704 Pennoyer. [*Tribune* obituary, March 28, 2011.]

John Brems [Breems] [1835-@1924]

Born in Germany in May, 1835, John Brems immigrated to Bloomfield, Illinois in 1852 and then to Robinson Township, where by 1900 he owned a farm. By 1918 the farm had grown to 600 acres, with additional acreage in Sections 10, 22, 23, and 26, as well as within the Village of Robinson. On August 15, 1862, John enlisted as Private in Company L of the 105th Illinois Infantry. Two years later he was transferred to the 1st U.S. Engineers. His date of discharge was not recorded. His wife, Willamena [Wilhelmine], applied for a widow's Civil War pension on November 13, 1924, presumably not long after her husband's death. Willamena was born in April, 1847, also in Germany, and came to the United States in 1862. Their children, all born in Illinois, were Charles H., born in May, 1876; Arthur, born in October, 1880; Emma, born in April, 1883; and William, born in May, 1888.

Deane Brengle [1928-2000]

Deane was born on March 8, 1928, in Highland Park, Michigan, the son of Deane R. and Hazel McClay Brengle. He served in the 43rd Infantry during the Korean War and moved to the Grand Haven area from Princeton, New Jersey, about 1983. Deane was co-owner of the Dee Lite and Thymes Three Restaurants in Grand Haven, Health Hutts in Grand Haven and Muskegon, and Mail Boxes Etc., also in Grand Haven. He was a member of the Grand Haven Zoning Board of Appeals, the Grand Haven Central Business Downtown Development Association, Ducks Unlimited, and the National Rifle Association. Deane's children, all residents of Michigan, were Martha Bultema of Lowell; Deane R., of Belding; and Gary of Sand Lake. Deane died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound on September 24, 2000.

Harold [1920-2010] and Bernice Bender Bretschneider [1925-2003]

Harold, the son of Henry and Alice Braun Bretschneider, was born in Grand Haven on January 7, 1920. He graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1937 and served with the Army during WW II. Harold married Bernice Bender in Belleville on October 5, 1946. Bernice was born on August 7, 1925 in Belleville, Illinois, the daughter of August C. and Mattie E. Detienne Bender. For over 30 years Bernice helped run her husband's business, Bretschneider Photography Studio at 735 Washington. She also was employed for more than years at Pfaff Pharmacy and retired at the age 75. Bernice and Harold's children were Bett, who married Loren Carlson of Grand Haven, and Doug C. Bretschneider. Bernice died in Grand Haven on August 24, 2003 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Harold passed away in Grand Haven on June 22, 2010 and buried with his wife. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven and the American Legion. He was an active volunteer with the Tri-Cities Historical Museum, and he served on the Ottawa County Sheriff Reserve for more than 20 years. [*Tribune* obituaries, August 25, 2003 and June 23, 2010.]

Charles Brian [1871-1970]

Charles Brian owned a dry cleaners business, located at 13 North Second Street in Grand Haven. He and his wife Nellie lived in an apartment above the business. Both Charles and Nellie were born in Michigan, Charles on April 17, 1871 and Nellie about 1877. Charles died in Grand Haven about September 3, 1970. Nellie passed away around January 18, 1963. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Egbert Leonard Briggs [1856-1933]

Born in Macomb County, Michigan in December, 1856, Egbert L. Briggs was Superintendent of Grand Haven Schools prior to 1900. From 1900 on he was an

insurance agent. Egbert died in Toledo, Ohio of a thrombosis on May 4, 1933 and was buried at Forest Hill Cemetery in Ann Arbor. On December 23, 1884 in Washtenaw County, Egbert married Nellie E. Holmes. Nellie, who was born in Washtenaw County, lived from November, 1861 to July 2, 1950 and was buried at Forest Hill with her husband. They had four daughters, all born in Michigan: Helen C., born in Eaton Rapids in July, 1886; Harriet A., born in January, 1893; Lucille, born in September, 1895; and Dorothy, born about 1902.

Francis W. Briggs [1826-1891]

While a resident of La Porte, Indiana, Francis Briggs on August 16, 1862 enlisted as Private in Company B of the 73rd Indiana Infantry. He was mustered out on January 2, 1863 and subsequently relocated to Olive Township, although he was listed as a carpenter in Spring Lake in the 1880 census. His wife, Sarah M., applied for a widow's Civil War pension on January 16, 1893, more than a year after Francis's death on December 23, 1891. He was born in New York on January 6, 1826. Sarah was born on November 26, 1829 in Pennsylvania. Both were buried at Olive Township Cemetery. A daughter, Hattie M., was born about 1866 in Indiana.

Lester C. Brinkert [1905-1997]

Born November 12, 1905, Les was the son of Charles Henry and Eugenia Kramer Brinkert of Grand Haven, who were married on October 23, 1901. Charles was the son of John Henry and Minnie Brinkert and Eugenia was the daughter of Friedrich A. and Augusta Behm Kramer. Les started as a deck hand on the Corps of Engineers' dredge *General Meade* when he was 16, serving under his uncle, Captain Charles A. Richter of Grand Haven. By 1930 he was serving as third mate on a Corps of Engineers dredge. Les remained with the Corps the remainder of his working life, and was the last person to command the *General Meade* when it was decommissioned in 1947. A sister ship, the *General Burton*, replaced the *General Meade*, and it, too, was commanded by Les from 1947 to 1949. Les then took over his third command, this time the *General Peter Connover Haines*, from 1949 to 1961. Les retired in January, 1961. He died in Grand Haven on November 12, 1997 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His residence was at 1132 Harbor Drive.

James A. Brittan [Britton/Brittain] [1821- ?]

A native of Batavia, New York, where he was born about 1821, James in 1834 moved with his parents, Roswell and Sarah H. Brittan, to Grandville, Michigan, where Roswell later operated the Brown & Brittan Sawmill. James's first wife, Jane C., who was born December 22, 1825, died on May 13, 1858, and was buried at Grandville Cemetery. After her death James married Mary E. Perlin in Grand Rapids on March 27,

1861. Mary was 30 at the time of their marriage. She died before 1880. James and Mary arrived in Grand Haven in 1868, and the next year he became Foreman at the Emlaw Mill.

Roswell Brittan [Britton/Brittain] [@1787-1850]

Roswell Brittan and his wife, Sarah H., moved from Batavia, New York to Grandville, Michigan in 1834. In Grandville Roswell operated the Brown & Brittan Sawmill. Hiram Jenison [Jennison] was one of his hired hands. Roswell, who was born about 1787 and died on June 10, 1850, was elected Representative from Ottawa County to the first State Legislature in 1837. Sarah lived from approximately 1800 to May 9, 1847. Both Roswell and Sarah were buried at Grandville Cemetery. In 1868 their son James moved to Grand Haven with his wife, and their daughter Sarah married Nathan H. White of Grand Haven.

William Brittan [Britton/Brittain] [1805-1885]

Born in New York on December 3, 1805, William Brittan came to the Spring Lake area from Waukegan, Illinois, between 1850 and 1859. In 1861, he was Proprietor of the Ferrysburg and Muskegon State Line and Mail. His wife, Catharine, was born in Connecticut on February 14, 1806 and died March 5, 1874. William died on July 2, 1885 and was buried with his wife at Spring Lake Cemetery. For awhile they resided with the Conner family in Ferrysburg. The Brittans had at least three children: Ralph C., born about 1843; Ada A., born about 1847; and Lorinda L., born about 1849. Ralph was born in Pennsylvania, the other two in Illinois.

Howard A. Broersma [1917-1995]

Howard Broersma and his brother Robert Broersma started ASP & Manufacturing Co. in 1947. Howard was President. He and his wife, Ruth H., resided at 244 Grand. Howard was born on May 23, 1917 and died in Florida on July 25, 1995. Ruth lived from May 13, 1921 to March 21, 1982. She passed away in Grand Haven.

Robert J. Broersma [1918-1996]

Robert Broersma and his brother Howard Broersma started ASP & Manufacturing Co. in 1947. Robert was Vice President. He and his wife, Jean, resided at 18052 Lovell Park in Spring Lake. Robert was born on September 22, 1918 and died in Holland, Michigan on October 19, 1986.

Clarence R. Broman [1905-1969]

Clarence Broman was elected President of Spring Lake Village for three consecutive terms between 1956 and 1958. He was born in Whitehall, Michigan on November 12, 1905, died on February 21, 1969, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. In 1930 he was a bookkeeper in Muskegon, but by the mid-1940s he was

Personnel Director at Eagle Ottawa and resided at 321 Lake View Court in Spring Lake with his wife, Blanche, whom he married in May, 1937. The daughter of John and Elvira Holtman Berger, Blanche was born in Chicago on June 13, 1907. She was a member of the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church and Spring Lake County Club. She passed away in Ocala, Florida on December 12, 2008 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their children were Pamela Fair of Ocala and Rodney Broman of Grand Rapids. Ford Broman of Grand Haven was their nephew. [*Tribune* obituary, December 18, 2008.]

Elizabeth L. Broman [1907-1992]

Born on August 1, 1907, Betty Ford married Lester W. Broman. Lester was born in 1903 and died in 1941. In 1945 Betty became Secretary for Home Services with the Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Later she became Executive Secretary [Assistant Secretary] for the North Branch of the Ottawa County Chapter, with an office in Grand Haven. Her annual salary for 1951 was \$3,060. She retired from the Red Cross in the 1970s. Betty died in Grand Haven on November 22, 1992 and was buried at Oakhurst Cemetery in Whitehall with Lester. Ford Broman of Grand Haven was her son.

Ford Lee Broman [1932-1996]

Ford, the son of Lester and Betty Broman, was born in Grand Haven on October 19, 1932 and died in that city on October 7, 1996. A graduate of Grand Haven High School, he spent most of his career with Peoples Bank & Trust [BankOne] in Grand Haven, where he became Vice President. His wife's name was Reva. Clarence Broman of Spring Lake was his uncle. Ford was buried in the family plot at Oakhurst Cemetery in Whitehall.

Barbara Brongersma [1862- ?]

In 1898 Barbara Brongersma and Sam Falls opened a dry goods and shoe store at 206 West Savidge Street in Spring Lake. Three years later she sold her share to Sam. Barbara, the daughter of Cornelius and Jantje "Jane" Visser Brongersma, was born locally in February, 1862. She married Fred E. Parker in Williamston, Michigan on October 24, 1905.

Cornelius [Kornelia] Brongersma [1818-1898]

Born on May 9, 1818, in The Netherlands, Cornelius Brongersma immigrated to Holland, Michigan in 1853. The next year he moved to Spring Lake and resided at 412 East Exchange Street. After being employed for a short time in a sawmill, he raised fruit. He married Jantje "Jane" Visser on July 30, 1853. Jane was born in October, 1827 in The Netherlands. They had one son, John, born in 1863, and four daughters, all born in locally: Barbara, born in February, 1862; Ida, born in

April, 1866; Lucretia, who was born on May 25, 1869 and married Mordecai McLean of Spring Lake; and Martje, who married Reender Reenders. For 17 years Cornelius was Sexton at Spring Lake Cemetery. He died on December 20, 1898 and Jane passed away in 1912. They both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Cornelius Brongersma [1900-1988]

The son of John Brongersma of Spring Lake, Cornelius was born on September 19, 1900. On August 25, 1923 in Ludington, he married Elizabeth Lee, also of Spring Lake. She was the daughter of Floyd and Ida Trotter Lee. The Brongersmas resided at 2877 Judson Road in Spring Lake Township. Cornelius died on May 17, 1988. Elizabeth, who was born on July 5, 1904, passed away in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 16, 1993.

John B. Brongersma [1863-1955]

The son of Cornelius and Jane Brongersma, John was in the ice and coal business with Tony Ver Plank in the early 1900s. About 1912 he sold the ice business to Ver Plank and became partner with Martin Start in the Brongersma & Start Coal Company. He married Bena Olsen in in Ferrysburg on November 2, 1898. She lived from 1864 to 1927 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their daughter Marie, who was born about 1904, married Harold Vander Kolk, and their son Cornelius married Ida Lee. John resided at 313 River Street in Spring Lake, which also was the address for his business. He lived from 1863 to 1955 and was buried with Bena.

Myrtle Norris Littrell Bronkhorst [1892-1971]

Myrtle Norris was born in Illinois on June 17, 1891 [1892], died in Grand Haven on August 18, 1971, and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. Ed Norris was her brother. She married William Littrell, who was born about 1886 in Illinois. William worked as a teamster in Springfield, Illinois and Detroit. By 1930 the couple was settled in Robinson Township, where William owned an automobile service station. Myrtle's widowed mother, Cora D., lived with them at that time. Cora was born in Illinois about 1874. William died on January 10, 1936, after helping push an automobile out of a snow bank, and was buried in Springfield, Illinois. Shortly afterward Myrtle married Harry "Hap" Bronkhorst. Hap was born in Holland on November 7, 1898. He died on February 26, 1946 at his home on Potawatomie Bayou. In the mid-1930s Myrtle and Harry started the Yellow Jacket Inn at 12011 Lake Michigan Drive [M-45] in Section 21 of Robinson Township and ran it until late 1945, when they sold the business. It also served as their residence. In early 1946 they purchased Young's Café at 625 Washington and renamed it Fiesta Café. Myrtle also ran a restaurant in

Miami, Florida for 21 years. [*Tribune* obituaries January 10, 1936, February 26, 1946, and August 18, 1971.]

William Bronsema [Bronsma] [1892-1984]

Born on March 4, 1892, William was the son of Jacob and Emma Bronsema. Jacob, who was born in March, 1851, immigrated from The Netherlands to the United States with his wife in 1882 and became a stevedore. Emma was born September, 1855. Jacob died in 1922. William opened a storage and moving business at 216 Fulton Avenue in the 1920s; by the 1940s it was located at 216 North Third. He was born on March 4, 1891 and died in Grand Haven on November 26, 1984. On June 13, 1819 in Grand Rapids, he married Lena [Geraldine] Herbst. She lived from September 17, 1899 to October 11, 1976.

Frances Seifert Bronson [1887-1982]

Frances Seifert graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1904 and taught at Rosy Mound School from 1907 to 1909. The daughter of Ignatz and Wilhelmena Seifert of Grand Haven, Frances and her twin sister, Florence, were born on June 9, 1887. On September 14, 1918 in Grand Haven, she married Oscar A. Bronson, who was born in Wisconsin in July, 1884. Frances and Oscar moved to Milwaukee, where she died in November, 1982.

Esther Ann Broomhead [1917- 1980]

See Esther Ann De Witt

Herbert W. Brosseit I [1905-1992]

Herb Brosseit owned a painting business, located first at his home at 1221 Franklin Street and later at 936 Robbins Road, not far from Robbins Road Hardware. He was born in Grand Haven on August 18, 1905 and died there on January 25, 1992. Herb and his wife, Della Louise, later resided at 1520 Barber Court. Their son, Herbert II, continued the business on Robbins Road as the Home Decorating Center. A daughter, Judy, married Milton Reeths II, who became Manager of the decorating business in the 1970s. Louise lived from November 30, 1906 to July 30, 1996.

William Brough I [1828-1907]

William Brough was millwright at the White, Friant & Company Sawmill in 1882 and resided in Spring Lake. He was born in Scotland in 1828 and came to America with his parents when he was three. He arrived in Michigan in 1865. He was married twice, first to Adelina [Adeline] Kelly, who was born in Ontario, Canada about 1834, and died in 1872, and then to Ida [Muda] Farnum Rich on September 8, 1875. Ida, who was born about 1841 in Indiana [1843 in New York], died in 1888. William and Adelina had two sons: William II, who was born in Ontario and lived from

1856 to 1902, and Thomas, who died in 1869 at the age of four. They also had two daughters, Emma, who was born in New York about 1864 and died in 1882, and Maud, who was born in Michigan in July, 1869. William moved to Grand Rapids. He died in 1907 and was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Kent County with his two wives and three of his children.

Charles W. Brouwer [? - ?]

Charles Brouwer, who owned a 40-acre farm in Section 33 of Olive Township, settled in the area in 1889. His wife's name was Nellie. They were still farming in 1918.

Hendrik Henry Brouwer [1815-1888] and Klaas Brouwer [Brower] [1839-1917]

There were two Brouwer brothers and "one could hardly have a picture of one without the other," a friend wrote. Both were born in Overijssel, The Netherlands, Hendrik on March 13, 1825, and Klaas 14 years later, on February 25. Their father, Roelof Brouwer, lived from 1847 to 1917, and their mother, Gertje, was born in 1851 and died in 1925. The brothers, who arrived in Grand Haven in 1856, owned H. Brouwer & Bro., a store at the corner of Washington and First Streets during and after the Civil War. They carried a large inventory of groceries, dry goods, boots, shoes, and clothing needed by the mill workers. They set up a windmill in the backyard of the store and rigged a gristmill to grind feed to sell for family pets and livestock. The brothers also helped organize the Second Reformed Church in Grand Haven in November, 1871. They built a two-story home on Washington Street in 1876. Henry was the inside man, paler and more delicate looking than Klaas, and he did the bookwork. Klaas was ruddier in appearance, looked stronger and more robust, and he did the more active work.

Henry married Aaltje "Ellen" Bolt on May 30, 1852. They had at least two children, both born in Michigan: Jennie, born about 1856, and Christiana, who was born on July 5, 1858 and died on December 21, 1860. Ellen was born in The Netherlands on July 9, 1834, died in Grand Rapids on July 2, 1881, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Henry died in Grand Rapids on November 1, 1888.

Klaas's first wife, Maria, was born on September 18, 1844, died on January 17, 1863, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other Brouwers. Klaas then married Jerchje "Jane" Van Dam on November 26, 1863 in Grand Haven. She was born in The Netherlands in 1845 and died about March 23, 1899. Klaas and Jane had at least two children, both born locally: John, born about 1865, and Maria J., born about March, 1870. Klaas moved to Chicago, but died in an auto accident in Los Angeles, California on January 14, 1917.

Ruth Brouwer [Brower/Brouer] [1847-1917]

In the 1890s Ruth Brouwer owned a boot and shoe store in Grand Haven. He and his wife, Gertrude, lived at 408 Lafayette Street. Ruth was born in Louisiana in September, 1847 [1848] and died in 1917. After his death Gertrude and their daughter, Eleanor, resided at 318 Fifth Street. Eleanor was born in July, 1894. A son, Stephen, was born in September, 1876, and a daughter, Gertrude, was born in February, 1881. The children were all born locally. Gertrude, the mother, a native of The Netherlands, lived from September, 1851 to 1925. Both Ruth and Gertrude were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Archibald Brown [1823-1888]

A native of Ayrshire, Scotland, where he was born on January 26, 1823, Archibald Brown came to America in 1854. In 1866 he left Detroit and moved to Grand Haven where he opened a blacksmith business in Grand Haven. The next year he and Frank Spence started a company known as the Iron Works on the northwest corner of First and Elliott Streets [Lot 85]. They sold the business in 1871 to James Lewis, Otto Gronberg, and John Bryce. Archibald died on December 7, 1888 in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Harriet, also a native of Ayrshire, was born on September 25, 1819. She died in Grand Haven on February 16, 1886 and was buried at Lake Forest.

Charles B. Brown [1893-1929]

Charles Brown was First Mate aboard the *Andaste* when it went down 14 miles off Holland on September 9, 1929. Born on June 20, 1893 in Grand Haven, Charles joined the 57th Engineers as Private and served during WWI. At that time, home address was in Nunica. On December 6, 1921 in Grand Rapids, he married Sarah "Sadie" Sherwood Swanson. She was born in Michigan in January, 1890. On February 6, 1907 in Nunica, Sarah had married Earl L. Flanders, and on September 23, 1908 she married August Swanson, again in Nunica. Charles and Sarah lived at 417 Elliott Street in Grand Haven in the mid-1920s, but after her husband's death she moved to 1121 Columbus. Living with her then were two children, Russell E. Swanson, who was born on April 20, 1911 and died in Crockery Township on September 7, 1985, and August R. Swanson, who was born on September 20, 1913 and died in Muskegon in January, 1967. Both children were born locally. Charles was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Cyril P. Brown [1844-1917]

Born on November 22, 1844 at Medina, in Lenawee County, Michigan, Cyril was the son of Dr. David and Harriet Peck Brown. The father, a native of

Massachusetts and one of Michigan's early physicians, lived from October 9, 1819 to August 22, 1857. Cyril's mother, Harriet, was born on June 24, 1825. She and David were married on April 4, 1843. Of their three sons and one daughter, Cyril was the eldest. Another son was Fred D., a Grand Haven photographer. After Dr. David Brown died, his widow and three of her surviving children moved to Hudson, Michigan, not far from Medina. Cyril wrote in his memoirs that the first great grief of his young life was the death of this good father and beloved physician. At 16 he entered the freshman class at Hillsdale College. In August, 1862, without the consent of his mother, he enlisted as Private in Company F, 4th Michigan Infantry, and was assigned to duty with the Army of the Potomac. Two weeks after enlistment in September he reached the front just after the battle of Antietam and, although he was an infantryman, he was detached from his regiment to serve in the field hospital. He stayed with the Medical Department through Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg, always at the front in the field hospitals. The entry in his diary for July 4, 1863, the day after the close of the Battle of Gettysburg, read, "At the Corps hospital attending the wants of the wounded. Their suffering [is] indescribable. Many have not had their wounds dressed. Rained all the afternoon, many of the wounded were without shelter." About a week after the Battle of Gettysburg he and another young man were given horses in order to catch up with their regiment, part of the Army of the Potomac, which had gone in pursuit of Lee. After riding for three days they caught up with the regiment to find that it had dwindled down to about 20. He was proud to represent the Blue and Gray on the 50th anniversary of that great battle. He was discharged from the army for disability on January 9, 1864.

In 1865 Cyril resumed his studies at Hillsdale and graduated with honors in June, 1868. In October he entered Rush Medical College in Chicago and received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in February, 1870. In March of that year he opened an office in Hudson. He wrote: "I unfurled my banner to the breeze, opening my doors to the public and at least by looks and manners, advertised to the good people to take notice that Dr. C. P. Brown, of Rush, was on deck, but they failed to walk the plank, not knowing a good thing when they saw it." In 1871 he moved to Spring Lake with \$2 cash. In July, 1872 he received an appointment as Medical Director from the Spring Lake Mineral Spring Company, which he stated was a godsend, and in 1881 he was named Village Health Officer. The Spring Lake Clinker Boat Company was organized in 1887, with Dr. Brown as President. For six years he was President of the United States Pension Board at Muskegon, and in 1888 he was named delegate to the National Convention which nominated Benjamin Harrison. He was a fellow of the

American Medical Association, this honor coming to him around 1910 or 1912. He was also a member of the Ottawa County Medical Society and organized the Grand Haven and Spring Lake Medical Society. He was a Republican, and belonged to the Baptist Church and Masons. Of himself he said, "I drive a car, practice medicine, cuss a little, smoke anything from a pipe to a cigarette, and have been known to hit a cold bottle." Brown was one of the first in Spring Lake to buy an automobile, a Sears Roebuck model.

On March 30, 1869 Cyril married Clara J. Ames of Hudson, who was born on January 14, 1852. They resided at 223 East Savidge, in a home they had built. Their only son, Dana, was born in 1871. Clara was a fine musician and very interested in young people. She enjoyed working with them and their home was the scene of many social gatherings. Dana, who was involved with the Spring Lake Boat Company, died in 1897. The shock was more than Clara could overcome, and she died on October 26 the next year. On June 11, 1901 Dr. Brown married Jennie, daughter of John Watt and Ann Johnston, of Ferrysburg. Brown died May 4, 1917 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Portraits and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Michigan*, p. 423.]

Dana Brown [1871-1897]

Born in 1871, Dana was the only child of Dr. Cyril and Clara J. Ames Brown of Spring Lake. He was an energetic and enterprising young man with a bright future before him. The Spring Lake Clinker Boat Company was organized in 1887, with Dana Brown as Secretary and Treasurer. He also worked as a carpenter. Dana died July 9, 1897 "after a critical operation for a stricture of the intestines" and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Portraits and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Michigan*, page 423, *Tribune* obituaries, July 10, 1897 and July 14, 1897.]

Elwyn "Win" Barnard Brown [1885- 1975]

Born in South Dakota on December 30, 1885, Elwyn was the son of M. Alvanz and Phoebe Barnard Brown of Cooperstown, New York. His father lived until 1919, and his mother lived from 1848 to 1913. Nathaniel Brown a Grand Haven photographer, was Win's brother. Win worked as a machinist at Peerless Novelty in Grand Haven. In 1912 he held title to a 24-acre farm in Section 22 of Crockery Township. By 1930 the farm consisted of 21.5 acres. On January 19, 1915 he married Alma Alice Coomer in Grand Rapids. Shortly after their marriage they resided at 22 Washington. Alice was born in Ohio about 1890. They had two children, both born locally, Robert E., born about 1916; Margaret E., born about 1917; Betty J., born about 1919; Dorothy A., born about 1922; Phoebe J., born about 1925; and Frank E.,

born about 1927. The family later lived at 1127 Franklin and then 1327 Pennoyer. Win died in Grand Haven on January 25, 1975.

Floyd Brown [1914-1952]

Floyd Brown was electrocuted when he accidentally picked up a live 2,400-volt wire at 116 Sherman Street following a storm that struck the Tri-Cities on July 23, 1952. He was a six-year employee of the Grand Haven Board of Power and Light. Floyd was born in Davis Junction, Illinois, on September 6, 1914 and by 1930 was a resident of Coopersville. A twin brother, Lloyd, was Principal at Peach Plains School. Floyd's wife, Ruth, lived from February 16, 1912 to May 28, 1981. She was residing in Coopersville at the time of her death.

Fred D. Brown [1856- ?]

Fred, the son of Dr. David and Harriet Peck Brown and a brother of Dr. Cyril P. Brown, was born on June 15, 1856 in Hudson, Lenawee County, Michigan. An advertisement in the 1893 *Compendium* advised readers, "Do not let traveling picture agents gull you any longer, but go to Brown's, Spring Lake, Michigan, for fine photo work of all kinds. Headquarters for copying and enlarging. All work guaranteed." The next year, with Warren L. Tenny as partner, he opened a photography studio in Grand Haven. On November 6, 1883 in Spring Lake, Fred married Frances, the daughter of Hannibal and Emma Hopkins of Spring Lake. Fanny was born in 1860, died in 1899, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. On September 26, 1923 in Hudson, Fred married Jennie M. Dean Loister.

Fremont Brown [1856-1922]

Born in Coopersville on October 10, 1856, Fremont was the son of Joseph and Susan Lawton Brown. The Brown family moved to Nunica in November, 1883 and operated a gristmill under the name Nunica Roller Mills, Joseph Brown & Son Proprietors. He married Della Wright in Crockery Township on September 26, 1880. She died on November 3, 1888 at the age of 28. Fremont and Della had at least one daughter, Lulu, born in June, 1882. On September 25, 1890 in Nunica, Fremont married Emma Jubb. The daughter of Orange and Lucinda Bartholomew Jubb, Emma was born in Michigan in September, 1872. Their children were Ray D., born in February, 1892; Rollo, born in December, 1893; Alden, born in October, 1895; Laura, born in June, 1898; and another son, born in October, 1899. Fremont passed away in 1922. Both were buried at Nunica Cemetery.

John M. H. Brown [1847- ?]

At the age of 21 John Brown came to Grand Haven from New Brunswick, Canada, where he was born in 1847. In

1870 he worked as a tanner at Clark Albee's leather company. His wife, Ann, was born in New Brunswick around 1847 and died on December 9, 1894 in Muskegon. Their daughter Carrie was born in Grand Haven in 1876.

Joseph Brown I [1825-1908]

Joseph Brown was born in Massachusetts on August 27, 1825. He arrived in Michigan at the age of 25 and bought land in the Coopersville area. On December 28, 1852, in Polkton Township, Joseph married Susan A. Lawton. Susan, the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Newton Lawton, came with her parents from Pitcairn, St. Lawrence County, New York, where she was born on February 13, 1837. On May 13, 1861 Joseph went to Grand Rapids to enlist as Corporal in Company I of the 3rd Michigan Infantry. On August 29, 1862 he was wounded at the Second Battle of Bull Run, where he was shot in the thigh and left for dead. He was discharged as a result of his wound on August 25 the next year Joseph returned to Coopersville in 1864 and was appointed Postmaster three years later. He held that office for ten years, and also was Township Clerk for 16 years. Joseph moved to Nunica in November, 1883, and with his son, Fremont, built a gristmill that operated under the name "Nunica Roller Mills, Joseph Brown & Son Proprietors." Fremont, one of seven children, was born on October 10, 1856. Another son, Joseph II, was born August, 1876. Joseph I died June 17, 1908 and was buried at Coopersville Cemetery. Susan passed away on May 5, 1913, in Nunica.

Lloyd E. Brown [1914-1984]

Born on September 6, 1914 in Davis Junction, Illinois, Lloyd Brown moved with his parents to Coopersville before 1930. Eventually, he became Principal at Peach Plains School in Grand Haven Township. A twin brother, Floyd Brown, died accidentally in Grand Haven in 1952. Lloyd passed away on January 27, 1984. His wife, Thelma, lived from May 12, 1919 to November, 1982. They resided at 934 Woodlawn. After Thelma's death, Lloyd moved to 113 South Fourth Street.

Nathaniel E. Brown [1866-1938]

Born in Oswego, New York on October 6, 1866, Nathaniel was the son of M. A. and Phoebe Brown of Cooperstown. Nat's father lived until 1919, and his mother lived from 1848 to 1913. Other members of the family were Frank. S. Brown; Elwyn [Win] Barnard Brown; Mrs W. H. Babcock of Grand Rapids, and V. A. Brown of Minneapolis. Nathaniel came to Grand Haven about 1908 or earlier after being a backwoods guide in Minnesota for some 12 years. He was an inventor and a photographer with studios first located at 5 Washington and then at 22 Washington Street, later the site of the Grand Theater. He claimed to be the first to get "bird's

eyes views” by attaching his camera to a kite, and he was granted a patent for it. He devised a propeller-powered sled and propeller-driven motor boat. Many of his early shots were made into postcards, which still are in circulation. He also came up with the idea of putting signatures on film, and he sold “Life Motion Photographs,” in which the image moved as the viewer moved his head “to and fro,” as the instructions put it. He was a hunter and trapper and devised a toboggan to travel over rough areas for use in the north country. At one time Nat was in contact with Commander Robert E. Byrd to furnish a toboggan for one of the explorer’s Arctic trips. Nat also invented a gyroplane and received a patent for it in 1912. His wife, Martha, died February 1, 1919. In 1920 Nat resided at 22 Franklin, and ten years later he was living in Section 2 of Grand Haven Township, on Potawatomie Bayou. He was accused and convicted of blowing up his home on the bayou with dynamite. Nat died on December 27, 1938 at the home of his brother, Elwyn Brown, who lived at 1327 Pennoyer Avenue, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 27, 1938.]

Friedrich Bruhn [1852- ?]

By 1900 Fred Bruhn owned an 80-acre farm in Section 22 of Grand Haven Township [11250 168th Avenue]. He was born in Germany in April, 1852 and his wife, Augusta, was born in Germany in June, 1858. Their children, all born in Illinois except the last one, included Max, born in June, 1886; George, born in June, 1887; Walther, born in March, 1890; Alma, born in September, 1891; Emma, born in August, 1895; and Leonhart [Leonard] Emil, born in Grand Haven in December, 1899.

James N. Brummel [1938-2002]

A native of Flint, where he was born on August 5, 1938, Jim Brummel moved to Grand Haven from Muskegon around 1970. His parents were Nelson and Frieda Lindemulder Brummel. Jim married Barbara Masters on December 27, 1958 in Olivet. His real estate businesses included All American Homes and J. N. Brummel Realty. He was a member the Second Christian Reformed Church, ACLU, AMBUCS, and he was founder and member of the Tri-Cities Realtors Board. He was active in the Republican Party. Jim and Barbara had a daughter, Suzanne Brummel, and four sons: Timothy, Steve, Nelson, and Chris. Jim died in Grand Haven on October 22, 2002. [*Tribune* obituary, October 23, 2002.]

Etienne Brule [@1592-@1633]

A Frenchman by birth, Etienne Brule lived with the Huron Indians on Georgian Bay for many years, learning their language and customs. Etienne traveled through Michigan waters and is credited with being the first

European to see what would become the State of Michigan, perhaps as early as 1629, and he may have set foot on the land, although there is no proof of that [Lillie, p. 26]. Etienne lived from approximately 1592 to June, 1633.

Benjamin Bruno [Bruneau] [1835-1900]

Born in Canada [France] on March 1, 1835, Benjamin Bruno came to Grand Haven around 1857, and worked in a sawmill. Benjamin’s wife, Mary M. [Madeline], was born in Canada in September, 1843 [1844] and died about September 22, 1907. Their children, all born in Michigan, included Louise, who was born about 1872, married Joseph Poisson, and moved to Grand Rapids; Alexander, who lived from August, 1873 [1872] to 1920; and Rose, who was born about 1876 and married a Mr Fisher. Another son, Theodore, was born about 1881. Theodore’s wife, Esther, was born in Michigan around 1881. Theodore and Esther lived at 915 Columbus. Benjamin died in Grand Haven on January 3, 1900 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 4, 1900.]

Edgar [Edward] F. Bryce [1858-1919]

Edgar Bryce and his wife, Mary, resided at 3 North Second Street in Grand Haven. The son of John and Helen Ellis Bryce, Edgar was born in Wisconsin in April, 1858. Like his father, he became an engineer. Edgar died in Kalamazoo on January 14, 1919. Mary was born in June, 1861 in Michigan. A son, Ellis, was born in November, 1881.

John J. Bryce I [1834-1896]

Born on April 12, 1834 in the Highlands of Scotland, John Bryce in 1871 came to Grand Haven from Wisconsin with his employer, Justin B. Wait. His mother, Mary, was born in Scotland about 1801 and resided as a widow in Grand Haven with John and his family around 1880. John took out patent number 131,657 on September 24, 1872 for a tabletop spinning wheel. Several examples of the wheel exist, including one in the collection of the American Textile History Museum in Lowell, Massachusetts and a patent model in the Smithsonian Institute. The wheel was primarily made of cast iron and works on the friction principle. John formed a partnership with James Lewis and Otto Gronberg to buy the Grand Haven Iron Works business from Frank Spence and Archibald Brown, who had started it four years earlier. In 1879 John went into partnership with Henry Bloecker and the two formed Bryce & Bloecker to manufacture marine engines. The plant suffered a fire in 1881 and the owners sustained heavy losses. Bloecker reopened the business in 1883, but John went to work for the Challenge Corn Planter Company. In 1893 he was part owner of a business called Bryce, Barns, & Green Lumber Company at the

corner of Seventh and Elliott Streets. John W. Barnes [Barns] and M. L. Green were the other principals. John was an active member of the Knights of Maccabees and was a Republican.

John married Helen M. Ellis of Wisconsin, who was born in 1837 and died about February 21, 1918. Their children were Edgar F., born in Wisconsin in 1858; Elmer E., who was born in Wisconsin about 1860, became a machinist, married and divorced Emma [Emily] Bidgood of Grand Haven, and died about September 16, 1914; John II, born in Wisconsin in 1868; and Marion A. [Marnie], born in Michigan about 1877. In the early 1900s the Helen resided with her son John at 624 Washington. John I died at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids after bladder surgery on October 26, 1896 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where other family members were interred. [*Tribune* obituary, October 27, 1896, *Tribune* article, October 29, 1896.]

John J. Bryce II [1868-1929]

The son of John and Helen M. Ellis Bryce, John II was born in Wisconsin in 1868. On May 11, 1898 he married Anna Hoffman in Ottawa County. Anna, the daughter of Peter Hoffman, was born in Michigan about 1877. The Bryce children were Francis H., born about 1899, and Margaret H., born about 1905. In the early 1900s the family lived at 624 Washington Street, where they shared their home with John's widowed mother, Helen. By 1920 John and Anna were living at 109 South Fifth Street. John was a member of the Grand Haven Stag Club, Elks, and Masons. He was a "nickel plater" at Challenge Refrigerator. He died in 1929 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John Jay Buchanan [1903-1975]

John Buchanan was organist at the Grand Theater on Washington Street when it opened in 1928. Later he was custodian at the theater. He resided at 22 Franklin Street with his mother and step-father, Ida and George Douglas [Douglas]. Some years later he moved to 112 Franklin Street. John was born in Pennsylvania on May 12, 1903, died in Grand Haven on March 19, 1975, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Ida Leone Buchanan lived from 1865 to 1946 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with another son, James M. Buchanan, who lived from 1899 to 1987.

William H. Buckley [1858-1933]

Born in Illinois in July, 1858 William Buckley moved to Spring Lake from Marne [Berlin], Ottawa County, in 1878. In 1888, Dr. Brown performed an appendectomy on William on the kitchen table, said to be the first appendectomy in Michigan. William worked in Henry Cliff's hardware store, and then went into a business partnership with Enno Pruim, sold out to him, and took a

job in Charlotte, Michigan, returning to Spring Lake in 1888. After his hardware store burned down, William borrowed \$600 from George Schwab and put up a brick structure at 214 West Savidge. There he operated a profitable hardware and undertaking business.

In 1883 William married Harriet Richardson, a Michigan native, who lived from November, 1859 to 1944. She was the daughter of Benjamin F. Richardson, a lumbering pioneer in Traverse City and Spring Lake. Harriet began teaching in a rural Spring Lake school when she was 14 years old. The Buckleys had a son, William Lloyd, who was born on July 13, 1886 and ran the hardware business after his father was injured in a fall while working at the Spring Lake Hotel. Another son, George H., was born in June, 1889. In 1891 William bought a house at 108 West Mason. It originally was a one-room home, owned by an Indian family. William enlarged it as a residence for his widowed mother, Mary [Merry], who was born in Ireland in August, 1822. He also bought a house located on the north side of Mason Street and moved it to 217 North Buchanan, because its owner was willing to sell the structure but not the lot upon which it sat. In 1953 his granddaughter, Marge, and her husband, James Oakes, bought the property. William died in 1933.

William Lloyd Buckley [1886- ?]

William, the son of William H. and Harriet Richardson Buckley, was born in Spring Lake on July 13, 1886. The younger William ran the family hardware business after his father was injured in a fall while working at the Spring Lake Hotel. The son married Elsie Johnson, who was born on November 3, 1888 and died on April 30, 1930. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had two daughters, Sally, who was born about 1913, and Margaret, who was born about 1919.

John Budge [1836-1920]

Born in the Orkney Islands, Scotland, in March, 1836 [1841], John Budge was a sea captain. After living in Canada for awhile, Captain Budge arrived in Grand Haven in the 1860s and sailed the Great Lakes until 1872. In 1867 he went into partnership with Duncan Robertson and Peter Sinclair in the Robertson & Company Shipyard, which built wooden ships in Grand Haven. He also invested in lumbering. John died in Grand Haven on December 1, 1920 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 2, 1920.]

Charles K. Bugielski [1912-1996]

Born March 4, 1912 in Newark, New Jersey, Chuck was the son of Zygmunt and Karoline A. Lucek Bugielski. By the mid-1920s the family had moved to Grand Haven. A *Tribune* article noted on March 9, 1925 that

Chuck saw the first robin of the season. After graduating from Grand Haven High School in 1930, he went to work for the McLellan Five and Ten Cent Store in Grand Haven as stockman. He was promoted to Assistant Manager in 1933 and played a part in the bank robbery of August 18 that year. In 1938 Chuck left his job at McLellan's and opened the M & M Variety Store, located first at 706 Washington and by 1944 at 711 Washington. For the 100th birthday of Grand Haven in 1934 the 22-year old was asked to help expand the annual Coast Guard picnic. Although meant to be a one-time event, the Coast Guard Festival evolved into an annual community observance. Bugielski managed the festivities with Glenn Eaton and Claude Ver Duin from 1947 to 1981. The back office of his store served as the Coast Guard Festival's office from 1938 to 1981. Chuck worked for the March of Dimes for 20 years, led the Community Chest Fund, and belonged to the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, and Eagles.

In 1936 Chuck married Grace, the daughter of Herman and Ida Teunis. Grace, born on September 1, 1911, became a teacher in the Grand Haven and Spring Lake school systems and retired in the 1970s. The Bugielskis had a daughter and two sons: Nancy Hanavan of Buffalo, Charles of Grand Haven, and Michael of San Diego. Grace died October 18, 1988 at their home at 18837 North Fruitport Road. Chuck died on August 19, 1996, and he and his wife were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, October 19, 1988 and August 20, 1996, *Tribune* article, October 22, 1990.]

Zygmunt [Zigmund] Bugielski [1886-1973]

Zygmunt Bugielski was born in Krosno, Poland on September 28, 1886. He married Karoline [Carolyn/Caroline] A. Lucek in New Jersey in May, 1911. Three years later they left New Jersey and moved to Grand Haven. The family lived first in the 1300 block on Fulton, then at 1326 Franklin. Zygmunt was janitor in one of the churches. Their children, all were born locally except Charles, who was born in New Jersey in 1912. The others were Edward, who was born in 1914 and died in 1974; Marian Lynch, who was born on February 11, 1916, became a nurse; married John W. Lynch in Norman, Oklahoma in 1943, and died in Grand Rapids on July 7, 2010; Joseph, who drowned in 1925 at age six; and William, an aeronautical engineer, who was born about 1921 and died in 1980. The family attended the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Zygmunt died in 1973. Karoline, who was born in Krosno, Poland on October 31, 1890, immigrated to New Jersey in 1904. She died in Grand Haven on October 16, 1993.

Clarence H. Buhl [1865–1926]

Coal yards were a common necessity in the early 1900s. Clarence Buhl, who was born in Michigan in 1865,

operated such a yard at the “foot of Monroe” in Grand Haven. He also offered freight service. On October 12, 1895 in Grand Haven, he married Anna L. Stickney. She was born in Wisconsin about 1878. They lived at 712 Sheldon. An infant daughter, nine weeks old, died on April 12, 1904. Clarence died about January 25, 1926 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with the unnamed infant daughter.

Ralph J. Buit II [1908-1976]

Ralph Buit started Grand Office Supply on Beechtree with Gerry Botbyl in 1945. Ralph was born on January 2, 1908 and died in Spring Lake on December 21, 1976. He resided at 18917 Fruitport Road.

John J. Bunker I [1860-1935]

John Bunker, born in April, 1860 in The Netherlands, married Ellis “Ella” R., the daughter of John and Eliza More. Ella was born in June, 1859. The Bunkers owned a 55-acre farm in Crockery Township. John, who came to the United States in 1856, died in 1935 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife, who also died in 1935. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Albert, born in August, 1882; Kate, born in July, 1885; Eliza, born in August, 1891; Grace, born in November, 1893; May, born in May, 1898; and John II, born in February, 1900.

Isaac Burbank [c.1831-1903]

Born in Kentucky about 1831, Isaac Burbank came to Crockery Township as a young man. On May 13, 1861 he traveled to Grand Rapids to enlist as Private in Company F of the 3rd Michigan Infantry. On January 7 the next year Isaac was transferred to Company F of the Michigan 14th Infantry. He was promoted to Corporal and on December 7, 1861 to Sergeant. He was mustered out on July 18, 1865 and became a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic [G.A.R.].

Isaac was a carpenter by trade. He married Madora McMahon [McMann], who by 1887 ran a candy and tobacco store on Savidge Street. The two of them came to Ottawa County from Chicago and lived on a farm in Crockery Township in the Patchin area. They had two daughters, including Frances T., who married Frank Rockenback of Muskegon, with whom the Burbanks later lived, and two sons, Charles W., who died August 14, 1869 at the age of 16, and Richard E., who died November 6, 1899 at the age of 38. Isaac resided at the Grand Rapids Soldiers Home in 1890. He died in Muskegon on December 12, 1903. Madora filed for a widow's Civil War pension on December 28. She was born in New York on June 15, 1836, died on February 6, 1911, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her sons. [*Tribune* obituary, December 12, 1903.]

Matilda A. Young Burch [1857- ?]

Matilda Burch operated a boarding house at 711 Clinton Street in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. She was born in Canada [New York] in September, 1857. Her husband, William Burch, died after 1887. Their son, Raymond, was born in Canada in January, 1880. On June 24, 1912 in Grand Haven, Matilda married Charles E. Gregg.

Hubert Donald Burnside [1898-1964]

Hubert Burnside started the Atlas Crank Company in Detroit in 1935. Three years later he moved the company to Spring Lake and occupied the former Ottawa Manufacturing building at 510 West Liberty. When the business was incorporated as Burnside Manufacturing in January, 1948, Hubert Burnside was President, and his son, Robert, was Vice President. Another son, Daniel H., later became Vice President and Sales Manager, and Daniel's wife, Donna, was named Secretary. Daniel was born in 1933, and Donna, the daughter of Jacob and Bertha Boseker Fase, was born on April 13, 1935. She died in Grand Haven on May 16, 1990. Daniel and Donna lived at 16209 Woodcrest in Spring Lake. They had four children: Bruce, David, Brian, and Darcy, all of whom remained in the Spring Lake area. Hubert, the father, was born on March 5, 1898 and died on March 12, 1964. He married Anna Liss, who was born in Germany on September 4, 1899 and passed away on July 21, 1971. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The company moved to Norton Shore in 1996.

Robert D. Burnside [1924-1994]

Robert, the son of Hubert Burnside, was born on March 27, 1924, died in Spring Lake on January 21, 1994, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. When the Burnside Manufacturing Company of Spring Lake was incorporated in January, 1948, Robert was Vice President. He resided at 310 North Park, next at 203 Maple Terrace, and later at 16160 Highland Drive, all in the Spring Lake area.

Milton C. Burr [1912-1988]

Milton Burr was born on July 26, 1912. At the age of 16 he married Ruth A., the daughter of Martin and Abigail Bos of Grand Haven. They resided first with Ruth's parents at 518 Franklin and later at 1509 Sheldon Road. Their daughter, Mary Abigail, was born in January, 1930. Milton was Manager of a "Letter Shop" [possibly a stationery store]. Ruth was born on April 13, 1912 and died in Grand Haven on November 30, 1985. Milton died on March 28 three years later.

Ezra M. Burton [1891- ?]

As early as 1930 Ezra Burton, a chiropractic physician maintained an office at 304 Washington. Ezra was born in Muskegon, Michigan on December 7, 1891. In 1917

he was a draftsman residing with his wife, Mary, in Rock Island, Illinois. Three years later they were living in Norton Township with their brother-in-law, Frank Padelt. Mary, also a native of Michigan, was born January 3, 1893 and died in Grand Haven on December 8, 1976. They were married about 1917. Their two children were Phyllis Mary, born about 1919, and Paul D., who lived from August 19, 1928 to March 30, 1972. The family resided at 108 Eighth Street where Mary also rented rooms.

John B. Buss [@1874-1946]

Born in Illinois on April 28, 1874 or 1875, John Buss owned a saloon called "Jack's" on the southeast corner of Division and Savidge Streets [226 West Savidge] in Spring Lake. He married Elizabeth Becker in Chicago on November 28, 1904. They had at least four children., all born in Michigan: John, born in 1907; twins Gertrude and Marie, born in 1909; and Frances, born in 1910. Elizabeth was born about 1874 in Wisconsin. Jack returned to his hometown of Chicago between 1920 and 1930. He died in Chicago on April 8, 1946.

Lewis M. Bussey [1879-1929]

From his office at 315 Washington in Grand Haven, Lewis Bussey in the early 1900s operated a real estate and insurance business with his father, William H. Bussey, under the name Bussey & Son. Lewis and his wife, Maud, lived above the office. Lewis passed away in 1929. William Bussey's residence was listed in the 1908 *City Directory* as Evanston, Illinois. William, who was born about 1854, died about June 13, 1912. [*Tribune* obituary, June 13, 1912.]

Henry William Buswell I [1830-1897]

Born in Essex County, New York on August 27 [8], 1830, Henry was the son of Jacob and Almina Everest Buswell of New York. Jacob, originally from Massachusetts, was a carpenter and joiner by occupation. Henry was the eldest son of his mother's second marriage. After his father's death, Henry and his mother moved to Ohio, where she died in 1865. Henry then moved to Ottawa County. In 1864 he formed a partnership with Charles E. Wyman and bought the Ferry Mill at the foot of Columbus Street in Grand Haven, renamed it Wyman & Buswell Sawmill, and began the production of pine lumber. In 1878 Averill Cairns joined the firm as another partner. In 1884 the mill suffered a damaging fire and Henry retired from business. However, by the following year he was part owner and President of the Grand Haven Broom Company. He was a Director of the National Bank for several years, stockholder and Director of Dake Mfg. Company of Grand Haven, and President of the Grand Haven Match Company. Formerly a Whig, he became a Republican. He was member of Corinthian Chapter of

the Grand Haven Masons. He belonged to the Unitarian Church.

On January 28, 1860 Henry married Hannah L. Trotter in her hometown of Summit, Ohio. They had two children, Forrest E., who lived from 1860 to 1917, and Florence E., who was born about 1862 in Ohio and married William Andres of Grand Haven on August 1, 1888. Hannah, who was born December 9, 1839, died on August 10, 1876, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On March 3, ten years after his first wife's death, Henry married Ellen J. Cavanaugh of Grand Haven. They had one child, Henry W. II, who was born in 1887 and relocated to Chicago. The elder Buswell died on September 8, 1897 at his home at 312 Franklin Street from heart disease. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Michigan*, page 555, and *Tribune* obituary, September 12, 1897.]

Edwin C. [Edward E.] Butts [@1836- ?]

The son of a farmer, Edwin Butts was born about 1836 in Vermont and came to Grand Haven in 1873. He took charge of the Cutler House Livery on Third Street in 1875, and six years later he bought the business and operated it for himself. His wife, Angeline, was born in Vermont about 1841. They had a son, Frederick E. Butts, who was born in Vermont about 1866 and drowned near Grand Haven on August 29, 1876. Another son, Charles, was born about 1864, also in Vermont.

William Butts [@1810- ?]

William Butts, originally from Canada, was born about 1810. In 1835 he built a steam mill in Grand Haven, with William Hathaway as a partner. Located near the site of the Grand Trunk Railroad Depot, later the Tri-Cities Historical Museum, it was the first sawmill in the county. The mill was soon sold to Nathan Throop and William Ferry. On September 1, 1838 William, Butts, again with William Hathaway as partner, purchased approximately 234 acres in Sections 6 and 17 of Robinson Township. Hiram Hathaway also was part of the transaction. On May 1 the following year William bought 80 acres in Section 12 of Grand Haven Township.

William Charles Buwalda I [1856-1925]

Born in The Netherlands in May, 1856 [1855], William Buwalda came to the United States in 1888. He was an employee of the Challenge Refrigerator Company in the early 1900s. Prior to that he worked at the tannery. He and his wife, Susie, lived at 1214 Fulton. Their children included William II, born on December 24, 1879; Lawrence, born in January, 1883; Reka, born in February, 1885; Rose, who was born in May, 1891 and

married Claude Beukema of Grand Haven; Jacob, born in February, 1887; and Barney, born in September, 1889. The three oldest children were born in The Netherlands, the rest locally. William I died in 1925. Susie, who was born in The Netherlands in September, 1858 [1860], passed away two years after her husband. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven.

William Byl I [1876- ?]

Born in Grand Haven on April 10, 1876, William Byl married Elizabeth, the daughter of Gerrit and Anna Ammaal Kamphuis. Elizabeth was born in Michigan in 1878, died in 1927, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In the early 1900s the Byls resided at 406 Jackson, and by 1918 they were located at 1003 Fulton. Their children, all born locally, were Elizabeth, who was born February 24, 1901 and died in Grand Haven on February 17, 1987; Margaret, born about 1903; Leonard W., who was born April 24, 1907 and died in Grand Haven on September 17, 1985; Gerrit E., who was born April 13, 1912, married Mae Boyink, and died in Grand Haven on November 14, 1995; and William II, born about 1917. In 1918 William I worked at Central Clothing House located at 224 Washington. By 1920 he owned a retail clothing store in Grand Haven. His parents were Leonard and Cornelia Byl, both born in The Netherlands, he in August, 1835 and she in December, 1850. Leonard was a carpenter.

Barney Bymhold [1880-1969]

Barney Bymhold, who was born in Michigan on June 5, 1880, died in Grand Haven in May, 1969. He married Gertrude Knoll Mulder in Zeeland on August 24, 1918. They lived at 322 Fulton Street. They were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. They raised at least two sons, Bernard and Dean Clarence, both of whom remained in Grand Haven. Barney in 1920 was employed at the Piano Factory, and ten years later he was a leather inspector at Eagle Ottawa. Gertrude was born in Michigan about 1883.

Bernard Bymhold [1919-2002]

Bernie, the son of Barney and Gertrude Knoll Mulder Bymhold, was born in Grand Haven on June 14, 1919. He married Kathryn Meeusen on June 17, 1943 in Grand Haven. Kathryn was born on November 19, 1916 and died on December 8, 1988. Bernie was an employee of Ottawa County, and retired as Maintenance Supervisor in 1988 after 34 years. He was a member of the First Reformed Church, where he was Sunday school superintendent, and served as church custodian for four years. Bernie and Kathryn had a daughter, Dawn Vink. Bernie died in Grand Haven on August 15, 2002, as a result of injuries from an automobile accident. [*Tribune* obituary, August 17, 2002.]

Henry Bymhold [Bimholdt] [1822-1904]

Henry Bymhold was a gardener in Grand Haven. His wife, Margaret, was born May 3, 1818 and died in Grand Haven on August 17, 1878. Henry lived from June 11, 1822 to August 22, 1904. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They belonged to the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven.

David J. Cable [1843-1930]

Born in Redford, Michigan in November, 1843 [1842], David Cable moved to Grand Haven in 1868. He had a small farm in Section 32 of Grand Haven Township, just south of the city, but prior to his retirement in 1920 he worked at Dake Engine Company. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church for 30 years. David also was an amateur poet. In 1915 he published a book title *Poems on Various Subjects*, including one titled "Rosy Mound." In 1874 David married Cynthia Wilcox in Muskegon on July 5, 1874. Born in October, 1851 [1854], she died about December 31, 1916. By the early 1900s the family was located at 601 Sheldon. The Cables had four children, all born in Michigan: Archie, who was born about 1875; Arthur, who was born April 16, 1875, moved to Kokomo, Indiana, and died in June, 1965; Grace Barney, who was born in June, 1879 and died March 28, 1928; Herbert, who was born on May 11, 1880 and moved to Van Nuys, California, where he died in September, 1969; Sanford, who was born about 1881; George, who was born on September 22, 1882 and died in Muskegon on July 14, 1972; and Bert, born in June, 1886. On June 17, 1922 in Grand Haven, David married Susie M. Wright. They resided at 428 North Seventh Street. Susie died about October 19, 1930. David died passed away on November 11, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his Cynthia and Susie. [Tribune obituary, November 12, 1930.]

Averille Thomas Cairns [1846-1912]

Born in 1846, Averille Thomas Cairns, a Canadian, came to Grand Haven in 1868 as a lumber inspector. He generally went by the name Thomas rather than Averille. In 1878 he was one of the principals in the Wyman & Cairns Lumber Company, dealing in logs, lumber, and shingles. When Dake Engine Company was formed in 1887, Thomas was named its first Vice President. He was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. He died about June 12, 1912. He married Flora Delcina Darling in Grand Rapids on May 23, 1868. Flora, a native of New York, lived from October, 1845 to 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. Their daughter, Cora, was born in May, 1869 and married James H. Safford of Grand Haven. Other children were Ada P., who was born in 1871 and married George W. Lilley, a Grand Haven optician; Pearly I., born in January, 1882; Flora,

born on May 8, 1883; Florence E., born in December, 1886; and Robert L., born in February, 1887. All the children were born locally.

Edward B. Caldwell [1860- ?]

Shortly before 1910 Robert Ferris sold thirty acres of his "Willows" property in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township to Edward B. Caldwell. Edward and his wife, Ada M., constructed a home on the site. Both Edward and Ada were born in Michigan, he around 1860 and she four years later. Their daughter Elizabeth was born about 1885 and resided with them. By 1920 Edward and Ada were residing in Tulare County, California and ten years later they were living in Beverly Hills, California.

William J. Caldwell [1851- ?]

Not long after 1900 William J. and Esther M. Caldwell left Jackson, Michigan and purchased a 120-acre farm in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township in the early 1900s. The couple named their country estate Oakhurst. In the 1910 census William was listed as a farmer running a farm resort. Shortly after 1912 the Caddwells sold some of their acreage to Paul F. and Ida Markoff and another parcel to the Welch family, but retained the two-story frame home, barn, and other outbuildings that stood near the shores of Spring Lake. By 1918 the Caldwell estate had diminished to 20 acres. William was born in Michigan in January, 1851. Esther was born in New York in November, 1855. By 1930 William was a widower, still residing at Oakhurst.

Charles "Wint" H. Calkins [1853-1935]

Charles Calkins and his wife, Emma J., resided at 100 South Sixth Street in 1930, but at another time they also lived at 1422 Pennoyer. On January 24, 1929 the *Grand Haven Tribune* reported that Charles owned and played a Stradivarius violin, an instrument that had been in his family for three generations. In 1930 Charles was employed at a Grand Haven candy store. The Calkins's daughter, Mabel, who lived from June, 1880 to 1921, married Peter De Boe of Grand Haven. Peter owned a confectionery in downtown Grand Haven. Charles lived from April, 1853 to 1935 and Emma from June, 1857 [1855] to 1935. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John W. Callister [Calister/Collister] [1831-1897]

John Callister was born on the Isle of Man, England on May 9, 1831. He immigrated to Cleveland in 1849, where he lived for several years before moving to Detroit. During the Civil War, he worked for the U.S. Government as a ship's carpenter, a trade he had followed since 1847. John came to Grand Haven from Detroit in 1866 and became part owner and Foreman of the Kirby Shipyard. By the early 1870s he had his own ship building business. He built a number of vessels for

Thomas Kirby, John Zietlow, Michigan Barge Company, and other local businessmen. [See *Directory of Businesses* for a listing of Callister's ships.]

In 1859 John married Eliza [Elizabeth] Shimmin, who was born about 1841 in England. The couple was residing in Detroit in 1860. John and Eliza had two children, William [Walter] H., who was born in Michigan in July, 1862, married Lucy Luikens in Grand Haven on May 12, 1882, and moved to Cleveland, where he died on January 9, 1932; and Eliza E., who married a Mr Quay. Lucy, the daughter of John and Sarah vanden Berg Luikens of Grand Haven, was born on December 26, 1868. After William's death, she returned to Grand Haven, and joined her brother-in-law, Charles Reghel, as co-owner of the KarmelKorn shop and restaurant at 110 Washington. Lucy died in Grand Haven on March 2, 1944. Eliza, the mother, died in 1864, and John then married Anne Cannell of Warrensville, Ohio, in December, 1873. She was born on the Isle of Man about 1833 and died December 28, 1902. The Callisters were members of St. John's Episcopal Church in Grand Haven and lived at 626 Clinton. John was a Mason and a member of the Royal Arcanum. He died September 2, 1897. [*Tribune* obituary, September 4, 1897.]

William [Walter] H. Callister [Collister] [1862-1932]

William, the son of John and Eliza [Elizabeth] Shimmin Callister, was born in July, 1862. He married Lucy Luikens in Grand Haven on May 12, 1882. Lucy, the daughter of John and Sarah vanden Berg Luikens of Grand Haven, was born on December 26, 1868. After William's parents' died, he and Lucy moved into the family home on Clinton before relocating to Cleveland, Ohio, where he died on January 9, 1932. William was a ship's carpenter. After William's death, Lucy returned to Grand Haven, where she died on March 2, 1944. Lucy's sister Nettie was residing with them in Cleveland when she died on January 6, 1902.

James D. Cameron [1841- ?]

James, the son of John and Ann Cameron, was born in Canada in 1841. Soon after arriving in this area in 1878, James purchased an 80-acre farm in Section 14 of Robinson Township, where he raised livestock. His wife, Mary, died before 1920, and James after 1920. The Camerons were still residing on their farm in 1918. James was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery, but no dates were cited.

Russell Walton Camfield [1900-1947]

Russell Camfield, who founded Camfield Manufacturing in Grand Haven in 1937, died on August 9, 1947 at the age of 46 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He was born in Springfield, Illinois on October 12, 1900. When he was 16 he joined the Navy and served in

England, where he became adept at communications. After the war he was assigned to the Great Lakes Naval Training Station near Chicago. Later he became Chief Engineer for E. T. Cunningham, Inc., in Illinois. Russell was in his second year as President of the Spring Lake Country Club when he fell and fractured a kneecap. That led to the blood clot that ended his life. Camfield Manufacturing was well known for its toasters and other products for the home. After Russell's death his wife, Marie [Marion], continued to reside in the family home at 216 North Buchanan in Spring Lake. They had at least one son, Stephen. Marie lived passed away on October 7, 1952 and was buried with her husband.

Louis Campau [1791-1871]

Born in Detroit on August 11, 1791, Louis Campau, a fur trader who spoke French and English, was best known for being the first settler in Grand Rapids and for his ability to trade with the Indians. Louis arrived in the Grand River Valley in the spring of 1826. His first wife died in Saginaw, and his second wife, Sophie de Marsac, was born in Detroit on September 25, 1807 and died on July 31, 1869, only two years before Louis's death. They were married in Detroit on August 9, 1825. Louis's brother, Toussaint, had a trading post in Grand Haven at the "Lower Diggings," the present Government Pond, which Louis bought in July, 1834, for \$350. Louis built a warehouse on the site. Toussaint married Emily Marsac, Sophie's sister, in Grand Rapids on November 27, 1834, which according to Lydens was the first Catholic wedding ceremony in the area. Louis died April 13, 1871.

Archibald Campbell I [1860-1936]

Born in Markham, Ontario on February 12, 1860, Archibald Campbell came to the Grand Haven area at age 19 with five other men. He was a foundry man and in the early 1890s with Edward Gillen he established a foundry to fabricate parts for Dake Engine Company. The company, called Gillen & Campbell, was located at the corner of Seventh and Monroe. Dake Engine owed Campbell's firm some money. In early 1900 Johnston Boiler of Ferrysburg bought out all the stockholders of the Dake Engine Company except James P. Armstead. In 1905 when Dake Engine and Archie's company were merged, Thomas B. Johnston became President, his son John F. Johnston was Treasurer, and Campbell was Vice President. Armstead was named Secretary and General Manager. Archie, a staunch Democrat, was Mayor of Grand Haven from 1909 to 1911. He became President of Dake Engine Company from 1924 to 1936. He was a Mason, member of the Order of Eastern Star, Spring Lake Country Club, Stag Club, and Elks.

On October 11, 1887 Archie married Ida L. Andres, who was born in July, 1867 and died about March 11, 1951.

Ida was the daughter of Ernest and Ida Andres of Grand Haven. For years the Campbells lived at 225 Franklin Street in Grand Haven, in a place that became known as the "Campbell House." Their children were Agnes L., born in April, 1895; Esther M., who was born in October, 1897 and taught at Social Studies at Grand Haven High School from 1923 to 1963; Archibald Andres, who was born in Grand Haven on November 5 1904 and became General Manager of Dake Engine Company; and Kenneth, born about 1908. Archie II and Kenneth, like their father, worked for Dake Engine Company. Archie I died in Grand Haven from a heart attack on December 4, 1936 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 5, 1936.]

Benjamin R. Campbell I [1833- ?]

Benjamin R. Campbell I made shoes and boots at a shop near the Grand Trunk Depot in Spring Lake, not far from his home. The railway depot was located near the northwest corner of Savidge and Cutler Streets, and Benjamin's shop likely was on Savidge Street, or State Street, as it was then known. Benjamin was born in Canada in August, 1833. While in Canada, he married Emily Hill [Emilie/Emma], who was born in Haiti in January, 1835. Emily was three when she immigrated to the United States. Benjamin married Emily Hill in Canada about 1854. They came to the United States in 1865, settling in Spring Lake. They were charter members of the Spring Lake Baptist Church, founded on December 7, 1867. The couple's children, listed in the 1870 census were Charles, born in March, 1856 [1857]; Mary J., born in June, 1858, Emily, born about 1862; Annie [Anna] E., born about 1866; and Benjamin II, who was born on April 28, 1867 and died of peritonitis in Spring Lake on February 8, 1883. Later arrivals were Thomas, who died on September 12, 1871 as a six-month old infant; and William Edward, who died on August 25, 1873, a little over a year old. Charles, Mary, and Emily were born in Canada, the others were born locally. Benjamin II was one of six members of the first class to graduate from a fully graded school [1 through 8] in Spring Lake in 1881. Benjamin II, Thomas, and William were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. In 1870 Benjamin was doing well enough to afford hiring a domestic servant. In 1880 Benjamin's mother, Jane, was living with the family, but son Charles had disappeared. Jane was born in Virginia about 1810. In 1877 Benjamin I was included in R. L. Polk's *Michigan Business Directory* as a shoemaker in Spring Lake, and ten years later he was listed in *R. G. Dun & Co., Registry Mercantile Reference Book for 1887*, again as a shoemaker and still in Spring Lake. [Kitchel, p. 96.] However, Benjamin is not included in the 1893 *Business Compendium*, making it likely that he had left Spring Lake by then. A newspaper article reported, "The

[Campbell] family moved to Detroit thirty years ago and have all passed away except the oldest daughter, Mary . . . Mr Campbell died 12 years ago and Mrs Campbell three years previously. Miss Mary, who never visited here during those thirty years, motored from Detroit, accompanied by Benj. F. Campbell, No. 3, and a niece, and was greatly delighted in meeting childhood acquaintances here on Monday." [Kitchel, p. 185.] The article, apparently taken from the *Grand Haven Tribune*, is not dated, but appears to have been written about 1920. The same article noted that Dwight Cutler, one of Grand Haven's leaders, continued buying his boots from Benjamin, even after the boot maker had moved to Detroit and "long after shoes came in vogue."

Benjamin I continued in the shoe making business after his move to Detroit, but the date and place of his death was not determined. The Benjamin III referred to in the newspaper article was born on December 29, 1892 in Detroit. He was the son of Charles and Julia Campbell. On November 14, 1889 in Wayne County Charles married Julia A. Bush [Bresch]. The Campbells in 1900 remained in Detroit, where Charles worked as a barber. The 1900 census showed Charles and Julia had three children, all born in Detroit: Nellie A., born in October, 1891; Benjamin, who was born on December 29, 1892; and Charles H., who was born on November 7, 1895. The census taker that year spelled the family name Campell and Benjamin as Bengaman. This "Bengaman" is referred to as Benjamin No. 3 in the undated newspaper article. In 1910 he was living in Detroit with his widowed mother, Julia, and his brother, Charles. Julia at the time of the census was working as a hair dresser and 50 years old. On June 21, 1920 in Detroit, Benjamin III married Alice Jones. Mary J. Campbell was unmarried and still residing in Detroit in 1930. No more information about the Campbells was found after 1930, except that Benjamin III died in Detroit in March, 1980. The Campells were an African American family.

Esther Campbell [1897-1967]

Among their other children, Archie and Ida Andres Campbell had a daughter Esther. She was born on October 11, 1897 and died on November 11, 1967 in Grand Haven. She taught history, Spanish, and English at Grand Haven High School from 1923 to 1963.

Leon Joel Campbell [1884-1965]

Born on September 12, 1884 at Eagle, Wyoming County, New York, Leon was the son of William A. and Cora B. Austin Campbell. William was born in New York State in 1861 and married Cora Austin in July 4, 1882. Also a native of New York, Cora was born on April 18, 1862. The family moved to Big Rapids, Michigan in 1886 and later relocated to Muskegon.

Leon graduated from high school in Paris, Michigan, and worked for Eckerman Drug Store in Muskegon for four years. On April 5, 1906 he married Margaret Hoffman, born on December 15, 1884 in Muskegon. She joined her husband in Spring Lake in 1907, a year after they were married. She was the daughter of Jacob and Maartje Hoffman, both natives of The Netherlands. In 1906 Leon started work in a drugstore at 208 West Savidge, owned by Felix Perl. Leon purchased the bankrupt business about 1908 with E. L. Reinecke as his partner. Reinecke moved to Port Huron and Campbell became sole owner, operating under the name Campbell Pharmacy. In 1923 Leon paid Julia Falls, Andrew's widow, \$3,500 for the property at 200 West Savidge, at that time the site of Spencer's Grocery, and moved his business there. He sold the business in 1948 to Clarence Eshleman.

The Campbells had two children, Dana A., who was born January 30, 1916 and married Rena Vandersys, and William Arthur, born January 13, 1926. Leon served for eight years on the Spring Lake Village Council and belonged to a number of organizations, including Blue Lodge, Free & Accepted Masons, Grand Haven Chamber of Commerce, the Spring Lake Country Club, the Rotary Club, and the Yacht Club. He passed away in Spring Lake on November 19, 1965 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Margaret died on November 30, 1970 and was buried with her husband.

Elmer Campbell [1908-1979] and Marie Viebrock Campbell [1915-1999]

Born in Ferrysburg on September 23, 1915, Marie was the daughter of Martin and Anna De Witt Viebrock. She married Elmer Campbell in 1931. He was born on January 31, 1908, died in Spring Lake on November 24, 1979, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Marie was a seamstress for the Kiddie Kover Company in Grand Haven, which operated from 1929 to 1953. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Spring Lake. She and her husband had one daughter, Betty Ann, who married Harry Silvers of Spring Lake. Marie passed away on January 7, 1999 and was buried with her husband.

Leland E. Cannon [1918-2001]

Leland was born in Kalamazoo on November 4, 1918, the son of Percy G. and Gertrude Hensley Cannon. On August 2, 1940, he married Ethel Victoria Masselink. Cannon was an advertising sales representative for the *Muskegon Chronicle*. In 1947 the Cannons bought the Hatton home at 482 Sheldon Terrace, which they owned for 53 years. In 1995 Cannon and his wife drove to Rolla, Missouri, where he was to undergo treatment for colon cancer. His son-in-law was the surgeon. While in Missouri, Ethel contracted shingles and died on January

16, 1997, after more than a year in the hospital. Because of his health problems, Lee was unable to return to Grand Haven and remained with his daughter Vicki in Rolla. In the summer of 2000 he decided to sell the home to Scott Bekins and auction off its contents. He died in Rolla on February 1, 2001. The Cannons had been married more than 55 years.

Coppins Carew [1907-1989]

In 1928 Robert and Gertrude Carew owned and operated the Grand Haven Chicken Inn at 22 South Beechtree Street in Grand Haven. Robert was born in Alabama about 1870 and Gertrude in the same state about seven years later. Among their children, all born in Alabama, were Helen, born about 1894; Ruth, born about 1897; Samuel, born about 1900; Gertrude Jr. [sic], who was born on August 16, 1902 and died of pneumonia in Norton Township on January 4, 1935; Rosseveldt [sic], born about 1906; Coppins, born on February 13, 1907; Theresa, born about 1910, and Benjamin [sic] born about 1913. The Carew family was living in Jefferson County, Alabama in 1910. Robert was working as a preacher at that time. They moved to Iowa about 1914 and later to Minneapolis. By 1930 they had moved their local restaurant business to a vacant building at 10 Franklin Street. The name of the family business continued to be the Grand Haven Chicken Inn., with Robert and Gertrude as managers. Rosseveldt was the buyer for the new restaurant, Theresa was the second chef, and Benjamin was a waiter. Helen was unemployed. The family resided in Muskegon in 1928, but by 1930 it was included in the Grand Haven census and living at 12 Franklin, now the site of Tip A Few tavern. By 1932 the Carews had relocated to Norton Township in Muskegon County, where they operated another restaurant, also called Chicken Inn. Robert died before 1935. The Carew family sold the Grand Haven business about 1941 to Kathryn Fons. According to an article in the *Tribune*, Coppins Carew started the Chicken Inn. He married Adelaide [Adelaide] Fox, who was born in Minnesota in 1911 and married Coppins when she was 16. They lived at 819 Washington Street in Grand Haven in 1930. The next year their residence was located at 821 Bignell Court in Grand Haven Township. Living with them was a son, Coppins II, who was born in Minnesota about 1928, and a daughter, Juanita, born in Michigan about February, 1930. In 1930 Coppins was a waiter at the Ferry Hotel in downtown Grand Haven. Coppins's brother Ben was a member of an orchestra that played at the Ferry Hotel. Coppins's and Adelaide's son, Coppins St. John Carew, was killed in a sledding accident in Grand Rapids on January 10, 1941. The boy was 12 years old. The older Coppins passed away in Grand Rapids on September 26, 1989. Adelaide died in Grand Rapids on November 12,

2006. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 5, 1935 and January 10, 1941.]

Alfred X. Carey [Cary] [1811-1882]

Alfred was born in Kent, Rhode Island, on March 28, 1811, the son of Dr. Joseph and Ruby Ann Carey. In 1833 he married Sarah Musdirk. In Michigan Alfred Carey was Captain of the 127 foot *Algoma*, which operated between Grand Rapids and Grand Haven beginning in 1848. Alfred was listed as one of the Catholic families in the Grand Rapids *City Directory* for 1859. That same year he was listed as Proprietor of a flour and produce company in the same city. Alfred died August 6, 1882. Sarah lived from 1812 to 1890. They both were buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

James H. Carey [1851- ?]

Born in Hillsdale County, Michigan, on July 22, 1851, James Carey arrived in Olive Township in 1861. There he later operated a sawmill and became sole owner of a large sawmill at Olive Center, where he also was Town Clerk. On May 26, 1875 he married Cora Lyon, who was born in Medina County, Ohio, on August 11, 1857. They had one child, Herbert W., born March 6, 1877. By 1876 James owned a 40-acre farm in Section 8 of Olive Township.

John Ward Carey [1925-1991]

Born May 11, 1925 in Lansing to Glen and Pearl Carey, John served in the Navy during WWII. He was employed as President and CEO of the Credit Bureau of North Ottawa County from 1955 to 1975. He served as a systems analyst, worked for Coastal Real Estate for two years, and managed Spring Lake Yacht Club for several years. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Masons, Elks and V.F.W. On November 27, 1946 he married Joyce E. King in Lapeer, Michigan. Joyce was born April 6, 1926 and died in Grand Haven on February 25, 1993. Their children were Nancy, who married Gary Sudy of Grand Haven; Patricia, who married Dwayne Avery of Ravenna; Randolph, who moved to Hawaii; and Timothy. John died January 30, 1991. [*Tribune* obituary, January 31, 1991.]

Anthony "Gus" Carowitz [1918-1983]

Born in Grand Rapids on March 27, 1918, Gus Carowitz moved to the Grand Haven area after serving in the Army during WWII. He was owner of Turk's Restaurant in Nunica for 30 years. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, American Legion, Elks, V.F.W., Disabled Veterans, Sacred Heart Society in Grand Rapids, St. Isidore's Benevolent Society in Grand Rapids, and the Spring Lake Vets Club. Gus married Della Kulik, who was born on May 10, 1916 and died in

April, 1966. He then married Dorothy Ringgold. His children included Susan, who married Joseph Stalec of Spring Lake; Kay of Houston, Texas; a stepdaughter, Judy Hoopfer, who lived at 112 Lake Street in Spring Lake; and a stepson, Jay Howard De Jonge II of Zeeland, who lived from January 21, 1930 to March 26, 1994. Gus died on April 20, 1983. Dorothy, who was born on February 6, 1921, died in Grand Rapids on January 28, 1987. [*Tribune* obituary, April 21, 1983.]

Michael C. Carpenter [1829-1909]

Born in Ireland on November 1, 1829, Michael Carpenter was one of Nunica's earliest settlers in 1855 [1858]. He had a farm in Section 15 of Crockery Township, on the south boundary of Nunica, where he also ran a boarding house and sold groceries and other items. In 1881 he took over management of the National Hotel on the southeast corner of Columbus and Water [Harbor] Streets in Grand Haven, but maintained his farm. After Michael died on March 22, 1909, William Carpenter held title to his 76-acre farm. Michael's wife, Ann, was born in Ireland in 1835 and died April 22, 1908 at her home in Nunica. Their five children were all born in Michigan, including a son, William, born in February, 1868.

Frederick M. Carr [1874-1898]

Frederick Carr, a Coopersville resident, died in 1898 at Fort McPherson, Georgia of typhoid fever. He was one of several members of Company F of the 32nd Michigan, out of Grand Haven, who came down with typhoid. They were in training for the Spanish-American War. He was born in 1874.

Coppins Carew [Carewe] [1907-1989]

In 1928 Robert and Gertrude Carew owned and operated the Grand Haven Chicken Inn at 22 South Beechtree in Grand Haven. Robert was born about 1870 and Gertrude about 1877. Among their children were Helen, born about 1894; Gertrude, who was born in Pratt City, Alabama on August 16, 1902 and died of pneumonia in Norton Township on January 4, 1935; Rosseveldt [sic], born about 1906, Coppins, born in Iowa on February 13, 1907; Theresa, about 1910, and Benjamin [sic] about 1913. The Carew family moved to Iowa about 1914 and later to Minneapolis. By 1930 the business had moved to 10 Franklin Street, at that time a vacant building. The name of the family business continued to be the Grand Haven Chicken Inn., with Robert and Gertrude as managers. Rosseveldt was the buyer for the new restaurant, Theresa was the second chef, and Benjamin was a waiter. Helen was unemployed. The family resided in Muskegon in 1928, but by 1930 was included in the Grand Haven census as living at 12 Franklin. By 1932 the Carews had relocated to Norton Township in Muskegon County, where they operated another

restaurant, also called Chicken Inn. Robert died before 1935. The Carew family sold the Grand Haven business about 1941 to Kathryn Fons.

In 1930 Coppins was a waiter at the Ferry Hotel in Grand Haven. Coppins and his brother Ben formed a dance team for a brief time, but Ben, who played the drums, became a member of the orchestra that played at the Ferry Hotel. According to an article in the *Tribune*, Coppins started the Chicken Inn. He and his wife, Adelaide [Adalaide/Adelaise], lived at 819 Washington Street in Grand Haven in 1930. The next year their residence was located at 821 Bignell Court. Adelaide was born in Minnesota about 1912 and married Coppins when she was 16. Coppins took dancing lessons from Bojangles [Bill Robinson, 1878-1949], and he, in turn, taught Adelaide. The two of them danced on Mississippi showboats and in night clubs in Chicago and elsewhere. Coppins and Adelaide had a son, Coppins St. John Carew, who was born in Minnesota about 1928, and a daughter, Juanita, born in Michigan about February, 1930. Coppins II was killed in a sledding accident in Grand Rapids on January 10, 1941. The older Coppins passed away in Grand Rapids on September 26, 1989. Adelaide died in Grand Rapids on November 12, 2006. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 5, 1935 and January 10, 1941.]

Fred M. Carter [? - ?]

Fred Carter was Treasurer of the Milliman Manufacturing Company, which started operations in 1907 at the corner of Howard and Water Street [Harbor Drive]. He lived in Chicago. The company offered millwork and interior finishes.

David Carver [? -1848]

In 1836 [1835] David Carver came to Grand Haven from Chicago, where in 1833 he started that area's first lumber business. He brought Clark Albee with him. In Grand Haven, David went into the forwarding and commission business. When the business went bankrupt in the financial depression of 1836-37, David left the area. Albee was clerk at David's warehouse and dock on Harbor Drive. David did not marry. He and Dr. Sydney Williams shared a residence at 225 Franklin [Lot 222] in Grand Haven, and Carver also was credited with building a home at 108 South First Street. David and Alonzo L. White were Proprietor of the Town of Charleston, Ottawa County, platted in 1836. According to Franklin Everett [*Memorials of the Grand River Valley*], David died in Colorado in 1848 while part of John Fremont's third expedition.

Abel Casemier [Cazmier] [1855-1905]

Abel Casemier was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as a gardener [under Able Cazermier] and in the 1900 census

as a farmer. A native of The Netherlands, he lived from May, 1855 to December 17, 1905 and his wife, Johanna, also from The Netherlands, lived from August, 1851[1853] to 1932. They immigrated to the United States in 1882. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Among their children, all born in Michigan, were Jennie, born in July, 1883; Mary, born in December, 1884; Martin, who was born on January 10, 1886, died in 1938, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Sena, born in April, 1888; Henry I, born on October 24, 1890; Ida, born in May, 1893; and John, born in September 8, 1896. The family resided at 1121 Fulton.

Henry Casemier [Cazmier] I [1890-1974]

Henry, the son of Abel and Johanna Casemier, was born in Grand Haven on October 24, 1890. His first job was driving a wagon to deliver groceries, but eventually he started Henry Casemier Super Market at 708 Washington. He married Johanna [Nana/Nora] Boomgart in Grand Haven on June 25, 1913. She was born in Michigan about 1891. Their children included Marjorie A., born about 1915; Donald C., born about 1916; Dorothy, who was born about 1919 and married Paul Boyink of Grand Haven; June L., born about 1920; Ruth, who was born on February 6, 1921 and married Eugene Rothi of Grand Haven; Betty I., born about 1925; Henry II, who was born May 27, 1926, took over management of the stores, and died in Spring Lake on November 4, 1995; Recilla, born about October, 1927; and Marvin J., who was born about 1931 and became a partner in the family business. The Casemier residence was located at 1027 Washington in 1920, at 618 Fulton around 1930, later at 1121 Fulton, and then at 1825 Waverly. Nana passed away about February 23, 1952 and buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In March, 1953 Henry married Bertha Kraai, the widow of Mennow Smith. Bertha was born on June 8, 1889. Henry I died on August 2, 1974 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* article, "Boyinks To Celebrate 50th," December 19, 1990.]

Jay Richard Casemier [1934-2004]

In 1961 Jay Casemier, then a pharmacist at Steiner's Drugstore at 136 Washington, purchased Presley's Drugstore at 700 Washington. Two years later he moved his pharmacy business to the Meijer complex at 430 North Beacon, where he operated under the name Casemier Pharmacy until the chain store bought the business in 1975. He next purchased and operated Bunte's Pharmacy in downtown Holland until 1989. He then joined the D & W grocery store chain, and was Manager at the Grand Haven D & W until he transferred to the Norton Shores store. Jay, the son of John and Jessie Ver Duin Casemier, was born in Grand Haven on April 27, 1934. He married Carolyn Ferguson in

Kalamazoo on May 7, 1960. Jay, who had a real estate license, served with the North Ottawa Board of Realtors, and he was a member of Christ Community Church, the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce, the Spring Lake Country Club, and the West Michigan Pharmacists Association, where he once served as President. Jay died in Spring Lake on January 14, 2004 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He and Carolyn had three daughters: Cyndi, who married Robert Johnson of Berlin, Vermont; Cammie, who married David Heatherington of Spring Lake; and Christi, who married Tom Lindow of Westerville, Ohio. The family resided at 13668 Lakeshore Drive. [*Tribune* obituary, January 15, 2004.]

John Casemier [1896-1971]

In 1927 John Casemier started in business by opening Casemier Food Market at 1322 Washington, in a store later occupied by the Fred Strahsburg Market. Casemier moved his store to 1123 Washington and then to 1117-1119 Washington. He also had a store at 222 North Fifth around 1940 and later at 401 South Beechtree. In 1946 his sons Robert J. and Abel L. took over active management of the business. At various time the John had stores in Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg and Coopersville, and he operated a summer store at Highland Park. The family resided at 1143 Waverly. On May 3, 1925 he married Jessena "Jessie" Ver Duin, who was born on August 12, 1894, died in Crockery Township on February 2, 1988, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John, the son of Abel and Johanna Casemier, was born in Grand Haven on September 8, 1896 and died in Bradenton, Florida on January 28, 1971. He was buried at Lake Forest. Among their children was Jay Casemier, born on April 27, 1934; and Abel Louis, who lived from July 19, 1925 to November 16, 2007; Robert James, born about 1928, and Beverly Joan, born about 1937.

William Cass [@1827- ?]

William Cass was an early Grand Haven photographer in partnership with a man named Hughes. William was born in New York about 1827, and his wife Adela [Adelia] was born about 1837 in the same state. They were residents of Grand Haven as early as 1865, when William opened his photography business and continued until at least 1880. His address was given as 72 Washington, a number that was invalidated when the numbering system was changed. [His studio probably was on the north side of Washington in the 100 block.] He and Adela resided on Second Street.

Ferris K. Cassis [1922-2000]

Ferris Cassis, the son of Syrian parents, was born in Ohio on November 15, 1922 and died on October 5, 2000 in Elmore, Idaho. During the 1940s and 1950s

Ferris leased a building at 12 Washington from Joe Nejem and ran the Harbor Inn. He resided on Ferris Street in the mid-1950s.

Heamon [Heman] Castle [1862-1930]

Heamon Castle was born in Eastmanville on July 16, 1862. His parents were Truman S. and Mary M. Cross Castle. Heamon worked in local sawmills and owned a farm in Section 8 of Polkton Township before joining the U.S. Life Saving Service in 1896, where he spent the remainder of his working career until he retired in 1926 as a Boatswain's Mate, First Class. On April 9, 1883 he married Mary L. Quigley in Crockery Township, but two years later the family was in Frankfort, Michigan, evidently for a short time. Mary lived from May, 1863 [1864] to 1915. By the early 1900s the family had moved to Grand Haven and resided at 501 Lake Avenue. Heamon died on October 21 [24], 1930. Both were buried at Nunica Cemetery. John Franklin Castle, born August 23, 1885, was their son. Other children were Eunice Mary, born in April, 1893, Flora A., and Lewis Heamon Castle.

John Franklin Castle I [1885-1953]

Early in his life, John F. Castle worked for the Life Saving Service in Grand Haven. In the 1930s he and Henry Arkema operated Castle Gardens in Spring Lake, specializing in gladiolas. The Castle property was located at 17802 Fruitport Road. John, the son of Heamon and Mary Quigley Castle, was born in Frankfort, Michigan, on August 23, 1885. He married Clara Frieda Reichel on December 4, 1907. They had five children, including John F. II, who was born on December 17, 1921 and died on March 28, 1990. Clara passed away around June 14, 1955 and was buried with her husband at Spring Lake Cemetery. John II also was buried there.

John S. Castle [1831-1916]

When John Castle enlisted as Private in Company M of the 7th Michigan Cavalry on May 11, 1863, he was a resident of Polkton Township. On November 7, 1865 he was transferred to Company D of the 1st Michigan Cavalry. John was discharged with the rank of Sergeant on May 11, 1866 and then settled in Nunica. In 1892 he became Proprietor of the Rideout House in Spring Lake, but in 1900 he and his wife were again in Crockery. John's wife, Amanda, a native of Michigan, lived from April 24, 1838 to May 3, 1923. She was buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery with her husband, who died on October 28, 1916. John was born in Vermont on March 2, 1831.

John F. Cavanaugh [1868-1936]

John Cavanaugh, a sea captain, was born December 23, 1868 in Michigan City, Indiana, the descendant of sailor

ancestors. At 13 he obtained a job with a tugboat as Captain and soon became known to the seamen there as Captain "Jack." He shipped on a lumber barge when he was 16, and in 1884 he experienced his first shipwreck. He received First Officer papers in 1888 and came to Grand Haven as mate of the *Frank Woods*. In 1903 he received Masters papers. In 1904 he joined the Crosby Transportation Company, and later that year he had a Master's berth on the *Petoskey* and then the steamer *Nyack*. He bought the *Conestoga* and commanded the *Kansas* that stood by for rescue operations when the *Naomi* burned in mid-lake on May 21, 1907. His last command was the *City of Milwaukee*.

On January 15, 1901 John married Ann Hanrahan. The Cavanaughs lived at 309 South Second Street. They had two children, Katherine, born in 1902, and Mary, who was born about 1904 and moved to Battle Creek after marrying Dr. Emory Morris, one-time President of the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. On September 19, 1903 Katherine was celebrated in the local newspapers for winning first prize at the West Michigan Fair baby show. She resided in the family home at 309 South Second and worked for 44 years at the Peoples Bank and Trust [Bank One/Chase]. She died in Grand Haven on December 23, 1978. John died in Milwaukee on April 23, 1936 and was buried in Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife passed away on December 10, 1942. The family attended St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grand Haven. [Tribune obituary, April 24, 1936.]

Frank Cech [1863-1943]

Frank Cech and his wife, Josephine, owned an 80-acre farm in Section 22 of Grand Haven Township. Frank was born in Yugoslavia in December, 1863. Josephine Stepanek was born in the same country in 1866. They were married in their home country about 1888 and immigrated to America after 1897. Among their children were Mary, who was born in 1889 and married Joseph Zenko of Grand Haven Township; Josephine, who was born on December 27, 1896, married John Paterek in Grand Haven on September 11, 1916, and died on October 18, 1990; Louis J., who was born in Illinois on April 14, 1904 and died in Grand Haven on December 19, 1989; and Joseph, who was born in Illinois about 1906. Louis's wife, Ruth V., lived from August 8, 1907 to September 9, 1972. Frank died in 1943 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Cemetery. Josephine passed away four years later and was buried at the same cemetery.

Robert D. Cernoch [1921-2005]

Bob, the son of Frank and Mary Barta Cernoch, was born in Antigo, Wisconsin on December 15, 1921. He served with the Army during WWII and became a self-employed master carpenter after his discharge, a trade he

followed for nearly 60 years. He helped write the Ferrysburg City Charter when the community became a city in 1963, and he served three terms on the Ferrysburg City Council. He also served on the City's Board of Review, the Zoning Board, and the Ottawa County Board of Supervisors. He was re-elected to a four-year term to the City Council in 1991. Bob was recognized by the North Ottawa County Council on Aging as the "Older American of the Year" in 2003. He was a volunteer for the Tri-Cities Historical Museum and helped in many remodeling and exhibition projects at the Depot site and at the Akeley site. On September 21, 1946 Bob married E. Marie Wildey. Marie was born on January 20, 1926. Bob and Marie had two daughters: Sue, who married Larry Bichelmeyer and relocated to Idaho; and Sheela, who married Rob Schlörer of Washington. The Cernochs resided at 17620 Thornapple in Ferrysburg. Marie died on March 1, 2005, and Bob passed away on December 8, 2005. [Tribune obituary, December 9, 2005.]

Louis-Joseph Chabollier [Chaboiller] [1741- ?] and Pierre-Louis Chabbolier [? - ?]

Louis-Joseph Chabollier, born on October 24, 1741, was licensed by the French Government on June 4, 1778 to trade for furs along "la Riviere Grande." He had two canoes. His brothers, Pierre-Louis [born February 1, 1744/45], Augustin [born July 26, 1739], and Francois-Hypolite [born October 8, 1751], also were fur traders. The four brothers were sons of Charles Chabollier, an early and prominent resident of Mackinac. Charles in 1735 married Marie Anne, a daughter of the Chevalier family. Besides their four sons, Charles and Marie Anne had a daughter, Marie-Anne-Marthe, who was born May 7, 1746. Pierre, credited with one canoe, maintained a residence on the Grand River, but also was listed as one of many Proprietors of the general store at Michilmackinac. All but Hypolite were included in the Michigan census of 1778.

Henry L. Chamberlain [1848- ?]

In 1880 Henry Chamberlain was a clerk on a steamboat. Later he became a partner with C. B. Winslow in a coal, lime, and cement business eventually purchased by Nat Robbins. Henry was born in Cederberg, Wisconsin in 1848 and his wife was born in New York the same year. Henry and Eliza Jane Anthony were married in Spring Lake on August 10, 1874.

L. C. Chamberlain [? - ?]

Chamberlain became President of the Wait Manufacturing Company when its founder, Justin B. Wait, left for Nebraska in 1879. Chamberlain held the position for two years.

Samuel McMasters Chambers [1864-1941]

Born in October, 1864 in New York [Holland, Michigan], Samuel Chambers was 18 years old when he came to Grand Haven in 1882. He ran "the leading tonsorial parlors in the city and made a specialty of ladies' and children's hair cutting and shampooing, employing the very latest electrical shampooing device." His shop was at 132 Washington. On July 6, 1890 in Grand Haven, he married Clara W. Esler. Born in 1871, she died in Grand Haven on July 14, 1890. On May 5, 1898, still in Grand Haven, Samuel married Maud Myrtle, daughter of Horrace and Sophie Nichols. Myrtle was born in October, 1875. and. Samuel and Myrtle lived at 25 Franklin with their children, Madge, born on August 3, 1899, and Horace J., born in 1900. Madge married Lawrence Michele of Grand Haven. By 1920 Samuel, Maud, and Horace were residing in Seattle, Washington, and Madge was living with her Nichols' grandparents at 600 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. Samuel and Maud later moved to Los Angeles. Samuel died around February 23, 1941 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune*, November 2, 1984.]

Agustus Chandler [1855- ?]

Agustus [sic] Chandler, an African American, was working on a farm in Allegan County in 1880. He was then single. Born in Indiana in April, 1855, Agustus on May 16, 1888 in Allegan, Michigan married C. S. Artis, also listed as Cordelia S. Arney, an indication she had been previously married. The couple was included in the 1900 census for Robinson Township, where her name was given as Savannah. Also Black, she was born in Indiana in September, 1845. Agustus worked as a huckster on a farm. By 1910 they were located in Osceola County, Michigan, where Agustus continued to farm.

Charles Chandler [1838-1905]

Charles Chandler was born in Clinton, Michigan, in 1838 and studied at the University of Michigan. He became a teacher, and later was Superintendent of Schools in Hastings and then in Grand Haven from 1863 to 1865, ending his educational career in Grand Rapids in 1877 to pursue a law degree. In 1865 he married Louisa Harwood White, daughter of Thomas W. White, formerly of Grand Haven, but then residing in Grand Rapids. Louisa was born in Michigan about 1838. Charles, an attorney, died of a heart attack while examining a witness during a trial at the Ottawa County Court House on January 9, 1905. His residence at the time of death was listed as 7 Washington Street.

Frank Amigh Chapel [Chappel] [1862-1922]

The son of Joseph and Mary E. Brown Chapel, Frank was born in Berrien County on February 25, 1862. On December 23, 1880, he married Lillie E, the daughter of Joel and Maria Eastway Fellows of West Olive. Lillie was born about 1860. By 1907 Frank had a 38-acre farm

in Allendale Township. They had a son, Sylvester, who was born on November 4, 1881. Frank died on November 11, 1922.

George A. Chapel [@1838- ?]

Born in New York about 1838, George and his family had settled in Allendale Township by 1870, where he was a farmer. He was said to have served during the Civil War with a regiment of New York hard artillery, but his military records were not found. George's wife, Amelia, lived from 1841 to 1902. The Chapels were in Eaton County, Michigan in 1880 and in Grand Rapids in 1920. Amelia was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery with her husband and other family members. They had at least one child, Carrie, who was born in Ohio about 1858. There were no dates on George's headstone.

Joseph Chapel [Chappel] [1815-1899]

Born in Onondaga County, New York on June 22, 1815, Joseph Chapel relocated to Berrien County, Michigan and then to Robinson Township in 1872. Four years later Joseph opened a general store. His first wife, Mary E. Brown, was born in Pennsylvania on September 16, 1831 and died February 6, 1878. Their children included Ella, who was born in Onondaga in 1850, married Abram Foster, also of Onondaga, and died January 30, 1943; Henry M., born in 1856, also in Onondaga County; Frank Amigh, born in 1862; and Charles Henry, who was born in Berrien on November 14, 1864, married Olive Elizabeth Gardiner in Grand Haven on June 24 1885, and died in Grand Rapids on March 9, 1953. After Mary's death on February 6, 1878, Joseph remarried, this time to Mary K. Garrod on March 6, 1879. The second Mary was born in 1817 in Michigan and died on January 21, 1897. Joseph died on January 30, 1899 and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery with his two wives and other family members.

David Chapman [1830-1897]

David and Jacob Chapman founded the Chapman Bros. Company in 1859 for the manufacture of brick. Three years later they purchased 12 acres in Section 36 of Fruitport Township [Muskegon County,] at the "head of the Bayou" [Spring Lake], where a Mr Cooley had a brick-making operation. David was born in England in 1830. In 1855 he settled on a fourteen acre farm in Section 31 of Fruitport Township on which he raised grain, vegetables and fruit. He also owned acreage in Section 6 of Crockery Township. His wife, Margaret, was born about 1836 in Ireland. They had three children, all born in Michigan. David died on July 9, 1897 in Fruitport.

Jacob Chapman [1818-1897]

Jacob and David Chapman founded the Chapman Bros. Company in 1859 for the manufacture of brick. Three years later they purchased 12 acres in Section 36 of Fruitport Township [Muskegon County,] at the "head of the Bayou" [Spring Lake], where a Mr Cooley had a brick-making operation. Jacob, born in New York about 1818, was reported to be the first permanent settler in Fruitport Village, and was its first Postmaster, appointed on April 8, 1869. His wife Annie also was born in New York, about 1828. Their three children were all born in Michigan. Jacob died about the same date as his brother, July, 1897.

Dwight H. Cheeseman [1874-1965]

Dwight Cheeseman, who was born in Michigan on June 1, 1874, married Marie Scott on March 10, 1897. Dwight's parents were John Cheeseman, born in Michigan in 1851, and Ellen Cheeseman, born in Michigan in 1855. John and Ellen were settled in Olive Township by 1880. Dwight and Marie owned a 40-acre farm in Robinson Township in the early 1900s. Around 1910 the family relocated to Imperial Valley, California, where Dwight died on November 25, 1965. Among their children were Glen [Glenn] Harris, who was born in Robinson Township on October 1, 1898, married Clara Lenore Ellis in Phoenix, Arizona on June 21, 1930, and died in Los Angeles on January 27, 1959; Cecil George, who was born in Robinson Township on May 23, 1900 and died in San Diego, California on March 14, 1951; Maxwell Dwight, who was born on July 6, 1902 and died in San Diego, California on October 16, 1958; and Beulah.

Howard R. Chellis [1841-1880]

Born on in New York on February 11, 1841, Howard Chellis owned an 80-farm in Section 35 of Grand Haven Township. He also was known as a lumberman. Howard arrived in the Grand Haven area in 1868. He married Caroline Wright in Ottawa County. She died about April 25, 1887 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Howard died on January 21, 1880 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

Harold E. Cherry [@1876-1938]

Harold was born about 1876 in Grand Haven, the son of James and Mathilda Johnson Cherry. He moved to San Francisco, California. There, in 1920, he was President of a hardware company. By 1930 he was a salesman. Harold died in January, 1938. His wife, Blanche, was born in Canada about 1877.

Herbert Johnson Cherry [1877-1965]

Born in Grand Haven on November 2, 1877, Herbert was the son of James and Mathilda Johnson Cherry. A graduate of Northwestern University School of Medicine, Herbert practiced obstetrics in Grand Haven

and Culver City, California. From 1902 to 1913 he was Chief Physician and Surgeon for the Davis Coal and Coke Company in Elkins, West Virginia. While in Grand Haven, he helped organize the first hospital in 1919, and he was appointed Public Health physician about the same time. He and his wife, Alice Josephine Davidson, attended the First Presbyterian Church, where he served several years as Sunday School Superintendent. Their residence was at 502 Lafayette. Herbert left the area in 1927 to locate in Culver City, and in 1950 he and his wife moved to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Alice died in 1959. Their daughter, Isabel M., was born on April 25, 1905 and died in July, 19, 1974. She married Maurice J. Warnock, who was born on December 28, 1902 and died on January 25, 2003. They resided in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Herbert and Alice had another daughter, Sue, who was born about October, 1918. Herbert died around July 20, 1965.

James H. Cherry [1833-1916]

A carpenter by trade, James Cherry and his wife, Mathilda J., lived at 520 Clinton Street in Grand Haven. Their children were Jeanette, who was born in New York in December, 1867, became a Grand Haven teacher, and married Samuel B. Ardis; Myrtle, who was born in June, 1870 and became a teacher in Grand Haven; Kate [Katheryn], who was born about 1873 and married Royal B. Way, who was born in Michigan the same year, and moved to Beloit, Wisconsin; Harold, who was born in November, 1877 and moved to California; Herbert, who was born about 1878 and practiced medicine in Grand Haven and later in California; and Mary, who was born in September, 1880 and became a private school teacher near Los Angeles. All the children except Jeanette were born locally. James, who was born in England, lived from February, 1833 to 1916, and Mathilda lived from February, 1845 to 1917. She was from Canada. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Jeanette Cherry [1867-1935]

See Samuel B. Ardis.

Myrtle Emma Cherry [@1870-1945]

Myrtle, born about 1870, was the daughter of James and Mathilda Johnson Cherry. She taught for many years in the lower grades in Grand Haven and in 1914 was a "Critic Teacher" at Ottawa County Normal School. She also was a teacher and principal of the junior high school for many years. Myrtle served over 30 years and thousands of local children passed through her hands during their schooling. She died in Los Angeles on March 6, 1945 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Tribune obituary, March 7, 1945.]

Arthur Llewelyn Chittenden [1877-1960]

Arthur Llewelyn, the son of William and Julia Chittenden, was born January 5, 1877. A carpenter by trade, he married Emma M., the daughter of Hiram and Emily Deremo Martin, on March 3, 1926 in Spring Lake, where he died January 29, 1960. Emma, who was born September 12, 1889, died February 20, 1970 in Spring Lake. Their son Llewelyn, was born in February, 1929.

Benjamin Franklin Chittenden [Chittendon] [1818-1899]

Born in Geauga County, Ohio on November 5, 1818, Benjamin Chittenden came to the Grand Haven area in 1856 and in the early 1860s went to Wisconsin for a year. He returned to Crockery, and in 1866 he purchased a farm and also worked at the Spoonville sawmill. He married Abigail T. Woodruff, who was born April 24, 1832 in Pennsylvania and died in Nortonville on January 5, 1898. The Chittendens had eight children, including William Benjamin, who was born in 1850; Agnes Sarah, who was born in New York in 1853 and on March 13, 1870 in Crockery Township married Warren Sanders; Emma Sonora, who was born in Spoonville, Ottawa County, on September 1, 1858 and married Eugene Reed of Spring Lake; Cora A., who was born about 1861 and married Thomas Hammond; and Eugene Amos, who was born in July, 1863 in Wisconsin and married Katherine M. Wells, born in Michigan in May, 1870. Benjamin Chittenden, with his brother Eugene, operated a threshing machine in Crockery Township, which was in constant demand during the season. Benjamin died August 28, 1899. The Chittenden farm was in Section 30 of Crockery Township.

Dewey Chittenden [1897-1990]

Dewey, the son of William and Julia Chittenden, was born December 19, 1897. He married Hazel A. Fisher on July 26, 1919 in Spring Lake. She was born in Grand Haven on October 26, 1896 and died on July 30, 1992. The couple resided in Crockery Township, where Dewey was a farmer. Their children were Virginia I., born about 1922; David L., born around November, 1927; and Earl R., born about December, 1929. Dewey died on October 12, 1990.

Emmons C. Chittenden [1879-1962]

Emmons C., the son of William and Julia Chittenden, was born on January 27, 1879. He married Bernice Friant at the Spring Lake Baptist Church on December 25, 1903. The couple owned a 71-acre farm in Sections 19 and 30 of Crockery Township. Emmons died January 16, 1962 in Grand Haven. Bernice lived from June 27, 1885 to August 27, 1980. A daughter, Jessie, was born

in Spring Lake in 1906 and married Fred Borchers in Grand Haven on February 3, 1923.

Floyd Chittenden [1885-1922]

Floyd, the son of William and Julia Chittenden, was born May 5, 1885 in Crockery Township and died July 3, 1922 in Canada. His wife was Tillie Hawgood.

George DeMary Chittenden [1894-1979]

George DeMary, the son of William and Julia Chittenden, was born May 6, 1894, and died August 6, 1979 in Grand Haven. He married Gladys Mae Viebrock on May 10, 1917, in Spring Lake. She was born on May 31, 1894 in Spoonville and died in Muskegon on February 15, 1964. They owned a 37-acre farm in Crockery Township, and had at least six children.

Manley Eugene Chittenden [1883-1979]

Manley, the son of William and Julia Chittenden, was born February 19, 1883. He married Mabel Mae Robinson in Muskegon on November 17, 1919, and died March 27, 1979 in Grand Haven. Mabel was born April 23, 1901 in Lake City, Michigan, and died in Ottawa County on May 16, 1970. The couple resided on a farm in Crockery Township. Manley and Mabel had five children.

William Benjamin Chittenden I [1850-1929]

William, born in Watkins Glen, New York on November 7, 1850, was the son of Benjamin Franklin and Abigail Woodruff Chittenden. He arrived in the area with his parents in 1856. He married Julia Katulah Hale in Spring Lake on September 3, 1876. Julia, the daughter of Andrew Jackson and Emily De Mary Hale of Spring Lake, was born May 3, 1856, in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and died on July 3, 1933 in Crockery. William was a farmer and berry grower who owned 60 acres in Section 30 of Crockery Township. The couple had nine children, including two sons, Alta [Alton], who lived from December 1, 1886 to September 28, 1888, and William II, who was born March 5, 1881 and died on May 5, 1904. These two children were buried in Nunica Cemetery. Benjamin and Julia's other children, all born in Crockery Township, were Arthur Llewellyn, born on January 5, 1877; Emmons [Emonds] C., born on January 27, 1879; Manley Eugene, born on February 19, 1883; Floyd, born in May, 1885; Emma Salina, born in February, 1891; George DeMary, born May 6, 1894; and Dewey, born in December, 1897. William I died in Crockery Township on April 28, 1929. Julia died after 1930.

J. C. "Chris" Christensen [? - ?]

Chris Christensen started a chair factory in Nunica in 1871. It went into bankruptcy two years later and never recovered.

Lambert “Bert” Christenson [Christianson] [1882-?]

Lambert Christenson was born in Spring Lake Township on September 1, 1882. He had two sisters, Mabel and Edith, and a brother, William.

George Seagrove Christman [1883-1965]

The son of George W. and Aggie Seagrove Christman, George S. in 1911 became the youngest Spring Lake Village President and was elected again in 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, and 1932. His first job was with Marshall Field & Company in Chicago, followed by a position as railroad detective with the Seagrove Detective Agency. After several years in Illinois, he returned to Spring Lake and joined his father in running the family’s lumber business in Spring Lake.

George was born in Spring Lake on September 10, 1883 and died there on July 28, 1965. He was President of the Spring Lake State Bank and a Director of the Peoples Bank and Trust. His wife, Adrienne, was born in Grand Haven on January 2, 1891, the daughter of Jacob Glerum, and died April 12, 1980. George and Adrienne were married June 16, 1917. They had three sons: George Glerum, James Douglas, and Normand J. The sons took over the family lumber business in the early 1950s. George G. was born at Hatton Memorial Hospital in Grand Haven on July 6, 1920. Like his brothers, George worked for the family lumber business. He married Jean Mills on March 9, 1946, in Indianapolis. James was born in Grand Haven on May 19, 1925 and married Lois Austin of Grand Haven in September, 1947. He also worked in the family lumber business and was President of Industrial Lumber and Packaging when the company was formed in the 1970s. James and Lois resided at 430 Buena Vista in Spring Lake. Normand died in 1994. George and Adrienne were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

George W. Christman [1850-1934]

George W. Christman, born in Turbotville, Pennsylvania, on February 11, 1850, was brought to the Spring Lake area by Hunter Savidge about 1870 to work for him in his lumberyard. On October 10, 1879 George married Agnes “Aggie” E. Seagrove, who was born in Grand Haven on September 20, 1857 and died in 1908. For the three years after his marriage, George worked with a John Gauger, a former employee of Cutler & Savidge, in Ogallah, Kansas. When the Christmans returned to Spring Lake, they lived for awhile in one of the homes owned by the Spring Lake Hotel. When Cutler & Savidge moved their business to Canada,

George acquired their planing mill and formed the Christman Lumber Company in 1895. George W. was a member of the Spring Lake Board of Education for 15 years, and he was a Vice President of the Spring Lake State Bank when it was organized in 1914.

The Christmans had three children, all born in Spring Lake: Priscilla, and Priscilla [Estella], born on April 9, 1881; George S., born on September 10, 1883; and Mildred A., born in February, 1887. The family lived at 524 East River Street. Young George took over the family business in 1925, and his sons, who took over in the early 1950s, ran the business until 1967, when they converted to manufacturing pallets. George W. died July 14, 1934 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

James Douglas Christman [1925-2006]

James, the son of George and Adrienne Glerum Christman, was born in Grand Haven on May 19, 1925. On September 6, 1947, in Grand Haven, he married Lois M. Austin. James and his brothers owned and operated Christman Lumber Company, a business started by their grandfather, George W. Christman, in 1895. James served on the Spring Lake Village Council for more than twenty years, beginning when he was 24 years old, and he was President of the Village from 1983 to 1987. He and his family attended Spring Lake Presbyterian Church. James also was a member of the Spring Lake Yacht Club, where he served on the Board of Directors, and he was a Director of the Grand Rapids Reserve Supply Company. During WWII, James was a member of the Army and saw action at the Battle of the Bulge.

James and Lois had a son, James A. Christman of Oak Brook, Illinois, and another son, Douglas K. of Clive, Iowa. James passed away at his home on May 15, 2006. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 17, 2006.]

Normand J. Christman [1930-1994]

Normand, the son of George S. and Adrienne Glerum Christman, was born December 6, 1930, died March 29, 1994, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Normand worked for the family lumber business and was Vice President/Secretary of Industrial Lumber and Packaging, when that business was formed in the 1970s. Normand and his wife, Lucia C. Crane, whom he married on August 22, 1953 in Pontiac, lived at 536 East River Street in their early married years and later at 17887 Fruitport Road.

Priscilla Christman [1881-1902]

Born in Grand Haven on April 9, 1881 the oldest child of George W. Christman, Priscilla attended Kalamazoo College, where she graduated in 1901 with honors. She accepted a position to teach in the high school, but due to fatigue asked Etta Lee of Grand Rapids to fill her

position temporarily while she gained her strength. She died on September 30, 1902 from a broken blood vessel incurred during a coughing spell. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery . [Tribune obituary, October 4, 1902.]

Caroline Searle Christmas [1847–1945] and Charles Christmas [1843–1912]

Born in England on July 6, 1847, Caroline Searle Christmas arrived in Grand Haven in 1872 with her husband, Charles. Caroline was one of this area's first naturalized citizens and one of the founders of the Maccabees of Michigan. Her husband, Charles, was office clerk around 1880 and a janitor at the Court House in the early 1900s. He was born in England in August 15, 1843 and died about May 3, 1912. The couple lived at 602 Clinton. Caroline lived her last years at 400 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven, where George S. Christmas, her son, lived. George was born on January 9, 1876. Their other children were Bessie, who was born in 1874 and married Asa McCay of Grand Haven; Robert H., born in 1882; Charles II, who was born in 1883 and served as Secretary of the Grand Haven Furniture Company between 1890 and 1895; and Frank C., born in June, 1884. All the children were born in Grand Haven. Caroline died about July 10, 1945 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

George Haydn Searl Christmas [1876–1964]

Born in Grand Haven on January 9, 1876, George, the son of Charles and Caroline Searle Christmas, became a cooper at the Kilbourn barrel factory. Later he worked for the Crosby Lines. George married Cora String on October 12, 1898. She was born in New York in August, 1873 and died approximately February 10, 1968. Cora had been married previously and had a daughter, Sadie Streng, born in Michigan in June, 1893. George passed away around April 18, 1964 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Christmases lived at 400 Lake. In 1917 George and Cora bought an old railroad depot that had been moved from Harbor Island down the channel to North Shore. They converted it to a cottage they named Christmas Lodge [approximately 20052 North Shore Drive].

Nathan B. Church [1840-1926]

Nathan, born November 22, 1840 in Lyons, Ionia County, Michigan, was the son of Lafayette and Sophronia Benjamin Church. Lafayette lived from 1816 to 1907, and Sophronia was born in 1823. On August 12, 1861, while living in Gratiot County, Nathan enlisted in Company C of the 26th Michigan Infantry. He was discharged for disability on January 17, 1862, but on September 15 that year he was commissioned in Company D of the 26th Michigan. He was Aide-de-Camp to Brigadier General John B. Slough from January

15 to April 1, 1863. Nathan was promoted to Major on January 12, 1864 and to Captain the following April 15. He was mustered out on October 30, 1865. In June, 1872 he bought the *Grand Haven Union* newspaper from Lemoyne M. S. Smith and ran it as the local voice of the Democratic party until the election of 1872 and the defeat of his candidate. The newspaper then discontinued publication. Nathan and his wife, Mary H., may have returned to Ionia County, where on October 1, 1877, he bought a 40-acre parcel. Nathan died in Ithaca, Michigan on December 26, 1926. When Mary applied for a widow's Civil War pension on January 8, 1927, she was living in New York State.

Thomas Brownell Church [1813-1890]

A Grand Rapids attorney and noted orator, Thomas Church was born in Bristol County, Massachusetts on September 13, 1813. In 1843 he started practicing law in Grand Rapids, a year after he had participated in litigation between William M. Ferry and Clark B. Albee in Grand Haven. Charles Whipple was the presiding judge. Church also was a representative to the State Constitutional Convention in 1850, and in 1851 he was elected Representative to the State Legislature. The next year he was elected Mayor of Grand Rapids. Thomas in 1841 [1842] married Mary E. Stuart [Steward] of Marshall, Michigan. He died in Grand Rapids on July 30, 1890.

Fred Churchill [1859- ?]

Fred Churchill and James Edward [Edwards] owned the Edward & Churchill Company in Agnew. The firm manufactured crates for celery, berries, peaches, and grapes, and also offered "Custom Sawing, Planing and Matching. Custom Feed Grinding During Season." Fred also owned a 40-acre farm in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township. The son of Lorenzo and Triphena Ball Churchill, he was born in Paw Paw, Michigan in September, 1859 and married Ada L. Harris in Agnew on July 2, 1891. Ada, the daughter of George Harris of Grand Haven Township, was born in September, 1871. Fred and Ada had two daughters: Ida, born in May, 1892, and Francis, born in April, 1897.

Ithiel Verl [Verle] Cilley [1888-1954]

Verl Cilley and his wife, Viola E., in 1928 built a second home at 200 Prospect Street, atop Five Mile Hill. It soon became known as the Castle, because of its resemblance to a 15th Century Spanish castle. The brick on both the inside and outside of the structure was imported from Italy. Verl was Treasurer and Manager of an oil company in Grand Rapids. He was born in Grand Rapids on November 10, 1888. His parents were Ithiel John and Georgie Thurston Cilley, who were married in Grand Haven on January 15, 1881, but moved to Grand Rapids. Viola, also a native of Michigan, was born

about 1893. Verl and Viola were married about 1913. Their daughter, Viola G. [Geraldine], was born in Grand Rapids around 1920. Verl died in Grand Rapids on January 28, 1954, and Viola the mother passed away March 29, 1966 in Kent County. She and her husband were buried at Greenwood Cemetery.

James Golden Cilley [1828-1912]

Born in St. Lawrence County, New York in October, 1827, James Cilley arrived in Grand Haven in 1855, but was listed in the Coopersville census for 1860, where he opened a law office. On February 15, 1865 he enlisted in Company C of the Michigan 10th Cavalry. By the following November 11 James was mustered out of the service, having recently been promoted to Hospital Steward. After the war he re-opened his law office in Coopersville. In 1870 the family was residing in Polkton Township, and ten years later they had moved to Tallmadge Township. James was again residing in Coopersville in 1910. In partnership with Marvin H. Creager, James in the spring of 1881 built a planing mill near the Pere Marquette train depot on Madison [Jackson] Street in Grand Haven. On November 19, 1890 he applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. James was buried at Maplewood Cemetery in Lamont. He married Marian [Miriam] Monroe, who was born in 1828 in New York and died in 1906. They had four children, including Ithiel John, who became a Grand Rapids patent attorney and lived from 1846 to 1926; Maria August, who lived from 1853 to 1936; Adella "Delia" M. who was born in October, 1858; and Earl Oscar, who was born in March, 1865 and passed away in 1943. Delia married Elbert Lynn of Grand Haven. James died in 1912 in Coopersville. Verl Ithiel Cilley, who built "The Castle" on Five Mile Hill was his grandson.

Adeline "Addie" M. Clark [1868-1943]

Born in Grand Haven on January 15, 1868, Addie was the daughter of Sidney and Adeline Clark. Addie began her 30-year teaching career when she was 17. Addie and a sister, Clara A. Clark, were both teachers and lived together. Clara's death about February 27, 1904 at the age of 43 was one of the great sorrows of Addie's life. Addie served three and a half years as a correspondent for the *Tribune*. She retired from teaching in 1913 and returned to the farm in Robinson Township, where her parents had relocated. She was at different times President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Robinson extension group, and she was a member of the Presbyterian Church. She lived during her last years at 220½ South Seventh Street. Addie died January 14, 1943 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 15, 1943, and *Tribune* articles, May 25, 1913 and January 15, 1943.]

Charles Henry Clark [1835-1901]

Charles H. Clark, who was born in Augusta, Maine on February 8, 1835, came to Michigan in 1853 to work in a lumber camp in Robinson Township. He was hired to help construct a "horse railroad," which transported cut timber from today's intersection of Lincoln and 144th Streets to Stearns Bayou. There the logs were rolled into the water and floated to the various sawmills in Spring Lake and Grand Haven. In 1855 he returned to Maine to marry Abigail Hartwell Wall, and in early November that year they settled on a farm in Robinson Township. In 1865 they purchased 142 acres in Section 6 of Robinson Township, eventually extending their holdings into Section 31. Among their nine surviving children were Frederick, born in Michigan in September, 1856; Harriet Abigail "Hattie," also born in Michigan and who lived from 1858 to 1955 and married James Bignell; Phebe Augusta, who was born in Augusta, Maine on July 2 1860, was a teacher for 52 years, including 48 years at Clark School in Robinson Township, and died October 11, 1955; Hannah Wall, who was born in Michigan in 1863, married Benjamin Barton, and died in October, 1953 at Marion, Indiana; and Walter H., who was born in Robinson on December 3, 1866. Charles's wife, Abigail Hartwell Wall, was born about July 26, 1833, died on July 1, 1873, and was buried at Robinson Cemetery. After her death, Charles married her sister, Augusta Ballard Wall, who died in 1888 at the age of 53. Charles passed away on February 23, 1901. [*Tribune* obituary, October 12, 1955, *Tribune* article, November 2, 1984, and letter from Helen F. Clark to Maurice Wilson, Director of the Tri-Cities Historical Museum, June 22, 1977.]

Chauncey [Chancy] R. Clark I [1890- ?]

Born in Grand Haven on June 17, 1890, Chauncey was the son of Joseph and Fanny Clark. Chauncey was listed as a student in the 1908 Director, but a year later he was Secretary for the Getsmall Roach Trap Company, formed in Grand Haven in 1909. Marvin Klaver recalled that Chauncey brought his 16-year-old bride to their home at 417 Lafayette [approximate number] after their wedding in Muskegon on December 31, 1912. The bride was Dorothy "Dora" Mathilda Ward, the daughter of Andrew Jackson and Lucy Harrington Ward. Dora was born in Grand Haven in 1896. In 1917 Chauncey listed himself as a self-employed brick layer, residing with his wife and children at 640 Lake Avenue. Three years later Chauncey, Dora, their three children, and Dora's widowed mother, Lucy Ward, were residing at 636 Lake Avenue. The children, all born locally, were Chauncey II, born about 1914; Dora E., born about 1916; and Patricia A., born about July, 1919. Chauncey was then a building contractor. Apparently the Clarks previously resided at 820 Lake, in a home reportedly

built by his father, Joseph, before Louis and Adeline Osterhouse occupied it.

Helen F. Clark [1896-1978]

Helen Clark taught at Clark School in Robinson Township from 1933 to 1958, the year the school closed permanently. She then transferred to the new Robinson School on 120th Avenue, where she taught second grade until her retirement in 1962. Helen lived from 1896 to 1978.

Joseph Edward Clark I [1868-1950]

Born on January 23, 1868 in Spring Lake, Joseph was the son of Robert and Susanna Doddington Clark. Joseph's wife, Fannie, was born in Michigan in October, 1868. They had five sons: Chauncey R., born about 1891; Stewart E., born about 1895; Harold B., born about 1905; Joseph E. II, born about 1907; and Walter D., born about 1910. Joseph II was born in Illinois, the rest in Michigan. Joseph I became a mason and building contractor. One of the sons joined his father in the contracting business, which was operating as J. E. Clark & Son in 1922 but was gone by 1928. In the early 1900s the Clark home was at 520 Pennoyer, west of the railroad tracks. By 1920 they had moved to 214 Franklin Street. Joseph I died in 1950 and was interred at a cemetery in Miami, Florida..

Lewis Lee Clark [1899-1988]

Lewis, the son of Walter and Edna Clark of Robinson Township, was born in Marne on November 31, 1899. He owned 35 acres at 14315 Lakeshore Drive, where his wife, Rosa Sonrel, lived until her death on August 21, 2005. The property had been part of Rosa's parents' farm. He and Rosa were married on June 7, 1940. Rosa was born in Grand Haven on August 18, 1907. She was the daughter of Frank Sonrel, who owned property nearby, and the sister of Francis and Robert Sonrel. She attended Northern State and Ferris Universities and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Western State University and later was awarded a Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan. Rosa started teaching at Rosy Mound School in 1931 and left her teaching post after five years to join the faculty at Ferry School, where she remained until 1961. Lewis, who attended Hope College and the University of Michigan, became a surveyor. He also worked at the General Motors plant in Grand Rapids. A large school bell that once called Rosy Mound students to class was fitted onto the Clarks' windmill. Lewis died in Grand Haven on October 5, 1988. Rosa was buried at Lakeshore Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 24, 2005.]

Sherman Boyce Clark I [1878-1962]

A mail carrier in Grand Haven, Sherman, the son of Sidney and Adeline Prentice Clark, was born on January

4, 1878. He married Henrietta Bos in 1901. They were living at 119 South Fifth Street shortly after their marriage. Living with them in the early 1900s were his sister Addie Clark, and Carrie Hamilton, a nurse. By 1930 Sherman and his family was living in Walker, Kent County. At the time of Sherman's death in December, 1962 the family lived at 515 Slayton. A son, Sherman II, was born on April 16, 1914, resided in Spring Lake, and died in Lowell, Michigan, in May, 1984.

Sidney Clark [1839-1911]

The brother of Charles H. Clark, Sidney was born in Augusta, Maine in April, 1839 [1840] and settled in Robinson Township in 1856. He held considerable acreage in Sections 33 and 34, along the south side of the Grand River. In 1860 Sidney married Adeline, daughter of Alonzo and Dorliska Prentice of Robinson Township. Adeline was born in February, 1844 and died on May 18, 1911. Sidney died about May 18, 1911. Sidney and Adeline came to the area around 1850, probably from Maine and New York, by way of covered wagon and the Erie Canal. The family lived in Grand Haven for several years, initially on First Street and then at 219 South Fifth. For awhile, Sidney worked with the Ferry Lumber Company in Grand Haven and in 1867 started a livery there, which he operated for about 29 years. After the family residence on First Street was destroyed by fire, Sidney built a house in 1873 at Lafayette and Fifth Streets [219 South Fifth], which was the family home for 22 years. At that time Sidney retired to a farm in Robinson Township known as the Clark House, where he remained until his death in 1911.

Among the Clarks' children were Clara A., who was born in November, 1861, became a teacher, lived with her sister, Adeline "Addie," and died on February 27, 1904; Charles A., who was born in August, 1864, became a rural mail carrier in Grand Haven, and died about March 22, 1944; Adeline, born in January 15, 1868 [1869]; Horace, born in February, 1874; Mintie, born in 1877; Sherman, born on January 4, 1878; Sidney, a daughter, born in April, 1885; and Helen, who died about June 28, 1945 and with whom Addie lived. Clara, Charles, and Addie were born in New York, and Mintie, Horace, and Sherman were born locally.

Walter Henry Clark [1866-1960]

Walter, the son of Charles Henry and Abigail H. Wall Clark, was born on December 3, 1866 in Robinson Township, where his parents had settled on a farm in November eleven years earlier. They originally were from Augusta, Maine. Charles, who was born about 1835, had come to Michigan in 1853 to work in a lumber camp in Robinson. He was hired to help construct a "horse railroad," which ran from today's intersection of Lincoln and 144th Streets to the head of Stearns Bayou.

There logs were rolled into the water and floated to the various sawmills in Spring Lake and Grand Haven. The farm he bought two years later was on the banks of the Grand River.

Walter became a lumberman and farmer. As a youth he was employed in lumber camps and learned the work of river crews: how to drive logs, float them, and “boom” them. From 1907 to 1911 he was County Treasurer with an office at the County Building, and from 1911 to 1915 he represented his district in the State Legislature. On June 27, 1895 he married Edna O., daughter of Richard Chappell. Edna was born in Michigan in October, 1878. They lived on River Road, “six miles east of the city” [Robinson Township]. They had a daughter Hellen, who was born in November, 1896; a son Lewis [Louis], born in August, 1899; a son Charles, born in 1907; a daughter Alice, born in 1910; and another daughter, Florence, born in 1913. Edna died in an auto accident in 1940. Walter, who held various public offices in Robinson Township, including Supervisor from 1901 to 1907, died February 29, 1960 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Lewis Lee Clark was their son. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Michigan*, pp. 464-465 and a letter from Helen F. Clark to Maurice Wilson, Director of the Tri-Cities Historical Museum, June 22, 1977.]

Ada Mary Clarke [1858–1940]

See William Francis Biggar.

Ethan Ray Clarke [1818-1895]

Rev. Ethan Clarke, born in Warwick, Rhode Island on January 14, 1818, became a resident of Spring Lake Township. His parents were Ray [1785-1847] and Celia Green Clarke [January 10, 1786-August 10, 1829]. In 1840 Ethan Clarke married Mary Elizabeth Millard [Miller], a Rhode Island native, who lived from October 31, 1817 to October 17, 1918. Their grandson, William J. Rose, bought an ice cream store at 14 South Second Street in Grand Haven in 1905. Ethan served with two units during the Civil War. On February 5, 1863, he enlisted as Chaplain with the 1st Rhode Island Cavalry. He was discharged from that group on January 1, 1865 and the following February 20 he became Chaplain for the 25th New York Cavalry. He was mustered out on June 27, 1865. Ethan was Agent of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. He died December 7, 1895. Both he and his wife and other family members were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Lizzie H. Cleary [Clary] [1870-1891]

Lizzie Cleary was a skillful and faithful printer in the office of the *Grand Haven Herald*. Born in 1870 in Michigan, Lizzie died of consumption on November 12,

1891 at her mother’s home on Third Street in Grand Haven. Her mother, Helen C. Cleary, was born in Ireland about 1840 and was widowed by the time of her daughter’s death. Lizzie’s father, James, also from Ireland, was born about 1833. In 1860 James was single and working as a laborer. He then resided at the Western Hotel, located in the railroad village at the foot of Dewey Hill. Lizzie was a member of St. Patrick’s Church. She had two sisters, Nellie [Ellen], born in Canada about 1860, and Bridget, born in Grand Haven in 1867, and a brother, Patrick, born about 1866 also in Grand Haven. In 1930 Nellie and Bridget were residing at 324 Fulton Street. Helen was retired and Bridget was an inspector at the glove factory. [*Tribune* obituary, November 13, 1891.]

Bruce E. Cleveland I [1911-1971]

In 1963 Bruce Cleveland I purchased the former Crescent movie theater at 1101-1103 Washington. At the time, Prins Heating Company was located in the building. Bruce, who resided in Spring Lake Township, lived from May 21, 1911 to January 25, 1971. His son, Bruce II, was Vice President of Consumer Loans at Security First Bank & Trust in Grand Haven [Old Kent/Fifth Third].

Henry Warren Cleveland [1835- 1889]

Henry was born in Rutland, Jefferson County, New York, on June 17, 1835, the son of Henry and Phebe Reed Cleveland. Young Henry married Phebe Maria Perham, also of Rutland, on February 16, 1852 [1853]. She was born on February 16, 1838. John and Loren Perham of Spring Lake were Phebe’s brothers. Henry and Phebe moved to Ottawa, Illinois the following May and then settled in Spring Lake in 1856. Henry worked as a millwright and constructed at Hopkins Mill the first steam cant hoister in the area. He also made and repaired boots and shoes. He learned the drugstore business, and owned and operated a store at 208 West Savidge with Ormond Messenger as his partner. Eventually Messenger bought out Henry’s interest. Henry moved to Nunica in 1874 and opened a drugstore. In Nunica, Henry was appointed Postmaster, and he was elected Township Supervisor in 1878 and 1880 and Township Clerk in 1879. Henry and Phebe [Phoebe] had two sons, both born in Michigan: George E., born about 1863, and Guy L., born in November, 1870. Henry passed away on September 27, 1889. Phebe and George ran the drugstore after Henry’s death. Phebe had moved to Grand Haven by 1900 and died on August 14, 1907.

“Barney” Menno [Minno] Cleveringa II [1868-1900]

Barney, the son of Menno and Fokeltje Hilje Elema Cleveringa, was born in Grand Haven on February 17, 1868 and died on August 17, 1900. Barney worked with the United States Life Saving Service in the 1890s. He

was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, Minnie, and other family members. Minnie was born in Germany in February, 1872. Their children were Frederick V., born in February, 1889, and Florence B., born in March, 1894. After Barney's death, Minnie married John Bienz of Grand Haven.

Dick Cleveringa [1871-1944]

Born in The Netherlands in October, 1871, Dick Cleveringa immigrated to the United States in 1882. He married Hendrika "Reka" Gringhuis in Grand Haven in 1896. Reka, the daughter of Gerrit and Jennie "Jane" Nordhuis Gringhus, was born in April, 1875 in Grand Haven, where she died in 1934. Dick was a teamster. The family lived at 908 Fulton Street. The family belonged to the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Dick died about March 6, 1944 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John Menno [Meno] Cleveringa [1873-1945]

John Cleveringa was employed as a millwright at Challenge Machinery. He and his wife, Blanche, resided at 322 North Seventh Street. Their children, all born locally, were Menno Mark, who was born on June 25, 1899 and became a molder at Dake Engine Company; Avice, who was born on June 13, 1904 and died in Muskegon on May 26, 1974; Berdena, born about 1915; George R., born about 1917; and David R., born about 1921. John passed away on December 22, 1945 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Blanche died about October 17, 1956 and was buried with her husband.

Menno [Menne/Mino] Cleveringa I [1837-1914]

Menno, the son of Trientje Derks Cleveringa, was a Grand Haven carpenter. He was born in Eenrum, The Netherlands, on March 8, 1837 and died in Grand Haven on March 16, 1914. He married Fokeltje Hilje [Florence Viola] Elema in The Netherlands on July 17, 1865. She lived from April, 1845 to 1909. In the early 1900s the family resided at 500 North Seventh. A son, Menno "Barney" II was born on February 17, 1868. They also had two daughters: Gertrude, who lived from 1866 to 1907 and married John Nienhuis, and Katherine, born in April, 1888. The Cleveringas were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Henry Cliff [c.1850- ?]

Henry Cliff was born about 1850 in England. By 1870 he was a resident of Spring Lake, living with his mother, Elizabeth, and running a hardware store. Elizabeth was born about 1805 in England. In 1875 Henry served one term as President of Spring Lake Village. Two years later he purchased the furniture inventory of Ormond Messenger, which Henry added to his hardware and undertaking business. He also sold wagons and buggies. An invoice, dated 1882, noted that he sold "Hardware,

Tinware, Furniture, Building Material, and Farming Implements."

David McClellan Cline [1863-1954]

Born in Martins Ferry, Ohio on September 17, 1863, David was the son of William H. and Nancy A. Norman Patton McClellan. David's father was born in Pennsylvania about 1818 and died when David was a boy. His mother then married William Cline, who was a shoemaker and native of Ohio, where he was born about 1816. Nancy was born about 1818, also in Ohio. William adopted the young David, who took the name Cline. David moved to Muskegon on March 29, 1882. He worked in the sawmills until 1887, when he went into the fruit packaging business with his brother-in-law, Rushton B. Cobb, in Eastmanville. In October 1889, the business moved to Spring Lake and became the Spring Lake Basket Factory. David bought a one-third interest in the business, which was destroyed by fire on June 28, 1898 and then shut down. David next went into sales, offering farm implements, windmills, bicycles, and photographic supplies. His store was on the north side of Savidge in the 200 block [approximately 209 West Savidge]. He later went into road construction with Klaus Boelens, and the business was called Cline & Boelens Contracting Company. David was a member of the Village Council, Council Treasurer, and Village President for 13 terms, 1902 through 1907 and 1925 through 1931. He represented Spring Lake on the Ottawa County Board of Supervisors in 1913 and 1914.

David married Anna "Annie" Cobb of Muskegon County on August 20, 1884. Born about 1867, she was the adopted daughter of George and Helen Cobb and Rushton Cobb's sister. The Clines had one child, George Ray, who was born on October 10, 1887, at Eastmanville. Anna died in 1888. In 1900 Cline married Celia Vos, daughter of Warner and Anne Pruim Vos of Spring Lake. As newlyweds, the Clines lived at 231 East Savidge Street in Spring Lake, in a home built by George Dixon in 1875. During the years David was a widower, he allowed school children to borrow his wife's "old fashioned" clothing for school plays. David and Celia had no surviving children. He died November 3, 1954 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Harold F. Cloutier [1917-1994]

Irene and Harold Cloutier started the Busy Bee Shoe Repair Shop at 111 Washington about 1939 and later moved their shop to 103 Washington. Harold, a Muskegon native, was born on July 24, 1917 and died in Grand Haven on July 1, 1994, while Irene lived from August 19, 1919 to May 14, 1993. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He and Irene resided at 1313 Washington.

Florence Bailey Clover [1907-2001]

Florence's parents, Oran and Flora Bailey Clover, lived in Mancelona when she was born on April 8, 1907. On May 28, 1925 she married George E. Clover I, who was born on August 31, 1903. Florence worked for Stokely-Van Camp Cannery in Hart and for Eagle Ottawa in Grand Haven. She and George lived in Crockery Township, where they had a dairy farm, and also raised chickens and vegetables. They maintained a roadside vegetable stand in the Nunica area. They had a daughter, Doris, who married Eugene Taylor of Grand Haven, another daughter, Beverly, and two sons, Thomas and George II. George II was born on February 2, 1926 and died in Grand Haven on April 18, 1993. George I died on December 18, 1976 in Arizona. Florence then married Thomas G. Watson, who was born on June 16, 1901 and died December 25, 1982. Florence died in Grand Haven on August 17, 2001.

Henry Stephen Clubb [1827-1921]

Henry Clubb, born June 1, 1827 in Colchester, England, immigrated to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1853. He next moved to Kansas, where he established a Vegetarian Settlement Company [Vegetarian Kansas Emigration Company] in Neosho County. One evening, while on business in Ft. Scott, Kansas, Henry was threatened by a crowd opposed to his abolitionist views. Henry "looked them in the eye" and told them, "Well, gentleman, your numbers are sufficient to put any threat into execution, and I am among you alone and unprotected. If you require me to leave, I must, under the circumstances, do so, but it is rather late, being after sundown, and if tomorrow morning would suit you as well, it will be a good deal better, as I intend to leave then." He was allowed to go. [*New York Daily Tribune*, July 1, 1856.] The next year he settled in Grand Haven, where he published and edited the *Ottawa Clarion*, which first appeared in March that year. The *Clarion* was strongly supportive of the Republican Party, and it was issued until the fall of 1862, when Henry joined the United States Volunteer Service as Captain and Assistant Quartermaster. He was wounded at Corinth, Mississippi on October 13, 1862 [not cited in his service record], and was discharged from the service on April 7, 1866. In 1867 he became Alderman for the Fourth Ward of Grand Haven's first City Council and a school commissioner. In the years 1873 to 1874 he served in the Michigan Senate, and in 1873 he was Secretary to the Michigan Constitutional Convention. In August, 1869 Henry began publication of the *Grand Haven Herald*, which also leaned toward the Republican party. It was a daily publication from its inception until December 7, 1872, when he sold it to Charles N. Dickinson. In 1876 Henry was called to be Pastor of the Bible Christian Church in Philadelphia. In Philadelphia Henry, by then a noted vegetarian, became editor of a magazine titled *Food, Home, and Garden*. On

November 15, 1855 in Allegan County, he married Anne B., the daughter of James and Isabella Campbell Henderson of that county and originally from Scotland, where Anne was born in May, 1833. She immigrated to the United States with her parents when she was one year old. Henry and Anne had at least four children, all born locally: Anne, born about 1862; Naomi, born in June, 1865; Rose Elizabeth [or Elizabeth Rose], born in August, 1868; and Martha W., born in May, 1871. The family moved to Philadelphia in 1876, where Henry died in 1921. Anne passed away between 1910 and 1920.

James [John] Clydesdale [Clydesdell] [1786-1859]

James Clydesdale arrived in Grand Haven in 1836 with his wife, Jane, seven children, and very few assets. He was a successful businessman, however, and eventually was able to buy Timothy Eastman's house on Lot 89 on the southeast corner of Elliott and First Streets. The family later moved to Mill Point [Spring Lake]. Richard, Robert, and William were their sons. James, who was born in 1786, died in 1859 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Richard Clydesdale [Clidesdell/Clydesdell] [1828-1879]

Richard and his brothers, Robert and William, arrived in Grand Haven in 1836 with their parents, James and Jane Clydesdale. The family shortly afterward moved to Mill Point [Spring Lake]. The brothers sailed together on Lake Michigan, Robert as Captain and Richard as Mate. Richard owned the Sinclair House, a hotel on the northeast corner of Division and State [Savidge] Streets in Spring Lake from 1859 and into the 1870s. He also was a lumberman. Richard, who was born in Canada on June 3, 1828, was killed by a falling tree on February 8, 1879. His wife, Jane, a native of Ireland, lived from 1833 to October 7, 1909 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her husband. Their daughters, both born in Michigan, were Mary, born about 1854, and Jennie, born around 1859. Mary became a teacher and Jennie married Blair Hileman, born about 1857 in Michigan and a resident of Spring Lake.

Robert Clydesdale [Clidesdell/Clydesdell] [1820-?]

Robert and his brothers, Richard and William, arrived in Grand Haven in 1836 with their parents, James and Jane Clydesdale. Shortly afterward the family relocated to Mill Point [Spring Lake]. Robert, who was born in Canada about 1820, was Captain of the schooner *Lizzie Throop* and Richard was Mate. On March 25, 1872 in Spring Lake Robert married Ida Allison. The daughter of Benjamin and Margaret Allison of Spring Lake, Ida was born in Michigan and lived from about 1851 to October 29, 1913. Edith J., the Clydesdales' daughter,

married a Mr Brown. The Clydesdales moved to Chicago. [*Tribune* obituary, October 29, 1913.]

William Clydesdale [Clidesdell/Clydesdell] [@1823-1886]

On May 10, 1864, Spring Lake resident William Clydesdale married Harriet Huggard in Grand Rapids. William. The son of James and Jane Clydesdale [Clydesdell], William was born in County Cavan, Ireland in 1823 [1822]. He came to the area by way of Canada and Oswego, New York, arriving in Grand Haven in 1836 with his parents and brothers, Richard and Robert. By the time of his marriage William owned a farm in Section 12 of Crockery Township, amounting to approximately 60 acres. By 1882 he had settled on 40 acres in Section 31 of Fruitport Township in Muskegon County. He was born in Ireland in 1823 [1822] and died in 1886. Harriet lived from 1834 to 1915. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Saunders Coates [1811- ?]

Saunders, the son of John Reynell and Sarah Morton Coates, was born in Philadelphia on April 26, 1811. Saunders married Rebecca Harvey Bell in Yonkers, New York on October 23, 1845. Rebecca, the daughter of Abraham and Mary Christy Bell, was born on January 22, 1813. Saunders became General Superintendent of the Port Sheldon Company, which tried to develop a resort community at Little Pigeon. Saunders was elected to the first Ottawa County Board of Commissioners in 1838. He left the area when the Port Sheldon Company failed, around 1840, but was counted in the Ottawa County census for that year. Reportedly, Saunders returned East, and in New York City built the first gas works in the country.

Josiah Cobb [1802-1888]

While living in Essex, Clinton County, Michigan, Josiah Cobb on April 22, 1863 enlisted as Private in the federal army. He gave his age as 44. On June 12 that year he was assigned to Company M of the 7th Michigan Cavalry. He was mustered out on October 3, 1863. According to Ottawa County death records, he was born in New York in April, 1802. His wife, Charlotte, was born in the same state about 1809. Their son Lyman was born in Michigan about 1848. Josiah and his wife were still living in Essex in 1870 and 1880. Although there is no evidence Josiah and Charlotte ever resided in Robinson Township, Josiah died in the township on May 21, 1888 and was buried at the township cemetery. Possibly Josiah was living with his son, Lyman, at the time of his death. He was 88 years old.

Lyman [Lymon] Cobb [1848-1939]

A resident of Robinson Township, Lyman Cobb ran a ferry across the Grand River to Spoonville. The dock

was at the end of Spoonville Road [120th Avenue]. Like many others, this ferry was operated by a crank and chain mechanism. The ferry was discontinued about 1920. Lyman, a Michigan native, lived from August, 1848 [1849] to 1939 and his wife, Anna E., from September, 1856 [1855] to 1932. Their 40-acre farm was in Section 34, near the south bank of the Grand River. A daughter, Nellie M., was born in September, 1886 and a son Charlie was born on May 14, 1898 and was employed at American Brass Novelty Company. Lyman was the son of Josiah and Charlotte Cobb. Lyman and Anna were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Rushton B. Cobb [1851-1900]

Born near Ripon, Wisconsin on July 1, 1851, Rushton was the son of George N. and Helen Tabor Cobb and the stepbrother of Anna, who married David Cline. Rushton came to Muskegon County with his parents in 1869, and in 1887 went into the fruit packaging business with his brother-in-law, David Cline. In October, 1889 the business moved to Spring Lake and became the Spring Lake Basket Factory. It burned down on June 28, 1898. In 1890 Rushton took command of the steamer *Fanny M. Rose*. The steamer was built for Rushton by the Grand Haven Shipbuilding Company in 1893 and made as many as four trips a day between Grand Haven and Fruitport. On September 4, 1896, he took Vice President Adlai Ewing Stevenson, his wife Letitia, and their daughter for a ride on the *Fanny Rose* out to Lake Michigan. The Adlai Stevensons were in Spring Lake at the invitation of Adlai T. Ewing, a cousin, who had a home on Spring Lake called "Glenewing-on-Spring-Lake." On September 20, 1822 in Muskegon, Rushton married Alice Gay of Muskegon. Alice was born in Eastmanville in November, 1859. In 1891 the Cobbs moved to Grand Haven. Rushton died of consumption on April 20, 1900, in Florida. His father, George N., born in 1814, died the year before his son, on October 18. [*Tribune* obituary, April 23, 1900.]

James J. Cobmoosa [Cobmosa/Cobmosay] [@1838- ?]

James Cobmoosa married his brother William's widow, Sophia, after William's death on June 23, 1870. Sophia died on December 24, 1874. On February 11, 1876 in Grand Haven, James married Mary Paul. Mary was born about 1860 [1840] in Michigan. James, also a native of Michigan, was born about 1838. He was a fisherman.

William Cobmoosa [Cobmosa/Cobmosay] [1830-1870]

On a gravestone at Kirk Park [9791 Lakeshore Drive], a former Boy Scout camp south of Grand Haven, appeared the names of William and Sophia Cobmoosa as parents of Ponesso, a five year old boy who was buried there in

1856. William was born April 23, 1830 and drowned on June 23, 1870. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Sophia was born on September 12, 1834, died on December 20, 1874, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. William's name meant Big Walker. Chief Cobmoosa visited the Kirk Park area for its clay, which the women fashioned into pottery while the men hunted. While on one of these expeditions in 1856 his five-year old son died and was buried there. They also had a daughter, Marian, who was born about 1867. In 1864 William and his wife bought property at Battle Point, along the Grand River. According to Eleanor McNett, the Chief died while intoxicated, and his body was found in the bottom of a canoe on the shores of the Grand River, near Battle Point. After his death, Sophia apparently married James Cobmoosa. After Sophia's death, Marian was adopted by Joseph and Cecilia McSauba of Grand Haven. William was buried at Pentwater.

In his early life, Chief Cobmoosa was a sub-chief of the Flat River Indians in Kent County. Franklin Everett in *Memorials on the Grand River Valley* described him this way: "He was an old man of majestic appearance. His manner of walking gave him his name, 'The Great Walk.' He had a Mormon supply of wives, no less than six. He stayed behind when others went to Pentwater in 1855. To the last he remained an Indian, living in a wigwam, though rich. He was then tastefully dressed in Indian style and seemed proud that he was an Indian. But each passing year took away his kingly bearing and soon Cobmosay was but a bowed and shuffling old man."

Cornelius "Corie" Coburn [1878- ?]

In the early 1900s Corie Coburn was Prosecuting Attorney for Ottawa County with an office in the Court House. Corie was born in Ottawa County on April 15, 1878. In 1918 he was working as an attorney in Grand Rapids, but 12 years later he and his wife, Lillian, were residing in Highland Park, Michigan, where he was a real estate attorney. He married Lillian O'Hara in Holland on June 17, 1919. They lived at 312 Franklin in Grand Haven. Lillian was born in Michigan about 1888.

Thomas Coffee [@1838-1873]

On September 25, 1873 the schooner *W. W. J Whaling* was stranded on a sandbar off Grand Haven harbor. Thomas Coffee lost his life when the lifeboat he was in capsized during an attempt to rescue the crew of the *Whaling*. Thomas, who was 35 years old at the time, was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Also killed in the wreck was Michael Whaling, the ship's cook.

Gustave "Gus" Cohrs [1892-1985]

Gus Cohrs was Athletic Director at Grand Haven High School for many years, leading the basketball team to seven championships in 11 seasons during the 1920s and 1930s. He joined the school syterm in 1922 and retired in 1958. Gus's wife, Hannah, was born on March 5, 1891 and died of a "ruptured abdominal aorta" on June 4, 1977. Gus, who was born on November 27, 1892, died of pneumonia on August 15, 1985 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They lived at 535 Waverly.

William M. Colby [1837- ?]

William Colby, a resident of Spring Lake, organized a group of 12 to 15 people to start a Methodist Episcopal Church. William was a church Elder and its first Pastor. He was born in 1837 in New York. By 1880 he and his wife, Charlotte, had moved to Branch County, Michigan, where William continued as minister.. Charlotte, the same age as her husband, was a native of Maine. Their two children, Eva, born about 1865, and Jessie, born about 1872, were born in Michigan.

Andrew M. Cole [1824-1900]

From Wilson, New York, where he was born on October 13, 1824 [@1830], Andrew Cole moved to Lockport, New York. On October 11, 1861 in Albany he enlisted in Battery M of the 1st New York Light Artillery. He was discharged for disability on January 19, 1865. After the war he moved to Battle Creek, where he went into the dry goods business, and then came to Grand Haven in 1876. He married Mary A. Culver of Royalton, New York. In 1880 they were residing on a fruit farm in Section 35 of Grand Haven Township. Andrew died on April 9, 1900.

Edward C. Cole [@1832- ?]

The Blendon Lumber Company was formed in in 1854. Around 1866 the business was owned by Frederick B. Leonard, Thomas C. Brinsmade, and Jonathan E. Whipple, all of New York State. They sold the company to Edward Cole in September, 1866. The company's sawmill burned down in 1864. Three years later, with Robert Haire as partner, Edward bought Frederick Ranney's sawmill on the Grand River in Nortonville, giving it the name Haire & Cole Company. Haire and Cole also owned a mill at the foot of Division Street in Spring Lake. In 1871 Edward sold his share to a Mr Tolford and the sawmill was given the name of its two principals, Haire & Tolford. "Tolford" may have been William D. Tolford of Grand Rapids. Edward was born in England in 1832. In 1870 he was residing in Blendon Township with William Lowing and his family. Ten years later Edward was on a five-acre farm in Olive Township, sharing his home with a sister, Jane. He was listed as a lumberman. For seven years he employed Harley Bement to farm the land for him, and to haul "logs and lumber from the woods to the sawmill."

H. Cole [? - ?]

In 1950 H. Cole painted a large, bird's-eye view of downtown Grand Haven, looking west from the corner of Washington and Third Streets. Cole adapted his view from an etching that originally appeared in the 1876 *Atlas of Kent and Ottawa Counties*. The watercolor was donated to the Tri-Cities Historical Museum.

R. J. Collins [? - ?]

A physician and surgeon, Collins came to Spring Lake in 1854 and stayed at the Middlemist Hotel. In a short time he had an office at Lemoyne M. S. Smith's Drug Store, where he remained for two years and then was replaced by Dr. Abram Van Dusen of Grand Haven.

Abraham J. Colman [1889-1952]

Abe Colman was born on March 27, 1889 [1891] in Romeo, Michigan. He and Arthur T. Colten started the Kiddie Kover Company in Detroit in 1918. The firm made children's clothing, including such items as bib overalls. Eleven years later the business was moved to Grand Haven and located at 702 Sixth Street. Abraham married Bertha Weisblum on May 21, 1916. Bertha was born in Michigan around 1898. They lived at 244 Grand in Grand Haven. The Colman had two sons, Arthur, born about 1917, and Robrt, born about 1923. Abe died on August 18, 1952. Kiddie Kover closed in April the next year.

Charles Alexander Colson [1883-1948]

Charles Colson was born in Grand Haven on November 1, 1883. After attending local schools, he was employed by the Story & Clark Piano Company and became Assistant Superintendent. He also worked for the American Brass Novelty Company and the Pellegrom and Kinkema Furniture Store located at 204 and later at 304 Washington. Charles married Elsie Cairns of Grand Haven on August 21, 1907. She was born in Grand Haven on August 21, 1878, attended local schools, Akeley Institute, and the University of Michigan. She was a member of the Tuesday Musicales and the First Presbyterian Church. The couple lived at 512 Franklin Street. Charles died on July 12, 1948 and his wife passed away on July 31, less than three weeks later. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Victor L. Colson [1895-1953]

Victor Colson was born on February 17, 1895 in Michigan. Around 1917 he married Hazel, the daughter of Gerrit and Elizabeth Van Toll Bottje. Victor and Hazel resided at 416 Clinton, next door to Gerrit and Elizabeth. Hazel was born July 1, 1895 and died in Grand Haven in December, 1983. Victor worked in a local factory and also was Captain with Company F of the National Guard. He died about October 30, 1953

and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where Hazel also was buried.

Arthur T. Colten [Colton] [1891-1937]

Arthur Colten and Abraham J. Colman started the Kiddie Kover Company in Detroit in 1918. Eleven years later the business moved to 702 Sixth Street in Grand Haven. Arthur was born in Detroit on May 11, 1891. On August 5, 1917 he married Judith Ginsburg, who was born in Michigan about 1895. They had four children: Mary, born about 1921; Tom, born about 1923; Jerry, born about 1926; and Richard, born about 1932. After Judith's death about 1930, Arthur married Ethel Crane Mills on October 5, 1934. Arthur and Ethel resided on Barber Street in Spring Lake. Ethel had two children by a prior marriage: Beverly, born about 1915, and Virginia, born about 1917. Two years after his second marriage, Arthur died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound and was buried in Detroit. Kiddie Kover closed in April, 1953, several months after Abraham Colman's death. [Interview with La Mar Van Haaften, January 15, 1999.]

William C. Comfort [@1820-1862]

A resident of Eastmanville and a minister by profession, William Comfort was instrumental in organizing many of the early Methodist Churches in the area. He was included in the 1850 census for Ottawa County and was living in Polkton Township. In 1851 nine Allendale residents formed the first Methodist class with Rev. Comfort as Pastor. He married Cornelia A. Hopkins in Ottawa County on October 2, 1845, presumably his second wife. Cornelia, the daughter of Benjamin and Catherine Lowe Hopkins, was born in New York about 1816. Emma Comfort, William's sister, was born aabout 1825 and married Benjamin Hopkins of Spring Lake in 1851. In 1847 William was named Postmaster of Eastmanville, a position he held until March 8, 1856, when Timothy Eastman took over for the second time. William was born in New York about 1820 and died in Hillsdale County in 1862.

E. B. Comstock [? - ?]

An architect and engineer, Comstock lived in Steele's Landing [Lamont] around the mid-1850s.

Robert J. Conant I [1895-1944]

By the late 1920s Robert Conant owned Conant's Restaurant at 19 Washington. The son of John and Maud Conant, he was born in Robinson Township on July 5, 1895. Before going into the restaurant business he was a farmer in Robinson Township. He died about September 9, 1944 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Robert married Nina Rittenburgh, who was born in Allendale on January 24, 1893. The family resided above their business until moving to 901

Pennoyer. Nina, also a Michigan native, was born in January, 1893 and assisted her husband at the restaurant. Robert and Nina had at least three children: Ethel, born about 1915; Lois, born about 1921; and Robert J. II, born about 1932. Nina passed away on June 17, 1973 in Grand Haven.

Charles Eugene Conger [1848–1927]

Charles Conger learned the printer's trade working for Henry S. Clubb, a newspaper publisher who started the *Grand Haven Herald* in 1869. Charles was associated with the Grand Haven newspaper *Venture* from 1887 to 1891. The newspaper eventually was named the *Grand Haven Daily Tribune*. He also was a partner with Hiram Potts in a printing business. It was Potts and Conger Publishing that distributed the *Historical and Business Compendium of Ottawa County* in 1893. In the late 1890s Charles became chief clerk in charge of supplies for District Superintendent of the U.S. Life Saving Service in Grand Haven. He applied for a Civil War pension, but details of his service were not found. He retired from the Coast Guard in 1924, which was formed from the Life Saving Service in 1915. Charles was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin on October 30, 1848. He arrived in this area in 1858 with his parents, David B. and Clarissa Conger, who settled on a fruit farm in the Peach Plains section of Grand Haven Township. On August 22, 1875 in Grand Haven, Charles married Emma Louise Howe. They lived at 321 Franklin. Emma was born in Indiana in November, 1847 and died about June 24, 1928, approximately a year after Charles passed away. A daughter, Clara A., was born in Grand Haven on December 3, 1879 and on December 31, 1902, she married Murray M. Fuller in Grand Haven.

David B. Conger I [1814-1882]

David Conger was born in January, 1814 in Columbia County, New York. About 1841 [1838/1839] he married Clarissa "Clara" Decker. Clara also was a native of Columbia County, where she was born on October 16, 1818, the daughter of Peter and Hannah Snooks Decker. The couple moved to Greenbush, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin and later to Prairie du Sac in Sauk County. David enlisted as Captain in Company B of the 8th Wisconsin Infantry on June 1, 1861. He resigned a year later on June 23. David was educated for the law, visited Australia and other countries, and was Senator in the Wisconsin legislature for two terms prior to his move to the Grand Haven area in 1871. A resident of Section 35 of the Peach Plains area in Grand Haven Township, David raised peaches and other fruit on his 20-acre farm. He and Clarissa had least three sons and a daughter, all born in Wisconsin: David II, born about 1842; Charles, born in 1848; Aileen, born about 1852; and Byron F., born about 1856. David I died September 22, 1882 and

was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Clara died June 14, 1890.

Charles A. Conklin [1895–1918]

Charles Conklin was born in Grand Haven in 1895, the son of Anna C. and Andrew Conklin. His father, born in 1865, died about June 14, 1932 and his mother passed away about March 3, 1959. When the United States entered World War I in 1917, Charles happened to be in Ohio and went out with an Ohio National Guard unit, which became part of the Rainbow, or 42nd Division. Charles's detachment was Machine Gun Company C of the 166th Infantry. He died from wounds received while fighting in France when the American troops went into action against the Germans. Because he was the first soldier from Grand Haven to fall, the American Legion Post in Grand Haven was named in his honor. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 23, 1921.]

Oscar F. Conklin [1837-1933]

The town of Conklin in Chester Township was named for Oscar, who was born on May 6, 1837. As an agent for the Grand Rapids, Grand Haven, and Muskegon Railway Co., Oscar bought the right-of-way from Grand Rapids to Muskegon that was needed for the Interurban. A dry goods merchant in Conklin, Oscar died in 1933. His wife, Esther P., was born about 1844 in Pennsylvania, and their daughter Grace was born in Michigan about 1875.

Charles J. Connell [1886-1975]

Charles was born in White River, Michigan on May 19, 1886. His parents were Charles T. and Florence Hiler Connell of Grand Haven. On December 27, 1911 in Grand Rapids, Charles married Dora Mable Wilsie. The daughter of Tom and Madora Gardner Wilsie, Florence was born in Ionia in 1891 and passed away in Detroit in 1930. In 1900, after the death of both his parents, Charles resided with his grandparents, George and Amanda Hiler, at 835 Elliot Street. In 1909 Charles worked with Hugo Thum of Grand Rapids and a summer resident of Spring Lake in taking natural color pictures using "Hummer's autochromes." The process required 18 different chemicals. Charles worked with Harry La Barge at a photography studio on Second Street in Grand Haven. Toward the end of December, 1909, Charles purchased the studio from Harry, who moved to Grand Rapids because of poor health. In March, 1910 Charles sold the studio to Guy S. Perkins. He then went to Lafayette, Indiana, where he worked with Donald Angus, formerly of Grand Haven, in a large machine shop. Charles died on December 27, 1975 in Muskegon. He and Dora were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Charles T. Connell [1860-1894]

Charles, the son of Richard and Margaret Sarah Gibbs Connell, was born in Grand Haven in 1860. In the 1880 census he was classified as an engineer. On April 6, 1881 he married Florence Lillian Hiler, who was born on November 3, 1866 in Plainfield, New York. They had three children: Sadie, who was born in April, 1885; Charles J., who was born on May 19, 1886; and Frederick H., who lived from 1888 to 1923. Lillian died on March 20, 1892 in Kensington, Illinois, and her husband died two years later on July 12 in South Haven. Charles died of injuries incurred when the steamer *Myrtie M. Ross* caught fire. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. In 1900 Sadie and Charles were living at 835 Elliott Street with their grandparents, George and Amanda Hiler.

Daniel O. Connell [O'Connell] [1826-1891]

Daniel Connell, his wife Ellen, and son John are listed in the 1860 census as residents of Olive Township. By 1864 Daniel owned a 60-acre parcel in Section 33 of Grand Haven Township. By 1876 he owned at least two parcels in Grand Haven Township: 80 acres in Section 23 and 180 acres in Section 33. He was born in Ireland on August 14, 1826 and died on August 24, 1891. Ellen also was born in Ireland. After Daniel's death, both pieces of land were in the name of his sisters, Abbie A. and Katherine [Catherine] J. Connell. The sisters were born in Michigan, Abigail in April, 1862, and Katherine in September, 1865. The 1912 *Atlas of Ottawa County* listed Katherine Connell as owner of 200 acres in Section 33 of Grand Haven Township. Abigail had sole title to the Connell property in Section 33 in 1930.

John O. Connell [O'Connell] [1822-1899]

John Connell was born in Ireland on May 24, 1822. By 1864 he owned approximately 80 acres in Sections 4 and 9 of Olive Township, along the Lake Michigan shoreline. His wife, Margaret, was the daughter of Thomas and Mary Haley of Ireland, where she was born about May 25, 1833. She died on May 29, 1873 and was buried at West Olive Cemetery. When John died on May 16, 1899, he was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Among their children was a son, Dennis, who was just under 22 years of age when he died on February 26, 1873. He was buried at West Olive, but in 1899 his body and Margaret's were moved to Spring Lake Cemetery to be interred with John. Also buried there were William, who lived from 1860 to 1930, and William's sister, Abigail, who was born in 1861 and died in 1930. They all were buried as O'Connells. Connell School in Olive Township was named for this family.

Mary Malone Connell [O'Connell] [1808-1880]

Around 1825 Mary Malone married James A. Connell [O'Connell] in Ireland, where he was born in 1810.

Mary was born in December 1808, also in Ireland. James was a builder. The couple and their children immigrated to Quebec in 1842, and subsequently relocated to New York City. They then moved to Oswego, New York, where he died in 1847, leaving his wife with six of their 14 children. When Mary moved to Ottawa County, she married Edward McCue, who had a farm in Polkton Township that abutted Charles T. Gibbs's property. She died in Ottawa County on April 9, 1880 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Among James's and Mary's children were Margaret, who was born in County Meath, Ireland on September 25, 1834, died in Muskegon on September 17, 1899, and was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in Muskegon; Richard J., who was born in County Meath on November 2, 1835 and married Margaret Sarah, daughter of Charles T. Gibbs; and Mary, who was born in 1847 in Canada and died in Ottawa County on March 26, 1889. Margaret lived in Grand Haven from 1855 to 1885, when she moved to Muskegon. She was married twice, first to James K. Fallon and then to Joseph Cowan.

Richard J. Connell [1835 -1923]

Richard was born in County Meath, Ireland on November 2, 1835, the son of James and Mary Malone Connell [O'Connell]. In December, 1855 Richard was First Mate on the schooner *Vermont*, owned by Clark B Albee, when it wrecked on a sand bar off Port Sheldon during a terrible storm. Richard swam ashore from the foundering ship, was pulled from the surf by four Indians, assisted to safety by local resident Philip Dushane, and returned to rig the breeches buoy that allowed all 18 [17] of the crew to be saved, including Captain Robert Gettie.

Captain William R. Loutit organized the first volunteer life-saving operation in 1871, with Captain Richard Connell in charge. He remained in that position until 1881. One of Richard's early lifesaving endeavors happened when the ship *Ironsides* sank in a storm off Grand Haven harbor on September 15, 1873, the day after it left Milwaukee with a load of wheat, flour, pork, and other items. The newly-formed volunteer crew of lifesavers, led by Richard, managed to maneuver their lifeboats through the towering waves and save about 20 passengers and crew. The Captain, Harry Sweetman, and approximately 20 others lost their lives.

Richard's busiest day was November 1, 1878 when a series of westerly gales pushed five vessels to shore within sight of Grand Haven. The most unfortunate of the five was the *O. C. Woodruff* of Cleveland, which went to pieces off White Lake and three of the 10 crewmen were lost.

Richard was married twice, first in 1856 to Margaret Sarah, daughter of Charles T. Gibbs. Margaret was born in Michigan on November 16, 1841 and died November 25, 1872. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with three of her four children who died as infants. The Connells had nine children in all, including a son Charles who was born in 1860. After Margaret died, Richard married Julia Walsh on June 30, 1873 in Muskegon. The daughter of Thomas and Mary Golden Walsh, she was born in Pennsylvania on November 16, 1859 and died August 9, 1922 in Milwaukee. Julia previously had been married to William Barnum. Richard and Julia had seven children. Richard's brother, Patrick J. Connell, settled in Grand Haven around 1862, after serving with the military in the Civil War. Patrick, a building contractor, moved to Muskegon about 1870, but died in Tucson, Arizona on December 24, 1917. Richard died of pneumonia in Milwaukee on January 30, 1923. He was buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Milwaukee with Julia.

William Martin Connelly [Connolly] [1881- ?]

William Connelly and his wife moved to Spring Lake, from Chicago, where in 1910 he was an electrical engineer. In Spring Lake he purchased 11 acres in the township. With Chauncey Blakeslee and Samuel Falls William developed Long View Resort, situated between Petty's Bayou and Spring Lake. He was an employee of the Ottawa County Road Commission, beginning in 1915. In the 1918 *Directory* he was listed as a manufacturer. In the 1920 census he was listed as a truck manufacturer, and ten years later he was a real estate agent living in Spring Lake Village. William was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1920. As a member of the Grand Haven Board of Trade, he helped bring Keller Tool Company to the area in 1917. William was born in West Virginia on January 15, 1881. His wife, Sonoma "Nona" M., also from West Virginia, was two years younger than her husband.

John Conrath [? - ?]

A farmer with 40 acres in Section 1 of Grand Haven Township, John Conrath arrived in the area in 1910. He was still the owner of record in 1912.

Louise "Lisette" Constant [1812-1907] and Pierre Constant [? -1828]

Franklin Everett quoted a sketch by Rev. Ferry stating that the first fur trader in the area was Frenchman Pierre Constant, who in 1810 established a trading post for the British Fur Company on the south side of the Grand River, about two miles west of Lamont, another a short distance from the mouth of the Grand River, and a third on Muskegon Lake. After Pierre's death in 1828 the business was taken over by his oldest child, Lisette [Louise], who was born in Muskegon on August 15,

1812 and who had been acting as his clerk since she was 12. Lisette carried on the fur trading business for six more years, but switched from British Fur to the American Fur Company, owned by John Jacob Astor and headquartered at Mackinac Island. She worked at least for a while with Rix Robinson and is on his roster for 1830. Her husband was William Lasley of Muskegon, who established a trading post in 1846 at the east end of Muskegon Lake. Their son, Henry Lasley, became a prominent merchant in Muskegon County. After her husband's death, Lisette moved to Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She passed away there on September 13, 1907. Pierre and his Indian wife, Popamansaukekoue, had five other children.

Jared Conner [Connor] [? -1852]

Jared Conner was an early settler in Robinson Township. He owned land abutting the Grand River in Section 32 and gave the bayou the name it is known by today, Connors Bayou. Jared sold his 240 acres in 1849 to William M. Ferry. His wife, Caroline, died in Ionia County on July 3, 1883. Jared passed away in Grand Haven in 1852. His brother, Harrison Conner, also an early settler in Robinson Township, relocated to Easton in Ionia County. [*Ionia Daily Sentinel*, July 5, 1883.]

George W. Cook [1824-1910]

A prominent Unitarian Pastor in Grand Haven, George Cook arrived to lead his congregation in February, 1876, a year after the members first gathered for worship. George was born in 1824 and died on August 14, 1910.

Jacob Cook [1893-1970]

The founder of Cook's Hardware and Plumbing, Jacob Cook was born in Grand Haven on April 24, 1893. In 1918 he opened a grocery store at 1118 Washington Street, and eight years later switched to hardware and plumbing. He built a new store at 1116 Washington in 1954 with sons Ed and Al as partners. Jacob retired in 1955. On May 7, 1914 in Muskegon, he married Fannie Schoonveld, who died about March 11, 1961. In 1961 Jacob married Winifred De Witt Van Zantwick, who was widowed in 1944 when Govert Van Zantwick died. Jacob and Winifred lived at 1408 Sheldon Road in Grand Haven. Jacob died about January 4, 1970 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Winifred, who was born on October 25, 1893, died in Grand Haven on February 27, 1982. She and Jacob were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John H. Cook [1865-1922]

A Grand Haven merchant, John H. Cook was born in The Netherlands in July, 1865 and came to the United States when he was nine. In the 1893 *Compendium* John advertised his dry goods and grocery store on the corner of Washington and Seventh Streets [701 Washington],

where he offered “All Kinds of Staple and Fancy Groceries, Headquarters for Bulk Oysters and Fruit.” His store was not listed in the 1908 *Directory*, and presumably the family had moved from Grand Haven by then. John’s wife, Maggie, also a native of The Netherlands, was born in November, 1865. Their children, all born locally, were Josie, born in February, 1890; Marguerite, born in October, 1893; Paul, born in March, 1896; and Oswald, born in May, 1900. Maggie died about November 27, 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband, who had passed away around February 1, 1922.

John M. Cook [1860–1922]

Moving from Grand Rapids to Holland and then to Grand Haven, John Cook in 1890 became partner with Corneil Addison in a grocery business at the corner of Fulton and Third Streets [123 Third Street]. Two years later, he bought his partner and added other lines of merchandise. In the 1893 *Compendium* he advertised his “Dry Goods, Groceries, Provisions” store, where customers could purchase “Farm Produce, Choice Butter And Eggs.” John later became Secretary and Treasurer of the Grand Haven Basket Company, located on Sixth Street between Madison and Elliott. By 1912 he had his own real estate office in Grand Haven. On January 4, 1888 in Grand Haven, John married Maggie Kieft, who was born in Michigan on October 1, 1858, died on November 24, 1923. Her father was Derk Kieft of Grand Haven. The Cook family resided on Third Street around 1900, but soon moved to 601 Lake Avenue, and by 1920 were residing at 631 Lake. Their children were Henrietta M., who was born on December 30, 1882, became a teacher in the Grand Haven schools, and married Corneil Van Zanten II of Grand Haven; Anna “Annie,” born in July, 1887; Richard L., born in Grand Rapids on June 8, 1884; Katie, born in January, 1886; Gerald, born in June, 1891; Albertus J., born in June, 1895; and Bernard, born about 1902. Richard bought his father’s grocery and dry goods business in 1903 and with Cornelius Donker as his partner, operated the Cook Mercantile Company at 216-222 North Third Street. John, who was born in The Netherlands in February, 1860, died about January 29, 1922 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He arrived in the United States in 1880.

John W. Cook [1810-1882]

John Cook was a builder in partnership with James Barnes in the third quarter of the 19th century. They built Senator Ferry’s large residence on the northeast corner of First and Columbus Streets, one of the local schoolhouses, and other structures. John’s wife, Julia A., who was born on September 24, 1817 in Warwick, New York, died in Grand Rapids on May 15, 1900. In Grand Haven they resided at 418 Franklin Street in the

home later owned by Samuel and Mary Eames. John was born on October 22, 1810 in Harley, New York, and died on May 31, 1882 in Grand Haven. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 17, 1900.]

Katherine Cook [1883- ?]

See Peter Kieft.

Pieter “Peter” Cook [1851-1911]

Peter Cook was one of the first uniformed policemen in Grand Haven. John Klaver was the other uniformed policeman of that era. Peter was born in March, 1851 [1852] in a log cabin on a farm three miles north of Zeeland. He married Martje “Marjorie” Sluiter, who was born in The Netherlands in January, 1854 and died in 1912. The Cooks moved to Grand Haven after their marriage and resided at 401 North Fifth Street. Before becoming a policeman, Peter worked for seven years with Jan “John” Klaver as leader of the freight handling crew at the Grand Trunk Railroad Warehouse. Peter’s daughter, Katherine, was born on July 4, 1883 [1882] and married Peter Kieft of Grand Haven. Another daughter, Maud, was born in July, 1889.

Richard L. Cook [1884-1966]

Born in Grand Rapids on June 8, 1884, Richard came to Grand Haven as a young boy with his parents, John M. and Maggie Cook. Richard graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1902. He attended the University of Michigan for a brief time, then went to a business college in Grand Rapids. He bought his father’s business in 1903 and operated the Cook Mercantile Company with Cornelius Donker from that date until 1917. It was located at 216 to 222 North Third Street in Grand Haven. During World War I he served with the Red Cross on the Italian Front, and returned home in 1919 to continue business at the Grand Haven Co-Op as General Manager and director for six years. He then became a wholesale importer and for a year ran a store in Holland, retiring in 1935, the same year he was elected Mayor of Grand Haven. He served six consecutive terms in that post, ending in 1941, when he was appointed to the Ottawa County Board of Supervisors and served until 1965. He was Vice Chair of the Board from 1963 to his retirement. He also served 18 years with the local Selective Service Board. During Richard’s time as Mayor, the police, fire station, and Municipal Hospital were built. He married Martha J. Mansfield of Chicago on March 23, 1908. They resided at 226 Franklin Street. Martha was the daughter of Frederick A. and Mary Mansfield of Grand Haven. Martha died December 20, 1965. Richard died about October 26, 1966 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Jesse Hopkins Cooley [Cooly] I [1820- ?]

Jesse Cooley in 1825 at the age of five moved with his family to Detroit, Michigan from his birthplace in New York State. In 1843 Jesse arrived in Mill Point [Spring Lake] and worked for the Barber & Mason Sawmill. In 1848 he married Theresa [Lina] "Teressie" Campbell in Ottawa County. Theresa was born in Michigan in June, 1832. In an undated article, Jesse was quoted as saying that "Muskegon" was a Chippewa word meaning "cranberry." He went on to say, "30 negroes lived on the Big Bayou, now called Spring Lake. They earned a living by shaving shingles. One day the schooner *C. Walker*, owned by Capt. Brooks sailed into Spring Lake, all the negroes boarding her and going to Chicago." By 1870 Jesse, Theresa, and their four children were residing in Fruitport Township, Muskegon County, where evidently he spent his last years. They were still there as late as 1900. At that time their son Jessie II and his wife, Emma, were living next door. Jessie's and Theresa's children were: Levina, born about 1851; Jessias, born about 1853; Jesse II, born in April, 1855; and Royal, born about 1860. Jesse was the first farmer to raise apples in the Fruitport area.

Joseph H. Coon [1907–1985]

Joseph Coon, who was born on November 20, 1907, moved to Grand Haven in 1948 and was employed by Bastian-Blessing. Prior to that he was with the Coast Guard. He retired from the military with the rank of Ensign after 19 years of service, and he once was a member of the *Escanaba*. He died in Grand Haven on May 21, 1985 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Emelia, passed away on June 6, 2003 and was buried with her husband.

Benjamin F. Cooper [1801-1864]

Born in Utica, New York in 1801, Benjamin Cooper bought 640 acres in the area that became known as Coopersville. In 1829 he married Mary A. Brantly, who was born in New York about 1801. Benjamin was the founder of the community, starting in 1845. For several years the land remained mostly unpopulated. In 1858 Benjamin offered to donate to the railroad all the land it needed, if the station were named after him. Timothy Eastman wanted to name the town Polkton, in honor of then President James Polk, but Benjamin prevailed. On January 22, 1859, the name Coopersville became official. It was incorporated as a Village in 1871, and became a City in 1967. Benjamin and his two sons built a sawmill and a dry goods store in Coopersville. Benjamin died in 1864.

Clayton J. Cooper [1900-1983]

Born in Muskegon on September 19, 1900, Clayton Cooper was founder of Cooper Machine and Welding,

which he operated for 41 years, retiring in 1978 as its President and Treasurer. On May 21, 1921 he married Laura M. Viebrock. Laura lived from April 10, 1895 to August 20, 1990. Their children included Alva E. Cooper, who was born on June 2, 1926, resided in Spring Lake, and died October 2, 1999; Eileen, who married Curtis Amundson of Grand Rapids; Shirley, who married Harold Van Etten of Muskegon; and Charles Cooper of New Port Richey, Florida. Clayton died in Muskegon in April, 1983. [*Tribune* obituary, April 14, 1983.]

David M. Cooper [@1827- ?]

Reverend David Cooper succeeded William Ferry as Pastor at Grand Haven Presbyterian Church. Rev. Ferry officially retired in April, 1857, but David Cooper appears to have been in Grand Haven as early as 1856. He was born in Michigan around 1827. On May 6, 1851 he married Arabella M. Baldwin in Washtenaw County, Michigan. A native of New York State, she was born about 1828. Their children were Mary L., born in Michigan about 1854, and David L., born in Michigan about 1858. Rev. Cooper left Grand Haven in 1863. By 1873 the Coopers were residing in Albion, Michigan.

Jacob Cooper [1896-1918]

Jacob Cooper was born August 25, 1896. His mother was Dowina [Delia] Cooper of Ferrysburg. She was born May 12, 1869 and died on December 4, 1933. Jacob's father, Hemmo, lived from December 15 1869 to December 31, 1910. A few days before the Armistice ended World War I, Jacob was mortally wounded in France and died on November 7, 1918. He was a member of Company L of the 128th Infantry, 32nd Division. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with other family members.

John William Cooper [1879-1954]

John Cooper started out as a claims adjuster for the railroad. In 1914 he purchased from John Buss the building at 226 West Savidge in Spring Lake. Buss had a saloon at this site called Jack's, which apparently remained in business for a few years before Cooper opened a variety store. In 1924 he added a coal and trucking business, concentrating primarily on the local delivery of fruits from this area, and gradually phased out the store. He sold the coal business to Eli West in 1945. It was located west of Liberty Street on the north side of the railroad tracks. John married Kathryn [Cathryn] Eckelcamp. The daughter of Henry John and Reintje Vos Eckelcamp, Kathryn lived from April 1, 1888 to August 15, 1968. They resided on Buchanan Street in Spring Lake and later at 107 West Exchange. John was born on October 17, 1879 and died on October 16, 1954. He and Kathryn were buried at Spring Lake

Cemetery. Their children were Mildred, Dorothy, Rose, and Ruth. Ruth married John J. Holtrop of Spring Lake.

Nelson Cooper [1842-1910]

See Nelson Neels.

Earl Cope [1915-2001]

By the mid-1950s Earl Cope owned Cope's Hardware Store at 820 East Savidge in Spring Lake. In the late 1970s the store passed into the hands of Wilbur Hughes, who changed the name of the business to Village Hardware. Earl and his wife, Wilma A., resided at 812 East Savidge. Earl was born on September 7, 1915 and passed away in Spring Lake on July 24, 2001. Wilma, who was born on July 6, 1910, died in Florida on December 11, 1994.

Alfred Joseph Cordes [1898-1949]

Alfred, the adopted son of Allen and Julia Kellar Cordes of Robinson Township, was a welder at Johnston Brothers in Ferrysburg as early as 1928. Born in Chicago, Illinois on June 30, 1898, Alfred married Ula Beatrice Little in Ionia on September 28, 1920. She was born in Palo, Michigan on September 29, 1902. They had four children, all born in Michigan: Alfred M., born about 1922; Beatrice L., born about 1923; Colleen J., born about 1925; and Don J., born about 1929. In 1930 the family lived on Exchange Street in Spring Lake. In the 1940s they resided at 523 East River in Spring Lake. He passed away on March 2, 1949 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Ula married Frank P. Minier in July, 1971. He died six years later, and Ula passed away in 1982. She was then residing at 939 Franklin Street.

Allen Relyer Cordes [1880-1962]

Born in Grand Rapids on June 20, 1880, Allen Cordes in 1900 was residing in Chicago with his brother and working as a musician. He was listed as a single man. The 1910 census noted he was married to Julia Ada Kellar and still working as a musician. Living with them was a ten-year old son, Alfonso, but at some point they adopted a boy who became known as Alfred and Alfonso disappeared. Allen married Adelphia J. Kellar in Detroit on January 21, 1918. He was continuing his work as a musician. Apparently Adelphia J. Kellar and Julia Ada Kellar are the same person. On his WWI draft registration form Allen noted that he was "lame in one leg" and apparently was not called to service. At the time of registration, he was working as a farmer in Ottawa County and still listed his wife as Adelphia, but in the 1920 census she appears again as Julia. Living with Allen and Julia in 1920 at 119 Hopkins Street in Grand Haven was their son Alfred, who was born in Chicago on June 30, 1898. Allen was then working as a welder at Challenge Refrigerator. Julia was born in Illinois about 1880. In the 1920s Allen and Julia

purchased a 40-acre farm in Section 1 of Robinson Township [approximately 10367 North Cedar Drive], where they constructed a barn in 1928. Three years later they converted the barn to a restaurant and dance hall named Jac Jungle. The initials of his wife's name, Julia A. Cordes, supplied the word "Jac." In 1943 Allen sold his business to John Freitchen of Robinson Township. Allen died in Palm Beach, Florida on June 30, 1880, and Julia passed away on 1942. Both were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery.

John Corey [@1863- ?]

Born in Syria about 1863, John Corey in 1900 owned a pool hall at 12 Washington in downtown Grand Haven. By 1930 he was retired and resided at 1433 Washington with his family. John's wife, Osen [Oren], also was born in Syria about 1885. Their son, Charles J. Corey, was born in Michigan about 1914.

John Franklin Corl [1865-1926]

In the early 1900s John Corl was employed as Secretary/Superintendent at the Story & Clark Piano Company. He subsequently opened his own business, Western Piano Supply Company, which operated at 702 North Sixth Street from July 1903 to 1910, and he operated the John F. Corl Piano Company at the same address. Western Supply manufactured piano cases for shipping. Around 1900 John and his wife, Lucinda Anne, purchased the Enoch Cummings residence at 482 Sheldon Terrace, which they later sold to Nelson Howlett. By 1908 the Corls resided in a house on Pennoyer, west of the railroad tracks. John was Mayor of Grand Haven in 1906 and 1907. The Corls later moved to Battle Creek, where John started Corl Piano Company and then to East Cleveland, Ohio, where he managed an auto and truck sales company. John was born in Albany, New York on April 29, 1865 and died in East Cleveland, Ohio on March 25, 1926.. Lucinda was born in Kingston, New York on December 12, 1866 and passed away in East Cleveland on April 1, 1941.

John Mott Cornelius [1830-1906]

John Cornelius was a farmer and fruit grower in Section 3 of Spring Lake Township, where he owned slightly more than 132 acres. His daughter, Bertha Cornelius, owned another 25 acres adjacent to his. She was born in Michigan about 1863. John was one of the organizers of the Ottawa County Fruit & Vegetable Association, established in 1896. A native of New York, he lived from June, 1830 to 1906 and was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Kent County. His wife, Anna E., was born in New York in March, 1833 and died in 1921. She also is buried at Oak Hill.

Joseph Ewing Correll [1880-1920]

Joseph Correll had a dairy farm at 810 Madison in Grand Haven, where he sold his products and lived with his wife and children. Joseph married Gertrude Fant Westerhof in Grand Haven on September 20, 1906. They had at least one child, Marjorie Louise, who was born in La Porte, Indiana on July 28, 1917 and married Howard De Heer of Grand Haven. Joseph lived from 1880 to about September 9, 1920 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Gertrude, the daughter of Egbert and Gertrude Fant Westerhof, passed away about July 21, 1944 and also was buried at Lake Forest. Joseph was the son of Samuel A. and Mary Jane Adair Correll. Prentice Correll was his brother.

Prentice Correll [1850-1927]

Prentice Correll was born in Noble County, Indiana on March 3, 1850. His parents, Samuel A. and Mary Jane Adair Correll, moved to Grand Haven Township. Samuel was born in Pennsylvania in 1822 and died in Pikes Peak, Colorado on January 23, 1864, while Mary lived from May 11, 1825 to September 11, 1909 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. She was the daughter of Joseph Ewing and Eliza Winders Adair. Prentice was a farmer and auctioneer, whose 40-acre farm was located in Section 27 of Grand Haven Township. Prentice died July 29, 1927. Joseph Ewing Correll was his brother.

Augustus M. Cosgrove [1855-1938]

Born in Ashland, Ohio on February 15, 1855, Augustus was the son of Stephen C. of New Jersey and Hannah Hiler Cosgrove of New York. Stephen, a broom-maker by trade and later a farmer, died on February 17, 1877, in Crawford, Ohio at the age of 71. Hannah died in September, 1891, also in Crawford. Augustus's paternal grandfather was William Cosgrove. Augustus secured employment in the steam engine works at Bucyrus, Ohio. In 1878 he moved to Adrian, Michigan. He worked at the Adrian Water Works and acquired knowledge of the details of the business. After eight years he went to Richmond and was employed by a prominent firm there for about one year. In 1885 he came to Grand Haven, and was appointed Superintendent of the Grand Haven Water Works, then located on South Harbor. By the 1920s he owned a plumbing business at 16 North Seventh.

On November 28, 1878, Augustus married Sarah Ann, the daughter of Frank J. Smith of Jasper, Michigan. She was born in New York in October, 1853 and died on September 28, 1918. Augustus and Sarah had two children: a daughter, Caroline E., who was born in October, 1879 and died on June 24, 1902, and a son, Freddie, who died on November 12, 1899. Both children died from heart disease, preceded by inflammatory rheumatism. After Sarah Ann's death,

Augustus married Margaret M., who was born in Ohio about 1872. The Cosgrove family resided at 711 Columbus in Grand Haven. Augustus was a member of the Order of the Maccabees. He died about November 15, 1938 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Michigan*, pp. 465-466, and *Tribune* obituary, June 24, 1902.]

Benjamin N. Coster [1914-1994]

A native of Spring Lake, where he was born on May 19, 1914, Benjamin Coster married Doris Louise, daughter of Hugh and Florence Oviatt Deremo of Crockery Township. The Costers lived at 522 Fleser Court in Spring Lake. Doris was born on June 20, 1908 and died in Grand Haven on June 4, 1997. Benjamin died on March 14, 1994.

Charles W. Cotton [1871-1925]

Born January 10, 1871 in Saranac, Michigan, Charles Cotton became a printer and for a time was employed in the Government Printing Office at Washington, D.C. He graduated from Northwestern University School of Dentistry and opened his practice in Grand Haven on the second floor of 222 Washington. He served as Alderman from 1910 to 1912. He was elected Mayor of Grand Haven in 1912 and 1913, and he was Alderman again from 1916 until May, 1918 when he entered the military during WWI. Charles returned to be Mayor again in 1923 and 1924. He was a Mason, Worthy Patron of Grand Haven Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, an Elk, an Eagle, and an original member of the Grand Haven Stag Club. He was a member of the Christian Science Church.

In the early 1900s Charles and his wife, Margaret Belle, resided at 519 Clinton. Later they lived at 415 Clinton. They had two children: Margaret, who was born on December 16, 1899, taught in Grand Rapids, and married Francis Angus of Grand Haven; and Laura, who was born about 1903 and taught in Grand Haven. Charles died October 12, 1925 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Margaret died on December 28, 1943. [*Tribune* obituary, October 12, 1925.]

John W. Cracroft [1880-1914]

John Cracroft tended bar at the Hotel Gildner in downtown Grand Haven in the early 1900s. He and his wife, Martha, lived at 209 Clinton. He also served as headwaiter aboard the *Naomi*, a steamer that caught fire in mid-lake on May 21, 1907 with the loss of five lives. John was born in 1880 and died in 1914. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Eben [Eber] B. Crandle [Crandall] [1840-1899]

Eben B. Crandle served with Company E of the 14th Michigan Infantry during the Civil War. He was born in 1840 and died in 1899. His wife, Ellen, lived from 1852 to 1917. He owned a 117-acre farm in Section 6 of Robinson Township as early as 1876. Eben and Ellen were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery.

Edward Livingston Craw I [1832-1912]

On August 28, 1862, while living in Lyons, Michigan, Edward Craw journeyed to Grand Rapids, where he enlisted as First Lieutenant with Company E of the Sixth Michigan Cavalry. On May 9 the next year, he was promoted to Captain, and on November 12, 1863 he was discharged for disability. In the spring of 1866 Edward purchased considerable acreage in Section 11 of Spring Lake Township and a smaller plot in Section 2, where he planted fruit trees. The Village of Fruitport originally was named Crawsville, in Edward's honor.

Edward was born in Wayne County, New York on June 7, 1832. On November 10, 1858, in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Edward married Julia Annah Soule, who was from Dover Plains [Dutchess County], New York, where she was born on October 16, 1836. Julia was the daughter of Ambrose and Ruth Patten Brown Soule of Spring Lake. The Craws children were: Lillian Inez, who was born in Illinois on July 29, 1859 and died on June 28, one day short of her 20th birthday; Edward S., who was born in Onandaga, New York on March 3, 1862 and died in 1919 in Grand Rapids; Sarah Annette, who was born in Grand Haven on January 5, 1868 and died in 1919 in Grand Rapids; Mary Cordelia, who was born in Grand Haven on August 11, 1869 and died on February 26, 1963 in Grand Rapids; Florence Laura, who was born in Grand Haven on November 7, 1870 and died on September 10, 1877; Claribel, who was born on November 19, 1872 and died on July 11, 1879; Viola, who was born on March 4, 1874 in Ottawa County and died in Grand Rapids on October 3, 1958; and Evelyn Noble, who was born on March 12, 1879 in Grand Haven. In the 1870 census Edward was listed as a "Realestate merchant." In the spring of 1869 the Craws sold 85 acres in Section 11 to David and Alice Waters, leaving the Craws with two parcels totaling approximately 80 acres. In 1887 they sold 64 acres to Jacob and Anna Ferris, property that later became known as the Willows Resort.

By 1880 Edward and his family were residing in Grand Haven, where he continued in the real estate business. He was still in Grand Haven in 1890, but by 1910 he was living in Grand Rapids with his wife and three of their children. Julia died on February 16, 1912. Edward passed away on June 19 the same year and was buried with Julia, Edward S., and Sarah at Valley City Cemetery in Kent County.

Arthur R. Crawford [1909-1981]

The first permanent home in the Holcomb Hills subdivision was built in 1972 by Arthur and Libby Crawford at 18255 Holcomb Hills. Arthur was born on March 4, 1909, died on October 25, 1981, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Libby was born on February 3, 1913, the daughter of John N. and Winnifred Linderman Forshar. Libby's given name was Mary Elizabeth. She passed away on February 26, 2005 and was buried with her husband. Arthur and Libby were married in Port Huron on June 23, 1934. Libby was a graduate of Alma College, and in 1984 received the college's Distinguished Alumni Award. She was an accomplished weaver, and an active member of Calvin Presbyterian Church in Detroit. After moving to Grand Haven in 1971, she joined that community's Presbyterian congregation. Libby died in Holland, Michigan, on February 26, 2005. The Crawfords' children included Linda Crawford of Southold, New York; Jill Kartalia of Westminster, Maryland; Richard, of Ann Arbor; and Jeffrey of Cedarville, Ohio. [*Tribune* obituary, March 2, 2005.]

Marvin H. Creager I [1836-1898]

Born in Geauga County, Ohio, in 1836, Marvin Creager moved to Berlin [Marne], Ottawa County, in 1856. On April 30, 1861 he enlisted as First Sergeant in Company F of the Second Michigan Cavalry. He was promoted to Second Lieutenant and then Captain. After he was mustered out on August 15, 1865, Marvin moved to Chester Township, where he took up the lumbering business. After his business burned down in 1871 he spent a year teaching until 1876, when he was elected County Treasurer and moved to Grand Haven. In 1881 he was appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for Grand Haven. In partnership with James C. Cilley, Marvin in the spring of 1881 built a planing mill near the Pere Marquette train depot on Jackson Street in Grand Haven. Marvin was Secretary of the Republican County Committee in 1866-67, and later became Chairman of that group. Marvin operated the *Grand Haven Herald* in behalf of the Whitman Benham estate from October, 1880 until the firm of Kedzie & Kedzie purchased it a few months later. Marvin died on April 20, 1898 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His first wife's name was Alma. On August 29, 1868 in Chester Township a son, Phillip S., was born. A daughter, Mattie Estelle, died at the age of seven years on February 5, 1875 and was buried at Lake Forest. On December 31, 1874, in Grand Rapids, Marvin married May [Mary] Paine, who was born in Sweden about 1845. Their son, Marvin II, was born in Grand Haven on February 4, 1882.

Cresswell [? - ?]

A man with the last name of Cresswell opened what some considered the first photography studio in Grand Haven, although no date was cited.

Thomas Henry Cron [1924-2005]

The son of Charles and Mary Beiersdorfer Cron, Thomas was born in Celina, Ohio, on September 6, 1924. He married Evelyn Louise Reichard on May 29, 1948 in Dayton, Ohio. Thomas served with the Army during WWII, earned a bachelor degree from the University of Dayton in 1948, and a Doctor of Optometry degree from the Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago in 1953. He practiced optometry in Muskegon and Grand Rapids. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spring Lake, and he was a member of the Ferrysburg City Council. Thomas and Evelyn had two daughters and five sons: Barbara, who married Doug Nastally and moved to Brownsburg, Indiana; Susan, who married Michael McDermott and moved to Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; Michael, who moved to Canadian Lakes; Steven, of Grand Rapids; Kenneth of Vicksburg; Ron, of Muskegon; and Joseph of Federal Way, Washington. The family resided at 17377 West Spring Lake Road. Thomas died in Spring Lake on December 19, 2005 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 21 2005.]

Edward Gifford Crosby [1847-1912]

Born on October 26, 1847, Edward Crosby on August 15, 1861 enlisted as Private in Company E of the 1st Michigan Cavalry. He was mustered out on September 3, 1864. Edward came to Muskegon about 1866 and developed an interest in ships. He obtained a tiny tug and picked up logs that had gone adrift until he was able to buy the steamer *Nyack*. He then moved to Milwaukee, where he founded and managed Crosby Transportation Company. He maintained an office in Grand Haven. Among his other ships were the *E. G. Crosby*, *Conestoga*, and *May Graham*. On April 18, 1868 he married Catherine Elizabeth Halstead. Catherine and their daughter Harriette often accompanied Edward on ship. The three of them were aboard the ill-fated steamer *Titanic* when it left England on its maiden voyage in April, 1912. Edward lost his life when the big ship struck an iceberg just before midnight on April 14. He was reported to have said to his wife and daughter as he put them into a lifeboat, "I will stay here: you go: if it be my fortune to get out of this alive I will see you again, if not, good-bye." Catherine was born in Waterloo, New York on October 26, 1847 and died on July 29, 1920 in Milwaukee. Both Crosbys were interred at Fairview Mausoleum in Milwaukee. Harriette lived from October 8, 1872 to February 11, 1941. [Pamphlet in Loutit Library, "In Memory of Capt. Edward G. Crosby."]

Ira H. Cross [1868-1948]

Ira, who was born in Michigan on December 30, 1868, moved to Spring Lake with his parents, James A. and Sarah Cross, when he was two years old. On November 15, 1893 Ira married Minnie, the daughter of Hance and Catherine Wilson. Minnie, who was born in Canada on October 21, 1875, came to Spring Lake from Canada with her parents when she was five. Ira attended Valparaiso College in Indiana, and returned to Spring Lake to teach at Patchin School. Not long after their marriage, Ira and Minnie lived on the Cross family farm bordering the Grand River in Section 31 of Crockery Township, close to both their families. They had at least one child, Hazel, born in August, 1898. Ira died on March 30, 1948 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. About that time Minnie sold the farm and moved into the Village of Spring Lake. She passed away on August 5, 1972 and was buried with her husband.

James A. Cross [1836-1914]

James Cross, a New York native, lived from August, 1836 to 1914. His wife, Sarah A., lived from 1835 to January 16, 1895. Both were natives of New York. About 1871 the Crosses moved to Crockery Township, where James grew fruit in Section 31 along the Grand River. Their children were Charles B., born about 1862 in Michigan; Lewis, who was born in June, 1864 in Davison, Genesee County; George H., who was born about 1866 in New York; and Ira S., who was born in December, 1868 in Michigan. By 1893 James and Sarah resided in Spring Lake Village. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Jesse Morris Cross I [1828-1901]

Born in Grantham, New Hampshire, on February 24, 1828, Jesse Morris Cross studied for the law and then entered the ministry, serving in New Hampshire, Urbana, Ohio, and Grand Haven. In 1860 he married Lucinda C. Noyes of Essex County, Massachusetts, where she was born on March 9, 1839. Jesse and his family arrived in Grand Haven on October 6, 1869, when he started serving as Pastor of the Presbyterian Church for two years. Between 1872 and 1882 he practiced law in Grand Haven with Stephen L. Lowing. After Lucinda's death on November 30, 1872, Jesse married Elizabeth M., the daughter of Hiram and Hannah Moore Beckwith, who raised fruit in Spring Lake Township. Elizabeth was born in Shelby, New York, on November 25, 1847. She became a teacher and was Principal of Grand Haven High School, and from 1876 to 1877 she was Superintendent of Schools in Grand Haven. She earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Worcester University. Jesse's children were Helen, born in 1862 in Ohio; Harry, who was born

in 1863 in Ohio and died in Grand Haven in December, 1894; Albert M., born in 1872 in Ohio; and Jessie M., born in 1873 in Michigan. Daughter Jessie apparently was Elizabeth's only child. After Jesse died on November 11, 1901, Elizabeth moved to Seattle, Washington, where she studied educational methodology at the University of Washington and received another degree when she was 60. She spent the next ten years teaching English at Snohomish High School. In 1930 she was retired and residing in Seattle with her widowed brother, Andrew Beckwith. [*Tribune* obituary, December 28, 1894.]

Lewis Cross [1863-1951]

Born on January 10, 1863 near Davison, Genesee County, Michigan, Lewis in 1871 came to Spring Lake with his parents, James A. and Sarah Cross. Although Lewis came from a large family, he had no children. He made his living as a farmer, fruit grower, hunter, and fisherman, as well as a taxidermist. He loved to paint and dabble in art. 500 to 600 of his paintings sold at auction after his death. Someone from Chicago bought many, including nine large ones Lewis had stored and displayed in his home. Those nine paintings were rolled back-to-back into a drum that he created for storage. Lewis would pull them down and display them on a whim. Later they came into the collection of the Grand Rapids Art Museum. Lewis did two to three dozen paintings of passenger pigeons, all in the same earth tones. The Tri-Cities Historical Museum was given one very large one with several figures of children, and another smaller, somewhat stylized painting that was perhaps unfinished or possibly just an early work. Being a nature lover, Lewis had a special feeling for the pigeons and what was happening to them. He began the paintings so "no one would forget." In the large painting, the children presented a rather gruesome appearance, and they seemed to look the same way in all Lewis's paintings. In his portraits, however, the subjects looked quite refined. Another of Lewis's painting held by the Museum depicted the 1883 logjam on the Grand River. That painting represented a blending of art and historical event.

In 1889 Lewis and his brother George made a long trip down the coast of Lake Michigan to the Illinois River and then to the Mississippi and eventually the Gulf of Mexico. George, who was born about 1866 in New York, kept a journal of their trip; a copy of that journal is in the Tri-Cities Historical Museum's archives. Lewis's homestead was at the end of Boom Road on the Grand River in Crockery Township. Known as "The Castle," it was built entirely by Lewis between 1910 and 1914. The three-story home was made out of concrete block that he manufactured himself, and it had concrete floors

on all levels. He died on April 4, 1951 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

John M. Crow [1837-1900]

John Crow was born in Perry, Ohio on November 8, 1837. While in Iowa he enlisted as Private in Company E of the 22nd Iowa Infantry on August 7, 1862. John was mustered out on July 25, 1865 and eventually located in Grand Haven Township, where he had a 40-acre farm in Section 28. He married Rebecca [Rebecka] Harris, who applied for a widow's Civil War pension on June 22, 1900. She was born in Mississippi, lived from November 7, 1841 to June 10, 1910, and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery with her husband and other family members. The Crows had five children.

Edward Page Cummings [1871-1916]

Edward was born in Grand Haven on June 28, 1871, the son of Enoch and Juliet Dailey Cummings. Edward graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1889 and in 1893 from the literary department at the University of Michigan. He was Superintendent of Lansing City Schools for ten years, in charge of the Spring Lake Schools from 1895 to 1899, Principal of Grand Haven High School in 1899, and Superintendent of Grand Haven Schools from 1900 to April 1, 1907. His salary the first year was \$700. Cummings was President of the State Teachers Association and was regarded as one of the foremost men in education. On July 2, 1901 he married Louise R. Kay, daughter of Charles M. and Elizabeth Scott Kay of Spring Lake. Louise was born in Spring Lake on May 2, 1876. Edward and Louise had three children: Frank Edward, who was born on June 22, 1903, Elizabeth, and Jean. Edward died on March 31, 1916 in Chicago of self-inflicted gunshot wounds to the temple and chest on the same day his brother Herbert passed away in Grand Haven. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. After his father's death, Frank lived with his aunt, Nettie Kay Hargraves, in Chicago. [*Tribune* articles, "Brothers Die the Same Day," 1916, and wedding announcement July 1 and 3, 1901.]

Enoch Page Cummings [1837-1901]

Enoch was born in Grafton County, New Hampshire on November 30, 1837, the son of Edward Taylor and Mary McGrath Cummings. Enoch came to Grand Haven in 1867 and was reported to be the first to open a dentistry practice in the city. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan and was one of the first dentists in the country to make a cleft palate plate. When he retired in 1897, his son Herbert took over the practice, with offices at 202 Washington. Enoch in 1892 built the large home at 482 Sheldon Terrace. He died on February 20, 1901 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Juliet Walker Dailey, was born in Boston on May 8,

1835. They were married in Lebanon, Grafton County, New Hampshire on October 31, 1864. The Cummings family reportedly also had lived at 401 Sheldon Road. Another son, Edward Page Cummings, was Superintendent of Grand Haven Schools in the early 1900s.

Herbert Thurston Cummings [1874-1916]

Born in Grand Haven on November 10, 1874, the son of Enoch and Juliet Dailey Cummings, Herbert, who studied in Chicago and at the University of Michigan, took over his father's dentistry practice in 1897. The office was on the second floor of 202 Washington. The 1908 *Directory* noted that he also roomed at the same address. Herbert was widely recognized in dentistry for fine workmanship, but "an unfortunate craving for liquor ruined his life." On the same day on March 31, 1916 that his brother Edward killed himself, Herbert died in Grand Haven, at the age of 42, from a "heavy dose" of arsenic and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Marietta Boynton, who was born in Wisconsin in March, 1882. Julia, died about January 24, 1917. [*Tribune* article, "Brothers Die the Same Day, 1916."]

Robert Lane Currier I [1924-1999]

Robert was born in Grosse Pointe, Michigan on January 24, 1924, the son of Osceola and Viola Sommers Currier. Robert served in the Navy during WWII as a Hellcat pilot with Fighter Squadron 34 on the *USS Saratoga* and *USS Monterey*. He attended Choate Academy in Connecticut and Williams College in Massachusetts, and he graduated from the University of Michigan. His first wife, Patricia Hefferan, was born on September 20, 1922 and died in Ottawa County on February 11, 1972. Robert then married Joan Sweeney Owen.

Joan was born in Brooklyn New York, on April 6, 1926. Her parents were Charles Anthony and Muriel Rutan Sweeney. She married Robert E. Owen on August 12, 1950. He died in 1973. Joan then married Robert M. Edison in January, 1976. He died two years later. She then married Robert Currier on October 12, 1982.

Robert founded and operated Mackinaw Engineering and he co-founded Shape Corporation of Grand Haven in 1974. Later he also helped establish Light Corporation, Finish Corporation, and Track Corporation, all in Grand Haven. Robert was a member of the Lost Tree Club of North Palm Beach, Florida, Kent Country Club in Grand Rapids, and the Spring Lake Country Club. He belonged to the Spring Lake Yacht Club and similar organizations elsewhere. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Grand Haven. He and Joan resided at 12945 Lakeshore Drive, located in a lakeshore development south of Grand Haven called the Wilderness. Robert died on December 24, 1999, and

Joan passed away on September 3, 2004. The Curriers brought six children to their marriage: Robert Currier II of Grand Rapids; Thomas Currier of Grand Haven; Lawrence R. Owen of Indiana; Mary H. Currier of New Mexico Mary Louise Owen Bradley Davis of Grand Haven; and Barbara Owen Edgerle of Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituary, September 7, 2004.]

John W. Curtis [@1836- ?]

In the mid-1800s John Curtis raised fruit on about 32 acres in Section 1 of Spring Lake Township. He was born in New York about 1836. His wife, Frank, was also a native of the Empire State, where she was born about 1844. Their son, Harry, was born in Michigan about 1868.

Benjamin Franklin Curtiss [@1820-1880]

Born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio about 1820, Benjamin Curtiss was admitted to the bar in Trumbull County of that state in 1844. In May, eleven years later, he arrived in Grand Haven and was Prosecuting Attorney from 1866 to 1867. For a short time he practiced law with William H. Parks, who moved to Holland. Benjamin worked alone from that point on. His wife, Lucy, was born in Ohio about 1834. Their son, Edward D., was born in Ohio around 1855. Edward worked at a planing mill in 1880. The family resided in the 100 block of Washington Street. Benjamin and Lucy lost their lives in the wreck of the *Alpena* on October 15, 1880.

Charles W. Cushman [? - ?]

Charles Cushman was Principal of Grand Haven Union High School [Clinton School] from 1860 to 1863.

John W. Cusick [1869-1956]

John Cusick was a clerk in Andy Falls Grocery Store in the early 1900s. He delivered groceries for the store by wagon and boat. In the 1910 census he was listed as a carpenter. In 1915 he was hired as the first Superintendent of the Spring Lake Water Works, as well as Marshall, Janitor, and Street Commissioner, at a salary of \$780 a year. Two years later his salary was increased to \$900. John, who was born in New York on August 24, 1869, retired in 1947, and passed away on August 31, 1956. On May 20, 1903 in Grand Haven he married Catherine D. "Katie" Donahue. She was born in Ireland in 1868 and died in 1921. After her death, John married Elizabeth T., the daughter of Michael and Ann Brady Shoemaker. She was born on April 27, 1881 and died on September 1, 1973. Catherine, Elizabeth, and John were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

John Edward Cuson [1875-1957]

John Cuson continued the boat-building business his father, Mitchell Cuson, started at the southwest corner of Lake and Savidge Streets [534 East Savidge]. John and

his wife, Caroline Marie, resided on the property. John was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 10, 1875. On April 11, 1899 in Grand Haven, John married Caroline Steinbach. She was born in Spring Lake on January 6, 1879. The boat shop, located on the lot behind the house, was later converted to a residence. John also was a cabinet maker. Caroline passed away on July 14, 1945. John died on October 29, 1957. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Mitchell Cuson [1825-1904]

Mitchell Cuson, a native of Canada, owned a boat building business in Spring Lake. His wife, Mary D., lived from 1833 to 1907 and he lived from March, 1825 [1827] to 1904. Mary was born in New York. A son, John, was born in Illinois in June, 1875 and continued his father's boat building business. Mitchell and Mary were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Charles Cutler [1826-1881]

Charles Cutler, who was born on July 25, 1826 in Amherst, Massachusetts, died on September 16, 1881, when the gas plant at the Cutler Hotel exploded. Joseph Spires, the hotel Manager, was injured. Charles, the son of Isaac and Nancy Hastings Cutler, was Dwight Cutler's older brother. On April 4, 1850 he married Harriet Ann Coolidge, who was born in May, 1832 in Westminster, Massachusetts. Charles Cutler was their son. In the 1880 census Charles was listed as "Furniture Dealer."

Charles Lyon Cutler [1862-1892]

Charles Cutler, who was born in Grand Haven [Massachusetts] on April 19, 1862, died on May 10, 1892. The son of Charles and Harriet Coolidge Cutler, the younger Charles worked as a carpenter. On September 23, 1889 in Grand Haven, he married Julia A. Robinson, who was born in Robinson Township about 1870. She was the daughter of Benjmain Franklin "Frank" and Ada Robinsn. [*Tribune* obituary, January 4, 1913.]

Dwight Cutler I [1830-1901]

Dwight Cutler was born in Amherst, Massachusetts on November 14, 1830. He was one of eight children of Dr. Isaac G. Cutler and Nancy Hastings. His mother, the daughter of Elisha and Jerusha Billings Hastings, was born at Amherst, Massachusetts and baptized on October 14, 1798. She died January 28, 1849. She and Dr. Cutler were married December 24, 1807. Dr. Cutler was born in Greenwich, Connecticut, on November 18, 1782. He graduated from Williams College in the class of 1801, studied medicine and practiced in Amherst until his death on November 29, 1834. Dwight's grandfather was born in Amherst, and his great-grandfather was a native of Wales. Dwight was educated at Williston

Seminary in East Hampton, Massachusetts and came to Grand Haven in 1847. He went to work for Gilbert & Company, forwarding and commission merchants with a warehouse and store on the northwest corner of Franklin and Harbor Streets. In 1853 Henry Martin of Grand Rapids purchased the Gilbert business and put Dwight in charge. After three years Cutler was able to buy out his employer and went into business for himself. During that time he bought a number of vessels both sail and steam. The Gilbert name remained for awhile, although the business eventually became known as Cutler, Warts, & Stegeman and later as Cutler & Warts [Wartz]. In 1870 Dwight went into partnership with Hunter Savidge and together they bought the Hopkins Mill on Spring Lake. By 1874 Cutler and Savidge had half a million dollars capital with which they organized the lumber company bearing their names and which became the largest in West Michigan. They had lumberyards in Michigan City, Indianapolis, South Bend, and Detroit and employed over 500 men. When Savidge died in 1881, Dwight became President of the business, and his two sons, along with the two Savidge sons, operated the business until it moved to Canada.

In 1871 Dwight erected the Cutler House, a five-story hotel on the southwest corner of Third and Washington Streets, opposite Sheldon's resort, built in the Second Empire style at a cost of \$200,000. After it was destroyed in the fire of 1889, Dwight built another, smaller hotel on the same site and called it the New Cutler House. Around 1893 Dwight bought the former World's Sanitarium and Magnetic Mineral Springs and Laboratory, which previously was owned by his brother-in-law, Willard C. Sheldon. Across the street from the Cutler House, the resort had been converted to a hotel shortly after the 1889 fire and renamed The Norris. It now earned a new name, the Cutler Annex.

Dwight served as Mayor of Grand Haven in 1869, 1870, 1890, and 1891. From 1871 until 1891 he served as the first President of the new First National Bank of Grand Haven, a bank he helped organize to replace the Ferry & Son bank. In 1886 he was one of 50 men to develop the Highland Park Association. In 1887 Dwight became a shareholder and Director of the newly formed Dake Engine Company. He was an Independent in politics and a member of the Unitarian Church. He also served as Trustee of Akeley Institute, he was a principal stockholder and Director of Challenge Corn Planter, and he was a Director of the Grand Rapids Fire Insurance Company.

On February 10 [16], 1858, in Grand Haven, Dwight married Frances E. Slayton, who was born October 12, 1831 at Stowe, Vermont. Frances was the sister of Caroline Fidelia, who married Ebenezer W. Barnes, one time Postmaster of Grand Haven. Another sister, Mary

Malvina, married Willard. C. Sheldon of Grand Haven. Frances's brothers were Decatur Slayton of Stowe, Vermont, and Osman Slayton, originally of Stowe and then of California. Her mother, Millison Slayton, who lived from 1802 to 1874, resided in Grand Haven in her later years. Frances died March 4, 1892 and was interred in the Cutler mausoleum at Lake Forest Cemetery.

The Cutlers had six children, all born in Grand Haven: Millison [Millicent], who was born April 8, 1859; Esther Pomeroy, who was born on December 13, 1860, married 25-year old John Newbury Bagley of Detroit on March 11, 1884; Dwight II, who was born on December 2, 1862 and died in 1946; Frances, who was born on June 6, 1868 and died in 1941; and Mary, who was born on June 11, 1874. On June 28, 1898 Mary married Edward Lawyer Hardy, who was [born about 1870, and moved to San Diego. The Cutlers had a stately residence at the southeast corner of Washington and Third Streets [300 Washington]. Dwight died of diabetes on August 26, 1901 and was buried in the family mausoleum at Lake Forest. Cutler Street in Grand Haven was named in his memory. [*Tribune* obituary, March 4, 1892, *Tribune* article, "Memories of GH 60 Years Ago," July 11, 1957, and *American Biographical History*.]

John H. Dabelstein [1902-1975]

Started August, 1954 by John H. Dabelstein, Elmer C. Dvorak, and N. M. Carndell, Sterling Manufacturing employed four people. Located at 206 South Jackson in Spring Lake, it manufactured lighting accessories for fluorescent fixtures. John was born on August 16, 1902, died in Grand Haven on September 17, 1975, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Lucille R., was born on May 3, 1907, passed away in Kalamazoo County on November 13, 1986, and also buried at Lake Forest. They resided at 14823 Lakeshore Drive in Grand Haven Township.

Olaf "Olie" Dahlman [1851-1925]

Olaf Dahlman was born in Stockholm, Sweden in November, 1851 and arrived in the United States in 1880. Olaf had a son, Arthur, who was born in Michigan in January, 1883. Apparently Olaf's first wife died, and on December 18, 1889 Olaf married Johanna Christina Larson in Fruitport. Also a native of Sweden, Johanna was born on May 22, 1872 and immigrated to the United States in 1882. Among Olaf's and Johanna's children were Roy Luz, who was born on April 22, 1892; married Angie, the daughter of Nicholas and Jennie Stuvelling Vyn of Grand Haven, on June 12, 1920 moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota Carl O., who was born on November 9, 1893, married Albertina Nitz in Sioux City, Iowa on August 16, 1927, and died in Spring Lake on December 20, 1967; Eric Albert, who was born on

March 15, 1895, died on December 30, 1895, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; Hilma, born in February, 1900; and Ernest L., who was born on January 7, 1911 and died in Muskegon in November, 1980. By 1912 the Dahlmans owned a 135-acre fruit farm on the west shore of Spring Lake [Section 10], property which later became known as Lovell Park. Eventually Olaf took up general farming. He died in Spring Lake in 1925. Johanna died on September 18, 1946 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

David Edward "Ed" Dahlstrom [1913-1999]

Ed was born in Whitehall, Michigan, on May 1, 1913, the son of Fred and Selma Anderson Dahlstrom. After graduating from Whitehall High School in 1932 and then Muskegon Junior College, he joined the accounting department of Eagle Ottawa Leather Company in Whitehall.

Ed married Kathleen Matusek on Christmas Day, 1939 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grand Haven. She was born February 2, 1917, the daughter of Victor and Elsie Metzler Matusek. Kathleen graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1934, attended Howell's Business School in Muskegon, and then worked in the personnel office of the Eagle Ottawa Company in Grand Haven. For the next 11 years the Dahlstroms lived in Whitehall before moving to Grand Rapids, where Ed worked for Grand Rapids Metalcraft for two years. In 1952 he and his family moved to Grand Haven, where he joined the accounting department of Challenge Machinery. The family resided at 1206 Hillcrest. Ed remained with the company until his retirement as Vice President and Treasurer in 1978. He was active on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army, and in 1998 he was named a Life Member of the Board. He was instrumental in the completion of the new Salvation Army building on De Spelder Street in 1976 and the addition of an education wing two years later.

The Dahlstroms were members of St. John's Lutheran Church, where Ed was Treasurer, Elder, and Sunday School Superintendent. He joined the Grand Haven Rotary Club in 1966 and served as its President for one year. He also was a founding member of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, serving as Trustee from 1971 to 1977, and he was Chair of the Tri-Cities Area United Way campaign in 1966. Ed spent many years as an advisor to Junior Achievement and he delivered Meals on Wheels. The Dahlstroms had two sons, David of Grand Haven and Donald of Goodrich, Michigan, and a daughter, Anne, who lived in Wellington, Florida, with her husband, Martin Riepma. Ed died at his home at 1512 Klempel Farm Road in Grand Haven on December 18, 1999. Kathleen died on January 2, 2000. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 20, 1999 and January 3, 2000.]

Johann “John” Leonhard Daib [Dail] [1830-1894]

A native of Germany, where he was born on July 13, 1830, John Daib came to America at the age of 19, studied for the ministry, and settled in Grand Rapids. He became the first Pastor of St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, organized in Grand Haven on April 8, 1866. Services were in German. His wife was Susan [Susanna] Eliza Daub, whom he married in Grand Rapids about 1869. A daughter, Matilda, was born in Grand Rapids the next year on October 10. John died in Indiana on December 31, 1894. Among their 11 children was Herman, who also became a Lutheran minister.

Charles William Dake I [1868–1946]

Born in May, 1868 in St. Clair, Michigan to Henry F. and Caroline Faulker Dake, Charles studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of Michigan and later was associated with his brother, William F. Dake, at the Dake Engine Company. Early in his career, Charles became a designer of mechanical products and machinery for Challenge Corn Planter of Grand Haven, Grand Rapids Cycle Company, and the Michigan Iron Works of Manistee. In 1889 he designed his first steam turbine, which led in 1902 to the organization of the Dake American Steam Turbine Company of Grand Rapids. In 1909 he sold his interest in the company and became chief engineer and designer of the Pyle National Electric Headlight Company until 1931, when he returned to Grand Haven and took charge of the patent business of the Campbell, Wyant and Cannon Foundry Company of Muskegon. In 1939 he established a firm of patent attorneys and designing engineers in Grand Haven called Dake & Dake. Charles Dake was granted more than 400 patents, including those for operating mechanisms for locomotive lighting. He was a Republican and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Muskegon Heights Board of Trade, Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Shrine, Elks. Spring Lake Country Club, Citizens Historical Association, and the Presbyterian Church.

On June 25, 1890 Charles married Grand Haven native Johanna C., the daughter of Cornelius and Caroline Vander Noot. Johanna died about November 30, 1953 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children included Caroline Dean, who was born in Grand Haven on June 4, 1891; Henry F., born about 1894; Francis H., who was General Manager of the Charles Heyer Company of St. Louis and resided in that city with his wife and child; and Charles W. Dake II, who was in business with his father. The Dake family resided at 602 Pennoyer. On June 25, 1912 in Grand Rapids, Caroline married Roswell Grant, who was born in Michigan about 1890. They had five children: Charles, Mary E.; Roswell; Gayle; and Ann. The Grant home was in

Chicago. Charles I died about June 24, 1946 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Biographical Sketch, Citizens Historical Association, September 20, 1941.*]

Edward B. Dake [1863-1933]

Edward B., the son of Henry F. and Caroline Faulker Drake, was born in St. Clair, Michigan in 1863. On April 23, 1890 in Grand Haven, he married Marion “Mamie/May” [Maude] Frances, the daughter of George and Christiana Landreth Hubbard of Grand Haven. The couple resided in Muskegon. Mamie was born in 1861 and died in June, 1919. Edward passed away about December 28, 1933 in Muskegon and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Marion died about January 20, 1943 and also was buried at Lake Forest. A son, George Edward., was born on September 8, 1896.

Edward C. Dake [1878-1905]

Edward, the son of William F. and Maria Foss Dake of Grand Haven, was born on January 21, 1878. He married Clara M. Vos in Grand Haven on November 29, 1904. She was born in 1879 and died about November 8, 1917. Edward died on August 6, 1905. Clara resided at 215 North Seventh after his death. Edward and Clara were buried in the Vos family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Henry F. Dake [1827-1900]

Born in Hanover, Germany on June 7, 1827, Henry Dake at the age of 10 moved to the West Indies with his parents, who were in the sugar business. On September 4, 1864, in St. Clair, Michigan, Henry enlisted as Private with Company I of the 4th Michigan Infantry. About a month later he was promoted to Sergeant. He was mustered out sometime after he was reported ill in Detroit on September 12, 1865. Henry came to Grand Haven about 1872 and was employed by various mills as an engineer and mechanic. However, he and his family were living in Ludington at the time of the 1880 census. Henry was a member of the Grand Haven Weatherwax Post of the G.A.R. [Grand Army of the Republic] and the Congregational Church.

About 1851 Henry married Caroline L. Faulker, born in Hanover, Germany on October 12, 1826. She also had moved to the West Indies at the age of 10, where her parents were involved in the sugar business. The family was living in St. Clair County, Michigan around 1870, but soon moved to Grand Haven and resided at 226 Columbus Street. Henry and Caroline had seven children including William F., who was born in Jamaica in 1850 and invented the Dake Engine; Mary E., who was born in St. Clair, Michigan on October 10, 1857, became a dressmaker, lived in the family home on Columbus, died in Saugatuck on February 15, 1949, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Edward B., who

was born in 1863 in St. Clair, Michigan; and Charles William, born in Michigan in May, 1868. The elder Dake died "of a disease of the kidneys" in Grand Haven on March 9, 1900. Caroline died on December 7, 1904. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband and other Dake family members. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 9 and 10, 1900 and December 7, 1904.]

Wilford "Ford" W. Dake [1873-1913]

Born in Ferrysburg on April 7, 1873 [1872], the son of William F. and Maria Foss Dake, Ford became active in bicycle riding and racing and was considered one of the fastest track and road riders from the Grand Haven area. As a young man he went to Alaska with Peter and Fred vanden Berg and a half dozen others to prospect for gold in the Copper River country. Apparently they came home empty handed. He owned a bicycle retail and repair shop at 213 Washington in Grand Haven. He also offered automobile and phonograph repair. Ford was a machinist and, like his father, an inventor.

On November 26, 1902 Ford married Alice [Allie/Ella], the daughter of Lambertus J. and Elizabeth Van Woerven Mulder, in Grand Haven. Alice, born on January 17, 1874 in Michigan, was a clerk at the Ball Dry Goods Store before marrying Wilford. The Dakes lived at 118 South Third Street in Grand Haven, where they raised a daughter, Elizabeth Lauretta [Loretta]. Lauretta was born in Grand Haven on April 3, 1910 and married Barney Vander Molen of Nunica. Ford died in Grand Haven at the home of his in-laws on June 5, 1913 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His widow and daughter subsequently resided with Alice's parents at 612 Columbus. Alice married Martin Sprick on April, 20, 1927. She died on September 26, 1944 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 5, 1913.]

William Charles Dake [1889-1943]

William C., who was born in Grand Haven on October 20, 1889, married Jeanette McLeod in Grand Rapids on October 26, 1912. William was the son of William F. and Maria Foss Dake. Jeanette, the daughter of William and Margaret MacLeod [McCloud] of Grand Haven, was born on September 10, 1890 and died in Muskegon on August 3, 1977. In 1910 William was living with his mother at 219 Fourth Street and working as a machinist. By 1918 he was employed as a pattern maker at an iron foundry in Muskegon, where the family also resided. By 1930 he was a manager at the foundry. In Grand Haven, the Dakes lived at 1149 Sheldon Road. Jeanette was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven and the Eastern Star. Their daughter, Wilda, married Francis E. Marquard of Muskegon. William was born in October, 1889, died about February 19,

1943, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jeanette passed away in Muskegon on August 3, 1977 and was buried with her husband.

William F. Dake [1850-1892]

Born in Jamaica, West Indies on July 21, 1850, William was the son of Henry F. and Caroline Faulker Dake. William worked in St. Clair, Michigan for five years before coming to the Grand Haven area in 1872. A draftsman, he worked for eight years at Ottawa Iron Works making and drawing patterns. In November, 1880, he joined Bryce & Bloecker. Dake was one of the directors of Dake Engine at its organization in 1887. The company produced the Dake double reciprocating square piston engine, which gained a worldwide reputation in the marine industry. William had long been a member of the Spring Lake Masonic Lodge. "He rests from his labor, but his works will live long years after him."

William married Maria [Marie/Mira] Foss, also from Jamaica. In 1870 she was working as a "domestic" for a family in St. Clair. Two years later she and William were married and moved to Ferrysburg. Maria lived from October, 1851 to 1926. They had six children, all born locally, including Wilford W., who was born on April 7, 1873 [1872]; Maria [Mary], who was born on October 14, 1876; Edward C., who was born on January 21, 1878; Thurza, who was born November 1, 1881 and died of consumption on February 27, 1905; and William "Willie," who was born on October 20, 1889.

William died in Chicago on October 6, 1892 at the age of 42. He had been ill for four years. With his brother he went to Chicago some two months previously for treatment at the Lincoln Park Sanatorium and to undergo an operation. His widow sold William's patents to the Dake Company and used the money to purchase a house at the corner of Fourth and Elliott [219 North Fourth]. Maria died about May 11, 1926 and was buried at Lake Forest with her husband. [*Tribune* obituaries, October 7, 8, 10, 1892.]

James R. Dalton II [1828- ?]

In 1857 James Dalton was Captain of the propeller-driven *Ottawa*, owned by William M. Ferry I. It provided service on Lake Michigan between Grand Haven and Chicago. In 1859 and 1860 he was an Ottawa County Representative to the State Legislature. James helped David Realey of Eastmanville harvest the area's first crop of wheat in 1838. His parents were James and Emily Burrows Dalton, who settled first in St. Joseph, Michigan in 1834, moved to the Grand Rapids area in 1838, and then moved permanently to White Lake. James II was born in Ireland about 1828. On September 21, 1868 he married Bridgette Murphy in Whitehall.

William Alfred Dalton [1867-1933]

Born in Stanley, Ontario, on February 23, 1867 William Dalton was the brother of Maude, Frank, Thomas, and Daniel Dalton, all of St. Thomas, Ontario, and Agnes Brockleband of Windsor. Dalton sailed the Great Lakes with his father, who was Master of many sailing vessels. When William was 14 he apprenticed himself to the molders and mechanics trade, which proved beneficial in his trade of railroading. He began work for the Grand Trunk Railroad at Niagara Falls in April, 1891, went to Port Huron and Pontiac, and came to Grand Haven in 1901, where he retired after 33 years of service. He was an active Mason, Odd Fellows of Niagara Falls, and member of the Methodist Church in Grand Haven. He and his wife, Gertrude, had two children, Alice Edith and Arthur T., both of Detroit. William died at his home at 21 South Fourth Street on December 10, 1933 and was buried at Windsor, Ontario. [*Tribune* obituary, December 11, 1933.]

Benjamin John Danhof [1896-1960]

Benjamin Danhof was Pastor at the First Christian Reformed Church in Grand Haven around 1927, after serving at churches in Zeeland, Michigan in 1924 and Hull, Iowa from 1925 to 1927. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Calvin College and Seminary in Grand Rapids. He and his family resided at 407 Columbus, the same address as the church. Benjamin was born in Chicago on December 14, 1896, and died in Dallas, Texas on June 6, 1960. He married Lois Dena van den Berg on July 31, 1919 in Kalamazoo. She was born in the Netherlands on May 30, 1898 and passed away in June, 1983 in Dallas, Texas. They were married around 1920 and had four children. The Danhofs resided in Grand Rapids before coming to Grand Haven.

Jacobus Danhof [1826- ?]

Between 1865 and 1870 Jacobus Danhof, his wife, Jacoba, and their daughter Maggie immigrated from The Netherlands to Grand Haven. Jacobus worked on the docks. Jacoba was born about 1833 and Maggie around 1859. The family resided on Madison Street in 1880.

James J. Danhof [1858-1933]

Born in Grand Haven on February 17, 1858, James Danhof was the son of Rosa and John J. Danhof I, a pioneer merchant tailor who came to this country from The Netherlands. James attended local schools and later learned the tailoring trade from his father. He graduated from Hope College with a master's degree and from the University of Michigan Law School in 1893. He opened law offices in Grand Rapids with George Hefferan, who later became Secretary of the Michigan Trust Company. Before completing his law education he was appointed Deputy Collector of Customs by Healy C. Akeley in

1877. He held that office for about six years. During that time he formed a life-long association with Akeley, a lumber king of that day, who lived in Grand Haven for many years before moving to Minneapolis, and for awhile was his personal secretary. Judge Danhof was also Secretary of the Roscommon Lumber company, a half million-dollar corporation operating in Roscommon County with offices in Grand Haven. Herman F. Harbeck appointed him City Attorney, an office he held for about four years. He was a staunch Republican and attended county and state conventions for many years. He was elected Judge of Probate in 1914 and stayed in that post for 16 years. He was a candidate for reelection at the primaries in September, 1930, when he was defeated by the incumbent, Judge Cora Vande Water. For many years he was associated with the Second Reformed Church and was active in the Men's Club and other church organizations. He was a charter member of the Ottawa County Bar Association. A brother recalled that James never had a case carried to the Supreme Court and few cases that ever were appealed to the Circuit Court. During the last two years of his term as Probate Judge he took a voluntary reduction in salary, which was used for welfare. His benefactions were known intimately by his close friends and many relatives, and on several occasions he made generous donations to public charities.

On November 23, 1898 in Grand Haven, James married Gertrude Pellegrom, a teacher in the local schools and a woman who was prominent in the city for many years. Born on May 26, 1870 in Michigan, she was the daughter of Mathias and Jane Pellegrom, pioneers of the area. Gertrude died on August 18, 1931. The Danhofs lived on Slayton Street and later at 603 Lafayette. James died on March 9, 1933, and he and his wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, August 18, 1931 and March 9, 1933.]

Jan "John" Jans Danhof I [1827-1895]

Born December 31, 1827 in Warffum, The Netherlands, John Danhof came to Grand Haven in 1854 with his brother Pieter [Peter] and their two wives. He was a tailor by trade and for many years the leading clothier of Grand Haven. On May 24, 1851, at Uithuizen, Netherlands, he married Renske "Rosa" Hindricks Jonker [Yonker], born in Winsum The Netherlands, on March 12, 1829. She was the daughter of Henry [Hindrik] Klaassen and Janna Kaspers van Dam Jonker. Henry owned several vessels plying the canals of Holland and the North Sea. Renske's siblings included Helen Baar and Klaas Jonker [Yonker] of Grand Haven. The Danhofs helped form the Second Reformed Church in Grand Haven in December, 1871. They had nine children, all born in Grand Haven, five of whom survived: James J., born on February 17, 1858; John J.

II, born on October 24, 1859; Peter J., born on December 1, 1864; Mary J., who married Walter F. Mercer of Grand Rapids on October 6, 1884; and Henry J., who was born in 1868, became Manager of the Furniture Commercial Agency Company of Grand Rapids, died about July 22, 1943, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Walter Mercer was born in 1856 and died around May 14, 1935, and Mary lived from 1861 to about November 19, 1937; both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John died October 2, 1895. His wife passed away on January 23, 1908. The Danhofs were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 30, 1895, September 25, 1908, and February 24, 1930.]

John J. Danhof II [1859-1930]

Born in Grand Haven on October 24, 1859, the son of John J. and Renske Jonker Danhof, young John attended Hope College. When he returned home, Danhof became Secretary to the Grand Haven Gas Company and Grand Haven Lumber Company. He was Supervisor for several terms and Alderman for two terms. John opened an insurance office on January 1, 1885 and became the oldest fire insurance agent in the state with more than 45 years of service by the time of his death. He was a member of the Second Reformed Church. He became a leading Detroit attorney and served as high school principal early in the 1900s. He was chief counsel for the New York Central Railroad.

On March 28, 1883 in Holland, Michigan, John married Anna [Johanna] Miedema [Medema], who was born in September, 1857 and died about May 28, 1931. The couple raised their family at 221 South Seventh Street. One of their children was John J. Danhof III, who was born July 15, 1884, became a teacher, married Erma Mueller, and moved to Detroit, where he died August 24, 1973. John and Erma had three children: Annabel, who was born in 1924 and married Samuel Hess, born in 1921; Rosemary, who lived from 1914 to 2001 and married George Hammerschmidt [1910-1973]; and John J. IV, who lived from 1921 to 1990 and married Denise Hochstadt. Anna Erma was born in Wisconsin around 1885 and died in 1986. John and Anna also had a daughter Rosina [Rosen] "Rose" M., a music teacher, who was born November 14, 1886 and died on January 7, 1972 in Grand Haven; on October 23, 1912 she married Robert A. Fisher in Muskegon, but by 1930, she was divorced and using her maiden name. John and Anna's other children were Edith, who was born on September 19 [22], 1888 and died in Grand Haven on July 18, 1982; and Alice Emelia, who was born on January 20, 1897 and married Merle A. Storr, who was born in Olivet, Michigan on May 20, 1894. In 1916 Merle was a mathematics teacher at Grand Haven High School, but by 1930 he and Alice had moved to Grand

Rapids, where he continued teaching until his death about April 3, 1955. Alice died in Grand Haven on August 25, 1979 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. She was residing at 221 South Seventh at the time of her death. John II died February 23, 1930 in Grand Haven. He and his wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 25, 1908 and February 24, 1930.]

Pieter "Peter" Jans Danhof I [1825-1885]

Born May 28, 1825 in Warffum, The Netherlands, Pieter Danhof came to Grand Haven in 1873, 19 years after his brother Jan. Like his brother, Peter was a tailor. On May 15, 1851 in Hoogezand, The Netherlands, Peter married Roelfje [Roelfien] Brons. The daughter of Derk and Janna Weges Brons, Roelfje was born in The Netherlands on September 1, 1828. Peter died in Grand Haven on March 1, 1885 and Roelfje passed away in Grand Rapids on April 18, 1898. Both Peter and Roelfje were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Among their nine children, all born in The Netherlands, were Derk "Dick," who was born about 1853, moved to Kenosha, Wisconsin, and passed away around November 6, 1919; Jennie, born about 1861; Pieter [Peter] II, born about 1862; Cornelius, who was born about 1863, married Jannetje "Jane" Vanden Bosch on March 28, 1884, and died in 1910; Froena, born about 1867; and Berends P. "Bennie," who was born in 1870, moved to Grand Rapids, died in 1921, and was buried at Valley City Cemetery [later known as Oak Hill Cemetery] in Kent County.

Pieter "Peter" Danhof [1862-1886]

Peter was born in The Netherlands about 1862. He immigrated to the United States in 1873 with his parents, Pieter and Roelfje Brons Danhof. In 1882 he married Johanna "Anna" Yonker [Jonker], who was born in 1863 and died in 1929. Among their children were Loiza [Louisa] J., born about 1884, and Gertruita [Gertrude] Bertha, born in Grand Haven on March 11, 1886. On March 25, 1908 in Zeeland, Loiza "Louise" married E. L. "Bert" Geerlings, and Gertrude married Edward Floyd Seaver. Peter and Anna were divorced about 1900, and Anna married Martin T. Ver Hage of Zeeland on October 29, 1900. Martin, who also had been previously married, was born in Michigan around 1863 and passed away in 1929. Peter died in 1886.

Pieter "Peter" Jans Danhof [1864-1944]

Born in Grand Haven on December 1, 1864, Peter was the son of Jan Jans and Renske "Rosa" Hindricks Jonker Danhof. Young Peter graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1888 and was for a time associated with George W. McBride's law practice in Grand Haven. Peter was an unsuccessful candidate for State Senator in 1892. He was the county's Prosecuting

Attorney for one term and from 1905 to 1908 was Grand Haven's City Attorney. In 1915 he was appointed Judge for the Superior Court of Michigan, but served only a few weeks before being defeated for election by Major L. Dunham of Grand Rapids. Z. Z. Lydens recorded the episode: "Judge Danhof was loath to part with his honor still so new. When Judge Dunham sought to take the bench, Judge Danhof ruled he could not take the oath of office until he had filed a campaign expense account. The swearing-in ceremony had to be delayed until afternoon." Peter also had a law office in Grand Rapids.

On September 4, 1888 in Grand Haven, Peter married Emile Walkley, who was born in 1867. She was the daughter of Dr. Wyllys Walkley and Ida Skinner, originally of Muskegon County and then of Grand Haven. The Danhofs lived at 537 Lafayette. One of Peter and Emile Danhof's daughters was Ida Olive, born in Grand Haven on August 27, 1889. On August 18, 1917, she married Hessel E. Yntema of Grand Haven. Hessel was born on January 17, 1891 and died in Ann Arbor in February, 1966. Another daughter, Marie W., was born June 22, 1896, graduated from Hope College and the University of Michigan, and did graduate work at Northwestern University. A teacher in Grand Rapids for 45 years, she married Jay L. Everts [Everetts] on March 27, 1926. Jay, who was born in Michigan about 1896, was a construction foreman. Marie and Jay were divorced in the 1930s. Marie died in Grand Rapids on January 29, 1987 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Peter died in Grand Haven on January 3, 1944.. Emile died on November 18, 1951 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. [*Biographies of the 1896 City Council* and *Tribune* obituaries, April 20, 1898 and February 11, 1987.]

Asa G. Darbee [Darby] [1836-1922]

A native of Erie County, New York, where he was born on November 22, 1836, Asa was the son of Nathan Niles and Harriet Minor Beardsley Darbee. On May 24, 1861, while in Aledo, Illinois, Asa enlisted as Private in Company D of the 13th Illinois Infantry. He was mustered out on June 22, 1864. He later settled on a 120-acre farm in Section 14 of Robinson Township. He married Sarah B. Anderson of New York. She lived from April, 1852 to 1924. A son, William A., was born in April, 1868 in New York State and died in Robinson Township in 1933. Their other children were Hattie, born about 1870 in New York, and Harris "Harry," who was born in New York in June, 1878. Asa, who settled in the Grand Haven area sometime after 1880, died in 1922 and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery with his wife and son William. Sarah applied for a widow's Civil War pension on February 25, 1923.

Charles Jacob Darby [1867-1941]

Charles Darby was an employee of Grand Haven Brass Foundry in the early 1900s. In 1886 he married Cora May Suits, a native of Ionia, Michigan, who lived from April 1, 1869 to August 16, 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The family resided at 417 Elliott with their children: Harvey [Henry], who was born on October 30, 1887 and also worked at the Brass Foundry; Nora, who was born in Grand Haven in December, 1891 and died on March 17, 1955; Josephine, born in March, 1894; Bertha, who was born on January 8, 1898 and died on February 24, 1985; Laverne, born in 1889; Paul, born in 1899; and Leola, born about September 20 1911 in Milwaukee. Charles, who was born in New York [Ionia, Michigan] on June 5, 1867, passed away in Grand Haven on November 27, 1941 and was buried with his wife.

Harris "Harry" Darby [1878-1940]

Born in New York in June, 1878, Harry and his wife, Margaret, resided at 432 Elliott Street in Grand Haven. Harry, an assembler at a local engine factory, died in 1940 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Harry and Margaret had a son, Gordon, who was born about 1908.

M. W. Darling [? - ?]

Darling was Superintendent of Grand Haven Schools from 1870 to 1871.

Harold A. Daugherty [1911-1997]

In 1954 Harold Daugherty purchased Boer's furniture store 117-119 Washington. He came from Grand Rapids, where he worked for the Vandenberg Furniture Company. Harold named his business Daugherty's House of Furniture." He was born on July 19, 1911 and died in Muskegon on December 16, 1997. His wife, Jean C., had passed away the month before, on November 14. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Edward P. Davidson [@1839-@1907]

On June 10, 1864 Edward Davidson traveled to Muskegon to enlist as Private in Company I of the Michigan 3rd Infantry. Eight days later he transferred to Company I of the 5th Michigan Infantry, still as Private. He was wounded at Chancellorsville, Virginia, on May 3, 1863 and at Gettysburg on July 2, 1863. On October 27, 1864 he was wounded and taken prisoner at Boydton Plank Road, southwest of Petersburg, Virginia. Edward was discharged on June 19, 1865. On May 11, 1907 his wife, Matilda, applied for a widow's Civil War pension. A monument was erected with his name at Nunica Cemetery. In 1880 Edward was Foreman at the William Thompson farm in Crockery Township. Edward was born in Pennsylvania about 1839 and passed away around 1907.

Tobias Emanuel Davidson [1822-1911]

Emanuel [Manuel] Davidson was lighthouse keeper in Washington, Wisconsin before to Grand Haven in 1883. He immigrated to the United States in 1847. In Grand Haven he held the keeper's position until his retirement on April 1, 1900. His assistant of 15 years, Frank Fraga, succeeded him. Emanuel was born in Norway October 23, 1822 and died in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin on March 28, 1911. Emanuel's wife, Christine, was born in Norway in 1837 and died in Door County, Wisconsin on January 7, 1922.

Charles Llewellyn Davis [1878-1950]

Charles Davis was part-owner of the Vaudette Theater, located at 16 Washington Street. His partner was Cornelius Jelier. In 1908 Charles boarded at the Gldner Hotel. That year, 1908, he and V. Harrington published in Grand Haven sheet music titled "The Debutante March Two Step." It was written by Harrington. On January 4, 1909 in La Porte, Indiana, Charles married Elsie Anstiss. By 1930 he and Elsie were residing at 210 Fifth Street. Elsie, also a Michigan native, was born about 1887. In 1930 Charles worked as a movie projectionist at one of the local theaters. A son, Owen, was born about 1911. Charles was born in Grand Haven on May 22, 1878, died around October 28, 1950, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elsie died about October 18 the previous year and also was interred at Lake Forest. Charles was the son of John T. and Margaret Grace Owen Davis of Grand Haven.

Earl J. Davis [1880-1932]

In 1914 Earl J. and Clarice Oslund Davis of Grand Rapids purchased Arbutus Banks Resort from Chauncey M. and Mary S. Blakeslee. The Davises ran the hotel for 21 years until Clarice sold the property to Edwin and Nora Booth in 1935. Earl was born in White, Michigan on September 3, 1882. Clarice was born in Vermont [New York] around 1885 [1878]. In 1910 Earl and Clarice were residing in Grand Rapids, where he was a produce merchant. Ten years later Clarice's mother, Lora E. Oslund, was residing at Arbutus Banks with them. Lora was born in New York about 1842. Earl died October 30, 1932 in Chicago. He was buried at a Grand Rapids cemetery.

Hiram Junius Davis [1840- ?]

Born in Delaware County, New York, on December 7, 1840, Hiram Davis settled on 75 acres in Section 34 of Olive Township in 1859. In Allegan County on July 3, 1864 he married Margaret S., who was born in Jefferson County, New York on July 1, 1847, the daughter of Solomon Ingalls and Nancy E. Bush Adams. The Davises had three children, all born in Olive Township: George W., born on June 4, 1865; Maria J., born on

December 7, 1866, and Frank J., born on December 7, 1870. By 1908 the Davis farm had grown to 117 acres, and they remained on the property as late as 1920.

John T. Davis [1821-1893]

Born in Wales on August 1, 1821, John Davis arrived in Grand Haven in 1846 and became a successful merchant and real estate dealer. In March, 1874 he married Margaret Grace, the daughter of Richard R. Owens of Allendale. She was born on January 28, 1844 at Anglesey, Wales and came to Waukesha, Wisconsin in 1868 where she had a millinery business until her marriage. The Davis's home at 315 Washington, which also served as John's office, was lost in the fire of 1889. John was known for planting fruit orchards on Washington Street in the area later called "Hancock's Place" [probably the 900-1000 block of Washington Street]. The couple had six children: John R., who was born in June, 1875 [1874] and also became an insurance agent; Thomas L., born in July, 1877; Charles Llewellyn, born on May 22, 1878; Esther, who was born in February, 1880 and married J. Charles Ross of Grand Rapids; Margaret G., born in June, 1883; and Edward L., who moved to Tacoma, Washington. Margaret was a life member of the Women's Presbyterian Board of Missions. She died of heart failure and dropsy in Grand Haven on December 15, 1903. John died on August 28, 1893, leaving a large estate, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The *Business Compendium*, published the year of his death, listed John as a "retired capitalist." [Tribune obituary, December 16, 1903.]

Joseph Milton "Pop" Davis I [1879-1953]

Born in North Manchester, Indiana, March 12, 1879, for 20 years Joseph "Pop" Davis operated a Buick auto agency and garage at Pekin, Illinois before coming to Grand Haven in 1927. He bought the Barn roller skating rink and dance pavilion in Grand Haven from Nat Robbins and ran it for 12 years before it burned down in 1946. He and his wife started a skating rink at the former Highland Park Pavilion and then opened the Barn at 215 South Harbor. After the fire the family operated rinks outside at the former Barn site and at Hyland Gardens, near Highland Park. Joseph was a member of the Knights of Pythias, Elks, Shriners, Masons, Rotary, and the Chamber of Commerce. On May 11, 1907 he married Mabel Dean, who died about February 21, 1977. They had a son, Joseph M. Davis II of Grand Rapids. The older Davis died in Orlando, Florida, December 12, 1953 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Tribune obituary, December 12, 1953.]

Joseph Milton Davis II [1911- ?]

The son of John and Mabel Dean Davis I, Joseph was born in Clare, Michigan on July 14, 1911. With his

father, Joseph ran the Barn at 215 South Harbor. He married Evelyn Fisher on June 4, 1928.

Frank J. Day [1889-1925] and Ethel Sarah Lehman Day [1888-1978]

Ethel Lehman, the daughter of Josh and Minnie Thompson Lehman of Grand Haven, was born on September 14, 1888. She married Rev. Frank J. Day, who was born in Iowa, lived from 1889 to 1925, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1920 he was Pastor at a Chicago church. After his death, Ethel ran a rooming house at 112 Franklin Street into the 1950s. She died on November 1, 1978 in Wright, Minnesota, but was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. She left a daughter, Miriam, who was born in Missouri about 1912, and a son, Frank E. Day, who was born in Iowa about 1920. Another daughter, Phyllis, was born in Michigan about 1910.

D. John Deboe [De Boe] [1864-1910]

Born in Grand Haven on August 25, 1864, John was the son of Jacob and Maria L. Deboe. John entered the pharmaceutical business when he went to work at Joseph W. Hutty's drugstore [135 Washington]. In 1882 John moved to Grand Rapids and later to Detroit. He married Caroline Wagner. They had one son, Norman W., who was born about 1893, lived with his mother in Grand Rapids in 1910, and returned to Detroit. John died of tuberculosis in Detroit on October 21, 1910 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Caroline was from Ohio, where she was born about 1870. She returned to Grand Rapids after her husband's death. [*Tribune* obituary, October 24, 1910.]

Jacob Deboe II [1838-1880]

Jacob, born in The Netherlands on April 7, 1838, was the son of Jacob and Cornelia Van Loo Deboe I. Cornelia was born in 1810 and died in 1876. The family immigrated to the United States in 1847 and settled in Zeeland, Ottawa County. Jacob attended school for a total of three months. At the age of 14 he went to work as a bricklayer. In 1860 he moved to Holland to learn the tanning business. On September 23, 1861 Jacob enlisted in Company D of the 8th Michigan Infantry as Private. He was promoted to Sergeant on November 15, 1862. Jacob served for the first two months of 1864 with the 20th Michigan Infantry, and then returned to his original unit before being mustered out on September 22, 1864. After the war, Jacob settled in Grand Haven, and became Deputy Clerk, a post he held for 12 years. When Grand Haven became a city in 1867, Jacob was chosen its first Treasurer. In 1877 he was elected Register of Deeds for the county. He married Maria Quintus of Grand Rapids on May 6, 1856. On July 9, 1880, she applied for a widow's Civil War pension. One of their three children was D. John Deboe, who lived

from 1864 to 1910. Maria, who was born in 1835, died about February 8, 1921. She and her husband were buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Peter Gilbert Deboe [1876-1959]

Peter Deboe was born in Holland, Michigan on June 7, 1876. His father was Captain John [Johannes] Deboe. His mother, Jane, lived from 1838 to 1910. John's and Jane's other children were George of Grand Rapids; William of Chicago; James J., who was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and who ended his life on October 15, 1921 at the age of 43; and John of Holland. As Peter grew up he was able to watch candy being made in a factory across the street from his home. About 1899 he bought an existing candy store from A. L. Jackson at 120-122 Washington in Grand Haven, where he began making his own excellent chocolate confections. In 1902 he rented space at the same address in a building erected that year by Horrace Nichols. He stayed there he stayed for two years before moving to 108 Washington. Peter was in business for over 58 years at different sites in the 100 block of Washington, as well as at 635 Fulton [Square Drug Store]. On May 19, 1902, Peter received a silver plated soda fountain made by James Tufts of Boston. In 1907 Peter moved his shop to 108 Washington. In his later years Peter gave up his candy store, but occupied a corner of Hostetter's in the 1940s and 1950s, where he sold his chocolates until he died. He was an active member of the Methodist Church, Maccabees, Masons, and Chamber of Commerce, and he was the first Treasurer of the Rotary Club.

Peter married Mabel W. Calkins on June 7, 1899 in Grand Haven. Born in June, 1880, she was the daughter of Charles H. and Emma J. Potts Calkins of Grand Haven. The Deboes' children included Charles, who was born in June, 1900, and Evelyn. The family lived at 106 North Sixth Street in the early 1900s. Mabel died on March 4, 1921 from burns incurred when her clothing caught fire from a heater in the bathroom. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On November 16, 1921 Peter married Mary E. Dill, who was born in Illinois about 1875. Mary had a son, Le Dale McDill, born about 1906. Peter passed away around February 23, 1959 and also was buried at Lake Forest. At the time of his death he and Mary lived at 214 Franklin. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 22, 1910, October 18, 1921, and March 5, 1921 and *Tribune* article, "Pete is Serving Fourth Generation," December 10, 1951.]

Cornelius "Corky" J. Deboer [De Boer] [1922-1991]

Born October 6, 1922 in Ferrysburg to John and Grace Deboer, Corky during WWII served as a forward observer for B Battery, 420th Armored Field Artillery Battalion and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for

evacuating 15 wounded comrades south of Bastogne on December 22, 1943. A year after leaving the military he was stricken with polio and spent five years in bed battling the paralysis which confined him to a wheelchair. He founded an insurance business in Spring Lake after completing an insurance institute at Michigan State University, and he took correspondence courses through the University of Michigan for business training. He operated the insurance business for 20 years from his home at 427 East Exchange and constructed a building at 105 West Exchange Street in 1971, later the site of Barber Street School. He was a member of the Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church, Harbor Transit Committee, and Christian School Board.

Corky and his wife, Kathryn, had eight children: Neal, who was killed in a collision at a rural intersection in Borculo in 1970; Ruth, a well-known singer in Spring Lake; Vernon, an industrial engineer who lived on State Road in Spring Lake Township and whose wife's name was Amy; Kathy, who married Phillip McHenry of Muskegon; Mary, who married David Ramos, also of Muskegon; James; Nancy, who married James Tomczyk, an employee of NBD Bank in Grand Rapids; Mark whose wife's name was Marianne; and Janien. Corky died July 25, 1991 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Focus on People," and obituary, July 26, 1991.]

John De Bruin [De Bruyn] [1900-1991]

Born December 4, 1900 in Grand Haven to Cornelius and Augusta De Bruin, John worked for the Grand Trunk Railroad for 44 years. Cornelius was born in The Netherlands about 1859, and Augusta lived from 1869 to 1938 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. For many years John managed the Country Store at Stickney Ridge in Grand Haven Township. He was a member of the Methodist Church of the Dunes and of the Eagles. John married Ruth Ione Modders in 1922. She was born in 1909 and died June 21, 1939. He then married Loella Rummery on July 3, 1943 in Durand, Michigan. She was born December 9, 1911 and died July 30, 1979 in Spring Lake. His children included Esther, who married Clifford Miles of Midland, Virginia; Rosemary, who married John Austin Lilley of Spring Lake; and Henry W. of Arnold, Maryland. John died January 22, 1991 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 23, 1991.]

Orrie [Arrie] De Bruyn [1890-1971]

Orrie De Bruyn of Grand Haven was born March 1, 1890 and died in Grand Haven on February, 20 1971. His wife, Susie, was the daughter of Claus Vander Wall and the sister of William Vander Wall of Spring Lake. Claus was born in The Netherlands about 1848, and Susie was born in Michigan around 1893. The De

Bruyns had at least five children: Cornelius, born about 1913; Claude, born about 1915; Arnold, born about 1920; Agnes F., born about 1923; and Donald, born about 1924. The family lived at 601 Sheldon Road.

Roland J. De Bruyn [Debruyn] [1912-1985]

Roland was born on November 4, 1912 in Grand Haven to Peter and Emma De Bruyn. His father died about November 16, 1944 and his mother about May 28, 1972. Roland studied design with Meier Booth of Chicago and won several design wards. He was a commercial artist and proprietor of De Bruyn Signs at 921 West Savidge in Spring Lake. He taught art in the adult education programs of local schools; sponsored poster contests for high school students; served on the committee responsible for the Musical Fountain and nativity scene; was involved with Girl and Boy Scouts; was active in West Shore Symphony; and did an award-winning cover design for a local Chamber of Commerce booklet. He was a charter member of Lakeland Painters and the Grand Valley Artists Group, and he belonged to the First Presbyterian Church of Spring Lake, Spring Lake Country Club, Spring Lake Yacht Club, and American Legion, and he was on the Board of Directors of Sunny Shores Park in Cortez, Florida. In 1981 Roland won first place in watercolor and the Francis Mordecai memorial Award for Outstanding Work at the Longboat Key Art Center in Florida. On October 10, 1938 he married Elizabeth Warber. They had a daughter, Deborah, who married Andrew M. Sorta. The De Bruyns lived at 17765 North Shore Estates, Spring Lake. Roland died of cancer at Holland Hospital on November 7, 1985.

Archie Charles Decker [1906-1985]

Archie Decker was born April 19, 1906 in Chicago. His father, Archer Roscoe Decker, was born in Chicago on January 7, 1883 and died about January 7, 1952. Archie's mother, Veronica, died around April 22, 1959. Archie had two brothers: Frank, who died about September 18, 1950, and Joseph [Jack], who died April 5, 1985. Archie moved to Grand Haven in 1947. A former trucker and brewery worker, he owned a grocery store, restaurant, and the Maple Grove Driving Range, later called the D & B Sports Center.

On December 24, 1928 Archie married Mina E. Giesler, who was born on May 12, 1904 and died of hepatic failure on November 7, 1982 in St. Joseph. One of their children, Diane, married Milford A. Morse of Lowell. Milford was born on February 9, 1925 and died in Grand Haven on December 7, 1993. The Deckers also had a son, Marvin, who moved to Rochester, New York. Marvin was born in 1935 and died on February 21, 1987. Archie died April 20, 1985 in Grand Haven and was

buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 22, 1985.]

Cornelius De Fouw [1869- ?]

Cornelius De Fouw, born in Michigan in December, 1869 [1868], by the early 1900s owned a 50-acre [40-acre] farm in Section 34 of Olive Township and raised livestock. His wife, Anna [Hanna], was born in Michigan in March, 1872. They had two children, Nellie, born in October, 1893, and Gertrude, born in July, 1897. The De Fouws remained on the farm as late as 1918, but were gone by 1930.

Jack [Joseph] de Fraga [? - ?]

Jack de Fraga came to West Michigan from the Detroit area during the summers. He stayed both at Spring Lake and White Lake in Montague, where he was an avid sailor and skipper of the *Atlantic*. Jack was a government agent during World War II, chosen because of his expert nautical skills. His interpretive map of Spring Lake was displayed from time to time in the Tri-Cities Historical Museum. The Museum also was given a copy of de Fraga's lovely silhouette of Dewey Hill that appeared on the front page of the *Grand Haven Tribune* in the early 1940s. Other of De Fraga's works were printed in the Centennial edition of the *Tribune* on August 1, 1934.

Donald De Gloppler [1914-1990]

Born in Grand Haven on October 28, 1914, Donald was the son of Jacob and Ida M. Schwonteck De Gloppler. Jacob, a Grand Haven blacksmith, was born in 1871 and died on September 26, 1955, while Ida lived from 1876 to October 19, 1919. Donald was the grandson of Martinus and Maria De Gloppler and the brother of Louise De Gloppler. Donald was employed as Traffic Manager at the Muskegon Paper Mill for more than 43 years. He earned the Silver Beaver Award in 1954 from the Boy Scouts of America, was President of the Board of North Ottawa County Council On Aging and a member of the Grand Haven Board of Education, United Way Board, Community Action Advisory Agency, and the First Reformed Church.

On April 2, 1946 Donald married Florence Adeline Leavitt. The daughter of Rodney and Dota Riggs Leavitt, she was born in Iron, Michigan, on February 12, 1923. The De Glopplers had three children: Donald Rodney, who was born on October 13, 1947, married Cindy Kay Ashcraft of Grand Haven, had three children, graduated from the University of Michigan and Western Theological Seminary in Holland in 1974, and was Pastor of Central Reformed Church in Oskaloosa, Iowa; Caryn Ann, who was born April 2, 1950, married Thomas Edward Van Arkel of Grand Haven, had three daughters, and worked for the public schools in Grand

Haven; and Sara Louise, who was born March 2, 1959, married Charles Randall Watson, had a son, and worked for a law firm in Macon, Georgia. The De Glopplers resided at 509 South Ferry. Donald died on May 11, 1990 at the age of 75 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* articles, "De Gloppler Receives One of Scouts Highest Awards," May 9, 1952, "Named To School Board," January 10, 1992, and "De Gloppler Earns Masters of Divinity," May 18, 1974.]

Henry De Gloppler [1875-1937]

The son of Martinus and Maria De Gloppler, Henry was born in Grand Haven on July 21, 1875. He married Rosina Streng, who died on August 30, 1954. Their children were Selma, Catherine, and Martin. De Gloppler was a wagon maker. The family lived at 309 Fulton and later at 316 Columbus Street. They attended the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Henry died on May 23, 1937 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

Jacob F. De Gloppler [1871-1955]

Jacob, the son of Martinus and Maria De Gloppler, was born in Grand Haven on December 3, 1871 and died September 26, 1955. He married Ida M. Schwonteck, who lived from 1876 to 1919 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Donald and Louise were their children. Jacob was a blacksmith. The De Glopplers were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven and resided at 233 Franklin Street.

Martinus De Gloppler I [1844-1929]

Martinus De Gloppler, who was born in The Netherlands on November 18, 1844, immigrated to the United States with his parents. His father, Jacob, lived from 1807 to 1881, and his mother, Anna Brieve, from 1820 to 1902. The family came from their native Netherlands aboard the *Rose Standish*, which arrived in New York on September 13, 1849, when Martinus was four years old. Their other children at that time were Johanna, age seven, and Pieter, a year and a half. Jacob and Anna later had three more children, John, Leonard, and Jacob, all born in New York. Johanna married Adrian O'Beck, a Grand Haven fisherman. Martinus became a blacksmith in Grand Haven.

On May 15, 1867, in Muskegon, Martinus married Metje "Maria" VanderVere [VanderVeere], who was born July 2, 1845 in The Netherlands. She arrived in the area with her parents, Henry and Nellie Young Vander Vere, in 1850 and lived in Grand Haven for 84 years, a fact recognized in Grand Haven's Centennial Observation of 1834. The De Gloppler family belonged to the First Reformed Church, and Maria was a member of the Senior Ladies Aid and Ladies Missionary Society of that church. Their children, all born in Grand Haven,

included Anna “Annie” Barbara, who was born October 24, 1868 and died in Grand Haven on September 25, 1902; Pieterella “Nellie,” who was born February 18, 1870 and married Edwin T. Pennoyer; Jacob, who was born on December 3, 1871; Henry, who was born on July 1, 1875; John Leonard, who was born October 17, 1877, married Fannie Louise, daughter of Neil and Mary Johnston McMillan of Grand Haven, and died in Kent County on June 17, 1961; Cornelius “Neil,” who lived from May 18, 1880 to December 28, 1955; May, who lived from 1883 to 1978 and married Clyde McNutt [1876-1961] of Fennville, Allegan County; Kathryn, who was born February 19, 1885 and died January 26, 1969; and Martin II, who was born on December 14, 1887, became a civil engineer with the State of Michigan Highway Department, and resided in Detroit and Alpena with his wife, Margaret Coates, who died in 1982. The De Gloppers lived at 107 North Second Street before buying a house at 122 Franklin Street in 1908. Martinus died August 20, 1929, in Grand Haven, and Maria passed away on August 17, 1934 at her home on Franklin Street, just as the Centennial Celebration came to its conclusion. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 17, 1934.]

Nellie C. De Glopper [1879-1920]

See Edwin Pennoyer.

Alje De Haan [1852-1936]

Alje De Haan was born in Tilburg, The Netherlands, on July 2, 1852. He immigrated to the United States in 1887. By 1900 he was residing in Holland. For a short time, around 1910 to 1915, he owned a 160-acre farm in Section 34 of Robinson Township. In 1920 he was living in Grand Rapids, and then years later he was in Passaic, New Jersey, residing with a nephew and his family. Alje died in 1936 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Howard C. De Heer [1913-1997]

Howard De Heer worked for the Foir Square Company in Grand Rapids. On May 14, 1941 in Grand Haven he married Marjorie Louise, the daughter of Joseph and Gertrude Correll. Marjorie was born in La Porte, Indiana on July 28, 1917 and passed away in Tuscon, Arizona on July 5, 1988. She graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1934 and later worked as a bookkeeper at the Big Store on Third Street. The couple in the late 1960s resided at 1116 Franklin Street. They had at least two children, David and Trude. Howard was born on October 13, 1913 and died in Grand Haven on October 24, 1997. The couple was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Peter De Heer [1857-1915]

Peter De Heer, who was born in The Netherlands in September, 1857 [1854], became a commercial fisherman in Grand Haven. He married Elizabeth, the daughter of Frank and Jane Fisher of Grand Haven. The De Heers lived at 13 South Fourth Street. Peter died in 1915. Elizabeth, also a native of The Netherlands, lived from October, 1853 to 1914 and was buried with her husband at Lake Forest Cemetery. A daughter, Sabra, was born in June, 1887. Their son, Abraham Frank De Heer, who lived from April 2, 1891 to 1935, was a dentist.

Julia C. “Judy” Simonsen De Jonge [1925-2002]

Judy was born in Holland, Michigan, to Robert and Jennie Knoll Simonsen, on September 12, 1925. She married Donald R. De Jonge on October 28, 1950 in Gary, Indiana. At one time Judy owned and operated a Grand Haven restaurant called Judy’s Lunch. With her husband, Donald, she also owned Redi-Wood Manufacturing Company, located at 1350 Kooiman Street. They resided at 16303 Taft in Spring Lake Township. Their children were Carla, who married Gary Slezak of Fruitport, and Don W. of Spring Lake. Judy passed away in Spring Lake on May 14, 2002 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 15, 2002.]

John [Jacobus/James] Dekiep I [1846–1920]

Born in 1846 in The Netherlands, James Dekiep married Clara Mollag, who was born about 1851, also in The Netherlands. She was the sister of Harm Mollag of Filmore, Michigan, Etta, who married John Ruster of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and another sister who married Henry Vanden Berg, also of Kenosha. In Grand Haven James worked at a sawmill. The Dekieps’ children included two sons: John II, who was born on July 27, 1876, and Henry Orrie [Arie], who was born about 1883. The Dekieps’ daughters, all born in Grand Haven, were Anna, born about 1877; Margaret, who was born October 18, 1880 and died April 26, 1972; Clara, who was born on May 9, 1885 and died about July 20, 1963; and Ettie [Etta], who was born June 16, 1889 and died about December 22, 1962; Clara, James’s wife, died at the family residence at 315 North Fifth Street on April 15, 1920. James died about May 7, 1920 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Margaret, Orrie, Clara, and Ettie continued living in the family home after the loss of their parents. Margaret resided there until her death around April 28, 1972. She also was buried at Lake Forest. The Dekieps were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, April 15, 1920.]

John Dekiep II [1876-1963]

John, the son of James and Clara Mollag Dekiep, was born on July 27, 1876 and died about July 2, 1963. John

and his wife, Nellie, who was born July 8, 1881 and died on February 11, 1978, were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John was Foreman at the Challenge Machine Shop. The Dekieps resided at 535 Elliott Street.

Egbert Dekkenga [Dekkinga] [1838-1906]

Egbert Dekkenga and his wife, Liefke, resided at 310 Visser Street in Spring Lake. Their daughter Johanna married Onno Charles Voss. Egbert lived from 1838 to 1906 and his wife from 1838 to 1914. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

William De Kleine [1877-1957]

William De Kleine was born on a farm in Jamestown Township, Ottawa County, in 1877. At the age of 16 he entered Hope College, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1902. He then graduated from the medical school of Northwestern University in 1906. In July of that year, he started his medical practice by opening an office in Grand Haven. His office was on the second floor of 202 Washington. He resided at 526 Clinton with his wife, Lucy. William served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Ottawa County Medical Society from 1911 to 1913. He died about September 25, 1957 and was buried at Jamestown Township Cemetery.

James De Kraker [1891-1966]

Born on February 1, 1891 in Michigan, James De Kraker became owner of a furnace cleaning and repair business in Grand Haven. He worked out of his home, located at 1340 Franklin. His wife Christine lived from April 7, 1897 to April 17, 1978. She died in Spring Lake and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. James died in Grand Haven in June, 1966 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

Basnett Dell [1860-1940]

Basnett Dell married Emily Jane Gibbs on February 28, 1880. He was born in Canada on February 28, 1860 and died on September 15, 1940, while Emily lived from September 29, 1861 to April 12, 1934. In 1880 Bas and Emily were living in Muskegon Township, Muskegon County. Later Bas owned a grocery store in Coopersville and a 94-acre farm in Section 18 of Polkton Township. The acreage had been the property of his father-in-law, Charles T. Gibbs. Bas and Emily were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with other Dells. Bas and Samuel Dell were brothers, and Emily and Anna, Samuel's wife, were sisters.

Samuel Dell [1852-1935]

On September 5, 1875, in Ottawa County, Samuel Dell married Anna M., the daughter of Charles T. and Hannah Gibbs of Crockery Township. The couple was residing in Muskegon Township, Muskegon County, in 1880. Anna was born in Polkton Township in 1853 and

died in 1939. Before she married Samuel she taught at Connell School in Olive Township. Samuel was born in Canada on December 24, 1852 and died in Crockery Township on April 3, 1935. The Dells' eight-acre farm was in Section 12 of Crockery Township. By 1930 they were residing in Crockery Township with their daughter, Emma, and son-in-law, John D. Borchers. Both Emma and John were born around 1881. The Dells' son, Samuel Burton Dell, was born in 1876 in Michigan, died in 1933, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his parents. The elder Samuel and Basnett Dell were brothers, and their wives were sisters.

Robert J. Denning [1916-2001]

Robert was born in Grand Haven on May 4, 1916, to Thomas and Mary Catherine Cunningham Denning. On June 27, 1942, he married Jane Laczynski in St. Patrick's Catholic Church. During WWII, Robert served as a Technical Sergeant in the 3522nd Ordinance Motor Auto Maintenance Company and was on active duty in Germany and Central Europe. He was awarded the EAME [European, Asian, and Middle Eastern] Theater Ribbon with two bronze service stars, a Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. Robert was a lifelong member of St. Patrick's, where he served as Minister of the Eucharist and assisted at funerals for 25 years. He was employed by Grand Haven Stamped Products and Teledyne Continental Motors in Muskegon as a tool maker. Robert was a member of the American Legion, the Elks of Englewood, Florida, and Moose Lodge 491 in Muskegon. He died in Florida on January 24, 2001 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 30, 2001.]

Francis E. Dennis [1873-1956]

Francis E. the son of Francis M. and Helen N. Chapman Dennis, was born in Grand Haven on December 6, 1873. He worked for the Goodrich and Morton Steamship lines and later with Michigan Bell Telephone. Francis was a lifetime member of the Masons and a charter member of the Grand Haven Stag Club. His wife, Stella, lived from August 10, 1880 to January, 1973 and died in Grand Rapids. Dennis passed away in 1956.

Francis Mogg Dennis [1825-1911]

Francis Dennis married Helen Naomi Chapman in Jackson, Michigan, on October 3, 1870. They moved to Grand Haven, where by the early 1900s Helen ran a boarding house at 322 Columbus. Francis was listed as "Baggage master" in the 1893 *Compendium*. He was born in England on October 7, 1825, came to the United States in 1861, and died on December 12, 1911. Helen, a Michigan native, was born in August, 1845. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, were Francis E. Dennis, born on December 6, 1873; George, born on August 2, 1876; and Janet Ann, who was born on May 8,

1879 and married Fred W. Godfrey in Grand Haven on November 20, 1907..

Isiah [Asaiah] Dennis [1873- ?]

Isiah [Asaiah] Dennis, born in Canada about 1873, was Black and immigrated to the United States in 1900. When he married Viola Gowens in Grand Rapids on August 13, 1915 he was working as a laborer. Viola, born in Decatur, Indiana, was 28 years old at the time of the marriage. In 1920 the couple was living on a farm in Newaygo County and had a child, Paul, who was born about 1918. Isiah was living in Polkton Township at the time of the 1930 census, divorced and unemployed. In the same census, Viola was found living in Grand Rapids with her son Paul, a daughter Rebecca, who was born about 1921, and Lillian Henry. Lillian, Viola's daughter from a previous marriage, was born in Michigan about 1907. Viola was working in the kitchen of a local restaurant.

Thomas D. Dennison [Denison] [1828–1894]

Born in New York State on April 1, 1828, Thomas Dennison came to Spring Lake from Grand Rapids in 1850, where he worked in the lumber mills and did blacksmithing. In 1869 he became engineer at the Monroe, Boyce, & Company Sawmill. In 1872 Thomas, Aloys Bilz, and Warner Vos formed the Alden Fruit Preserving Company on Spring Lake at the foot of Alden Street. In 1881 Thomas was elected President of Spring Lake Village. His sister, Sarah, married Henry Millard of Spring Lake. His wife, Eva V., a native of The Netherlands, lived from 1835 to 1887 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They were early members of the Spring Lake Methodist Church. Their two-story frame home was near the confluence of the Grand River and Spring Lake Channel, approximately the location of the later Holiday Inn. Thomas died October 19, 1894 in Grand Rapids, a suicide, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife and a daughter who died in infancy. [*Tribune* obituaries, October 20 and 22, 1894.]

Edward Dense [1917-1993]

Edward was born in Grand Haven on December 15, 1917 to William F. and Bertha Schuetter Dense. Edward became General Manager of Meridian Corporation. In 1937 he married Rose Anita Cooper in Spring Lake. Their children included Rose; Anita; Karen, who married John Bolthouse of Grandville; and James E., who lived in Grand Rapids with his wife, Judith. The Denses were members of the Spring Lake Baptist Church. Edward died on May 3, 1993 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 4, 1993.]

John W. Denton [1814-1885]

In February, 1856 John Denton opened the Denton House [Denton's Hotel] in Eastmanville. The tavern was a large building for those days, two and one-half stories high, and laid out in an L-shape. John, who was born in Pennsylvania [Canada] on March 12, 1814, continued as Proprietor of the hotel into the 1860s. On April 21, 1839 he married Minerva Bartholomew, who was born in New York around 1818. The Dentons had six children, all born in Michigan. By 1870 the family was located in Keene, Ionia County, where John worked on a farm. They were still farming in Keene in 1880, where Minerva died on February 20, 1907 at the age of 89, and was buried at Marble Cemetery [Keene Township, Ionia County] with other family members. John had died on December 27, 1885, in Eagle River, Wisconsin.

John L. De Persia [1909-1989]

John L. De Persia developed an automatic boat bailer and began production at his home at 518 Friant in 1957. His company was called De Persia Automatic Bailer, Inc. The bailer, in assorted sizes, sold for \$4.95 in 1965. John was born on December 2, 1909 and died in Grand Haven on April 25, 1989. His wife, Eileen A., lived from July 1, 1913 to April 22, 1987. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Before he started his business, John was a mail carrier. The De Persia Company moved to 17338 Hayes, and John and Eileen relocated to 17876 Brucker.

Clark Deremo [1853-1931]

See Joseph Clark Deremo.

Earl F. Deremo I [1817-1893]

Earl was born in St. Lawrence County, New York in 1817, the son of Joseph and Rebecca Riggs Deremo. Both were from Connecticut, but later became residents of New York State. Joseph was born about 1770 and died around 1860, while Rebecca was born about 1780. In 1835 Earl married Permilia [Permelia] Curtis, a native of New York State, who lived from 1817 to 1890. Earl and Permilia settled first in Van Buren County, Michigan, where Earl appeared in the 1860 and 1880 censuses, but they were in Spring Lake not long after 1880. Among their children, all born in New York, were James, born in 1835; Theodore, born about 1840; Earl II, born about 1841; Amelia Ann, who was born in September, 1845, married Edwin R. Niles, and resided in Paw Paw, Michigan; Samuel, born about 1846; Mary J., born about 1847; Hannah J., born about 1849; Emily, who was born September 12, 1851 and married Hiram Martin of Spring Lake; and John Quincy, born March 10, 1856. On July 27, 1892 in Fruitport, Earl married Elizabeth Waldron, who was born about 1820. Earl I died in 1893. He and Permilia were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Earl F. Deremo II [1841-1911]

Earl, the son of Earl and Permilia Curtis Deremo, was born in New York State on June 14, 1841. He was living in Paw Paw, Michigan when he enlisted on August 26, 1862 as Private in Battery B of the 1st Michigan Light Artillery. He was mustered out on June 14, 1865. On August 6, 1865 he married Alvira [Arvilla] Ellsworth in Van Buren County, Michigan. Alvira was born about 1843 [1839]. Their first child, Eliza Ann, who was born in 1866, married Joseph Payne. Alvira died on July 29, 1871. Earl II then married Eliza Lucetta Farr in Spring Lake Township on July 25, 1872. Eliza, the daughter of Henry F. and Jane Clark Farr, was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin in 1855 and died in Muskegon County in 1936. Earl and Eliza moved to Fruitport, where a son, Earl III, was born on September 15, 1886. Earl III married Pearl Yeoman in Muskegon County on May 24, 1907 and died on December 20, 1966. Earl II and Eliza also had a daughter, Jennie Frances, who first married Horace Alger on December 25, 1889 in Grand Rapids. Jennie next married a Mr Nienhouse in 1911 and a Mr. Norlin in 1936. Jennie was born on May 7, 1876 and died on September 2, 1963. The Deremos also had a daughter Eliza Ann, who was born in Fruitport about 1866 and married Joseph Payne in 1881. Eliza and Joseph had a son, Joseph William Payne, who was born in Fruitport on May 2, 1882 and died in Grand Haven on August 2, 1929. Earl died on February 17, 1911. Eliza applied for a widow's Civil War pension on March 13, 1911.

Frank Deremo [1882-1968]

The son of Joseph Clark and Lucy Deremo, Frank was born in Grand Haven on February 4, 1882. In the early 1900s he was a farmer on 10 acres in Section 25 of Spring Lake Township. He died in April, 1968.

Gurben [Gerben] Deremo [1885-1972]

Gurben, the son of Joseph and Lucy Deremo, was born on January 2, 1885 and died in Grand Haven on December 23, 1972. He lived at 321 Clinton with his parents, but later moved to 1020 Grant Street. He was a commercial fisherman.

Harry Louis [Leonard] Deremo [1880-1947]

Harry was born in Nortonville in Spring Lake Township on June 27, 1880, the son of John Quincy and Isabella Sarah Hale Deremo. In his early years, Harry fished for clams in the Grand River, but became a fruit farmer and dairyman in Section 35 of Grand Haven Township, where he owned 39 acres. By 1912 his holdings had grown to 133 acres. His wife, whom he married in Ottawa County on November 20, 1903, was Anna "Annie" Alt Austin, the daughter of W. and Lizzie Beinbauer Alt. Annie was born on January 16, 1883 and

died in December, 1970. They had one daughter, Dorothy, who inherited the farm. With guidance from the soil conservation experts at Michigan State University, Dorothy planted quantities of Christmas trees in her sandy back yard. She was born on January 15, 1904 and died on April 17, 1997. Harry died in 1947.

Hugh Deremo [1878-1908]

Born in Crockery Township in 1878, Hugh Deremo graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1899. He worked as a landscape gardener. His wife was Florence L. Oviatt of Detroit. Their daughter Doris Louise was born in Spring Lake Township on June 20, 1908. Doris married Ben Coster of Spring Lake. Hugh died in 1908 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

John Quincy Deremo [1856-1928]

Born in New York State on March 10, 1856, John Quincy was the son Earl and Permilia Curtis Deremo. On August 15, 1878, in Ottawa County, John married Isabella Sarah, the daughter of Andrew Jackson and Emily Hale of Spring Lake Township. Isabella was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin on July 6, 1858. John took over Joseph L. Deremo's 160-acre farm in Section 30. The Deremo children, all born locally, were George Quincy, who was born May 12, 1879 and died two years later; Harry Louis, born on June 27, 1880; Mabel Gertrude, who was born on January 27, 1882 and married John F. Kieft of Grand Haven; Letty Adello, who was born in Crockery Township on November 3, 1884, married her cousin, James William Payne of Grand Haven Township, and subsequently was married to John Goldberg and Lewis McCune [Orren] L., born July 22, 1886; and Ethel Permilia, born in Grand Haven on May 26, 1895. On May 17, 1917, Ethel married Leslie Alonzo Mitchell in Holland. John and Isabella John were divorced on August 11, 1904. John then married Esabell Stocking and Isabella married Jacob Ammeraal. John died in Grand Haven Township on August 25, 1928 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Joseph Clark Deremo [1853-1931]

Joseph Clark Deremo, born in Michigan in December, 1853 [1852] died in 1931, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, Lucy. She also was a native of Michigan. Clark, a marine engineer, worked with John Walsh in breaking the great logjam of 1883. Later he was Captain of a fishing craft named *Theresa D.* He and Lucy lived at 321 [319] Clinton Street in Grand Haven. Their children were Gurben [Gerben], born in January, 1884; Irene "Rena," born in October, 1890; Stella, born in December, 1891; Mabel, born in August, 1895; Teresa [Tressa] M., born in September, 1897; Frank; Louis; and Lucinda. Lucy was born on October 25,

1853 and died on October 28, 1938. Joseph often was referred to by his middle name, Clark.

Joseph L. Deremo [Derimore/Deremore/DeRemo] II [1806- ?]

Born in Connecticut about 1806, Joseph II was the son of Joseph and Rebecca Riggs Deremo, both from Connecticut, but later residents of New York State. Earl Deremo I and Joseph II were brothers. Joseph II arrived in Crockery no later than 1852 and settled on 160 acres in Section 30. The land surrounded the bayou that bore the family name. His son Nelson was born about 1836 and died in the Civil War. In Grand Haven, Joseph on April 25, 1867 married Lucinda Dowing Smith, a widow. She died shortly after the marriage, on May 9, 1867. She was born about September 4, 1818. He also was married to Lucinda Eastman, who was born about June 30, 1817 in New York or New Jersey and died on April 29, 1873 at the age of 56. Both Lucindas were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Joseph then married Emeline Noreus on August 14, 1873. His children were Lucinda, Francis M., Joseph C., Emily, John L., and Mary M.

Louis Deremo [1877-1917]

Louis, the son of Joseph Clark and Lucy Deremo, was born on July 21, 1877 in Grand Haven. Louis was classified as a laborer. He married Edith Elizabeth Johnston on October 14, 1897. One of their daughters, Florence Emma, was born in Grand Haven on April 16, 1898. Their other children were James Clark, who lived from September 19, 1899 to May 6, 1943, and Russell, who lived from July 6, 1905 to June, 1973. Edith was born in 1881 and died in 1907. After her death, Louis married Clara Herbreith in Grand Rapids on May 12, 1909. Clara was born on January 13, 1889, the daughter of Charles and Louise Schmeck Herbreith. The Deremos' daughter Geraldine was born on January 8, 1917 and died on February 8, 1997. They had another child, Clara Louise. Louis died in 1917. He and Edith were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other Deremo family members.

Nelson L. Deremo [Deraino] [1836-1862]

The son of Joseph L. Deremo, Nelson on April 30, 1861 enlisted as Private in Company C of the 70th New York Infantry. His place of enlistment was Paw Paw, Michigan. He was promoted to Corporal and then reduced back to Private. On June 25, 1862 Nelson was killed in action at Fair Oaks, Virginia. The following January 24 his father applied for a survivor's pension. Nelson's wife was Eleanor, daughter of Charles and Hannah Walsh Gibbs of Crockery. She was born in 1840 and died in 1857 while giving birth to Nelly. By 1860 Nelson had remarried. He, his wife, Mary, and Nelly were living in Grand Haven then.

Orren [Orrin] L. Deremo [1886-1962]

Orren, the son of John Quincy and Isabella Sarah Hale Deremo, was born in Spring Lake Township on July 22, 1886. Orren owned a 20-acre farm in Section 26 of northern Grand Haven Township. By 1912 he possessed 100 acres along the Grand River. He worked as a mason during the warm months and trapped muskrats and mink on his property along the Grand River during the winter. Orren married Effie M. Wells on November 15, 1905 in Ottawa County. Effie was born in Spring Lake Township on August 30, 1884, died in Spring Lake Township on March 31, 1939, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. On November 4, 1943 Orren married Pearl Grimes of Yuma, Arizona. Orren and Effie had six children: Howard, who was born September 9, 1913, married Ida Ruster of Coopersville, died on May 6, 1981, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; Willis E., born April 4, 1915 in Grand Haven Township and died October 19, 1982 in Spring Lake; Walter, born January 22, 1917; Ester, who married Gerald Peters; Elizabeth, who was born on March 16, 1908, married Andrew MacIlhan, and was buried with her husband at Spring Lake Cemetery; and an unnamed infant, who was born and died in 1910. Orren died on May 18, 1962 in Grand Haven Township and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Walter O. Deremo [1917-1982]

Walter, the son of Orren and Effie May Wells Deremo, was born on January 22, 1917 and died in Grand Haven on December 9, 1982. His wife, Ruth Snoek, lived from January 2, 1922 to January 26, 1985. They lived at 16105 Comstock in Grand Haven Township.

Willis "Bill" E. Deremo [1915-1982]

Bill, the son of Orren and Effie May Wells Deremo, was born on April 4, 1915 in Grand Haven Township and died in Spring Lake on October 19, 1982. He married Nellie Priscilla Grevel on May 29, 1936 in Spring Lake. Nellie was born in Grand Haven on April 30, 1915, the daughter of Louis and Fannie Gruno Grevel. She was an employee of Gardner Denver and a member of the Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church. Bill worked for the Shell Oil Company as a mechanic. He also was responsible for maintaining the tanker truck that used the storage tanks at the north end of Third Street in Grand Haven. Later he owned and operated the Shell Service Station on the northeast corner of Beacon Boulevard and Washington. The Deremos' two children were Edwin J., who married Charlyn Sue De Young and moved to Lexington, South Carolina, and Diane Fay, who married Dale Bates of Muskegon. The Deremos lived at 16670 De Witt Lane in Spring Lake. Nellie Deremo died on January 14, 1999. She and her husband were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Jacob J. De Spelder [1860-1897]

Born in Grand Haven on June 7, 1860, Jacob was the son of Jacobus and Jannetje De Spelder. Young De Spelder had a grocery business on Washington Street and at another time on Seventh. He took an active interest in local affairs and represented the Fourth Ward on the City Council from 1887 to 1889. He left the retail grocery field and went into business in Evanston, Illinois and later was associated with the wholesale grocery house of Misner, Hamlen & Company of Muskegon. John was a member of the Second Reformed Church.

On October 15, 1884 in Grand Haven, John married Elizabeth Evarts [Everts]. She was born January 11, 1863 in Grand Haven, the daughter of pioneer settlers. Elizabeth was a teacher for 50 years, 36 of them in local schools. She was a member of the Second Reformed church and taught Sunday School. She died in Ann Arbor Hospital on December 19, 1932. The De Spelders had two children: Nellie Jeanette, who died of spinal meningitis on February 7, 1892 at the age of four, and a son James E., born in Illinois on July 10, 1892. The older De Spelder died at his home at 913 Elliott Street on January 1, 1897 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 2, 1897, and December 20 and 21, 1932.]

Jacobus De Spelder [1816-1901]

Jacobus De Spelder and his wife arrived from The Netherlands in New York City aboard the *Wilhelm Von Wolgast* on June 18, 1847. He came to the Grand Haven area the same year. In the earliest days of the Dutch colony he was engaged in bringing supplies and building material from Grand Haven to Holland. It was his privilege to convey from Grand Haven to Holland the town's first city charter. On April 1, 1850, Jacobus bought 80 acres in Section 36 of Blendon Township. Four years later, on October 5, he purchased 80 acres in Section 4 of Grand Haven Township and 160 acres in Section 9. Finally, on March 1, 1857, he took possession of another 120 acres in Sections 1 and 3. De Spelder Street in Grand Haven was named for his family.

Jacobus's wife, Jannetje "Jennie," was born in The Netherlands on March 9, 1835 and died in Grand Haven on May 3, 1910. A son, John, was born on September 14, 1835. Two other sons were Peter, born about 1839, and Jacob, born on June 7, 1860. The family lived at 913 Elliott. Jacobus, born on January 10, 1816, died on March 9, 1910. He and his wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

James Everts De Spelder I [1892-1975]

James was the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Evarts De Spelder of Grand Haven. Prior to WWI he was an insurance agent. During the war he served with the Ordnance Department at Camp Hancock, Georgia. James, a native of Illinois, lived from July 10, 1892 to July 28, 1975 and resided at 114 Lafayette in Grand Haven at the time of his death. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His son James II assumed ownership of the home and lived there.

Peter De Spelder [1840-1916]

Although a resident of Grand Haven, Peter De Spelder was in Eagle Harbor, Keweenaw County, Michigan, when he joined Company F of the 16th Michigan Infantry as Corporal on October 3, 1861, about six months after the start of the Civil War. On February 28, 1862 he transferred to Company I. Peter was promoted to Second Lieutenant on May 8, 1865, earned the rank of First Sergeant a week later, became First Lieutenant the following July 7, and was mustered out the next day with the rank of Second Lieutenant. Peter, born on April 11, 1840, was the son of Jacobus and Jannetje De Spelder of Grand Haven. In 1880 he was listed as a laborer in Cleveland, Ohio. Peter, who applied for an invalid's Civil War pension on May 8, 1886, relocated to Sandusky, Ohio. He passed away on January 11, 1916 in Erie County, Ohio.

Cornelius De Vlieger I [1840-1913]

Born in The Netherlands in 1840, Cornelius De Vlieger immigrated to New York with his parents when he was seven and to Grand Rapids at age 13. In 1864 he came to Grand Haven from Grand Rapids and entered the dairy and fruit growing business. He was still advertising his dairy business in 1893. He owned a farm on Sheldon Road just beyond Athletic Park [Section 29, Grand Haven Township, near today's North Ottawa Community Hospital], later owned by the Ahrens family of Chicago. He also owned a planing mill, which he sold to Justin Wait in 1873. In 1901 he opened a bazaar in Grand Rapids known as the Bee Hive, a store on Bridge Street NE, and then a store on Division Avenue SE, which he conducted until his death. His children included Bartel of Kalamazoo, Cornelius II of Denver, and Mrs L. Fisher of Lamont. Cornelius was stricken with paralysis and died May 14, 1913. [*Tribune* obituary, May 16, 1913.]

Adrian A. Devos [1913-1991]

Adrian was born in Grand Rapids February 18, 1913 to Francis and Martha Devos. After serving overseas in WWII, he started Electrical Assemblies in Grand Haven in 1946. Later he became the first President of the Citizens Mental Health Council of North Ottawa. He was a member of the Second Christian Reformed Church, the Chamber of Commerce, the Optimist Club,

Operation Fresh Start, the Spring Lake Yacht Club and Spring Lake Country Club. On July 1, 1938 he married Jennie Leenstra, who was born on May 2, 1912 and died of cancer on May 15, 1979. They had two children, Sharon P., who married James Galligan of Grand Rapids and Richard W., who moved from Grand Haven to Redford, Michigan. Richard was born May 7, 1937 and died in Redford on June 8, 1972. Adrian and Jennie resided at 532 Woodlawn in Grand Haven. Adrian died of heart disease on July 27, 1991 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* article, "Devos Heads New Mental Health Group," July 26, 1958, and *Tribune* obituary, July 29, 1991.]

Michael De Vos [Devos] [1860-1940]

Born in The Netherlands on August 13, 1860, Michael De Vos lived most of his life in Grand Haven. He was a member of the Coast Guard, worked for 18 years on fishing tugs, was employed for 22 years at Grand Haven Brass Foundry, and for another seven years he was janitor at Central School. On January 9, 1889 he married Jennie, the daughter of John H. De Vries of Grand Haven. She died about March 21, 1941. The De Voses lived at 521 Grant. Michael died about December 11, 1940 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Jennie.

Abraham F. De Vries [@1875-1902]

Abraham De Vries, born in January, 1875 [1876], worked in his father's meat market at 215 West Exchange in Spring Lake, along with his brothers Edward and Peter. His parents were Edward and Caroline De Vries. Abraham died on November 30, 1902.

Edward G. De Vries [1865-1924]

Edward De Vries and his brothers, Abraham and Peter, ran the De Vries City Meat Market at 215 West Exchange Street in Spring Lake, started by their father Edward. In 1905 Edward sold his interest in the business to Peter. Edward's parents were Evert and Caroline De Vries. After the 1893 fire Edward moved to 415 East Savidge. He and his wife, Sarah, moved to a different location and his brother Peter occupied the house. Sarah, the daughter of Klaas and Delia Pruim, was born in September, 1878. Edward lived from 1865 to 1924 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Evert [Egbert] "Edward" De Vries [1834-1894]

In 1865 Henry Millard purchased Noah Perkins's building at 215 West Savidge Street in Spring Lake and opened a meat market. In 1877 Henry went into partnership with Edward De Vries and the business continued under the name of De Vries & Company. Edward was born in The Netherlands on October 28, 1834. Around 1864 he married Caroline "Carrie," who

was born in May, 1845 [1846] in Germany and came to Grand Haven at the age of 18. The couple first lived in Eastmanville, but about 1878 they moved to Spring Lake. They had at least nine children, all born in Michigan: Mary, born about 1861; Christopher, born about 1865; Edward, born in March, 1866; Peter, born about 1866; Rudolph, born about 1868; Henry, born in 1869; Anna, born about 1871; Sammet, born about 1873; Abraham, born in January, 1876; Minnie, born in September, 1877; Ida, born about 1877; Carrie E., born in July, 1883; and Ernest B., born in January, 1884. Edward died on March 25, 1894 and Carrie died at her home in Spring Lake on October 8, 1910. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 9, 1910.]

John H. De Vries [1830-1904]

Born in The Netherlands on July 22, 1830, John De Vries immigrated to the United States and settled in Grand Haven. His daughter, Jennie, married Michael De Vos of the same city. In the 1890s John owned a second-hand store in Grand Haven. He died on March 7, 1904 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Peter De Vries [@1866-1892]

Peter De Vries and his brothers, Edward and Abraham, ran the De Vries City Meat Market at 215 West Exchange Street in Spring Lake. In 1905 Peter bought his brother Edward's interest in the business and focused on wholesale meat sales. His parents were Edward and Carrie De Vries. Peter married and had several children. After Edward married and moved to a different location, Peter occupied the home at 415 East Savidge. He was born about 1866.

Peter J. De Vries [1918-2001]

Born on July, 11, 1918 in New Era, Michigan, the son of Reverend Joseph P. and Emma De Vries, Peter came to this area in 1929 when his father was named Minister of the Christian Reformed Church in Spring Lake. Joseph was born on October 6, 1884 in The Netherlands and Emma lived from 1887-1932. Joseph was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Peter graduated from Grand Haven Christian School, Grand Haven High School, and in 1943 from the University of Michigan Medical School. He served two years in the Navy, completed a surgical residency, and came to Grand Haven about 1951, opening his office at 321 Washington in 1958 and retiring in 1980. He and his wife, Muriel, had four children: Susan, born in 1939, who married John Barwis of Houston, Texas; Peter, who was born in 1941 and graduated from Annapolis Naval Academy to become a flight instructor; Nancy, who was born in 1943 and became a teacher; and Dirk, born in 1947 and a graduate of Calvin Seminary. The De Vrieses resided at 16917 Landing Lane in Spring Lake. Peter passed away on

August 15, 2001. Muriel was born on February 28, 1920 and died on December 27, 2003 in New Jersey. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* articles, "Know Your Doctor," November 7, 1953, and "Serves Patients for 27 Years," November 1, 1980.]

Ate "Otto" De Witt [1829-1900]

Born in The Netherlands in 1829, Otto De Witt arrived in Spring Lake in 1853. For many years he was a carpenter and millwright. In 1878 he started an undertaking business and also opened a wagon and carriage factory, trades he was still following in 1893. Shortly afterward he married Egberta [Egbertje] "Abbey" Pruim of Spring Lake. They had a son, Peter, who was born in 1865 and became Deputy Revenue Collector, another son, Berent, and a daughter, Anna, who was born about 1866 in Michigan. Otto was one of the group that broke from the First Reformed Church in Grand Haven and organized the Dutch Reformed Church in Spring Lake. Otto died May 8, 1900 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 8, 1900.]

Berend [Berent] "Ben" De Witt [1891-1968]

Born in Ferrysburg on April 25, 1891 Ben was the son of Ate "Otto" and Egberta De Witt and grandson of Herman De Witt, who died about November 22, 1917. Ben went to work at Johnston Bros. Boiler Works in Ferrysburg in 1937 and his son, Bob, took over the farm. Ben retired in 1960 to help his daughter-in-law operate a horse-boarding stable after his son died suddenly. The older De Witt was a member of Lake Shore Baptist Church. In 1913 Ben married Katherine Hostege from Zeeland. Katherine died in 1954 leaving three sons: George, who lived on 144th Avenue in Spring Lake Township; James whose home was on Hickory road in Spring Lake Township; and Robert, whose family remained on the front part of the farm on Taft Road and operated a horse boarding stable. Ben died in 1968 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Home Still Serving Well After 100 Years," May 3, 1962.]

Charles Alden De Witt [1928-2003]

Charles De Witt was City Engineer for Grand Haven from 1967 until his retirement in 1989. Before that he worked for the Ottawa County Road Commission. Charles was born in Spring Lake on April 13, 1928, the son of Peter and Stena Kruizenga De Witt. He married Ruth Joyce Walthouse in Muskegon on November 21, 1952. They were members of the Second Reformed Church and lived at 1405 South Ferry. Their children were Gail Miller, Bruce, and Nancy. Charles died in Grand Haven on December 2, 2003. [*Tribune* obituary, December 3, 2003.]

Esther Ann De Witt [Esther Ann Broomhead] [1917-1980]

At the end of Grand Haven's Centennial Festival, held in early August, 1934, Esther Ann De Witt was crowned "Miss Grand Haven" by Mayor Lionel Heap. She was born on March 20, 1917, married William T. Broomhead, and moved to West Barrington, Rhode Island, where she died in December, 1980. William was born in Rhode Island on May 20, 1913 and died in January, 1971.

Herman Pieters De Witt [1812-1891]

Born in Gronigen, The Netherlands in 1812, Herman De Witt married Auke "Agnes" Kruizenga on April 4, 1842 in The Netherlands. She lived from May 15, 1818 to June 21, 1908. They came to Ferrysburg in 1855, where Herman worked in the sawmills and took up farming. He built a home for his family on a knoll off West Taft road, about a mile north of Ferrysburg, on a quarter-section [160 acres] in Section 5 of Spring Lake Township. They had 13 children, eight born in The Netherlands and five in Spring Lake. Nine children lived to adulthood: Charles, born about 1856; Jacob, born about 1857; Carlos of Spring Lake and Norton Townships, born about 1860; Otto, who was born about 1862 and remained on the family farm; Peter; John of Chicago; Derk; Mary; Reka; and Edward. Herman died in 1891 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 24, 1908 and *Tribune* article, "Home Still Serving Well After 100 Years," May 3, 1962.]

Lawrence De Witt [1890-1983]

Born in Grand Rapids on February 10, 1890, the son of John and Margaret De Witt, Lawrence came to Grand Haven in 1917 as a member of the Sheriff's Department under Cornelius J. Dornbos of Holland. He later served in the army during World War I and returned and joined the police force in 1920. He was named Chief of Police of the City of Grand Haven in 1932. He retired February 28, 1955 after 34 years of service, 23 years of them as Chief. In 1956 he became Justice of the Peace in Grand Haven Township. He was active in police associations; helped found Ottawa County Civil Defense; and was a member of the Second Reformed Church. On December 3, 1921 he married Frances "Fanny" Salisbury, and they had two children: Lois, who married Jack Van Hall, and Margaret, who married Aubrey Goldman. The De Witts lived at 17634 Robbins Road. Frances, who was born on February 12, 1898, died October 29, 1977, and Lawrence passed away on May 5, 1983. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* articles, "Police Chief De Witt to Retire March 1," January 11, 1955, "Chief De Witt is Township Justice," October 15, 1956, and *Tribune* obituary, May 6, 1983.]

Nicholas De Witt [1895-1977]

Nicholas De Witt, born on March 6, 1895, was part owner of the Elman & De Witt Chevrolet dealership located at 101 Washington Street in the mid-1920s to 1940, when he sold the business to Frank E. Miller I. De Witt and his wife, Katherine, lived at 15790 East River in Spring Lake. She also was born in 1895 and died on April 11, 1975. Among their children were Stuart and Henry. Nicholas died on March 11, 1977 in Grand Haven.

Otto De Witt [1862-1928]

Otto, the son of Herman and Agnes Kruizenga De Witt, in 1884 married Martja "Mary/Martha" Mersman of Fruitport. By 1918 Otto and Mary were living on the De Witt family farm in Section 5 of Spring Lake Township. Otto and his brother Charles also owned 120 acres in Section 8. They had several children: Marie, who died at age one; Harry, who was born in May, 1886 and died at age 23; Ben, who was born April 25, 1891 and stayed on the homestead; and Emma, who was born about July 1, 1893. Otto was born in The Netherlands on May 3, 1862 [1861]. Martja was from The Netherlands, where she was born in September, 1865. Otto passed away on November 7, 1928, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Mary died the next year.

Peter A. De Witt [1861-1917]

Born in Spring Lake in March, 1861, Peter was the son of Ate "Otto" and Egberta Pruim De Witt. Peter was employed for four years in Loren O. Perham's Drug Store and then for eight years in Ormond W. Messinger's drug store. From 1885 to 1889 he was Postmaster of Spring Lake, but continued his work in the drug store, which also served as the post office. He continued work in the drug store business with Sylvester S. Rideout, starting in 1897. In 1892 he sold out and became Manager and principal stockholder of the Spring Lake Basket Manufacturing Company, which produced containers for the fruit trade. When the plant burned down in 1898, he became Field Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fourth Michigan District. Peter owned 43 acres in Section 23 of Spring Lake Township, which lay between South Lake Avenue and Lloyd's Bayou. There he raised grapes that had been planted by Martin Walsh not long after the end of the Civil War. Peter was a Democrat.

In 1883 Peter married Peterka [Anna], daughter of Bernardus and Grietje Stark of Spring Lake. Peterka was born in Crockery Township in April, 1862. She and Peter had 12 children, including three sons, each of whom became medical doctors: Chester D., who was born in 1886 and moved to Silver Lake, Wisconsin; Leslie [Lesley], who was born in February, 1887 and moved to Kalamazoo; Stuart, who was born January 1,

1889; Emaretta [Amaratta], born in August, 1894; and Esther, who was born in October, 1899 and died the next year. Peterka owned a millinery store at 211 West Savidge. Peter and she lived upstairs. Later they resided at 302 East Savidge. Peter died in 1917 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Peterka died two years later and was buried with her husband.

[Geert] Simon De Witt [1830-1911]

Listed as a "Farmer and Stockraiser," Simon De Witt started with 39 acres in Section 9 of Olive Township and eventually added another 26 acres. Simon was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on April 10, 1830 and came to the United States aboard the *Katherine Jackson*, landing in New York on May 17, 1848. He settled first in Zeeland Township and moved to Olive Township in 1897. He married Maria Meyaard on April 10, 1853. Maria, also a native of The Netherlands, lived from March 30, 1833 to January 7, 1892. After her death Simon married Carrie Coleman [Colman]. He died in Grand Rapids on October 12, 1911.

Stuart De Witt [1923-1987]

Born in Grand Haven on August 26, 1923, Stuart was the son of Nicholas and Katherine De Witt and brother of Henry De Witt. Stuart was the founder and owner of SealTex Company, 5906 Grand Haven Road, and he was a public accountant. He was a WWII veteran and member of the Central Reformed Church of Muskegon, the American Legion, and the Masons. He and his wife, Maryellen, had several children, including James of Ferrysburg, who was a business associate and whose wife's name was Sharon, and Kathleen, who married Charles McKiney of Livonia. Stuart died of colon cancer on January 5, 1987 in Muskegon and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 5, 1987.]

Stuart Lloyd De Witt I [1889-1944]

Born in Spring Lake on January 1, 1889, the son of Peter and Anna Stark De Witt, Stuart was one of three brothers who became physicians. The others were Leslie and Chester. Stuart graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1911 and two years later opened a practice in Spring Lake. He was a member of the Spring Lake Board of Education, Chamber of Commerce, Spring Lake Country Club, Spring Lake Yacht Club, Ottawa County Medical Association, Michigan State Medical Association, American Medical Association, the Rotary, and the Presbyterian Church.

On June 8, 1914 Stuart married Ida W. Broomhead, born in Fall River, Massachusetts on June 8, 1890. Ida was the daughter of William Broomhead and sister of George of Fall River and Fred of West Barrington, Rhode

Island. Ida was a graduate of Tilton Seminary in Providence and the Rhode Island Training School for Nurses. The De Witts had six children: Esther Ann, who was born on March 27, 1917 and at the end of Grand Haven's Centennial Festival, held in early August, 1934, was crowned "Miss Grand Haven" by Mayor Lionel Heap; William Stuart, who born in 1919 and became a resident of Ann Arbor; Peter B., who was born in 1921 and served in the Navy Medical Corps in New River, North Carolina; Margaret E., who was born in 1922, graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1952, and married Gordon J. Van Wylen of Holland; Stuart Lloyd II, born in 1924 and a resident of Emory, Virginia; and Nancy, who was born in 1925. Ida died September 4, 1933. On August 12, 1937 Stuart married Mary E. Williams of Providence, Rhode Island. She was born on August 5, 1890 and passed away in Spring Lake on September 26, 1971. Stuart died on March 29, 1944 in Grand Haven and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 5, 1933 and March 20, 1944.]

Walter H. De Witt [1911-1980]

The son of Peter De Witt, Walter was born in Ferrysburg on August 22, 1911. He graduated from the School of Engineering in Milwaukee in 1929, trained to build and repair radios. After working for Story & Clark for a brief time, he joined Henry Wierenga at Grand Haven Maytag in 1933. The Maytag store, later called the Appliance Center, located first at 11 North Second Street, moved in 1933 to 131-133 Washington. Walter retired as Service Manager after 44 years. He married Gertrude A. Kieft of Grand Haven in 1933, and built his own home at 537 Pine Street in Ferrysburg. Gertrude, the daughter of Menke and Allie Kieft, was born in August, 1910. The De Witts' children included Charles, who was on the maintenance staff at Florida Christian College in Pensacola; Alan, who was Advertising Manager for the *Grand Haven Tribune*; Glenn, a Grand Haven businessman; and Jerry, who was born in 1942 and became Controller for a firm that handled hospital laundry in West Michigan. Walter died on March 10, 1980 in Ferrysburg. [*Tribune* article, "Retirement is not just for birds," May 14, 1977.]

Donn Paul De Young I [1928-2006]

After graduating from Grand Haven High School in 1946, Donn De Young took his bachelor degree from the University of Michigan School of Business four years later. In 1960 he became General Manager, where he had been employed for seven years. He married Angenieta Margaret, the daughter of Paul and Margaret Van Tol. The De Youngs had three sons: Donn II, Derk, and David. The family lived at 300 Terrill and later at 1912 Hillcrest. Donn was born on March 20, 1928 and died in Grand Haven on March 27, 2006. His widow

resided at 535 Leggat Street. [*Tribune* article, "Dake Names Donn De Young General Manager."]

Ella Wolters De Young [1913-1998]

See Frederick De Young.

Frederick W. De Young [1908-1987]

Frederick was born August 3, 1908, in Fremont, the son of Teunis and Johanna De Young. He graduated from Fremont High School and Newaygo County Normal after which he taught elementary school for five years. He then received his bachelor's degree from Calvin College in Grand Rapids and in 1938 his M. D. from Marquette University School of Medicine. He interned at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

On June 14, 1935 Frederick married Ella Wolters. Born July 2, 1913 in Fremont, Michigan to Joseph and Hattie Watsing Wolters, Ella taught school in the Spring Lake system. She was a member of the Spring Lake Country Club, the Mary Free Bed Guild, and the Medical Auxiliary of Grand Haven. The De Youngs had two children: Charlyn, who married Edwin Deremo of Lexington, South Carolina, and Fred, who moved to Loveland, Colorado. The De Youngs resided at 107 Barber Court in Spring Lake. Ella died July 4, 1998. She and her husband were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Frederick took over Dr. Mulder's practice in Spring Lake in 1939. During WWII he served in England and North Africa in 1942, followed by service as a flight surgeon until 1945. He retired from the medical profession on August 1, 1971. Frederick was a member of American Medical Association, Michigan State Medical Society, Ottawa County Medical Society, Spring Lake Businessmen's Association, and Christ Community Church of Spring Lake. The De Youngs resided at 107 Barber Court in Spring Lake. Frederick died August 24, 1987. He and his wife were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* articles, "Know Your Doctor," November 14, 1958, and "SL Physician Announces Retirement," July 24, 1971, *Tribune* obituary, August 25, 1987.]

George De Young [1873-1974]

With Robert De Bruyn and Clifford Pfaff as partners, George De Young started the Grand Haven Baking Company at 214 Washington about 1901. He and Clifford bought out Robert De Bruyn's interest in 1905. George managed the baking. On August 23, 1897 in Nortonville, George married Jennie M. Gardner. The daughter of Frank and Eana Martin Gardner, Jennie was born in Crockery Township in May, 1880. She died of tuberculosis on September 18, 1901. The De Youngs two sons, Francis and Frederick, died as infants in 1901. Mother and sons were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery

with other De Youngs. They also had a daughter, Margaret, who was born in June, 1898. George next married Gertrude H. Sprick. The daughter of Henry and Johanna Sprick of Grand Haven, Gertrude was born in 1869. She and George resided at 315 Fulton. Their daughter, Julia Martha, was born in Grand Haven on September 15, 1905. Julia, who became a librarian and worked in numerous school and public libraries around the country, died in Grand Rapids on January 19, 2005 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They also had a son, Albert, born about 1908. George was born in The Netherlands on September 8, 1873 and died in Grand Haven on January 26, 1974. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 19, 1901 and January 20, 2005.]

Helen De Young [1894-1997]

Born in Grand Haven on July 30, 1894, Helen was the daughter of Captain John and Trientje Meyer De Young. They lived at 333 Columbus. Helen graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1912, attended a business college, began work at Carnegie Library in 1913, and was second librarian from 1924 to 1959. She was a member of the First Reformed Church where she was church organist for many years. She died August 31, 1997 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "City Librarian to Retire after 46 Years," October 31, 1959.]

Jay De Young [1915-1987]

Born August 13, 1915, Jay De Young was an application engineer for Gardner-Denver Company and was Superintendent for Michigan Brass. He patented a sink strainer unit that was assigned to Michigan Brass, where he was then employed. An engineering designer for nearly 40 years, Jay also was a partner with two brothers in an engineering and design firm. On January 21, 1975 he patented a "Boat Handler," which was a pole that could be attached to the rail or hook of a small boat and assist in moving it into a berth. He and his wife, Ruth, lived at 16383 Mercury Drive. Jay passed away about March 21, 1987 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ruth died on March 15, 1996 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* articles, "Local man Receives Patent on Sink Strainer Unit," July 12, 1969, and "GH Man Awarded Patent for 'Boat Handler,'" March 4 and June 14, 1975.]

Johan "Joe" De Young [1908-1983]

Born in Grand Haven on January 26, 1908, Joe was the son of Hendrik Jans and Janna "Anna" Bosma De Jong. He was the brother of Hans and Louis De Young, both of Spring Lake and John, Ralph, and Alice, who predeceased him. He was a toolmaker at Gardner Denver Company, a job from which he retired in 1971. On nights and weekends Joe and his brother Ralph De Young constructed a small machine shop at 601 West

Savidge Street in Spring Lake. They sold the shop to Miller & Smith Plating Company, which opened in 1946. He was a member of the Spring Lake Christian Reformed church, the Christian Haven Home, West Michigan Christian High School, and the Men's Federation. He married Anne "Annie" Wierenga on April 18, 1929 in Grand Haven. Annie, the daughter of Harry and Etta Helder Wierenga, was born in Nunica on August 18, 1909. She was an employee of the Braak Bakery in Spring Lake for 10 years. The De Youngs' children were Margaret, who married Al Diephouse of Grand Rapids; Jean, who married Donald Van Oordt of Grand Haven; and Edna Jo, who married George Suchecki of Allendale. Joe died on November 8, 1983 at his home at 153rd Avenue in Spring Lake and was buried at the Spring Lake Cemetery. Annie died in Spring Lake on December 9, 1999. [*Tribune* obituary, November 8, 1983.]

John De Young I [1842-1912]

Born in The Netherlands on May 27, 1842, John was keeper of the Grand Haven Life Saving Station from 1880 to 1885 and later sailed the commercial fishing tug *J. W. Callister* as a partner in the venture. Before that he was Surfman and participated in several rescues, including three on November 1, 1878: *America*, *Elvina* and *Montpelier*. John took a crew out on October 22, 1880, to search for bodies from the sunken *Alpena*, which had gone down off Holland a week earlier. On February 21, 1871 he married Trientje "Kate" Meyer, a native of The Netherlands, who lived from January 9, 1849 [1850] to May 18, 1903. They had 12 children, all born locally, including Anne, who was born in December, 1871 and married Martin Sprick of Grand Haven; Jane [Jennie], who was born in March, 1873 and died around 1945; William, a sailor who was born about 1875, commanded the Ludington lifesaving station, fished commercially, and married Nellie Van Benschoten in Ludington on December 8, 1901; Hannah [Anna], who was born on February 20, 1876 and married John Walsma; Grietje "Maggie," who was born in February, 1879 and died about December 25, 1952; John II, born on November 20, 1881; Mary, born in August, 1993; Albert Meyer, who was born in December, 1891, became a marine engineer, and died about May 23, 1928; and Helen, who was born on July 30, 1894 and became librarian at Carnegie Library in Grand Haven. The family resided at 333 Columbus in a home built by John around 1900. Sisters Jenny, Maggie, Mary, and Helen were still living there in the 1930s. Before that the family lived on Fourth Street. John died November 22, 1912 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituaries, May 19, 1903 and April 12, 1920, and *Tribune* article, "City Librarian to Retire after 46 Years," October 31, 1959.]

John De Young II [1881-1911]

Born in Grand Haven on November 20, 1881, John was the son of Captain John and Trientje Meyer De Young. Young John married Hilda Scheel on January 25, 1904. They had two children, John Edward and Louise. John the father died of pneumonia at his home on Lake Avenue on February 18, 1911. [*Tribune* obituary, February 18, 1911.]

Ralph [1906-1976] and Minnie Vander Zwaag De Young [1908-1998]

Ralph and Minnie De Young, owned and operated the Tarry Ho Motel, which was open from 1961 into the mid-1970s at 1617 South Beacon Boulevard. Before that, Minnie worked for the Homel Shirt Company and Kiddie Kover, both in Grand Haven. She was born on May 19, 1908 in Spring Lake, the daughter of John Lambert. and Anna Y. Huizenga Vander Zwaag. Minnie and Ralph were married in Spring Lake on June 30, 1927. Born in Grand Haven on June 10, 1906, Ralph was the son of Hendrik Jans and Janna "Anna" Bosma De Jong. Ralph's and Minnie's first home, located at 109 Park Street in Spring Lake, was built prior to their marriage for \$4500. Ralph died on September 10, 1976 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The couple's sons were Ralph Henry "Hank" and John Louis De Young. Minnie died October 4, 1998 in Grand Haven and was buried with her husband.

Ralph started work at Grand Haven Brass Factory when he was 14, gradually working his way up to Shipping Clerk. In 30 years of employment he never missed a day of work. On nights and weekends Ralph and his brother Johan "Joe" De Young constructed a small machine shop at 601 West Savidge Street in Spring Lake. They sold the shop to Miller & Smith Plating Company, which opened in 1946. In 1943 Ralph left his job at the Brass Company and bought Isaac Daane's celery farm at 1617 Wallace Street [Beacon Boulevard]. He also purchased Henry Tripp's celery farm at 1000 Wallace and the Ver Berkmoes celery farm, also on Wallace. In 1945 Ralph and his son Hank built a brick home for the family at 1612 Wallace Street. Ralph raised celery for the Chicago market, and also raised and sold cut flowers. In 1947 Ralph and his two sons started the R. De Young & Sons Construction Company, specializing in building homes on speculation. About ten years later the trio started the De Young Oil Company, located in a small building behind the residence on Wallace. In 1959 they built the De Young Sinclair Service Station at 2001 Beacon Boulevard, where they also moved the oil business. In 1961 Ralph and Hank built a two-story addition to the family home, which became the Tarry-Ho Motel. After operating it for a few years the De Youngs sold the motel to Henry Wagenmaker. In 1978 Hank started working on remodeling jobs and smaller building

projects, while John L. operated the gas station and oil business. Hank erected a steel building behind the gas station and rented it to Russ Berg Truck Palace. Later, Hank built a smaller concrete structure as headquarters for his construction business. He rented part of the building to Howard De Hare, who used it for a small machine shop. The gas station eventually was sold to Gordon and Bud Knoll. Son Hank married Arlene May, the daughter of Albert and Angie Roossien Neitring.

Austin Pomeroy Dibble [1841-1917]

Austin Dibble was born in Pennsylvania on September 14 [18], 1841. He was the son of James and Mary Jane Pickle Dibble. While residing in Barry County, Michigan, Austin on May 13, 1861 enlisted as Private in Company K of the 3rd Michigan Infantry. On July 17 the next year he was discharged for a disability [sunstroke] at Harrison's Landing, Virginia. On May 19, 1863 he enlisted again, this time in Company M of the 9th Michigan Cavalry. The next day he transferred to Battery L of the Michigan Light Artillery. On June 1 he was promoted to Corporal and to Sergeant on May 27, 1865. He mustered out on August 22 that year. In Calhoun County [Grand Rapids] the following September 24 he married Allie Brown. They moved to Grand Haven, where Austin became a "lather," someone who installs lath in homes with plaster walls. He and Allie resided at 1314 Washington Street in Grand Haven. Allie offered dressmaking services. They moved to Kent County, where Austin died on July 31, 1917 and was buried at Alaska Cemetery in Caledonia Township. On October 26, 1914, Austin applied for an invalid's Civil War pension.

Elmer Chase Dicey [1831-1897]

Elmer Dicey on September 30, 1858 married Amy [Emma] Brown in Ottawa County. On August 11, 1862 Elmer enlisted as Second Lieutenant in. Company F of the 5th Michigan Cavalry. Noah Ferry, son of Rev. William Ferry, was Captain. Although a Grand Haven resident at the time, Elmer enlisted in White River, Muskegon County. He resigned from that post on December 20, 1862, and on March 31 the following year he was promoted to Captain and recruited men for Company B of the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters, a group called the Ottawa Wild Cats. Many of his recruits came from Grand Haven, including Nathan White. Elmer was taken prisoner at the Siege of Petersburg on July 30, 1864. He was discharged from the service on May 6, 1865. Amy died in 1869, and on December 7 that year Elmer married Mary J. Turner in Madison, Wisconsin. By 1880 they were living in Chicago, where Elmer worked as a machinist. Mary was born in Wisconsin about 1846. At the time of the 1880 census, they had three children living with them. Elmer was born in Bath,

New York in 1831. He died in Chicago on November 18, 1897 and was buried at Rosehill Cemetery.

A. M. Dickee [Dickey] [? - ?]

In partnership with Nathan White, A. M. Dickee operated a hardware store at the northeast corner of Washington and Second Streets [201 Washington] as early as 1871. An Albert Dickey, listed in the 1850 and 1860 censuses for Polkton Township, was born in Ohio in 1826. He owned a farm in Section 34, and he held title to another large parcel in Section 3. Albert's wife, Caroline, was born in Pennsylvania in 1829. However, an Alexander Dickey, born in Scotland in 1848, resided in Robinson Township in 1880 and worked as a farm laborer. Either of these could have been the A.M. Dickee who partnered with Nathan White.

Henry Dickerson [Dickenson] [@1884-1961]

Adelia, the daughter of Ephraim Molson of Grand Haven, was residing at 621 Monroe Street in 1928. She had a boarder, Henry Dickerson [Dickenson], who also was African American. Henry, who was working as a cook for a railroad company, was born in Georgia about 1884 [September, 1887]. By 1930 they had moved to 126 Elliott Street. She and Henry were married in West Olive on November 1, 1933. The newly-married couple returned to Grand Haven soon after the wedding. Five years after the wedding they were still living in the house on Elliott, and Henry was Pastor at Peoples Church. Adelia served as President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. She died in Grand Haven on January 14, 1949. Henry at the time of his wife's death had moved to 315 Madison, site of the House of Israel Church, where he was Pastor. Henry remained in that house until the mid-1950s, at least. He died about October 2, 1961. Henry and Adelia Dickerson were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, February 26, 1923 and January 15, 1949.]

Charles Nathan Dickinson [Dickenson] [1841-1931]

Born in New York in April, 1841, Charles was one of eight children of Monroe and Matilda Canfield Dickinson. In 1862 Charles enlisted as Sergeant in Company G of the 21st Michigan Infantry [where he was listed as Charles W. Dickinson], and became a member of the local Weatherwax Post of the G.A.R. following the war. In the mid-1880s he was one of the owners of the Grand Haven Broom Company. Charles was Justice of the Peace for 14 years and deputy in the county offices. In 1913 and 1914 he was on the Board of Superintendents of the County Poor Farm. He was Deputy Postmaster under Thomas Parish, who was Postmaster from 1894 to 1898. Charles was a member of the Masons, Order of the Eastern Star, Blue Lodge, Corinthian Chapter, and the Presbyterian Church, but after his second marriage attended the Methodist

Church. He acquired the *Grand Haven Herald* from Henry S. Clubb, in December, 1872. and sold it to Sylvester L. Morris in March, 1873. Charles was County Treasurer in the late 1870s and in 1882 he was Treasurer of the Herald Publishing Company.

On April 24, 1866 Charles married Marietta Cook. They lived in Coopersville before moving to Grand Haven about 1867, where he later became agent for Prudential Insurance. His wife, who was born in New York in September, 1842, died about December 24, 1916. On July 18, 1901, Charles applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. He died January 5, 1931. They had two daughters, Fanny and Florence Marietta. Fanny, who lived from September, 1869 [1870] to about April 5, 1924, was a clerk at the County Register's Office. Florence, who was born in December, 1879, became a teacher, and died around June 21, 1944. In 1908 the Dickinsons resided at 108 Franklin Street. By 1910 they had moved to 307 South Fourth Street, where they remained the rest of their lives. In 1910 Florence took title to the house and remained there until her death. The four Dickinsons were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 6, 1931.]

Nathan Dickinson [1799-1861]

The son of Ezekiel and Perley Gunn Dickinson and brother of Sherman Dickinson, Nathan was born in Amherst, Massachusetts on March 21, 1799 and moved to New York State before settling in Michigan in the mid-1830s. His wife, Mary Ann of Westfield, Massachusetts, whom he married in 1828, was born about 1806. They resided in Macomb County, Michigan, where they raised at least five children. Nathan purchased hundreds of acres of land, primarily in the eastern part of the state, but he also took ownership of large parcels in Ottawa County, including Robinson Township, where he bought 131 acres in Section 1 on November 6, 1835; 160 acres in Section 2 on the same date; 628 acres [nearly a full section] in Section 4 on November 5, 1835; 320 acres in Section 9 on November 6, 1835; and 320 acres in Section 12 on the same date. Two years later, on May 1, 1839, he bought two more parcels in Robinson Township, totaling 130 acres in Section 1, as well as 628 acres in Section 4, 160 acres in Section 2, 320 acres in Section 9, 320 acres in Section 12. The same day Nathan acquired 322 acres in Section 19, 321 acres in Section 3, 111 acres in Section 29, 83 acres in Section 32, 111 acres in Section 2, and 101 acres in Section 35 of Tallmadge Township, plus an additional 160 acres in Section 18 of Allendale Township. Despite his real estate interests in the area, no evidence was found that Nathan or Mary ever resided in Ottawa County, although they were living in Macomb County, Michigan around 1860. Nathan died in 1861.

Sherman S. Dickinson [Dickenson] [1854-1919]

Sherman, one of eight children of Monroe [born 1816] and Mathilda M. Canfield Dickinson, was born in Wright Township in July, 1854 [1853]. In the 1880 census he was listed as a tinsmith in Coopersville. He was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as a “turner” and in the 1908 *Directory* as a tinsmith. For several years, at least, he was employed by the Challenge Corn Planter Company. On August 7, 1899 he was made Captain of Company F, 126th Michigan Infantry, and helped reorganize the group. Sherman served as Captain until September, 1899. In 1878, in Lamont, he married Elizabeth “Libbie” Ackley, who was born in September, 1858 [1857], died in 1942, and was buried with her husband at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elizabeth’s parents were Hezekiah and Eleanor Ackley of Wright Township. The Dickinsons lived at 15 South Seventh Street. Their daughter, Kathryn, who was born on March 18, 1886, married George Olsen. Sherman died in 1919. Their other children were Grace, born about 1880; Charles, born in November, 1883; and Annie, born in March, 1889. The children were all born locally.

Samuel Dickman [1872- ?]

Listed as a “Farmer and Stockraiser,” Samuel Dickman owned 72 acres in Section 8 of Crockery Township. He was born in Russia on October 18, 1872 and came to the area with his wife and oldest child in 1908. His wife, Annie, was born in England about 1879. They had at least five children: Gertrude, born in England about 1905; Lyman, born in Illinois about 1908; Leon, born about 1909; Fannie, born about 1912; and Esther, born about 1913. The three youngest children were born in Michigan. In 1918 Samuel was living in Chicago, where he worked as a carpenter for a railroad company. His family remained in Crockery, where he had returned by 1920. Ten years later he, Annie, and their children were back in Chicago, where Samuel worked in house construction.

Gerrit John Diekema [1859–1930]

Born in Holland, Michigan on March 27, 1859, Gerrit was the son of Gerrit Wiepke and Hendrikje Stegman Diekema. The younger Gerrit graduated from Hope College and practiced law with the firm of Dykema, Cross & Ten Cate in Grand Haven and Holland after graduating from the University of Michigan Law School in 1883. He was admitted to the bar the same year. Two years later, on October 27, he married Mary Alcott in Holland, Michigan. Gerrit was one of the organizers of the Grand Haven State Bank in 1902 and was Vice President and Chairman of the Board, although he maintained his residence in Holland. He was Representative to the United States Congress from 1907 to 1911 and in 1929 and 1930 represented the United States at The Hague as Minister to The Netherlands. Gerrit died in The Hague, The Netherlands on December

20, 1930 following surgery and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland, Michigan. [*Tribune* obituary, December 22, 1930.]

Clarence M. Diephouse [1906-1988]

An educator, Clarence Diephouse was born on April 25, 1906 and died in Grand Haven on March 12, 1988. In the mid-1940s he was Principal at Grand Haven Christian School, and was in charge when a new building was constructed at 1102 Grant Street in the early 1950s.

Henry J. Diephouse [1886-1955]

Born in Spring Lake on September 13, 1886, Henry Diephouse was employed at the Challenge Stamping and Porcelain Company for 29 years and previously worked for the William Heap Company and Story & Clark Piano. On April 10, 1913 he married May Van Doorne in Grand Haven. Their children included James and Erma. Henry died on March 14, 1955. [*Tribune* obituary, March 14, 1955.]

Jacob D. Diephouse [Diephuis] [1864-1933]

Jacob Diephouse was born in The Netherlands in November, 1864 and died in Grand Haven in 1933. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Susan Vink, who was born in The Netherlands in September, 1867. Susan immigrated to America in 1869 and settled in Spring Lake with her parents, Hermanus and Trientje Vink. Jacob came to the United States in 1872. Jacob and Susan were married in Spring Lake on September 10, 1884. The family resided at 821 Elliott Street in Grand Haven. Among their children were Henry, born in February, 1885; Herman, born in September, 1886; Ellen, born in November, 1888; Kate, born in July, 1892; Maggie, born in February, 1895; Jennie, born in January, 1898; Anna, born in April, 1899; and Cornelia, born about 1908. Cornelia married John Berryman, who was born the same year. Jacob, an employee of the Piano Factory, was listed as polisher in the 1908 *Directory*. By 1930 he was splitter at Eagle Ottawa.

John W. Diephouse [Diephuis] [1900-1966]

John Diephouse was born on March 4, 1900 in Grand Haven. He was the son of Jacob H. and Susan Diephouse of Grand Haven. When still a young man John became Proprietor of a grocery store at 115 South Fourth Street in Grand Haven, alternately called Model Grocery Store and Fourth Street Market. John erected a new brick building at the corner site in 1930 and lived upstairs. Prior to that he and his wife, Ruth, resided at 819 Washington. They were married about 1928. Ruth was born in Michigan on October 9, 1898 and died in Crockery on December 10, 1990. John died in August, 1966. He and Ruth were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

“Doc” Dillard [? - ?]

Doc Dillard, an African American, made a brief appearance in Grand Haven in April, 1897, but he was present long enough to have an impact on the Graves family. Doc arrived in the community claiming to be a Mr Kay, administrator of a large estate in Southern California. Grand Haven resident Isabella Graves, he said, was the sole heir of the estate. Upon hearing the news Isabella’s husband, Fred, quit his job as yardman at the Cutler House. The couple, accompanied by Mr Kay, boarded the train for Detroit, where they would get on a connecting train headed for San Diego, California. They withdrew their life savings of \$276 to make the journey. A Grand Haven resident, suspicious of the arrangement, contacted the conductor of the train bound for Detroit “to find out if all was as it should be.” It appeared Doc Dillard already had \$150 of the Graves’s money, and he was arrested upon the group’s arrival in Detroit. In addition, Dillard was suspected of a similar scam in Grand Rapids. No follow-up articles were uncovered regarding the outcome of his arrest, aside from a quotation in the Grand Haven newspaper: “Dillard had stated that he intended to remain here [Grand Rapids] until July at least, but found it convenient to leave earlier. Yesterday Dillard was very sick and had to have the services of a physician. The reception he received from the Grand Haven people last Friday completely upset his nerves.” [*Tribune* articles, April 10 and 12, 1897 and October 19, 1897.]

Patrick V. Dillinger [1934-2001]

Patrick Dillinger owned and operated “Dillinger [Dillenger] Business Equipment” at 517 Fulton. The business, also known as Consumers Electronics, specialized in cash register sales and repair. He and his wife, Delores, had four children and lived at 615 Washington. Patrick was a candidate for several elected offices, including Congressman in 1970, Michigan Senator in 1972, Governor in 1974, and Representative for the 95th District in 1984. Patrick was born on March 12, 1934 and died in Louisville, Kentucky on March 1, 2001. His parents were Roy and Beatrice Dillinger of Grand Haven.

Roy A. Dillinger [Dillenger] [1898–1972]

Roy Dillinger came to Grand Haven from Macomb, Ohio, about 1943. However, from 1939 to 1940 he represented the 28th District in the Illinois House of Representatives. In Grand Haven, Roy resided in the Edward Payson Ferry home at 514 Lafayette. Born on October 25, 1898, Ray worked for the Eagle Ottawa Leather Company and later for Continental Motors in Muskegon. On June 7, 1924 in Grand Haven, he married Beatrice Bell. Beatrice was born on June 13, 1899 and died in Grand Haven on May 27, 1981. Three

of the four Dillinger children remained in Grand Haven: Betty, who married Lester Wildey and worked for Security First Bank and Trust [Old Kent/Fifth Third]; Eletha, who taught at Grand Haven Junior High School; and Patrick V. The family attended the Second Reformed Church. At the time of Roy’s death on February 15, 1972 he was still residing at 514 Lafayette. Beatrice later moved to 404½ Franklin.

Derk “Dick” J. Dirkse [Derkse] [1876-1966]

Derk Dirkse born in The Netherlands on November 14, 1876, came with his parents to Grand Haven in 1881. His father, Johannes [Johannis] Dirkse, was born in The Netherlands in 1854. Johannes married Wilhelmina Katte in The Netherlands on June 1, 1876. She died about two years later and Johannes next married Minnie Kaalz, who lived from 1859 to July 2, 1899. Johannes died in 1883, probably in Grand Haven. Derk was then raised by his Uncle Pieter Dirkse. Pieter was born in 1852 in The Netherlands and resided in Grand Haven with his wife, Adriana Kallemijn, and their six children. Pieter and his family later moved away.

Derk, who worked at the tannery, married Gertrude Bolhuis on April 23, 1902 in Grand Haven. They lived at 1047 Washington until his death on May 5, 1966. The Dirkses had five children: John Gerrit, born April 17, 1903 and died January 3, 1985; Evan R., born May 1, 1906 and died in Moore County, North Carolina on March 10, 1985; April Grace, born April 14, 1907; Paul Richard, born March 3, 1908; and Annette, born June 23, 1909.

Jan “John” C. Dirkse I [1878-1940]

The oldest son of Pieter and Adriana Kallemijn Dirkse, who emigrated from The Netherlands to Holland, Michigan, John was born on July 9, 1878. His mother and father were married in The Netherlands on August 19, 1875. Adriana passed away on April 15, 1909, and Pieter, who then married Hendrikje Rozenberg, died on October 22, 1922. John, one of Pieter’s and Adriana’s seven children, moved to Grand Haven as a young man. In the early 1900s he worked at Challenge Machinery. Later he became a house builder.

On September 4, 1901, John married Grietje “Gertrude” Vanden Bosch. Gertrude, the daughter of Hendrik and Johanna Smit Vanden Bosch of Grand Haven, was born in Ottawa County on May 20, 1875. The Dirkses lived at 622 Elliott. John was an outstanding baseball player and could have become a professional, except for his unwillingness to play on Sundays. He died of a heart attack on December 7, 1940, and Gertrude died in Grand Haven on July 30, 1948. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Dirkses’ children were John Cornelius II, born on February 18, 1906; Henry Peter, born on October 31, 1907; Florence Joan, who was born

on July 2, 1910 and married Henry Van Hees I; James Willis, who was born on November 18, 1911 and died in Grand Haven on June 19, 1990; Mary Francis, born on March 13, 1912; Wesley Edward, who was born on December 12, 1913 and died on October 9, 1996 in Grand Haven; and Charles Gilbert, who was born on May 13, 1916 and died in California on October 23, 1984.

John Cornelius Dirkse II [1906-1976]

John, the son of John and Gertrude Vanden Bosch Dirkse, was an electrical contractor. His office and residence were located at 1027 Franklin Street around 1940 and into the 1970s. John married Bertha J. Honholt, who lived from April 20, 1907 to May 13, 1987. John was born on February 18, 1906 and died in Grand Haven on December 10, 1976.

George W. Dixon [1828-1907]

Born in Ireland [Liverpool, England] in January, 1828, George was the son of William Dixon, who opened a steam laundry in Muskegon. George learned the machinist trade. He moved to Oswego, New York, then to Cleveland, Ohio, on to Lafayette and Fort Wayne, Indiana, and in 1860 to Mill Point [Spring Lake], where he became Foreman of the Ottawa Iron Works at Ferrysburg. He took out three patents on improved steam pumps, two of them manufactured on royalties by Ottawa Iron works.

In 1843 George married Mary Shannessy in Oswego. Mary was born in February, 1829 in Ireland and came to Oswego at the age of 15. On August 14, 1861, George enlisted as Private in Company H of the 1st Michigan Cavalry. He was discharged on August 22, 1864. In 1880, the Dixons moved to Muskegon. They had five children: Mary, who was born in Illinois about 1848 and married Captain John Miller of Spring Lake and later of Montague, Michigan; William, who was born about 1855 in New York and settled in Muskegon; Frederick, who was born about 1860 and moved to Arkansas; Eliza, born in Indiana about 1862; Josephine, who was born in Indiana about 1864 and married Martin Walsh of Spring Lake; and Sena, born in Indiana about 1868. George and Mary lived at 231 East Savidge in Spring Lake before moving to Muskegon. In November, 1890 George applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. Mary died on February 9, 1903 at the age of 76 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. George died in February, 1907 in Muskegon. [*Tribune* obituary, February 11, 1907]

John D. Dixon [c1829 - ?]

Coming to Michigan from New York State where he was born about 1829, John Dixon settled in Spring Lake in 1856. He worked in the lumber mills, and in 1874 he became saw filer at the Sisson & Lilley Mill. His wife,

Caroline, was the daughter of Hiram A. Reed of Spring Lake. She was born about 1842 in New York. The Dixons had seven surviving children: Hiram, born in 1863; Harry, born in 1869; Nellie, born in 1872; William, who was born on March 1, 1874 and died in Seattle, Washington on September 9, 1939; Jennie, born in 1877; Mamie, born in 1879; and John, who was born in Spring Lake on January 21, 1882. Another son, Herbert, died in Spring Lake on May 5, 1873 at the age of 14.

Ludwig Dobberowsky [1815-1898]

A native of Mecklenburg, Germany, where he was born in 1815, Ludwig Dobberowsky and his wife, Fredereka, were early settlers in Spring Lake. Their daughter, Caroline, married Charles Warber. Ludwig died in 1898. Fredereka lived from 1816 to 1888. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

John H. Docking [1879-1954]

The son of Robert and Mary Blades Docking, John was born in Laketown Township, Allegan County on August 24, 1879. His wife's name was Helen. In 1920 he was living with his parents in Oceana County. By 1928 John was a shoe repairman living in his family home at 919 Elliott Street in Grand Haven. He died on October 10, 1954 of carbon monoxide poisoning in his mobile home in Spring Lake. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Robert Docking [1838-1923]

Robert Docking, who was born in England in 1838, died on December 19, 1923, three years after moving to the Ottawa County area from Ferry, Oceana County, where he had been a farmer. Prior to that he lived on a 40-acre farm in northern Allegan County [Laketown Township], which he purchased on August 2, 1889. On August 11, 1862, while living in Washtenaw County, he enlisted in Company K of the 20th Michigan Infantry as Private and served until May 30, 1865.

On January 13, 1866 in Jackson, Michigan Robert married Mary Ann Blades. Mary also was from England, where she was born on January 15, 1845. The Dockings' children were: Ella, who was born on June 28, 1867 and married Ernest Filley of Grand Haven; Josephine, who was born on August 21, 1869, married James Edward Slater, moved to Oceana County, died in 1940, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; William, who was born on August 1, 1872 and died on April 18, 1881; Lilly Mae, who was born on June 1, 1876, married William Barriger [Barrager], died in Grand Haven on October 1, 1959, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; and John H., who was born on August 24, 1879. All the children except one were born in Laketown Township; Lilly was born in the City of Holland. After moving to Grand Haven around 1920

Robert lived at 919 Elliott Street. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mary died on March 11, 1927 and also was buried at Lake Forest. Their son, John resided in the house on Elliott Street after his parents' death. Eventually John moved to Spring Lake. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 19, 1923 and March 12, 1927.]

Arthur B. Doddington [Doddington] [1906-1991]

Born in Grand Haven on June 1, 1906, Arthur was the son of George Doddington II and brother of George III. He and his wife, Elna, lived at 1404 Franklin. Arthur died December 16, 1991 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elna was born on July 24, 1899 and died in Florida on March 22, 1994. Arthur and Elna were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

George A. Doddington II [1868-1937]

Born in Grand Haven on October 25, 1868, George was the son of George and Marcia [Marsha] Doddington. George worked at the Story & Clark Piano Factory for 20 years. He fell while attempting to replace a slipped belt on a piece of machinery, and he was so badly injured he was unable to work. He died two years later, February 10, 1937, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Marcia, was born in Michigan in August, 1872. They had at least five children: Ernest, born in December, 1896; George III, who lived from March 26, 1898 to December 27, 1909; William, born about 1903; Marian, born about 1911; and Harold E., born about 1914. The family lived at 1404 Franklin.

Mark Doddington [1839-1913]

Born in England in March, 1839 Mark Doddington settled in Geneva, New York in 1851. He enlisted as Sergeant in Company H of the 33rd New York Infantry on May 22, 1861, but was mustered out on October 31 of the same year for unspecified reasons. But the next day, Mark enlisted, again as Sergeant, in Company D of the Pennsylvania 11th Cavalry and was mustered out August 13, 1865. He was held as a prisoner of war from September 15, 1864 until May 8, 1865. Shortly after mustering out, Mark came to Michigan and lived in Spring Lake for a number of years. Accompanying him were his mother, Avire, and a sister, Susannah. Avire was born in England about 1814 and died on November 23, 1895. Susannah was born in England around 1846 and married Robert Clark, who was born in New York around 1830. Mark's brother, William D., lived from 1785 to January 12, 1850.

Mark moved to Grand Haven where he was a sign painter and home decorator. In 1893 he advertised his business as offering "Carriage, Ornamental, and House Painting." Later he became Foreman of the paint shop at Challenge Refrigerator Company. He was a Mason.

Mark married Loretta Comstock on February 26, 1860 in New York State. In Grand Haven their home was at 507 North Seventh. Their children were William, born about 1861; Orrin [Oren], born in September, 1866; George, born in 1867; Abby E., who was born on August 21, 1870 and died in 1878; Eva [Avie] May, who was born December 10, 1875 in Grand Haven; Blanche, who was born about 1878 and married John Cleveringa in 1895; Mark Edward, born February 10, 1878; Charles Northrup, who was born February 16, 1881 and lived in Kenosha, Wisconsin, Flint, Michigan, and Detroit; David Reginald, born August 22, 1882; and Wallace, who was born in February, 1885 and settled in Crockery Township. Mark on September 9, 1886 filed for an invalid's Civil War pension. He died at his home on Seventh Street on September 26, 1913 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife, Loretta, and other Doddingtons. On October 30, 1913, Loretta applied for a Civil War widow's pension. Born in New York, she lived from October, 1845 [1846] to 1913. [*Tribune* obituary, September 26, 1913.]

Orrin [Oren/Orin/Owen] Joy Doddington I [1866- ?]

Orrin Doddington, a painter and contractor, arrived in Grand Haven in 1879. He was born in New York in September, 1866, the son of Mark and Loretta Doddington. Orrin married Mary Mitchell, and they had at least one son, Orrin [Oren] J. II, who was born on June 8, 1892 and died in California on December 13, 1941. Two other children also moved to California: Velma Amelia, who lived from September 15, 1893 to May 31, 1891, and Ross M., who was born on May 17, 1907 and died on March 29, 1989. Another child, Gladys, was born in June, 1898. Orrin and his family lived at 630 Monroe in the early 1900s.

Alvin [Alvan] Dodge I [1831-1897]

Born in New York on January 9, 1831, Alvin Dodge at an early age spent several years on sailing ships on the Atlantic Ocean. He came to the Great Lakes in the early 1850s and was Mate and Captain of a several sail and steam vessels until he was appointed U.S. Inspector of Hulls in Grand Haven. He was Mate of the propeller *Fintry* that blew up on Lake Erie off Port Stanley in the 1850s. He also sailed as mate on the side-wheel passenger steamers *Atlantic*, *Ocean*, *Buckeye State*, and *Western World*. He was for several years Captain of the propeller *Mary Stewart*, plying between Detroit and Buffalo. In 1867 he came to Grand Haven and was master of the *New Era*, and out of Detroit he was Captain of the propeller *Java* in the 1870s. He also had an interest in the *Van Raalte*. He was a Mason. In Wayne County on July 23, 1855, he married Esther Gee, who was born in Michigan about 1837. Their children included Clara A., born about 1859; Jennie, born about 1863; and Alvin II, born about 1876. All three children

were born in Michigan and resided in Detroit. In Grand Haven, the Dodges lived at the corner of First and Columbus Streets. Alvin was married twice. His wife's name at the time of his death was Belle, who was born in Canada in August, 1849. He died February 19, 1897 and was buried in Detroit. [*Tribune* obituary, February 19, 1897.]

Herman Doege [1852-1911]

Herman Doege, a Grand Haven tailor, was born in Germany in March, 1852. In 1893 he advertised, "Cleaning, Repairing, and Dyeing." His wife, Amelia [Cornelia], was born in Germany in February, 1852. Herman died about April 26, 1911. Their surviving children were Lizzie, born in December, 1879; Albert, born in November, 1881; Annie, born in March, 1884; and Bertha born in February, 1890. The two older children were born in Germany, the other two locally. [*Tribune* obituary, April 26, 1911.]

Arthur J. Dondineau [1885-1968]

Arthur Dondineau was Superintendent of Grand Haven Schools from 1916 to 1920. Later he served in the same capacity for the Detroit schools. He married Marguerite Bilton on August 8, 1916, and they resided at 219 Franklin. Arthur was born in Michigan on November 5, 1885 and died in Detroit in November, 1968. Marguerite was born in Ontario Canada on March 30, 1891 and passed away in Detroit the same year as her husband. The Dondineaus had two daughters, Elaine, born on February 28, 1919, and Elizabeth.

Cornelius Donker [1882-1920]

Cornelius Donker was born in Grand Haven on March 7, 1882. He started a grocery business with Richard Cook in 1902 under the name of Cook Mercantile Company. He sold his interest in the business in 1918 and it became known as Grand Haven Merchandise. On August 16, 1905 in Ferrysburg, Cornelius married Mary Bolthuis [Bolthouse], who was born about 1886 and died about January 20, 1938. They had three children: Katherine, Helen, and Charles. Cornelius died at the age of 38 on February 23, 1920 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Mary. The family resided at 421 Clinton. [*Tribune* obituary, February 23, 1920.]

Henry J. Donker [1862-1944]

In 1900 Henry Donker was listed as a bartender. By 1920 he was employed at Eagle Ottawa. Henry was born in The Netherlands in October, 1862. He married Anna Kieft, who was a native of the same country, where she was born in June, 1864. They both immigrated to the United States as children, he in 1865 and Anna two years later. They had at least three children, all born locally: Arthur C., who was born in

July, 1893, Agnes, who was born in October, 1894; and Cornelius, who was born about 1903. They resided at 1250 Washington in a house they had built in 1894. Henry died about December 23, 1944. Anna passed away around December 13, 1952. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John Donker I [1812-1900]

By 1854 John Donker was a resident of Grand Haven and by 1880 he was Proprietor of a saloon. He was born in The Netherlands on December 6, 1812 and died on March 6, 1900. On October 2, 1876 in Grand Haven, he married Gracie Dykema, who was born in The Netherlands in October, 1836. They resided at 321 Fulton. One of their children was John Donker II, born on July 7, 1877. Listed as a step-son in the 1900 census was Arie Donker, born locally in December, 1855.

John Henry Donker II [1877- ?]

John, the son of John and Gracie Donker I, was born in Grand Haven on July 7, 1877. An employee of the William Heap Company in Grand Haven, he resided with his mother at 321 Fulton. On December 2, 1923 he married Kate Steketee in Muskegon.

John "Johnnie" Donker [Donkers] [?-1913]

John was born in Holland, Michigan, the son of Arie Donker, an early settler in Holland, Michigan. The family moved to Grand Haven in 1854. John was a peddler of notions in the Borculo area and reportedly was a saloonkeeper. He also worked at the Piano Supply Company in Grand Haven. He was known as "Black Johnnie" because of his coal black hair. Relatives found John dead in his bed on November 15, 1913. He resided at 317 Fulton in Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, November 17, 1913.]

James Donnelly [Donally] [? - ?]

In 1868 James Donnelly managed the new Ottawa House, located at 105 Fulton [Lot 92] in Grand Haven. It replaced another hotel with the same name that burned down in 1860. In 1867, in the City's first election, James was elected Justice of the Peace in Grand Haven. He was Foreman of the "Rix Robinson Engine Co." in 1863, newly formed as a volunteer fire-fighting outfit.

Alphons [Alphonso] Donner [1862-1950]

Listed as a "Farmer and Stockraiser," Alphons Donner owned a 50-acre farm in Section 18 of Crockery Township. Alphons was born in Alsace-Lorraine [France] on October 11, 1862, came to the area in 1901, and was still farming his land in 1918. His wife, Sophia, also was born in Alsace-Lorraine on March 1, 1851. They were married on February 28, 1889 in France. Their children were Mary C., born about 1892 in her parents' home country, and Jos, who was born in Illinois

around 1894. Alphons passed away on March 17, 1950, and Sophia died on October 7, 1947. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

George P. Donner II [1918-2002]

Born in Muskegon on July 2, 1918, George Donner II moved to Spring Lake with his family when he was four years old. He was the son of George P. and Sophia Donner I, born in 1890 and 1892 respectively. The younger George attended Spring Lake and Grand Haven schools, and George was one of the first five men from Ottawa County to volunteer for the military at the start of WWII. He served with the Army as First Lieutenant and spent two and a half years in the South Pacific. After the war, he worked for a short time at Michigan Plastics and then became a clerk at the Spring Lake Post Office and was Postmaster from 1965 until his retirement ten years later. Donner served as Village President from 1978 to 1983. He returned as a member of the Village Council from 1987 to 1995. He helped start the Silent Observer program and served on its board. George was active with the Tri-Cities Historical Museum, the Coast Guard Festival Board, Spring Lake Heritage League, and the Barber School restoration project. He was a member of the American Legion and attended St. Mary's Catholic Church. He married Rose Marie McMenamy. They had five children: Jeanne Le Fevre, who lived in Escanaba, Michigan; Rita Braun, of Spring Lake; Teresa Dault, of Norton Shores; Richard of Seattle, Washington; and Steve, of Jackson, Michigan. Rose was born on June 24, 1919 and passed away on June 21, 2002. George died in Spring Lake on March 8, 2002. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Cornelius Donselar [Donseler] [@1862-1949]

Cornelius Donselar was born in The Netherlands about 1862. He and his wife, Grace [Greitje], arrived in the United States in 1891. Grace, also a native of The Netherlands, was born about 1867. They had at least two children, both born locally: John, born about 1905, and Catherine, born about 1907. Cornelius operated a radio repair service from his residence at 418 North Sixth Street. Cornelius died about June 21, 1949 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, who died around September 28, 1942.

Helyn G. Rosema Donselar [1926-1998]

Helyn was born June 2, 1926 in Nunica, the daughter of Harm and Dena Poll Rosema. She married Leslie Donselar on June 2, 1950, in Grand Haven. Helyn was a real estate agent most of her professional life. She was a member of Trinity Reformed Church, where she sang in the choir, played the organ and piano, and belonged to the Church Women's Group. She and her husband, Leslie, had two daughters: Denise, who married William Casemier, and Dorothea, who married Stephen Shelley.

Both daughters remained in Grand Haven. The Donselars' two sons were Mark and Matthew. Leslie, the son of Hio and Ethel Barthel Donselar, was born in Grand Haven on September 5, 1916. He served with the U.S. Army during WWII and was awarded two purple hearts. Upon returning to Grand Haven, Leslie was a machinist at Gardner Denver and later drove cars for Gage Motor Mall. He was a member of Trinity Reformed Church, the Charles Conklin Post of the American Legion, and the Sgt. Alvin Jonker Post of the VFW. Helyn died December 13, 1998 and Leslie passed away on January 17, 2002. [*Tribune* obituary, January 18, 2002.]

Derk Doornbos I [1885-1965]

Derk Doornbos resided at 16623 136th Street in Nunica. He was born July 19, 1885 and died in November, 1965. His son, also named Derk, lived at the same address.

Ervan S. Dornbos [1921-1977]

Born in Grand Haven on December 30, 1921, Ervan was the son of Isaac and Mary Meeuwsen Dornbos. Isaac died about February 14, 1966 and his wife died on August 7 five years later. Ervan attended Calvin College for one year and then attended the University of Michigan. He was in the military service from 1943 to 1945. Ervan received his officer's commission in meteorology and was transferred to the Air Traffic Control Board. He was with State Mutual Life Insurance Company and lived in Worcester, Massachusetts, then joined Franklin Life Insurance Company of Springfield, Illinois. He taught college math at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, and then returned to Grand Haven and in 1954 joined his father in the real estate business, called Iaasc Dornbos Real Estate and located at 1113 Washington Street. In 1971 Ervan was elected president of the North Ottawa Board of Realtors.

In 1949 Ervan married Marilyn Haight of Springfield, Illinois. They had one daughter. The family resided at 528 Terrill in Grand Haven. Ervan died on April 13, 1977 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Biographical sketch presented at Kiwanis, on file in Loutit Library's *Tribune* file.]

Gerrit Lewis Dornbos [1877-1955]

Gerrit Dornbos was born in Grand Haven on May 2, 1877. He started a fishing business, H. J. Dornbos & Brother, located at 614 Monroe, on May 2, 1889, with his brother, Henry Dornbos. After Henry's death in 1944, Gerrit and his son Harold J. Dornbos owned and operated the business. In February, 1949 Gerrit purchased the H. C. Fisher & Sons Co. of 2140 South Second Street in Milwaukee to operate in addition to the Grand Haven business. Gerrit retired in 1951, selling his interest in the firm to Harold. He also was on the Board

of Directors of Peoples Savings Bank when it was organized in 1909.

Gerrit married Pieterella "Nellie" Meeuwsen, who was born in Zeeland on April 23, 1880 and died in Grand Haven on April 9, 1968. She was the daughter of Jan and Janna Van Loo Meeuwsen and the sister of Mary, who married Isaac Dornbos. Gerrit and Nellie lived at 1039 Washington and had four children: Lester, whose death on August 13, 1933 resulted from an auto accident when he was almost 29 years old; Harold Jay Dornbos; Margaret, who married Edward Baas of Grand Haven; and Janet, who married Neil Bierens [March 10, 1904-July 10, 1958], a native of The Netherlands. Gerrit died July 2, 1955 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Tribune articles, "Buys Milwaukee Firm," February 26, 1949 and "Buys Father's Interest in Firm," January 19, 1951.]

Harold Jay Dornbos [1914-1969]

Born September 4, 1914 in Grand Haven, the son of Gerrit and Nellie Dornbos, Harold became a partner in H. J. Dornbos & Bros. for 16 years. In January, 1951 he purchased his father's interest in the firm and became sole owner. The commercial fishing firm operated 18 ovens and employed 35 men and women. In the Milwaukee plant there were 12 employees. In 1963 an outbreak of botulism in Nashville, Tennessee forced new food processing standards which made it impossible for Harold to continue the out-of-state smoked fish business. The fishery was not found to be at fault and H. J. Dornbos Company, with the help of Grand Haven attorney Harvey Scholten, filed a \$500,000 suit for damages against Kroger, Rooks Transfer, Adkins Transfer, Adkins Cargo Express, and Tennessee Cartage, charging negligence in handling the firm's smoked fish chubs in connection with the botulism blamed for several deaths. After the botulism scare there was a marked decrease in the smoked fish business and the firm attempted to sell boned perch. The fish supply dwindled and the operation was curtailed in 1965-66. Harold was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Spring Lake Country Club, Spring Lake Yacht Club, and the Elks.

In July 19, 1933 Harold married Beverly Mills, who was born in East Orange, New Jersey on December 22, 1916. She was the daughter of Elsworth "The Coronal" and Mary Ethel "Molly" Crane Mills. Elsworth worked in management at the Bastian Blessing plant in Chicago. Beverly's sister, Virginia, married Ralph Trieschman of Chicago. Harold and Beverly lived at 218 North Buchanan Street in Spring Lake and had two children, Virginia, who taught in London, England and married David Rolstone of Wales, and La Mar Ethyl, who married Lee Van Haaften of Grand Haven. Lee was the son of Cornelius and Marion Wilcox Van Haaften.

Beverly worked for Bastian Blessing and later was secretary at the Dornbos Fisheries. She started and ran the hot lunch program and summer school activity program in Spring Lake Schools. She began the gift shop at Grand Haven Hospital and was active in the PTA, the Presbyterian Church, the League of Woman Voters, and the Woman's Club. Beverly had master points in duplicate bridge and sailed in racing regattas. In 1962 she lent Betty Ellis some hand-carved camels from Egypt to use as models for the camels for the Musical Fountain Nativity Scene. Harold died on June 26, 1969 and Beverly died on January 4, 1994. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Tribune articles, "Buys Father's Interest In Firm," January 19, 1951, and "Plumbing Firm Takes Over Dornbos," February 25, 1967, Tribune obituary, January 4, 1994, and interview with La Mar Dornbos Van Haaften, October, 1998.]

Henry J. Dornbos [Doornbos] [1870-1944]

Born in The Netherlands, March 20, 1870, Henry was the son of Louis and Martha Perdok Dornbos. Henry attended school in The Netherlands, and after coming to America began working in factories when only 12 years old. He worked at Silas Kilbourn's mill as a youth and lost an eye when a barrel stave flew back and hit him. It forced him to change his vocation and on May 2, 1889 he established a fish business in Grand Haven in association with his brother, Gerrit L. Dornbos, under the name, H. J. Dornbos and Brother. At first he smoked the fish in his backyard. Later he sold the products in a basket from house to house and eventually became the largest wholesale fish dealer in the world, with products being shipped throughout the country. At its peak, the company handled approximately a million and a half pounds of fish annually, mostly smoked fish. Since 1940 more than 300,000 pounds of Alaskan salmon were handled, shipped frozen by boat from Alaska to the Pacific Coast and then by train to Grand Haven. During the company's process of smoking, the natural color of the fish was retained. The business was destroyed by a botulism epidemic in 1963 that eventually led to its closing.

In 1909 the Dornbos brothers helped organized the Peoples Savings Bank in Grand Haven, with Henry as Vice President and Gerrit L. as first Vice President. In 1936 Henry became President and Chairman of the Board. He was a Republican, member of Chamber of Commerce, Citizens History Association, and Second Christian Reformed Church. His favorite recreation was travel and he toured throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. He spent his winter months in California and Florida.

On June 27, 1894, Henry married Mary Bouwens, who was born in September, 1871 and died about June 14, 1959. She was the daughter of John and Anna Barbara

Van Harn Bouwens, who were born in The Netherlands, and later immigrated to Zeeland, Michigan. John Bouwens was a merchant and farmer who died in 1918. His wife, Anna, died in 1891. Henry and Mary had two children: Lawrence, who was born January 18, 1896 and was associated as partner with his father in the family business, and Anna B., who was born in May, 1898. Henry died at his home at 608 Washington on November 16, 1944 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Citizens Historical Association, September 13, 1941 and *Tribune* obituaries, November 16, 1944 and Dec 31, 1960.]

Hio Dornbos [1887-1959]

Hio, the son of Louis and Martha Perdok Dornbos, was born on June 24, 1887. He and his wife, Johanna, resided at 427 Washington and later at 524 Columbus. Johanna was born in Michigan about 1888 and married Hio around 1898. Hio was a machinist at Dake Engine Company. Their two children were Louis, born about 1910, and Helen, born about 1916. Hio died about February 19, 1959

Howard F. Dornbos [1912-1989]

Howard Dornbos was born on February 29, 1912, and died October 4, 1989. On September 9, 1939 he married Beverly Morrison. The daughter of John and Edith Johnson Morrison of Whitehall, Beverly was born on September 16, 1916 and died February 14, 1989 at North Ottawa Community Hospital. The Dornboses lived at 1306 Sheldon Road in Grand Haven. Beverly was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Ladies' Circle, the Free Bed Guild, and the Grand Haven Garden Club. A daughter, Mary Lynne, married John J. Hattenbach of Greenville. They also had a son, David, who remained in Grand Haven.

Isaac Dornbos [1883-1966]

Isaac Dornbos, a Grand Haven native, lived from May 2, 1883 to February 14, 1966. On May 18, 1910 he married Maria [Mary], daughter of Jan and Janna Van Loo Meeuwssen. Maria was born in Zeeland, Michigan, on October 10, 1883 and died in Grand Haven in 1971. Her sister Nellie married Gerrit Dornbos. Among Ike's and Mary's children were Marjorie Lois, who was born about 1915, and Ervan, born December 30, 1921. The family resided at 1002 Washington, where Ike also operated Isaac Dornbos Real Estate, which he started in 1926.. His son Ervan joined him in the business in 1954. Prior to entering the insurance business, Isaac was co-owner of the Van Dyk & Dornbos Shoe Store at 704 Washington. John Van Dyke was his partner. They sold to brothers John and Henry Poel in 1923. Ike's earliest business was selling washing machines from his garage. He also rolled cigars at his brothe Peter's store at 101

Washington. [*Tribune* article, "Ike Dornbos in 40th Year Here Selling Real Estate," May 2, 1963.]

Jacob Lewis Dornbos [1881-1958]

Jacob Dornbos was Cashier at the National Bank in the early 1900s, later at Peoples Savings Bank in Grand Haven, and by 1918 he was Treasurer for the Hackett Motor Car Company in Grand Rapids. Jacob married Fanny Kieft in 1902. In 1912 they built a home at 642 Pennoyer. [The 1920 census gives their address as 630 Pennoyer.] Before moving to the house on Pennoyer, they had lived at 511 Elliott. By 1930 they had moved to Spring Lake, where they resided on the northwest corner of Barber and Park Streets. At that time Jacob was bookkeeper for H. J. Dornbos Fish Company. Jacob was the son of Louis and Martha Perdok Dornbos, who immigrated to Grand Haven in 1882. Jacob and Fanny had at least three children: Seymour, who was born in 1905 and died in 1981; Jacob was born in The Netherlands on March 5, 1881 and passed away in Grand Haven around September 24, 1958. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Fanny died about August 14, 1972 and was buried with her husband.

Lawrence Henry John Dornbos I [1896-1971]

Lawrence was born in Grand Haven on January 18, 1896, the son of Henry and Mary Bouwens Dornbos. During WWI Lawrence attended the Naval Training School at Annapolis, Maryland. In 1918 he was employed as a machinist at the Curtis Agro Plant company in Buffalo, New York. On September 14, 1922 he married Gertrude Van Woerkom, who was born November 9, 1896 and died February 11, 1962. They had three children: Lawrence J. II, born on December 9, 1924; Robert Henry, born about May, 1929; and Nancy, who first married Richard Cuti of Grand Haven and then Richard Rhem, Pastor of Christ Community Church in Spring Lake. Lawrence and his family lived at 622 Lake Avenue. Lawrence was employed at the family business, Dornbos Fisheries, and became Manager of the firm. He died in Grand Haven on May 16, 1971.

Lawrence J. Dornbos II [1924-2001]

The son of Lawrence and Gertrude Van Woerkom Dornbos, Larry was born on December 9, 1924. He attended Grand Haven schools and served overseas as an army engineer during WWII. In the 1950s he and his father worked together at the Dornbos Insurance Company at 208 Washington in downtown Grand Haven. After his father's death in 1971, the younger Dornbos merged with William Crimmins and James Oakes and opened the Oakes, Dornbos, & Crimmins office at 234 Washington. Both Dornbos and Crimmins left the business in 1983. Lawrence and his wife, Donna Zerlaut of Oceana County, were married in Fremont, Michigan, on September 14, 1951 and soon after bought

a log cabin on Potawatomie Bayou at 15141 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven Township. Eventually they razed the original structure and built a new home that they resided in the remainder of their married lives. Lawrence died May 18, 2001.

Lester John Dornbos [1904-1933]

Born in Grand Haven on October 4, 1904, Lester was the son of Gerrit and Nellie Meeuwesen Dornbos. He was killed in an automobile accident in Grand Haven on August 13, 1933.

Lewis H. Dornbos [1909-1971]

During the 1940s Lewis Dornbos owned and operated the Standard Oil Service Station at 20 North Third Street in Grand Haven. He was born on June 10, 1909 and died in Grand Haven on June 13, 1971. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Lewis resided at 302 Wallace Street.

Luitje "Louis" Dornbos [1838-1928]

Louis Dornbos, born in The Netherlands in July, 1838, married Martha Perdok. Louis and Martha brought their family to the United States in 1882 and located in Grand Haven. They were the parents of eleven children, including Henry, born on March 20, 1870; Gerrit, born on May 2, 1877; Jacob, born on March 5, 1881; Isaac, born on May 2, 1883; Hio, born on June 24, 1887; and six more sons. Louis operated a shoemaking business at 220 North Third, and he and Martha resided at 638 Jackson. He died February 1, 1928. Martha was born in 1846 and died on April 4, 1892. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

Peter Dornbos [1875-1951]

In the early 1900s Peter Dornbos was a manufacturer of cigars, including the "single bender." His place of business was 111 Washington and on Fulton Street in Grand Rapids. He and his wife, Bouwine [Bouwena] Ronda, resided at 15 North Sixth Street and later at 423 Jackson, but were residents of Grand Rapids in 1930. Bouwine lived from June, 1875 [1876] to 1939 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Peter, who was born on April 30, 1875, died about January 14, 1951. Both Peter and Bouwine were natives of The Netherlands.

Christopher [Christofer] Douck [1827-1899]

Chris Douck owned a 39-acre farm in Section 22 of Crockery Township by 1876. He was born in Mecklenburg, Germany on October 15, 1827, died on December 4, 1899, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. His wife, Fredericketa, was born in August, 1832 [1831] in Prussia [Germany]. They were married about 1860. Their children were: John C., born in New York State in February, 1862 [1863]; Louise, who was born in 1864, died on June 30, 1886, and was buried at Nunica; Mary,

born in 1865; Gusta, born in 1867; Charles, who was born in 1870, married Anna Maud Spencer [1877-1931], and died in Coopersville in 1911; Paulina, born in 1872; Anna M., who was born in 1874, died on March 24, 1890, and also was buried at Nunica. Christopher and Frederick were brothers.

Frederick Douck I [1832-1910]

Frederick Douck, who was born in Mecklenburg, Germany on October 10, 1832 [1833] and came to the United States in 1861. He enlisted in Company F of the 17th Michigan Infantry as Private on August 14, 1862. Frederick was promoted to Corporal on May 1, 1865 and discharged on June 3. He owned an 80-acre farm in Section 14 of Crockery Township. The Doucks had five children, all born in Michigan: Frank, born in June, 1868 [1867]; Carline, born about 1870; William, born in 1873; Emma, born in 1875; and Frederick II [Fred John], who was born on December 10, 1878 and became Postmaster in Nunica. Frederick I died on March 16, 1910 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. On April 30, 1910, his wife, Caroline L. "Carrie," applied for a widow's Civil War pension. She was born in Prussia and lived from May, 1850 to 1930 and also was buried at Nunica. Frederick and Christopher were brothers.

John C. Douck [1862- ?]

The son of Christopher and Fredericketa Douck, John was born in New York in February, 1862 [1863]. His wife, Minnie, a native of Michigan, was born in November, 1872. Their children, all born locally, included Permillia, born in September, 1892; Ora, born in October, 1894; and Roy, born in March, 1900. The Doucks owned an 80-acre farm in Section 22 of Crockery Township.

Frank H. Doud [Dowd] [1835-1899]

Born in New York about 1835, Frank Doud came to Michigan from Wayne County, New York in 1857, settling first in South Haven. He was located in Spring Lake by 1870 and moved to Grand Haven the next year, continuing in the carpentry business. He died from apoplexy on December 10, 1899 at his home in Hart and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in New York about 1836 and died May 26, 1899. They had no children. [*Tribune* obituary, December 12, 1899.]

Joseph Douglass [Douglas] II [1844-1912]

Joseph was born in Stowe, Vermont on October 6, 1844, the son of Joseph Douglass. The younger Joseph on June 23, 1862 enlisted in Company H of the 9th Vermont Infantry. He was discharged for disability on April 10, 1863. Joseph came to Grand Haven in 1880 and worked for Brouwer and Vos as an engineer at their mill. In 1895 he entered the government lighthouse service and

was stationed at the harbor's mouth for 14 years until illness forced his resignation. He and his wife, Amanda, who lived from September, 1853 to 1933, resided at 529 Madison in Grand Haven. Their children included Frank, born in March, 1885; Flossie, born in April, 1890; George, born in September, 1892; Joseph III, born in September, 1896; and Gladys of Grand Haven. Joseph died March 5, 1912 at the Soldiers' Home hospital. On the following March 15 Amanda applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Joseph and Amanda were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 6, 1912.]

Edward Gideon Downs [1879-1949]

Edward G. Downs, who was born on September 4, 1879 in Michigan, became a farmer in Section 28 of Polkton Township. His wife, Florence, also a native of Michigan, lived from 1884 to 1964. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Ruth A., born about 1909; Chester, born about 1911; and Leonard, born about February, 1915. In the 1910 census was Edward listed as Black, and his wife and children as White. On his WWI draft registration form he is noted as White, as are he and his parents, wife, and children. Edward's father, John W. Downs, on September 20, 1861 enlisted as Private in Company F of the 60th New York Infantry and served until July 7, 1865, covering almost the complete span of the Civil War. On January 11, 1866 John married Hortense Carr of Edwards, New York. She was born in November, 1844, died in 1932, and was buried at Coopersville Cemetery. John, also a native of New York, lived from February 11, 1835 to March 22, 1907. He, too, was buried at Coopersville Cemetery. Edward died of a self-inflicted head wound on December 9, 1949. He and Florence were buried at Coopersville Cemetery.

Walter J. Draeger I [1907-1986]

In 1946 Walter Draeger and George O. Brown of Muskegon bought Haven Laundry [Haven Modern Laundry] from Jessie Olsen. The laundry, then located at 201 Columbus, was subsequently moved to 1447 Washington. George Brown was Walter's wife's brother. After his retirement, Walter's son, Walter II, took over management of the business, which remained at 1447 Washington until its permanent closing around 1999. Walter I was born on December 31, 1907 and died in Grand Haven on April 26, 1986. He was the son of Emil and Emma Draeger, who in 1908 resided at 1240 Fulton Avenue. Emil, who worked at Story & Clark, was born in Michigan about 1877 and died in 1944, and his wife was born in Germany around 1880 and passed away in 1940. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Walter married Elizabeth Burns, who was born in Michigan on July 1, 1915 and passed away in Missouri City, Texas on April 7, 2006. Elizabeth's

sister, Roberta, married Robert Stobbelaar of Grand Haven. The Draegers' son Louis opened Draeger Motor Sales at 15001 Cleveland in Spring Lake.

William Henry Drake [1836-1905]

Born in Halifax, Yorkshire on February 15, 1836, William Henry Drake in 1857 arrived in Spring Lake, taking a room at the Middle-Mist Hotel. He enlisted as Corporal with Company A of the 3rd Michigan Infantry on May 13, 1861. He was listed as missing at the Battle of Fair Oaks, Virginia on May 31, 1862 and was discharged for disability on the following January 13. On November 8, 1865 he married Sarah Middlemist of Spring Lake. She was born in Grand Haven on July 4, 1840 to Henry and Dorothy Dods Middlemist, owners of the Middlemist Hotel. After teaching at the Spring Lake school, in 1862 Sarah Middlemist became assistant to Charles W. Cushman, Principal of the Grand Haven Union High School. The year after their marriage the couple moved to Chicago, where William was employed as an architect. Sarah died there on April 9, 1898, seven years before her husband's death in the same city on January 19, 1905. The Drakes had four children, all born in Illinois. One of their descendants, William Depue Drake of Ann Arbor, purchased the property at 322 Clinton Street in Grand Haven in 2001. After his death on June 13, 2003, he left a legacy in the form of a Perpetual Endowment for the benefit of the Tri-Cities Historical Museum.

William Depue Drake [1936-2003]

In 2001 Bill Drake became co-owner with Betty Kammeraad of the home at 322 Clinton Street in Grand Haven. Bill was a descendant of the Drake and Middlemist families that once resided in Grand Haven and Spring Lake. Professor of Resource Planning and Conservation at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Bill made frequent trips to the Grand Haven area as he traced his family genealogy. He was born on April 13, 1936 and died in Ann Arbor on June 13, 2003.

Thomas A. Drelis [@1896- ?]

For a few years in the mid-1920s, Thomas Drelis was Proprietor of the Harbor Café at 13 Washington Street in Grand Haven. He was born around 1896 in Greece. He immigrated to the United States in 1914. On October 27, 1924 he married Martha Miller in Detroit. She was born in Ohio about 1906. By 1930 the couple was residing in Muskegon, where he was Proprietor of another cafe.

Walter Drinkwater [1865-1938]

Listed as a "Farmer and Stockraiser," Walter Drinkwater owned acreage in Section 33 of Olive Township. Born in May, 1865, he came to the area from England with his parents in 1876. His father, Robert, lived from 1831 to

1910 and his mother, Margaret, lived from 1828 to 1913. All were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Paul Edward Droppers [1919-1988]

Paul Droppers started B & B Design in 1948. He merged with ASP & Manufacturing Company when that firm moved to the former Stanco building on Savidge in Spring Lake. Howard Broersma was President, his brother Robert was Vice President, and Paul was named Secretary-Treasurer after the merger. Paul and his wife, Janet, resided in Muskegon. He was born on September 24, 1921 and died in St. Petersburg, Florida on January 25, 1988. Janet, who was born on November 15, 1917, passed away in St. Petersburg on March 29, 1994.

Henry William Dubee [1861-1945]

Born in Brunswick, Germany in 1861 and educated there, Henry Dubee was proficient in languages and music. Unwilling to serve in the military in Germany, he came to the United States in 1880. He was a professor at Olivet College and at Ripon College in Wisconsin. Henry graduated from Harvard with a doctor's [Ph.D.] degree. During much of the time while he was studying and teaching, Henry's wife and children lived at his father's-in-law home on Washington Street. Henry then taught at Radcliff for a time, and eventually moved his family to Ann Arbor, where he taught at the University of Michigan until 1908, when he moved his family to Beloit College in Wisconsin. In 1911 Dr. Dubee spent his sabbatical in Europe and his family again moved in with the Vander Veens.

On August 26, 1891 Henry married Marian, born July 12, 1870, the daughter of Dr. Arend and Kate Howard Vander Veen of Grand Haven. The Dubees had two sons. One was Stuart W., who was born on July 9, 1894, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1911, served in the Ordnance Department at Camp Hancock, Georgia, during WWI, graduated in engineering from the University of Michigan, and retired from the Michigan State Highway Department. He passed away in Spring Lake on July 14, 1974. The other son was Arend, who was born in April, 1892, graduated from the University of Michigan School of Law, resided in Grand Rapids, and died in December, 1964. Henry died in Grand Rapids on December 7, 1945 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After her husband's death Marian continued to reside at 508 Washington, until her death on September 3, 1973 at the age of 103. [*Tribune* articles, "Happy 100th Mrs. Dubee," July 18, 1970, and "Manages own affairs at Age of 100," July 17, 1970, and *Tribune* obituary, September 4, 1973.]

Crinis [Crines] H. Du Bois [@1847- ?]

In August, 1874 Crinis Du Bois purchased a half-interest in the *Grand Haven Daily Herald* from Sylvester L.

Morris. By 1875 Crinis had full control. Five years later he and his family were residing in Minneapolis, where he was editor and publisher of the *Minneapolis Spectator*. Crinis was born in High Falls, New York about 1847, the son of Albert and Sarah Ann Dubois. He married Mary Bigelow Hall on February 17, 1873 in Ann Arbor. Mary was born on March 9, 1846, also in New York, and apparently passed away around 1891. Their three sons, all born in Michigan, were Charles H., born in 1876; Israel, born about 1879; and Eugene, born about 1880. By 1910 Crinis was living in Los Angeles, California with his second wife, Grace Warren, and their four children. Their son, Frank Ellsworth Du Bois, was born in Chicago on August 12, 1893. In 1910, Crinis was still in the newspaper business. Grace was born in Florida on January 31, 1875 and passed away in California on November 14, 1945.

Daryl Du Bridge [1939-1999]

Daryl Du Bridge was killed on November 17, 1999, while bicycling home from the store he owned and managed. His shop, located in the D & W Plaza, was known as "Just For You" and carried cards and gifts. He was born in Grand Rapids on May 31, 1939, to Flinton and Nora Haywood Du Bridge. He was an active member of the Association of Commerce and Industry and its President for many years. He and Gail Le Blanc were married on November 26, 1960. She was born on July 1, 1941.

Michael Henry Ducey [1862-1923]

In 1902 Michael Ducey purchased the house at 535 Buena Vista in Spring Lake Village, along with seven and a half acres of land on Spring Lake. The land bordered the west side of Lake Street and extended from Spring Lake south to State Street [Savidge]. Michael was a partner in the Grand Rapids Piano Case Company, and he purchased the Spring Lake property as a summer residence for his wife and their 13 children.. During their months on the cool shores of Spring Lake, Michael commuted to work on the Interurban.

Michael was born in Michigan on June 10, 1862. His father, William Anthony Ducey, was born about 1820 in Ireland. In 1847 in New York City, William married Mary Burbage, who died in Grand Rapids about 1868. On June 7, 1892 Michael married Agnes McMullen. Agnes was born in Chicago on January 1, 1873. Michael and Agnes had 13 children, all born in Michigan: Michael Joseph, born on March 11, 1893; Walter J., born on June 23, 1894; Mary A., born about 1896; William Michael, born on February 3, 1897; Brian J., born on June 17, 1898; Agnes, born on November 21, 1899; Edward Francis, who was born on September 28, 1902 and passed away in California on August 12, 1985; Lawrence, born about 1905; Vincent P., who was born

on September 11, 1906 and died in California on July 27, 1956; Bernard, who was born on May 13, 1908 and died in California on May 21, 1990; John, who was born on April 10, 1910 and died in California on January 5, 2004; Joseph, born about 1913; and Thomas Robert, who was born on December 15, 1915 and passed away in California on January 29, 1994.

As early as 1912 nine lakeside lots on the Ducey property were platted and called Buena Vista Subdivision. After Michael died in 1923, Agnes sold the lots throughout the 1920s and 1930s. Michael J. Ducey, the couple's oldest son, purchased the house and 108 feet of lake frontage in 1932. Having sold the Grand Rapids business and home, Agnes returned to Chicago, where she died on August 24, 1963. Young Michael Ducey had died suddenly in 1938, and his widow, Loyolla C., rented the Spring Lake house to friends from time to time. During the 1960s she began again to spend summers in the home. Loyolla was born on August 24, 1894 and died in Jackson, Michigan on January 8, 1977. After her death, her three children, Patricia, Walter, and Frank, inherited the property and winterized the house. Patricia and her husband, James C. MacDonald, took ownership and continued to use the site as a summer residence and for family gatherings. Her brother Walter died on August 1, 1998 and her brother Frank died in 2002.

Charles Du Chien [1793-1889]

See Charles Dushane.

George Dudley [@1826- ?]

Residing in Grand Haven at the time, George A. Dudley was 37 when he enlisted in Company G of the 102nd U.S. Colored Infantry on December 28, 1863. He worked as a barber and as a cook. Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, George died in a military hospital in Beaufort, South Carolina on July 5, 1864 and was buried at Beaufort National Cemetery.

William J. Duga [1908-2004]

Born on July 23, 1908, William Duga moved to Grand Haven from Grand Rapids during the Depression, after he had married Helen Mary Zysk. His parents were Jerome and Mary Newhouse Duga of Grand Rapids. William opened an insurance office in Grand Haven after WWII, and later added real estate. He was a charter member of the Board of Realtors, and started the first multiple listing service for Board members. His office was at 102 Washington in downtown Grand Haven, but he moved to 107 Washington. In addition to serving as President of the Young Democrats of North Ottawa County, William was active in the local Veterans of Foreign Wars and the March of Dimes. In 1950, as V.F.W. Commander, he initiated the idea of bringing a

carnival to town as part of the annual Coast Guard Festival.

William, who served in the Navy Construction Battalion [Sea Bees] during World War II, died on November 14, 2004 in Spring Lake. In 1956 he married Doris Garnett Johnson, who was born December 31, 1914 and died on July 16, 2000. William and Doris were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had a son, Stuart, of Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituaries, July 12, 2000 and November 15, 2004.]

Pierre Du Jaunay [Dujonois] [@1704-1780]

Pierre Du Jaunay was a Jesuit priest and missionary in the Grand Haven area and elsewhere during the 18th century. He lived from approximately 1704 to 1780.

Henry "Harry" C. Dunbar [1867-1936]

Harry Dunbar was an electrical contractor with an office at 131 Washington. He was born in August, 1867 in New York. In Grand Haven he resided at 9 South Sixth Street. Harry died in 1936 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Martha Huntington Duncan [1852-1918] and Robert W. Duncan [1824-1903]

Born in West Rutland, Vermont on February 24, 1824, Robert Duncan came to the Grand Haven area with his parents in June, 1851 and opened his law practice with an office over Henry Griffin's store, on the northwest corner of First and Washington. Robert was representative to the Michigan Legislature in 1855; presided over the Board of County Supervisors in 1856; was Prosecuting Attorney and Circuit Court Commissioner in 1867; was Mayor of Grand Haven in 1868 and 1869; and was Grand Haven's first City Attorney. Robert was one of the negotiators who helped bring the railroad to the south side of the river. He was a Democrat.

In 1872, in Grand Rapids, Robert married 21-year old Martha Huntington, also of Vermont, sister of Pope C. Huntington, who lived from about 1835 to 1920, was a poet and, along with his wife, Jane, lived with the Duncans. Martha and Robert had no children. They built two houses across from Duncan Park at the bend on Lake Avenue where the street turns to the west. They lived in the house on the corner, and Martha enjoyed looking out into the Park while working in the kitchen.

Robert died on May 17, 1903. On October 22, 1913, Martha, his widow, deeded to the City of Grand Haven 50 forested acres. The acreage later was named Duncan Park, and carried the restriction that it remain in its natural state for the benefit of the community. In the late 1920s two sets of stone pillars were erected, one at the Sheldon Road entrance and the other at the Lake Avenue

entrance. The road through the park was paved in 1940. The Duncans also owned 550 acres on Potawatomie Bayou, which Martha sold after her husband's death, and she sold another piece of land, called Duncan Grove, at the corner of Fulton and Beechtree Streets, to Eagle Ottawa. Martha died on August 7, 1918, leaving the bulk of her estate to the City of Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, May 18, 1903, and *Tribune* article, "Keep Duncan Woods--Natural Forest," October 23, 1984.]

William P. Duncan [1833- ?]

One-time Principal at Grand Haven Union School on Clinton Street, William Duncan became a teacher at Spring Lake Union School in 1861. The year before he was living with the Moses Hopkins family in Grand Haven, where he was listed as a teacher in the 1860 census. He was born in Maine about 1833.

Solomon [Samuel] R. Dunkelberger [1843-1896]

Born in Pennsylvania on December 26, 1843, Solomon Dunkelberger migrated to Michigan in 1882 and arrived in Nunica a short time later. He married Elmira Sharman [Scharman], who was christened in Berks County, Pennsylvania on November 22, 1846. A shoemaker by trade, Solomon opened a shop in Nunica. On February 1, 1864 Solomon enlisted as Sergeant in Battery D of a Pennsylvania Light Artillery Company. He was mustered out on June 19, 1865. On April 9, 1891 he applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. Solomon died on April 5, 1896 and was buried at Sinking Spring Cemetery in Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Hulbert "Halb" Dunlevy [Dunleavy] [1866-1918]

By 1900 Halb Dunlevy owned a large fruit farm in Section 3 of Spring Lake Township [approximately 18400 West Spring Lake Road]. He was born in Ohio in January, 1866, and his wife, Mary Ladine, was a native of New York, where she was born in September, 1869. They had at least three children, all born in Illinois: Loomis H. [Lorimere H.], born in July, 1891; Sarah, born in December, 1893; and Edith H., born in November, 1895. Halb died on January 5, 1918 and Mary Ladine passed away on January 17, 1929. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Joseph D. Dupont [1917-2000]

Joseph Dupont was born on July 18, 1917. In 1943 he married Kathlyn, the daughter of Julius and Helen Oros Vig of Bridgman, Michigan. Kathlyn was born on March 26, 1923 and died in Spring Lake on February 3, 2003. They were members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spring Lake and resided at 2450 East Fruitport Road and later at 2450 East Vig Drive, both in Fruitport Township. Joseph died on August 26, 2000 in Spring Lake. Their children were Steven, Daniel,

Michael and James Dupont and Veronica Adame, Connie Johnson, Mary Sly, and Ilona, who married Dale Levandowski.

George M. Duram [1846- ?]

George Duram married Bianca Smith in Grand Haven on February 24, 1867. In 1880 George was an insurance agent in Montague, Michigan and Bianca was a milliner. They moved back to Grand Haven in May, 1893 and opened a shop at or near 28 Washington to sell Farrand & Votey organs, pianos, sewing machines, and supplies. At the same time, Bianca offered classes in oil painting, portrait and landscape, and sold her own work. George apparently resided in Chicago for awhile, but by 1900 Bianca was living in Saugatuck, working as a baker with her daughter, Carrie. At that time, George was working as a servant in Fruitland Township, Muskegon County, where he was still living in 1910. In 1910 Bianca was residing in Bangor Township, Van Buren County, Michigan, and in 1930 she was widowed and again living with her daughter, Carrie, and son-in-law, Charles R. Bill, in Kalamazoo. Carrie was born in Michigan in 1877. Arthur, a son, was born about 1872, and Edson, another son, was born in Montague on March 17, 1873. George was born in Seneca County, New York in April, 1846 and Bianca was born in Michigan in January, 1850.

Millard F. Durham [1856-1939]

Millard Durham was Cashier at the Coopersville State Bank in the early 1900s. He chaired the first Ottawa County Road Commission, formed in 1911. On January 8, 1880 in Lamont, he married Sarah Pierce, who lived from 1860 to 1948. Millard lived from 1856 to 1939 and was buried at Coopersville Cemetery, as was Sarah.

Richard Cornell Duryea [1830-1902]

Richard Duryea was classified as "U.S. harbor inspector" in the 1893 *Compendium*, a position he assumed in 1882 and held until his death. An 1853 graduate of West Point, Richard served as Colonel with the First U.S. Artillery during the Civil War and later transferred to the 7th New York Heavy Artillery. He was cited several times for meritorious service and mustered out on December 15, 1870. Richard was born in New York on September 9, 1830 and died in Grand Haven on January 23, 1902. He married Alice Hull, also a native of the Empire State, where she was born on June 28, 1862. Alice previously had been married to a Mr Sherborne. A daughter, Nina, was born to the Duryeas in Brooklyn, New York in July, 1880. On August 4, 1902 in Grand Haven, Nina married Jesse H. Newell. Richard was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Alice died in Toledo, Ohio on September 3, 1932 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

Doede J. Du Saar [1872- ?]

Doede J. Du Saar was a partner with John Mulder when the two men purchased the Square Drug store at Seventh and Fulton [635 Fulton] in 1916. The next year Mulder bought out his partner's interest. Doede was from Huron, Michigan, where he married Cora M. Tarry on December 24, 1895. They had at least one child, Beulah, who was born locally in June, 1899. Doede was born in The Netherlands in February, 1872. He and his wife, Cora, were residents of Holland, Michigan in 1930. Cora lived from December 23, 1874 to August, 1972. She was living in Sioux Falls, South Dakota when she died.

Charles Dushane [Du Chien] [1793-1889]

Charles Dushane, born in 1793, settled in Grand Rapids, where he and his wife had a son, Charles Peter Dushane, born in May, 1844. The family moved to Grand Haven Township, where Charles bought approximately 65 acres in Section 28 and 59 acres in Section 33. His wife was born about 1810. Charles died in 1889 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

Charles E. Dushane [1868-1937]

Charles E., the son of Charles and Mary Alice King Dushane, was born in Grand Haven Township on January 17, 1868. He married Laudina Meyers, who was born in November, 1874. They had a 91-acre farm. Charles died on October 30, 1937. Their children were Robert, born in September, 1895; Frank, born in June, 1897; and Clara, born in December, 1899.

Charles Peter Dushane [Dushain/Du Chien] [1844-1916]

See Peter Dushane.

Marion E. Dushane [1911-1988]

Born July 30, 1911 in Agnew, the son of Charles and Claudia Dushane, Marion worked for Grand Haven Board of Light and Power until he retired in 1971. On September 16, 1935, he married Lena K. Diedrich in Grand Haven. They had a daughter, Mary, who married August Garbrecht of West Olive. Marion died January 22, 1988 and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery.

Matilda Dushane [Du Chien] [1872-1872]

Matilda, the daughter of Peter and Mary Alice King Dushane, died of cholera on August 9, 1872, when she was eleven days old. The infant was buried near the eastern boundary of the family property in Section 33 of Grand Haven Township. Lakeshore Drive, which had followed what became Hiawatha Street to the southeast, was extended due south in 1930. The new route took the road over Matilda's gravesite. Lorraine Orsinger, a Dushane descendant, protested its planned removal and

prevailed. The fenced-in grave still can be seen near the east shoulder of the road, slightly south of Hiawatha.

Peter [Charles Peter] Dushane [Dushain/Du Chien] [1844-1916]

Peter, the son of Charles Dushane, was born May 10, 1844 in Grand Rapids. Evidently his full name was Charles Peter, although he usually was referred to as Peter. On August 14, 1862 he enlisted as Private in Company G of the 21st Michigan Infantry. On December 31, 1862, he was listed as a prisoner of war at Stones River, Tennessee. Peter was exchanged on April 15, 1863, but was listed as a deserter on June 10 that year. [In his service records, Peter's last name was spelled "Duchaine" and "Duchanine."] He settled on the family property in Section 33 of Grand Haven Township in 1871, which his father owned by 1864. The 59 acres included what later became a portion of Lakeshore Drive near Hiawatha Street. After his father's death Peter also acquired 64 acres in Section 28, just to the north.

On October 17, 1867 in Grand Haven, Peter married Mary Alice King, who was born in Milwaukee in September, 1849 and died in Grand Rapids about January 17, 1920. She was the daughter of Peter [1790-1874] and Mary Agnes [1805-1872] King, both of whom were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Dushanes had a daughter named Matilda, who died of cholera and was buried on the family property. Another child, Theodore, died at age 23 of consumption and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, and a son, Robert Sheridan, who was born on December 21, 1873, died on May 30, 1894 and was interred at Lake Forest. The other Dushane children, all born in Grand Haven Township, were Charles E., who was born on January 17, 1868; Alvira Agnes, born October 12, 1870, married Fred Kreiling, and died on May 2, 1947 in Phillips, Wisconsin; Franklin Alonzo, born on February 11, 1876, married Kitty Pearl Johnson [August 17, 1879-September 7, 1971] on July 14, 1899, and died in Grand Rapids on November 2, 1950; Phillip Sherman, born on April 2, 1887, married Lulu Smith on July 1, 1906, and died in LaSalle County, Illinois, on March 16, 1919; Peter Leroy, born on April 22, 1889, married Lena Clara Dornan, and died February 1, 1944, in Grand Rapids; and Ellen Elizabeth "Louise," born May 28, 1892, married Fred C. Orsinger [1892-1953], and died in 1965 in Grand Rapids. On April 1, 1891 Peter applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. He died on November 16, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Dreewes [Drewis] J. Duursema [1826-1892]

Born in Groningen, The Netherlands, on December 26, 1826, Dreewes Duursema came to Grand Haven in 1855. He was a member of the First Reformed Church. On July 8, 1857 in Grand Haven he married Lentje "Lucy"

Rosendal Mieras, who was born in The Netherlands on January 6, 1819 and was the widow of Jan "John" Mieras. Lucy's son from her first marriage, Jan Mieras II, lived with her and Dreewes. She and Jan had at least one other son, William Mieras, who was born in The Netherlands in 1852. Lucy and Dreewes had two children: Jennie, who was born in 1859 and died in 1871, and John D., who was born about 1862. Dreewes died from the "grippe" at his home on Franklin Street on February 12, 1892. Lucy died on April 2, 1903. Both Duursemas were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with their daughter, Jennie. [*Tribune* obituaries, February 13, 1892 and April 3, 1903.]

John [Jonathan] D. Duursema [1862-1947]

John, the son of Dreewes and Lucy Duursema, ran the Star Bakery near the corner of Washington and Second Streets [136 Washington], in partnership with William Mieras, his half brother. His advertisement in the 1893 *Directory* said that he was "Baker and Confectioner." John also was Vice President of Grand Haven Furniture, which manufactured bedroom suites between 1890 and 1895. He and his wife, Elizabeth, lived at 219 South Fifth. Their children, all born locally, were Lucy C., born in January, 1888; Christine J., born in October, 1891; Chester D., born in January, 1894; and Jeanette C., born in April, 1899. Elizabeth was the sister of Cornelius Addison, who owned the Addison Dry Goods Store in downtown Grand Haven [200 Washington]. John, who was born in Michigan in May, 1862, died about July 1, 1947. Elizabeth was born in New York in June, 1863 and passed away around November 10, 1941. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Pierre C. Duvernay [Duverney/Deverney] I [1790–1862]

A Frenchman and a fur trapper born near Montreal, Canada on July 6, 1790, Pierre Duvernay in 1834 accompanied Rev. Ferry on his long hike and canoe trip across the Michigan peninsula from Detroit to Grand Haven. With the other members of Ferry's troupe the Duvernays landed at the banks of the Grand River on November 2, 1834. Pierre also worked with Rix Robinson as his clerk. On July 23, 1830 [August 25, 1826], in Mackinaw City, he married Julia [Minedemoeyah], daughter of an Indian Chief. She was born at Lac Du Flambeau, Wisconsin about 1797. Pierre and his family were charter members of the Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven. Also listed as a charter member was Charles Duvernay, who in 1860 was enumerated with his wife and children in the census for Ottawa County. Born in 1820, he probably was Pierre's and Julia's son. In 1835 the Duvernays built their home on Lot 55 on the south side of Franklin [30 Franklin], midway between Harbor and First Streets, where in 1837 Pierre sold Indian blankets, fabric, salt, whitefish,

cranberries, and maple syrup products. Pierre had 14 children, and presumably Julia was the mother of all of them. Among their children were Antoine, who was born in 1819; Francis, who was born in 1822; Pierre [Peter] II, who lived from 1825 to 1858; Isaac, who was born in 1831; Eli, who was born in Grand Haven in 1835; Nathan, who was born in Grand Haven in 1838; Julia, who was born about 1841 and married Wallace Larraway of Grand Haven; and Louise [Loiza], who became the wife of Martin Ryerson of Muskegon on May 15, 1844, in Ottawa County and died in childbirth on March 14, 1855 at the age of 30. Pierre II married Josette "Josephine" Derosier in Grand Haven on December 24, 1847, when she was 18.

Three of their sons served in the military during the Civil War: Eli, who enlisted as Private in Company G of the 21st Michigan Infantry on September 3, 1862 and was mustered out on June 6, 1865; Isaac, who served with Company I of the 5th Michigan Infantry and Company I of the 3rd Michigan Infantry and lost his life in Salisbury, North Carolina on February 18, 1865; and William B., who was born in 1849 and enlisted in Company B of the 1st Michigan Sharp Shooters on December 4, 1862 as a drummer boy. On May 4, 1865, Isaac's mother, applied for a Civil War pension. In 1882 William was admitted to Northwestern National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He died there on August 25, 1893 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Pierre I died on August 22, 1862 in Grand Haven, and his wife, Julia, died August 7, 1873. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Memorial Discourse for Mrs Duvernay*, by Rev. Henry T. Rose, August 10, 1873.]

William "Chid" Duvernay [Duverney] [1851-1892]

Chid, born in 1851, was the son of French voyageur Pierre Duvernay. Pierre was an early arrival in Grand Haven and became a charter member of the Presbyterian Church when Rev. William M. Ferry was Pastor. On December 4, 1862, Chid enlisted as Musician, claiming to be 13 years old. On the following March 31 he was mustered into Company B of the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters as a Drummer Boy. A comrade said: "He was not like the rest of the drummers. In an engagement he was in the heat of many a hard fought skirmish, urging the men by the lively beating of his drum." Chid was mustered out on July 28, 1865. He died on August 25, 1892 at the Soldier's Home in Milwaukee at age 40. At Chid's request his body was returned to Michigan and he was buried in Lake Forest Cemetery [military service records cited Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey as his burial place]. He was known as "Grand Haven's Drummer Boy." [*Tribune* article, August 9, 1899.]

Elmer C. Dvorak [1910-1986]

Elmer C. Dvorak, N. M. Carndell, and John H. Dabelstein started Sterling Manufacturing in August, 1954. The company, located at 206 South Jackson in Spring Lake, manufactured lighting accessories for fluorescent fixtures. Elmer and his wife, Thelma B., resided at 116 West Tolford in Spring Lake. He lived from July 1, 1910 to April 24, 1986 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Thelma was born May 10, 1914 and died in Spring Lake on September 9, 1984.

Albert Olferts Dykema [Dykman] [1849-1931]

Albert, the son of Olvert and Trientje Dykema, was born in Groningen, The Netherlands in 1849. On March 1, 1873 in Grand Haven, he married Hieltje "Jennie" Kruizinga. They had eleven children, including Etta, born in 1874; Grace, born in 1876; Alfred born in 1877; Gerrit, born in 1878; Charles born in 1879; and twins Cleveland, who lived from November 9, 1884 to February 9, 1885, and Hendricks, who was born on November 9, 1884 and died on February 7, 1895. Etta married John A. Vyn in Grand Haven on April 2, 1896. In the 1880 census Albert was listed as Raftsman. The Dykema family resided at 201 South Fourth Street, in a home built by Olvert Dykema in 1853. Albert was an employee of Story & Clark for many years. Jenny, a native of Groningen, The Netherlands, lived from August 3, 1852 to September 1, 1905. Albert died in 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Olvert Dykema [Dykman] [1824-1916]

Olvert Dykema was born in The Netherlands about January 17, 1824. His wife, Tytje Dykema, also born in The Netherlands, lived from June 7, 1826 to October 16, 1877. They had six children, including Albert, born in 1849. After Tytje's death, Olvert married Tryntje Huizenga, who was born in 1836 and died in 1901. Olvert built a house at 201 South Fourth Street in Grand Haven, later occupied by his son, Albert. Olvert died March 26, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with both Tytje and Tryntje and other family members.

Teunis "Tony" Dykema [@1844-1916]

On December 4, 1868 Tony Dykema married Saartje "Sarah" Huizenga in Spring Lake. She was born in The Netherlands on December 4, 1848 and died March 18, 1920. They had ten children including John, who was born about 1872, and married Elizabeth R., born in Michigan around 1876; Dick, who was born about 1878, and married Olive, born around 1883 in Michigan; Hattie, who was born on January 26, 1887, married Nicholas Grevel on June 30, 1910, and died in Muskegon on February 20, 1981; Henry, whose children were Jacob, Peter, and Gerrit; and another daughter, who married Cornelius Verplank, a masonry contractor in Chesterton, Indiana. Both John and Dick and their families remained in the Spring Lake area. Tony, who

worked in a sawmill, was born in The Netherlands about 1844 and died in Spring Lake on November 22, 1916. [*Tribune* obituaries, July 1, 1901 and March 18, 1920.]

Donald M. Dykhouse [1916-2001]

With his brother William, Donald Dykhouse in 1974 founded Midwest Concrete Pipe Company, located at 525 North Ferry Street in Grand Haven. Donald and his wife, Estelle M., lived at 548 Colfax and later at 515 Ottawa. The son of Duke and Dena Norr Dykhouse, Don was born on June 23, 1916 and died in Grand Haven on January 19, 2001. Estelle, the daughter of Harry and Mary Brojeski Martyniek, was born on May 6, 1918 in La Van Mine, Ontario, Canada. She passed away on January 29, 2003. Estelle and Donald were married in Detroit on January 31, 1942. They had a daughter, Debra Lynn Haas. Don and Estelle were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 30, 2003.]

Henry Dykhouse [1887-1973]

Henry Dykhouse served with the Army during WWI. After the war he became a house painter in Grand Haven. He and his sister Kate resided at 406 South Fourth Street. She was born in Michigan about 1874. Henry was born on July 25, 1887 and passed away in May 21, 1973 in Grand Haven. Henry was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Menke [Minke] "Mike" Dykhouse [Dykhuis] [1840-1926]

Menke Dykhouse and his wife, Henrietta [Henretta] Van Zanten, lived at 406 Fulton. Menke had a transfer line at 52 Fulton and a feed barn at 414 Fulton. His sons Duke and Claus worked with him. Duke was born on March 7, 1884 and died in 1936. Other children were Katie, who was born in June, 1866; Catherine, who was born August 21, 1871 married William Smith of Grand Haven on March 15, 1893, and died on January 10, 1894; Jennie, who was born on July 28, 1877 and married Arie Kooiman; Della, who was born in August, 1881; and Henry, a house painter, who was born July 25, 1887 and died in Grand Haven on May 21, 1973. Menke was born in The Netherlands on February 20, 1840 and died in 1926, while Henrietta was born in The Netherlands on July 1, 1846 and died in 1915. Duke and his parents were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

William Dykhouse I [1919-2010]

William the son of Duke and Dena Norr Dyhouse, was born in Grand Haven on December 22, 1919. He married Pearl Strong in 1940. They had five children: William II, Warrne, Jalaine, who married Bob Hutchinson, Marlene, who married Tim Wierenga, and Judy, who married Anthony Gutierrez. With his brother Donald, Bill founded in 1974 Midwest Concrete

Company, located at 525 North Ferry Street in Grand Haven. Bill had a pilot's license. He was a member of Gospel Chapel. Pearl, who was born on May 18, 1920, died on August 16, 2002. She and Bill were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 26, 2010.]

Arend Dykhuis [Dykhuis/Duyhuis] [1842- ?]

Listed as a "Farmer and Stockraiser," Arend Dykhuis owned 95 acres in Section 28 of Olive Township. He was born in The Netherlands in November, 1842 and came to the Grand Haven area in 1870. His wife, Jantje "Jennie" Kamphuis, also a native of The Netherlands, was born in December, 1842. They were married in Grand Haven on June 23, 1869. They were still local residents as late as 1908, but by 1920 were living in Zeeland Township. They had at least two children, both born in Michigan: Lizzie, born in December, 1880, and Jurries, born in May, 1883.

Henry Dykhuis [1850-1939]

Henry, the son of Jurrien and Johanna Zuidema Dykhuis, was born in The Netherlands on February 25, 1850 and died in Holland, Michigan, on March 31, 1939. In 1871 in Grand Haven he married Grietje, the daughter of Hans Meyer. Grietje, who was born in Grand Haven on May 5, 1853, died in Holland on December 9, 1943. A daughter, Henrika [Hendrika], born in Grand Haven on December 19, 1871, married Hielke Sikkenga in Holland on January 18, 1890. The couple moved to Muskegon, where Hendrika died on April 2, 1937. Hielke was born in The Netherlands on April 3, 1867 and died in Muskegon on December 13, 1957.

Jurrien Dykhuis [1819-1899]

Jurrien Dykhuis was born in The Netherlands on August 1, 1819, died in Grand Haven on November 29, 1899, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1846 he married Johanna Zuidema, who was born in The Netherlands in August, 1827, died in Grand Haven on December 23, 1904, and also was buried at Lake Forest. One of their children, Henry, was born in The Netherlands on February 25, 1850. A daughter, Johanna "Jennie," was born in 1863 and married Lambert Vyn of Grand Haven. Another daughter, Anna "Annie" B., was born on April 19, 1849 and married David P. Sanford of Grand Haven. Jurrien was a laborer. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 1, 1899 and December 23, 1904.]

Benjamin Franklin Eames [1819-1891]

Benjamin Eames was born in Mendon, New York on November 21, 1819 and moved to Milwaukee in October, 1844. On December 5, 1849 he went into business with John W. Luscomb in the manufacture of woodenware, locating first in Grand Rapids and then moving to Ottawa Point [Ferrysburg], beginning

business on April 10, 1850. Luscomb withdrew from the business around 1855, and Eames then constructed a new mill that utilized steam power. Benjamin and his family were listed in the 1850 and 1860 censuses as residents of Spring Lake Township. In 1861 he sold to Willard and Bolles, who manufactured wooden pails. The next year Benjamin bought 23 acres in Section 15 of Spring Lake Township, on the west shore of Spring Lake, where he planted 1,000 peach trees, 600 apple trees, and other fruit. Benjamin sold this land to Charles Soule in 1867 and bought 30 acres in Section 9, Spring Lake Township, also for the purpose of growing fruit. He and his wife, Charlotte, had a daughter Nora, who in 1876 married Thomas Johnston of the Johnston Boiler family. Charlotte lived from December 11, 1833 to March 20, 1886. Benjamin died on January 25, 1891. A son, Frederick A., died accidentally on April 22, 1861 at the age of 13. Other children were Kate, born in 1861; Viola, born in 1863; and Frank, born in 1871. All the children were born in Michigan. The family was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Industrial Hi-Lites*, January, 1951.]

Floyd S. Eames [1930-1998]

See Floyd Rymal.

Samuel O. Eames [1825-1905]

Samuel Eames, who was born on April 5, 1825, enlisted on October 18, 1861 as Sergeant in Company G of the 42nd Illinois Infantry. At that time he was a resident of Chicago. He was discharged for disability on February 20, 1862. Samuel was a tailor by trade. Samuel died on August 22, 1905 and the following October 18 his wife, Mary Jane, applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Mary was born in New York in March, 1845. The family resided at 418 Franklin in Grand Haven. Mary continued living there with their daughter Calla after Samuel's death. Calla, born in July, 1882, became a music teacher. Another daughter, Mary M., was born about 1874 in Michigan. Samuel's monument at Lake Forest Cemetery was undated. Mary died about February 10, 1918 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

Uzell Bond Eames [1828-1909]

Born in New York State in November, 1828, Uzell arrived in Ferrysburg with his parents the year in 1848. Uzell was enumerated in the 1860 census as a resident of Spring Lake Township, where he later kept a farm in Section 8. He was employed as a millwright at the Batchellor Mill from 1873 to 1881, and he then went to work for Cutler & Savidge at Mill #3. On August 20, 1859 a post office was established at Ferrysburg and he was named its first Postmaster as well as School Inspector. The post office closed on May 6, 1863. Uzell was elected Supervisor of Mill Point [Spring Lake] from 1862 to 1865. His first wife, Julia A., died on March 5,

1855 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. His second wife, Sarah J., was born in 1830 and died on February 28, 1898 of bronchial consumption. Uzell had three daughters, all born locally, including Jennie, who lived from 1862 to 1925 and married James Barnes of Ferrysburg; Mamie, born about 1868; and Mary B., who was born in September, 1873, married George Smith, and after 1900 moved to Washington. George was born in Scotland in December, 1873. George and Mary had a son, Donald, born in September, 1895. Uzell died at Jennie's home on February 12, 1909. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 1, 1898 and February 12, 1909.]

Jacob Hayes Easterly [1831-1903]

The son of John and Delila Hayes Easterly and a native of Herkimer County, New York, where he was born on May 7 1831, Jacob moved to Jefferson County in that state when he was seven and then came to Crockery Township in 1865 and settled on approximately 20 acres in Section 21. He married Louisa Taylor of Jefferson County in 1854. She was born on September 6, 1829 in New York State and died on August 8, 1861 in Jefferson County. They had at least one daughter, Gusta, born in New York in October, 1854. After Louisa's death, Jacob married Sarah Ann Williams, a native of St. Lawrence County, New York, on January 1, 1862. Sarah was born on June 12, 1837. Her sister, Julia, married Medad Spencer of Crockery Township. Jacob's and Sarah's first two children were born in Jefferson County: Martin James on October 13, 1862 and Samuel McCleave on October 2, 1864. Both boys settled in Crockery Township with their parents. Jacob and Sarah Ann had another son, William Riley, who was born in Ottawa County on March 6, 1866. He was followed by a third son, Green, who was born on December 9, 1867. A daughter, Phoebe Delmitia "Della," was born December 26, 1869 in Crockery. They also had two adopted children, Elizabeth, born in 1881, and Ora, born in 1892.

Jacob's father, John, was born in Herkimer, New York, on May 9, 1801 and died November 22, 1884. Jacob's mother, Adelia Clotilda "Delila," was born on August 5, 1809 in Herkimer and died on November 1, 1872. Both John and Delila were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Sarah Ann passed away on August 5, 1900 and Jacob on March 21, 1913. Jacob, Sarah, and other family members were buried at Nunica Cemetery.

Martin James Easterly [1863-1943]

Born in Pillar Point, Jefferson County, New York on October 13, 1863, Martin moved to Michigan with his parents, Jacob and Sarah Ann Williams Easterly. By 1912 Martin owned at least three large parcels in Sections 21, 28 and 29 of Crockery Township, totaling 260 acres. He married Deaette Martin in Nunica on June

20, 1888. She was born in Spring Lake on July 18, 1869 and died in Nunica on December 1, 1952. Martin died in Nunica on December 16, 1943 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. The Easterlys had 12 children, all born in Crockery Township.

Samuel McCleave Easterly [1864-1939]

Samuel was born in Bruno, Jefferson County, New York, on October 2, 1864, the son of Jacob and Sarah Williams Easterly. Samuel moved with his parents to Crockery Township when he was six-months old. On January 9, 1895 Samuel married Augusta Polsen in Nunica. They owned a 60-acre farm in Section 28 of Crockery. Samuel was Treasurer of Spoonville School for 26 years. Augusta was born in Germany on October 15, 1856 and died August 7, 1937 in Crockery. Samuel died on July 27, 1939. Both were buried at Nunica Cemetery with other family members. A son, Forest [Forrest], was born in May, 1899.

William R. Easterly [1866-1924]

Born on March 6, 1866 in Crockery Township, William Easterly owned 80 acres in Section 24. The son of Jacob and Sarah Ann Williams Easterly, he married Cora [Cornelia] Clay on October 23, 1894 in Nunica. Cora was born in Michigan in April, 1873. William died on July 24, 1924 and was buried at Coopersville Cemetery.

Galen Eastman [1829-1899]

Galen was the son of Dr. Timothy and Mary Jane Barker [Parker] Eastman. He was born in Canaan, Maine on July 8, 1829 [1828]. Dr. Eastman and his family settled in Eastmanville in 1835, where he held the seat of County Judge for a long time. Galen had two brothers, George and Mason. Galen was a man of influence and was at the head of several large lumbering and mercantile institutions in Ottawa County for several years. He owned a sawmill in Grand Haven and was the originator of what afterwards became the Michigan Barge Company, whose boats carried off a large share of the lumber from the once extensive tracts of timbered land. During his later years he was in the hardware business in San Francisco.

In 1855 Galen and his brother Mason, with their father's help, platted the Village of Eastmanville. In December, 1856 Galen bought the *Grand River Times* from brothers James and James Barnes and brought it to Eastmanville from Grand Haven, with the idea that this community would become the county seat. When that expectation failed, publication ceased the same year it began and the Barnes brothers repurchased the paper from Galen, returned it to Grand Haven, and changed its name to the *Grand Haven News*, publishing the first issue on December 22, 1858. In 1860 Galen was in the lumbering business at Eastmanville. He owned land in

the Grand Haven area, and in 1872 sold a large section to the City of Grand Haven for \$1,000 as a site for Lake Forest Cemetery. Galen was a surveyor, judge, and representative to the legislature in 1850, and he was Postmaster of Eastmanville from October 20, 1864 to April 7, 1868.

On December 14, 1858 in Grand Haven, Galen married Mary Lucina Ferry, twin of Edward P. Ferry and youngest daughter of Rev. William Ferry. The couple had a son, Timothy, who was born in Grand Haven on October 20, 1865 and died the next year on August 9. Their daughter, Mary Amanda, became Principal of Michigan Seminary. About 1877 the family moved to the "Four Corners" in the West, where Galen was appointed agent at the Navajo Indian Reservation for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. On April 12, 1883, Mary Amanda married a P. B. Johnson against her parents' wishes and moved to Texas. The Johnsons had a child, Kate White Johnson. Six months later the father and daughter died. Mary Amanda remarried, this time to a Mr Fairchild, and rejoined her parents, who in 1885 moved to San Francisco, where Galen opened a hardware store on Mission Street. Galen died on January 18, 1899 in San Francisco. His wife, Mary, who was born on April 2, 1837 [1838], died about June 10, 1903. She was credited with organizing the first infants' Sunday School at the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven and was Secretary of the Women's Social Society. Mary Amanda, who was born on March 9, 1860, died in 1929. [*Tribune* obituary, January 19, 1899 and *Tribune* articles, January 23 and 27, 1899.]

George Eastman I [1828-1896]

George, the son of Timothy and May Jane Barker Eastman, was born in Maine on May 29, 1828 [1825]. On April 25, 1850 in Polkton Township he married Aphia Parry, born in New York State in 1824. In the 1850s they resided in Niagara County, New York. The family moved to Michigan, where they owned land in Polkton Township and purchased 160 acres in Section 22 of Allendale Township. George owned a steam-powered sawmill near Eastmanville. George and his family moved to Robinson Township, where he farmed as much as 800 acres. George died on June 6, 1896 and his wife died December 22, 1895. Both were buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Their daughter Nellie, born in Niagara County on January 3, 1855, married William C. Harper of Robinson Township. Their other children, all born in Michigan, were George II, born on August 20, 1857; Etta, born in 1859; and Jennie, born in 1865. Two other daughters died in infancy.

Mason Eastman I [1826-1860]

In 1855 Mason Eastman and his brother Galen, sons of Dr. Timothy Eastman, platted the Village of Eastmanville. Mason was born in Canaan, Maine on August 2, 1826. He was a surveyor, and drew the plat map for Mill Point in April, 1849. His wife was Emily Amelia Kent, who was born in Dorset, Vermont on March 19, 1831. They were married in Chicago on August 30, 1852 and had a son, Mason II, who was born in Eastmanville on December 18, 1859 and died the following July. Mason died in the town bearing his family name on March 7, 1860. Their children were twins, who were born on October 14, 1854 and died the same day; Walter born on July 14, 1855; and Frederic, born on April 29, 1857.

Timothy Eastman II [1798-1868]

Born in Kingston, New Hampshire on January 17, 1798, Timothy Eastman in 1836 came from Maine to the Village of Scranton [Eastmanville], not long after Dr. George Scranton had arrived as the first settler the previous year. Timothy's parents were Timothy and Abigail Gale Eastman of East Kingston, New Hampshire. Timothy moved to Grand Haven and erected a house on Lot 89 [southeast corner of Elliott and First Streets], and a frame building about halfway between First and Water [Harbor] Streets on the south side of Washington. In 1838 he was elected County Clerk, and he was an Associate Judge at the first session of the Circuit Court, held on May 28, 1839. The post office was established at Polkton on May 28, 1846, and Timothy was named Postmaster, a position he held for a bit more than a year. In 1848 Timothy sold to the city a house on Lot 70 [121 South First] in Grand Haven, on the west side of First and north of Clinton. The residence was remodeled and used as a school between 1851 and 1860, replacing the frame building on Second Street [Lot 186], which continued to be used for other purposes. Timothy was elected to the County Board of Supervisors in 1852. On November 4, 1855, he and his sons platted Eastmanville. In 1856 Timothy became a charter member and Secretary of the Ottawa County Agricultural Society. Trained in medicine in Boston, he was the county's first physician, with an office on Harbor Drive near Franklin Street. He owned a sawmill at Eastmanville and later lived in Robinson Township.

On October 18, 1825, Timothy married May [Mary] Jane Barker, who was born on July 8, 1809. They had nine children, including Mason born on August 2, 1826; George, born May 29, 1828; Galen, born on July 8, 1829; Sarah Jane [May], who was born on February 22, 1831, married Walter Lull of Chicago, Illinois, and died in 1858.; Abbie, who was born on September 29, 1833 and married Jesse B. Thomas of Chicago; Newton, born on October 22, 1842; Mary Sophia, born on April 28, 1844; Octavia Elizageth, born on February 2, 1846; and

and Timothy, born on September 9, 1848. Timothy died in Chicago on February 28, 1868. [*Grand River Packet*, April, May, and June, 1886.]

Egbert Charles Eastway [1843-1912]

Egbert, the son of James and Patty Dale Eastway, was born February 22, 1843 in Erie County, New York. James and Patty owned a farm in Olive Township. On September 29, 1864, while a resident of Robinson Township, Egbert enlisted as Private in Company G of the 14th Michigan Infantry. He was mustered out on July 18, 1865. He died in Grand Rapids on July 5, 1912. On September 22, 1912 his wife, Angeline Esiabel Rogers, applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Angeline was born about 1850 in Michigan. Egbert and Angeline's children were Edgar, born about 1867; Emma, born in 1870; and Herbert, born in 1875.

James Bates Eastway [1793-1886]

James was born in England in 1793, the son of Elias [born 1755] and Mary Bates Eastway. He married Patty Dale, who was born in 1802 and died in 1871 in Olive Township. Their first son, Elias, was born on the Isle of Guernsey, England, in 1829. These three, plus a daughter, Margaret C., born in London on March 30, 1826, immigrated to Erie County, New York about 1833, where James was an engineer. Around 1851 the James and Patty and their growing family, moved to Hillsdale County, Michigan, where several of their children married and remained. The rest of the family moved on to Ottawa County and settled in Olive Township, where they settled in 1856. The next year James became one of the first Justices in the township and he also was among the first officers elected when Olive Township was formed in 1857. By 1860 the Eastways resided in the southeast one-quarter [160 acres] of Section 35 in Robinson Township, where a son later farmed. James died in 1886 and was buried with his wife at Olive Cemetery.

The Eastways' daughter Margaret married Joel Fellows of Olive Township. Their eldest son, Elias, married Rowena "Rena" Tubbs, died on March 11, 1911, and was buried at Olive Township Cemetery. Another daughter, Martha, born in 1832, married Samuel Purchase of Olive Township. A third daughter, Ellen [Hellen], was born on August 28, 1840 and married Ozias Tubbs, also of Olive Township. Egbert, another son, was born on February 22, 1843 in Erie County, New York and served in the Civil War.

Charles W. Eaton [1839-1902]

One of the early pioneer residents of Grand Rapids and an early printer of this area, Charles Eaton learned type-setting in 1852 after school in the office of the *Grand River Times*, the first newspaper published in Grand

Haven. Charles composed a column of "funagraphs" for that paper each week. His father, Harry, lived from 1802 to 1859 and his mother, Cynthia, from 1808 to March 22, 1892. Charles was born in 1839 and died March 21, 1902. The three were buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituary, March 22, 1902.]

Glenn Eaton II [1914-1996]

Born February 19, 1914 in Sykesville, Pennsylvania to Glenn W. and Orrell Phillippi Eaton, Glenn earned a bachelor's degree in forestry from Pennsylvania State University in 1935 and came to Grand Haven in 1939 as Assistant Superintendent of the Civilian Conservation Corps camp, situated in Mulligan's Hollow. After World War II Glenn worked for the Anderson-Bolling Company in Spring Lake; served from 1956 to 1960 on the Grand Haven City Council; and was elected Mayor in 1961 and 1962. He was on the Board of Light and Power and was active with the Tri-Cities Historical Society. Glenn, Chuck Bugielski, and Claude Ver Duin headed the management team of the Coast Guard Festival from 1946 to 1981.

Glenn married Kathryn Kruser on April 8, 1939 in Cleveland, Ohio. They had a daughter, Pamela, who married George Beswick of Grand Haven, and a son, Glenn III of Whitehall, whose wife's name was Meg. Glenn died January 14, 1996. The city named a street serving an industrial park east of Beechtree in his memory. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Joseph Warren Eaton [1875-- ?]

In 1920 Joseph Eaton was Purchasing Agent at the Story & Clark Piano Factory. Ten years later he was General Manager. Joseph was born in Missouri in June, 1875. On April 4, 1910 he married Edvena [Edwina] Erickson, a native of Illinois, who was born on September 8, 1875 and died in Grand Haven in May, 1969. The couple resided at 313 South Second Street [Lake Avenue]. They were married about 1900.

Jacob Ebels [Ebel] [1858- ?]

Listed as a "Farmer and Stockraiser" in the 1912 *Atlas*, Jacob Ebels owned a 60-acre farm in Section 33 and another 80 acres in Section 17 of Olive Township. He was born in Michigan in July, 1858 and came to the Grand Haven area from Zeeland Township before 1880. By 1930 he had accumulated 160 acres. He married Prina [Priena/Pearl] Meeuwsen in Holland, Michigan on October 23, 1879. She was born in Michigan in November, 1860. A son, John, born in June, 1879, was residing with them in 1930. Other children were Cristina, born in October, 1882; Dena, born in December, 1886; Altje, born in May, 1892; and Daniel, born in July, 1896. The children were all born locally.

Henry John Eckelcamp [1856-1942]

Born in The Netherlands on March 1, 1856, Henry Eckelcamp came to the Northwest Ottawa County area about 1879 and lived at Hilbrant Start's Boarding House, 410 River Street in Spring Lake. He worked at the Johnston Boiler factory. On November 19, 1885, he married Reintje Vos, who lived from May 28, 1861 to November 11, 1951. Also born in The Netherlands, Reintje arrived in Spring Lake about the same time as Henry and resided at Start's Boarding House. Reintje was the daughter of Anthony Vos. The Eckelcamps' children, all born locally, included John, born in May, 1886; Kathryn [Cathryn] "Katy," who was born on April 1, 1888 and married John William Cooper of Spring Lake; Toney, born in March, 1890; Gertrude, who was born on December 10, 1891 and married Harry Bolton of Spring Lake; Joe, born on September 17, 1893, and Mary, born in November, 1895. Henry died on October 28, 1942. He and Reintje were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Joseph Eckelcamp [1893-1976]

Joe, born September 17, 1893 in Spring Lake, was the son of Henry and Reintje Bos Eckelcamp. Joe's first job was with Challenge Refrigerator in Grand Haven in 1908. He got to his job by foot, Interurban, or bicycle. Later he went to work for Johnston Boiler, then Pace and La Fleur Seating Company, which manufactured toilet seats. After a brief return to Challenge, Joe started working for the Village in 1934, and became Spring Lake Superintendent of Public Works on April 7, 1947. Joe retired in 1960. On November 20, 1915 in Spring Lake, he married Bessie, daughter of Fred Nehmer. She was born April 17, 1893 in Crockery Township and was a teacher. Joe and Bessie lived in the Eckelcamp family home at 227 East River. Bessie died on May 20, 1964. Joe passed away on June 16, 1976 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife.

Adolph Edward Eckert [1874-1955]

Born October 31, 1874 [1873] in Schwerin, Germany, Adolph Eckert came to the United States in 1892. He was appointed Superintendent of the Liquid Carbonic Company in Chicago and held similar positions with Russ Soda Fountain in Cleveland before moving to the Tri-Cities in 1928. He served as Works Manager for Bastian Blessing Company until his retirement in 1952. Even after retirement he spent some time designing new products. He was a member of Rotary, Elks, and Grand Haven Stag Club. On October 31, 1896 he married Marie Pauline Runge in Chicago. She died on October 14, 1952. Their only child, George, born about 1904, moved to Chula Vista, California. Adolph died on March 26, 1955 in Chula Vista following a heart attack

while visiting his son. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 28, 1955.]

M. Harry Edenborough [1866- ?]

Harry and his wife, Nellie, were Proprietors of the Rockaway Oyster Bar at 26-28 Washington in the early 1900s. They lived on the second floor. Harry was born in England in July, 1866. Nellie, also a native of England, was born in November, 1871. He immigrated to America in 1883, she ten years earlier. Prior to coming to Grand Haven, the couple lived in Chicago, where Harry was State Game Warden for Illinois. They were married in 1899.

Cora Edge [1888-1971]

Cora Edge taught art at Grand Haven High School from 1934 to 1953. She was born on June 19, 1888 and died in Grand Rapids on September 17, 1971.

Chase Edgerly [1811-1854]

Chase Edgerly was an early arrival in West Michigan. His sister Eliza married Hiram Osgood, and they settled in Grandville, Michigan. Their son George became a partner with Chase, and they comprised the "Edgerly & Osgood" Lillie referred to as Proprietors of the Washington House in Grand Haven [12 Washington] in 1851. The next year the partners sold the business to Clark Albee. Chase, who was born on December 18, 1811 in Epping, New Hampshire, returned to the Grand Rapids area, where he died on December 9, 1854. His parents were Jonathan and Hannah Osgood Edgerly. Chase's wife was Sarah Ann Brown, who was born in Salisbury, Massachusetts on November 28, 1821. They were married in Grandville on April 7, 1842. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Eliza, born about 1843; Harriet, born about 1845; Charles, born about 1847; and Francis, born about February, 1850.

Charles Edmonds [@1870-1908]

On June 24, 1896 in Petoskey, Charles Edmonds married Shirley [Shurly] Irene Vander Hoef. She was the daughter of Orson and Mary Vander Hoef of Grand Haven. The Edmonds resided in Kalamazoo in 1900. After his death about February 8, 1908, Shirley moved in with her father at 318 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. She continued living there until her death about May 21, 1959. Charles was born in Indiana around April, 1870. Charles and Shirley had three children: Caroline Ruth, born in California on May 30, 1898; Dorothy A., born in Michigan about 1901; and Charles O., born in Michigan about 1903. At the time of Caroline Edmonds's death on October 29, 1974, she was residing in the family home.

Archie L. "Roy" Edwards [@1919-2001]

Roy Edwards was Director of the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power from 1963 to 1975. Prior to that assignment he had been Director of Public Works at Niles, Michigan, Project Engineer for power plant expansion and water problems in Holland, and Superintendent of the power plant in Columbia, Missouri. Roy served in the army during WWII. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri and Columbia. He retired from Consumers Power in 1984 as Senior Engineer for the fossil fuel division. His wife's name was Louise. They had three children and lived at 209 Grandview in Grand Haven. Roy died on February 16, 2001 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Chronicle* obituary, February 22, 2001.]

James Duff Edward [Edwards] [1856-1924]

Born in Aberdeen, Scotland in September, 1856, the son of George Edward, who was a native of Scotland, James was the youngest of a family of eight, including George, Jennie, Tibbie, John, Joseph, Alexander, and Mary. His three brothers came to America before his parents and Tibbie arrived in 1892. John and Mary remained in Scotland. Jennie died and George immigrated to Australia. James's parents were members of the Scotch Free Church.

At the age of 20 James set sail for America, arriving in 1876 at Johnsville [Agnew]. In Agnew he was employed in a sawmill and manufactured fruit crates and baskets. By the early 1890s he and Fred Churchill owned the Edward & Churchill Company in Agnew. The firm manufactured crates for celery, berries, peaches, and grapes, and also offered "Custom Sawing, Planing and Matching. Custom Feed Grinding During Season." James also owned a 40-acre farm in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township.

James became President and General Manager of the Grand Haven Basket Company, which was founded in 1897 and located in Grand Haven on Sixth Street between Madison and Elliott. James served as County Grain Commissioner. He was a Republican and was not connected with any denomination, although he preferred the Unitarian Church. On October 18, 1879, in Van Buren County, Michigan, he married Cynthia I. Munger, who was born in Michigan and lived from February, 1858 [1859] to about April 30, 1930. They had four children, all born locally: Tibbie [Tibbee/Tibbitha], born in July, 1883; George C., born in August, 1886; Rheba, who was born in April, 1891 and married Arthur J. Bolt of Muskegon; and Nicola, who lived from March, 1893 to 1914. The Edward family resided at 425 Lafayette Street. Donna Meeusen, life-long resident of Grand Haven, was his granddaughter. Mary passed away around August 12, 1922, and James died in late August, 1924. He and his wife were buried at Lake Forest

Cemetery. [*Portraits and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Michigan*, pp. 508- 509, *Tribune* obituary, December 14, 1900.]

Joseph Edward [Edwards] [1847-1900]

Born in Aberdeen, Scotland on June 11, 1847, Joseph was the son of George Edward. His sister, Isabella, who was born in Scotland about 1843 and married Abercrombie G. Boyd of Agnew, later moved to Schoolcraft, Michigan. James Edward, President of the Grand Haven Basket Factory, was his brother. Joseph was a policeman in Scotland and came to Agnew in 1871, where he had a 40-acre farm in Section 27 of Grand Haven Township. He held various offices and was Justice of the Peace in Grand Haven Township. He and his wife, Ellen, had eight children. Ellen was born in Indiana in October, 1855. Joseph was found dead in the river under the trestle works, near Kilbourn's factory on December 13, 1900. He apparently fell from the trestle, struck his head on the ice, and then drowned. He was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 14, 1900.]

Roy Edwards [1919-2001]

See Archie L. "Roy" Edwards.

H. W. Eelman [Elman/Elmann] [1850- ?]

Listed in the 1912 *Atlas* as a "Farmer, Stockraiser and Dairyman." Eelman owned 80 acres in Section 18 of Olive Township. He was born about 1850 and came to the area in 1888.

Nyle A. Eggert [1906-1966]

In June, 1944 Nyle Eggert moved his company, National Products, from Muskegon to Grand Haven. The firm produced display racks and store fixtures. On January 2, 1966 Nyle, his son Dick, and the son's fiancé, Jeri Petretti, died in a plane crash. They were coming back to Grand Haven after spending the holidays at Fort Lauderdale, Florida and had planned to arrive by mid-Sunday afternoon at Grand Haven Airport. After the accident, Nyle's other son, Paul, took over management of the firm, then located at 725 Taylor. Nyle, who was born on March 11, 1906, resided on Judson Road in Spring Lake Township. In the mid-1970s Paul and his wife, Valerie, moved from 2010 Vista Place in Grand Haven to a large home they constructed in the Wilderness, about four miles south of Grand Haven [12525 Lakeshore Drive]. Paul was born in 1935. Nyle passed away about January 1, 1966 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 3, 1966.]

Paul M. Eich II [1922-2002]

The son of Paul M. and Emma Eich, Paul II was born in Cicero, Illinois on June 7, 1922. After serving with the

Navy during WWII, he married Elizabeth Headley on June 26, 1945. Elizabeth was born in 1926. In Grand Haven, he worked as a machinist for Cooper Industries until his retirement in 1981. Paul also operated Pleasant Acres Blueberry Farm, located at 14711 Lake Michigan Drive in Grand Haven Township. The Eiches were members of the United Lutheran Church of Agnew, where Paul served as Congregational Chairman. He also was a member and honor guard of the Charles Conklin American Legion Post 28 and a Boy Scout leader for more than 34 years. Paul and Elizabeth had a son, Robert, who resided in Grand Haven with his wife, Lois. At the time of his death on April 2, 2002, Paul's home was located at 1007 Orchard in Grand Haven. He and Elizabeth were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery

Michael Eicher [1888-1964]

About June 26, 1929, Michael Eicher rowed across Lake Michigan from Milwaukee to Grand Haven. It took him 27 hours in his 14-foot skiff. He was born on December 20, 1888 and died in Wisconsin, in May, 1964.

Stephen T. Eilander [@1854-1933]

Listed in the 1912 *Atlas* as a "Farmer and Stockraiser," Stephen Eilander owned an 80-acre farm in Section 29 of Olive Township. Born in The Netherlands around 1854, he came to the area in 1888. His wife, Antonia "Tonia," was born around 1864. Stephen died on January 17, 1933 in Olive Township.

Gerrit [Garret] Ekkens [1878-1962]

Gerrit was born on August 20, 1878 in Grand Haven, the son of Wiebbe [Webbe] and Katerina [Catherine] "Kate" Van Lopik Ekkens. Gerrit started working for his grandfather, Gerrit, when he was 11 years old. He quit school the next year and worked full time in the store. His grandfather owned a grocery store starting in 1880 in the building which later became the site of the Hostetter News Agency [135 Washington]. In 1885 Van Lopik moved his store to 209 Washington and ten years later across the street to 206, where it remained for decades. Starting in the 1920s, Gerrit Ekkens operated a small store for about 15 years on Lake Avenue for the summer residents in Highland Park. After a brief partnership with Arie Van Toll, Gerrit became sole owner of the downtown grocery store in 1913 and retired in 1956. Part of his business was making and curing cheese, and he continued to deliver cheeses to customers on a regular route on foot even after retirement. He shipped cheeses to customers throughout the United States. He became known locally as the "Cheese King." Gerrit was a life member of the First Reformed Church.

On September 22, 1904, Gerrit married Marguerite J. "Cora" Pippel, who died about October 7, 1970. They lived most of their married life at 531 Lake Avenue in

Grand Haven. Their daughter Katherine C. was born about 1906. Gerrit died on February 20, 1962 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Marguerite, who was born on February 25, 1882, died in Grand Haven around October 10, 1970 and was buried with her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, February 21, 1963, and *Tribune* article, "Development of Resort Life," November 2, 1984.]

Wiebbe [Webbe] Ekkens [@1849-1878]

Wiebbe Ekkens, who was born in The Netherlands about 1849, died around April 13, 1887. He was a sailor. He and his wife, Kate [Katerina/Catherine], resided at 525 Lake in Grand Haven. Kate, the daughter of Gerrit Peter and Elizabeth Van Lett Van Lopik, was born October 18, 1856 and died on May 9, 1936. By 1920 Kate was sharing her house on Lake Avenue with her widowed son Anthony, who was born November 28, 1886. Tony died in March, 1966 in Grand Haven. Both Wiebbe and Kate were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. Their other children, all born in Grand Haven, were Roelof, who lived from September 30, 1876 to July 29, 1879; Gerrit, who was born on August 20, 1878; Ralph, who lived from December 14, 1880 to August 17, 1894; Elizabeth "Lizzie," who lived from October 6, 1882 to December 3, 1904; and John, who lived from October 23, 1884 to May 3, 1909.

Eilke Ekster [Exter] [1816-1903]

A native of The Netherlands, Eilke Ekster married Grietje "Maggie" Smit, also from The Netherlands. Their daughter Gertrude [Geertruida] married Jan "John" Koster of Spring Lake. Eilke began work at the age of 14. By 1870 the Eksters had moved from Detroit to the Spring Lake area, where Eilke worked in a sawmill. Ten years later they were living on a farm in Crockery Township. Eilke lived from 1816 to 1903 and Grietje from 1810 to 1906. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Peter Ekster [1855-1918]

In 1880 Paul was a student in Grand Rapids. In July, 1883, he became the first minister of the Christian Reformed Church in Spring Lake. He was paid \$600 a year, plus housing. By 1889 Rev. Ekster was at the Holland Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids. He lived from 1855 to July 17, 1918 and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

Isaac P. Elenbaas [1884-1957]

Listed in the 1912 *Atlas* as a "Farmer and Stockraiser," Isaac Elenbaas owned 60 acres in Section 13 of Olive Township. Born on August 26, 1884, he came to the area in 1906 and died on August 3, 1957 in Borculo. He married Alice H. Guerink, who was born on July 26, 1884 and died in Georgetown Township on June 7,

1971. Isaac's parents were Peter Joshua and Geertje "Jane" Elenbaas, who were married in Ottawa County on November 17, 1874.

John C. Elenbaas [1889- ?]

Listed in the 1912 *Atlas* as a "Farmer and Stockraiser," John Elenbaas owned 40 acres in Section 10 of Olive Township. He was born about 1889.

Marvin J. Elenbaas [1906-1973]

A native of Zeeland, Michigan, Marvin Elenbaas was born on July 15, 1906 and died in Grand Haven on February 15, 1973. In the late 1920s he owned Marv's Tire Shop at 107 North Seventh. On October 15, 1936 he married Frances Weavers in Grand Haven. Frances lived from March 7, 1905 to November 19, 1998.

Harry[Henry] Noel Elkington [1840-1920]

A native of London, England, where he was born in 1840, Harry Elkington came to America in 1861 and to Grand Haven around 1870. In 1868, the year of his marriage, Harry was a merchant in St. Joseph, Michigan. From 1870 to 1879 he was employed by the Goodrich Transportation Company. In 1875 he became Cashier and Bookkeeper for the Stearns Manufacturing Company in Grand Haven. On May 7, 1868 in St. Joseph he married Sarah Amenia Plumb. She was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut on June 26 1848, the daughter of Marcus and Maria Plumb. She died in Chicago on October 11, 1899 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Harry was residing in Waukesha, Wisconsin in 1920, the year he died. He also was buried at Lake Forest. The Elkingtons had seven children, including Ruth, who died of cancer on April 9, 1975. Other children, all born in Michigan, were Charles, born in 1869; Grace, born in 1872; and Adelaide, born in 1876. [*Tribune* obituary, October 16, 1899.]

Henry [Harris] "Harry" Ellicot [1806-1884]

See Henry Elliott.

Louis Burton Ellingson II [1902-1967]

Louis Ellingson II married Marie Hanson in her family's home at 732 Franklin Street on October 4, 1923. Marie was the daughter of Burton and Ruth Mae Watkins Hanson. Louis worked at Challenge Machinery, but also was deeply involved in his model train hobby. At one time he laid out a miniature replica of the City of Grand Haven and its railroads in the basement of his home at 415 Lake Avenue. For many years Marie was Secretary for Leo Lilly, a Grand Haven attorney, and later she was employed by Julian Hatton I at Eagle Ottawa. Marie, with the assistance of Chriss Sprott and Louise Roloff, helped obtain the house at 315 Franklin, which became headquarters for the local Girl Scout troop. Marie was a Troop Leader and she helped establish the Girl Scout

summer camp near Fruitport. She joined the Eastern Star in 1925 and remained a loyal member until her death. Marie worked for the Ration Board during WWII. She and Louis were among the organizers of the Christian Science Church in Grand Haven.

The Ellingson's children were Patricia, Wesley Jay Crane, nephew of Wesley Lee; Cordelia "Dilly," who died at Ocean Shores, Washington on November 16, 1997; Harriette, and Louis III. The family moved from a house they built at 1220 Slayton to 415 Lake Avenue. In 1951 they moved to Claremont, California. Louis was born October 2, 1902 and died in Upland, California on October 29, 1967. Marie was born on June 1, 1904 and died in Ocean Shores, Washington on August 19, 1997. Her daughter, Harriette Dodgson, lived in Ocean Shores.

Arthur Ward Elliott [Elliot] [1876-1947]

Arthur Elliott served a total of 21 years as President of the Grand Haven School Board. His daughter, Martha Frances, at about the age of 14, in 1916 won a contest to name the Robinhood Theater. She was given year's worth of passes to the movie house for her success. In 1913 Arthur and his brother, Barton Elliott, with a few other local businessmen, took over the Peerless Glove Company at 13 South Second. In 1922 the firm moved into a newly constructed three-story building on the corner of Seventh and Elliott Streets. They sold the business to Pioneer Rubber Company of Willard, Ohio in June, 1945. The company closed permanently in 1952. Arthur was born on a farm near New Castle, Henry County, Indiana on April 26, 1876 and died about December 8, 1948. On January 9, 1902 in Henry County, he married Alice C. Loer. Alice, who was born in Henry County around 1884, passed away about December 23, 1963. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Among their children were Myron L., born in Indiana about 1910; John R., born in Illinois about 1911; J. Pierson, born about 1913 in Michigan; and Charles R., born about 1918 in Michigan. In 1930 the family resided at 630 Fulton and later they were located at 421 Leggat.

Barton Warren Elliott [Elliot] [1877-1965]

In the summer of 1913 Barton Elliott arrived in Grand Haven from Chicago to buy out Perry Benjamin's share of the Peerless Glove Company. Before long he and his brother, Arthur Elliott, owned the entire business. In 1922 the firm moved into a newly constructed three-story building on the corner of Seventh and Elliott Streets. They sold the business to Pioneer Rubber Company of Willard, Ohio in June, 1945. The company closed permanently in 1952. Barton served as Mayor of Grand Haven in 1922 and 1923. He also served as Chair of the Board of Appeals, as a director of the Chamber of Commerce, and he was an active volunteer with the Boy

Scouts. Barton belonged to the Spring Lake County Club, Elks, and Knights Templar. He married Mabel Brothers of Cincinnati on September 23, 1908. He and Mabel resided at 316 South Fifth Street, and then before 1930 moved to 621 Lafayette Street, where they remained until their deaths. After the Grand Haven Congregational Church closed, he and Mabel joined the Presbyterian Church. Mabel was born in Ohio around 1884 and died in Grand Haven in 1952. After her death Barton married Rose Lauderman, a lifelong friend from his hometown of New Castle. Barton was born on a farm near New Castle, Henry County, Indiana on September 4, 1877. He passed away in Grand Haven around July 31, 1965 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, 1965.]

Henry [Harris] “Harry” Elliot [Elliott/Eliot/Ellicott] [c.1806-1884]

Harris “Harry” [Henry/Harvey] Ellicott [Elliott/Eliot] and his family joined the growing number of Blacks who settled in the Spring Lake area before 1850. Harry, a laborer, was born in Maysville, Kentucky [Missouri] about 1806 [1810]. He and his wife, Jozet [Joselt], had one child, Elie, born in Michigan about September, 1849. Jozet, born in Michigan about 1810 [1820], was classified as Indian. Another household member in the 1850 census was Sophia Tillis, born in 1843, enumerated as Black and a Michigan native. By 1860 Harry and Jozet were living in Grand Haven. On December 28, 1863, in Grand Haven, Harry enlisted and served with Company H of the 102nd U.S. Colored Infantry. He was discharged in January 18, 1866 with a disability. Harry was not located in the 1870 census, but in 1880 he was residing on Madison Street in Grand Haven. In the same household in 1880 were John H. Elliot, born in Michigan about 1873, Catharine Hendricks, a White woman, born about 1840 in Ireland, and John Dewyer, also White, born in Canada around 1850. Harry and John Dewyer were classified as dock workers. The 1880 census showed that John Elliot’s mother was born in Ireland, so Catharine may be Harry’s wife and the childrens’ mother. However, in the census she was listed as housekeeper and boarder, and their relationship was not specified. The *Grand Haven Tribune*, long after the incident, reported this anecdote about Harry: “Few of us remember Henry Elliott, but we all remember him as Nigger Harry. Amid the booming of cannon and the Grand Haven band playing patriotic airs, Nigger Harry led the large Democratic procession, astride a mule, with a large banner inscribed on both sides, ‘I dun got de mule, war’s de forty acres.’” The article reported that the Republican Party had promised voters “40 acres of land and a mule” if Ulysses Grant were elected in 1868. The Civil War hero did defeat his Democratic opponent, but the transfer of land did not occur. Apparently Harry’s display in the parade upset some people, “the

opposition party, especially . . . the colored people,” the article continued. Later that night “[Harry’s] hut was surrounded, he was taken to the river and thrown in. His friends came to the rescue, and after a copious draft of Kentucky mountain dew, he was escorted home richer by ten dollars. After that, Nigger Harry considered himself a hero.” [*Tribune* article, “Reminiscences of Early Settlers,” March 30, 1899.] Harry was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery on April 3, 1884.

Edmund K. Ellis [1899-1992] and Kathleen Hatton Ellis [1901-1947]

In 1940 Edmund Ellis and Julian Hatton I started the Hatton Leather Company at 743 Park Street, and two years later they bought Eagle Ottawa and combined operations. Edmund became a sales executive with Eagle Ottawa after the two businesses were combined. He was a Colonel in the Army during WWII. In 1964 he represented Michigan at the Republican National Convention.

On December 29, 1928 Edmund married Kathleen, daughter of William and Elizabeth Hatton. Born in Bay Shore, Long Island, New York on July 27, 1901, Kathleen graduated from Akeley Hall and in 1923 from the University of Michigan. Kathleen was seriously injured in July, 1927, when she fell into a manhole opening on Howard Street, left open by a city employee. She was a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. She attended St. John’s Episcopal Church, and was a member of the Girl Scout Council, Grand Haven Women’s Club, St. Elizabeth’s Guild, Tuesday Musicales, D.A.R., Red Cross, Central Parent Teachers Association, and Women’s Golf Association at the Spring Lake Country Club. The Ellises’ children were Julia, who was born about October, 1929, and Kathleen Virginia. The family lived at 420 Howard Street. Kathleen died unexpectedly at her home on August 17, 1947 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Ellis’s next wife, Elizabeth B., was an artist. She studied costume design and illustration at Columbia University. In 1962 she designed the layout and figures for the nativity scene that is displayed at the Musical Fountain each Christmas season. Beverly Mills Dornbos lent Betty some hand-carved camels from Egypt to use as models. The Ellises continued to reside at the home on Howard Street. Edmund was born in Washington, D.C. on September 29, 1899 and died in Grand Haven on June 29, 1992. Elizabeth lived from March 19, 1900 to July 10, 1998. Ellis and Kathleen were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 18, 1947.]

Norman Tanner Ellis [1900-1983]

Born September 27, 1900 in Grand Rapids, Norman Ellis worked with the Tropical Paint & Oil Company in Cleveland, Ohio. He went to night school and was

promoted to chemist. In 1923 he was employed at the Grand Rapids Filtration plant until he came to Grand Haven. He was a graduate of Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. Norman was the City Chemist for Grand Haven and tested the water for 9,400 days, from May 18, 1929 to October 1, 1965. He was a member of the Methodist Church of the Dunes and belonged to the Rotary Club, Masons, the Low 12 Club, and the Command of Muskegon.

On June 1, 1929 Norman married Lois Frye, and they resided at 632 Clinton. Lois passed away on December 19, 1968, and Ellis died on February 19, 1983. They had a son Ralph and a daughter Lois, who married John Henderson of Spring Lake. Another daughter, Marian, was born about 1930. [*Tribune* article, "Norman T. Ellis Tests City Water," October 12, 1965, and *Tribune* obituary, February 19, 1983.]

Edward S. Emert [1859-1922]

Listed in the 1912 *Atlas* as a "Farmer and Stockraiser," Edward Emert owned a 40-acre farm in Section 11 of Blenden Township. Born in Indiana in 1859, he came to the area in 1886. His wife's name was Mary. Edward passed away in 1922 and was buried at Blenden Township Cemetery.

Ello Elwin Emery I [1856-1944]

In the 1880 census Ello Emery was classified as a Landscape Artist. He was born in Manchester, New Hampshire on November 27, 1856. On March 12, 1890 in Ann Arbor, he married Christine [Tennie] McLillian. She was born in Canada and lived from April 29, 1867 to January 14, 1943. Ello died a few months later, around April 20, 1944. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ello Emery II, their son, was born on November 10, 1895, and Iola, a daughter, was born around 1898 and died on June 9, 1976. She, too, was buried at Lake Forest. The Emerys' children were born in Illinois. The family resided at 1423 Washington in 1910, 1203 Washington in 1920, 1014 Sheldon Road around 1930 and again at 1203 Washington in the early 1940s.

Ello Elwin Emery II [1895-1983]

Born in Chicago on November 10, 1895, Ello Emery II graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1915 and served with the Engineering Corps in France during WWI. He was the son of Ello and Christine Emery I. Ello II attended the University of Michigan and was Superintendent of Construction for the City of Grand Haven for 26 years. Prior to that he was a partner with Hartger Jonker in the Jonker & Emery Construction Company, which specialized in masonry and concrete. He was a member of the Second Reformed Church, United Church of Sun City, Oakmont Lawn Bowling

Club, Fairway Lawn Bowling Club, Square Club of Sun City, WWI Barracks, and the Masons.

On September 15, 1920 Ello married Marie, daughter of Fred and Ann Verhoeks Jonker. Marie was born on November 4, 1896 and died in Tempe, Arizona on May 14, 1994. In 1943 the Emery family was living at 435 Columbus. The Emerys' children included Marjorie Highfield of Grand Rapids and Jacquelyn Groff of Sun City, Arizona. Ello died in Tempe on March 24, 1983. [*Tribune* obituary, April 1, 1983.]

James Emery [1832-1899]

Born in Bedfordshire, England, on January 25, 1832, James Emery came to America in 1859, living for a short time in Cincinnati, where his uncle, Thomas Emery, owned some of the most valuable properties, including the Emery and Palace Hotels. James soon moved to Milwaukee, and in 1870 settled in Spring Lake. Originally a house painter, he later entered the insurance business. His advertisement in the 1893 *Directory* asked "What Will Our Friends Say When We Are Gone: Will Not Their First Inquiry Be . . . WAS HE WELL INSURED?" In England, James married Lucy Adams, who was born in 1831 and died on September 3, 1893. The Emerys attended the Baptist Church of Spring Lake. In 1890 James built a house at 114 East Savidge in Spring Lake. It was destroyed in the 1893 fire, and he then rebuilt on the same site. The couple had four children: Annie, who was born in England about 1855 and married George Perry of Spring Lake; Eva, who was born about 1857 in Wisconsin, married Orlin O. Fletcher, and moved to South Carolina and New York; Florence, who was born in Wisconsin around 1859 and married Hiram Potts, originally of Grand Haven and later of Detroit; and Joseph Emery, who was born about 1860 and later moved to Detroit. After Lucy's death, James married Ellen McLean [McLain] of Fruitport, who died April 10, 1899. James died January 1 [2], 1899 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Lucy. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 4, 1893, January 3, 1899, and April 11, 1899.]

William Jershoran Emery [1855-1934]

A farmer, William Emery in 1918 owned 133 acres in Section 30 of Robinson Township. He was born in Adrian, Michigan on February 2, 1855 and arrived in the Grand Haven area in 1879. He was listed in the 1912 *Atlas* as "Stockraiser." In the early 1890s he was located in Section 10 of Olive Township. He married Catherine Jane Goodwin in Olive Township on March 13, 1881. She was born in Fenwick, Canada and died in Nunica on July 29, 1955. William passed away at his home in Robinson Township on May 26, 1934. Their children were Roseanna E. who was born on January 26, 1882, married Edward Smalley, and died on January 10, 1968;

Bertha M., who was born on August 31, 1883, married Adelbert [Burton] Crary, and died on October 10, 1974; Etta J., who was born on January 10, 1885, married John Hill, and died on January 30, 1966; Amy Lydia, who was born on September 28, 1886, married Jay Burton Smalley, and died on February 25, 1968; Ethel, William's twin, who was born on February 28, 1890; died on May 2, 1904, and was buried at Grand Haven Historic Cemetery; William J. II, Ethel's twin, who was born on February 28, 1890 and died the same day; Chester W., who was born October 4, 1891, married Birdie Mae Tuttle, died October 11 1966, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; and Nina Lowika, who was born on June 27, 1901 married Rubel Barnett, and died on January 13, 1989. All except Roseanna were born in Olive Township.

Andrew Jackson Emlaw [1829-1914]

Born in Alburgh Springs, Vermont on February 5, 1829, Andrew was the son of Michael and Wealthy Maxfield Emlaw, both natives of New York. Wealthy lived from 1794 to 1873 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her son and his family. Wealthy was the daughter of Isaac Maxfield of Scottish origin. Michael, born at Lake Champlain in 1800, was a cooper by trade. Michael and Wealthy had eight children, Andrew being number six. In 1849 Andrew came to Grand Haven, working as a millwright and in the construction of sawmills. By 1863 he owned a sawmill in Muskegon. Five years after he formed a partnership with Carlton L. Storrs & Company of Grand Haven in 1866, Andrew changed the company name to Reynolds & Emlaw. The sawmill, erected in 1867 north of the South Channel on the Grand River, burned down eight years later. About 1880 the Grand Haven Lumber Company was organized with Charles Boyden as President and Andrew as Vice President. Andrew teamed up with George W. Miller in 1891 to provide the area's first source of electricity, operating from a building on the southwest corner of Water Street [Harbor Drive] and Clinton. The 1893 *Compendium* listed Andrew as a "Gas Manufacturer" and as President of the Grand Haven Gas Light Company. He was a Republican.

On October 31, 1872 in Grand Rapids. Andrew married Louisa Bentham of Grand Haven. They had two children, including Harlan Stigand Emlaw, who was born on August 8, 1873 in Grand Haven and Martha Louise, who was born March 12, 1879. Martha graduated from Akeley Institute in 1897 and entered the University of Michigan as a special student. After graduation in 1902, Martha taught in Spring Lake schools, but had to resign because of ill health. She died September 19, 1903. In the 1908 *City Directory* Andrew was listed as "retired" and living at 404 Franklin with his wife. He suffered his third major stroke and died on

June 16, 1914. Louisa, who was born in England in November, 1837, came to the United States in 1858. She died one year after her husband and was buried with him and other Emlaw family members at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Michigan*, p. 132, and *Tribune* obituary, September 19, 1903.]

Harlan Stigand Emlaw [1873-1953]

Harlan, the son of Andrew and Louisa Bentham Emlaw, was born on August 8, 1873 in Grand Haven and died on February 5, 1953 in York, South Carolina. On June 26, 1901 in Spring Lake, he married Alice, the daughter of Aloys and Mary Alice Thompson Bilz of Spring Lake, who was born in 1877. Harlan and his wife and their daughter resided in the family home at 404 Franklin in 1920, before moving to Massachusetts, where Harlan was a mining engineer. Alice died about January 3, 1943. She and Harlan were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Isaac [Isaak/Izaak] Emlaw [1825-1913]

Born in Vermont [Franklin County, New York] in 1825, Isaac Emlaw came to Grand Haven in 1844 and worked in the lumber mills. Three years later, on March 25, 1847, he married Sarah Jane Baxter, who was born around 1824 in New York. They became residents of Spring Lake Township. On October 2, 1863 he enlisted as Private in Company C of the 10th Michigan Cavalry. He was mustered out on March 16, 1865 with the rank of Corporal. On November 24, 1871 Isaac applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. Beginning in 1877 he was associated with Andrew Emlaw's sawmill at Grand Haven. By 1880 Isaac and Sarah were residing in Tallmadge Township. They had at least two children: George M., who was born in Michigan about 1849, and Clara L., who was born about 1857 and died on August 5, 1873 in Grand Haven. George became a lumber inspector in Muskegon. On September 7, 1894, in Ionia County, Isaac married Calista Murray Cusser. He moved to Montgomery County, Ohio, where he was included in the 1910 census as an inmate at the National Military Home. At that time he was a widower. He died on February 28, 1913 and was buried at Dayton National Cemetery in Ohio.

Miner [Minor] J. Emlaw [1838-1910]

Born in New York in July, 1838 [1842], Miner Emlaw was enumerated in the 1860 census as a resident of Spring Lake Township. He served in two outfits during the Civil War. On October 2, 1863 he enlisted in Company H of the 3rd Michigan Infantry and on July 23, 1863 he transferred to the 137th Company, 2nd Battalion, Veteran Reserve Corps. He was wounded and lost an arm at the Battle of Fair Oaks, Virginia, on May 31, 1862 and was discharged for wounds on June 8, 1865.

Miner was listed as a lumber scaler in the 1880 census, as lumber inspector in the 1889-1890 Muskegon *Directory*, and as "tallyman" in the 1893 *Compendium*.

Miner married Elizabeth "Lizzie" Van Uithoven in Ottawa County about 1886. She was born in The Netherlands on September 16, 1863 and came to Grand Haven when she was three years old. Miner passed away on May 20, 1922 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On June 4, 1910 she applied for a widow's Civil War pension. The Emlaws lived in Spring Lake Township. They had two children: Frank J., who was born in March, 1884 and moved to Muskegon, and Jane [Jennie] L., who was born on March 30, 1885 and married George Swart of Grand Haven. When Elizabeth died about September 12, 1951, she resided at 111 Eighth Street. She was buried at Lake Forest.

Nels Engberg [1884-1966]

Nels Engberg was the last person to serve as lighthouse keeper in Grand Haven. He took over from Charles Bavry in 1926 and served until 1939. Living with him in the keeper's apartment at 900 South Harbor was his wife, Anna M., who was a native of Michigan, where she was born August 6, 1894. The Engbergs had three sons, all born in Michigan: Myron, who was born August 21, 1915 and died in Palos Heights, Illinois on June 10, 2002; Floyd J., who was born on December 13, 1917 and died in San Leandro, California on July 10, 1995; and Millard, born about 1922. Nels was born in Sweden on August 9, 1884 and died in Rapid River [Delta County], Michigan in May, 1966. Anna passed away in Belding, Michigan on November 26, 1992.

Michael Engelmann [Engelman/Engleman] [1832-@1886]

Around 1869 Michael [Nathaniel] Engelmann bought the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad and organized the Englemann Transportation Company, with headquarters in Milwaukee. His ships, including *Ironsides*, sailed Lake Michigan, primarily between Milwaukee, Manistee, and Grand Haven. Around 1871 George Stickney was the company's agent in Grand Haven. By 1873 the Grand Haven office was headed by Seymour Humphrey. In 1875 Michael sold his business to Northwestern Transportation, also of Milwaukee. [Northwestern was absorbed by Goodrich Transportation Co. in 1881.] In 1876 he owned 81 acres along the shores of Spring Lake, just east of the Village, where Spring Lake Beach later was located. Michael was born in Bavaria [Germany] in 1832. He later entered the lumbering business in Manistee, where he, his wife, Sophia, and their children resided in 1880. Michael's will was dated January 27, 1886. Sophia died two years later, on January 29. Both died in Manistee.

Alfred [Albert] W. Enouy [1860-1945]

Alfred Enouy and his wife, Lena Luss, operated an establishment at the "Foot of Washington Street" that offered "Boats, Fishing, Tackle, Minnows, and Restaurant." By 1908 Alfred was Foreman at the Crosby Dock. Alfred was born in Canada in February, and came to Grand Haven from Stratford, Ontario in 1884. He died in 1945. The Enouys' home was at 212 Water [Harbor]. Lena evidently inherited the restaurant and boat livery from her first husband, Henry Luss of Grand Haven, who died in 1883. Lena, the daughter of Frederick Johannes and Dorothea Behm, was born in Germany in May, 1855 and died in 1920. The Enouys' son, George F., was born on January 2, 1891 and died in 1919. Mother and son were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Frederick Ensing [1858-1935]

Frederick Ensing, who was born in The Netherlands and lived from November, 1858 [1859] to 1935, owned a Harness & Shoe Store at 212 West Savidge in Spring Lake in the early part of the 20th century. He also offered repair work. He arrived in the United States in 1871. Before moving to Spring Lake, Frederick sold shoes and boots from his home on Plainfield Avenue in Grand Rapids as early as 1890. His wife, Anna, was born in The Netherlands in March, 1861, came to the United States in 1868, and died in 1932. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had a daughter, Anna, born in March, 1884, and a son, John H., born in August, 1886. Both were born in Michigan. The family residence was in Section 1 of Spring Lake Township, near the Fruitport Township line.

Alyce Rudeen Erickson [1906-1999]

Alyce was born in Minot, North Dakota on October 26, 1906, the daughter of Alfred and Eugenia Rudeen. She graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota in 1929 with a degree in mathematics and physics. She was appointed to the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics at Langley, Virginia, to be a research mathematician. Alyce was with the organization ten years and met such people as Orville Wright, Charles Lindbergh, and other noted pioneers in aviation. In 1940 she married E. Vincent "Vyn" Erickson. Their children included Martha A. Erickson of Boston and John V. of San Francisco. The Ericksons resided at 345 Woodlawn in Grand Haven. Vyn died on February 13, 1985 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Alyce died January 24, 1999. [*Tribune* obituaries, February 14, 1985 and January 25, 1999.]

E. Vincent "Vyn" Erickson [1906-1985]

Born in Muskegon, January 5, 1906, Vyn was the son of John and Ida Erickson. In 1929 he graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York as a mechanical engineer and taught in the engineering

department for a year. He was manager of the New York export office of Carrier Corp. from 1935 to 1939, when he moved to Grand Haven and joined Keller Tool Company in 1940. He was President of Keller Tool from 1952 to 1955. When the company merged he became Director and Senior Vice President of Gardner-Denver Company until his retirement in 1961. He was a member of the Grand Haven Planning Commission, First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, Rotary, Spring Lake Country Club, Detroit Economic Club, Otsego Ski Club, Peninsular Club of Grand Rapids, Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, and Grand Haven School Board from 1945 to 1952. Vyn also was on the Committee for Economic Development and served as Trustee of Alma College from 1954 to 1975. He was Director the Michigan Highway Department from 1971 to 1975, a founding Director of JSJ Corporation, Director of Security First Bank & Trust Company [Old Kent Bank], Chairman of Wolverine World Wide, Inc. of Rockford from 1967 to 1970, Director of Walworth Company, AGM Industries, Besser Company, and Michigan Plastic Products Company, and advisor and Trustee of the Loutit Foundation from 1955 to 1977. In 1962 he was granted an honorary Doctor of Law degree from Grand Valley State College.

In 1940 Vyn married Alyce Rudeen of Minot, North Dakota. Their children included Martha A. Erickson of Boston, and John V. of San Francisco. The Ericksons resided at 345 Woodlawn in Grand Haven. Vyn died on February 13, 1985 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Alyce died January 24, 1999 and was buried with her husband at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituaries, February 14, 1985 and January 25, 1999.]

Martin Andrew Erickson [1902-1986]

Born in Boyne Falls, Michigan on March 9, 1902, Martin was the son of Andrew and Maria Erickson. He came to Grand Haven in 1924. He was Manager for A & P Markets in Grand Haven and Muskegon. He later owned and operated Erickson's Super Market, formerly Sheffield Brothers, at 416 Franklin Street. His grand opening ad for Saturday, July 7, 1934 said in part, "We would like to have a chance to earn your confidence and patronage by a trial order on opening day." He retired from the grocery business in 1972. Martin was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Grand Haven Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, and the Grand Haven Stag Club. Martin also was on the Board of Directors for Spartan stores and he was a board member of the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power.

On September 15, 1924 Martin married Zeta A. Emerson in Muskegon. She was born on June 25, 1902 and died on June 7, 1983, just short of 81. Their children included Kenneth, who was born about 1928 and moved to Perrysburg, Ohio; Shirley, who married Donald

Swifney of Grand Haven; and Robert of Lansing. The Ericksons resided at 1400 Sheldon, Grand Haven, and later at 1822 Pine Court. Martin died November 8, 1986 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, November 9, 1986.]

Aubrey Ernst [1905-1984]

Born in Ferry, Michigan on July 30, 1905 to Phillip and Lettie Ernst, Aubrey moved to Grand Haven in 1924 to work for the Thieleman Auto Company at 33 Franklin. In 1926 the dealership moved to 12-16 North Third Street. He became Manager of Thieleman's in 1940. He and Arnold Redeker purchased the business in 1952, when Gust Thieleman retired. Aubrey sold the business to Arnie Redeker in 1966. Aubrey was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, American Legion, Grand Haven Rotary, Spring Lake Country Club, Grand Haven Stag Club, and Grand Haven Library Board. On June 23, 1937 he married Margaret Kleet in Whitehall. Born on March 12, 1908, she died in Florida on August 13, 1982. Their children were William of Muskegon, Daniel of Holt, and James of Novi. The Ernst family resided at 414 Howard Street, Grand Haven. Aubrey died April 2, 1984 at Hackley Hospital in Muskegon and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, April 4, 1984.]

Bernath "Bub" Ernst [1912-1991]

Born on February 27, 1912 in Nunica to William and Anna Ernst, Bernath graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1930 and attended Michigan State University. He was a veteran of WWII. Nunica's postmaster for 37 years, Bub retired in 1976. He was a real estate agent and operator of Ernst Dairy. He was a member of the American Legion and Masonic Lodge, and he was active with the Boy Scouts and a member of the Nunica School Board. In Spring Lake on October 14, 1939 Bub married Mary Frazer, who lived from 1908 to August 21, 1988. Their children included Valerie, who married James Porenta of Grand Haven, and Michael Ernst. Bub died July 17 1991. [*Tribune* obituary, July 17, 1991.]

Casper [Casper] Ernst [@1830- ?]

A resident of Nunica, Casper Ernst on September 23, 1861, enlisted as First Lieutenant with Company F of the 14th Michigan Infantry. He was promoted to Captain of Company E on July 27, 1863 and to Major on February 23, 1865. He was mustered out on July 18, 1865. He applied for an invalid's Civil War pension on February 20, 1879. Casper was born in Germany about 1830. In 1860 he was living in Albion, Michigan, where he was employed as Superintendent of a railroad company. In 1881 he was a barber, residing in Grand Rapids.

Henry Ernst [1834-1925]

Henry Ernst purchased 56 acres in Section 14 of Crockery Township in 1858. He built a small house on the site soon after his purchase, and by 1870 he had constructed a more substantial home. He was still farming the land in 1918. Henry was credited with platting the Village of Nunica in 1865. He was born in Germany June, 1834, and came to the United States in 1837. His wife, Sarah Jane, was born in Ireland or Scotland on December 26, 1836 and arrived in the United States at the age of five. Their children were Eva, born in 1857; William H., who was born on April 26, 1862, died on May 24, 1943, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery; Louis C., who was born in December, 1863, died on September 23, 1875, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery; and Lena, born in 1869. Henry passed away on December 29, 1925 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery.

Marvin G. Ernst [1928-1996]

Born October 6, 1928 in Ferry, Michigan to Burl and Agnes Chrisman Ernst, Marvin was the brother of Melvin, Marjorie, and Elaine. He owned and operated Ernst Manufacturing, which later became ERMANCO. After selling that business he bought the Cabinet Shop, which he owned until 1979, when he retired and moved to Florida. In Florida he started Kitchen Interiors in Bradenton and owned that until 1984. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven and the Kirkwood Presbyterian Church in Florida. He served on the Committee for Economic Development of Grand Haven.

Marvin married Jane C. Bewalda on June 20, 1953 in Grand Haven. Their children included Susan, who married Michael Wright of Lakeland, Florida, and Eric of Tampa, whose wife's name was Lynn. Marvin died August 12, 1996 at his home in Bradenton and was buried at Pine Ridge Memorial Gardens in Florida. [Tribune obituary, August 14, 1996.]

Clarence W. "Doc" Eshleman [1901-1975]

In 1930 Clarence Eshleman started his pharmaceutical career by working for Leon Campbell at his drugstore in Spring Lake, which in June, 1923 was moved from 208 West Savidge to 200. Clarence replaced Claude Voss, who had been with Campbell four years, but was named Postmaster in 1930. In 1948 Clarence purchased the business from Campbell. Sixteen years later his son, Jon, joined his father, and in 1970 Clarence sold his remaining interest in the drugstore to William Ruhl. Clarence, the son of Simon Eshleman, was born in Yale, Michigan on April 23, 1901 and died in Spring Lake on June 24, 1975. He married Ruth Vink in Spring Lake on September 18, 1936. In addition to Jon, the Eshlemans had a second son, Lee B., who lived in Grand Rapids. The Eshleman residence was 512 East Exchange. After

her husband's death, Ruth was located at 514 East Exchange. She was born on June 14, 1916 and died in Spring Lake on September 26, 1996.

Charles Knight Esler [@1856-1904]

Born in Clinton, Michigan about 1856, Charles Esler and Joseph Esler purchased the *Grand Haven Evening Venture* from Edward Northrup around 1887. Charles and Joseph sold their interests in the newspaper to Horrace Nichols in 1891 for \$1,500. On November 10, 1879 Charles married de Ette [De Ella/De Ette] Patterson in Reed, Michigan. She was born in Clinton around 1862. Their first child, Lee, was born in Cadillac, Michigan on October 9, 1880. Two other children, Daniel, born on June 22, 1882, and Dora, born in 1883, also were natives of Grand Haven, as was Jay, who was born on March 20, 1887. Another son, Dana, died in Grand Haven about October 25, 1888 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Another child, Harry K., was born in Lansing, Michigan on September 6, 1892. This child was followed by Arthur K., born on November 7, 1893, and Bertha Knight, born on December 25, 1896. Both Arthur and Bertha were born in Lansing. The Eslers came to Grand Haven from Clare, Michigan. They settled in Lansing, Michigan, after leaving Grand Haven, where Charles became a druggist. He died about September 6, 1904.

Harold J. Essebaggers [1907-1999]

In 1945 Harold Essebaggers bought Franklin Press at 517 Fulton. In 1960 he moved the business to the industrial park at 1619 Marion. From 1968 to 1977 Harold Falenbrack owned Franklin Press. In 1978 Harold Essebaggers' son Jim bought back the business. Harold Essebaggers and his wife, Catherine H., resided at 527 James Street in Spring Lake. Harold was born on July 11, 1907 and died in Spring Lake on May 17, 1999.

John B. Estelle [1839-1910]

John Estelle was born in Ohio on January 21, 1839. On October 14, 1861 he enlisted as Private in Company G of the 2nd Ohio Cavalry and was discharged on June 20 the next year for disability. Then, on December 7, 1863, while in Hillsdale, Michigan, he enlisted in Company E of the 5th Michigan Cavalry, again with the rank of Private, and was discharged on July 5, 1865. John was listed twice as missing in action, first on March 1, 1864 near Richmond, Virginia, and then on June 11, 1864, at Trevillian Station, Virginia. After the war he settled on a farm in Olive Township, where he died on June 6, 1910. John was buried at Olive Cemetery with his mother, Rebecka A. Estelle, who lived from 1814 to 1896. His wife, Emily M., was born in October, 1843 in New York. On July 5, 1910 she applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Harry, born about 1867, and Walter,

born about 1882, both of Olive Township, were John's and Rebecca's sons.

Walter G. Estelle [1882- ?]

Walter Estelle, who was listed in the 1912 *Atlas* as a "Farmer and Stockraiser," owned land in Sections 10 and 11 of Olive Township. He was born in Indiana in November, 1882 and arrived in Olive Township in 1890 with his parents, John B. and Emily M. Estelle. His wife, Laura, was born in Michigan about 1879. Their children, all born locally, were Paul, born about 1907, and Marcia, born about 1909. In 1910 Walter's brother, Harry, was residing with him, as was Harry's wife, Esther. Harry was born in Indiana about 1867. Esther was a native of Sweden, where she was born about 1882. Walter's and Harry's father, John B. Estelle, also was residing at Walter's house in 1910.

Charles M. Ettinger [1896-1980]

Born in Indiana on February 26, 1896, Charles Ettinger worked for Security First Savings Bank [Old Kent/Fifth Third] in Grand Haven. In 1923 he married Marie Adolphia, the daughter of Edward and Mary Vesta Doan Garnsey of Grand Haven. In 1930 the Ettingers resided in Saginaw, where Charles sold bonds. After Adolphia's mother died in 1967, she and Charles moved to the Garnsey summer home at 11837 Lakeshore Drive. Marie donated flower holders and other items to the Tri-Cities Historical Museum. Charles died in Grand Haven on December 27, 1980. Adolphia was born in Illinois on January 22, 1896 and died in Grand Haven on February 21, 1990.

Daniel H. Evans [? - ?]

Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven from 1866 to 1869, Rev. Daniel Evans delivered a eulogy at the funeral of Rev. William M. Ferry on Thursday, January 2, 1868.

Thomas Alfred Evans [1882-1949]

A native of Maryland, where he was born on April 15, 1882, Thomas Evans was Engineer for the U.S. Government and worked on the steamer *Mead*. His wife's name was Deane, and they resided at 207 South Seventh. The couple resided in Grand Haven as early as 1920, when they lived at 307 Clinton Street and Thomas was a steamboat engineer. Thomas was a member of the Grand Haven Stag Club. He passed away about August 6, 1949 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Deane, who was born in Michigan around 1895, died about July 14, 1970 and was buried with her husband.

Charles Everest [1885-1967]

Charles Everest was the first Highland Park Manager and served in that capacity from 1936 to 1953 during the summer months. He supervised the park and looked

after rentals. In 1937 owners in Highland Park erected a small building across the street from the Bil-Mar Restaurant to serve as the Park Manager's office. About the same time Charles owned Baldpate Inn at 20 Crescent Hill in Highland Park. He was born on August 25, 1885 and died in Grand Rapids in August, 1967.

Moses Everett [1818- ?]

Moses Everett was School Inspector for Grand Haven Union High School in 1862. He was included in the Grand Haven census of 1860, where he was listed as a grocer. Moses was born in Worthington, Massachusetts on June 14, 1818. His parents were Andrew and Betsey Everett. Moses had two wives: Eunice Birdsall, whom he married on August 15, 1839 in Newburgh, New York, and, Hannah Birdsall, whom he married in November, 1852, also in Newburgh, New York. Hannah was born in New York about 1828. Moses's children were Julia, born around 1845 in New York, Harriet, born about 1848, also in New York, Herbert, born around 1856 in Massachusetts; Irving, born about 1860 in Michigan; and Alma, born about 1863, also in Michigan. In 1860 Moses was a grocer in Grand Haven, where he resided with his family. By 1870 Moses and his family were living in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he was a store clerk. Ten years later he owned a farm in Plainfield, Michigan, and by 1900 he was back in Grand Rapids. Moses and Phineas Everett were brothers.

Phineas Franklin Everett [1812-1894]

For six months in 1852 Franklin Everett and his wife took charge of the new school on First Street, built and opened in 1851 and supervised that year by Mary A. White. Franklin was the first person employed to manage the school. Phineas Franklin Everett was born in Worthington, Massachusetts on January 26, 1812. His parents were Andrew and Betsey Everett. A graduate of Colby College in Maine in 1838, Franklin moved to Grand Rapids in 1846, where he became Principal of the Grand River Academy, a post he held for the next 28 years, except for an occasional interval, such as his brief stay in Grand Haven. Franklin was the author of *Memorials of the Grand River Valley*. He died, blind and in poor health, on February 1, 1894 in Grand Rapids. He married Thirza Cudworth on May 23, 1839. She was born September 21, 1816 in Chesterfield, Massachusetts, and preceded Franklin in death by seven years, dying on July 3, 1887. Her parents were Joe Clapp and Chloe Curtis Cudworth. Both Franklin and Thirza were buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Grand Rapids Township. The Everetts had three children: Cadette, who was born in Vermont on February 17, 1840 and died January 12, 1927; Delle E., who was born on January 12, 1853 and died on March 4, 1881; and Linden W., who lived from June 12, 1860 to March 10,

1861 and was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery, as was his sister Delle. Phineas and Moses Everett were brothers.

Edward William Ewald [1886- ?]

Edward Ewald by 1928 owned the Ewald Drug Company, located at 216 Washington. Edward sold the business to Amo and Arthur Wheeler in 1946. On May 23, 1923 he married Maude Swanson, who was born in Michigan about 1895. The couple resided at 515 Woodlawn. Edward was born near Ludington, Michigan on December 24, 1886. He was the son of Gottlieb and Minnie Smith Ewald of Grand Haven and later of Ludington.

Wilhelmina “Minnie” Elsie C. A. Smith Ewald [1848-1925]

When the forerunner of Rosy Mound School opened in 1861 at the corner of Ferris Street and Lakeshore Drive in Section 9 in Grand Haven Township, Minnie Smith was the first teacher. She would have been only slightly older than her students. Minnie was paid \$56 her first year. She married Gottlieb Heinrich F. Ewald in Grand Haven on December 1, 1868 and subsequently moved to Ludington. He served with Company D of the 29th Michigan Infantry from August 17, 1864 to September 6, 1865. He applied for a soldier's pension on May 4, 1889 and again on August 8, 1894. Minnie died on April 7, 1925. Gottlieb was born in 1845 and passed away on November 25, 1903. Both were buried at Lakeview Cemetery in Mason County. Arnold and Edward Smith of Grand Haven were Minnie's brothers.

Adlai [Adley] Thord Ewing [1846-1920]

Hailing from Illinois, Adlai T. Ewing purchased property in Sections 2 and 3 of Spring Lake Township, areas later known as Belle Point and Windy Point. Around 1894 he built a summer home that he called Chestnut Hill, located at or near 18600 West Spring Lake Road, now the site of St. Lazare Retreat, in the Belle Point neighborhood at the northwest corner of Spring Lake, between Cornelius and Stahl Bayous. Approximately 10 years later Adlai sold that property and built another summer place he named Glenewing. The poet Edgar Lee Masters was among the guests who visited the cottage. On September 4, 1896, Adlai's cousin, Adlai Ewing Stevenson [1835-1914], Adlai Stevenson's wife, Letitia Green, and their daughter arrived for a visit. Adlai Stevenson, an attorney, was then Vice President of the United States. The group boarded the *Fanny M. Rose*, under the command of Rushton Cobb, and was taken for a boat trip on Spring Lake, down the Grand, and into Lake Michigan.

Adlai Ewing was an early director on the board of the Spring Lake Country Club. On December 4, 1879 he married Kate [Hattie] Hyde, who was born on January

11, 1851 in Buffalo, New York and died about May 12, 1899. They had at least three daughters, all born in Illinois: Annette, born on November 3, 1882, Marjorie, born around 1883 and Lucy, born around 1885. Annette and Lucy were residing with their widowed father in Chicago in 1910, and Lucy was still with him in 1920. Annette married Jervis R. Harbeck, who owned a summer home near Belle Point. Adlai, who was born in Bloomington, Illinois on February 5, 1846, passed away in Chicago on November 2, 1920. [*Tribune* obituary, May 12, 1899.]

Albert O. Ewing [1843- ?]

Albert Ewing, who was born in Wisconsin about 1843, settled in the Grand Haven area around 1870. He planted peach trees and had a vineyard in Peach Plains on his 82-acre farm in Sections 27 and 34 of northern Grand Haven Township. He married Anna [Annabel] Stoner, who was born in Washington, Pennsylvania about 1846 [1844]. One son, Frank, was born in Grand Haven on August 18, 1870, and another son, Frederick, was born on April 26, 1874. Both were born locally. The Ewings sold their land to Walter R. Phillips and moved to Jefferson County, Iowa, where Anna passed away on September 12, 1884.

Burke McKendree Ewing I [1894-1974]

Over his lifetime, Burke Ewing spent summers in the Grand Haven area and made his home in the area from time to time. The son of Alvin E. and Carlotta Walkley Bailey Ewing, Burke was born in Grand Rapids on July 30, 1894. After serving as Radioman with the Navy during WWI, he married Marjorie Elizabeth Kelley on June 14, 1919 in Windham, Connecticut. Marjorie was born on March 19, 1897 in New Haven, Connecticut to Halsey W. and Myra Johnson Kelley. Burke worked for Leonard Refrigerator in Spring Lake around 1920, and subsequently was employed as a draftsman and architectural engineer at the Sheldon Corporation in Muskegon and Brunswick Corporation in Muskegon, Chicago, and Marion, Virginia. He retired from Brunswick in 1959. In 1946 Marjorie and Burke purchased a farm house on 64 acres at 17217 Lincoln Street. The acreage abutted Burke's mother's property that extended west to the lakeshore. Burke and Marjorie sold the house and land over a period of years. In the year of his retirement, Burke constructed a one-bedroom summer home at the southeast corner [17007 Lincoln] of their original purchase. In the 1960s he and his brother, Walkley, and sister, Doris, subdivided a part of the Ewing land along Lakeshore Drive and Lincoln Street, and a new street running east from Lakeshore called Burkshire. The developers named the subdivision Ewingwood, and it became the site of several dozen residences. Burke and Marjorie had four children: Ann Elizabeth, born in Grand Rapids on March 11, 1921;

Nancy Hank, who was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on July 9, 1922 and died in Del Mar, California on November 10, 1987; Burke McKendree II, born in Chicago, Illinois, on May 29, 1925; and Wallace Kelley, born in Grand Rapids on September 11, 1932. Ann, Nancy, and Burke II attended Rosy Mound School during the 1931-1932 school year. Wallace attended schools in Grand Haven and Ferrysburg, and in 1983 moved into his parents' home at 17007 Lincoln with his wife, Nancy. After Nancy's death on June 8, 2005, Wallace on August 26, 2006 married Betty Jane Pickel Livingston, formerly of Norton Shores. After Marjorie's death in Florida on February 1, 1964, Burke married Beatrice Bowman, a long-time family friend, in Leland, Michigan on October 7 the same year. Bea was born in Chapin, Michigan on December 25, 1901 and died in Grand Haven on January 8, 1992. Burke passed away in Grand Haven on June 22, 1974. Marjorie, Bea, and Burke were buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Carlotta Parthenia Walkley Bailey Ewing [1870-1971]

Carlotta was born on November 11, 1870 in Muskegon County, the daughter of Wyllys S. Walkley. He graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1879 and became Assistant Marine Surgeon and physician with offices in Spring Lake and Grand Haven from 1879 to his death in Grand Haven in 1917. Carlotta was born on November 11, 1870 in Bailey, Muskegon County, Michigan. She was the daughter of Wyllys S. Walkley, who was a Marine Surgeon, graduate of the University of Michigan in 1879, and later physician with offices in Spring Lake and Grand Haven from 1879 to his death in Grand Haven in 1917. Carlotta, whose mother died when she was two years old, was raised by Freeborn F. Bailey of East Paris, near Grand Rapids. She attended Hillsdale Academy and graduated from Hillsdale College in 1892. In 1886 she was the first woman to receive the Dickerson Medal for gymnastics ability. After marriage, she earned some fame as an elocutionist and reader of dramatic and humorous literature, including such novels as *Les Miserables* and *Tillie, The Mennonite Maid*. Carlotta earned a master degree from the University of Michigan in 1916 and subsequently worked for Child and Family Services, traveling the state to visit children in their foster or adopted homes..

On April 5, 1893 in Grand Rapids she married Alvin Enoch Ewing. Alvin lived from November 10, 1864 to January 18, 1945, studied at Hillsdale College, and was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives for the 1892 to 1893 term. Alvin later received his law degree from the University of Michigan and practiced his profession in Grand Rapids. The Ewings had three

children, all born in Grand Rapids: Burke McKendree I, who was born on July 30, 1894; Doris, who was born on April 28, 1898, served with the Red Cross in India during WWII, retired in 1963 as Recreation Director at Biggs Air Force Base in Texas, and passed away in Grand Haven on March 8, 1998; and Walkley Bailey, who was born on June 14, 1901, married Harriet Elizabeth Edwards in Grand Haven on July 31, 1920, and died on September 4, 1993. Walkley was founder and President of the Sunscreen Company in Fajardo, Puerto Rico, where he manufactured "Sunscreen," a specially-designed screening he invented that blocked the sun's heat but let in light. It was used extensively on commercial buildings before central air became common.

In 1910 Carlotta and her husband bought 30 acres of lakefront just south of Rosy Mound, where they built a cottage. Ten years later they sold a portion of the Rosy Mound property and bought 199 acres about two miles south of that spot, an area they called the "Wilderness." The natural wooded beauty of the dunes and the expansive beach made the Wilderness attractive to others, and it became a second home to many Grand Rapids residents. Alvin retired in 1940 and died January 19, 1945 in Grand Haven. A few years later Carlotta moved to El Paso, Texas with her daughter until Doris retired in 1963. They then returned to Grand Haven, eventually buying a house at 1408 Sheldon Road. Carlotta died March 18, 1971, a few months after her 100th birthday, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. Doris passed away on March 6, 1998, a few weeks short of her 100th. [*Tribune* article, "Celebrates 100th," November 9, 1970, and *Tribune* obituary, March 18 1971.]

Edgar G. Ewing [1879- ?]

In the early 1930s Edgar Ewing was Inspector of Boilers with the U. S. Steamboat Inspection Service in Grand Haven. Edgar was born in Springfield, Tennessee on October 7, 1879. On July 18, 1918 in El Paso County, Texas, he married Florence Chambers. She was born in Saginaw, Michigan in 1880. In Grand Haven the couple resided at 518 Washington.

Frederick Ewing [@1859-1935]

In the 1920s Frederick Ewing owned a shoe shop in Spring Lake. He was born about 1859 in The Netherlands. His wife, Anna, was born approximately two years later. He died around October 8, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Frederick Orman Ewing [1874-1935]

Fred Ewing was born on April 26, 1874 and died on October 2, 1935. He married Cora Mae Reed in Saginaw on July 31, 1897. In 1918 Fred and Cora were

living in Saginaw, where he was employed as a millwright. Fred was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery in the same plot as William H. Ewing, who lived from 1886 to about April 30, 1931, and may have been Fred's brother. Fred's parents were Albert and Anna Stoner Ewing of Grand Haven.

Harry S. Ewing [1883- ?]

Harry Ewing was a feature for many years in downtown Grand Haven with his mobile popcorn stand. In addition, in the 1920s he was employed at the Piano Factory, and in 1930 he was listed as Proprietor of a lunch counter, probably a reference to his popcorn stand. Harry was born in October, 1883 and his wife, Carrie, was born in June, 1886. Both were natives of Michigan. Carrie was the daughter of George M. and Amelia Graves, who lived in Muskegon in 1900. Harry, the nephew of Frances Sanford, wife of George D. Sanford of Grand Haven, was residing with the Sanford family at 620 Washington in 1900, and he was still living there in 1920 with his wife and son, Douglas. Douglas was born in Illinois about 1910. Harry, Carrie, and Carrie's parents were residing at 424 Slayton in 1930, but a few years later the two Ewings were in a home near Potawatomie Bayou.

Andrew Falls [1861-1913]

Born in Ireland in November, 1861, Andrew Falls immigrated with his parents to Canada and then on to the United States. Samuel Falls was his brother. After working out west for a time, Andrew arrived in Spring Lake in 1878. In 1880 he was an employee at one of the local sawmills. Andrew had two Spring Lake grocery stores at different times, and delivered groceries to his customers by boat and by wagon. The first store was situated on the southwest corner of Jackson and Savidge Streets, where Eshleman's Drug Store later stood [200 West Savidge], which he sold to Fred J. Bertschy. In association with Charles Wilde, Andrew also operated a livery stable on the northwest corner of Division and Savidge Streets, which he sold to Henry Sprick in 1915. Andrew ran an advertisement in 1912, which read, "Flour, Feed, Hay and Grain. Crockery and Glassware. Coal and Wood." He also offered, "Livery, Team Work, Draying and Moving. Agent for Grand Rapids, Grand Haven and Milwaukee Railway." His brother Samuel worked with him until opening his own business in 1898.

On January 10, 1885 Andrew married Mary Clark, who was born in Ireland in February, 1861 and died December 17, 1903. Their children, all born locally, included Margaret, who was born about September, 1887 and married Stewart T. Stone of Detroit; Frances, born in August, 1888; William A., who was born in November, 1891 and lived in Detroit with his wife,

Ethel; Hazel, born in December, 1894; Clark, born in November, 1898; and Bernice, born in April, 1899. After Mary's death, Andrew married her sister, Julia Clark, on February 28, 1911, who was born in Michigan in November, 1871. Andrew died at his home in Spring Lake on October 20, 1913. He and his first wife were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 18, 1903 and October 23, 1913.]

Samuel Falls [1872-1943]

Born in Canada in March, 1872 [1869], Samuel Falls came to Spring Lake in 1883. His first job was with the Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company, and then he became an employee of Sisson & Lilley at their mill in White Cloud. Two years later he returned to Spring Lake and worked with his brother Andrew in the livery and grocery businesses. In 1898 he started a dry goods and shoe store in partnership with Barbara Brongersma of Spring Lake, and three years later he bought out her share. Samuel ran the business himself until his retirement in 1931. His store was first located at 206 West Savidge. He then erected a new structure [Falls Block] near the southeast corner of Savidge and Jackson [120 West Savidge]. The post office was moved to the site just east of the new store. Samuel was Postmaster of Spring Lake from 1901 to 1911, and he was in the real estate business, as well. Samuel developed Long View Resort with Chauncey Blakeslee and William M. Connelly. On October 23, 1901 he married Ada Henderson in Ontario, Canada. Ada was born in Armada, Michigan in 1877 and died August 18, 1945 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Samuel died in 1943 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had no children.

Benjamin Fanner [@1828-1899]

Sometime prior to 1866 Benjamin Fanner was auctioned off to the *lowest* bidder at a public meeting. Homeless and estranged from his family, Ben was unable to support himself. His mind was never clear, but Ben was nonetheless capable and trusted to do countless small jobs. To provide for his room and board, the city auctioned Ben to the lowest bidder willing to meet his basic physical needs. The city would pay the bidder for Ben's care, and Ben worked for his keep. That changed when on January 22, 1867 Ben Fanner was one of the first to be admitted to the newly established Ottawa County Poor farm with the ledger notation "foolish and here for life." Born about 1828 in Michigan, Ben died on the farm in 1899 and was buried at the cemetery there. During the restoration of the cemetery in 2010, his burial site was given a plaque bearing his name. [Composed by Marjorie Viveen.]

Burt Fant [1887-1940]

In the early 1900s Burt Fant was a machine operator at Kilbourn's kit factory, but by the mid-1920s he operated a barbershop at 200 Washington. He married Ella Bretschnieder in Grand Haven on July 16, 1909. They resided at 110 Williams Street in Grand Haven. The Fants had a daughter, June, born locally about 1915. The son of John T. and Cornelia Lievense Fant, Burt was born on October 18, 1887 and died about December 30, 1939. Ella died around September 10, 1958. Burt and Ella were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. William Fant was his brother.

Howard Wesley Fant [1911-1993]

Born in Grand Haven on May 24, 1911 to William and Theresa Norcross Fant, Howard attended Western Michigan and the University of Michigan, where he earned his law degree in 1934. He returned to Grand Haven to work for Attorney Leo C. Lillie and in 1941 began his own general practice. He formed a partnership, called Scholten and Fant, with Harvey L. Scholten on August 1, 1957. Howard retired in 1974, following a triple heart bypass operation the year before. He served as Grand Haven City Attorney from 1937 to 1940 and again from 1954 to 1972. Howard acted as legal counsel to several area townships. He served on the County Board of Supervisors from 1937 to 1940 and again from 1954 to 1968. From 1941 to 1948 he was County Prosecutor, except during his service in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1945, where he rose to Lieutenant Senior Grade. His law office was at 228½ Washington. He was active in the State Bar of Michigan, American Bar Association, First Presbyterian Church, Rotary Club, Spring Lake Country Club, Kiwanis Club, and Chamber of Commerce, and he had been a partner in the Tom Johnston Gravel Company.

On October 10, 1937 Howard married Jean Aileen Johnston. Jean, the daughter of Thomas J. and Grace R. Henning Johnston, lived from March 3, 1911 to September 1, 1996. The Fants' home was at 100 Sherman in Grand Haven. Their children included Mary E., who married Mike Sebastian of Grand Rapids; Martha A., who married Larry Schneider of Rockford; and Nick of Grand Haven, whose wife's name was Cindy. Howard died in Grand Haven on July 19, 1993 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 19, 1993.]

John T. Fant [1853-1915]

In the 1893 *Compendium* John Fant was listed as a "hostler," someone who tends to guests' horses at inns and hotels. John was born in England and lived from April, 1853 [1855] to 1915. His wife, Cornelia, born in Holland, Michigan, was the daughter of William and Gertrude Brewer Lievense. She lived from June, 1856 [1858] to 1927. Both were buried at Lake Forest

Cemetery. William, who was born in September, 1882 [1883], and Burt [Burtus], born in October, 1887 [1888], were their sons. Both sons were born locally. They also had a daughter, Gertrude, who first married Egbert Westerhof of Grand Haven and then, after his death, married Joseph Correll, also of Grand Haven. The Fant family resided on Elliott Street.

William Fant [1882-1955]

Born in Grand Haven, September 7, 1882, William was the son of John T. and Cornelia Lievense Fant. Burt Fant was William's brother. The 1908 *City Directory* listed William Fant and Stuart [Stewart/Steward] Stone as Proprietors of the Ideal Poolroom at 102 Washington. In 1909 William took over the Grand Haven Monument Works, located on the northeast corner of Third and Fulton Streets in Grand Haven, and renamed it William Fant Monument Works. He built several of the mausoleums in Lake Forest Cemetery, using Rock of Ages granite from Vermont. He was Chairman of the Cemetery Board and member of the Spring Lake Country Club, Grand Haven Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Eagles, Odd Fellows, Chamber of Commerce, and Citizens Historical Association.

On February 5, 1908 William married Theresa Etheline Norcross, who was born in Grand Haven on October 12, 1886. She was the daughter of Silas and Ida Dunbar Norcross of Grand Haven. Theresa died about May 24, 1965 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Fants, who lived first at 520 Pennoyer and later at 634 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven, had two sons, Howard Wesley, born on May 24, 1911, and William John, born on March 31, 1915. William was a researcher for the Bendix Corp. in South Bend, Indiana. He died about August 22, 1955 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [Citizens Historical Association, October 11, 1941, and *Tribune* obituary, September 3, 1996.]

John Truman Farnham [1855-1930]

On December 19 [18], 1883 John Farnham married Catherine A. Furlong at St. Patrick's Church in Grand Haven. She was born in Grand Haven on November 21, 1861, the daughter of John Furlong. John started sailing out of Grand Haven in 1870, and over the years was engineer on such vessels as *St. Mary*, *Shepard*, *Jerome*, *Claude*, *Minnie Sutton*, *Centennial*, and *Pentland*, all out of Grand Haven. In 1880 John was classified as a steamboat engineer. In 1895 he moved to Chicago to work as Chief Engineer with Armour Elevator, but he and Catherine continued to visit Grand Haven in the summers. Their daughter Rose, born in Grand Haven on October 25, 1891, married John Epp. Other children, all born in Grand Haven, were Mary Delia, born on April 2, 1885; John, born in 1889; and W. Vincent, born in 1893. John, who was born in Fulton, Oswego County, New

York in 1855, was the son of Byron and Bodelia Hunt Farnham, who later moved to Grand Haven. John died November 9, 1930, and Catherine died ten years later, on November 30, 1940. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with John's parents.

L. Byron Farnham [1834-1919]

About 1869 Byron Farnham moved to Grand Haven with his wife, Bodelia "Delia" Hunt Farnham, and their son, John T., who was born on December 19 [18], 1855, in Fulton, Oswego County, New York. A daughter, Mattie [Matie], was born in Grand Haven about 1874 and married William D. Bakker of that city. Byron worked on a dredge in Grand Haven, and eventually owned his own tug. He was born in New York in 1834, and Delia was born in Ireland in 1838 and passed away in Grand Haven on February 7, 1884. On July 3, 1886 in Grand Haven, Byron married Anna "Annie" Van Dot, who was born in The Netherlands about 1861. In 1900 Byron, Anna, and a son, Ralph Louis, resided at 442 Slayton. Ralph was born on December 22, 1887. Byron died about January 18, 1919. Both he and Delia were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

Ralph Louis Farnham [1887-1945]

Ralph, the son of L. Byron and Delia Farnham, was born in Grand Haven on December 22, 1887. His wife, Sue B., was born in Michigan about 1886. She died about December 4, 1956 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. Ralph and Sue had a daughter, Lois A., who was born about 1916. The family resided at 442 Slayton, which was Ralph's family home. Ralph was sales manager at Fountain Specialty.

George Alexander Farr I [1842-1914]

Born on July 27, 1842 in Tonawanda, New York, George Farr moved to Monroe, Michigan with his parents in 1851. On May 1, 1861, in Lenawee County, he enlisted as Private in Company K of the 1st Michigan Infantry. He was mustered out the following August 7. George graduated from Michigan Agricultural College [Michigan State University] in 1870, and in 1873 was admitted to the bar and joined the office of Healy C. Akeley. In 1876 he opened his own law office in Grand Haven. He was City Attorney; member of the Board of Education; Trustee of the Northern Michigan Insane Asylum; State Senator from 1879 to 1882; Vice President of the National Bank of Grand Haven; Regent of the University of Michigan; Collector of Customs for the Port of Grand Haven for nine years; and agent for the American Surety Company. He was Republican in politics and in 1880 he represented his party at the Republican National Convention. George also belonged to the Blue Lodge, F. & A. M., and Knights Templar.

On September 24, 1879 George married Susan Cornelia Slayton, who was Principal at Grand Haven High School in the 1870s. Susan, the daughter of Thomas Orlando and Susan Harris Slayton, was born August 3, 1853 in Stowe, Vermont. The Farrs lived at 420 Howard in Grand Haven. Their children were Frances I, who was born on October 9, 1880 and in Grand Haven on June 2, 1903 married Daniel F. Zimmerman of Grand Rapids; George Alexander II, who was born on July 9, 1882 and shared law offices at 228 Washington with his father; Natalie Sarah, who was born August 8, 1887 and married H. B. Cornell of Freda, Houghton County, Michigan; Millison Cutler, who was born May 12, 1889 and married Leroy W. Ranney of Greenville, Michigan; Leslie Susan [Susan Leslie], who was born on September 10, 1891 and died around May 22, 1947; and Caroline "Carrie" Eleanor, who was born February 6, 1893. George I died at his home on August 4, 1914 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Susan, the mother, died about January 16, 1928 in San Diego. [*Tribune* obituary, August 5, 1914.]

George Alexander Farr II [1882-1929]

Born on July 9, 1882, George Farr graduated from the University of Michigan Law School and was in practice with his father, George A. Farr I, who was one of the earliest and best-known attorneys in continuous practice in Ottawa County. Susan Cornelia Slayton Farr was young George's mother. George II was Secretary/Treasurer of Western Piano Supply Company, which was owned by John Corl and operated in Grand Haven between 1903 and 1910. George II died December 13, 1929 in San Diego, California and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Friends Want George A. Farr, Jr.," September 20, 1902, and *Tribune* obituary, December 19, 1929.]

William Farr [1834-1922]

Born in Birmingham, Warwickshire, England on July 1, 1834, William Farr came to Oswego County, New York in 1855 and then went on to Canada. In 1880 he was a resident of Ionia County, Michigan. He arrived in Peach Plains in 1882 and took up farming. In 1892 he moved to Fruitport. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a Director of the District School. On December 25, 1859 he married Frances Marie Long, who was born about 1843 in Canada. The Farrs had seven children, including a son who was killed by lightning; Addie C., who was born in Canada about 1863, married John Shire of Robinson Township, and was widowed by 1930; Herbert, born about 1893, and W. Bruce. Herbert and Bruce lived in Fruitport. William died at his home on March 7, 1922 and was buried at Fruitport Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 9, 1922.]

Hendrick Fase [1851-1925]

Born May 26, 1851 in Zeeland, The Netherlands, Hendrick Fase married Lena Cornelia Van Portvliet. She lived from 1850 to 1900. They were married in 1871 and immigrated to America in 1881. Their children were Peter Jacob, who was born on February 10, 1877 in The Netherlands; Dena, who was born on February 22, 1884 and married Peter Van Zylén of Grand Haven; Kate, who was born in September, 1883; Hendrika "Henrietta," who was born in December, 1886 and married Edward Kieft of Grand Haven; Isaac, who was born in January, 1888; Adriana J., who was born in 1892 and on April 27, 1917 married Joe Swartz in Grand Haven; and Jennie, who was born in 1893. All the children except Peer Jacob were born locally. Hendrick was a commercial fisherman.

Henry [Hinz/Hendrik] Fase [1829-1910]

Henry Fase was an early commercial fisherman in the Grand Haven area. He was born in The Netherlands on March 7, 1829 and came to America in 1867. He married Jacoba [Cora] Pages, who was born January 28, 1834 in The Netherlands. In 1882 John Ver Hoeks married the Fases's daughter Janna "Jennie," who was born in The Netherlands in January, 1864. The next year Henry helped finance John's general store at 222 North Seventh Street. Henry was a working partner in the store. The Fases's had another child, Jacob, who was born on August 11, 1875; Jacoba died on December 15, 1904. Henry died on March 12, 1910 and was buried with his wife and other family members at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Henry J. Fase [1899-1941]

Henry, like his father Peter, became a commercial fisherman, operating out of Grand Haven. He was born in Grand Haven on July 15, 1899. His mother, Dora, was the daughter of Henry and Henrietta Abbinga. Henry started working with his father when he was eight. When the United States entered World War I, Fase quit school to enlist in the army, but was sent to the Mexico border with the U.S. Cavalry rather than to Europe. After returning to the fishing business following the war, Henry took command of the tug *Sport*. He married Adeline, who was born in Chicago on March 20, 1904, the daughter of Richard and Kate De Vries Bonga. Their children included Dorothy C., born around March, 1926; Catherine H., born about February, 1928; and Richard P., who was born in 1932. Henry died in Grand Haven on December 22, 1941. Adeline then married Frank Fisher of Grand Haven on August 26, 1944. Adeline passed away in Grand Haven on March 24, 1975.

Jacob Peter Fase [1906-1949]

Jacob, the son of Peter and Dora Abbinga Fase, was born on January 9, 1906. He married Bertha Marie Boseker, daughter of August and Henrietta Podein Boseker, well known around Highland Park. Jacob died in Grand Haven on January 11, 1949. Bertha was born on April 9, 1905 in Grand Haven. She earned a bachelor degree in education from Western Michigan University in 1953 and taught fifth grade at Central School for 26 years. She also had taught at Saugatuck for two years and at the Lansing State School for three years. Bertha belonged to St. Paul's United Church of Christ, where she became the first woman to service as an elder and deacon. She also was the first person to participate in the Tri-City Ministries. She was President of Grand Haven Woman's Club, and she served on the Central Elementary School PTA. She was a lifetime member of Grand Haven Elks, and she also belonged to American Legion Post 26 in Grand Haven. The Fases' children were Donna Mae Fase and Jacob P. Fase. Donna was born on April 13, 1935 and married Hubert Donald Burnside. [*Tribune* obituary, December 17, 2004.]

Jacob Peter Fase [1875-1940]

Jacob, the son of Henry Fase of Grand Haven, was born on August 11, 1875. His sisters were Dena, who was born February 22, 1884 and married Peter Van Zylén, and Henrietta, who was born about 1886 and married Edward Kieft of Grand Haven. For most of his life, Jacob worked for steel companies in the Chicago area. Jacob married a Ms Wright in Indiana on April 29, 1900. He died in 1940 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Peter Jacob Fase [1877-1926]

Born in The Netherlands on February 10, 1877, Peter was the son of Hendrick P. and Cornelia Lena Van Portvliet Fase. Both parents were native to The Netherlands. Hendrick lived from 1851 to 1925 and Cornelia from 1850 to 1900. Peter immigrated to the United States in 1867 and settled in Grand Haven, where he was a commercial fisherman and operated the fishing tug *H. J. Dornbos*. Peter also worked with Abel Abbinga, and together they owned and operated the tugs *Alice*, *Dutch*, *Neptune*, and *Sport*.

On December 21, 1898 in Grand Haven, Peter married Dora, the daughter of Henry and Henrietta Abbinga of Grand Haven and sister of Abel Abbinga. Dora was born in The Netherlands on July 11, 1880, came to the United States in 1880, and died in Grand Haven on July 2, 1960. Peter and Dora had three sons: Henry, who was born on July 15, 1899; Herbert, who was born on July 30, 1901 and died in Grand Haven on May 29, 1952; and Jacob, who lived from 1906 to 1949. Peter served with Company F of the 32nd Michigan Infantry during the

Spanish-American War of 1898. He died on September 10, 1926.

Richard P. Fase [1932-1999]

Richard, the son of Henry J. and Adeline Bonga Fase, was born May 27, 1932 in Grand Haven. On March 22, 1958, he married Lila May, the twin daughter of George and Mabelle Stewart Johnson of Grand Haven. Lila died on December 9, 1977 at the age of 38. Richard and Lila had four children: Lorraine May, who married a McMillan; Henry George, who remained in Grand Haven; Brian Richard, who moved to Holland; and Catherine Lynn. On January 27, 1979 married Nancy Spray. They had a daughter, Cynthia, who married Leon Oostendorp of Grand Rapids. Richard served with the Air Force during the Korean War and at one time was Commander of the local American Legion post. He worked for 15 years as a field agent for the Internal Revenue Service before opening his own accounting and tax service in Grand Haven. He ran the office from his home at 15952 152nd Avenue in Grand Haven Township. Richard died in Grand Haven on November 15, 1999 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Ada B. Fast [1886- ?]

As early as 1910 and into the 1920s Ada and her husband, Emra [Emery] Velear Fast, lived in Robinson Township. Emra, a farmer, was born in Ohio on June 18, 1880. He married Ada Walker in Richland, Ohio on August 14, 1902. She was born in the same state as Emra about 1886. By the late 1920s the couple was divorced. As a single woman, Ada owned and operated Haven Restaurant at 10 Washington and rented rooms at 8½ Washington. Emra remained on the Robinson Township farm. Ada and Emra had at least three children: Lester E., who was born on December 26, 1902 in Ohio, died around March 31, 1978, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Floyd, who was born about 1905 in Ohio, died about August 4, 1951, and also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; and Laura I., who was born locally around 1906, and married John Burns in Grand Haven on May 12, 1924.

Lester E. Fast [1902-1978]

Lester Fast and his wife, Wylda M., resided at 25 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. The son of Emra and Ada Walker Fast, Lester was born in Ohio on December 26, 1902 and died on March 28, 1978. In the late 1920s and early 1930s he was listed as a waiter at the Haven Restaurant at 10 Washington. After his death, Wylda moved to 30 Franklin Street. She was born on February 19, 1898 and passed away in Grand Haven on February 25, 1997. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Louis Feidler [Fiddler] [1858-1893]

The son of John and Margaret Erhardt Feidler, Louis was born in Germany on September 29, 1858. He was a saloonkeeper in Spring Lake. His wife, Augusta, in the early 1900s operated an ice cream parlor and confectionary in Spring Lake. A daughter, Mary M., was born in October, 1886. Louis died on June 3, 1893 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Augusta was born August 1, 1861 in New York and died on January 23, 1936. She was buried with her husband at Spring Lake Cemetery.

John G. Feidler [Fiedler/Fiddler] [1831-1903]

John Feidler and his wife, Margaret Erhardt, immigrated to Ottawa County from Germany and settled in Section 29 of Crockery Township. Their son Louis [Lewis] was born in Wisconsin on September 29, 1858 and died on June 3, 1893. Louis's wife, Augusta, lived from August 1, 1861 to January 23, 1936. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. John and Margaret also had a daughter Clara, who was born in 1852 in Bavaria and married William Wachter of Spring Lake. Margaret ran a confectionery shop in the vicinity of 224 West Savidge in the early 1900s. John, who was born in March, 1831 in Bavaria, died about June 22, 1903. Margaret, also from Bavaria, was born around 1826 and passed away before 1900.

Edwin D. Fellows [1850-1932]

The son of Joel and Maria Fellows, Edwin D., was born in Odisco Center, New York, on August 26, 1850 and died on September 19, 1932. He married Mary M. Blackford on July 4, 1874 in a double ceremony with his brother Eugene. Mary was born in Ohio on December 21, 1848, died in Olive Township on December 18, 1926, and was buried at Olive Cemetery with her husband and other family members. The Fellowses owned a 180-acre farm in Sections 2 and 11. In 1908 Edwin was Drain Commissioner for Ottawa County.

Eugene D. Fellows I [1853-1932]

A son of Joel and Maria Fellows, Eugene was born on June 3, 1853. After his first wife, Mary, died, Eugene married Sarah Vanderbeck on July 4, 1874 in a double ceremony with his brother Edwin. Sarah was born in New York State on February 8, 1853. Eugene was a carpenter and joiner in Olive Township, and he owned 72 acres in Olive and 80 acres in Section 35 of Robinson Townships. They had six children, all born in Michigan: Ina Belle, who was born April 15, 1876, married James W. Nichols [1865-1945], and died April 2, 1898; Esther, born about 1877; Maria, born in October, 1878; James, born April 28, 1881; Eugene II, born about October, 1883, and Laura, born January 14, 1892 and died February 25, 1897. Sarah died on October 30, 1909 and was buried at Olive Township Cemetery. Eugene died on November 28, 1932 and was buried with his wife.

Joel Madison [Matt] Fellows [1827-1909]

Born in Onondaga County, New York, on December 27, 1827, Joel Fellows settled in Hillsdale County, Michigan in 1853. Two years later he moved to Olive Township, where he worked at farming and shoemaking. He was Olive Township's first Clerk, Justice of the Peace, Treasurer, and Postmaster at Ottawa Station. On August 15, 1847 he married Margaret [Maria] C., the daughter of James and Patty Dale Eastway. Margaret was born in London, England, on March 30, 1826. She died about July 20, 1900 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Fellows owned a 38-acre farm in Section 2 of Olive Township. Among their children were Emma, who was born in October, 1848 and married Hiram B. Knowlton of Allendale Township; Edwin D., born in New York on August 26, 1850; Lillie, who was born around 1860 and married Frank A. Chapel of Allendale Township; and Levi, who was born in Olive Township in December, 1861. Joel died on April 28, 1909 and was buried at Olive Township Cemetery.

Levi J. Fellows [1861-1941]

Levi was born in Olive Township in December, 1861, the son of Joel M. and Margaret Ann Eastway Fellows. Listed as a "Farmer and Stockraiser" in the 1912 *Atlas*, Levi owned a total of 180 acres in Section 2 of Olive Township and Section 34 of Robinson. On October 7, 1890, Levi married H. Elnora "Nora" Pratt at St. Luke's Church in Muskegon. Nora was born in Saranac, Michigan, on February 25, 1859. A daughter, Bessie, was born in November, 1892 and a son, Leon, was born in 1895. Levi died on September 5, 1941. Nora died two years later, on February 23.

Katie Feringa [1896-1960]

Grand Haven resident Katie Feringa was one of two beneficiaries of the Edward and Elizabeth Hofma Trust. In the early 1900s the Hofmas took Katie into their home and raised her like a daughter. Katie died on January 23, 1960 at the age of 64. The other beneficiary was Mary Dowlyn, Elizabeth Hofma's stepsister and a semi-invalid.

William P. Ferm [1917-1979]

William P. Ferm was one of the founders of Supreme Machined Products, started in Spring Lake in 1948. Other founders were Wallace H. Olson, George V. Yedinak, and Michael and Bruno Grzyb. William had retired by 1979. He and his wife, Mary L., resided at 17879 168th Avenue in Ferrysburg. William was born on October 17, 1917 and died in Spring Lake in December, 1979. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mary was born March 5, 1918 and passed away in Muskegon on August 14, 2007.

Jacob Ferris [1822-1889]

Born in Glens Falls, New York on February 10, 1822 [1821], Jacob Ferris arrived in Michigan in 1857. While living in Ionia County, he enlisted as Captain in Company D of the Michigan 21st Infantry on July 26, 1862 and was discharged with a disability on April 15, 1863. He applied for an invalid's Civil War pension on August 20 the next year. Jacob, an attorney with an office in Grand Rapids, was named representative to the Michigan Constitutional Convention of 1867. His first marriage was to Lovica Tripp, born on December 19, 1821 in Wayne County, New York. They were married around 1840. On January 20, 1865 Jacob married Ann R. Bigelow in Grand Rapids, who was born in New York about 1824. Living with them in the 1870 census was an adopted daughter, Annetta B., who was born about 1863 in Canada. Annetta married Will P. Cook, who was born in Michigan around 1866. Annetta was residing in Chicago in 1930, and was listed as a widow. On December 24, 1874 in Grand Rapids, Jacob married Anna M. Sumison York. She was born in 1840 in Pennsylvania.

Jacob passed away in Spring Lake on June 23, 1889. On the following November 19 Anna applied for a widow's Civil War pension and listed an Ann R. Ferris as a surviving minor child. Anna applied for a widow's Civil War pension again on November 22, 1897. In 1887 Jacob and Anna opened the Willows Resort on a 64-acre fruit farm they purchased from Edward and Julia Craw. The resort was located in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township [18635 Fruitport Road]. Anna died on January 4, 1914. Robert J. Ferris, born on November 28, 1861, was Anna's son by a previous marriage. Robert, Robert's wife Emma, and Anna continued to run the Willows after Jacob's death. After his mother's death, Robert managed the resort until 1926, when he sold the property to Albert and Edna Bertch. Jacob and Anna were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as was their son, Robert, and his wife.

Robert J. Ferris [1861-1930]

Robert, Anna Ferris's son by an earlier marriage, adopted his step-father's surname. Robert was born in Canada on November 28, 1861. In 1900 he, his wife, and his mother were Spring Lake residents, and Robert was listed as Proprietor of a "summer hotel," undoubtedly the Willows, a Spring Lake resort at 18635 Fruitport Road [Section 2, Spring Lake Township]. When his mother died in 1914, Robert took over ownership of the Willows, which he sold in 1926 to Samuel Falls and Albert Bertch. [In the 1900 census Robert's mother was listed as Emma M. Ferris, born in October, 1829 in Canada.] Robert in the late 1880s and early 1890s resided in Grand Rapids, where he was a "traveling agent" for the Universal Tripod Company. In early 1930 he resided on Lake Avenue in Spring Lake,

and was still working as a salesman on the road. He died on June 22, 1930 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his parents. In 1884 he married Emilda [Emma] Whipple, who was born in Michigan in August, 1860 and died on November 22, 1942. Emilda was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Jacob and Anna Ferris.

Amanda Harwood Ferry [1828-1917]

The daughter of William I and Amanda White Ferry, Amanda was born on Mackinac Island on September 20, 1828. She wrote in her memoirs, "I came to my grandparents' grandparents [in Ashfield, Massachusetts] when I was 2½ years old, returning with my aunt Hannah White, after her visit to Mackinac—and until my nineteenth year, when they both died [1847] when she moved to Grand Haven." Amanda returned to Ashfield in her later years. She married Henry Clay Hall in New York on June 20, 1855. Amanda died in 1917. [Letter in 'Ferry File' at Loutit Library, written by Elizabeth von Oettingen.]

Edward Payson Ferry [1837-1917]

Born in Grand Haven on April 16, 1837, Edward was the son of William Montague and Amanda White Ferry and was Mary's twin brother. He engaged in lumbering, acquiring timberlands, and operating sawmills. For a time he and his brother Noah were associates. Edward was among the charter members of the Grand Haven Lodge F. and A.M., started locally in 1863. With one brother in Congress and two in the military, Edward was the only son in Grand Haven to be able to assist his father during the Civil War. Upon his father's death in 1867, he was named executor of the estate. Edward helped establish the First National Bank of Grand Haven, which was organized in 1870 to take over the banking business of Ferry & Son, and he was the first President of the new bank.

Edward married Clara Virginia White, a second cousin, on June 1, 1870, and they acquired the home located at 514 Lafayette in Grand Haven. Clara, the daughter of Nathan and Sarah Brittain White, who was born about 1845, served as a tutor at the White home on Franklin Street. Edward's and Clara's four surviving children, all born in Grand Haven, were twins William Montague and Edward Stewart, who were born on March 12, 1871; Miriam, who was born in Grand Haven around 1875, and Edith, who was born in Park City about 1880 and married Dana T. Merrill in Grand Haven on October 21, 1903. Miriam on February 12, 1896 in Grand Haven married Maurice, son of Captain Thomas and Mary Ellen O'Brien Kirby of Grand Haven. Maurice died in 1925, and Miriam later married a Mr Reynolds.

In 1878 Edward joined a group that included Muskegon attorneys David C. McLaughlin and Frederick A. Nims

and another area man, J. W. Mason. The group purchased a silver mine in Flagstaff, Utah, naming their business the Marsac Silver Mining Company. Edward's brother, William Ferry, later joined the group, known locally as the "Michigan Bunch." Edward's family moved to Park City, Utah in 1878, never to return to Grand Haven. Although the first mine was not especially productive, the name Ferry became prominent in the silver mining business in and around Salt Lake City. Edward died in Los Angeles on March 11, 1917. He had become mentally incompetent. Clara died in an accident in Utah about August 27, 1888. They were both buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Edward Stewart Ferry [1871-1913]

Born in Grand Haven on March 12, 1871, Edward was the son of Edward Payson and Clara Ferry and twin brother of William Montague Ferry III. He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1896, moved to Salt Lake City, and became part of the law firm of Richards, Richards, Ferry & Hamer, representing the Utah Savings and Trust Company. On October 19, 1898 he married Mabel, daughter of Dr. Eddy of Grand Rapids. On July 10, 1913, Edward committed suicide by a gunshot to the temple, at his home at 737 East South Temple Street in Salt Lake City. He reportedly had been suffering from insomnia for about six months, but chose not to take any medication to ease the problem. He represented his father in litigation regarding the estate of Reverend Ferry, who had died on December 30, 1867. It is reported that he had worried greatly over a family lawsuit in which, after a ten-year case, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against the interests of Edward's father and in favor of the contesting siblings. The estate of William M. Ferry was to be administered by Edward P. Ferry, who later became mentally incompetent. Consequently, the management of the estate went to Edward P.'s sons, Montague and Edward S. The mining ventures in which the estate was interested were successful, and the family was well rewarded. Litigation began when the other heirs demanded an accounting. [Obituary in the *Salt Lake City News*, June 11, 1913.]

Hannah Elizabeth Ferry [1834-1913]

Born on Mackinac Island on April 16, 1834 to Rev. William M. and Amanda White Ferry, Hannah was brought to Grand Haven on the schooner *Supply* on November 2, 1834, at the age of six months. She was educated at Grand Haven and at Rockford Female Seminary, Rockford, Illinois, "the Mt. Holyoke of the West," under the care of her aunt, Mary A. White. She was active in the Presbyterian Church. In the winter of 1872 she married Rev. Henry W. Jones of Ipswich, Massachusetts. Jones was in charge of the Congregational Church at Swampscott, Massachusetts. Three years later he was called to St. Johnsbury,

Vermont and from there he and Hannah moved to Southern California, where he began work at Pomona College in Claremont, California. Henry died in 1904. In her declining years, Hannah was cared for by her niece, Mary Amanda Eastman Fairchild, daughter of Galen and Mary Lucinda Ferry Eastman, and Mary Amanda's daughters. Hannah died at Claremont, on July 4, 1913 and was buried there. [*Tribune* obituary, July, 1913.]

James H. Ferry [1823- ?]

James H. Ferry was one of the first officers to serve the Grand Haven Lodge of the International Order of Odd Fellows [IOOF], formed in 1850. That also was the year he was enumerated in the census for Ottawa County and was classified as a clerk. He was born around 1823 in New York. His wife, Mary E., was born in the same state and year.

Mary Lucina [Lucinda] Ferry [1837-1903]

Mary Lucina, born on April 16, 1837, was William and Amanda Ferry's youngest daughter and Edward Payson's twin. She became a teacher in 1857 when the Grand Haven school moved from the small frame building on Second Street to the remodeled building on First Street. Mary married Galen Eastman in 1858. They had a daughter, Mary Amanda, who was born in Grand Haven on March 9, 1860. About 1877 the family moved to the "Four Corners" in the West, where Galen was appointed agent at the Navajo Indian Reservation for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. On April 12, 1883, Mary Amanda married a P. B. Johnson against her parents' wishes and the couple moved to Texas. They had a child, Kate White Johnson. Six months later the father and daughter died. Mary rejoined her parents, now in San Francisco, where Galen had opened a hardware store on Mission Street. On January 17, 1889, Mary Amanda remarried, this time to Willard C. Fairchild. She died June 2, 1903.

Noah Henry Ferry [1831-1863]

Born on Mackinac Island on April 30, 1831, the fourth and last child of Rev. William and Amanda Ferry, Noah arrived in Grand Haven in 1834 with the rest of his family. He attended Bell's Commercial College in Chicago and taught at the school for a time after graduating. He and his brother, Edward Payson Ferry, went into business at White River. Noah dredged White Lake for the shipment of pine logs by boat, and he laid out the village of Montague, named after his father. His business became successful and then the Civil War broke out. As Captain, Noah in August, 1862 recruited a company of men in White River Township, Muskegon County, called the "White River Guard." He soon was promoted to Major in Company F of the Fifth Michigan Cavalry. Noah was killed at the Battle of Gettysburg on

July 3, 1863. Buried in Grand Haven on July 17, 1863, he received full military honors, and on March 22, 1865 a monument was erected in his memory. Ferry Memorial Church of Montague, at the corner of Old Channel Trail and Knudsen, was built in 1874 by Edward P. Ferry as a memorial to his brother. It was called First Presbyterian Church of Montague until 1942 when it became a Reformed Church. [*Tribune* articles, "A Portrait of Noah Ferry," May 26, 1930, and "100 Years Celebrated," June 1, 1974.]

Thomas White Ferry [1826-1896]

Born June 1, 1826 on Mackinac Island, the third child of Rev. William and Amanda White Ferry, Thomas was eight years old when he arrived in Grand Haven with his parents in 1834. For most of his life he went by the name "White Ferry." He spoke Ottawa, Chippewa [Ojibwa], and French. He and his brother William platted the Village of Ferrysburg on January 26, 1857. At the age of 21 he was elected Clerk of Ottawa County. Three years later he was elected to the legislature, where he served from 1851 to 1852. In 1852 he was appointed Deputy Collector of Customs for the Port of Grand Haven, and in 1856 he was elected State Senator, serving from 1857 to 1858 and again from 1865 to 1883. In 1862 Thomas became a director of the new Grand Haven Union High School and was Superintendent for ten years. He went into the lumbering business with his brother, Edward Payson Ferry. Before the Civil War he served on the Republican State Central Committee for eight years and was delegate-at-large and one of the Vice Presidents of the national convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln. In 1864 he was elected to the 39th Congress and first and forty-second assemblies. Upon President Lincoln's death, he was appointed by the U.S. Senate to a committee that accompanied Lincoln's body to Springfield. In January, 1871 he was elected by the Michigan Legislature to the U.S. Senate [the legal procedure at that time] and was elected President of the Senate *pro tempore* during the Hayes-Tilden electoral count dispute of 1876-77. That conflict was settled on March 2 by a Congressionally appointed committee, which eventually gave the Electoral College vote to Hayes by a majority of one, even though Tilden had the larger number of popular votes. When Vice President Henry Wilson died in November, the Senator became acting Vice President. Because Hayes's inauguration would have fallen on a Sunday in 1877, it was delayed a day, allowing Thomas, as acting Vice President, to carry the weight of the office between Grant's term expiring on Saturday and Hayes's swearing-in on Monday. For that reason, Thomas was called "President for a day" [Sunday, March 4, 1877]. Hayes was sworn in publicly on Monday, March 5. Another theory claimed that since Thomas was never sworn in, he couldn't have been President, and yet a third view was that Hayes was

sworn in secretly right after the favorable vote on Saturday, and that his inauguration on Monday was a mere formality. In 1883 Thomas was defeated for a third term as Senator by Thomas W. Palmer of Detroit. Governor Rich, of Michigan, appointed him President of the Mackinac Park Commission and it was through Thomas's endeavors that the beauties of the island were preserved.

Thomas never married, but for many years he shared his home with his aunt, Mary Amanda White. Thomas died of "cerebral apoplexy" on October 14, 1896 at his home on the corner of First and Columbus Streets [Lot 96], which had been built in 1859 for his uncle, Thomas S. White. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His epitaph read, "I have done what I could to extend our commerce over the world for the security of life and property along our sea coast, upon our great inland seas. T.W.F. The Sailors' and Soldiers' Friend. For 62 years a citizen of Grand Haven, Mich." [Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774-1949, page 1143, *Encyclopedia of American Biography of the Nineteenth Century*, page 357, *Twentieth Century Biographical Dictionary of Notable Americans*: Vol. IV, page 72, *Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Michigan*, Tribune obituary, October 14, 1896, and *Muskegon Chronicle* article "GH Honors Memory of Thomas Ferry," June 22, 1929.]

William Montague Ferry I [1796-1867] and Amanda White Ferry [1797-1870]

Born September 8, 1796 in Granby, Massachusetts, son of Noah Ferry, a farmer, and Hannah Montague, William was eighth or ninth in a family of ten. William graduated from Union College in Brunswick, New Jersey in 1821, and he was ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in 1822. In 1823, he married Amanda White, born August 20, 1797, the eldest daughter of Thomas and Hannah Harwood White of Ashfield, Massachusetts. The Ferrys moved to Mackinac Island, where William was a missionary and established a school. Rev. Ferry visited the mouth of the Grand River in 1832, the same year he visited Ashfield and encouraged citizens there to make the long trip to Michigan and settle in the Grand Valley. In the summer of 1834 he made a circuit of Lake Michigan by canoe, and he and Pierre Duvernay reached William's future home by hiking across the peninsula from Detroit and down the Grand River. He drew a Plat of the City of Grand Haven, dated September, 1834, showing the east to Fourth Street. This original plat was placed in the archives of the Tri-Cities Historical Museum. William came to Grand Haven to seek his fortune in lumbering.

When the Ferrys arrived in Grand Haven on Sunday, November 2, 1834, they had a family of four, including a daughter, Amanda Harwood, who was born on

Mackinac Island on September 30, 1828, but stayed in Ashfield, Massachusetts to reside with her grandparents. Other Ferry children born on Mackinac Island were William Montague Ferry II, born July 8, 1824; Thomas White Ferry, born June 1, 1826; Noah Henry Ferry, born April 30, 1831; and Hannah Elizabeth, born April 16, 1834. In Grand Haven William and Amanda had two more children, twins Mary Lucina [Lucinda] and Edward Payson, both born on April 16, 1837. Mary was said to be the first white girl born in Grand Haven.

Rev. Ferry established the area's first church and built the first permanent home, a log cabin on the southeast corner of Washington Street and Harbor Avenue, where the Kirby Grill later was located. This cabin burned down in a disastrous fire of 1866. William engaged in the lumber business at Grand Haven and became a wealthy man. In 1841 he was a member of the commission that laid out the road between Muskegon and Grand Haven. From 1835 to 1853 he was Postmaster. He retired as Minister of the Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven in April, 1857. He was considered the Father of Grand Haven as well as its spiritual and moral leader for nearly 35 years. The cities of Ferrysburg, Ferry, Whitehall and Montague were named for him or members of his family. He died December 30, 1867, leaving an estate of \$120,000. He was buried in the Ferry Lot in Lake Forest Cemetery. The inscription on his headstone read, "First toil, then rest; First grace, then glory." Ferry Street and Ferry School are named in his family's honor. Amanda died on December 30, 1870. [American Biographical Notes, p. 138, *Encyclopedia of American Biography of the Nineteenth Century*, p. 357, and *Twentieth Century Biographical Dictionary of Notable Americans*, Vol. IV, p. 72.]

William Montague Ferry II [1824-1905]

Born on Mackinac Island on July 8, 1824, William was the first child of William and Amanda Ferry. He was credited, along with his brother, Thomas White Ferry, with platting Ferrysburg. The plat was recorded on January 26, 1857. He said, "The lumbering business was my principal employment, but eventually I acquired the machinist and engineer's trade in Grand Rapids. In 1850 I built the Ottawa Iron Works at Ferrysburg and engaged in the manufacture of stationary and marine steam engines and sawmill machinery, which was my principal occupation until 1861." In addition to being elected to the Michigan Legislature in 1857, William was Supervisor in Spring Lake in 1849, again from 1854 to 1859, and finally from 1860 to 1861. William was a charter member and Director of the Ottawa County Agricultural Society and Regent of the University of Michigan in 1856, and School Inspector for the Mill Point educational system in 1859. On November 24,

1861, he enlisted as First Lieutenant in the Quartermaster Department of Company B of the 14th Michigan Infantry Regiment in Ypsilanti. William became Captain on June 30, 1862, as well as "Commissary of Subsistence," and was breveted Major and Lieutenant Colonel on March 13, 1865. He was mustered out on April 24, 1865. In 1872 he was a candidate for Governor of Michigan and Secretary of the Democratic National Convention at Louisville. In 1873 he became a member of the Constitutional Convention, and he was elected Mayor of Grand Haven in 1876. He was referred to as "Colonel."

In 1851, in Ferrysburg, William married Jeannette A. Hollister. The daughter of John Bentley Hollister, Jeanette was born in Romeo, Michigan, on August 31, 1828. John Hollister died in 1856 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery in the Ferry plot. Jeanette was well educated and taught French, understood German, and read the New Testament in the original Greek. In 1878 William joined his brother, Edward Payson Ferry, in the silver mining business in Park City, Utah. William and Jeanette resided at 525 West Highland Avenue in Park City. They had six children, two of whom survived: Mary Montague, who was born in Ferrysburg on February 27, 1853, married Eugene C. Allen on October 1, 1879 in Grand Haven, moved to Redlands, California, died in 1933, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; and Kate Harewood, who married George R. Hancock of Salt Lake City on August 21, 1882 and died in March, 1900. Kate was born in Ferrysburg on July 11, 1856, and George Hancock was born around 1857 in Ludington. William II died in Park City on January 2, 1905 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He gave 22 acres of land in Salt Lake City for the site of Westminster College, and his wife provided funds for a girl's dormitory named "Ferry Hall." She died in Redlands, California in November, 1917 and was brought to Grand Haven for burial at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 27, 1900, January 4, 6, 7 and 9, 1905 and November 4, 1917, and *Tribune* article "Makers of Michigan History," September 2, 1937.]

William Montague "Mont" Ferry III [1871-1938]

Born in Grand Haven on March 12, 1871, the son of Edward Payson and Clara V. White Ferry, Mont graduated from Olivet College in 1891, and he joined his father in the silver mining business in Park City, Utah two years later. He was elected Mayor of Salt Lake City and State Senator. He was Managing Director of the Silver King Coalition Mine, and also President of the American Silver Producers' Association. He returned to Michigan to marry Ednah Truman on June 3, 1896 in Nashville. They had twin sons, William Montague IV and Sanford Truman, born on October 4, 1898 in Salt

Lake City. Sanford, whose wife was Irene Afton Knowlton, died on November 19, 1949. Mont died of heart disease in Park City on January 11, 1938, and Ednah died on May 24, 1964 at the age of 90 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. [*Tribune* article, "Sudden Death of Utah Man," January 20, 1938.]

Aaron D. Fessenden [1810 -1876]

Aaron and Benjamin Fessenden moved the B. & A. D. [Anson Darwin] Fessenden Company from Townsend, Massachusetts to Grand Haven in 1881, when they bought out the Glover & Tate Tub Factory. Aaron was born in Groton, Massachusetts on October 8, 1810 and later moved to Townsend. Benjamin, evidently Aaron's brother, was born around 1806, also in Townsend. In 1882 Silas Kilbourn bought out the Fessendens, who then returned to Townsend. Aaron died on May 8, 1876 in Townsend.

Gustave A. Fett [Fette] [1884-1939]

Born in August, 1884 in Germany, Gustave Fett moved to the Grand Haven area and opened a grocery and meat market. Later he owned and operated Fett's Shoe Store at 213 Washington. Gust was still in the shoe business in the mid-1930s. On May 31, 1906 in Grand Haven, he married Jannie [Jennie]. The daughter of Gerrit and Katie Ammaal Kamphuis, Jannie was born in August, 1881 in Grand Haven. In 1908 the Fetts resided at 510 Madison, in 1920 they were living at 508 Fulton, and by 1930 they were at 1032 Franklin. A son, Paul James, was born in Michigan about 1920. Gustave's parents, both natives of Germany, were August, who was born in March, 1854 and died in 1930, and Wilhelmina "Minnie," who lived from February, 1859 to 1903. The Fett family immigrated to the United States in 1885. Gustave died in 1939 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Paul Fett was his brother.

Paul Fett [1893-1918]

Grand Haven native Paul Fett enlisted in Company F of Grand Haven on December 9, 1914 and was promoted to Sergeant. He saw service during the Copper County disturbances in the Upper Peninsula and along the Mexican border in 1916. When Company F worked with Company L of the 126th Infantry during WWI, Paul was considered the senior member. He was gassed during the Chateau Thierry offensive on August 6, 1918, and then was killed on August 28 in the Allied Oise-Aisne offensive. He was born in Grand Haven in July, 1893 [1892], the son of August and Wilhelmina Fett and the brother of Gustave Fett. August, a laborer, lived from 1853 to 1930 and Wilhelmina from 1859 to 1903. The three Fetts were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

Christopher Fetz [1874-1913]

On September 7, 1907 Christopher Fetz married Cornelia O'Beck, who lived from 1868 to 1938 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Cornelia was the daughter of Adrian and Johanna De Glopper O'Beck of Grand Haven. Christopher, who was born in 1874 and died in 1913, also was buried at Lake Forest. In 1920 Cornelia married Alexander Kaatz of Grand Haven.

Mary Field [@1808-1892]

Little is known about Mary Field, except that she died in Grand Haven on April 21, 1892 at the age of 84 and was buried in Block 16 of Lake Forest Cemetery. Hers was one of three ornate monuments in Block 16 made by F. O. Gross Company at 341 Wabash Avenue in Chicago. She was a native of New York State.

Edward Finch [1846- @1912]

A Spring Lake resident and the son of Thomas and Lucy Finch, Edward on August 13, 1864 enlisted as a substitute in Company F of the 6th Michigan Cavalry. He was discharged on July 27 the next year and returned to Spring Lake. Edward was born in England in November, 1846. According to Dr. Mary Kitchel, Edward used the money he received as substitute, usually \$300, to buy a farm for his parents. In 1880 Edward was classified as an engineer, but ten years later he was in a Soldier's Home. He married Alice Eggleston, who applied for a widow's Civil War pension on March 12, 1912. Alice was born in Wisconsin in August, 1851 and died on June 28, 1920. Their children were Ray E., born in Wisconsin in June, 1883; Edward D., born in Wisconsin in November, 1885; and who was Hazel M. born in Michigan in March, 1890 and on May 29, 1916 married William H. Fisher in Spring Lake.

Frances Minerva Hinckley [Hinckley] Finch [1851- ?]

Born in Fairfield, Huron County, Ohio on March 31, 1851, Frances in 1856 moved to Michigan with her parents, Corydon and Eliza Allen Hinckley of Robinson Township. On September 6 1871, in Saranac, Michigan, she married Norman S. Finch, who was born on April 26, 1850. Norman died around 1880, and Frances returned to her parents' home.

John Finch [@1837-1864]

Spring Lake resident John Finch was 24 years old when he went to Grand Rapids on May 13, 1861 to enlist as Private in Company I of the 3rd Michigan Infantry. On May 23, 1864 he died from wounds received on May 12 at the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House, Virginia.

Joseph Finch [1817-1891]

Born in Cambridgeshire, England in 1817, Joseph was a brother of Robert Finch and emigrated from England to

Spring Lake, arriving on the brig *Enterprise*, commanded by Captain Harry Miller, on November 6, 1848. He was listed as a laborer.

Joseph married Lucy Webster, who lived from December, 1818 to 1912. Born in England, Lucy came to the United States with her husband and children, all born in England: Robert, born in 1841; Sarah, who was born on January 17, 1844 and married John Loosemore II of Spring Lake; Edward, born in November, 1846; Marianne, born about 1846; and Alice, born about 1848. [Edward was not included in the 1850 census.] Their other children included Mary A., who was born in June, 1856 and taught in the Spring Lake schools for many years; Allie, who moved to California; Sarah, who married John Loosemore and was a Spring Lake teacher; and Robert. Their home was on the southeast corner of Park and Mason Streets in Spring Lake [218 North Park]. Living with them in 1850 was Lucy's brother, John Webster, born in England about 1826. Joseph died on April 3, 1891, and both he and his wife were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Norman S. Finch [1850-@1880]

Norman Finch was born on April 2, 1850. His wife, Frances Minerva Hinckley [Hinckley], was born in Ohio in 1851. She was the daughter of Corydon and Eliza Allen Hinckley of Robinson Township. Norman and Frances were married in Saranac, Michigan on September 6, 1871. Norman evidently was deceased by 1880, when Frances was living with her parents. She married Hugh McDonald in Robinson Township on November 22, 1884. On December 3, 1903 in Grand Haven, she married Delos W. Eckler.

Robert Finch [1841-1924]

Born in Cambridgeshire, England in 1841, Robert came to Spring Lake with his parents, Joseph and Lucy Finch, when he was seven. In 1856 he learned the printing business in the offices of the *Grand River Times*. On March 21, 1863 he enlisted in Company B of the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters. On May 12, 1864 he was wounded at the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House, Virginia. Less than two weeks later he was wounded again, this time at the Battle of North Anna River, and lost his right eye. He was discharged the following October 3. He later worked for the contracting firm of Squier & White as Superintendent. In 1880 he was a bookkeeper. On March 20, 1885 he was awarded a contract to dredge the Grand River in Grand Rapids to improve it for navigation. Robert was listed as "engineer" in the 1893 *Compendium*. He married Frances Louise [Louisa] Albee at Hope Church in Holland, Michigan on May 2, 1869. Frances, the daughter of Nathan King and Eveline Hopkins Albee, was born in Otsego, New York on December 25, 1843.

She filed for a widow's Civil War pension in 1914, although Robert didn't die until 1924. He was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Grand Rapids. The Finch children, all born in Michigan, were Alice L., born about 1870; Herbert L. [Franklin] who was born on December 20, 1873, married Jennie Loosemore in Spring Lake on March 29, 1900, and moved to Grand Rapids; Josephine, who was born on October 4, 1877 and on February 3, 1903 in Grand Rapids married Peter M. Lowerse; and Frederick R., who was born on December 22, 1880 and married Bessie E. Wright Graffan in Grand Rapids on December 2, 1919. Louisa died around November 1, 1879 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Sarah Finch [1844-1937]

See John Loosemore II.

Thomas Finch I [1823-1902]

Thomas Finch married Mary A. Williamson in Spring Lake on July 3, 1880. Thomas arrived in Spring Lake about 1849, a year after his brother Joseph had made the same trip, emigrating from Cambridgeshire, England. Thomas and Mary owned a 40-acre farm in Section 24 of Spring Lake Township. They had nine children, all born in Michigan, including Jane, who was born in April, 1848 and married Enno Pruim of Spring Lake; Thomas Finch II, who was born in Michigan in May, 1855 and became a mason in Spring Lake; Susie, who was born in 1862; Emma, born in 1865; and Edward. Thomas, born in September, 1823 [1825], died February 13, 1902 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Mary died before 1880. [*Tribune* obituary, February 14, 1902.]

Francis Finley [1874-]

See William Levi Phillips.

Herman R. Firchau 1912-1999] and Walter R. Firchau [1924-1996]

In the mid-1970s Herman and Walter Firchau owned the Village Inn restaurant, located at 209 West Savidge in Spring Lake. Walter was born on May 12, 1924 and died in Saginaw on March 27, 1996. His wife, Lorna, was born in 1921. The couple relocated to Midland, Michigan. Herman was born on June 21, 1912, and his wife, Maxine, was born on May 7, 1916 and died in Livonia, Michigan on November 12, 1999. Herman and Maxine moved to Plymouth, Michigan. Herman passed away in Livonia on September 17, 1999.

John Fish [1866-1948]

John Fish, who settled on 79 acres in Section 36 in Robinson Township in 1889, was a farmer and raised livestock. John was born in The Netherlands on May 14, 1866. He married Nellie Houseman, who was born on December 25 the same year, also in The Netherlands..

By 1930 the Fishes had moved to Georgetown Township. John died on January 14, 1948 in Grand Rapids, and Nellie passed away in Zeeland on January 9, 1961. Both were buried at Georgetown Township Cemetery.

Louis Fishback [Fishbeck] [1880-1910]

Louis Fishback, born in February, 1880, owned the Pere Marquette Saloon at 332 Madison [Jackson] in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. It also served as his residence. He died about May 15, 1910 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His parents were Kaidann [Kagetan] and Ulrika Haack Stubman Fishback. They were married in Grand Haven on March 21, 1878. Kaidann, of German birth, lived from 1843 to September 29, 1883, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On August 4, 1884 in Grand Haven, Ulrika, married Herman Luhm of Grand Haven. She was born in Germany about 1848.

Abraham [Abram] Fisher [Visser] [1832-1909]

Born on January 25, 1832 in The Netherlands, the son of Johannes and Anna Fisher, Abraham and two brothers, Leonard and Frank, left their native home in their fishing boat and in 1853 sailed for 90 days to reach America. After living in Buffalo, New York for awhile, Abraham and other Fishers in 1856 brought their families to Grand Haven. Abraham established one of the first commercial fishing business in this area, called Fisher & Sons, which operated on the north side of the Grand River, across from Franklin Street, and adjacent to the later Musical Fountain site. Among his tugs was the *Charles H. Augur*, built by Robertson Ship Yard in 1888. Abraham sailed to Milwaukee and stayed there for two years to fish out of that port. Relatives continued to come to America, and there were 43 Fishers in Grand Haven in 1860 living in seven homes, all built near each other in the Franklin and Fourth Street neighborhood. They were members of the Second Christian Reformed Church.

Abraham's wife, Johanna Erkes of Buffalo, New York, was born on August 31, 1831 and died on January 7, 1899. Their children included Ida, born in 1855; Henry, who was born on July 23, 1857; married Mary Bolt, and died on November 11, 1924. Walter A., who lived from June 23, 1860 [1859/1861] to January 2, 1935; and John, born on February 23, 1868. Abraham died on April 30, 1909 and was buried with his wife at Lake Forest Cemetery under the name Visser. [*Tribune* obituary, November 12, 1924, and *Tribune* article, "Fishers, Albers come in 1853-54," 1984.]

Abram James Fisher [1897-1978]

The son of John and Jennie Hoffman Fisher, Abram was born in Grand Haven on February 24, 1897. On May 20, 1920 he married Adelaide Dorothy, the daughter of

Henry and Dora Maria Vis Albers of Grand Haven. The ceremony took place in the bride's home at 114 South Third Street, where the Fishers subsequently resided. Adelaide lived from January 28, 1896 to September 27, 1972. Abram died in Grand Haven on January 7, 1978 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. Harold S. Fisher, their son, was born in Grand Haven on January 22, 1924.

Adriannus [Adriaan] Fisher [1825-1899]

Born in 1825 in Zerkee, The Netherlands, Adriannus was the son of Johannes Fisher. He came to Grand Haven with his parents and brothers about 1856 by way of Buffalo, New York. He was one of the earliest commercial fishermen of Michigan. In his early years he was a member of the life saving service of The Netherlands. His wife, Mary, born in The Netherlands on March 12, 1826, died September 30, 1896, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children, most of them born locally, included Johannes, who was born about 1852 in The Netherlands and died about September 20, 1943; William, who was born in Wisconsin around 1854; Jane, who was born in Wisconsin about 1855 and married William Slaughter of Grand Haven, who was born the same year as Jane; Ann, who was born about 1861; Cornelius, who was born around 1866 and died about August 30, 1938; Walter, born about 1868; George, who was born about 1871 and died around May 24, 1948; Frank Abram, who died about April 1, 1938; and Henrica. Adriannus died in Grand Haven on April 2, 1899 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 30, 1896 and April 3, 1899.]

Andrew Fisher [1892-1975]

A native of Grand Haven, where he was born on March 11, 1892, Andrew Fisher started his career with the U.S. Life Saving Service and retired from the Coast Guard on November 1, 1939 as Chief Boatswain's Mate. He served a total of 30 years. His father, John Fisher, was a commercial fisherman in Grand Haven. Andrew's mother's name was Dena. In the early 1900s Andrew lived at 103 Howard. He died on June 30, 1975.

Arthur Fisher [1893-1983]

Born on April 25, 1893 in The Netherlands, Arthur was the son of Abram and Adelaine [Adeline] Fisher. The other children in the family were Garrett of Grand Haven; Abe William of Spring Lake; Jean, who married August Thompson of Muskegon, and three brothers and one sister who predeceased him. Arthur came to Grand Haven in 1910 and was employed as Foreman at the Dake Corporation until his retirement. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, where he was the church organist, and he was choir member and Sunday school superintendent for 25 years. In 1917 he

married Ella Behm, who died of a myocardial infarction on June 9, 1983 at age 85. Arthur also died of a myocardial infarction at his home, 216 Jackson, on January 5, 1983 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 6, 1983.]

Charles Fisher [1882-1937]

Charles Fisher became part owner of a general store at 222 North Seventh that John W. Ver Hoeks opened in 1882. Purchasing Ver Hoek's store with Fisher was his partner Corneil Van Zanten. They bought the business about 1905 and carried primarily groceries, but also patent medicines, fabrics, and other items. By 1930 he owned a granary store. Charles married Hendrika "Reka" Ruiter in Grand Haven on May 5, 1908. They resided at 207 Clinton. Reka was born in Michigan about 1883. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, included Jeanette, born about 1909; Winifred, who was born in Grand Haven on May 24, 1912 and died in Chelsea, Michigan on March 3, 2006; Ruth, born about 1915; and Helen, born about 1924. Charles lived from January 11, 1882 to 1937 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His parents were Otto and Maggie Helmers Fisher. [*Tribune* obituary, March 14, 2006.]

Elmer P. Fisher [1917-1976]

While serving in the Philippines with the U.S. Army during WWII, Elmer Fisher was severely wounded and was confined to a wheelchair for the remainder of his life. While recuperating from his wound, Elmer met Helen Hidden. A native of Bay City, Michigan, she had enlisted in the Woman's Army Corps on February 8, 1945 and served with the medical detachment. The ensuing romance culminated in their marriage in Grand Haven on July 6, 1946. They resided at 14535 Mercury Drive in Grand Haven Township. A news photo of the couple, dated December 16, 1951, showed Helen pushing Elmer in his wheelchair through the woods on a hunting expedition. Elmer, the son of Henry Fisher of West Olive, was born on December 25, 1917, and Helen was born on June 29, 1915. Elmer passed away in Grand Haven on September 7, 1976 and Helen died five years later on August 28. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Everett "Abe" W. Fisher [1902-1987]

Born on December 16, 1902, Abe Fisher retired as Superintendent of the pressroom at Bastian Blessing after 32 years with the firm. He married Mary "Lizzie" Bolthouse on June 12, 1929. They had five children, including Donna, who married William Gelderman; Jack, whose wife's name was Mary; Joyce, who married Alfred Rodrigues; Nancy, who married Roland Bartels of Holland; and Carol of Spring Lake. The Fishers resided at 314 Visser Street in Spring Lake. Abe died in Spring Lake on December 4, 1987. [*Tribune* articles,

“Surprise Quilt Honors Parents” February 25, 1977, and “Time to Travel Arrives,” December 16, 1988.]

Frank Fisher [1901-1984]

Frank, the son of John and Dena Fisher of Grand Haven, was born on October 26, 1901 and died on April 8, 1984. An employee of the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power, Frank retired in 1958. He married Adeline C. Bonga, the widow of Henry Fase, on August 26, 1944. Their children were Dorothy, who married William Swier of Grand Haven; Catherine, who married Robert Howting of Holland; Richard of Grand Haven, and Mrs Joseph S. Van Loo of 318 South First Street in Grand Haven and later of 1006 Madison. Joseph Van Loo lived from August 31, 1913 to August 18, 1989. Adeline was born on March 20, 1904 and died in Grand Haven on May 24, 1975.

Frank J. Fisher I [1823-1900]

Born in Zeeland, The Netherlands in 1823, Frank was the son of Johannes and Anna Fisher. While a young man in The Netherlands, he assisted in the rescue of the crew of a large French ship during a terrible storm on the Dutch coast. The French government gave him a silver medal for his heroism. He and his two brothers, Abraham and Leonard, left The Netherlands and sailed to America in their own fishing vessel and settled first in Buffalo, New York, and then continued on to Grand Haven in 1856. Frank's wife, Jane, also was a native of The Netherlands, where she was born about 1822. The Fishers had six children: John, who was born in The Netherlands around 1850; Hannah, who was born in New York around 1852, married John Boet of Grand Rapids and Grand Haven, and died before 1920; Elizabeth “Lizzie,” who was born in New York in 1853 and married Peter De Heer of Grand Haven; George, who was born about 1855 in Wisconsin and became a successful commercial fisherman in Grand Haven; Martin, born about 1858 in Michigan; Nellie, who was born in Grand Haven in early 1860 and married Cornelius Van Dam of Grand Rapids; and Frank II, born about 1874. George and his wife, Agnes, and their children resided at 19 South Fourth Street in Grand Haven. Frank's wife, who was born in 1821, died on January 18, 1894 from the effects of a stroke. Frank's residence at 103 Howard was called “Poplar Home” and overlooked the channel. He lived there for 51 years. Frank I died on April 25, 1900 at the home of his daughter, Elizabeth De Heer, at 13 South Fourth Street. [Tribune obituaries, January 19, 1884 and April 25, 1900.]

Frank J. Fisher II [1873-1961]

Born in Grand Haven September, 1873, Frank was the son of Frank and Anna Fisher. Frank followed in his father's footsteps by going to the docks at age 10, where

he packed fishing nets for \$12 a month. At 21 he started sailing, which became his life work except for one year in the life saving service and three years at the Coast Guard Station. Occasionally he took temporary employment at Story & Clark. He and his wife, Kate, raised their family at 840 Water Street [Harbor Avenue], not far from Frank's childhood residence called “Poplar Home” at 103 Howard. Kate was born in Michigan in May, 1874. Among their children were James, born in March, 1897, and Marguerite, born in February, 1899. Frank died about June 19, 1961 and was buried at Lake Forest [Tribune articles, “The Variety Pool,” December 6, 1956, and “Open House to Fete Fisherman,” September 6, 1963.]

Franklin Parker Fisher [1889- ?]

Born in Louisville, Kentucky on April 10, 1889, Frank Fisher traveled the world with his wife, Eldrie [Fannie], who starred in amateur programs at age three and a half and was the youngest of eight children in her family in St. Louis. Frank married Fannie Miller on May 27, 1914. They were a comedy team and were good enough to make a billing at the Palace Theatre in New York. When Vaudville went out of fashion they settled in Grand Haven at 808 Sheldon and ran the Haven Beauty Salon at 215 Washington until Frank became Manager of the Grand Theatre in 1954. On September 28, 1971 he retired from managing the Grand, but Jack Loeks Theaters kept him on as a consultant. [Tribune article, “Frank Retires Again at 82,” September 29, 1971.]

George J. Fisher II [1895-1964]

George Fisher, a railroad clerk, resided at 127 Clinton Street in Grand Haven around 1930. He was born in Grand Haven about 1895 and married Carrie Vanderwaal, who was born in 1894. Both natives of Michigan, they were married on May 14, 1914 in Grand Rapids. Their daughter, Marjorie [Margaret], was born around 1917. By 1920 the family resided at 127 Clinton. Living with them in 1930 was George's mother, Agnes, who at that time was divorced from George I. Agnes was born around 1874. Carrie passed away about March 30, 1936 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. George died around April 10, 1964 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

Harold Stuart Fisher [1924-2000]

Harold, the son of Abram and Adelaide Albers Fisher, was born in Grand Haven on January 22, 1924. He married Joyce McFall on January 29, 1949. After she died on December 12, 1998, Harold married Ethel Lovejoy on April 14, 1999, in Bradenton, Florida. Harold earned his bachelor's degree from Hope College in 1949 and a master's degree from the University of Michigan seven years later. He served as a pilot in the Air Force during World War II. For nineteen and a half

years Harold worked for the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District as Vocational Director, Director of Special Projects, and Director of Personnel. He was a business consultant for Northern Michigan University for three years, and he worked for Grand Haven Public Schools as a math teacher and Coordinator of Business Education. For three years Harold was employed by the University of Michigan as an adjunct instructor of vocational education. He was elected to the Grand Haven City Council in 1959, served as a trustee on the Board of Education for Marquette Township Schools, was President of the Grand Haven Teacher's Club, and he also acted as Treasurer of the Michigan Vocational Coordinators Association. Harold also was a member and one-time President of the Salvation Army Advisory Board. He served two years as Chair of the Schools Division Fund Drive for the Muskegon County United Appeal, two years as President of the Muskegon County Geriatrics Council, and was a member of various state and federal associations. Harold belonged to the Second Reformed Church in Grand Haven. He and his first wife had two sons, David of Fruitport, and Richard of Grand Haven. Harold died in Jacksonville, Florida, on December 6, 2000 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where his first wife also was interred. [Tribune obituary, December 11, 2000.]

Henry Fisher [1862- ?]

Like so many of his family, Henry grew up to be a commercial fisherman, although he spent five years working for Story & Clark. He was born in Michigan in July, 1862, the son of John and Henrietta Fisher. Both parents were born in The Netherlands. Henry worked on such tugs as *C. J. Bos*, *Calister*, and *Annie*. Henry and his wife, Lizzie, resided at 318 Lafayette. Lizzie was born in Michigan in August, 1863. Their children were Hattie, who was born in June, 1884 and married Almon Ward of Muskegon; John, born in April, 1886; Jennie, who was born in November, 1880 and married a Mr O'Brien of Grand Haven; and Francis, born in July, 1892. The family attended the First Reformed Church. The family resided on Howard Street.

Homer Powell Fisher [1897-1968]

The son of Leonard and Tanzy Fisher, Homer was born in Grand Haven on February 10, 1897. In 1930 he worked as inspector at a printing machine company, but from 1936 to 1962 he served as Grand Haven Postmaster. He and his wife, Ethel, resided at 430 Grand in their later years, but at one time lived in his parents' home at 1031 Washington. Ethel was born in Indiana on March 4, 1900 and passed away in Bradenton, Florida on June, 1984. Their daughter Dolores M., was born about 1924. Homer died in Battle Creek on December 15, 1968.

Jay Leonard Fisher [1891-1995]

Born in Grand Haven on October 13, 1891, Jay was the son of Leonard and Tanzy Fisher. He was an oiler aboard the *S.S. Eastland* that tipped over and burned in Chicago harbor on July 24, 1915. He escaped by crawling through a porthole. Jay was injured while serving overseas with the U.S. Naval Railway Batteries during WWI. In 1918 he worked as a mechanic at Challenge Machinery. In 1922, for one term, Jay was Grand Haven City Treasurer. He joined the Postal Department June 22, 1925 and retired April 1, 1955 after serving Grand Haven Rural Routes 1 and 2 for 28 years and West Olive for two years. By 1928 he was Secretary-Treasurer of the Addison-Pellegrom-Colson Furniture Store at 302 Washington. The family resided at 943 Pennoyer and later at 501 South Seventh Street. He was a member of the American Legion, Masons, and Presbyterian Church. His wife, Bertha, was born in Iowa about 1899. Their children, all born locally, included Yvonne, born about 1924; Beverly, born about 1926; and Joan, born about 1929. On February 14, 1942 Jay married Gertrude Ray of New Era. She was born on July 17, 1893 and passed away on July 28, 1983 in Grand Haven. Jay died on April 10, 1955 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Tribune obituary, April 11, 1955.]

John A. Fisher [1868-1942]

The son of Abraham and Johanna Erkes Fisher, John was born on February 23, 1868 in Grand Haven. He married Jennie Hoffman, who was born in Reitsun, The Netherlands on November 5, 1869. Her parents were Jan "John" and Grietje Annema Hoffman, both of whom immigrated from Reitsun to Grand Haven. John died February 3, 1942 and Jennie passed away on January 18, 1955 in Grand Haven. Abram James, born on February 24, 1897, and Nelson Hoffman, born on October 11, 1906, were their sons. The Fishers resided at 715 Fulton.

John J. Fisher I [1857-1935]

Born in Buffalo, New York [Michigan] in September, 1857, John Fisher came to Grand Haven in 1861. He was a fisherman all of his life. His wife, Dena, the daughter of Peter and Maria Walters, was born on August 6, 1865 in Grand Haven. The Fisher children, all born in Grand Haven, included John II, born on February 29, 1884; Peter, born in December, 1885; William, who was born in March, 1888 and became the officer in charge of the Coast Guard station at South Haven; Henry "Harry," who was born in February, 1890; Andrew, who was born on March 11, 1892; Marie [Mary], who was born in May, 1894 and married Reyer Nagtzaam of Grand Haven; Abram, who was born in November, 1896; Andrew, born in March, 1898;

Henrietta [Harriet], who was born on February 8, 1899 and married Louis Breitels; and Frank, who was born on October 26, 1901 and married Adeline Bonga Fase. John passed away on March 21, 1935 in Grand Haven, and Dena died on January 30, 1946, also in Grand Haven.

John J. Fisher II [1884-1930]

Born in Grand Haven on February 29, 1884, the son of John and Dena Fisher, young John followed the lakes all his life and worked on the tugs of the fishing fleet since early boyhood. John II married, but had no children. He died at his home on Madison Street from pneumonia and pleurisy on November 8, 1930. [*Tribune* obituary, November 8, 1930.]

Johannes Fisher [Visser] I [1801-1895]

Born in The Netherlands, July 22, 1801, Johannes Fisher and his father and several brothers for many years manned the life saving station on the banks of the North Sea. For their bravery they were awarded medals from the English, French, and Dutch governments. In all they saved 63 lives. The wrecks were upon sandbars, usually 15 miles out in the sea, which rendered the rescue work extremely hazardous. He had a vivid recollection of Napoleon Bonaparte. Johannes arrived in Grand Haven in 1856 [1858] with his wife, Anna, and eight children, all born in The Netherlands, including Frank, born in 1823; Adriannus, born in 1825; Abraham, born in 1832; Johannes II; and Walter. The family lived in a home at 17 South Fourth Street, which was later owned by their son Frank. Anna died before 1880. Johannes died at home, on October 17, 1895 at the age of 94 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He was blind for the last 25 years of his life. [*Tribune* article, "Four Score and Ten," July 23, 1891, and *Tribune* obituary, October 17, 1895.]

Leonard Fisher [1862-1922]

Born in March, 1862, Leonard was the son of Abram and Johanna Fisher, pioneer residents of Grand Haven. His father came from The Netherlands and was a member of the commercial fishing colony here. Leonard worked with his father for years and later went into the fishing business for himself. He also was engaged in the meat market business for a number of years. He and his wife, Tanzy [Tan], had several children, all born in Grand Haven, including Abram, born in June, 1888; Jay, who was born on October 13, 1891; John, born in October, 1892; Josie, who was born in August, 1895 and married Howard Pellegrum of Grand Haven; Homer Powell, who was born in Grand Haven on February 5, 1897; Walter, born in May, 1889; and Robert, who moved to Detroit. In the early 1900s the Fisher family lived at 905 Franklin and later at 1031 Washington. When Leonard died on September 28, 1922 he resided at

1031 Washington. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, who lived from August, 1865 to 1935. Tanzy was born in The Netherlands [*Tribune* obituary, September 28, 1922.]

Lew Fisher [? - ?]

Lew Fisher was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886.

Nelson Hoffman Fisher [1906-1979] and Anne Glerum Fisher [1906-2002]

Born in Grand Haven on October 11, 1906, Nelson was the son of John A. and Jennie Hoffman Fisher. Jennie was daughter of Jan and Greitje Hoffman. Nelson's father was a commercial fisherman in Grand Haven. D. Baker & Son, dealers in lumber and coal, employed Nelson for nine years, after which he served as manager of the Grand Haven Coal & Dock Company. In 1936, in association with Louis Breitels II, he purchased the company and dealt in fuel and building materials. He was a Director of Sportster Trailer, Inc., as well as a member of the Rotary, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, Citizens Historical Association, and the First Reformed Church.

On March 8, 1930 Nelson married Anne, the, daughter of William [Will] and Mabel A. Scott Glerum. Will, a shoe repairman, was born in Grand Haven in 1877. Anne was born on March 5, 1906. She was a member of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven, Dorcas Guild, Christian Haven Ladies Auxiliary, Kilbourne Group, Free Bed Guild of North Ottawa Community Hospital, Girl Scout Council, Community Chest [United Way], the American Red Cross, and the Grand Haven Historical Society. She was a clerk and buyer for the Reichardt store from 1927 to 1931. Anne died in Grand Haven on May 2, 2002 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Nelson and Anne had two children: Annette F., who was born on March 2, 1931, and married Robert P. Whitney, and Jean Mabel, who was born on October 9, 1939 and married Garry L. Messler. Both daughters and their families remained in Grand Haven. Nelson died on February 27, 1979 of cancer and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Citizens Historical Association*, September 20, 1941.]

Walter A. Fisher I [1860-1935]

The son of Abraham and Johanna Erkes Fisher, Walter was born in Grand Haven on June 23, 1860 [1859/1861]. Like many of his family members, Walter became a commercial fisherman, working for Captain Martin O'Beck of Grand Haven. At various times Walter was Captain of the fishing tugs *C.A. Meister*, *Anna*, *E.C. Oggel*, and *A. Fisher*. He and his wife, Anna, had a son, Walter II, born about 1912, and a daughter, Louise, who

married a Mr Zimmerman. Walter and Anna were married about 1909. They resided at 500 Elliott. Captain Fisher passed away in Muskegon on January 2, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Anna, who had been married previously, was born in Michigan about 1886. She had a daughter, Augusta Marie Hall, who was born around 1905.

John B. Fiske [Fisk] [1829- ?]

About 1863 Rev. John B. Fisk [Fiske] replaced Joseph Anderson as Pastor of the Congregational Church on Washington Street in downtown Grand Haven. His starting date is not known, but he remained more than three years. John is on record as having performed a marriage ceremony at the church on May 24, 1867. In November of that year he was called to the First Congregational Church in Manistee, where he remained until May, 1872. John was born in New York about 1829. His wife, Mary, was a year younger and was born in the same state. They had a son, Harold, born in Michigan about 1860.

F. C. Fitzgibbons [? - ?]

Prior to 1861 F. C. Fitzgibbons was mail agent at the Detroit and Milwaukee Depot in Muir, the railroad terminus at the foot of Dewey Hill. In August of that year he organized a company of Irishmen for Civil War action. [No service records were found to detail Fitzgibbons's involvement in the Civil War.]

Scott Flahive [1966–1994]

Scott Flahive, who was born in Grand Haven on September 28, 1966, was an officer with the City Department of Public Safety. Scott was shot and killed by Keith Harbin of Covert, Michigan, while making what he thought was a routine traffic stop on Beacon Boulevard the night of December 13, 1994. Harbin and others had made a violent escape from the County Jail, then located near downtown Grand Haven, and were making a rapid exit from the city. Harbin was caught and convicted of the crime. Scott was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Frederick Lewis Flanders [1887- ?]

In 1929 Fred and Hazel Flanders purchased the Willows Resort property in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township and built a summer home on a portion of the site. They called their estate the Willows. Fred, a Muskegon industrialist, was born in Champion, New York on May 9, 1887. He married Louise Paradis in Highland Park, Michigan on January 14, 1918. She was born in Michigan around 1892. The couple was residing in Muskegon in 1920. On December 16, 1921 in Muskegon, Fred married Hazel Herrnedun. She was born in Michigan on June 18, 1896 and passed away in Muskegon in July, 1975. Fred and Hazel sold the Spring

Lake property around 1940. By 1945 they were residing in Dade County, Florida.

Milan C. Flanders [1851-1930]

Born in Lockport, New York on March 15, 1851, Milan Flanders moved with his parents to Two Rivers, Wisconsin, and then in 1860 came to Ferrysburg. As a youth he began sailing and obtained one of the first licenses from the local office of the U.S. Steamboat Inspectors. He became one of the best known marine men of this region. For sixty years he sailed the Great Lakes and was also engineer in some of the old sawmills in the region. He served on board the steamer *Merchant*, the *Lizzie Walsh*, the *Deer*, and the *Fanny M. Rose*. He married Emma Axrod, who, was born in Illinois about 1859. Their daughter Ethel, born about 1877 in Michigan, married Robert S. Burke. Milan died on July 3, 1930 at his home on Pine Street in Ferrysburg and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 5, 1930.]

Timothy Fletcher [1804–1879]

In 1854 Henry Pennoyer and Timothy Fletcher contracted with the U.S. Post Office to carry the mail between Grand Haven and Manistee. Two years later Timothy was County Clerk and Register of Deeds for Ottawa County. In the 1860 and 1870 censuses he was listed as Surveyor. On December 15, 1855 he bought 40 acres in Wright Township, and he also had land holdings in Muskegon County. On November 8, 1856, in Franklin County, Massachusetts, he married Catherine “Kate” C. Saxton, who was born on August 8, 1822 and died on January 25 [February 28], 1881. Timothy died on February 13, 1879 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Frederick R. Fletemeyer [1894-1976]

In 1967 the Medallion firm, with Frederick R. Fletemeyer, President, opened at 917 West Savidge in Spring Lake. Frederick was born on March 2, 1894 in Lafayette, Indiana and died in Grand Haven on April 5, 1976. On November 28, 1918 he married Hulda M. Irmscher in Allen County, Indiana. She was born on March 20, 1896 and passed away in Detroit in May, 1969. In Grand Haven Fred resided at 1119 South De Spelder and then at 1206 South Beacon in the Williamsburg Apartments.

Angus “Andy” Floto [1865-1930]

Born in Port Elgin, Canada in 1865 [1864], Angus Floto came to Grand Rapids when he was 17 years old. In Grand Haven he became Proprietor of the River View Hotel, located at the corner of Franklin Street and Harbor Drive. He was a member of the Eagles and Moose. In 1888 Andy married Elizabeth Van Dorple of Grand Rapids. Elizabeth was born about 1873 in The

Netherlands. The Flotos lived at the hotel and had a son, Percy, born on March 21, 1903, and a daughter, Mamie, who was found dead in her bed one morning without any indication of illness. She lived from 1898 to 1917. Andy never completely recovered from the shock. Sometime after 1910 he sold his interest in the hotel and moved to a farm in Spring Lake Township. Andy died from angina pectoris in a field near his farm on October 15, 1930. He and Mamie were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 15, 1930.]

Percy C. Floto [1903-1976]

The son of Angus and Elizabeth Floto of Grand Haven, Percy was born on March 21, 1903. Percy married Cornelia Ann Bolt, the daughter of Henry J. and Rena Hoffman Bolt of Grand Haven. Cornelia, who was born about 1908, graduated from the Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing in 1931, and served as a nurse at that hospital for several years before joining Hatton Hospital in Grand Haven. Early in his career, Percy worked for the railroad. Later, he and Cornelia bought an appliance store at 123 Washington on November 1, 1946. Three years later they bought out partners Nelson Fisher and Louis and changed the store from a home appliance center to a gift shop. Percy died on July 1, 1976 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Flotos resided at 1036 Washington. Their children were Mary Joyce, who married Thomas Ellingboe; Elizabeth Ann, who married Ricahrd Peel; and Peter C., who moved to Washington, D.C. with his wife, Mary Ann. Cornelia died in Grand Haven on October 16, 2004. [*Tribune* obituary, October 18, 2004.]

Joseph Flynn [@1867- ?]

Joseph Flynn was Proprietor of a saloon located at 332 Madison in 1910. Working as his bartender was Nathaniel P. Phelps. Joseph was born in Michigan about 1867. Joseph and Nathaniel lived on the premises. Both were single men in 1910. By 1920 Joseph was a farmer in Barry County, Michigan.

Edward Lynn Fochtman I [1929-1983]

Born in Petoskey on September 3, 1929, Edward Fochtman attended Muskegon Community College and earned a master's degree from Highland University in Las Vegas. A resident of Grand Haven, Edward was Personnel Manager for Sealed Power in Muskegon. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grand Haven and the Knights of Columbus. On September 3, 1950 he married Beatrice Padila in Las Vegas. Their children included Gloria, who married Steven Martin of Coopersville; Karen, who married James Indgjer of Kentwood; Edward II of Spring Lake; and David of Yuma, Arizona. The Fochtmans lived at 1430 Sheldon. Edward died in March, 1983. [*Tribune* obituary, September 3, 1983.]

Isadore Fogelin [1879-1932]

Isadore and Marie Fogelin were born in Sweden, he on October 8, 1878 and she about 1877. They were married about 1904 and resided at 311 Franklin in Grand Haven. They owned and operated Fogelin's Cloak Store at 130 Washington. Prior to coming to Grand Haven, they resided in Washington, Ohio. Isadore passed away in Springfield, Ohio on May 2, 1932.

James Henry Follen [1881-1958]

James Follen started Follen Tool Company in Grand Haven on May 1, 1941. He was born in Wisconsin on July 27, 1881, died about April 22, 1958, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He married Amanda Newuman, who came from Freeport, Illinois, where she was born on March 24, 1900. They were married on February 14, 1918 in Freeport. Amanda passed away on January 8, 1970 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Follens resided at 216 Alden in Spring Lake. They had a son Maurice, who was born in 1919 in Iowa, died on December 25, 1980, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They also had a daughter Virginia, who was born in Wisconsin about 1923.

Maurice J. Follen I [1919-1980]

Maurice Follen was one of three local businessmen who took over Follen Tool Company in 1959. The company was started by Maurice's father, James Follen, in 1941. Maurice and his wife, Jane M., resided at 1539 Slayton and later moved to 104 South Ferry. They had a son, James J. Follen. Maurice was born on September 18, 1919, died on December 25, 1980, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Oliver Fonger [1840-1916]

Oliver Fonger, who was born on Christmas Day, 1840 in Ontario, Canada, settled in Crockery Township before 1880. He and his wife, Sarah, lived on a 40-acre farm in Section 36. Sarah was born in Canada in October, 1841. Their children, all born in Canada, were Charles, born about 1865; Robert, born about 1870; and Mary, born about 1872. Oliver died December 28, 1916 and was buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery with other family members.

Edward Fons [1872-1948]

Around 1900 Ed Fons owned a saloon at 217 West Savidge Street in Spring Lake. By 1920 he was a hotel keeper. He was born on July 26, 1872 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. On May 4, 1892 in Grand Rapids, he married Nellie Meyer. Nellie, also a native of Michigan, was born around 1875. They had at least one son, Isaac L., born in Grand Rapids on February 28, 1901 in Grand Rapids, and three daughters, Catherine, born on August 15, 1892, Lizzie, born on February 8, 1899, and Edna,

born about 1910. Isaac, Catherine, and Lizzie were born in Grand Rapids. Edna married Francis H. Lange. Edward passed away on June 15, 1948 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Aart Henry “Orie” [Arie] Foppen II [1881-@1927]

Orie Foppen was born in Michigan on June 30, 1881. His widow, Adrianna [Adrienne], continued to reside at 519 Wallace Street in Grand Haven after his death about 1927. Orie worked aboard the tug *H.J. Dornbos* and was swept overboard during a gale. Orie was the son of Aart and Magdalena Foppen of Grand Haven. Adrianna, a native of The Netherlands and the daughter of Arie and Adrianna Boon of Grand Haven, was born about 1878. The Boon family immigrated to the United States in 1911. Orie and Adrianna were married in Grand Haven on July 16, 1914. They had two daughters, both born locally: Magdalena, who was born about 1916, and Katherine, who was born about 1919. In 1918 Orie was employed at Eagle Ottawa. Adrianna died about November 14, 1936 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband's parents. [*Muskegon Chronicle* article, “Early Fishing Days,” April 26, 1930.]

Joseph C. Ford [@1850- ?]

Joseph Ford joined the Spring Lake Iron Company in 1896 and became Secretary and later General Manager of the firm. He was born about 1850 in New York. His wife, Alice, also from New York, lived from 1851 to August 20, 1896. Joseph, Mary, and their children lived in the Village of Fruitport. Joseph started his career as a bookkeeper. [*Tribune* obituary, August 20, 1896.]

Adrian Louis Foreman [1914-1996]

Adrian Foreman in 1955 founded Foreman Manufacturing, first located on Warner Street in Grand Haven Township and later at 403 Davis Street in Grand Haven. He was born on October 4, 1914 and died in Grand Haven on November 14, 1996. He resided at 16159 Mercury Drive with his wife, Helen F. She was born on March 11, 1921 and died in Detroit on December 22, 2000.

George Forrest [Forest] [@1843- ?]

Owner of the City Flour Mills [Forrest Bros. Grist Mill], George Forrest arrived in Grand Haven in 1879 when he purchased the flour business and established the firm of Forrest Bros., located at 13 South Second Street. The business may date as far back as 1868. John G. Forrest was the brother who joined him in the business. George was born in Scotland around 1843 and spent some time in Canada before coming to Grand Haven. His wife, Elizabeth, was born about 1844 in Canada. They were married in 1864 and immigrated to the United States in 1880. Their children, as enumerated in the 1880 census,

were born in Canada: John G., born about 1865; Elizabeth Jane, born about 1867; Maggie, born about 1869; Georgina, born about 1872; Agnes, born in 1875; William, born in 1878; and John G.. Agnes and William died in Grand Haven in December, 1880 from croup. The family resided on Howard Street. By 1892 the business and the family were gone from Grand Haven, and in 1900 the Forrests were living in Flint, Michigan, where George was a dealer in produce.

Louis Fortino [1878-1957]

Louis Fortino was born in Saint Ippolito, Italy, on March 28, 1878. In 1899 he married Chiara Quinterri, who was from the same village. In 1900 Louis went alone to Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he spent three years working as a cowboy. Three years later Joseph Fabiano, a friend who had immigrated to Holland, Michigan and started a fruit business, was able to find work for Louis. He started with the Veneklasen Brick Yard in Zeeland and then from 1903 to 1907 he was employed by Donnelly & Kelly Glassworks [Donnelly Corporation] in Holland. In 1907 Louis bought a small fruit and cigar shop in Muskegon for \$25. By 1911 he had saved enough money to send for Chiara [Clara Mary] and their son, Frank, who was born in 1900. At the same time, Louis sold his business in Muskegon and bought Charlie Spadafore's fruit and vegetable store at 126 Washington in Grand Haven. He named his shop Grand Haven Fruit Company and sold both retail and wholesale. Eventually offering groceries, deli items, candy, and beverages, Fortino's became the oldest retail business in Grand Haven to be owned by the same family throughout its existence. Chiara died around June 12, 1943. Louis passed away on November 30 14 years later and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. Beside their son Frank, who moved west and died in 1975, the Fortinos had another son, Paul, who was born in 1913 and took over the store; Mike, who was born on August 16, 1916 and passed away in Grand Haven on January 18, 2006; a daughter, Mary, who married Tony P. Pontarelli; and Alphonse, who died in 1937 at the age of 17 from an injury sustained while playing football for Grand Haven High School. [*Tribune* obituary, January 19, 2006.]

Paul Francis Fortino [1913-1999]

Paul, born in Grand Haven on April 6, 1913, was the first child of Louis and Chiara Fortino to be born in America. As a boy Paul raised rabbits behind the family store at 114 Washington, and he worked for Al Miller at Miller's Sanitary Dairy on Fulton Street. Paul graduated *cum laude* with a degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Notre Dame.

Paul went to work for Seagram's Distillery in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, where he met and married Mary

Jane Knue on April 23, 1941. Jane was born in Lawrenceburg, Indiana to Joseph and Elizabeth Powell Knue on August 31, 1916. Also in 1941 Paul and Mary relocated to Grand Haven, where they purchased the family business begun by Paul's father in 1907, first in Muskegon and then at 114 Washington Street. During World War II Paul served for five years with the Army Corps of Engineers. While he was away Jane ran the store with the help of her father-in-law. Not long after the war ended Paul and Jane decided to change from a wholesale and retail outlet to a "gourmet" store. It turned out to be a wise move. In 1977 they sold the store to their daughter and her husband, Margaret and Ken Michlitsch, who continued to operate the business into the 21st century. Jane also ran a gift shop at 116 Washington.

Paul was a board member of the North Ottawa Community Hospital, the Harbor Commission, and the Highway Commission. He was President of the Chamber of Commerce and Director of Security First/Pacesetter Bank [Old Kent/Fifth Third]. He was a charter member of the Elks, Eagles, and Knights of Columbus, and he was a parishioner at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Jane retired from the store in 1979. She was a 58-year member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church when she died on March 16, 1999. Beside Margaret, the Fortino children included Mary Theresa Kohler of San Francisco, California; Paul of Portland, Oregon; Rita, who married John Brook of Grand Haven; and John of Spring Lake. The Fortino family lived at 535 Clinton Street in a house once owned by the Thomas Kiel family. Jane passed away on March 15, 1999 and five months later, on August 13, Paul died in Grand Haven. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Delbert E. Fortney [1889-1954]

Born in Ottawa County [Muskegon/Calhoun County] on April 19, 1889, Delbert by 1917 was Chief of the Grand Haven Police Department and in the early 1920s he was Sheriff of Ottawa County. He married Lizzie Anthony in Grand Rapids on November 7, 1908. Lizzie was born in Indiana about 1889. By 1910 they were separated, and Lizzie was living with her parents in Croton, Michigan, while Delbert remained in Grand Haven. He married Lucy [Lexey] V. Gulliver in Grand Haven on December 27, 1917. She was born in Michigan in March, 1896. They resided in Delbert's mother's house at 335 De Spelder. His mother, Irena [Irene] Leutz Fortney was born in Ohio about 1856. Delbert died on June 22, 1954.

Reuben [Reubin] C. Fosha [@1832- ?]

Born in New York around 1832, Reuben Fosha helped publish the first issue of the *Grand Haven News*, distributed on December 22, 1858. He married Amanda

McNeal in Ionia, Michigan on July 3, 1861. She was born in Canada about 1839. The Foshas had a daughter Ellen, who was born around 1864 in Ionia. Other children were Lillian, born in 1863; Minnie, born in Ionia on November 26, 1868, and James M., born in Ionia in 1870. The family was still residing in Ionia in 1880. Reuben stayed in the printing business.

Anton Fosheim [1882-1941]

When Challenge Stamping and Porcelain Co. was organized in Grand Haven in 1929, Anton Fosheim was appointed to head up the metal department. Anton, a native of Norway, was born on July 9, 1882. He married Iva Hanson in Detroit on December 31, 1917. Iva was born in Michigan around 1892. They had four children, all born locally: Ivan, born on December 21, 1919; Jack, born about 1923; and twins, Edward and Evelyn, born about 1928. The family resided at 507 North Sixth Street. Anton died about January 30, 1941 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Iva passed away around December 12, 1960 and was buried with her husband.

Ivan V. Fosheim I [1918-2008]

In 1949 Ivan Fosheim was named Plant Superintendent of Challenge Stamping. The son of Anton and Iva Hanson Fosheim, Ivan was born on December 21, 1918 and died in Saline, Michigan on July 5, 2008. He married Barbara C. Piper, who was born in Lewis, Iowa on August 20, 1919. Barbra died in Ann Arbor, Michigan on July 21, 2010. The Fosheims had at least one son, Ivan II, who lived from December 13, 1943 to May 27, 2006. Their daughters were Susan, who married Irwin Schwarts of Schaumburg, Illinois; Ellen, who married Rick Brengle of South Lyon, Michigan; and Robin, who married Dan Hoag of Saline, Michigan. The family resided at 306 Ottawa Avenue and later at 18193 Holcomb Road in Grand Haven Township. [*Tribune* obituary, August 2, 2010.]

Abraham [Abram] Dayton Foster [1849- ?]

Abraham Foster was a farmer and stockman in Section 13 of Robinson Township as early as 1864, and was still there in 1910. He was born in New York in October, 1849 [1850]. On May 25, 1870 in Grand Haven, he married Ella Josepha Chapel, who was born in New York in August, 1850. The Fosters had a daughter, Josie M., who was born in Michigan around 1874, and two sons: George C., who was born in Bass River in December, 1879 and on July 18, 1903 married Daisy Vos in Grand Haven, and Leon, born in February, 1884. The family was still in Robinson Township in 1900.

Edmund [Edward] A. Foster [@1864- ?]

Edmund Foster raised fruit on 36 acres in Section 23 of Spring Lake Township, where he settled in 1907.

Before that he was located in Section 24 of Robinson Township. Edmund was born in Michigan around 1864. His wife, Edith E., was approximately a year older and a native of Canada.

Leonard Foster [1842- ?]

While living in Port Austin, Huron County, Michigan, Leonard Foster on February 23, 1864 enlisted in Company H of the 3rd Michigan Cavalry. He was mustered out on February 12, 1866.

William P. Foster [1856-1929]

Born in Jefferson County, New York in January, 1856, William was the son of Edmond [Edward] and Mahala McCue Foster. Edmond was born in England in 1814 and passed away in Robinson Township on April 9, 1898. William moved to the Grand Haven area in the 1870s and became Postmaster at the Village of Robinson. He was Proprietor of a general store there, where he also owned a house. Foster's store, located at 104th Avenue and Buchanan, was also known as Gleaners Hall. The building was used as a school when Maplewood School burned down. On January 19, 1877 in Robinson Township William married Emma Robinson. The daughter of Alfred and Julia King Robinson, she was born in March, 1858 in Robinson Township. The Fosters had a son, Thomas, born in March, 1889. Emma passed away in 1911. William married Abbie Westerhof Robinson in Grand Haven on January 15, 1916. She was born in The Netherlands in 1860. William died in 1929. He and Emma were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery, as was William's father and his mother, Mahala, who lived from 1824 to May 2, 1884, and Abbie, who died in 1939.

Anselm [Austin/Anton] Fox [Fuchs] [1865- ?]

In 1900 Anselm Fox was a finisher in a Grand Haven factory. A few years later he owned a saloon 13 North Second. He resided with his family at 310 North Third. Anselm's wife, Mary Rinehart [Rhinehart], lived from 1862 to 1905 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Both Anselm and Mary were natives of Germany, where he was born in 1865. Their children were Philip, who was born in Sturgis Michigan in 1883; Frank, who lived from December 24, 1886 to March 7, 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; William, who was born in Grand Haven on May 25, 1888, married Bertha Van Den Boscsh in Grand Haven on June 24, 1909, worked for the Story & Clark Piano Company, and died in Grand Haven on June 26, 1973; Clarence, who was born on July 7, 1890, worked at Challenge Machinery, died in Grand Haven on November 6, 1972, and was buried at Lake Forest; Cora L., born in September, 1893; Leo, who was born in Sturgis, Michigan on March 7, 1895, died about February 20, 1922, and was buried at Lake Forest; and Allie [Ollie]. Allie was buried at Lake

Forest with other family members. On April 20, 1908, Austin married Anna Fitzpatrick, who was born in Michigan in 1880.

Frank [Franklin] Fox [1847-1934]

Born in Pennsylvania in August, 1847, Frank Fox moved to Michigan about 1867 and then to Spring Lake 15 years later. He worked for the Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company, and about 1897 he opened an ice and coal business at 213 Barber Street, cutting the ice from Spring Lake. For five years he was town Marshal. He sold his ice business to Tony Verplank in 1912. Frank died in 1934. His wife Mary was born in November, 1853 in Michigan.

Frank J. Fox I [1849-1903]

Born in Portland, Michigan on May 3, 1849, Frank Fox came to Grand Haven with his mother in 1850. His mother, Mathilda Gardner Fox, was born in England around 1821. She married Giles Woodbury of Allendale after her first husband's death. Frank began lumbering and in 1881 to 1882 he put up a sawmill in Section 31 of Grand Haven Township. In the first few years he cut over a million feet of lumber annually. He boomed his logs down the Grand River, beginning at Bass River. He filled many public offices, including School Director of Allendale for 11 years. Elected to the Board of Supervisors, he also was a Justice of the Peace, and in 1900 he became County Treasurer. He had a farm on the Grand River opposite Eastmanville, where he engaged in general farming and made a specialty of raising fruit and Percheron horses.

On April 25, 1891 in Allendale, Frank married Jeanette [Jeannette], daughter of William Alexander of Georgetown Township. Jeanette was born in Canada about 1859. Frank died at his home at 614 Washington Street from "cancer of the bowels" on April 24, 1903 and was buried in Allendale. Sometime after 1908, Jeanette and her son moved to Ann Arbor, where she bought a house and ran a boarding facility for college girls. By 1930 Jeanette was living alone in Grand Rapids. She died in December that year. Their son, Frank II, died about a year prior to his mother. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 24, 1903 and December 10, 1930.]

George H. Fox [1813-1899]

In the 1893 *Compendium* George Fox was classified as "carpenter" in Grand Haven. He was born in 1813 and died on April 7, 1899. [*Tribune* obituary, April 8, 1899.]

Joseph Charles Fox II [1922-2005]

The son of Joseph Charles and Delia Cafferty Fox, Joseph II was born in Newark, New Jersey on August 7, 1922. He served with the Navy during WWII. He also served in the Merchant Marines and the Coast Guard.

From 1961 to 1963 he commanded *Woodbine*, when it was stationed in Grand Haven. Douglas A. Fox of Wilmington, North Carolina was his son.. Captain Fox passed away in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina on October 11, 2005. [*Tribune* obituary, October 20, 2005.]

Phillip Fox [Fuchs] [1882-1966]

Phillip Fox was Foreman at a machine shop in the early 1900s. His parents were Anselm and Mary Rinehart Fox [Fuchs]. On June 6, 1907 in Grand Haven, Phillip married Emma W. Draeger, a native of Michigan. Emma lived from 1884 to about September 2, 1923. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with their son, Stuart A., who was born on June 6, 1908 and died about November 11, 1929. They also had a daughter, Louise, who was born about 1911. Phillip was born in Sturgis, Michigan on November 18, 1882, passed away around February 23, 1966, and also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Phillip and his family resided at 619 Columbus in the early 1900s and later at 510 Madison.

Raymond Leshner Fox [1880-1965]

Born on October 14, 1880 in Clinton County, Michigan, Ray Fox came to Spring Lake in 1916, from Mancelona in Kalkaska County. He began working with his father in carpentry about 1897, but in Spring Lake he was a machinist for ten years and a mail carrier for four. Ray also operated an auto repair garage. In 1926 he had an evergreen nursery that was located on the corner of M-104 and Fruitport Road, east of Spring Lake, and he was Maintenance Superintendent for the Ottawa County Highway Department for 20 years until his retirement in 1941. He built a fine telescope, grinding the lens himself, and he constructed the family home almost entirely unaided. During his lifetime he planted thousands of trees, usually clumps of blue spruce. On June 28, 1905 in Antrim, Michigan he married Clara M. Baier. They were avid “rockhounds” and charter members of the Grand Rapids Mineral society. Clara was born in Michigan about 1884. The Foxes had three daughters, all born in Michigan, including Kathleen, born about 1906; Marie G., born about 1908; and Arlene R., born about 1920. The family resided at 15661 Central Avenue in Spring Lake Township. Ray died in April, 1965. [*Tribune* articles “Will Retire From,” March 22, 1941, “Ray Fox Builds Own House, at 74,” June 23, 1955, and “Foxes of SL Rockhounds at Heart,” October 26, 1959.]

Stuart A. Fox [Fuchs] [1908-1929]

Born in Grand Haven on June 6, 1908. Stuart was the son of Phillip and Emma Fox [Fuchs]. Stuart was a member of St. John’s German Lutheran Church. He served aboard ship as a porter, and was a victim of the car ferry *Milwaukee* disaster in November, 1929. Stuart’s body was recovered near the Getz Farm north of

Holland on November 12. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his parents. [*Tribune* obituary, November 13, 1929.]

Frank Fraga [Frega] [1839-1911]

Frank Fraga served as assistant to Captain Emanuel Davidson, who was lighthouse keeper in Grand Haven from 1883 until his retirement on April 1, 1900. Frank was then assigned the post and held it until his death on September 17, 1911 at age 72. He was born in Portugal on January 5, 1839 and arrived in Grand Haven in 1868. Prior to 1883 he was listed as a sailor. His wife, Christine [Gesine] Strong, was born about 1841 in The Netherlands and passed away around July 21, 1898. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. A son John was born in Michigan around 1870. He married 24-year old Louise Trotter in Grand Haven on June 27, 1899. The Fragas also had a daughter, Louisa, born in September, 1874.

William France [1889-1969]

Bill France was born in England on June 4, 1889 and arrived in the United States in 1912. By 1920 he and his family were living in Crockery Township. He was one of the early founders of the Tri-Cities Historical Society and helped raise funds for remodeling the Grand Trunk Depot in the early 1970s. Bill and his wife, Ellen [Ella] E., and their six children resided at 12223 Apple Drive in Nunica. Bill was listed as a sawyer at a cabinet shop in the 1930 census. Ellen was born about 1889 in Ohio. They had five children, including William Asher, who lived from 1915 to 1977; and Annabelle M. Bill died in January, 1969 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Ella passed away four years later and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as was their son, William A. France.

Ernest William Franks [Frank] [1898-1987]

Born in Grand Haven on November 16, 1898, Ernest was the son of James and Shirley Franks. Ernest started working in his father’s shop, Franks Flower Shop and Greenhouse, at the age of 13. He had a large garden at his home at 835 Washington that ran along Columbus Street east to De Spelder. As a boy Ernie started delivering flowers with a sled, then with a horse-drawn delivery wagon, and finally by truck. At the age of 58 he sold the floral business to his two sons. Later one of the sons, William, who was born in 1928, took over the business, which he sold in 1980 to Dan Nash. Dan enlarged the business, which then was located at 915 Washington, and renamed it Lakeshore Floral and Gifts and Greenhouses.

On March 24, 1917, Ernie married Jeanette Koning in Grand Haven. Besides their son William, the Franks had another son, James, who was born on November 30,

1918, and they had two daughters, Irene G., born on August 8, 1921, and Evelyn R., born in 1924. Irene married Warren Warber on December 13, 1946 and passed away in Twin Lake, Michigan on January 2, 2008. Ernie died at his home at 828 Columbus on February 17, 1987 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jennie, was born on July 3, 1893 and passed away in Grand Haven on August 5, 1984, and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituaries, February 17, 1987 and January 4, 2008.]

James Alfred Franks [Frank] [1862-1941]

Born in Allegan on September 23, 1862, James Franks arrived in Grand Haven about 1887 and worked for George Hancock, one of the city's early horticulturists, and founder of Hancock & Sons Wholesale Florists. Franks later worked with James Hancock, son of the founder. James purchased the Hancock interest and opened his own floral business, Franks Greenhouse. He was a member of the Methodist Church. He and Sarah A. Matthews were married in Allegan County on September 20, 1887. In Grand Haven they lived at the site of the business, 1215 Washington Street. Sarah was born in Michigan in August, 1867 and died about 1969. A son, Ernest, who continued his father's business, was born on November 16, 1898. On May 14, 1941, James died from complications following an automobile accident. His sister, Belle Franks, married James G. Hancock of Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, May 14, 1941.]

James Edward Franks I [1918-2001]

James E. Franks was born in Grand Haven on November 30, 1918. He was the son of Ernest and Jennie Koning Franks. James left the floral business his father had founded to join World Vision. James became that charitable organization's midwest Director, a post he held for 28 years. In 1980 James organized International Aid, headquartered in Spring Lake, and ten years later he started Concern International. In 1942 he married Shirley A. Stark. They were parents to nine children: James E. II, Thomas, May Lou, Nancy, Joyce, Sue, InSoon, Busan, and KeumJa. James died on September 12, 2001. [*Tribune* obituary, September 14, 2001.]

James Frazier [Frazer] [1828-1896]

James Frazier settled in Spring Lake Township around 1863, the year he and his wife came to the United States. They owned a 26-acre farm in Section 15 of Spring Lake Township, and owned another 30 acres in the adjoining Section 10. Their land was just west of the later Spring Lake Yacht Club. James was born about 1828 in Ireland and died on November 9, 1896. His wife, Mary, was born in June, 1836 in Ireland. They had six children, including Julius, who was born in Michigan in July, 1865.

Andrew Buchanan Frear [Freer] [1814-1895]

A farmer, Andrew Frear was born in Oakridge, New York on March 18, 1814. On October 17, 1850 he married Elizabeth Nauman in Oakridge. She was born in Pennsylvania on August 14, 1831. Elizabeth died in Spring Lake on December 26, 1924, almost 30 years after her husband's death in Kansas on January 19, 1895, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Among their children were Kate, born about 1853, Myron, born about 1856, and Alfred, born about 1859.

Maurice H. Fredricks [1911-1998]

Maurice Fredricks was born in Muskegon on September 2, 1911 and died in Grand Haven on June 21, 1998. He was a draftsman at Great Lakes Design. On September 7, 1933 in Grand Haven he married Alyce, the daughter of Benjamin A. and Nellie Kellogg Chamberlain. Alyce was born in Muncie, Indiana on May 11, 1911 and died in Grand Haven on March 2, 2001. Their children were Gar M. of Muskegon; Herman of Pine Island, Florida; Marlyce M. Harte of Cape Coral, Florida; Renee A., who married Larry Galombeck of Grand Haven; and Sally S. Gould of Gainesville, Florida.

Andrew Buchanan Freer [1814-1895]

See Andrew Buchanan Frear.

Henry John Freeze [1919-1987]

On May 1, 1956 Henry Freeze left Camfields in Muskegon and formed a partnership with Jerry Maring to purchase the building and equipment of Fred King's business, Metal Stamping Products, located at 530 Elm Street in Ferrysburg. Jerry was President and Henry was Secretary-Treasurer of the firm. Henry was born in Muskegon on October 26, 1919 and died in Ferrysburg in March, 1987. Henry and his wife, Stella J., resided at 17700 Navaho Drive in Ferrysburg. Stella, born on August 2, 1917, was a bookkeeper for Peoples Bank & Trust [Bank One]. She passed away in Grand Haven on December 9, 1999 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Henry.

Ivar R. Fri [1912-1987]

In 1962 Ivar Fri started Fruitport Metal Finishing specialized in polishing and buffing. It was located at 28 North Third Avenue in Fruitport. Ivar was born in Michigan on April 20, 1912 and died in Crockery Township on September 25, 1987. He resided at 51 Circle Drive in Fruitport at the time he started his business. Ivar married Dorothy Margaret Ferris, who was born in Shelby, Michigan on February 18, 1916 and died in Fruitport on April 12, 1982.

George Washington Friant [Fryant] [1828-1895]

Born in Lyons, New York, on May 16, 1828, George was the son of Cornelius and Huldah Hatch Morrison Friant, the twin brother of Thomas, and the brother of Caroline, who married James Norris of Grand Haven. Cornelius Vanderbilt Friant, a native of New York State, was an early Michigan pioneer who built the first water-powered sawmills on the Rouge River and was settled in Kent County by 1837. He and Huldah were married in Wayne County, New York in 1827. After starting as a teacher at age 16, George moved to Ottawa County and went to work with John Hopkins when he was 18. Two years later he was working for Galen Eastman. George operated the first lumber and shingle company in the Grand Haven area in the 1850s. The Friant mill, later known as the Beech Tree Mill, was his property and considered one of the best on the river.

George and his wife, Cynthia Lucina Pease, had several children, all born in Michigan, including a son, George Morris Friant, who was born in Grand Haven on December 27, 1869 and died in Sparta, Michigan on August 1, 1938. George became President of the Retail Clerks Association in Muskegon and was employed at the Jackson Clothing Company in that city. He and his wife, Adda L., were residing in Grand Rapids in 1930. The Friants' other children included Agnes May who was born in Grand Haven in 1860 and on April 10, 1889 married Stillwell Matthews of Muskegon; Dwight P., who was born May 14, 1862, married Bertha L. Williams, and died in Grand Rapids on April 11, 1941; Morrison [Maurice], who was born about 1870, resided in Chicago, and died in a fire in Muskegon on December 21, 1913 along with his 14-year old son, Stillman; and Arthur, born about 1872. Cynthia passed away about March 15, 1880. George died "of creeping paralysis" on December 11, 1895 in Muskegon and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, December 11, 1895, and *Tribune* article, "Boy Gives Life To Save Home," December 22, 1913.]

Thomas Jefferson Friant [Fryant] [1840-1927]

Born February 22 [16], 1840, in Plainfield, Michigan, Thomas was the son of Cornelius and Huldah Hatch Friant, the brother of George, and the brother of Caroline, who married James Norris of Grand Haven. Cornelius Friant, a native of New York State, was an early Michigan pioneer who built the first water-powered sawmills on the Rouge River and was settled in Kent County by 1837. He and Huldah were married in Wayne County, New York in 1827. At the age of 18 Thomas moved to Ottawa County and went to work at the Hopkins & Friant Sawmill in Grand Haven Township, where his brother George already was employed. Two years later he was put in charge of Galen Eastman's business. Between 1862 and 1867 Thomas was a druggist and he also became a Justice of

the Peace and Town Clerk. In 1869 Thomas became partner with Thomas Stewart White. He later worked for the Ottawa County Booming Company to deliver logs down the Grand River to Grand Rapids, Spring Lake, and Grand Haven. In 1877 he and Thomas organized White, Friant, & Co. Sawmill in Nortonville, at the site of Colonel Norton's mill of 1837. By 1925 Thomas operated his business from the Michigan Trust Building in Grand Rapids.

Thomas was married twice, first to Harriet "Hattie" E. Wells of Muskegon. They were wed in Muskegon on February 22, 1862. She lived from 1824 to 1918. In 1880 they resided on Franklin Street in Grand Haven. The Friants, who later were divorced, had a son, Claude. He was born in 1865 and died in Grand Haven on November 19, 1874. On September 30, 1888 in Marcellus, Cass County, Michigan Thomas married Gladys Mildred [Mildred Gladys] Arnold. She was born on February 21, 1864 in Marcellus and died in Grand Rapids on January 23, 1928. Thomas and Gladys resided at 601 Cherry SE in Grand Rapids. Thomas maintained a residence at 244 Morris Avenue SE, in Grand Rapids, but in later life he spent summers in Mt. Kineo, Maine and winters in California. Thomas died October 30, 1927 at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. He and Gladys were interred in the Friant Mausoleum at Oak Hill Cemetery in Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituary, November 2, 1927.]

Antonino [Anthony] Fricano [@1898-1949]

Antonino Fricano was born in Bagheria, Italy around 1898, died about February 14, 1949, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Philipena, lived from 1900 to 1985. Their sons, Gus and Tom, in 1949 borrowed money from Uncle Cosimo Fricano to purchase Ottawa Tavern at 1400 Fulton. It became known as Fricano's Pizza Tavern. Cosimo, Ignazio, and Mariano Fricano were Antonino's brothers. The Fricano family resided at 1426 Columbus. In 1930 he was a finisher at Eagle Ottawa.

Cosimo Fricano [1895-1969]

Cosimo Fricano, who was born January 25, 1895, died in Chicago about April 27, 1969 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Cosimo in 1949 loaned \$2,800 to his nephews Gus and Tom Fricano to buy Ottawa Tavern at 1400 Fulton Street, which became known as Fricano's Pizza Tavern. Ignazio and Antonino Fricano were his brothers. Cosimo served with the American Army during WWI and was wounded. Cosimo resided in Grand Haven Township.

Ignazio Fricano [1903-1973]

Born March 9, 1903 in Bagheria, Sicily, Ignazio Fricano came to Grand Haven in 1922. His brothers Cosimo and

Antonino preceded him in death. His other siblings were Mariano of Grand Haven, and Michael, Rose, and Sam, all of Sicily. Ignazio was a veteran of the U.S. Army during WWII. He was a shoemaker by trade, but retired from Story & Clark in 1965. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, the American Legion, Eagles, and Knights of Columbus. Ignazio died January 4, 1973 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 5, 1973.]

Joseph Fricano [1929-1930]

Joseph Fricano, who was born on May 20, 1929, died on December 17, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Mariano Fricano [1900-1976]

Born in Bagheria, Sicily on May 15, 1900 Mariano was the brother of Antonino, Ignazio, and Cosimo Fricano. He retired as a leather finisher from Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. On September 13, 1925 he married Jennie Arnone, who was born November 13, 1905 and died March 29, 1985. They lived at 1414 Franklin. Their children included Vinci, who married Joseph Domanchuk of Fruitport, and Joseph, of Rolling Meadows, Illinois. Mariano died on December 28, 1976 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 29, 1976.]

Albert Fridrich [Frydrich/Friedrich] [1844-1915]

Albert Fridrich and his wife, Lena, in 1901 purchased from James Jocelyn 200 acres in Section 14 and an abutting 20 acres in Section 11 in Olive Township. The property later was given the address 10030 152nd Avenue. They constructed a 21-room hotel and a two-story house and opened a small zoo as part of a resort they named Fridrich's [Frydrich's] Point Hotel. Albert was born about 1844 in Germany and immigrated to the United States in 1850. Lena, also from Germany, was born about 1876 and came to America in 1892. The couple was married about 1900. In 1910 the Fridriches were residing in Waukegan, Illinois, where Albert owned and managed Hotel Fridrich. In 1920, five years after her husband's death, Lena sold the Olive Township property to William and Lena Styx. In 1998 Ottawa County purchased the site and later converted the house and land to a park called Pine Bend.

Fred W. Frietchen [1868-1949]

Fred Frietchen, a farmer and stockman with 80 acres in Section 13 of Robinson Township, settled in the area in 1908 and was still there in 1930. His wife, Mina [Elmina/Myna] Fast, was born in Ohio in 1878, died on March 26, 1937, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Fred, also a native of the Buckeye state, was born in Kent, Ohio on May 19, 1868, died on August 19,

1949, and was buried with his wife. They were married around 1897 and had at least two children: William, who was born in Ohio on August 9, 1895, and John D., who was born locally on May 3, 1906.

John D. Frietchen [Fritchen] [1906-1986]

The son of Fred and Mina Fast Frietchen, John was born in Michigan on May 3, 1906 and died on March 17, 1986. On August 7, 1925 in Grand Haven, he married Margaret H. Clausen, a native of Wisconsin. Margaret lived from November 11, 1902 to September, 1993. In 1930 the couple was residing on Exchange Street in Spring Lake. John was a grainer at Eagle Ottawa Leather Company.

William Frederick Frietchen I [Fritchen] [1895-1952]

Spring Lake resident William Frietchen was born in Ohio on August 9, 1895. He was the son of Red and Mina Fast Frietchen. In 1920 William was a riveter at Johnston Boiler. On April 8, 1918 he married Elsie Makin, who was then 16 years old. That marriage ended in divorce. William and Elsie had one son. On November 19, 1921 William married Catherine Margaret Albright in Grand Haven. After William's death on December 4, 1952, Catherine continued to live at 233 Meridian in Spring Lake Village, a home that remained in the family into the 21st century. On June 4, 1959 she married Gustav Barbrick, who lived from November 20, 1891 to December, 1969. Gustav was the son of Karl and Christina Barbrick. Catherine was born on May 22, 1905 and died on August 20, 1987.

William Frederick Frietchen II [1918-1993]

Born on May 18, 1918, William II the son of William Frietchen, was a resident of Spring Lake. He was employed at Eagle Ottawa as a boiler maintenance man. He died on March 19, 1993 in the Village and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He and his wife, Ruth Rae Swanson, resided at 739 Fall Street in Spring Lake. A son, Larry William., who was born on November 20, 1953, died from accidental injuries on May 14, 2002 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. On June 14, 1985 Larry married Lynn Corder in Spring Lake. [*Tribune* obituary, May 15, 2002.]

Eli De Lancey Frink [1833-1899]

By 1880 Eli Frink owned a fruit farm in Section 22 of Spring Lake Township. Eli was born in Solon, New York on March 16, 1833. He married Lois [Louise], Norton, who came from Ohio, where she was born in 1845. Eli and Lois had at least one surviving child, Edith L., who was born locally in 1882. Four other children died in infancy. Eli died on December 28, 1899, four years after Lois. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Stanley K. Frisbie [1909-1984]

For a short time in the late 1920s Stanley Frisbie managed Federal Dry Cleaning at 17 Washington. Born on June 6, 1909 in Cleveland, Ohio, Stanley moved to Fruitport as a boy and died there on May 9, 1984.

Herman Fritz [1862-1931]

Herman, the son of Johann and Katie Seeman Fritz, was born in Germany in September, 1862 and came to the United States in 1881. On November 19, 1891, in Grand Haven, he married Hulda Grager. She also was born in Germany, approximately ten years later than her husband, and immigrated to America in 1889. Their children were William, born on January 12, 1893; Edward, born in January, 1899; Louis [Lewis], born about 1901; Helen, born about 1904; and Ella, born about 1907. The family resided at 312 Elliott in the early 1900s and had relocated to 204 Columbus by 1920. Herman, classified as a day laborer, died about February 24, 1931. Hulda passed away around March 6, 1954 and was buried with her husband at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Johann "John" Gottfried Fritz [1819-1897]

Johann Fritz was born in Potrzymowo, Posen, Prussia [Germany] on November 9, 1819. On April 23, 1843 in Posen he married "Katie" Charlotte Wilhelmina Seeman, who was born in Gnesen, Posen on November 8, 1822. She died in Posen on November 4, 1873. John and his son Gottlieb and Gottlieb's wife-to-be, Caroline Braun, immigrated to the United States on December 19, 1882. They settled on 400 acres in Section 18 of Robinson Township. Their home at 13924 Lincoln previously was owned by Sidney Clark. John resided there with his son and daughter-in-law and their 12 children until his death on June 8, 1897. He was removing stumps on his farm at the time and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. His iron grave marker is one of the most unusual in the cemetery. It was designed and made by Bethke and Fritz family members who were working at Goddard & Goddard Tool Company in Detroit.

John and Katie had 18 children, all born in Potrzymowo, Posen, Germany. Seven of their children immigrated to the United States at different times and settled in the Grand Haven area. The children who immigrated were Johann William "Bill," who was born on April 16, 1844, served in the German Army during the Franco-Prussian War, immigrated to the United States with his younger brother Henry on May 26, 1869 aboard the *Everhard Delius*, married Johanna Christine Kastorff [December 12, 1853-January 24, 1940] in Milwaukee on January 15, 1872, became a baker at Star Bakery in Grand Haven and later at Grand Haven Bakery, died on June 26, 1915, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Johanna; Otilie, who was born on April 25, 1845 and married Johann Friedrich Bethke of Robinson Township;

Heinrich "Henry," born on December 15, 1847, immigrated to the United States with his older brother Bill in 1869, married Mina "Minnie" Mueller [October 7, 1853-December 23, 1939], in Peru, Indiana on February 20, 1873, moved to the Grand Haven area around 1881, died on August 27, 1923, and was buried at Lake Forest with his wife; Gottlieb Emil, who was born on May 1, 1852; immigrated to the United States in 1882 with his father and fiancée, Caroline Braun [November 14, 1862-April 19, 1944], married Caroline, passed away on December 2, 1918, and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery with Caroline; Emil H., who was born on September 23, 1853, immigrated to the United States in 1872, on October 22, 1877 in Grand Haven married Alvina "Lena" Caroline Kalska [born about 1858 in Germany], died on April 3, 1911 in Grand Haven, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Natalie, born in 1858; and Albert Herman, who was born on September 19, 1862, came to the United States in 1881, married Hulda Grager [September 14, 1872-February 28, 1954] in Grand Haven on November 19, 1891, died on February 22, 1931, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Hulda.

William H. Fritz [1893-1972]

On June 21, 1916 in Grand Haven William Fritz married Marie A., the daughter of Frederick and Adrianna Van Toll Albers. William, the son of Herman and Hulda Fritz, was born on January 12, 1893, died in Grand Haven on April 6, 1972, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Marie, who lived from July 21, 1891 to April 5, 1983, was buried with her husband. Their children were Charles, who was born about 1926 and moved to Muncie, Indiana; David, who was born about 1927 and remained in Grand Haven; and Betty, who was born about 1927 and married Earl Lutke of Grand Haven. In 1930 William worked as a mechanic at a local factory.

Anselm Fuchs [1865- ?]

See Anselm Fox.

Stuart Fuchs [1908-1929]

See Stuart Fox.

John Fuite I [1816-1906]

By 1864 John Fuite was a lumber inspector and also Treasurer of Grand Haven Township. He was included in the 1860 census for Ottawa County and had a 77-acre farm in Section 28. John was born in The Netherlands in January, 1816 [1815], came to the United States in 1848 and died about February 2, 1906. He married Antje Vos, sister of Frederick Vos of Grand Haven. Antje lived from 1836 to about February 18, 1913. Their children included Nicolus [Nicholas], who was born about 1869 and died around August 12, 1949; John II, born about 1871; Bonna, born in 1872; Henry, who was born in

August, 1874 and died around May 15, 1939; Anna, born about 1876; James, born in January, 1877; and Henrietta, born about 1879. James's wife, Isabella, was born in 1882. The children were born locally. John, Antje, Nicolus, and Henry were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Lester Fuite [1908-1986]

Lester Fuite purchased Pigeon Creek School from the Grand Haven School Board in 1961, the year the school closed, and moved it to another location on Pierce Street. Lester, who was born on October 25, 1908, died in April, 1986. His wife, Helen, lived from September 14, 1911 to September 25, 2001. They resided at 16916 Pierce I Port Sheldon Township.

Edna Fullager [Fulliger] [@1910-1923]

The daughter of Arthur Wilbur and Rose [Rosa/Rosie] Smith Fullager, Edna was born in Ohio about 1910. She died on October 30, 1923 in an automobile accident in which Harry B. Proctor, a Grand Haven Realtor, also lost his life. At the time of the accident Edna and her mother resided at 831 Pennoyer. Rose was born about 1891 in Ohio. She died on October 23, 1971 in Huron Co., Ohio. Arthur was born in England on February 4, 1971 and passed away in Huron Co., Ohio on October 23, 1971. Apparently Arthur never resided in Grand Haven. Rose married Frank Mattis Mattison on December 24, 1923, two weeks after her daughter's body was raised from the Grand River. Frank grew up in Holland, Michigan, but as an adult he also lived in Colorado. In 1926 Frank married Rhodanna Brower of Holland and evidently at that time Rose resumed use of her Fullager name and returned to Ohio. Edna was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Edwin L. Fuller [1819-1866]

Edwin Fuller, a lumberman born in Middlesex County, New Jersey on May 16, 1819, was a resident of Ottawa County by the mid-1850s. In the 1856 *Michigan Gazetteer* he listed as being a dealer in lumber and staves. In addition to his lumbering interest, Edwin had a banking and exchange business located halfway between Franklin and Clinton Streets on the west side of Water Street [Harbor Drive]. He died on August 1, 1866 and originally was interred at the Washington Street Cemetery [Central Park], before the burial ground was moved to Lake Forest. His body was moved to the new cemetery in 1899 and placed in a vault of Gothic design. The vault was vandalized in 1948, and the bodies then were reburied nearby.

Jason P. Fuller [1890-1985]

Born in Sand Lake, Michigan on September 25, 1890 to Oscar and Emma Fuller, Jason came to the area in 1937 and retired from Bastian Blessing as a cabinetmaker. On

July 5, 1913 in Hancock County, Ohio, he married Eva G. Beltz. Eva lived from May 11, 1895 to February 7, 1983. Their children included Doris, who married Ralph Scott; Rose, who married Harry Clark of Grand Rapids; Roy; and Donna, who married Robert Kane of Grand Haven. Jason died from myocardial infarction on July 19, 1985 at his home, 1221 Pennoyer, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Eva. [*Tribune* obituary, July 20, 1985.]

Robert A. Fuller [1916-1986]

Born November 2, 1916 in Whitehall, Robert Fuller in 1956 founded Star Industries [Star Machine] and was its President until he sold the company to Herman Miller, Inc., in 1976. Herman Miller renamed it Integrated Metals Technology. Robert was a member of the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church, Spring Lake Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Spring Lake Yacht Club, and Spring Lake Country Club. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during WWII. On April 12, 1944 he married Gertrude H. Bolema in Muskegon. They resided at 17754 West Spring Lake Road. Their children were Timothy and Susan of Spring Lake and Sally, who married Dr. Steven Fuller of Southfield. Robert died in March, 1986 in Naples, Florida and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 24, 1986.]

John Furlong I [Furling] [@1834-1883]

Originally from Ireland, where he was born about 1834, John Furlong came to Grand Haven in 1859 by way of Chicago. He was a ship's captain, became a partner with Captain Thomas Kirby, and owned a large fleet of lumbering vessels. The two of them started Kirby-Furlong Barge Company, forerunner of Michigan Barge Company. On May 19 1859 John married Mary Walsh. Born around 1837, she was the daughter of David and Alice Darmody Walsh, who came from Kilkenny, Ireland to Chicago in 1842. Shortly after the marriage, Mary and her husband moved to Grand Haven. They lived first at 30 South First Street, then at 225 Franklin, and in 1883 they moved into the Ferry house at 514 Lafayette Street. They had seven children, including Mary, born in Michigan about 1860; Kriddy, born in Michigan about 1862; John II, born about 1864 in Illinois; Vincent, who was born in Michigan about 1865, died around April 1, 1883 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Edward, born about 1866 in Michigan; George, who was born in Michigan about 1868 and died in Chicago on February 24, 1910; and Catherine, who married John Farnham in 1883. John I died in September, 1883 and his wife died on July 25, 1895. [*Tribune* obituary, February 26, 1910.]

Albert "Bert" Edward Gale I [1884-1974]

Born in Grand Haven on October 25, 1884, the son of Daniel and Minnie Weston Gale, Albert was an

employee of the Grand Haven State Bank. He worked as a clerk in his father's grocery and chinaware store at 214 Washington. Albert began his banking career in 1910 as Teller with the Peoples Savings Bank of Grand Haven. He accepted employment with Eagle Ottawa Leather in October, 1917 and then went back to banking. Albert became Vice President of Grand Haven State Bank on January 1, 1922, following his resignation from the Michigan State Banking Department. He retired in 1956 as Vice President and Cashier of the Grand Haven State Bank. He had been with the bank for 34 years. After retirement he worked part time as Vice President and trust officer until November, 1957. He was a member of the Spring Lake Country Club, the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Elks, and Masons, and he was President of the Michigan Bank Examiners Association.

On February 8, 1915, Albert married Willette Meyer, born in Grand Haven on October 8, 1894 to Henry and Nettie Meyer. The Gales had a son Albert E. "Jack" Gale II, who lived from January 14, 1916 to December 30, 1994, and was employed many years by Bastian Blessing. The Gales lived at 401 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. During WWII Willette supervised the local USO. Albert died in May, 1974, and Willette died on December 24, 1983. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 26, 1983 and January 2, 1995, and *Tribune* articles, August, 1948 and "AE Gale Concluding 36 Years," November 15, 1957.]

Daniel Gale I [1848-1934]

Born in Brookfield, Vermont on May 23, 1848, Daniel was the son of Presson R. and Lucy Mary [Maria] Adams Gale. Lucy was born in Vermont in February, 1817 and died in Grand Haven on June 16, 1900. Daniel's brother, Sawin, lived in Grand Haven and his two sisters married Pfaff brothers: Emma to John A. Pfaff and Clara to Frederick Pfaff. Daniel came to Grand Haven in 1866. He attended a business college in Grand Rapids and in 1872 entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, John Pfaff, at 114 Washington in Grand Haven. The store offered groceries and "Queen's Ware," a brand of glass and earthenware made in England. About 1884 Daniel bought out his partner and later dropped the grocery line in order to concentrate on crockery until the store closed in 1921. He was City Treasurer for eight years, beginning in 1892, a Mason for over 40 years, and he was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. Daniel also was the first clerk of the Cutler House that opened in downtown Grand Haven in 1872.

On October 18, 1876 Daniel married Minnie A. Weston in Grand Rapids. Minnie was born in Massachusetts October, 1857. Her brother, Will Weston, was born in Grand Rapids and moved to Grand Haven. Daniel and Minnie lived at 418 Lafayette Street. They had four

children, all born locally: Charles Martin, born on March 8, 1878; Millie May, who was born on May 1, 1882, married James T. Pett in Grand Haven on May 9, 1908, and died in May, 1973; Albert E. I, who was born in October, 1884 and became Vice President of Grand Haven State Bank; Daniel II, born on September 11, 1887; Grace A., born on August 7, 1890; and Wilmer, who was born January 22, 1896, married Cecile Murphy in Lansing on November 20, 1920, and died in Lansing on November 14, 1975. Daniel died February 16, 1934 at his home on Lafayette Street and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Minnie died about July 2, 1942. [*Tribune* obituary, February 17, 1934.]

Sawin [Solomon] Gale [1842- ?]

Born in Brookfield, Vermont on December 25, 1842, Sawin was the son of Presson R. and Lucy Mary Adams Gale and the brother of Daniel. Lucy was born in Vermont in February, 1817 and died in Grand Haven on June 16, 1900. Sawin was a charter member of the Grand Haven Concert Band, organized in 1868. In 1870 Sawin was a druggist in Grand Haven. In 1871 and 1872 he was Treasurer for the City of Grand Haven. He and his wife, Hatty [Eddie], had at least two children: Rose, born in Grand Haven on July 31, 1867, and Florence, born in Grand Haven about 1869. Hatty was born in Candada about 1842. By 1880 Sawin was still married but living alone in Minneapolis, Minnesota, employed as a traveling salesman.

Owen D. Gallagher [@1873-1959]

Born in Michigan about 1873, Captain Owen Gallagher in 1921 moved to Grand Haven from Ludington, where he worked for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad. In Grand Haven he piloted the *Grand Haven*, a railroad-car ferry of the Grand Trunk Railroad. His wife, Sarah J., was born around 1886. A daughter, Virginia Frances, married Clyde Peel of Grand Haven. The family resided at 807 Washington Street. Owen died about June 1, 1959 and Sarah passed away around September 21, 1967. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Christian Gallmeyer [1850-1932]

Born in 1850 in Adams County, Indiana, Christian Gallmeyer came to Grand Haven in 1878 to work at the Ottawa Iron Works. His brother, Conrad G., worked with him. The next year Christian joined Bryce & Bloecker, and in May, 1881 he became a partner. At that time the name of the firm was changed to Bryce, Bloecker, & Gallmeyer. They owned the Grand Haven Iron Works. From 1885 to 1888 Christian was a Grand Haven City Alderman. In 1889 he moved to Grand Rapids to continue in the foundry business. Later he became part of the Gallmeyer & Livingston Company. Christian was elected Alderman and during World War I Mayor of Grand Rapids. He married Lisette Hilsman of

Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1879. Lisette was born in Indiana around 1855. They had five children: Charles, born in Grand Haven on February 20, 1880; William, also a Grand Haven native, born on June 30, 1883; Arthur, who was born in Grand Haven in 1887; Louella [Luella], born about 1893; and Evelyn. Christian's descendants remained in the Grand Rapids area, but purchased a summer home in the Wilderness, a lakefront resort south of Grand Haven, which they continued to own into the 21st century.

Jesse Ganoë [1819-1888]

With a Mr Parks as his partner, Jesse Ganoë of Grand Rapids operated several steamboats on Lake Michigan and on the Grand River between Grand Haven and Grand Rapids, including the *L. G. Mason*, *Daniel Ball*, *Truesdell*, and *Ottawa*. By 1880 Jesse was sole owner of the Grand River Transportation Company. Jesse was born in New York on January 5, 1819, and his wife, Beulah Parks, was born in the same state two years earlier. They were married in Grand Rapids in January, 1850. The passenger boat *W. H. Barrett* was named for their son, William H. Ganoë, whose wife was Lucy Barrett. The boat was launched in Grand Rapids in June, 1875 and plied the Grand River until November, 1894, when she was destroyed by fire while docked in her home city. The boat was a sidewheeler, 37' long and 24' wide. William, who worked in his father's business, died in 1888. The *Barrett* was then purchased by John Muir, also a Kent County resident. Jesse died in Grand Rapids on April 2, 1888.

Carl [Charles] Ludwig Gottlieb Garbrecht II [1843-1920]

The son of Carl and Henrietta Betthoff Garbrecht, Carl II was born on September 8, 1843. He married Augusta Louise Marie Wille. They settled on 200 acres in Sections 11 and 12 of Olive Township. Augusta was born on September 5, 1845 in Germany and died in West Olive on September 14, 1938. Her husband passed away on February 18, 1920. Both were buried at West Olive Cemetery with other family members. A son, William, was born about 1877, and a daughter, Maria, was born three years later.

Frank G. Garbrecht [1882-1963]

Frank Garbrecht owned 40 acres in Section 12 of Port Sheldon Township, adjacent to his parents' land. The West Ottawa Soil Conservation District was set up on Garbrecht's property in 1939, and he supervised it for more than 20 years. The son of Carl [Charles] and Augusta Garbrecht of Olive Township, Frank was born April 1, 1882 and died on November 18, 1963 in Holland. On December 17, 1905 in Chicago, he married Christine Meierdirk. She was born in Illinois on December 19, 1882 and died April 28, 1958. Her father

was Dietrich Meierdirk. The Garbrechts were buried at West Olive Cemetery with other family members. Julius, Ernest, August, and Carl were their sons. They also had four daughters: Clara Lyons, Christine Stone, Louise Van Kampen and Frances Dykman. [*Whispering Sands*, p. 25]

Julius C. Garbrecht [1908-2002]

Julius was the son of Frank and Christine Meirdink Garbrecht. He was born in West Olive on July 14, 1908. Julius was listed as a farm laborer in the 1930 census. In 1935 he married Helen Veldhuis, who died in 1957. On September 27, 1958 in Grand Haven he married Thelma Grant Van Bemelen [Van Bemlen/Van Bemmelen], the widow of Clyde Van Bemelen. Julius retired from Grand Haven Brass in 1968. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and Harlem Reformed Church. Julius died at his home in West Olive on June 11, 2002. [*Tribune* obituary, June 12, 2002.]

Eugene Gardner [1844-1926]

Born in Steuben County, New York, on May 4, 1844, Eugene Gardner was only 18 when he volunteered for military service during the Civil War. He served in two Wisconsin regiments. On January 1, 1862 he enlisted in Company K of the 1st Wisconsin Cavalry and was discharged on October 6 the next year. Then, on February 3, 1865, he joined Company C of the 37th Wisconsin Infantry and served until July 27 that year. After the war he settled near Grand Haven and became River Boss for the Ottawa County Booming Company at the height of the logging era. His wife made it a family affair by cooking for the workers. Gardner was on the job during the horrific log jam of 1883. Heavy summer rains had created a huge accumulation of logs stacked behind railway and road bridges in Grand Rapids and created a nightmare of confused timbers seven miles long and thirty feet high. The Grand River was flooded and furious. When the bridges gave way, the logs were propelled down river like torpedoes, ready to destroy whatever was in their way. The stalwart work of John Walsh, a one-armed pile driver, and his aide, Clark Deremo, worked with Gardner and others in diverting the avalanche of logs at the last minute, saving jobs and profit. Boom Road was so named because of the log boom that was located there during the lumbering era.

Eugene's wife was Jennie Isabelle Lane, whom he married in Spring Lake on August 10, 1868. Jennie was born on May 28, 1850 in Hamilton Center, New York, and died in Spring Lake on March 9, 1926. Eugene died on January 6 of the same year. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Gardners lived on a 70-acre farm in Section 25 of Spring Lake Township. Howard Gardner, born in Spring Lake on February 26, 1877, was their son. They also had two daughters, both born in

Michigan: Mabel, born about 1870, and Eva, born in Spring Lake on February 10, 1874.

Howard Addison Gardner [1877-1940]

The son of Eugene and Jennie Isabelle Lane Gardner, Howard was born in Spring Lake on February 26, 1877. On March 2, 1898 in Spring Lake he married Emma Rachel, the daughter of Rev. David and Elizabeth Frink Spencer of Spring Lake. Emma was born in Canada in February, 1875 and came to the United States in 1879. A daughter, Marian, was born in Michigan in January, 1899. Howard was a farmer and a mason. The couple resided on a 70-acre farm in Spring Lake Township, located at the confluence of Deremo Bayou the Grand River. The farm once belonged to Howard's father, Eugene Gardner, and had been his boyhood home. Howard died in 1940.

John W. Gardner [1840-@1890]

Born in Pomfret, New York, on December 27, 1840, John Gardner on August 5, 1862 enlisted as Private with Company B of the 112th New York Infantry, part of the 24th Army Corps under General Alfred H. Terry. He was mustered out on June 13, 1865 and two years later came to Muskegon. Before moving to Grand Haven in 1881, he and his family lived in Montague and Holton, where they were located in the 1880 census. At that time he was employed at a Holton sawmill. In Grand Haven he worked for the Fessenden Barrel Company as Foreman. He married Emeline Kingsley in St. Clair County on March 28, 1868. Emeline was born in Canada around 1853. They had at least one daughter, Gertrude, born in Michigan about 1876. Emeline had returned to Muskegon by 1890, where she was listed as a widow. She applied for a widow's Civil War pension on June 21, 1898.

Daniel Green Garnsey [1838-1896]

Daniel Garnsey was Teller at the Ferry & Son Bank on Water Street [Harbor Drive] in the 1860s. In 1877 he and Charles R. Wyman had an insurance office in the Cutler House. Apparently Daniel subsequently moved to Grand Rapids. He married Emeline Brooks. A son, Daniel Brooks Garnsey, was born in Grand Haven on September 21, 1860. The elder Daniel was born in Rock Island, Illinois on May 25, 1838, and died on August 6, 1896 in Muskegon. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Daniel was the son of Charles Alexander and Laura Kimball Garnsey. In 1889 and 1890 he was listed in the Grand Rapids *City Directory* as an "Expert Accountant and Adjuster." Emeline was born in Mayville, New York in August, 1841, passed away in Grand Rapids on August 29, 1885, and also was buried at Lake Forest. Another Emeline Garnsey, possibly a daughter, was listed in the Grand Rapids *City Directory* as a music teacher. On December 21, 1892 Daniel

married Amelia W. Barnard in Chicago. She was born in Ohio in May, 1837 [1838].

Edward Grant Garnsey I [1869-1917] and Mary Vesta Doan Garnsey [1874-1967]

Born in Union City, Michigan [Illinois/Kansas] on September 17, 1869 [1870], Edward was the son of Judson and Olive Loucks Garnsey. Edward became buyer and head of the Interior Decorating Department at Marshall Field & Company on Wabash Avenue in Chicago. He copyrighted the name "japana" for a line of china that Marshall Field handled. His daughter thought the name japana might have been suggested to him by his travels in Japan and his desire to emulate the way the Japanese arranged flowers. He registered the Japana trademark as early as 1906. He also conceived an idea for a flower holder, today called a "frog," and patented it about 1908, listing Spring Lake as his residence. He contracted with a glass company in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania to make the frogs.

Mary Vesta Doan was born at Sand Lake, Michigan on September 10, 1874. She lived with an aunt and uncle in Grand Rapids before her marriage. On April 3, 1893, Edward and Mary were married in Chicago. In 1914 the Garnseys took title to approximately 27 acres of farmland, including a farmhouse, five miles south of Grand Haven on the Lake Michigan shoreline [Section 20]. They used the property, later numbered 11837 Lakeshore Drive, as a summer residence.

Around 1920 Mary was a "glass jobber," that is she sold glassware wholesale. A year or two later, she opened a "Japana Gift Shop" on the southwest corner of First and Washington Streets, before the Grand Theater was built a few doors to the west. Japana included such items as molded glass vases, flower holders, and statuettes. Mary had a lifelong interest in literature and writing. She reached her literary peak in 1941, when she was made an honorary member of the Mark Twain Society. The Eugene Field Society also honored her for her "contribution to literature." In 1962 she published a book of poems, *Gods in Modeling Clay*. She was the first woman member of the local Chamber of Commerce. Mary was active in the Woman's Club and the Tuesday Musicales Club. She organized the Professional and Businesswomen's Club. All of the family were Theosophists, including Gwendolyn.

The Garnsey's children were Sergia Gertrude, who died in 1901 at age seven; Marie Adolphia [Adolphia Maria], who was born on January 22, 1896 and married Charles Ettinger of Grand Haven; Edward Grant II, who was born in May, 1897; and Gwendolyn Doan, who was born on July 22, 1906 and died in Ojai, Ventura County, California in December, 1986. Gwendolyn also lived in Seattle, Washington. In 1920 Mary, Adolphia, and

Gwendolyn were living on Savidge Street in Spring Lake. Edward died on August 30, 1917 in Chicago, and Mary passed away 50 years later, in October, 1967. Shortly after Edward's death, Mary, Maria, and Gwendolyn resided on East Savidge in Spring Lake. [*Tribune* article, "Life of Service—Passing on Gift of Poetry," April 5, 1962.]

Edward Grant Garnsey II [1897-1918]

Edward, the son of Edward and Mary Vesta Doan Garnsey, entered the military in May, 1917, near the start of America's involvement in World War I, and was commissioned First Lieutenant in the Signal Air Corps. He was a member of Eddie Rickenbacker's Squadron and was credited with shooting down a German plane. Edward was accidentally brought down by Allied anti-aircraft guns. He was buried near Exermont, France on October 29, 1918, the day he was killed. He was born in May, 1897.

William S. Garrow [1907-1979]

Born on December 14, 1907, William Garrow passed away on December 26, 1979. He and his wife, Hazel M., were members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Grand Haven. In 1955 they donated land for a new church school on M-104 in Spring Lake Township. Their home was located at 13428 Cleveland in Nunica. Later they moved to Grand Haven and resided at 1320 Franklin. Hazel lived from August 18, 1907 to April 1, 1998.

Samuel Suffrin Garvin [c1870-- ?]

An Irish immigrant, Sam Garvin founded Garvin Industries in Chicago in 1899. In 1925 he opened a metal stamping operation in Grand Haven, a business that endured until 2002. Samuel was born in Northern Ireland around 1870. On January 28, 1896 in Milwaukee, he married Mary A. M. Gibson. She was born about 1867. They had two children, both born in Illinois: George A., born around 1897, and Marguerite, born about 1900.

Susan Gaskins [c1858- ?] and Robert Gaskins [c1851- ?]

In the early 1900s the *Grand Haven Tribune* related this story on page one: "A few weeks ago, while Jesse Williams was unloading a car at the Grand Trunk yards in this city, he found a few cotton seeds. He gave them to Mrs Susan Gaskins on Seventh street and she planted them in her garden. They came up in due time and she says it looks as well as the cotton would in the fields in Tennessee where she used to work years ago. Mrs Gaskins was a slave on a Tennessee plantation, but the war brought her freedom when a young girl." Susan and her husband, Robert, resided at 411 North Seventh Street. He worked as a laborer at the loading docks.

Susan was born about 1858 in Tennessee, and Robert came from Virginia, where he was born about 1851. By 1910 the couple was living in Muskegon. They were married about 1901. [*Tribune*, June 27, 1907.]

Edward James Gatfield I [1823-1901]

In 1864 Edward Gatfield and his wife, Anne Poole, moved to Grand Haven from Racine, Wisconsin, where they were living by 1850. Anne was born in England around 1828. They were married at the First Presbyterian Church in Albany, New York, on March 2, 1857. They were Methodists and started a "Colony" by meeting in their home with other members of the same denomination. Edward was born in London, England on September 25, 1823 and died in Grand Haven on May 3, 1901. In 1880 he worked at a sawmill, and by then he and Anne were divorced. The Gatfields had four children, including a daughter, Emma, born in Wisconsin about 1861, who moved to Ludington, and two sons, Edward II, born in 1862 in Racine, who also relocated to Ludington, and John, who was born in July, 1867 and remained in Grand Haven. In Ludington, Edward II married Anglina Shappee on August 31, 1910.

John Edward Gatfield [1867-1946]

John, the son of Edward and Anne Poole Gatfield of Grand Haven, was born on July 14, 1867. His wife, Mary, was born in Iowa in December, 1869. John and Mary, who resided on Lafayette Street, had at least two children: Genevieve, born in February, 1890, and Floyd, born in March, 1891. John was Manager of the Western Union office in Grand Haven at 122 Washington. He and his family by 1908 were located at 128 Columbus. By 1920 they were living in Detroit. John died in Los Angeles, California on November 1, 1946.

Emil O. Gaul [1895-1982]

With Paul A. Johnson I, Bernath P. Sherwood I, Alvin E. Jacobson I, and Abram [Abraham] T. Kieft as partners, Emil Gaul took over the Bolling Manufacturing Company at 201 South Harbor in 1927 and renamed it Grand Haven Stamped Products. Emil was Plant Superintendent. His wife, Alvina, was born about 1896 in Michigan. They were married in approximately 1928. Their daughter, Luella Mae, was born on February 1, 1932. By 1930 the Gauls were residing at 1326 Pennoyer, where they remained until at least the mid-1950s. Emil, who was born on July 3, 1895, later resided at 2020 Jane Court in Grand Haven. He died on March 17, 1982. Alvina passed away about October 19, 1968. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Marcus C. Gazan [1890-1978]

In 1948 Marcus Gazan and his son-in-law, Carroll Bos, started the Tri-City Dairy, which lasted eight years. Marcus was born in The Netherlands on April 12, 1890

and passed away in Spring Lake on March 19, 1978. On June 11, 1914 in Grand Rapids, he married Edna Cornell. She was born in Grand Rapids in 1893. His second wife, Louise, lived from November 8, 1894 to April 23, 1893. They resided at 217 Barber in the 1950s and later at 209 Williams.

R. H. Gebott [1855- ?]

By 1882 Gebott was saw filer at the White, Friant, & Co. Sawmill. He was born in Caistor, Canada in 1855. He married Orvilla Horn on January 17, 1881, and they moved to Grand Haven from Ludington that year. Orvilla, also from Caistor, was born in 1854. By 1900 they were again residing in Mason County.

Hendrik "Henry" Geertman [1856- ?]

A farmer, Henry Geertman also raised livestock on 140 acres in Section 11 of Olive Township. He was born in The Netherlands in October, 1856 and he and his wife arrived in the area in 1882. On August 5, 1882 in Holland, he married Johanna Dunin "Dena" Boorman. She was born in The Netherlands in March, 1861. Their children, all born in Michigan, included Marinus, born in June, 1885; Aaltje, born in February, 1887; Effie, born in May, 1890; Hendrick, born on November 12, 1892; and Albert, born in August, 1895. Albert's wife, Margaret M. was also a native of Michigan, where she was born about 1900. As a widow in 1930, Dena was living with Albert and his wife in Olive Township.

Bernard James Gellick [1875-1945]

Bernard Gellick was born in Laforgeville, New York on January 10, 1875, and on September 15, 1897 in Charlevoix, he married Alma Augusta Hinkley. In 1910 the couple resided in Manistee. Eight years later they resided in Grand Rapids, where he was employed by the Crosby Transportation Company as a boat pilot. In 1920 he was Inspector of Hulls with the Grand Haven office of the U. S. Steamboat Inspection Service, a post he held until at least 1932. Bernard and Alma had at least two children, both born locally: Robert Bernard, born in Charlevoix on March 12, 1901, and Isabel, around 1908. Alma was born in Evart, Michigan on May 10, 1875 and died in 1927. Bernard resided at 21 North Sixth Street and later at 216 South Fifth. On April 21, 1924 he married Barbara Brown Grosse in Grand Haven. She was born in Illinois on September 17, 1889, and died in Saline, Michigan on July 22, 1977. Bernard passed away in Chicago on February 14, 1945.

Robert Chester Gesiakowski [1936-2003]

Robert Gesiakowski served as Chief of the Ferrysburg Police Department from 1973 to 1981. Prior to that post, he was a member of the Montague Police Department. He also served with the Marine Corps. Robert was born in Chicago, Illinois on August 9, 1936, the son of

Chester and Frances Zurek Gesiakowski. He attended St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spring Lake. Robert and his wife, Mary Ann, resided at 17349 Lane Avenue in Ferrysburg. Their children were a daughter Stacey four sons: Edward, Robert, Richard, and Blake. Robert died in Muskegon on December 2, 2003 as the result of an automobile accident. [*Tribune* obituary, December 4, 2003.]

George F. Getz [1865-1938]

On September 9, 1929 the freighter *Andaste* sank with the loss of all lives. Wreckage began to drift ashore along the Lake Michigan beaches from Grand Haven to Castle Park, south of Holland. George Getz, owner of the 230-acre Getz Farm and Zoo north of Holland [Park Township] discovered an oar and other items from the wreck. The first body was recovered at Castle Park. Other bodies washed ashore as far north as Grand Haven. The Getz farm became the first County park in 1929 and was named Tunnel Park. George, who resided in Chicago, was born about 1865 in Pennsylvania and died in 1938. He made his fortune as a coal merchant.

Herschel F. Giant [1911-1987]

Around the mid-1940s Herschel F. and Moneth Giant bought the house at 216 Elliott Street in Grand Haven for \$8,000. When they moved to Florida in 1985 their granddaughter, Barbara Carlson, purchased the property. Herschel was born as Hurchell Giant in Allen County, Indiana, on May 9, 1911 and died in Lake County, Florida on December 26, 1987. Moneth, who lived from October 8, 1913 to February 4, 1993, died in Dade County, Florida.

Charles Tomlinson Gibbs [1815-1889]

Charles T. Gibbs, who was born in Connecticut on June 19, 1815, moved with his family to New York City in 1820, headed west in a covered wagon in 1836, and arrived in Grand Haven the next year. He purchased his first farm in Polkton Township in 1841 and settled in Crockery Township in 1844. The next year he, Richard Mason, and Richard Hathaway were elected first Highway Commissioners for the township. During their tenure a road was opened from Spring Lake, through Nunica, to the eastern boundary of Crockery Township.

Charles was the son of Robert and Eleanor Huff Gibbs originally of England. As a youngster in New York, Charles drove horses on the Erie Canal. Everett recorded that in Ottawa County Charles cut firewood near the Grand River, hauled it to the river bank, loaded it on a raft, poled his way to Grand Haven, and sold it for a dollar a cord. [*Memorials*, page 510]. By 1865 he owned 40 acres in Section 18 of Polkton Township, which later passed to his son-in-law, Basnett Dell.

Charles married Hannah Walsh [Welsh/Welch] on January 31, 1839 in Muskegon, with Dr. Timothy Eastman performing the ceremony. Hannah, who was born in County Limerick, Ireland, lived from December 17, 1824 to October 22, 1884 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Her father had died when she was a child, and she and her mother immigrated to Canada and then settled in Chicago before arriving in the Grand Haven area about a year before her marriage to Charles. The Gibbsses' daughter, Margaret Sarah, born on November 16, 1841, was the first wife of Richard J. Connell of Grand Haven. Another daughter, Eleanor, lived from 1840 to 1857 and married Nelson L. Deremo. The Gibbsses other children, all born in Michigan, were Robert, who was born on March 14, 1844, died on Mary 26, 1862, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; Mary, born in 1846; Thomas W., born in 1848; Joseph L., born in 1851; Anna, who was born in 1853 and married Samuel Dell of Crockery Township; Jeremiah, who was born on June 20, 1855 [1856], died on May 25, 1862, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; William E., who was born on May 7, 1857, died of smallpox on May 9, 1872, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; James Alexander, who was born on September 24, 1859 and died on October 4, 1936 in Albion; Emily Jane, who was born September 29, 1861, married Basnett Dell, died on April 12, 1934, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; and Stephen Monroe, who was born on April 29, 1865, died on May 5 [4], 1872 of smallpox, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The outbreak of smallpox on the Gibbs property during the spring of 1872 caused the Spring Lake Village Council to ban any member of the family from entering the town until the danger was over. [Kitchel, page 75.]

A year after Hannah's death on October 22, 1884, Charles married Martha Kears. Two years later, on December 14, he was wed to Martha Jones in Ottawa County. She was born about 1815 in New York State. Charles died on September 16, 1889. Both Charles and Hannah were buried in the family plot at Spring Lake Cemetery. Charles's younger brother, Alexander H. Gibbs, died in Spring Lake on January 26, 1859 at the age of 38 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Joseph, of Crockery Township, was another brother.

Edward P. Gibbs [1846–1896]

Born in Athol, Massachusetts in 1846 [1845], Edward Gibbs came to Grand Haven in the 1880s to assume the pastorate of the Unitarian Church. He was county Treasurer from the fall of 1886 to 1893, when he was appointed to the Auditor General's office in Lansing and moved there. Edward enlisted on May 13, 1864 as Private in Company L of the 3rd Massachusetts Heavy Artillery and held the rank of Sergeant when he was mustered out on September 18, 1865. On July 14, 1879

he applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. Edward was a member of the Masons, Maccabees, and Highland Tent. He was a Republican and noted orator. Edward died on June 11, 1896 in Lansing, but was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Jennie L., applied for a widow's Civil War pension on the following July 10. Jennie next married Cornelius Pond of Lansing. Jennie was born in Massachusetts in May, 1850, passed away in 1930, and was buried with her first husband. One of their children, Wilfred S., was born in Massachusetts about 1870 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1889. Albert went on to become a lawyer in Detroit. [*Tribune* obituary, June 12, 1896.]

Joseph Gibbs [1826-1909]

Joseph, born on May 31, 1826 in New York State, was the son of Robert and Eleanor Huff Gibbs, originally of England. On September 6, 1855 in New York, Joseph married Mary Pennoyer, who was born in New York in 1836 and passed away on September 26, 1925. By the mid-1860s Joseph owned 200 acres of farmland in Section 12 of Crockery and Section 18 of Polkton Townships. Joseph died on February 24, 1909. He and Mary were buried at Nunica Cemetery. Their children were Eugene, born in 1855 in New York; Alice, born in 1859 in New York; Hannah, born in 1861 in New York; Rebecca, born in 1863 in New York; Margaret, born in Michigan about 1865; Gershom, who was born in Michigan in 1868, and married Sarah Hamilton on July 14, 1891 in Grand Haven; George, born in 1872 in Michigan; and Orange, born in 1874 in Michigan.

Townsend E. Gidley [1805–1888]

A native of Poughkeepsie, New York, where he was born on July 8, 1805 and ran a mercantile business, Townsend Gidley came to Michigan in 1833. On October 1, 1835 he purchased 80 acres in Section 32 of Sandstone Township in Jackson County. There he became a successful and prosperous fruit grower and farmer. He was elected a member of the convention to form a state constitution in 1834, and he was elected a member of the first legislature, where he held seats in both houses for a number of years. He once ran for governor. In the spring of 1868 he purchased and settled on about one-third of Robert Stuart's estate, a total of approximately 2,000 acres, in Grand Haven Township. Townsend paid about \$15 per acre. Because of the fruit it produced, the area came to be known as Peach Plains. He eventually cultivated 70 acres of orchard with 10,000 trees, mostly peach, with apple, plum, and cherry, as well.

In the fourth quarter of the 1800s a "driving park" became a popular place for people to gather and witness trotting races. The park was built on land in Section 35 of Grand Haven Township. Access from Grand Haven

was by way of River Road [Mercury Drive], but spectators could come from Grand Rapids and other places by boat or train. The one-mile track was laid on a flat, marl surface that provided firm and fast racing. The park opened on August 14, 1874 and continued operation into the 1890s.

Townsend's first wife, Emily, was born in New York about 1807 and died before 1860. Their only son, Sands, was born in New York about 1831 and died November 3, 1892 in Saginaw. Sands and his wife, Josie, were married in Jackson County on January 23, 1862. Townsend and Emily also had two daughters, both born in New York: Sarah, born about 1831, and Isabella, born about 1832. Isabella married Horatio G. Snyder on November 1, 1885 and remained in Jackson County. Townsend married Mary Blanche Henderson in Grand Haven on January 23, 1879. She was born in Dayton, Ohio and lived from 1845 to 1925. Mary also had been married to a W. W. [W. R.] Roberts. Townsend passed away on October 8, 1888 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Mary. [*Tribune* article, November 16, 1892.]

Esther I. Gier [1902-1981]

With her husband Earl, Esther Gier owned and operated Keefer's Restaurant at 15 Washington. They purchased the restaurant from Peter A. and Edith Keefer, sometime after 1938, keeping its original name. The Giers lived above the restaurant. Esther was born in Michigan on September 9, 1902 and died in Grand Haven on September 2, 1981. Earl was born in Central Lake, Michigan on January 21, 1902 and passed away in Alma on May 2, 1992. They were married in Grand Rapids on November 11, 1922.

Francis Baker [Backus] Gilbert [1818-1885]

Born in Greenfield, Massachusetts on May 25, 1818, the son of General Thomas and Harriet A. Ames Gilbert of Greenfield, Francis arrived in Grand Haven in 1837, two years after his brother, Thomas. He moved between Grand Rapids and Grand Haven several times, and was President of the Grand Rapids Gas Light Company for more than 25 years. On October 7, 1850 he married Caroline E. Throop in Grand Haven. She was the daughter of early Grand Haven settlers Nathan and Mary Mushaw Throop. Caroline lived from 1831 to June 29, 1869. Francis died in Grand Rapids on May 25, 1885. Both were buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

Thomas Dwight Gilbert [1815-1894]

Born on December 13, 1815 in Greenfield, Massachusetts, the son of General Thomas and Harriet A. Ames Gilbert of Greenfield, Thomas arrived in Grand Haven on June 10, 1835, with his friend, Mary A. White,

and her three brothers. With Rix Robinson and others, Thomas was one of the founders and Clerk of the second Grand Haven Company [Robinson, White & Williams], a business which included a warehouse, a shipbuilding enterprise, and land development. His brother, Francis Baker Gilbert, was Secretary. Later Thomas and Francis started their own mercantile and warehousing business in Grand Haven. After that they reentered the lumbering trade and developed a lake shipping operation, as well. Thomas was Sheriff of Ottawa County from 1841 to 1843. In 1850 he was appointed to a commission to lay out plank roads and buildings between Grand Haven and Holland.

In 1853 Thomas and his brother sold their warehouse to Henry Martin of Grand Rapids, who hired Dwight Cutler to manage it. Thomas was able to retire from that sale and traveled for two years in Europe before he and his brother moved to Grand Rapids in 1855. In 1860 he served in the State Legislature, and he was Regent of the University of Michigan for twelve years. In 1865 he was President of the City National Bank of Grand Rapids. In November, 1871 Thomas married Angeline, the daughter of Rev. Abel Bingham, a missionary at Sault Ste. Marie. Angie was born in Michigan on March 21, 1830 and died in Grand Rapids on November 8, 1910. She was reputed to be fluent in Chippewa and spoke with Jean Baptiste Parrisien in that language. Thomas died in Grand Rapids on November 18, 1894. Thomas and Angie were buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituary, November 19, 1894.]

Henry Gildner [1849-1927]

Henry Gildner was born in Germany in May, 1849 and emigrated from Canada to this area with his wife, Eva, in 1895. It was that year he bought and remodeled the Kirby Hotel at 2 Washington. Henry changed the establishment's name to the Gildner Hotel. He and Eva remained residents of Grand Rapids, where Henry died about February 25, 1927. Eva was born in Canada in April, 1852. They had at least two children, both born in Canada: George, born in February, 1872, and Minetta, born in July, 1884.

Edward Gillen [Gillan] [1865- ?]

In the early 1890s Edward Gillen and Archie Campbell started the Gillen & Campbell Foundry in Grand Haven. The plant manufactured iron and brass castings. Edward, the son of Hugh and Elizabeth Fair Gillen, was born in Grand Haven in September, 1865. Hugh Gillen was born around 1834 in Ohio and died in Grand Haven on July 1, 1903. Edward's mother, Elizabeth, came from Ireland, where she was born about 1837. In the 1893 *Compendium* Hugh was listed as Pier Inspector, and Edward was a machinist. By 1900 Edward was

living in Milwaukee with his two brothers, William and Frederick, and working as a pile driver. Ten years later he was in Chicago with his wife, Mary. She was born in Wisconsin about 1870. William and Mary had moved to Windom, Minnesota by 1920. In 1930 he was again living with his brother William in Milwaukee and was retired.

Ernest Davis Ginter [1912-1962]

E. Davis Ginter came to Grand Haven to work for the Peerless Glove Company about 1945. Four years later he purchased all of the company's outstanding capital stock. In 1952 he sold the company to Pioneer Rubber, which subsequently closed the plant. Davis and his wife, Marion, resided at 628 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. He was born in Illinois on June 13, 1912 and died in Minnesota on January 16, 1962. Marion lived from September 5, 1916 to August 22, 1991. She passed away in Strongsville, Ohio.

Lorenz [LauranceLawrence] Girnhuber [Gernhuber] @1859- ?]

Lorenz and Berthe Girnhuber immigrated to the United States in 1893, settling in Chicago. Lorenz was born in Bavaria, Germany, about 1859, and Berthe was a native of Switzerland, where she was born on February 13, 1852. She died in Chicago on September 7, 1927. In the 1920 census Lorenz's occupation was listed as Messenger [masseur] at a bath house. Ten years later he was the owner/proprietor of the bath house. From about 1910 to at least 1930 he owned a parcel of approximately five acres on Lloyd's Bayou in Section in Section 23 of Spring Lake Township.

Andrea Johnson Glafcke [1914-2003]

The daughter of George W. and Ida Belle McNeal Johnson, Andrea was born in Robinson Township on September 7, 1914. She and Frank L. Glafcke I were married in Chicago, Illinois, on November 24, 1935. He was born on January 11, 1914 and died in Spring Lake on September 27, 2001. The two of them helped organize the Muskegon Bowman's Archery Club. Andrea was a realtor. Their son, Frank L. Glafcke II, died on June 30, 1966. They had another son, Richard, and two daughters, Kathryn Neumann and Carol Higginbotham. The family resided at 16009 Leonard Road. Andrea, who was a member of the Christian Science Church, passed away in Spring Lake on July 6, 2003. [*Tribune* obituary, July 10, 2003.]

Herman Glazat [Glazet] [1820-1895]

Born in East Prussia on August 15, 1820, Herman Glazat came to Grand Haven about 1855. He brought his family to the area nine years later. For many years he was Foreman of the rafting department of the Grand River Booming Company, after which he opened a meat

market in Ferrysburg. He was listed as a saloonkeeper in the 1880 census. Herman was a member of the St. John's Lutheran church and of the German Workingmen's Society. His wife, Caroline Renata Dodge, also a native of Prussia, lived from February 10, 1825 to September 3, 1890. Their children included Mary, who was born in Prussia on December 21, 1850 and married Henry Bloecker; Augusta, who was born about 1856 in Prussia, Charles Fredericks, and Maximillian, who was born on January 21, 1867. Herman died at the home of his daughter, Mary, on December 29, 1895. Both Caroline and Herman were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 30, 1895.]

Maxmillian Glazat [1867-1936]

In the early 1900s Max Glazat, a machinist, was Foreman at Dake Engine Company, where he was employed for 45 years. He married Sarah Ladewig in Grand Haven on January 23, 1890. Sarah, born in Michigan in September, 1869, was the daughter of Carl and Wilhelmenia Ladewig of Grand Haven Township. The Glazats raised their family at 209 Elliott. Max was born on January 21, 1867 in Grand Haven to Herman and Caroline Renata Dodge Glazat. Max died on August 14, 1936 and his wife died on November 15, 1954. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Glazats had seven children, all born locally: Viola, born in June, 1890; Carl, born in March, 1894; William H., who was born April 2, 1896 and died in Grand Haven, September 2, 1971; Wilminia, born on February 28, 1900; George, born about 1901; Theora, who was born on June 9, 1909; and Maxwell. Both George and Theora moved to Washington, D.C. Theora continued to reside in the family home at 209 Elliott. She died in Grand Haven on March 11, 2008. William H., born on April 2, 1896, also lived in the home until he died on September 2, 1971. [*Tribune* obituary, March 13, 2008.]

Glenn A. Gleason [1906-1994]

Glenn Gleason was a sheetmetal worker at the Soda Fountain factory [Bastian Blessing]. He married Adrianna Klop, who was born in The Netherlands on November 7, 1907. The family resided at 433 Jackson. Glenn was born on January 10, 1906 and passed away in Grand Haven on July 12, 1994. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Sherman P. Gleason [1896-1989]

Long-time Nunica resident Sherm Gleason was born on January 11, 1896 and died in Grand Haven on September 28, 1989. From 1922 to 1926, in partnership with Joe Crouse, Sherm owned an automobile garage and sales agency. The company sold 28 Chevrolets in 1923. Sherm's father, Andrew E., who was born in Canada in 1853, had settled in Crockery Township by

1870 with his parents.. Sherm had at least four sisters, all born locally: Mabel, who was born in 1877 and died in 1945; Amy, who lived from 1878 to 1968 and on October 16, 1895 married Herman Dumas in Ottawa Center; Edith, who was born on November 1, 1885 and on November 24, 1906 married George Edwards in Coopersville; and Cora M., who was born in March, 1891 and on April 16, 1913 married Marvin Peterson in Grand Haven. Sherm's mother, Rosina May Fonger Gleason, was born in Canada on September 15, 1854. Andrew died in 1920 and Rosina passed away on September 29, 1907. They were married in Spring Lake on February 9, 1876. Andrew, Rosina, Amy, and Mabel were buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery.

Sherm married Edna Bell Bond of Nunica on May 31, 1919. Their children were Vera M., born about 1921; Marjorie B., born about 1922; Quinn R., born about 1924; and Donald L., born in August, 1925. By 1930 Sherm was a sheet metal worker at Bastian-Blessing Co. in Grand Haven. The family resided on 40 acres in Section 16 of Crockery Township.

William J. Gleason [1845- ?]

Foreman of the freight sheds for the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad, William Gleason came to Grand Haven from Detroit in 1846 when he was about a year old. He was born in Ireland. William married Johanna Hayes in 1869. She was born in Michigan about 1846. William's second wife's name was Mary. Among William's offspring were Nellie, who was born about 1873; Maggie, born about 1875; and William, born about 1878. Nellie, and Willy [William] died young and were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The family resided on Lafayette Street. In 1880 William was a dock worker.

Olive May Wilhelms Gleave [1916-2002]

Olive Gleave and Ruth Bethke Horton co-authored the book *Robinson Remembrances*, a history of Robinson Township. Olive, the daughter of Frederick and Hortense Carlborg Wilhelms, was born in Chicago, Illinois, on April 13, 1916, and started spending summers with her family at a cottage on Stearns Bayou when she was three. Around December 15, 1938 she married Winston Gleave [1915-1990] in Chicago. Olive was one of the first residents of Freedom Village in Holland, Michigan. Her children were James W., Frederick W., Margaret Bales, and Mary Parks. Olive died in Holland on November 4, 2002. [*Tribune* obituary, November 5, 2002.]

Cornelius Glerum [1853- ?]

Cornelius Glerum was born in April, 1853 in Michigan and arrived in Grand Haven in 1866, where in 1878 he became a partner with William Moozen in the

contracting and building business. By 1893 Cornelius had been a partner in the firm of Stuveling & Glerum for more than 20 years, but no mention was made of Moozen in the *Compendium* for that year. Arend Stuveling and his sons, Simon and Arend II, were all local builders. Cornelius married Johanna "Joan" [Anna] Baar in Ottawa County in 1876. The couple moved to Kenosha, Wisconsin sometime between 1893 and 1900, where Cornelius continued working as a carpenter. Many Glerums resided in Kenosha, including several born in Grand Haven. Joan, the daughter of Simon and Helena Yonker Baar of Grand Haven, was born in Illinois in October, 1854.

Jacob [Jakoab] Glerum [1866-1948]

Jacob, born on December 11, 1866 in The Netherlands, was the son of John and Adriana Mieras Glerum. He was their fourth child, but the first to survive infancy. Jacob arrived in Ottawa County with his parents in 1868. City Clerk for Grand Haven between 1900 and 1904 and again from 1908 to 1910, Jacob first had an office in the City Hall, then on the southwest corner of Fifth and Washington Streets. On March 18, 1909 Jacob was in Lansing attending a sale of state lands. He had been instructed by city officials to bid on the property across the Grand River. His bid was successful and the property, generally known as Dewey Hill, was incorporated into the city at a cost of \$136, \$2 for each of its 68 acres.

On September 29, 1886 in Grand Haven, Jacob married Maria [Mary] Ruster. The couple resided at 222 Howard. He died on May 28, 1948 at a sanatorium in Grand Rapids. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mary lived from July, 1867 [1866] to 1926 and also was buried at Lake Forest. Their children included John, born on April 16, 1887; Simon [Sam], who lived from March, 1889 [1888] to 1960; Adrienne [Adriana] "Trix," January, 1891 to 1980; Cornelia [Katie] "Kay," November, 1892 to 1984; William, November, 1894 to 1990; James M., February, 1896 to 1982; Maatje [Marguerite] "Maida," October, 1897 to 1990; and Nellie Marie "Babe," 1902 to 1954. Trix married George S. Christman. Their son John became a mail carrier in the City of Grand Haven.

John [Jan] Glerum [1841-1913]

John Glerum was born in Yerseke, Zeeland, Netherlands, on February 15, 1841. His father, Jacob, lived from 1796 to 1855 and his mother, Cornelia Kole, from 1801 to 1870. Although the Glerums were considered Dutch, the family originated in Norway [Glaerum] and immigrated to The Netherlands in the early 1500s. Young Glerum was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church.

John married Adriana Mieras in The Netherlands on February 12, 1863. She was born on August 22, 1841 and died about September 12, 1885. In 1868 they immigrated to America with their young family, including Mary [Maka], who lived from 1866 to 1926 and married a Mr Theleine of Omaha, Nebraska, and Jacob, born on December 11, 1866. Their twelve children also included Maggie, who was born about 1869, married Harke Holman, and moved to Kenosha, Wisconsin; Jannetje "Jennie," who was born February 23, 1875 and married John Van Lopik in 1895; William "Will," born on September 22, 1877; and Katie, who married Evan O. Jones.

After his arrival in Northwest Ottawa County, John worked for Dornbos Fisheries and in the shingle mills, and he also mended fishing nets. For many years he was in charge of the Cornelius Bos celery farms and later was in the carpenter trade. Jan and Adriana bought land in Spring Lake in 1872 [Block 6, Haire, Tolford, and Hancock Addition]. Adriana died 24 years prior to her husband, leaving him with six children to rear, including William, born in September, 1877. John, on January 7, 1889, married Roelvina [Roelfa], the widow of John Hoffman of Grand Haven. Roelvina was born in The Netherlands in January, 1843 and died about November 19, 1927. John passed away on March 10, 1913 at his home at 791 Franklin Street and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Adriana and their daughter Mary. [*Tribune* obituary, March 10, 1913.]

John Glerum [1887-1981]

John, born in Grand Haven on April 16, 1887, was the son of Jacob and Maria Ruster Glerum. Beginning on August 1, 1906, he became one of Grand Haven's first three mail carriers. [The other two were Sherm Clark and George Swart.] He married Amanda Stahmer, a native of Germany, who was born on April 2, 1890 and immigrated to America with her parents when she was one year old. John and Amanda were married in Grand Haven on June 14, 1913. They moved to Maywood, Illinois in 1922, where Amanda died in December, 1970. John passed away in La Jolla, California on October 3, 1981.

William "Will" Glerum [1877-1975]

Will, the son of John [Jan] and Adriana Mieras Glerum, was born in Grand Haven on September 22, 1877. He was employed at Story & Clark. On May 4, 1905 in Grand Rapids, he married Mabel A. Scott. They first lived at 118 Eighth Street. One of their children, Anne, married Nelson Fisher. They had another daughter, Pauline G., who was born on May 22, 1910, married Walter Alfred Nilsson, and died in Santa Clara, California on December 6, 1998. Walter, who lived from December 31, 1907 to October 28, 1991, passed

away in San Mateo, California. The Glerums also had a son Neele, who died about February 16, 1923. Will was a shoe repairman and later became a builder. He constructed the house at 226 Howard for his daughter Anne and her husband. Mabel passed away about April 2, 1947, and Will died on February 3, 1975. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was their son, Neele. At the time of his death, Will was residing at 538 Leggatt Street.

Samuel C. Glover [1841-1910]

Born in Ohio on September 11, 1841, Samuel Glover enlisted as Sergeant in Company A of the 39th Ohio Infantry on July 16, 1861. Three years later, on February 24, he was transferred to Company D. He was discharged for promotion on April 19, 1864, and then entered Company I of the Ohio 73rd Infantry as First Lieutenant. The same year, on July 28, he was given the rank of Captain. The date of his discharge was not recorded. On September 5, 1866 in Butler, Ohio, Samuel married Fanny Howell. She was born in Ohio around 1846. Samuel came to Grand Haven in 1870 [1871] to join the White, Glover, & Company lumber firm, with John White as his partner. A fire on July 4, 1877 destroyed the mill, located in Ferrysburg on the banks of Spring Lake. Samuel then leased a neighboring mill and was immediately back in the lumber business. He served as Postmaster of Grand Haven from 1885 to 1889. On January 7, 1891 he deeded to the City a portion of the land that became the north end of Lake Forest Cemetery. He died at his home, 6538 Stewart Avenue in Chicago in 1910 and was buried at Oxford, Ohio. Fanny applied in Illinois for a widow's Civil War pension on the following November 10. Samuel and Fanny's children were Ellie H., born about 1869 in Ohio; Mary Raymond, born in 1872 in Grand Haven; and Benjamin Howell, born in 1874, also in Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, September 24, 1910.]

Otto G. Glueck [1872-1934]

In 1916 Otto Glueck bought the abandoned Beech Tree School and moved it a short distance to 1514 Pennoyer to be used as his residence. Prior to that he owned a 56-acre farm in Grand Haven Township, between Mercury Drive and the Grand River. He retained 10 acres of land at that site after his move to Pennoyer. In 1920 he was working at a foundry, but by 1930 he was the owner of Glueck's Market at 21 South Beechtree. Otto married Emma Blies in Grand Haven on June 2, 1897. Emma was born in Illinois in 1875. Otto was born in Germany in April, 1872, came to the United States in 1885, and died about September 1, 1934. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery in the Blies family plot. The Gluecks' children, all natives of Michigan, were Frederick, born in March, 1899; Walter O., who was born on July 3, 1908 and died in November, 1971; and Elsie E., born

about 1915. Emma passed away around May 26, 1954 and was buried with her husband.

George Godfrey [1838- ?]

George Godfrey, an African American, enlisted in Grand Haven on December 28, 1863 was. Born in Scott City, Missouri, George was 25 at the time of his enlistment. His occupation then was seaman, but he served with Company H of the 102nd U.S. Colored Infantry. His military papers noted that George became free on or before April 19, 1861.

Joseph Godhardt [Godhart] [1846-1920]

Born in Bohemia [Hungary] in December, 1846, Joseph Godhardt was the son of a shoemaker who came to Canada in 1853 and to the United States the following year. Joseph's father died, and as a boy of seven he was left to care for his mother and five-year old brother. "A cold settled in his eyes" and he became blind. A few years later he came to Michigan and attended the School for the Blind in Flint, leaving there in 1862. In 1872 he started a broom factory in Grand Haven, but high prices for raw materials made it an unprofitable adventure and he gave it up. Joseph later became prosperous in the junk business in the Grand Haven area. He married Matilda Gertrude Fryer in 1878. Gertrude, as she was called, was born in Michigan in September, 1858. The Godhardts had several children, all born locally, including Hattie, who was born in May, 1879, married Harm Koenes of Grand Haven, and died in 1937; Frank, who was born in March, 1881 and whose wife's name was Myrtie; Leena, born in August, 1883; Edith Bell "Mattie," who was born in August, 1885, married John Bell, and died in 1931; Gertrude, born in August, 1890; Helen, who was born in 1893, married William G. Vick, and died in 1937; and Clarence J., born in March, 1894. Joseph died at his home, 211 Fulton Street, on August 10, 1920. Gertrude passed away in 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her three daughters, Hattie, Edith, and Helen. [*Tribune* obituary, August 10, 1920.]

Franklin Paul Goettman [1920-1994]

In the 1960s Franklin Goettman was General Manager of the Standard Sand Company, which mined sand from Rosy Mound. Franklin and his wife, Monica M., lived at 1722 Gladys in Grand Haven, but at the time of his death he resided in Spring Lake. Franklin was born on March 31, 1920, died on September 25, 1994, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He came to Grand Haven from Pennsylvania. Monica was born on January 24, 1918.

Gustav "Gust" Anton Goldbach [1872-1958]

Gustav Goldbach was born on December 28, 1872. In 1906 he settled on an 80-acre farm in Section 27 of Grand Haven Township. Gustave married Marie Sophie

Louise Reinhard on October 9, 1898 in Bensenville, Illinois. She was born on October 11, 1880. She died in Du Page County, Illinois, on March 17, 1904. They had four children, all born in Illinois. Gustav next married Anna Berg, who lived from 1875 to 1958. She previously had been married to Martin Kartheus [1870-1913] of Agnew. Gustav died about February 24, 1958.

Harry F. Goldberg [1897-1964]

Harry, the son of John and Musa Gardner Goldberg, was born in Grand Haven Township on August 3, 1897. He and his wife, Jobena C. Geber, resided at 1004 Griffin in Grand Haven in the 1950s. Harry worked at Fountain Specialty [Bastian Blessing]. The family resided at 719 Wallace Street. A daughter, Josephine [Joan] was born in October, 1928. Jobena lived from October 20, 1903 to January 28, 1975. Harry died around December 16, 1964. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Johannes Goldberg [Gouberg] [1820-1890]

Around 1860 Johannes Goldberg owned a 40-acre farm in Section 26 of northern Grand Haven Township [Peach Plains], not far from the Grand River. Both he and his wife were born in The Netherlands, Johannes on August 6, 1820 and Catharine [Catryna] on May 20, 1820. They had three daughters, Janna, born about 1855; Anna, born about 1856; and Cornelia, born about 1861. The first two were born in The Netherlands, and Cornelia was born locally. The Goldberg property was sold to Cornelius Van Zanten on November 5, 1891 for \$1,200. Johannes died on July 19, 1890. Catharine passed away on January 3, 1893 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

Johannes Goldberg [Goudberg] [1828-1903]

A native of The Netherlands, where he was born on June 19, 1828, Johannes Goudberg came to Grand Haven in 1853. He worked for a short time at White & Norton's lumber mill, and in 1854 settled on approximately 40 acres in Section 27 of Grand Haven Township [Peach Plains] to raise fruit. His name appeared as Goldberg in the 1860 census for Ottawa County. He died on November 7, 1903 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1853 Johannes married Elizabeth "Betty" Kemble, also from The Netherlands. They had two children, including John, born about 1875, and Mary, born in July, 1886. Elizabeth died on February 13, 1897.

John D. Goldberg [1874-1937]

John Goldberg, the son of Johannes and Elizabeth Kemble Goudberg, owned 40 acres in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township, where he manufactured concrete blocks in the early 1900s. John was a truck farmer before starting his manufacturing firm. He married Musa D. Gardner in Ottawa County in 1896. She was the daughter of Frank and Emma Martin

Gardner and was born on April 18, 1874. The Goldbergs' son, Harry, was born in Grand Haven Township on August 3, 1897. Their other children were Belle E., born in May, 1899; Rose E., born about 1901; Charlie J., born about 1902; Maria, born about 1905; William F., born about 1908; Frederick D., born about January, 1909; and John R., born around 1913. All the children were born in Michigan. John, the father, was born in April, 1874 in Michigan and died in Grand Haven about April 4, 1937. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Charles E. Gomery [1923-1987]

Gomery Motor Sales, owned by Charles Gomery, offered De Sotos and Plymouth at 220 South Beechtree Street in the 1950s. Charles lived at 407 Ohio. He was born on September 24, 1923 and died in Lansing on June 5, 1987.

Albert Edgar Goodrich [1826-1885]

Albert Edgar Goodrich founded the Goodrich Steamboat Line in 1856 at the age of 30. Albert had worked for the Ward Line and became a ship's captain. In 1856 he and his friend, George C. Drew, formed a partnership and leased from the Ward Line the side-wheel steamboat *Huron* and started carrying passengers between Chicago, Grand Haven, and Muskegon. The *Huron* was 165 feet long and used cordwood as fuel. Knowledge of the ship captain's reliability spread and business continued to grow. Goodrich bought out his partner in 1861 and became sole owner. On November 30, 1864, in Milwaukee, Goodrich married Rosamond Franc Whaling, who was born about 1840. They had a son, Albert W., who was born on November 24, 1868 in Chicago. The elder Goodrich was born New Buffalo, Michigan on February 11, 1826 and died in 1885. Albert W. continued the business until 1920, when he sold the line for \$1,000,000 dollars to H. W. Thorp. The Goodriches did not reside in the Grand Haven area.

John Van Buren Goodrich [1839-1906]

Born in Dryden, New York in October, 1839, John Goodrich was educated at Homer Academy on his home state. In 1859 he was admitted to the bar and came to Michigan, living first in Hillsdale County. On September 17, 1861, while living in Hudson, Lenawee County, he enlisted as Private in Company A of the 4th Michigan Infantry. On July 1, 1862 he was badly wounded at the Battle of Malvern Hill, near Richmond, Virginia, and took a year to recuperate. On July 2, 1864 he was attached to Company F of the 1st Michigan Infantry, and then on June 6, 1865, transferred back to the 4th Michigan as part of Company K. John was discharged for disability on July 21, 1865.

After living in California for awhile, John returned to Michigan ten years after the end of the Civil War and resided in Coopersville. He was a member of the State Legislature for two terms, the second term as Chair of the Judiciary Committee. John was in the lumber business in Coopersville with his son, Byron O., under the name Goodrich & Son. Byron was born about 1856 in New York and died in Coopersville in 1922. Three other children died quite young.

John was Mayor of Coopersville, and in 1892 he was elected Judge of Probate for Ottawa County, a post he held until his retirement in 1901, when Edward Percival Kirby replaced him. In 1897 John was elected Mayor of Grand Haven. John was a member of the committee that helped beautify Central Park, which formally opened on July 17, 1901. He returned permanently to California on December 8 that year. John died on February 25, 1906 in San Pedro, California. He apparently had three wives. The first was Caroline "Carrie" M. Thatcher, whom he married in Grand Haven on July 7, 1869. Carrie was born about 1838 in Michigan and died on December 19, 1881. John's next wife, Alice B., died on August 24, 1884 at the age of 36. On April 28, 1885 in Dexter, Michigan, John married Anna "Annie" Phelps. On February 11, 1907 she applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Anna was born in Michigan in December, 1855. John had at least four children: Byron, born about 1856; Hermon A., born about 1867; Miner, born about 1876; and Austria, born about 1878. Byron was born in New York, the rest in Michigan. Many of the Goodrich family members were buried at the Coopersville Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 28, 1906.]

Willard E. Gordon [Gorden] [1852- ?]

In 1881 Willard Gordon, a tinsmith by trade, purchased a hardware business in Nunica from John J. Wiseman. Willard sold a half interest in his business to Arza E. Landon in 1882 and in January of the next year, he sold his remaining interest to Landon. Willard, the son of Oliver and Cornelia Breau Gordon of Tallmadge and later Crockery Townships, was born in Clinton County, New York in 1852. On September 25, 1878 in Kalamazoo, he married Mary A. Lawrence. She was born in Michigan around 1857. By 1900 they were residing in Muskegon, where Willard was Superintendent of the County Poor Farm. Willard and Mary had at least one son, Lawrence, who was born in Michigan about 1881. By 1937 Mary widowed, still living in Muskegon.

George W. Gorham [1836-1899]

George Gorham, who was born on October 1 [20], 1836 in Albany, New York, came to Grand Haven about 1885. In 1867 he married Arlintha [Arlinda] A. Shepard, born

near Buffalo, New York, on December 20, 1843. They had a son, Lewis A. Gorham, born in Canada in May, 1879. George died on August 17, 1899, and his wife died from a paralytic stroke at her home at 726 Franklin on June 1, 1921. She was buried in Northville, Michigan, where she had lived as a child. [*Tribune* obituary, June 1, 1921.]

Lewis A. Gorham [1879-1971]

Lewis was born on May 13, 1879 and arrived in Grand Haven with his parents, George and Arlintha Shepard Gorham, when he was six. He graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1897. Lewis was on the first high school baseball and football teams when they were formed in 1895. He and his wife, Edith, lived at 726 Franklin Street, formerly his parents' home. Their daughter, Arlintha, was born around 1910 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1927. Lewis owned a grocery at 1322 Washington in the early 1900s. He died on January 6, 1971. Edith lived from August 7, 1880 to March 21, 1982. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Robert Charles Gould [1921-2004]

Robert Gould served with the Coast Guard from 1942 to 1945 and received his basic training at the Grand Haven camp. He was awarded several campaign ribbons as Senior Signalman on the vessel *Eastwind*. His ship commandeered a German vessel, the *Externsteine*, and towed it to Boston. He also was part of a group that captured German soldiers and their base on Little Koldeway Island, Greenland.

Robert was born in Flint on July 22, 1921, the son of Leslie and Thelma Spees Gould. He was working at the AC Sparkplug company in his hometown when WWII began. After the war he returned to Grand Haven with his wife, Alice Elaine Lee, whom he had married on March 25, 1944. Alice, the daughter of James Wesley and Hilma E. Swanty of Grand Haven, was born on August 28, 1919 and passed away in Spring Lake on November 29, 1981. After the war, Robert joined Challenge Machinery, which the Lee family had founded and continued to operate. In 1951 Robert was made Director of the company, in 1958 he was named Vice President, and four years later, he became President of the firm, a position he retained until the early 1970s. Robert was active with the United Fund [United Way], and was a member of the American Legion and Grand Haven Rotary, and he was on the board of the West Shore Symphony. He also was a delegate-at-large for the Grand Valley Boy Scout Council. He also was a Division Chairman for the YMCA Building Fund.

The Goulds resided at 630 Pennoyer. Their six children were James of Elgin, Illinois; Robb, of Spring Lake; John, of Bath, New York; Sara, who married Rick

Surpin and resided in Brooklyn, New York; Liz, who married Carol Matthews and moved to Madison, Wisconsin; and Criss, who married Dan Marshall of Saratoga, California.

On July 31, 1976, Robert married Shirley Mansfield, who had three children by a previous marriage: Jeff Mansfield, of Portland, Oregon; Steve Mansfield, who lived in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Caryl, who married Bob Altman and resided in Tucson, Arizona. Robert died on November 20, 2004 in Tucson and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 23, 2004.]

Frederick "Doc" Graves [Greaves] I [1835-1921]

Frederick Graves was born into slavery in Orange County, Virginia on October 16, 1835 [1840]. On December 25, 1857, when they were slaves on the same plantation, Fred and Isabella Washington were married. She was born in March, 1840 [1834]. Fred escaped his bondage and made his way north, where in 1862 "he allied himself with the Union Forces" during the Civil War, after working as a servant in a Confederate army unit. Apparently Fred did not enlist, but he stated that he was at the first Battle of Bull Run on the Confederate side and joined the Union side in time to witness the second Battle of Bull Run. He also was with General Burnside at Fredericksburg and with Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley. Fred, Isabella, and their one child came to Spring Lake in December, 1866, not long after his return to Virginia at the end of the war. The one child, Lena, was born in Virginia in May, 1866. Their other children were Edward F., who was born in Spring Lake on June 13, 1869 and died on March 6, 1881; Frederick II, born in Spring Lake on January 13, 1872 [1866/1870/1871]; Hannah Hector, who was born in Spring Lake on August 15, 1873 and died a month later; William Jackson, who was born in Spring Lake on August 14, 1874, died two months later, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Robert, born in Spring Lake on October 9, 1875; Eva, who was born in Spring Lake on December 18, 1879; Edwin, born in Spring Lake on February 1, 1880; Etta, who was born about 1880, died in 1881, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Charles, who was born about 1882, died in 1883, and was buried at Lake Forest; and Ruford B., born in Spring Lake on June 30, 1882. Lena married Jessie [Jesse] Williams, also African American, in Grand Haven on November 30, 1899. Jessie, born in January, 1868 in Virginia, was from Chicago, where he had been a wagon maker. After their marriage, the couple relocated to Chicago and Jessie worked as a "day laborer." On October 12, 1903 Jessie was a witness to the marriage in Grand Haven of his sister-in-law, Eva Graves, to William H. Pulley. William, also African American,

was born in New York about 1882. There is no evidence that William and Eva remained in Ottawa County.

The Frederick Graves family was not located in the census of 1870, but the next year they were still residing in Spring Lake. The 1880 census listed Fred as a resident of Spring Lake and working as a laborer. Sometime after that census he and Isabella moved to Grand Haven and both worked at the Sheldon Mineral Springs [233 Washington Street], giving massages and helping guests with mineral baths. Fred also was reported to be a gardener, or yardman, at the resort. His work at the resort earned him the nickname Doc. Living with the Graveses in 1880 was Frederick's mother, Frances, who was born in Virginia about 1780, according to the census. However, when she died on January 9, 1885 her age was given as 112.

Frederick and his family lived at 627 Madison Street in Grand Haven between 1890 and 1930. In 1910 Frederick's niece, Rebecca Thomas, was living in the family home on Madison Street. Rebecca was born in Pennsylvania about 1891 and had no occupation at the time of the census. Residing in the same household in 1920 were Frederick, Isabella, Frederick II, and William McKinley Graves, the Graves's grandson. Frederick I died on June 29, 1921. Isabella, her son Frederick, and a woman named Alice Burns were living in the family homestead in 1930. Alice was born in Tennessee about 1868 and worked for a Grand Haven family as a servant. Isabella, who was said to enjoy smoking a corn cob pipe, passed away in Muskegon at the home of a daughter, Mrs L. Thompson, on April 30, 1932. Alice, Fred, Frances, Hannah, William, Etta, and Charles were buried in Potter's Field at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, June 29 and June 30, 1921 and May 2, 1932; *Tribune* article "Fifty Years Ago in Old Virginia," December 24, 1907.]

Fred was known as something of an orator. In January, 1898, as the main speaker at a meeting of the Woman's Club in Grand Haven, Fred narrated the story of his life in Madison County, Virginia. He recounted an occasion when 500 slaves were advertised for sale. Chained to one another, they were taken to a slave market where Fred and his mother were sold for \$1,200. He escaped from his owner in 1860, when he was about 25, but was found and returned. Two years later he and several companions escaped again, this time by hiding in a haystack for five days. He eventually joined the federal forces at Warrenton Junction, Virginia. There he was attached to the commissary department of the 1st Rhode Island Cavalry. Later he became a bodyguard for General Phillip Sheridan in the Shenandoah Valley. At war's end he returned home to find two of his children had died. He and Isabella lived in Washington, D.C.

before migrating to Grand Haven. [*Tribune* article, January 11, 1898.]

Frederick Graves II [1872-1940]

Frederick R. Graves II on February 27, 1896 in Grand Haven married Cora N. Williams. In the Ottawa County Marriage Registry she was listed as both Cora N. Williams and Cora N. Burrill [Berrel]. Her father's name was given as James Burrill, indicating she Williams may have been her married name. Born in Ohio about 1870, Cora was the daughter of Mary Grayson, according to the 1896 marriage license. [Apparently Mary's mother remarried.] John Williams, born in Chillicothe, Ohio about 1850 [1853], was a cook at the Cutler House in downtown Grand Haven. On August 15, 1888 he married Nellie Burrill in Grand Haven. Nellie was born about 1868 in Springfield, Ohio, but had moved to Kalamazoo. Her father was Robert Burrill. John and Nellie had an 18-month old child when John died. At a meeting at his house, John Williams was one of several local Blacks elected as delegates to the Equal Rights convention held in Grand Rapids in 1894. He died of pneumonia on August 31, 1894. None of the family appears in any censuses, before or after 1894. It seems likely that Cora and Nellie were the same person, as were James and Robert Burrill, and that John Williams of Grand Haven was Cora's first husband.

At the time Fred Graves II and Cora were married, he was a farmer in Grand Haven Township. Fred had a son, Fred [William] McKinley, who was born in Grand Haven on October 26, 1896. Presumably, Cora was the mother. In 1908 Fred II was living with his parents at 627 Madison Street, apparently without Cora, and working as a laborer at the Nat Robbins warehouse and dock at the foot of Washington Street. Fred in the 1910 census was divorced and still a laborer, but in the census of 1920 he was said to be widowed and working at Eagle Ottawa. He remained with his mother and father in the family home on Madison Street until at least 1930, when he was working as a servant for a Grand Haven family. The *Grand Haven Tribune* reported that Frederick William Graves passed away on April 15, 1940. The article said that for nearly 50 years, Fred W. Graves worked for the Savidge and Robbins families in Spring Lake and Grand Haven, which conflicts with the occupations cited for him in various censuses. Fred W., the obituary continued, was born in Spring Lake on January 13, 1870 and moved to Grand Haven with his family eleven years later. In 1896 this Fred Graves married Nellie Thompson of Muskegon. He died at his home in Muskegon, the article continued, and had no surviving children. Despite the inconsistencies, the two Freds must refer to the same person, although his marriage to two different women in the same year

creates another conundrum. No record was located of Nellie Thompson in Muskegon nor of Fred's marriage to her anywhere in Michigan, making it seem likely that Nellie was Cora's alternate name. No information other than the marriage registration was uncovered about Cora, either. On McKinley Graves's birth registration, the mother was listed as unknown. The son of Frederick and Isabella Graves I, Fred II was born in 1872.

Robert R. B. H. Graves [1875-1921]

Robert, the son of Frederick and Isabella Graves I, in early 1900 was working as a servant for and living with the Lester Tripp family in Spring Lake Township. Around 1905 he became an employee of the Dake Engine Company, where he was employed for the last fifteen years of his life. On December 25, 1900 in Grand Haven, he married Fanny Molson. Fanny, the daughter of Ephraim and Adelia Molson, was born in Grandville, Michigan in 1881. Robert and Fanny resided at 411 North Seventh Street in Grand Haven. In the summer of 1907 Robert was convicted of simple assault and battery, committed against Alvirda Ragland. Alvirda was employed as a domestic for a St. Louis couple by the name of Marks, who owned a cottage in Highland Park. Three years later Robert was working at a Grand Haven foundry. Living with him and Fanny on Seventh Street that year were John and Mable Swanson, both Mulattoes. John Swanson, who also worked at the foundry, was born in Tennessee about 1889. Mable was born in Michigan about 1881. The Swansons do not reappear in any Ottawa County censuses. In the 1920 census Fanny's husband's name was given as Frederick, but that may have been an alternate name Robert used. He died of tuberculosis on December 12, 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 12, 1921; *Tribune* articles July 15, July 20, August 7, August 15, and August 16, 1907.]

William McKinley "Doc" Graves [Greaves] [1896- ?]

William Graves, usually known by his middle name McKinley, was the son of Frederick and [probably] Cora Graves of Grand Haven. His name at birth was Fred McKinley Graves. It is likely that "Fred" was changed to "William" when President William McKinley was assassinated in September, 1901. Born in Grand Haven on October 26, 1896, McKinley was the sole African American attending Grand Haven High School when he graduated in 1917. McKinley played on the high school football team from 1913 to 1915. He also took part in the 1915 junior play and was elected Mayor of the Student Council. McKinley went by the nickname "Doc," as did his grandfather, Frederick Graves I. In 1910 and 1920 McKinley was living in his grandparents' home at 627 Madison Street. In 1918 he was working for the Pere Marquette Railroad in Grand Rapids, but residing with his parents in Grand Haven. Two years

later he was still working for the railroad and living with his parents. On December 25, 1921 in Grand Rapids, McKinley married Helena J. Ebba. Helena, an African American, was born in Lansing in 1904. Her parents were Emory and Ella Robison Ebba. In Grand Rapids, at the time of his wedding, McKinley was working for an insurance company. No record was found of either of them subsequent to their marriage. [*Tribune* obituary, December 12, 1921.]

Almira J. Gray [1830-1919]

A native of Connecticut, Almira Gray arrived in Grand Haven in 1872. She taught Sunday School at the Presbyterian Church until her retirement in 1906. She was born in 1830, died in 1919, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Curtis W. Gray [Grey] [1802-1893]

Born near Brookfield, Connecticut on December 15, 1802, Curtis Gray at the age of 16 learned the tanner's trade. He was listed in the 1840 census for Calhoun County. In 1850 he and his family were residing in Grand Rapids. They came to Grand Haven in 1852, when Curtis went to work at Clark B. Albee's tannery for the next three years. From 1855 to 1863 he was County Sheriff and later Deputy U.S. Marshall. By 1870 he was once again a tanner. Curtis also was County Coroner for more than 20 years. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Pioneer Association of the Grand River Valley. Living with him in Grand Rapids in 1850 were Emily Gray, who was born in Massachusetts about 1820; Edgar L. Gray, who was born about 1832 and became a prominent attorney in Newaygo; and Jane Esther, who was born in October, 1834 and married William Wallace of Grand Haven. Edgar and Jane were born in New York. On January 4, 1860, in Kent County, Curtis married Louisa M. [Mary L.] Raymond, a widow and native of Montreal, Canada [New York]. Louisa lived from 1815 to November 19, 1894. In 1880 she was a milliner and dress maker in Grand Haven. Louisa had several children by an earlier marriage: Euphemia, who was born on October 8, 1835 and married Lewis Bon of Grand Haven; Mrs Lesperance of Muskegon; Mrs Roberts of Denver; and Benjamin F. Raymond, who was born about 1846 and lived in Grand Rapids. Curtis died in Grand Haven on March 8, 1893 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Louisa.

Jedidiah [Jededish] Gray [1801-1876]

In 1860, Jedidiah Gray was lighthouse keeper at Grand Haven. He was born in Sandgate, Vermont on May 7, 1801. On January 22, 1825, he married Patience Shepard, who was born on April 9, 1805 and died in December, 1845. They had nine children. After Patience's death, Jedidiah married Rhoda Shepard. By

1860 Jedidiah had a third wife, Mary Barber, who was born in New York in 1822. Jedidiah died in Grand Rapids on February 5, 1876. [Obituary, *Grand Rapids Eagle*, June 16, 1876.]

William Richard Gray [1879-1945]

One of ten children of Matthew Nelson and Phebe Ann Jubb Gray, William was born in Crockery Township February 26, 1879. His parents were married in Quincy, Michigan in 1864. William's first marriage was to Emma Rollenhagen on July 16, 1906 in Nunica. Following her death sometime after 1918, he married Anna E. Wintermeyer of Chicago. William's brother Mark died in the Grand Haven Infirmary in 1897. William, who worked as a butcher in Nunica, died in 1945 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery with Anna.

Arthur F. Green [1899- 1981]

Arthur Green owned acreage at 1316 Beechtree in Grand Haven Township. He was born on February 4, 1899 and died in Grand Haven on October 12, 1981. He married Mildred M. Pittman in Holland, Michigan on October 25, 1919. Mildred was born March 13, 1897 and died in Grand Haven March 31, 1976. Both were natives of Michigan. Arthur was a draftsman at Duke's. Their children, all born locally, were: Raymond, born in 1921; Dorothea, born about 1923; and Loretta, born about 1922.

Francis M. Green [1836- ?]

Born in Ohio on September 28, 1836, Francis Green on February 22, 1865 enlisted as Private in Company D of the 195th Ohio Infantry. He was mustered out on December 15 the same year. He applied for an invalid's Civil War pension on January 17, 1887. Francis was a resident of Crockery Township. He died between 1910 and 1920 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery, where a monument was erected with his name, but no dates. Francis's wife Elizabeth died on March 20, 1900. Their children, all born in Ohio except the last one, included Earl C., born about 1865; Ulysses G. who was born about 1868, died in 1910, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery; Elizabeth Ella, born in July, 1874; Vernon P., who was born in July 1876, died in 1911, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery; and Amy B., born in Michigan in January, 1881. On September 24, 1901 in Nunica, Francis married Helen Smith Cathcart.

Loveless [Loveliest] Green [1820-1881]

Frederick "Loveless [Loveliest]" Green was born about 1820 [1824/1834] in Virginia. In Grand Haven in 1870 he was a servant in Galen Eastman's home on Franklin Street. Loveless's wife at that time, Jennie, was born in Virginia about 1825 and, like her husband, was African American. In the 1880 census Loveless was listed as 46 years old, which would put his birth year at 1834. In

that census his wife's name was listed as Elizabeth. Born about 1839 [1834] in New York, Elizabeth was White. Loveless and Elizabeth resided on Franklin Street in Grand Haven. They were murdered on August 15, 1881 and buried in Potter's Field, Lake Forest Cemetery. John Alguire, Elizabeth's son by a previous marriage, confessed he killed his step-father, but, he claimed, he did it after Loveless had murdered his mother. A jury acquitted John of the murder, letting him go "Scott free," as the *Tribune* phrased it. At the time of the murder, Loveless and Elizabeth were residing in a house on Beechtree Street. That house was destroyed by fire in late March, 1893. [*Grand Haven Tribune*, February 10, 1893 and March 28, 1893.]

Hial H. Grey [Gray] [@1826 - ?]

Hial Grey was born in Vermont around 1826 and was enumerated in the 1860 Ottawa County census as a resident of Crockery Township. In 1874 he purchased the machinery of the Weston, Dudley, and Soule brickworks on the south side of Cornelius Bayou, along the northwest shore of Spring Lake. Hial moved the machinery to the east shore of nearby Stahl's Bayou, just over the Muskegon County line, and opened his works in 1874. His wife, Charlotte, was born around 1827. One of their children, Clara, died on January 27, 1865, not quite six, and was buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery. They had two other daughters and a son. The Muskegon County *Directory* for 1887, 1888, 1889, and 1890 listed Grey as a resident of Fruitport Township. In 1880 he was residing in Spring Lake.

Curtis W. Grey [Gray] [1802-1893]

See Curtis W. Gray.

Morris Griep [1912-1976]

Morris Griep, born on August 19, 1912, was responsible for the tennis courts in Highland Park, promoting their care and scheduling tournaments during the 1950s. It was during this period that a 16-year old Bobby Riggs played a warm-up tournament on the already historic courts prior to participating in the Junior Davis Cup in Kalamazoo. Morris married Beryl Ann Albers, who was born on November 14, 1913 in Chicago. They owned the cottage at 100 Poplar Ridge. The 1960s saw the courts fall into disrepair after Morris's death and were neglected for many years. He died on April 27, 1976 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Beryl died November 10, 1997, more than twenty years after her husband.

Elizabeth Olivia Griffin [1833-1930]

Born in Grimsby, Ontario, Canada on December 14, 1833 [1834], the daughter of Henry and Rachel Griffin, Elizabeth moved with her parents to Eastmanville in 1838 [1840] and in 1844 to Grand Haven. She lived the

remainder of her life in the Griffin home at 301 Franklin, except for the years spent at Misses Hill's School in Buffalo. As a child she helped Mary A. White in the first Grand Haven school. She was closely affiliated with the Presbyterian Church and was among the Grand Haven women who worked with the Women's Aid Society during the Civil War, and she was a member of the Kings Daughters. She and her sister, Eleanor McNett, Executive Secretary of the local Red Cross, shared the family homestead during their later years. Elizabeth died at the family home March 26, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 26, 1930 and *Tribune* articles, "Miss Griffin Ninety-Four Wednesday," December 16, 1927, "Pioneer Paid Last Tribute, Dr. De Kraker," March 31, 1930, and "In Memory of Elizabeth Griffin, a Tribute," April 4, 1930.]

Henry Griffin [1807-1891]

Born in Smithville, Canada on December 30, 1807, 30-year old Henry Griffin left Ontario and arrived in Ottawa County on the steamboat *Governor Mason* on her first trip down the Grand River. In 1838 he settled in Scranton [Eastmanville]. He moved to Grand Haven as the county's second Sheriff from 1844 to 1850. His jurisdiction covered the area along Lake Michigan all the way to Mackinaw. He was credited with planting the first fruit trees in Ottawa County, many of them along Franklin Street in Grand Haven. In 1849 he went into merchandising, building the first store building in the Grand Haven, located on the northwest corner of Washington and First Streets, where the *Grand River Times* was printed upstairs. In 1847, at the request of Dr. Van Raalte, Henry walked the 22 miles to Holland to hear the minister's sermon and to swear in the new Dutch citizens. He was chosen Grand Haven's first Superintendent of Schools in 1851. In 1862 Henry became School Inspector for the new Grand Haven Union High School, in 1852 he was named Treasurer of Ottawa County, and in 1871 he was elected Mayor of Grand Haven and representative to the State Legislature. Griffin Street and Griffin Elementary Schools are named in his honor. In 1852 Griffin owned the schooner *Pioneer*, built in Spring Lake and commanded by Captain Chaloner. Henry attended the Presbyterian Church.

On May 30, 1830, Henry married Rachel Eastman, born December 10, 1810. She was the daughter of Rev. Daniel Ward Eastman, a Presbyterian minister of Canada, and Elizabeth Hopkins. The Griffin residence was located at 301 Franklin Street. Among the Griffins' children was a son, Hannibal, who died young around October 10, 1838 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Rachel died on July 30, 1868 and was buried with her son. The Griffins had at least two surviving

children, including Eleanor, who was born in Grand Haven in 1850 and married De Forrest McNett. Another child, Elizabeth Olivia, was born in Ontario, Canada on December 14, 1833 and died on March 26, 1930. She was listed in the 1908 *City Directory* as Henry's widow. Elizabeth Olivia was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. [*Tribune* obituary and article, July 16 and 18, 1891, and *Memorial Report of Ottawa County*, pp. 221-223.]

Richard Frederick Griffin [1848- ?]

R. Frederick Griffin was born about 1848 in Canada, moved to New York State, and came to Michigan in 1869. In 1876 he became a saw filer at the Sisson & Lilley Mill. The 1893 *Compendium* listed him as Frederick Griffin, still a saw filer, living in Spring Lake Village. His wife, Almira, was also a native of Canada, where she was born around 1848.

Ferdinand Griffith [1851- ?]

Ferdinand Griffith was born in Ontario County, New York in 1851. He moved to Canada when he was seven, came to Michigan about 1867, and went into business for himself five years later. He was a manufacturer of harnesses at a shop located on Washington Street. On November 15, 1877 he married Dell Page in Ionia. Dell was born in Michigan around 1858. They had one daughter, Mertie A., born in Michigan around 1879. Ferdinand was not listed in the 1893 *Compendium*.

T. Griffith [? - ?]

Griffith was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886.

Alice Vink Gringhuis [1911-1999]

Alice was born on October 10, 1911 in Spring Lake, the daughter of Jennie [Jantje] Werkman and Claus [Klaas] Vink. She was one of nine children, including Catherine Wilkinson, Esther Gustafson, Miriam Brown, Gertrude Hecksel, Janet Briegel, Chester, and Herman. As a teenager Alice walked from her home on Buchanan Street in Spring Lake to attend high school in Grand Haven. She graduated from Davenport College in Grand Rapids. On June 30, 1934, she married Dick G. Gringhuis at the First Reformed Church [Christ Community] in Spring Lake. They resided at 416 Buena Vista in Spring Lake. She was active in the Grand Haven Woman's Club, the Spring Lake Country Club, the Free Bed Guild of North Ottawa Community Hospital, the Girl Scouts, and the Red Cross blood program. The Gringhuises had two daughters, Marcia and Wanda, both of Spring Lake. Wanda married Len Anderson and Marcia became the wife of Arnie Dreher. Dick Gringhuis, who was born about 1909, died on September 25, 1963, and Alice passed away on

November 27, 1999 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

Gerrit “Dick” Gringhuis II [Geert Gringhus] [1831-1902]

Born in The Netherlands on November 17, 1831, Gerrit Gringhuis in 1853 sailed for the United States on board the *South Carolina*, went to Chicago, and set sail on the schooner *Pioneer*, bound for Grand Haven. Anthony Bottje sailed with him. Gerrit was the son of Gerrit and Annie Juistema Gringhuis. Annie lived from January 1, 1792 to January 31, 1874, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Gerrit II was in the clothing business in Grand Haven for many years. He owned the G. Gerrit Gringhuis Clothing Store at [approximately] 15 South First Street. He married Janna “Jennie”/“Jane,” the daughter of Albert and Annie Northouse [Northhuis/Nordhuis]. Jennie was born in The Netherlands on July 11, 1838 and died in Grand Haven on August 30, 1907. The Gringhuises’ children included Martje “Martha,” who was born in 1858 in Grand Haven, married Jan Raak in 1877, and died in 1914; Gerrit III, who was born in 1867, married Eliza Little [born about 1884], and moved to Muskegon; Alderit “Albert,” who was born in November, 1870, married Dena Lamer [Dina Lamar, born about 1871, died before 1920], worked at Story & Clark, and died in 1955; Arend, born about 1872; Hendrika “Reka,” who was born in April, 1875 and married Dick Cleveringa of Grand Haven; Peter, who lived from May, 1876 to March 30, 1880; Derk “Dick,” who was born November 20, 1878; Nellie, who was born in Grand Haven on June 20, 1880, died in Seattle, Washington on December 13, 1912, and who was married twice, first to Harry Koopman of Grand Haven and then to Martin Vyn, also of Grand Haven; and Ann, who was born about 1882 and married Klaas Borgman of Holland. The Gringhuis family resided on Fulton Street, but eventually retired to a fruit farm in Holcomb Hills. The land later was sold to the Terry family and became known as Terry Trails.. Gerrit II died on December 18, 1902 from injuries suffered when an axe slipped and the handle struck him in the side of the head while he was cutting down dead peach trees in their orchard. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. [Tribune obituaries, December 18 and 19, 1902.]

Gerrit “Dick” Gringhuis III [1878-1907]

The son of Gerrit and Janna Northuis Gringhuis, Gerrit III was born in Grand Haven on March 20, 1878. On March 6, 1907 in Grand Haven he married Margje Van Doorne, who was born on February 8, 1882 in The Netherlands]. Among their children was Gerritt “Dick” Gringhuis IV, who was born in Grand Haven on December 24, 1907 and died on September 28, 1963. Dick III died accidentally on October 27, 1907 from

wounds received while chopping down a tree. Margje married Johannes “John” Tans in Grand Haven on December 24, 1913. He died at Pine Rest Sanatorium in Grand Rapids on June 8, 1952. Margje passed away on September 18, 1945. She, John, and Dick were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Apollos [Apollus] Griswold [1818-1872]

Apollos Griswold, a lumberman, was settled in Spring Lake Township by 1850 and in Robinson Township ten years later. He was born in Elizabethtown, Canada on September 4, 1818 and died on December 3, 1872. He married Sarah Cole, who was born in England on March 5, 1925 and passed away on February 15, 1899 [1898]. Both Apollos and Sarah were buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery. Their children, all born in Ottawa County, included Mary, born about 1845; Francis, who was born on August 29, 1847 and died April 3, 1854; Asher W., born on April 5, 1853; Edgar W., born on May 1, 1855; Nathan William, born on April 23, 1857; Peter, born about 1859; Sarah, born on June 11, 1867; Fred Raney, born on February 1, 1871; and Mortimer, born about 1872. Nathan and his wife, Isabel [Isabella], had a son Appolos, who died on January 7, 1883, three months before his 27th birthday. Isabel was born in Crockery Township on April 9., 1865. By 1870 the Griswold family was farming approximately 160 acres in Section 36 of Crockery Township.

Apolis Griswold [1874-1936]

Apolis Griswold owned and operated a trucking business in Crockery Township. He was the son of Francis and Margaret Griswold. On June 7, 1917 in Muskegon, Apolis married Florence E. Withey. She was born in Michigan on January 8, 1894 and passed away in Grand Haven on March 19, 1977. Florence was the daughter of William H. and Rebecca Rainsboro Withey, who owned a 40-acre farm in Section 1 of Crockery Township. Both William and Rebecca were born in Michigan, William in November, 1866, and Rebecca in March, 1867. The Griswold children, all born locally, included William A, born in 1920; Francis L., who was born on June 4, 1922 and died in Spring Lake on January 26, 1986; Percival James, born on April 27, 1924; Margaret F., born about June, 1926; and Lisa A., born about March, 1929. Apolis, born in Michigan in 1874, passed away in 1936.

Francis Griswold I [1847- ?]

The son of Apollos and Sarah Griswold, Frank was born in Michigan about 1847. After briefly living in Robinson Township with his parents, he moved with them to Section 36 of Crockery Township. By 1900 he and his wife, Margaret, had a son, Apolis, who was born in February, 1874. Another son, Francis II, was born in Crockery Township on December 18, 1877. Margaret was born in Canada in June, 1852.

Frank Lee Groat [1900-1988]

Born in Croswell, Michigan on April 19, 1900, Frank Groat in 1930 he was a teacher at a junior high school in Detroit. At that time he was married to Florence Johanna Klockow, who lived from May 11, 1903 to March 7, 1987. They had a son, Gerald Lee Groat, who was born in Detroit on August 12, 1933 and died on February 2, 2008 in Lake Havasu, Arizona. Frank was raised in East Lansing and graduated from Michigan State College [MSU] and Wayne State University of Medicine. He worked one year at Providence Hospital in Detroit, and then served with the Army for two years during WWII. He came in 1948 to Grand Haven as a General Practitioner in an office with Dr. John Kitchel. Frank became Chief of Staff at North Ottawa Community College. He and his wife, Virginia E., had five daughters: Nancy, Barbara, Elizabeth, Kathy, and Virginia. The family resided at 631 Franklin and later at 1624 Gladys. The family attended the First Presbyterian Church, and Frank was a member of the Grand Haven Rotary Club. He closed his office in Grand Haven on March 15, 1981 and moved to Toccoa, Georgia. Frank died in Lake Havasu, Arizona on July 31, 1988. [Tribune articles, "Dr. F. L. Groat to Practice Here," July 19, 1948, and "Dr. Groat moving practice to Georgia," February 9, 1981.

Tys Groenendal [1833-1911]

In 1892 Tys Groenendal went into partnership with Folger Van Zanten and started a coal and wood yard at 520 Elliott Street in Grand Haven, which they named Groenendal & Van Zanten. A little later Tys sold out to Van Zanten. Tys and his wife, Clara, lived at 521 Elliott. Clara was a milliner. Their daughter, Etta, a dressmaker, resided at the same address in the early 1900s. Another daughter Della [Dora] was born on September 21, 1870 and married Louis Ver Duin of Grand Haven. Tys was one of the founders of the Second Christian Reformed Church in Grand Haven. Clara lived from April, 1840 [1839] to 1913, and Tys, who was born in January, 1833, died in 1911. Both were natives of The Netherlands, and both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Derk [Derek] Groenevelt I [Groeneveld/Groenvelt] [1828- ?]

Derk Groenevelt was born in The Netherlands about 1828. He married Swantje Hoffman, who also was a native of The Netherlands, where she was born around 1827. Derk was a carpenter. Among their children, all born locally, were Gerritt, who was born on December 21, 1856 and died on July 23, 1878; Jane, born about 1856; Frederick, born in June, 1860; Jantje, born about 1860; Dirk, born about 1862; and Ida, born about 1866.

Swantje passed away about January 29, 1885 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Derk [Derek] Groenevelt II [Groenvelt] [1860-1930]

Born in The Netherlands in August, 1860 [1854], Derk Groenevelt came to the United States in 1880 and lived in both Grand Haven and Ferrysburg. He was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as "drayman" in Grand Haven, but by 1908 he owned an eight-acre farm in Spring Lake Township. Derk's wife, Sarina, also a native of The Netherlands, was born in May, 1852 and died on April 7, 1903. Their children, all born locally, were Enno, born in March, 1883; Derk II, born in 1888; and John, born in June, 1896. The elder Groenevelt was an active member and leader of the First Christian Reformed Church of Grand Haven. He died in 1930.

Derk "Dick" Groenevelt III [1888-1986]

Dick was born on March 15, 1888, the son of Derk and Sarina Groenevelt. On October 27, 1908 Dick married Jennie Ruiter in Ferrysburg. Where they made their home and where one of their children, Richard, was born. Jennie, the daughter of Ralph [Roelof] and Jane [Jennie] Borgman Ruiter of Ferrysburg, lived from March, 1890 to 1918 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Groenevelts had a daughter, Janet, who was born in Ferrysburg on July 15, 1913, married Maurice Rosema on June 12, 1935, and passed away on December 6, 2003. As a young man, Dick owned a two and a half-acre-farm in Spring Lake Township. He lived at 226 South Street in Spring Lake when he died on October 15, 1986 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Fred Groenevelt I [Gronevelt] [1860- ?]

Fred Groenevelt was a Grand Haven building contractor. Born in Michigan in June, 1860, he appeared in the 1893 *Compendium* as a carpenter. In 1896 the firm of Van Dongen & Groenevelt was awarded a contract to build Grand Haven's first electric power building. In the early 1900s Fred married Sena Jonker in Grand Haven on August 28, 1886. The couple lived at 1402 Columbus. He and his son, Fred II, worked together. Fred II was born in July, 1891. The Groenevelts also had a daughter Elizabeth, who was a stenographer. Sena was born in The Netherlands on September, 1867 [1868], died in 1922, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Groenevelts' other children were Lizzie, born in October, 1887; Clarence, born in September, 1894; Hermanna, born in September, 1896; and Romane, a son, born in May, 1900.

John Groenevelt [Gronevelt] [1896-1988]

John was the son of Derk and Sarina Groenevelt, originally of The Netherlands, but who settled in Ferrysburg. Derk lived from 1860 to 1930, and Sarina

from 1854 to 1903. John was born June 27, 1896. On June 19, 1919, he married Anna, daughter of Roelof and Jane Ruiter, also of Ferrysburg. The Groenevelts lived at 1041 Franklin in Grand Haven. Anna was born June 28, 1899 and died in Grand Haven on November 2, 1981. John died in Grand Haven on January 10, 1988. Their children were John R., born about 1923; Kathleen O., born about 1925; and Donald, born about 1927.

Richard Groenevelt [Groeneveltdt/Gronevelt] [1863–1930]

Dick Groenevelt resided in Grand Haven for over 64 years and was one of the best-known contractors and builders in the city. As a youth he worked in the shipyards. Later he began building houses and worked on many of the larger buildings and private homes in Grand Haven, including 642 Pennoyer. His wife, Dena W., was born in March, 1863 and died in 1926. Their children included Jennie, born in November, 1886; Harry, born in April, 1889; Santa [Santie], who was born in July, 1892 and married Stewart Johnson, a Grand Haven contractor; and Amelia, who married Ernest Scheel of Muskegon. Dick died at his home at 523 Jackson Street on August 19, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He was born in Michigan in 1863. The family had resided at 523 Jackson since at least 1900. [*Tribune* obituary, August 20, 1930.]

Richard. Groenevelt [Gronevelt] [1915-1996]

Richard, the son of Derk and Jennie Ruiter Groenevelt, was born in Ferrysburg on December 20, 1915. He married Mary Ruth [Marian] Stegenga on June 24, 1940. The daughter of Frank and Marie Van Doorne Stegenga, she was born in Grand Haven on March 1, 1917 and died November 24, 1996. Richard died on February 17, 1996 in Holland, Michigan.

Egbert [Engbert] Grooters [Groters] [@1848- ?]

A farmer and stockman, Egbert Grooters's 120-acre farm was in Section 36 of Olive Township, where he settled in 1876. On September 21, 1889 in Holland, he married Leentjen Arensman. They continued to live on their farm until at least 1912. Egbert was born about 1848.

Francis H. Grooters [1818-1893]

Born in Utrecht, The Netherlands on July 29, 1818, Francis Grooters in 1847 immigrated to this country, arrived in Holland in 1851, and came to Grand Haven the next year. Francis worked for Rev. William M. Ferry, founder of Grand Haven, and he made boots and shoes for the early pioneers. Francis built a home at the corner of Third and Columbus Streets in Grand Haven about 1858. The front of the house became a shoe shop, where he made shoes by hand and repaired others. He was a Presbyterian.

On October 10, 1852 Francis married Amelia Leenhouts of Milwaukee. She was born in 1829 and died on May 27, 1894 in Milwaukee. They had two daughters. One was Nelly, born on January 30, 1855, who was a seamstress. She died on September 5, 1938. The second daughter was Mary, who died about October 29, 1945 and who for many years clerked at Beaudry's Dry Goods Store. Neither daughter married, and they both lived in the family house until their deaths. The two sisters were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Francis died on March 4, 1893. He and his wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 6, 1893 and September 6, 1938.]

Charles Grossman I [@1870-1930]

Born in Michigan about 1870, Charles was the son of Henry and Caroline G. Grossman. Charles married Minnie Kieft in Grand Haven Township on December 16, 1890. The daughter of Adam and Cornelia Van Veuren Kieft, Minnie was born in 1871, probably in Grand Haven, and died there about November 14, 1939. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Charles worked at Grand Haven Basket Factory in the early 1900s. He and Minnie lived at 616 Elliot. The Grossmans had at least two sons: Charles II, who was born March 19, 1896, lived at 418 North Sixth Street in Grand Haven, and died in February, 1970, and Gerrit L., who was born on March 23, 1903, lived at 15869 Railroad Street in Spring Lake, and died on November 4, 1973. The Grossmans also had a daughter, Bianca, born about 1912. All three children were born in Michigan. Charles I passed away about 6, 1930 and was buried with his wife at Lake Forest.

John Grubinger [1888-1954]

On July 12, 1913 in Grand Rapids, John Grubinger married Esther Applequist. By 1920 they owned the Style Shop in downtown Grand Haven. John was born in Michigan on March 14, 1888, and Esther, also from Grand Rapids, was born on July 1, 1893. The Style Shop was located first at 17 Washington, and then by 1921 it was at 204 Washington. The couple resided at 308 South Fifth. John Reichardt bought the business in the 1930s. John died in 1954 in Tampa, Florida.

William Carl Grunst [1887-1956]

William was born in Grand Haven on December 14, 1887. His father, Frederick Wilhelm Grunst, was born in Germany and lived from September, 1848 to about December 25, 1915, while his mother, Ernestine [Tena/Albertina], also German born, lived from May, 1861 [1859] to about November 20, 1933. Both parents were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Grunst family resided at 613 North Fifth Street from the early 1900s into the 1950s. He owned a tobacco shop at 112 Washington where he also manufactured cigars. He

partnered with Paul Hostetter, who opened the Muskegon News Agency at 112 Washington about 1926 and two years later bought the business, which he renamed Hostetter News Agency. William died about March 21, 1956 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Bruno A. “Whitey” Grzyb [1915-2004]

Born in Chicago on July 28, 1915, Whitey was the son of Frank and Bernice Depczynski Grzyb. Whitey and his brother, Michael, co-founded Supreme Machined Products in 1948 in Spring Lake, along with William P. Ferm. Whitey retired as President of the Company in 1978. Whitey, his brother, and their parents moved to Robinson Township in 1920. Whitey married Pauline Dusnik on October 26, 1940. They had four daughters: Sandra, who married William Badger and moved to Scarsdale, New York; Paula, who married Skip Nissen of Kalamazoo; Donna White, also of Scarsdale; and Colleen, who married Casey Ford and lived in Spring Lake. The Grzybs resided at 120 Emmet. Whitey died in Grand Haven on September 1, 2004. [*Tribune* obituary, September 2, 2004.]

Michael Grzyb [1909-1972]

Michael Grzyb was one of the founders and officers of Supreme Machined Products, started in 1948 in Spring Lake. Michael lived at 15865 Vinecrest. The son of Frank and Bernice Depczynski Grzyb, Michael was born in Chicago on September 1, 1909 and died on December 5, 1972. Bruno “Whitey” Grzyb was his brother. They were raised in Robinson Township, where the family had moved in 1920.

Frederick Joseph Guillard [1880- ?] and Frances D. Guillard [1893-1982]

In the 1920s Frances Guillard owned Guillard’s Hat Shop at 218 Washington Street in Grand Haven. It was expanded to include women’s apparel and a beauty parlor. In 1928 Frances and her husband, Fred Guillard, were residing at the Cupola Hotel in Spring Lake and two years later they were still residing in Spring Lake and classified themselves as actors. Around 1940 they owned Fred Guillard’s restaurant at 207 West Savidge in Spring Lake. Frances was born in Colorado about 1893 and passed away in Washington State on October 31, 1982. Fred was born in Canada on October 16, 1880. They were married in Lake County, Indiana on April 12, 1917.

Jay W. Gunneman [1913-1972]

Jay W. Gunneman had a barber shop at 610 East Savidge in Spring Lake in the early 1940s. He was born on February 19, 1913 in Polkton Township and died in Eaton County on November 30, 1972.

G. Adolph Gustafson [1853- ?]

Adolph Gustafson, whose 175-acre farm was located in Section 17 of Crockery Township, raised fruit. He was born in Sweden and came to the area in 1904. His wife, Emma, was born around 1861. Adolph was still actively farming in 1918.

Arthur Gustorf [1844-1904]

Arthur Gustorf was Postmaster at Nortonville when it reopened between April 22, 1872 and July 3, 1876. He was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on December 17, 1844 and died in Oak Park, Illinois on October 26, 1904. His wife, Ruth Ann Bishop, was born on July 28, 1846 in Plainsville, Ohio.

Olaf Trulson Gylleck [1886-1967]

Olaf and Dora Gylleck moved to Grand Haven from Dixon, Illinois in 1918. Olaf worked for the Challenge Machinery Company. He was an accomplished pressman and was hired as part of a team to develop the Lee Press, which then was manufactured by Challenge. After the special project was completed, Olaf remained with the company and became its service and advertising manager. He retired in the late 1950s. He had been a professional magician appearing in vaudeville acts in his early years. He learned the printing trade at that time to supplement his income. After joining Challenge, he continued performing by traveling to Printing House Craftsman Clubs around the country, giving a 20-minute technical talk about Challenge products followed by a 40-minute magic show. He continued to perform for clubs in West Michigan after his retirement from Challenge. An undated brochure announced, “Gylleck’s presentation is a strictly refined and educational amusement, by a personable, polished performer. You will like it!” Olaf started an “Advertising Specialities” business in Grand Haven at 623 Washington, which later merged with the Ver Duin printing business. The combination became known as Gylleck-Ver Duin and then Ver Duin’s, Inc. Dora worked at the *Grand Haven Tribune*, was in charge of the office at Ottawa Steel Products for six years, and joined her husband and son-in-law in the family business, as well.

The Gyllecks resided at 1302 Washington and later at 509 Colfax. Their children, both born in Dixon, were Ruth Dora, who was born about 1908 and married Gerald Pellegrom of Grand Haven, and M. Fern, born on July 12, 1909. Fern married Claude Ver Duin of Grand Haven. Olaf was born in Copenhagen, Denmark on June 6, 1886 and died about April, 24 1967. On September 19, 1906 he married Dora Mae Scheer. She was born in Pana, Illinois on January 22, 1888 and passed away on May 15, 1976. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Private correspondence from Robert Ver Duin.]

William E. Haddix [1856- ?]

In late 1913 William E. Haddix, a farmer from Hudsonville, purchased from Dell Ward the Ashley Heights Estate in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township [17800 West Spring Lake Road]. The frame structure burned down on July 20, 1918. The hotel was not rebuilt, and the Haddix family was living in Georgetown Township in the 1920s. They later moved into a cottage on the Ashley Heights property. They lived there until 1934, when Spring Lake Bank foreclosed on the mortgage of \$2,491.35, held by the estate of William Haddix. William, who was born in Ohio about 1856, became a barber in Spring Lake. His wife Etta, also a native of Ohio, was born about 1864.

William "Tex" Haeck [1911-2002]

William Haeck, a medical doctor from Grand Rapids, owned a cottage in Stickney Ridge that succumbed to high water in Lake Michigan on April 23, 1974. The cottage was built in 1922 or 1923. His wife, Winifred, was born on February 25, 1911 and died in Grand Rapids on February 5, 2000. Tex lived from April 16, 1911 to January 11, 2002.

Emil B. Hahn [1867- ?]

In the early 1900s the Wiltshire Glove Company was an important industry in the Grand Haven area. Emil was manager of the factory. He and his wife, Minnie [Wilhelmina], lived at 217 Washington. Peerless Glove Co. purchased Wiltshire in 1907. Emil was born in Illinois [Missouri] in January, 1867, and Minnie was born in Wisconsin in August, 1875. In 1900 they were residing in Chicago, where Emil was listed as a "glover." They were married about 1895. By 1910 they had moved to Manitowoc, Wisconsin, where Emil continued in the glove business.

Harry Haines [1880-1900]

Born in Grand Haven on January 14, 1880, Harry was the son of Henry Haines. Harry died on June 24, 1900 from burns suffered a week earlier in a fire at his mother's store, Haines Ice Cream Parlor at 14 South Second Street. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Tribune obituary, June 25, 1900.]

Henry H. Haines I [1844-1899]

Born in Philadelphia on June 4, 1844 and a resident of Grand Haven since about 1873, Henry Haines and his wife, Elizabeth, ran the Haines Ice Cream Parlor at 14 South Second Street, which they sold to William and Bess Rose around October, 1905. Prior to that, Haines was a house painter. Henry was the first in Grand Haven to use a machine for the production of ice cream. Elizabeth was born in Pennsylvania in September, 1855. She and Henry had several children, including Henry II,

who was born on January 14, 1880 and died June 25, 1900, and Jessie D., who was born in January, 1885 and died young. Elizabeth passed away in 1938. The Haines's residence in the 1880 and 1900 censuses was on Third Street. Henry died July 18, 1899 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. [Tribune obituaries, July 19, and July 21, 1899.]

Robert Alexander Haire [1836-1915]

Robert Haire was born in Bombay [Malone], Franklin County, New York on July 20, 1836. In 1841 he moved with his parents, William and Mary Jane Hanna Haire, to western New York and five years later to Michigan, where the family settled in or near Georgetown Township. Robert started work in the lumbering business in Georgetown in 1852. On August 27, 1862 he enlisted in Company B of the 5th Michigan Cavalry as Second Lieutenant and was promoted to Captain in September, 1864. Robert was wounded at the Battle of Trevilian Station, Virginia on June 12, 1864 and was discharged on July 3, 1865.

The next year, on January 12, Robert married Hannah M. Rogers in Kent County. Hannah was born October 12, 1843 in Kent County. In 1867 Robert and George Cole of Blendon bought the Thomas White Mill on the Grand River, near the foot of Division Street in Spring Lake. They purchased Norton's Mill in Nortonville the same year. Robert was an original director of the Spring Lake Salt Company, founded in 1870. In 1871 Robert started a lumber mill with a man by the name of Tolford. Robert and his partner sold that mill to Cutler & Savidge in 1874. Robert served in the Michigan House of Representatives for the 1872-73 term and in 1877 he was elected President of Spring Lake Village. Robert was named director of the Herald Publishing Company in 1882. Hannah died on December 13, 1889 and was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Kent County. Robert died in Carson City, Nevada, on November 29, 1915.

Andrew Jackson Hale [1832-1913]

Born in New York on February 27, 1832, Andrew Hale moved with his family to Wisconsin and then to Nortonville, east of Spring Lake, in 1865. He was engaged in the lumber business for several years and then took up farming in Crockery Township. He built barns and houses, as well as a float bridge that extended 144th Avenue across Deremo Bayou and a chapel in Nortonville. He was a carpenter and also a self-taught veterinarian. Andrew attended the Baptist Church. Andrew married Emily De Mary at Racine, Wisconsin, on July 18, 1856. Emily was born in New York in 1841. Their children included George D., born in Wisconsin in 1864; Edith, who was born in Michigan in 1867 and married Arthur Stocking; Arthur, who was born in

Michigan in 1868; Julia Katulah, who married William Chittenden; Mrs L. Emerald; and Isabella, who married John Q. Deremo. By the early 1890s, Andrew and his wife were on 20 acres in Section 24 of Spring Lake Township. Andrew died September 19, 1913 and was buried with his wife at Spring Lake Cemetery. Emily lived from September, 1840 to December 18, 1893. [*Tribune* obituary, October 2, 1913.]

Arthur Leonard Hale [1868-1939]

The son of Andrew Jackson and Emily De Mary Hale, Arthur was born in Nortonville on August 3, 1868. A farmer with 40 acres in Section 5 of Crockery Township, he died on January 31, 1939 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. On May 6, 1891, he married Rosa [Rose] A. Moninger in Spring Lake. A native of Wisconsin, Rosa lived from May 18, 1872 to December 4, 1956. Their children, all born locally, were Edna Lucy, born in March, 1892; Lloyd [Loyde] Andrew, born in September, 1893; and George Albert, born in August, 1895.

George D. Hale [1864-1908]

Born in Kenosha, Wisconsin on March 16, 1864, George came to Spring Lake in 1865 with his parents, Andrew Jackson and Emily De Mary Hale. By 1870 George's family had settled in Crockery Township, but by the early 1890s George owned a farm in Section 13 of Spring Lake Township. George was a member of the Grand Haven Lodge of North American Union and of the Maccabees. He died of consumption on April 15, 1908 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 15, 1908.]

Ray "Dad" Hale [1879-1946]

A native of Allegan, where he was born on February 18, 1879, Ray Hale was player-manager of the Grand Haven Athletics baseball team beginning in 1913. He remained active in baseball all his life, and pitched one season [1902] for the Boston Braves of the National League and the Baltimore Orioles of the American League. Ray died on February 1, 1946.

Amanda Harwood Ferry Hall [1828-1917]

See Amanda Harwood Ferry.

Archie Nelson Hall I [1940-1996]

Born in Muskegon on March 26, 1940, the son of Archibald F. and Eurice Nelson Hall, Archie graduated from Muskegon Community College and in 1964 from the University of Michigan. He operated Archie Hall and Associates, was an instructor at Muskegon Community College and Aquinas College, and set up the computer center at Oral Roberts University. He moved to Grand Haven in 1965. He was a member of Spring Lake Wesleyan Church, Right to Life Group, Promise

Keepers, Christian Businessmen's Association, and the Republican Task Force. He married Petra Carranza on March 12 1976 in Grand Haven. Their children included Pat, who married Ken Ver Duin of Grand Haven; Pamela of Norton Shores; Kris, who married Edon Mestrom of Grand Haven, Kara, who married Pat Mahoney of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Archie Nelson II, who was a minister in Lansing; Josh; and Ben. Archie died of cancer at his home on January 1, 1996 and was buried at Pine Ridge Memorial Gardens in Grand Haven Township. [*Tribune* obituary, January 2, 1996.]

Francis Hall [1822-1913]

Francis Hall was born in England in November, 1822 [1819] and came to Spring Lake about 1863 from Detroit. He took up fruit culture on a 92-acre fruit farm bordering on Hammond's [Petty's] Bayou in Section 11 of Spring Lake Township. He was a member of the Odd Fellows. His wife, Mary E., who was born in Canada in April, 1810 [1811/1812], died in 1911. They had no children. Francis sold his property to John Linn about 1900. Francis died at the age of 94 on March 30, 1913 at the home of Charles Hyde of Spring Lake, where he was boarding. Francis and Mary were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 31, 1913.]

James Hall [1851-1932]

James Hall, born in England in 1851, was Manager of the local Western Union Telegraph office in 1877. He died about March 25, 1932 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, Nettie, who lived from 1878 to 1928.

Jay Gould Hall [1883- ?]

Jay Gould Hall was born in Grand Haven on July 9, 1883. He was the son of James and Sabra Lyon Hall. James, who was born in England in 1850, died about 1886 in Grand Haven. Sabra Lyon was born in New York State in 1855. James and Sabra were married in Jackson County on August 16, 1873. On February 27, 1905, Jay married Helen Luella Humphrey, then of Muskegon. Helen was born on December 3, 1884 in Beaver, South Dakota and died on September 4, 1956 in Houston, Texas. The couple was divorced in Houston in 1915.

John R. Hall [1819- ?]

John Hall settled in Blendon Township in 1851 and was elected the first Township Clerk, a post he held between 1855 and 1856. He was born in England on November 12, 1819 and immigrated to Chenango County, New York when he was 17, where he remained until his move to Ottawa County. On September 22, 1844 he married Maria Fairchild, who was born in Kinderhook, Columbia County, New York, on October 9, 1817. They owned an 80-acre farm in Section 24 of Blendon Township. The

Halls had two children: Jesse Philip Rexford [Reynolds] Hall, who was born February 16, 1847 and was Township Supervisor from 1876 to 1881, and Julia, who was born March 2, 1852 and married Levant Sears. Jesse married Charlotte Abbott on November 18, 1866 in Grandville. She was born in Grandville on March 6, 1848. Their marriage evidently ended in divorce.

Lyman Hall [1809-1877]

Lyman Hall, who was born in Shelburne, Vermont in 1809, later in life moved to Muir in Ionia County, where he passed away on November 27, 1877. His wife, Lucinda Saxton, who lived from April 7, 1811 to May 11, 1863, was born and died at Shelburne. Lyman and Lucinda were the parents of Lucinda Saxton Hall, who was born on July 17, 1843 and married Charles Edward Soule of Grand Haven on September 16, 1867.

Timothy Hall [@1811-1883]

On April 8, 1872, Timothy Hall became the third President of Spring Lake Village and served a one-year term. Prior to that he was a trustee of the Spring Lake School District. Timothy was born in New Hampshire [Wisconsin] around 1811 and died in Spring Lake in May, 1883. His wife, Polly D., was born about 1809 in Vermont. In Spring Lake Timothy raised fruit in Spring Lake Township. Both Timothy and Polly died after 1880.

Winfield Scott Hall [1861-1942]

Winfield, the son of Albert Nelson and Sarah Adelia Foote Hall, was born in Batavia, Illinois, on January 5, 1861. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree a year after graduating from Northwestern University in 1887. He then attended Leipzig University, where he earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree. He taught at Haverford College in Pennsylvania from 1889 to 1893, returned to Leipzig, and then became Professor of Physiology at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where he remained for the rest of his professional life. Winfield authored numerous books on such subjects as physiology, anatomy, sex education, and marriage. On October 11, 1888, in Juniata, Nebraska he married Jeanette [Janette] Winter. Their children were Ethel, born in 1893; Albert Winter, born in Switzerland in 1895; Raymond Ludwig, born in 1897; and Muriel, born in 1903. The Halls resided in Berwyn, Illinois, but in 1900 purchased acreage on the south side of Stearns Bayou in Section 6 of Robinson Township. By 1912 they owned over 132 acres in the area in three separate parcels. On this Bayou property they built Wynnewood [13715 Johnson] as a place to spend their summers. After Winfield's death in 1942, son Albert and his wife, Reba, took over the property. When Dr. Albert Hall died in 1991 his son Winfield and his wife, Carol, assumed ownership of the property and constructed a

new home at 13711 Johnson. A daughter, Jeanette, who married Herbert Garber, occupied the original cottage.

Howard Lee Halverson [1926-2003]

Howard was born in Chicago, Illinois, on January 14, 1926, the son of Etta and Harry Halverson. After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree from Roosevelt College in Chicago, Howard joined the Naval Air Corps in 1943 and was trained as a pilot. After the war he married Norma Veenstra on October 1, 1948. Their children were Kathy, Mark, and Krag. Howard worked for the Morton Salt Company in Chicago and the Marathon Paper Company of Menasha, Wisconsin, before moving to Grand Haven, where he was Purchasing Agent for Bastian Blessing. From about 1971 to 1988 he ran his own excavating and septic system company in Grand Haven. His company, called Spinners Septic Tank Service, later became Kendall Septic Service and was located at 12841 Lincoln in Grand Haven Township. He also was Manager of Christian Haven Home. The Halverson family resided at 1909 Pine Court and attended the Second Reformed Church in Grand Haven. Howard was active with the local boy scouts and organized Troop 28. The Halversons retired to the Upper Peninsula in 1989. Howard died on November 24, 2003. [Tribune obituary, November 26, 2003.]

Jens Jergen Halvorsen [1852-1907]

Jens Halvorsen became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Norway. His wife, Amalia [Amelia] Bjorguften [Borgenson], was raised as a Lutheran, but she, too, joined the Adventist Church. They immigrated to Chicago in July, 1887 and moved to Robinson Township. There they helped form a Seventh-day Adventist Church in May, 1907, and Jens was named an Elder. The Halvorsens owned a 100-acre farm in Section 6 of Robinson Township. Jens, who was born in Norway on December 3, 1852, died on June 29, 1907, several days after falling from a scaffold and breaking his back while on a job in Saugatuck. He was buried at Robinson Cemetery. Amalia was born in Kroger, Norway on September 8 or 9, 1859. They were married in Norway on November 8, 1881. Their children were Martin, born in Norway on June 9, 1886; Thallie K., a daughter, born in Chicago, Illinois on November 7, 1888; Harturg [Hartwig] Johannes, who was born in Chicago on November 24, 1890 and died in 1982; George, born in Chicago on September 19, 1893; and Daniel, born locally on February 26, 1897. After Jens's death, Amalia moved her family to Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Caslin Hamilton [@1838-@1882]

Born in Quebec, Canada about 1838, Caslin Hamilton arrived in Crockery Township in 1862. On November 3,

1868 he married Mary Dickinson in Wright Township. Mary was born in January, 1843 in New York. Their son, George, was born in Michigan around December, 1869, and a daughter, Carrie M., was born in June, 1872. Carrie became a nurse and in the early 1900s resided at 319 South Fifth Street in Grand Haven. Two other Hamilton children were Helen "Nellie," born in June, 1873, and Charles N., born about 1876. In 1870 Caslin was listed as a carpenter living in Nunica with his wife and son George. He later became an agent for the Detroit and Muskegon Railroad Company. Prior to that, on February 27, 1865 he went to Grand Rapids to enlist in Company G of the Michigan 10th Cavalry as a Private. He was mustered out on November 11 the same year. Caslin died before March 7, 1882.

George Hamilton [1838- ?]

George Hamilton, an African American, enlisted in the 102nd United States Colored Infantry in Grand Haven on December 28, 1863. He was born in New Orleans, Louisiana about 1838. George's military records noted that he deserted from Camp Ward [probably Fort Ward in Virginia] on March 26, 1864. A George Hamilton of the right age was living in Louisiana at the time of the 1880 census, but there is no proof the two are the same person.

Frank T. Hammond [1883-1936]

The son of Thomas and Cora Hammond, Frank was born in Spring Lake in March, 1883. He was a mail carrier in rural Spring Lake for 30 years. He married a widow, Grace Bunker Anderson, in 1934. He played the alto horn for the Grand Haven band on the riverboat that went to Lamont on weekends. He died in 1936 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. His first wife, Julia, lived from 1880 to 1935 and was buried with her husband.

George Hammond [1842- ?]

George Hammond rented boats and fishing tackle in Spring Lake. Born in November, 1842 in Michigan, George was the son of William and Lucy Houghton Hammond of Spring Lake. George's wife, Caroline, was born in Michigan in October, 1851. They were married in Spring Lake on November 1, 1868. Their children, all born locally, were: William S., who was born on May 13, 1870, married Lulu Swartz on May 20, 1891, died on May 10, 1946, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; George E., who was born on April 29, 1874 and served with Company F in the Spanish-American War; Charles E., born about 1876; Luella M., born about 1878; John, born in June, 1885; and a daughter, Carrie, born in June, 1887. George the son married Dora Christopher in Grand Haven on October 30, 1895. Dora was born in Denmark in 1877. John

married Elsie, the daughter of Henry and Henrietta Stap Abbinga of Grand Haven.

Shirley Hammond [1822- 1872]

See William Shirley Hammond.

Thomas Hammond [1851-1928]

Born in Canada in March, 1851, Thomas Hammond came to Spring Lake in 1878 and worked in the mills. Although he lived in the Village, he had a fruit farm on 144th Street in Spring Lake Township. Thomas was Highway Commissioner in the early 1900s and Village President in 1916 and 1917. He led the group of men who tore up the Interurban tracks one night in order to hurry the paving of Savidge. Thomas served as a substitute rural mail carrier; was on the Board of Education and the Village Council and he was Truant Officer.

On July 5, 1880 in Grand Rapids, Thomas married Cora Chittenden. Born in 1861 in Spoonville, she was, the daughter of Benjamin and Abigail Chittenden. They had two sons, Frank T., born in March, 1883, and William Albert, born on November 28, 1889, and a daughter, May A., born in November, 1884. Cora died in Spring Lake on July 3, 1895. Thomas married Frances Bangle in Muskegon on October 7, 1899. A resident of Grand Rapids, Frances was born in Michigan and lived from September, 1873 [1869] to 1954. She had two children from her first marriage to a Mr Erhart: Iva, born in June, 1887, and Ethel, born in September, 1889. Iva and Ethel resided with their mother and step-father in Spring Lake in 1900. Frances and Thomas had one daughter, Maude, who was born April 12, 1904. Maude married a Mr Hessmer and later resided in the family home at 210 East Exchange in Spring Lake, a structure that was built prior to 1900. Maude died in Spring Lake on July 5, 1980 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. At one time Thomas owned part of the Spring Lake Country Club property, and he donated the land for Spring Lake Cemetery. Thomas died in 1928. [*Tribune* article, "Wm. Hammond Is Postmaster," August 4, 1939.]

William Albert Hammond [1889-1953]

Born in Spring Lake on November 28, 1889, William was the son of Thomas and Cora Hammond. William was a bricklayer and a veteran of World War I. He served as councilman for five years prior to becoming Village President from 1933 to 1938. During his terms a new Village Hall was erected, a sewage disposal plant was built, many unpaved streets were blacktopped, Savidge Street was repaved, and lights were installed along Savidge Street in the downtown area. Like his father, who was a substitute rural mail carrier for 14 years, William worked for the post office and became Spring Lake Postmaster in March, 1940, a post he held

for 13 years. William, who died in 1953, resided in the family home at 210 East Exchange. [*Tribune* article, "Wm. Hammond Is Postmaster," August 4, 1939.]

William Shirley Hammond [1822- 1872]

Shirley Hammond and his wife, Lucy Houghton, settled on a farm in Section 14 of Spring Lake Township as early as 1840. Lucy lived for awhile in Grand Rapids and then with the Kanouse family at Battle Point prior to her marriage to Shirley on July 26, 1840. They were married at the residence of Captain Harry Miller in Section 10 of Polkton Township [7851 Leonard Road]. By 1870 Shirley, a hotel keeper, had moved to the Village of Spring Lake. Born in England on August 15, 1822, Shirley was killed by a locomotive on August 18, 1872 and buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Lucy ran the business after her husband's death. Lucy was born in Pennsylvania in 1822 and died in Spring Lake on October 21, 1896. Among their children, all natives of Michigan, were George, born in November, 1842; Charles, born about 1844; William, born about 1846; Caroline, born about 1855; and Harriet, who was born in August, 1863 and married William Welch of Spring Lake. Charles advertised himself as a paper hanger and decorator. Hammond Street was named for this family, and Petty's Bayou was at one time called Hammond's Bayou.

George W. Hance [1874- ?]

Around 1900 George Hance owned a photography studio in Grand Haven. He was born in Michigan in May, 1874. On November 1, 1899 in Olivet, Michigan, he married Lillian [Lila/Leila] May Ives [Iver]. Also a native of Michigan, she was born in April, 1872. They had a son, Kenneth G., who was born in California around 1904, and a daughter, Mary E., who was born in the same state about 1907. In 1910 the family lived in Detroit, where they remained until at least 1930.

Betsy [Betsey] Jenison Hanchett [1825-1901]

The sister of Lucius and Luman Jenison, Betsy was the last member of the well-known Jenison family, pioneers of Ottawa County, where she settled in 1835. Her husband, Benjamin Samuel Hanchett, lived from 1822 to 1903, and was listed in the 1870 census for Kent County and in the 1863 *Business Directory* as a tailor and merchant in Grandville. Their son, Benjamin Sawtell Hanchett, was noted as the young "electric road man" of Grand Rapids. Young Benjamin was born in Grand Rapids on October 1, 1869 and died on February 2, 1933 in his hometown. He was the first President of the Grand Rapids, Holland, and Lake Michigan Interurban, formed in 1901. Benjamin the father was buried with Betsy at Oak Hill Cemetery in Kent County. Betsy, who was born in Connecticut in 1825, died in Grand Rapids on March 11, 1901. [*Tribune* obituary, March 12, 1901.]

John P. Hanchett [? - ?]

John Hanchett was named the first Postmaster of West Olive when the town was platted in 1870. He took office on November 1 that year.

George Hancock [1818-1903]

Born in Devonshire, England on April 27, 1818, George Hancock came to Corning, New York in 1849 and in 1865 arrived in Spring Lake. For three years he operated Hopkins Sawmill, near the site of the future Spring Lake Hotel and mineral springs. In 1877 he moved to Grand Haven. He then went into the wagon-making business in 1871 with a Mr Stitt and about the same time took up gardening. His first experiments with celery were made as early as 1866, and he was credited with being one of the men to introduce the cultivation of celery in this state. In 1872 he took up the business of raising fruits and vegetables. By 1897 George Hancock & Son Wholesale Florists cultivated 40 acres, owned 14 large greenhouses, and was known for its carnations of all varieties and its celery. The company's founder originated the Hancock Carnation, and he also developed a tomato-canning factory. The florist business in more recent years was sold to Dan Nash, who operated it as Lakeshore Floral and Gift Shop.

In 1846, while still in Devonshire, England, George married Jane Howard, who was born in 1816 and died on January 31, 1894. They had three children, including Fanny J., born about 1856 in New York, John B., and James G., who married Belle Franks. Belle was a sister of James Franks, who eventually took over the business, followed by his son, Ernie. The Hancocks also had a daughter, Joan, who married Frank O. Bury of Detroit. George died at his home on Washington Street on June 6, 1903 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituaries, February 1, 1894 and June 8, 1903.]

James G. Hancock [1856- ?]

James, the son of George and Joan Howard Hancock, was born in New York State in October, 1856 and moved to Spring Lake with his parents around 1865. He worked at George Hancock & Son Wholesale Florists, owned by his father. For three years he was Vice President of the Society of American Florists and a charter member of the American Carnation Society. James married Minnie L. [Belle] Franks, sister of James Franks. Minnie was born in Michigan in January, 1859. The Hancocks' children included Frances B., born in August, 1888; Fannie B. H., born in July, 1890; and Miriam, born in February, 1893. James Hancock was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as "gardener, florist."

John B. Hancock [1849-1881]

Born in England on April 5, 1849, John moved with his parents, George and Joan Howard Hancock, to Corning, New York. In about 1865 his parents came to Spring Lake, where his father had an interest in the Hopkins Sawmill. John worked in the mill, attended high school in Grand Rapids, and spent one year at the Michigan Agricultural College [MSU]. He took classes at Grand Rapids Business College, returned to Spring Lake, and was employed by Aloys Bilz as a bookkeeper and manager of the hardware store. He worked for the sawmill at Nortonville, which became White & Friant's, and then worked for Haire, Savidge, & Cutler as bookkeeper and Foreman of the shipping department. When Robert Haire sold his interest to Savidge and Cutler, John became a partner in the business. In 1876 he was named Secretary of the company. He was a Republican and a member of the Royal Arcanum, and he attended the Baptist Church.

On October 20, 1875 John married Ruth M., daughter of Rev. Hiram and Hannah Beckwith of Spring Lake. Ruth was born about 1850 in New Hampshire. The Hancocks' son, Theodore, died at Gladstone, Michigan on January 9, 1900. A daughter, Elizabeth B., was born about 1879 in Grand Haven. John died on March 19, 1881 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1890 Ruth married Thomas A. Parish of Ferrysburg. [*Tribune* article, January 9, 1900.]

Frederick Hannum [1843-1919]

At his funeral on June 4, 1919 Fred M. Hannum was remembered by many friends as a "good old citizen, whose obliging ways endeared him to all." Fred was born in Southampton, Massachusetts on March 17 1843. On September 3, 1862 he enlisted as Private in Company D of the Massachusetts 37th Infantry. He was mustered out on June 21, 1865. After the war he moved west where he met and married his beloved Sarah in Chicago. In 1902 the couple established themselves at Clarks Corners in Robinson Township, where 144th Avenue intersects Green Street. Fred carried the Rural Route 3 mail, and Sarah ran the small family-owned Hannum Store. When Sarah died in 1912, Fred assumed duties at the shop. They were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. [From an article by Marjorie Viveen.]

Isaac N. Hannum [Hannon/Hannan/Harmon] [1832-1897]

Born in Ashland County, Ohio, on May 24, 1832, Isaac Hannum moved to Ditney Hill, Indiana, where he enlisted in Company K of the 143rd Indiana Infantry as Private on February 7, 1865. He was mustered out on June 12 the same year. He then located on a 40-acre farm in Section 2 of Robinson Township. He died in the Township on August 14, 1897. Isaac never married.

David Hanrahan [1846-1911]

In the 1893 *Compendium* David Hanrahan was listed as an engineer, working with a railroad company. Earlier he been a fireman with the same company. He was born in May, 1846 [1848] in Ireland and died in 1911. His wife, Catherine [Katherine] Shay, also a native of Ireland, was born on April 16, 1844 [1846/1850] and died in Grand Haven on February 7, 1935. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Michael, born in 1871; William A., who was born in 1873; Annie, born in May, 1875 [1876]; John; David, who lived from 1878 to 1907; and Nellie, who was born in 1893. Michael, David, and John moved to Grand Rapids. In 1880 the Hanrahans resided on Howard Street, but by the early 1900s they had moved to 309 North Second.

William Albert Hanrahan [1873-1933]

Born in Grand Haven on July 15, 1873, William was the son of David and Catherine Shay Hanrahan. William Hanrahan was a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention when the state repudiated the 18th amendment [Prohibition]. He was a member of the Harbor Commission and the Duncan Park Board, and he was one of the organizers and Secretary and Treasurer of the Lorraine Manufacturing & Importing Company in Grand Haven, founded in 1915. He sailed for 17 years as Purser with the Crosby transportation line and was on the *Naomi* when it was destroyed by fire in mid-lake on May 21, 1907. William represented Grand Rapids Brewing Company, and he bought Edward Smith's Saloon, located at 7 Washington, which he ran for seven years as the Silver Foam Beer Warehouse. He was a Democrat, a member of the Elks, and active in the Temple.

William married Marjorie Lisco on June 26, 1907 in Muskegon. They lived at 403 Howard Street in Grand Haven. Marjorie, who was born in 1886, was the daughter of Charles Henry and Mary Lisco. William and Marjorie were divorced in 1910. At the divorce proceedings, William announced the cause was "too much mother-in-law." [*Tribune* article, November 8, 1910.] About 1915 William married Eleanor "Nellie" Fons, who died April 10, 1977 at age 83. He and his second wife had no children. William died at his home on Sherman Street on May 14, 1933 from angina pectoris and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 9, 1911, May 15, 1933, and February 8, 1935.]

Detleff Hendiech Hansen [1838-1910]

Born in Germany on April 30, 1838, Detleff Hansen came to Grand Haven about 1870 and was associated with James Barnes in the furniture and undertaking business for about 19 years. Later he went into business for himself, and for a number of years he operated a

furniture and undertaking establishment in his building at the corner of Third and Columbus Streets. He and his wife, Johanna, had several children, including Julius, Emil H., Adele, and Albert C., all of Grand Haven. Johanna lived from 1843 to 1918. Detleff died at his home, 103 Third Street, on April 9, 1910. They both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 9, 1910.]

Emil H. Hansen [1869-1944]

Emil Hansen owned a barbershop at 28-32 Washington, although in the 1893 *Compendium* he was listed as a tinsmith. He called his place "Gossip Hall." He continued as a barber into the 1930s. In the early 1900s he lived at 312 Clinton with his wife, Catherine, who was born in Michigan in June, 1875. Their children were Marian A., born in Grand Haven in March, 1899; Frances, born about 1906; Catherine, who was born in 1908; Dorothy, born about 1910; and Detleff, born about 1912. By 1930 the family resided at 408 Lafayette. Emil was born in Prussia in June, 1869 and came to the United States when he was two. He died about February 11, 1944 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Catherine passed away about December 17, 1957 and was buried with her husband at Lake Forest.

Burton Sorenburg Hanson I [1883-1983]

Born in Chicago on August 17, 1883, Burton was the son of Hans Olaf and Marie Asserson Hanson. Hans was born in Trondheim, Norway in 1847 and came to Chicago as a cabinetmaker. He died March 27, 1924. Marie was born in Stavanger, Norway in 1847 and immigrated to New York to assist her uncle, Admiral Arthur Asserson. She died December 23, 1940. Burton was the third of four children. He joined Challenge Machinery Company in 1898 as an office and errand boy and moved with the company when it relocated to Grand Haven in 1903. Burton retired in 1951 after 50 years of service with the company, ending as Director and Secretary of the firm. He began subscribing to the *Grand Haven Tribune* in 1904 and continued it the rest of his life, including having the paper mailed to him in St. Petersburg, Florida in 1953 and to Garden Grove, California in 1963. He was the longest continuous *Tribune* subscriber at the time. Burton was noted for hitting a hole-in-one on the eighth hole at Spring Lake Country Club on August 18, 1935. He was a life member of the Shriners, Elks, Modern Woodman, Masons, Order of Eastern Star, Rotary International, Spring Lake Yacht Club, Exchange Club, Community Club, National Association of Printing Machinery Manufacturers, and War Production Board's Industry Advisory Committee.

On October 14, 1903, in Spring Lake, Burton married Ruth Mae, daughter of Phillip Emanuel and Fannie Ott Watkins, formerly of Chicago. Phillip Emanuel also was

employed at Challenge Machinery and had relocated from Chicago to Grand Haven. The Hansons lived at 1214 Franklin in the early 1900s. They had five children, all born in Michigan: Fanny Marie, who was born June 1, 1904 and married Louis Ellingson of Grand Haven; Ruby Eleanor, who was born about 1906, became Assistant Superintendent at the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children in St. Louis and married Russell Chadwick of Spokane, Washington; Burton II, who was born about 1908, graduated from the Naval Academy in Annapolis in 1930, married Mary Margaret Gillen, had a daughter, Fair Elizabeth, and held the rank of Rear Admiral when he died in 1959; Dorothy Mae, who was born May 2, 1910 and married John C. Zuidema of Spring Lake; and Lester Olaf, who was born about 1914 and moved to Pasadena, California with his wife, Bettina, and their three children. Ruth Hanson died in 1963, and her husband died at Pacific Haven Convalescent Home in Garden Grove, California on September 19, 1983. [*Tribune* obituary, September 19, 1983 and biographical sketch, *Citizens Historical Association*, September 13, 1941.]

B. Franklin "Frank" Harbeck [1870-1941]

Frank was born in Grand Haven, November 28, 1870, the son of Casper and Maria Harbeck. Frank graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1888 and after completing a course at a business college in Chicago, he went to work for the Challenge Refrigerator Company on Seventh Street [Beacon Boulevard]. During WWI he served with the Y.M.C.A. in France. He was Secretary and Treasurer at Challenge until his retirement in 1928. At the time of his death he was Director of the Grand Haven State Bank and a member and patron of the Tuesday Musicale, Spring Lake Country Club, and St. John's Episcopal Church. Frank was organist at St. John's for many years. He was considered artistic and with his keen sense of interior decorating was asked to oversee the decorating of the Masonic Temple and to assist with decorating the City Hall, Elks Club, and Spring Lake Country Club. He never married, and lived many years with his sister, Minnie, at the family homestead at 520 Lafayette Street in Grand Haven. Frank died from a heart attack on June 9, 1941 at his home and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 21, 1906, February 4, 1935, and June 9, 1941.]

Casper Harbeck [1822-1877]

Casper Harbeck, was born in Germany on June 1 [July 3], 1822 and died in Grand Haven on July 4, 1877. His parents were Hans and Catherina Harbeck. Casper was an early settler in Northwest Ottawa County. He married Maria "May" Mueller, who was born in Prussia in June, 1827 and died on December 21, 1906. They left their native Bramstedt, Germany and came to the United

States about 1842, settling first in Milwaukee and then becoming residents of the railroad town at the foot of Dewey Hill. It was there that their oldest son, Herman, was born on November 28, 1857. Their other children were Minnie, born in 1853; William Ferdinand, born in 1867; and B. Franklin, born on May 26, 1870. Casper was enumerated in the 1860 census as a resident of Spring Lake Township. The Harbecks were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Eugene Orr Harbeck I [1899-1986]

Born January 12, 1899 in Grand Haven, the son of William and Mary Harbeck, Eugene attended Lehigh University in Pennsylvania and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan. He worked at Challenge Stamping and Porcelain Company and later was Purchasing Agent for Eagle Ottawa Leather from 1929 until his retirement in 1962. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Grand Haven Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Spring Lake Country Club, Masons, and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

On September 10, 1924 Eugene married Olive Hatton in Grand Haven. Olive, the daughter of William and Elizabeth Hatton, was born in New York on June 22, 1900. The Harbecks resided at 547 Slayton. Their children included Mary Elizabeth, who was born about June, 1929 and married Richard Swain of St. Charles, Illinois; Eugene II, who was born on February 14, 1927; and Richard Hatton Harbeck, who was born about 1932 and moved to Birmingham, Michigan. Eugene I died at a local nursing home on August 2, 1986 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Olive passed away in Grand Haven on April 21, 1997. [*Tribune* obituary, August 4, 1986, and personal profile submitted to the *Tribune* by Eugene Orr Harbeck I.]

Eugene Orr Harbeck II [1927-1992]

Born in Grand Haven on February 14, 1927, Eugene was the son of Eugene and Olive Hatton Harbeck. The young Harbeck graduated with a Master of Business Administration from Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to that he received a high school diploma from Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills and a bachelor degree from Princeton University, *magna cum laude*. He served in the U.S. Navy as Hospital Apprentice, Second Class. On September 1, 1958 he became president of Michigan Brass Company. He first entered the company as a cost accountant in July, 1951. Later he became Trust Officer for Security First Bank and Trust [Old Kent Bank/Fifth Third]. Harbeck was appointed a trustee of the Loutit Foundation and was named President of the Plumbing Brass Institute in 1966. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Spring Lake Country Club, and Chamber of Commerce, and he was a Director of the

Rotary Club and the Committee for Economic Development.

On December 20, 1950 Eugene married Sarah "Sally" Louise Page in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she then lived. They had five children: Elizabeth Page Harbeck Voshel, Peter Allen Harbeck, William Hatton Harbeck, Thomas Page Harbeck, and John Drury Harbeck. Sally was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on February 19, 1929, the daughter of Clifton O. and Dorcas I. Allen Page. She graduated with honors from Vassar College in 1950, with a bachelor degree in English. Sally was President of the Grand Haven Woman's Club and Tri-Cities Area League of Voters. She was a charter member of Central Park Players, and a member of Ottawa Shores Humane Society Board of Directors, Grand Haven Planning Commission, Grand Haven Housing Advisory Appeals Board, Tri-Cities Historical Museum, and Holland Kennel Club. She was co-chair of a committee that raised funds for Grand Haven's first emergency rescue truck. Sally was an active member of the Episcopal Church. The Harbeck family resided at 1706 Gladys Avenue in Grand Haven. Eugene died on May 5, 1992 and Sally on December 14, 2004. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* articles, "Harbeck Heads Michigan Brass," August 30, 1958, and "Michigan Brass Pres. Will Join Bank Here," May, 1967, and obituary, December 16, 2004.]

Herman F. Harbeck [1857-1930]

Born on November 28, 1857 in the town of Muir, across the river from the foot of Washington Street, Herman was the son of Casper and Maria Harbeck. At the age of 18 Herman began teaching at Rosy Mound School and shortly thereafter started to work for the Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company, becoming Secretary in 1881 after James Hancock's premature death. In 1898, when the lumber business ceased to thrive, Herman went to work for Challenge Corn Planter Company in Grand Haven, which later became Challenge Refrigerator Company. By the early 1900s Herman was named President of that company. Herman served as President of Spring Lake Village in 1886 and he was elected Mayor of Grand Haven in 1904 and 1905. He was a member of the Board of Trade and later Director of the Chamber of Commerce; Director of the Grand Haven State Bank and Spring Lake State Bank; and Director and Secretary of the Grand Rapids Varnish Company. Herman was a Republican and a delegate to the Republican National Committee that nominated Theodore Roosevelt for the presidency. He became Captain of the Yates Light Infantry [Company F], when Captain Mower resigned. He was a member of the Masons, the Peninsular Club of Grand Rapids, the Voyagers of Detroit, and the Spring Lake Country Club.

On February 8, 1882, in Grand Haven, Herman married Mabel, the daughter of William Ruel and Mary Pratt Boynton of Grand Haven. Mary was born in December, 1858. The Harbecks lived at 603 [608] Lafayette. They had a daughter Bernice, who was born in August, 1887 and later moved to Spring Lake, and two adopted daughters: Abigail Weldon, who was born in Chicago on October 6, 1883 and married Martin [Mortimer] Bos of Grand Haven, and Ruth Weldon, who was born in Chicago in July, 1887 and married Maurice C. Shannon of Gadsden, Alabama. Herman died on October 17, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mabel died two years later on July 2 and was buried in the Boynton plot at the same cemetery. Bernice passed away about February 16, 1943 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, October 17, 1930.]

Jervis [Jarvis] Ralph Harbeck [1878-1939]

Jervis, the son of Eugene and Emma Gray Wattles Harbeck, was born in Battle Creek, Michigan on March 26, 1878. His parents both were born in New York about 1850. Emma died in 1954 at the age of 105. Jervis attended the University of Chicago, where he studied architecture. He married Marjorie Ewing in Chicago on June 29, 1903. Marjorie was born in Illinois about 1882. She was the daughter of Adlai and Kate Ewing, also of Illinois, who maintained a summer home on Spring Lake called Glenewing. It was located in the Belle Point area at the northwest corner of Spring Lake, just north of Cornelius Bayou, not far from Jervis's property. Jervis started his career in the mining business in Colorado. By 1903 he was Mechanical Superintendent and Treasurer of the Kemiweld Can Company in Detroit. Two years later he was General Manager of Kemiweld. He also was Director and Treasurer of the Cresson Consolidated Mining and Milling Co. in Cripple Creek, Colorado, a member of the Chicago Architectural Club, and the Detroit Boat Club. Jervis patented the "American Adding Machine" on August 27, 1912 in Chicago. In 1917 he was President of the Loew-Victor Engine Company in Chicago, and a year after that he was residing in New York City as President of American Can Company.

In the early 1900s Jervis hired Louis Sullivan [1856-1924] to design a summer home, which he built on the western shore of Spring Lake [3123 Judson Road]. Frank Lloyd Wright was one of Sullivan's more famous students. An avid speedboat racer, Jervis around 1916 suffered a boating accident on Spring Lake in which a passenger was killed. Jervis and Marjorie had at least three children, all born in New York. The eldest was Catherine E., who was born in Michigan on November 18, 1905 and married Marion Moore. Marion was born in Nebraska in 1903. Catherine and Marion resided at 538 Lafayette in Grand Haven, where she died on

December 28, 1973. A son, Adlai Ewing, was born in New York on May 1, 1908, became a book illustrator, and died in Far Rockaway, New York in June, 1981. A second daughter, Janeth [Janet/Annette], was born about 1916. Marjorie died on April 16, 1911. By 1918 Jervis was living in New York City with his second wife, Dorothy D. Living with them were his children from his first marriage, Dorothy was born in New York around 1892 and had been married previously. In 1930 Jervis was in the banking business. He died in 1939 in New York City.

Minnie Harbeck [1853-1935]

Minnie was born in Detroit, July 19, 1853 and came to Grand Haven in 1856 with her parents, Casper and Maria Harbeck. In her adult life, Minnie resided with her brother, Frank, at 520 Lafayette in Grand Haven. She died February 2, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

William Ferdinand Harbeck [1867-1940]

William, the son of Casper and Maria Harbeck, was one of three brothers who helped make Challenge Refrigerator a major industry in Northwest Ottawa County. The other two were Herman F. and B. Franklin. Before joining Challenge, William was a traveling salesman. He married Mary Elizabeth Orr in West Bloomfield, Michigan on June 2, 1897. They lived at 538 Lafayette Street in Grand Haven. William and Mary had a daughter, Mary Eleanor, who was born in Grand Haven on December 15, 1902. William lived from 1867 to 1940 and his wife from 1870 to 1934. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

A. Harder [? - ?]

Harder was Superintendent of Grand Haven Schools from 1871 to 1875. He moved to Milwaukee after leaving his post in Grand Haven.

William Harder [? - ?]

William Harder was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886.

Victor J. Harmon [1921-1971]

Victor Harmon opened Vic's Snack Bar at 18 Washington Street in the early 1950s and remained there into the 1960s. Victor was born on April 10, 1921 and died in Spring Lake on March 15, 1971. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

William Harper [1842-1934]

Born in Great Oakley, Essex, England on November 21, 1842, William Harper served an apprenticeship in cabinet making, and then as a youth he joined the British navy and sailed the high seas for years. He came to Grand Haven in 1865 and was a carpenter at the Clark B.

Albee Tannery, after which he started in business for himself as a builder. However, most of his life was spent as a book agent, traveling over 40 years from Maine to California. He reportedly called at the White House in Washington, D.C. wearing his customary flower in his lapel. The press mistook him for a preacher. William was one of the organizers of St. John's Church in Grand Haven and was a great lover of nature. He was in charge of the gardens at the Eagle Ottawa Leather Company and was an annual exhibitor at the Grand Haven Garden Show. He was a member of the Masons [F. & A. M.], and Elks.

On June 8, 1869 in Grand Haven, William married Frances [Fannie] Lannigan, a dressmaker from Rochester, New York. They lived at 303 South Second Street in a home they called "Auld Lang Syne." The decoration of the house and the yard in red, white, and blue attracted much attention. They had no children. Fanny was born in 1842 and died in 1919. William suffered a stroke and died July 8, 1934 in Grand Haven. At the time, he was writing the last lines of a poem entitled "With Banners," which told of his philosophy in meeting death. It read, "Though I am beaten nobody shall know, I'll wear defeat so proudly I shall go about my business as I did before. Only when I have safely closed the door against you and the rest shall I be free to bow my head—When there is none to see. Tonight I'll shed my tears, tomorrow when I talk with you I will be gay again. Though I am beaten nobody shall guess for I will walk as though I know success." He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, July 9, 1934 and *Chronicle* article, "William Harper, of GH, Man of Sunshine," May 2, 1931.]

William C. Harper I [1851- ?]

William Harper was born in Washtenaw County, Michigan on November 3, 1851. He attended Michigan Agricultural College [MSU], where he graduated in 1873 and started teaching in Eastmanville and Berlin [Marne] schools. He taught for awhile in Robinson Township, and then opened a general store in the Village on January 1, 1876. He was Superintendent of Schools in Robinson, as well as Township Clerk and Supervisor at various times. On September 1, 1875 William married Nellie Eastman. The daughter of George and Aphia Parry Eastman, Nellie was born in Niagara County, New York on January 3, 1855 [1856]. The Harpers had seven children: Allie Eastman, born September 4, 1876; William C. II, born November 3, 1877; G. Ralph, born January 25, 1882; Florence S., born November 2, 1883; Julia Aphia, born October 18, 1885; Robert Mason, born November 4, 1887; and George, born May 26, 1892. By 1900 the family was residing in Wyoming, Kent County.

Cyrus Harris [1818-1901]

Cyrus, the son of Amos and Mary Casto Harris, was born in Clark County, Ohio, on November 26, 1818. He arrived in Grand Haven Township in 1866 to raise fruit on an 80-acre farm in Sections 20 and 21. He constructed a pier on his Lake Michigan shoreline to facilitate crop shipments. Cyrus married Susannah Walker [Haller] in Clark County, Ohio on January 24, 1841. She was born in Maryland in April, 1814. Susannah died on July 19, 1900, and Cyrus passed away in Grand Haven on February 17, 1901. Cyrus had a brother Gideon, who also lived in the area. [*Tribune* obituary, February 18, 1901.]

Frank C. Harris [1880-1955]

Born in St. Louis, Missouri on December 24, 1880, Frank Harris was a comedian and an actor, as was his wife, Florence M. Randall, whom he married in Toledo, Ohio on January 7, 1905. Frank was on the stage for over 25 years, playing with Stair and Havelin Melodramas and for two years in "Mrs Wiggs in the Cabbage Patch." Later the couple formed their own vaudeville team of Harris & Randall [Florence retained her professional name], playing the Keith, Pantages, and Sun Time Theater circuits. They also wrote plays and performed them. Frank owned a cottage on Spring Lake before moving to Grand Haven in 1917. As late as 1918 they performed their skit "A Temperate Woman" in Spokane, Washington. Frank was employed in the office of the Grand Haven Power Company, and later worked as shipping clerk for Eagle Ottawa for 18 years, retiring in 1954. He was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist. Frank and Florence resided at 318 South Fifth Street. Florence was born in Ohio about 1885 and died on November 7, 1953. After her death Frank lived with a sister, Marie Springer, at 108 South Second Street [Carriage House Apartments]. Frank died on March 20, 1955 at home and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 20, 1955 and unpublished correspondence with Kevin Collier.]

Frederick W. Harris [1846-@1910]

Frederick Harris, born in 1846 in Michigan, was a saw filer at Boyden & Akeley's Mill in Grand Haven, where he started in 1873. He enlisted as Private in Company C of the 21st Michigan Infantry on February 12, 1864. He was mustered out on July 3 the next year and arrived in Grand Haven shortly afterward. On December 12, 1872 Frederick married Sarah Jane Parrott in Ottawa County. The couple moved to Wisconsin prior to 1899 and by the next year they were living in St. Louis County.. Sarah Jane, who was born in Michigan in 1848, applied for a widow's Civil War pension on August 6, 1910, indicating the approximate date of his death.

George Harris [@1840- ?]

George Harris, who was born about 1840, owned a farm in Grand Haven Township. His wife, Mary, was born about 1844 in Illinois. Their daughter Ada, who was born in 1872, married Fred Churchill of Agnew. The Harrises also had a son, Benjamin, who was born around 1873. By 1900 the family was residing in Holland.

Gillman R. Harris [1839- ?]

Born in Erie County, Pennsylvania in 1839, Gillman Harris left home when he was 14, going first to Wisconsin and then to Allegan County in 1866, where he started fruit farming. On February 5, 1868 in Allegan County he married Emma A. Morse, born in 1844 in Chittenden, Vermont. Gillman reportedly served in the Civil War with a Wisconsin regiment, but his service records were not located. In 1871 he and his wife settled on 120 acres in Section 34 of Grand Haven Township, where they raised fruit.

Glenn Harris II [1898-1964]

Glenn Harris and his wife, Isabel, resided in a home at 403 Barber Street in Spring Lake. Glenn was born on August 10, 1898 and died in Spring Lake in August, 1964. Isabel, who lived from July 22, 1901 to January, 1981, passed away in Manistee. In 1930 Glenn managed a movie theater in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Israel Victor Harris [1815-1886]

Israel, the son of Israel and Phoebe Barker Harris, was born in Pine Plains, Dutchess County, New York, on April 2, 1815. Silas Harris was his brother. Israel came to Michigan in 1836, lived in Detroit for a short time, and then continued on to Tallmadge Township, which he helped organize the same year. He owned large parcels of timbered land in Tallmadge and other townships and was successful in the lumber and real estate businesses. He also owned stands of timber in other parts of the state. On August 1, 1841 Israel bought 160 acres in Section 15 of Robinson Township and three months later purchased another 160 acres in Section 27. Thirty years later he platted the Village of Robinson, located in the center of the township. Israel formed a company, which on November 1, 1853 acquired 107.7 acres in Section 17 of Spring Lake Township, 41 acres in Section 19, and additional acreage in Section 20. The lake frontage in Section 19 became known as North Shore. In 1853-54 Israel served in the Michigan State Senate. In the 1880 census he was listed as a real estate agent. Israel died in 1886 and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

James Harris [1818-1881]

James was born about July 25, 1818 in Madison, Ohio, the son of Amos and Mary Casto Harris. James was married twice, first to Rachel Francis, who was born about 1820 in Ohio, and then, on July 6, 1845, in Van

Buren County, Michigan, he married Harriet Ball. Born in January, 1825 in Ohio [Indiana], Harriet lived to be 79. By 1864 the Harrises owned a farm of about 160 acres in Section 28 of Grand Haven Township. A son named Norman W., born in 1849, married Ellen J. Myers [Meyers]. James died on May 20, 1881. He and his wife were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

Judson "Jud" Harris [1858- ?]

By 1864 Judson Harris resided with his parents, James and Harriet Harris, on a 160-acre farm in Section 28 of Grand Haven Township. By the late 1800s the farm had been reduced to 60 acres and was owned by Judson. Jud was one of the organizers of the Ottawa County Fruit and Vegetable Association, formed in 1896. He married Lora Churchill in Grand Haven Township on February 5, 1885. He was born in Michigan in July, 1858, and Lora was born in May, 1867, also in Michigan. By 1900 Jud and Lora were residing on Fulton Street in Grand Haven, where Jud worked as a carpenter. Their children were Bernace, born in March, 1891; Lyn, a son, born in April, 1892; and Adela, born in April, 1898.

Kenneth A. Harris [1929-1998]

Kenneth was born in Grand Haven on May 4, 1929 to William Raymond and Lillian Paull Harris. After serving in the Korean War, Ken became an accountant for Kloote Contractors, where he retired in 1989. Before that he was an employee of Johnson Tool in Muskegon. He was a member of the Methodist Church of the Dunes in Grand Haven, the Jubilation Choir, and the Bells of Glory. He married Cora De Young on September 11, 1951, and they lived at 1326 Colfax. Their children were Gwen, who married John Bartels of Holland; Marcia, who married Don Bronson of Spring Lake, and Beverly, who married Larry Brown of Holland. Their one son, Craig, married Lisa Harris of Grand Rapids. Kenneth died November 22, 1998.

Norman W. Harris [1849-1890]

Norman, born in La Grange County, Indiana in 1849, was the son of James and Harriet Ball Harris. On February 22, 1880 in Grand Haven, he married Ella [Ellen] J. Alyers, who was born in 1862. In 1870 Norman was a store clerk, but he is listed as a farmer on his 1880 marriage registration. Norman died in 1890, while Ella lived to 1935. They were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

Shurburn "Sherm" Harris [1860- ?]

Sherm Harris, who was born about 1860, owned and operated a five and ten cent store at 107 Washington in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. It also was called Harris Bazaar Store. Sherm and his wife, Martha, lived

at the same address as the business. By 1920 they were residents of Detroit.

Silas Gamble Harris [1817-1851]

Silas Harris was Representative from Grand Haven to the Michigan Legislature in 1847 and 1848. He arrived in Ottawa County in 1837 and on November 1, 1841 he purchased 320 acres in Sections 21 and 22 of Tallmadge Township, where he was again elected representative in 1850, the same year he became Speaker of the House. Silas, the son of Israel and Phoebe Barker Harris, was born in Pine Plains, Dutchess County, New York, on January 6, 1817 and died in Michigan on August 4, 1851. Israel Harris was his brother.

William Raymond Harris [1904-1985]

Born in Hancock, Michigan on August 15, 1904 to William and Elizabeth Harris, William was a piano technician at the Story & Clark Piano factory, where he retired in 1971. He was a member of the Methodist Church of the Dunes and was church organist for 40 years. In 1928 he married Lillian Paull in Grand Haven. Their children were Kenneth and Cora of Grand Haven. William died at his home, 1144 Oakes, on July 10, 1985 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 10, 1985.]

August "Augie" [Augustus] Hartel I [1853-1914]

A tinsmith, Augie Hartel came to Grand Haven from Chicago in 1883. He worked ten years at George Hubbard's hardware store in downtown Grand Haven and then was employed for the next eight years in the tin shop of Challenge Refrigerator. In the early 1900s he opened his own tin shop at 30 [26] Washington. About 1883 he married Agnes Fralich, and the couple resided above the tin shop. Augie lived from February, 1853 to about January 27, 1914 and his wife from September, 1859 [1858] to about April 18, 1927. He came to the United States in 1882 and Agnes in 1885. Both were natives of Germany. A son, Frederick Henry, was born on August 14, 1883. Carl Albert William, another son, was born on July 11, 1885 [1884] and died around April 25, 1925. Other children were Alfred, who was born in August, 1882 and passed away about February 10, 1942, and Agnes Clara, born on June 4, 1890 [1888]. Frederick, Alfred and William became tanners. Frederick's shop was first located at the site of his father's business [30 Washington]. By 1920 he had moved to 119 North Third. His brothers Alfred and William worked with him. In 1918 William, Frederick, and Alf resided at 308 South Fourth with their mother. By 1930 the Fourth Street residence was occupied by August II, who was born in Germany about 1884. He also was a metal worker. Augie, Agnes, Alfred, and William were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Augie's

and Agnes's daughter Clara married James R. McCauley in Muskegon on September 9, 1909.

Albert A. Harvey [1841-1926]

Albert Harvey was born in Buffalo, New York, on June 29, 1841. He married Martha M. Thurber at Tonawanda, New York, on August 7, 1862. Two days before the wedding he enlisted in the army and served as Private with Company B of the 116th New York Infantry until March 14 of the next year, when he was discharged for disability. In October, 1872, they moved to a farm in Polkton Township. On September 1, 1906, Albert and his wife arrived in Nunica, where he continued to live until his death on August 19, 1926. Martha applied for a widow's Civil War pension on August 30 that year. She was born in West Falls, New York, on August 16, 1841 and died at her home in Nunica on August 2, 1928.

Silas A. Harvey [1871-1952]

By 1920 Silas Harvey owned and operated a floral shop at 920 Washington. He and his family resided at the same address. Silas was born in Michigan around 1871. On April 14, 1892 in Grand Haven, he married Annie [Anna] Hinzinga. A native of The Netherlands, Annie was born about 1874 and arrived in America in 1881. They had four children, all born in Michigan: Silas Donamore, born on December 12, 1893; Herman W., born on January 19, 1896; George A., born on June 2, 1897; James A., born in 1901; and twins Margaret B. and Margery E., born about 1908. Silas sold the business and real estate to William W. Nichols in the mid-1920s. Anna died about June 27, 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On October 23, 1925, in Grand Haven, Silas married Henrietta Regelin Neitring, widow of Henry Gerrit Neitring of Grand Haven. She was born "on the sea" in 1865. Henry had died on April 14, 1900. Henrietta passed away about January 28, 1949. Silas passed away around March 18, 1952 and was buried with Anna and Henrietta.

Raymond Harz II [1915-1996]

In 1938 Ray and Lorraine Harz of Chicago visited Grand Haven in search of a business. On August 1, 1938 they purchased the Hitching Post at 500 North Beechtree for \$400 and opened it as the Highway [Hiway] Inn. After selling the restaurant to Merle Lass, the Harzes in 1960 opened Ray's Drive In at 20 North Beacon. In January, 2002, the family sold the drive-in to Steve and Rodney Vink. The new owners maintained the familiar look of the city's oldest continuing drive-in. On October 16, 1937 Ray married Lorraine Kunstler in Chicago. She was born in Chicago on June 17, 1913 and passed away in Grand Haven on January 17, 2012. Ray was born on May 6, 1915, died in Grand Haven on August 19, 1996, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The couple resided at 15008 Lakeshore Drive and attended St.

Patrick's Catholic Church. Their children were Raymond Harz III of Grand Haven, Patricia Bodell of Portland, Oregon, James Harz of Pelkie, Michigan, Joanne Stack of Grand Haven, David Harz of Grand Haven, Daniel Harz of Grand Rapids, Thomas Harz of Grand Haven, and Michael Harz, also of Grand Haven.

Burton Phillip Hatch [1868-1935]

Burton Hatch, who was born in South Boston, Massachusetts on January 8, 1868, moved with his family to Lamont in Ottawa County at the age of five. By the early 1890s he was farming in Section 6 of Tallmadge Township. Burton was elected Supervisor of Tallmadge Township, beginning in 1903, and County Commissioner from 1913 to 1914. In 1914 he took a position with the State Tax Commission, which he held until moving to Muskegon. On December 24, 1891, he married Sarah Adeline "Addie" Walkley, daughter of Dr. Wyllys Walkley, a Grand Haven physician, and sister of Carlotta Bailey Walkley Ewing of Grand Rapids and Grand Haven. In 1924 the Hatches moved to Muskegon, where Burton was named City Assessor. He died at his home in Muskegon on November 13, 1935. Among their children were Bernice, wife of Maurice Buck, County Surveyor, and Olive, wife of Gregg Maxfield, who was employed by the Brunswick Corporation in Muskegon. Adeline was born in Muskegon County on May 9, 1869 and died there on January 18, 1955.

Milo O. Hatch II [1836-1915]

Born in Plattsburgh New York in 1836, Milo was the son of Milo and Malinda Field Hatch. The older Milo was included in the 1850 census for Polkton Township. On August 11, 1862 Milo II went to Grand Haven to enlist as Private in Company G of the 21st Michigan Infantry. He was discharged on November 14, 1865. He married Matilda Martin in Detroit on August 3, 1863. They purchased a farm in Section 22 of Robinson Township. Matilda died in December, 1898. Milo passed away on January 8, 1915 and was buried at the Soldiers' Home Cemetery in Kent County.

Dorothy Hatfield [1930-2001]

Dorothy Hatfield was Proprietor of Papaw's Patch, a restaurant located at 930 Robbins Road. The business closed and the building was razed to make room for the new Meijer Store, which opened in May, 1999. Dorothy resided at 1430 Fulton Street. She lived from February 24, 1930 to November 22, 2001. Her husband, Herbert Hatfield, lived from June 30, 1930 to October 21, 2006. He died in South Lyon, Michigan.

Bert Andrew Hathaway [1873- ?]

As early as 1910 Bert Hathaway owned a 32-acre parcel in Section 1 of Spring Lake Township [approximately

18891 Fruitport Road]. The land included frontage on Spring Lake. Bert was born in Michigan on September 16, 1873 and lived in Grand Rapids as a youth. His wife, Mary Jane, was born about 1881 in Indiana. Bert, who worked for the Widdicomb Furniture Company in Grand Rapids, died before 1930. They had two children: Bert A., born about 1912, and Mary F., born about 1915.

Charles W. Hathaway [1825-1891]

Charles was the son of Nehemiah and Lucretia Ranney Hathaway. He was born in Ashfield, Massachusetts on April 15, 1825, and came west with his parents in the early 1830s. He lived for about four years in Spring Lake, where he was employed at the Hopkins Mill, and he also offered blacksmithing services: "All kinds of work in my line done with neatness and dispatch at my shop. Mill Point, Michigan." [*Grand River Times*, December 14, 1853.] He left Ottawa County and moved to Grand Rapids, where he became known for production of cutting tools used in the lumbering industry. In 1856 he and a partner, Daniel Alcumbrack, purchased from William Gunn an edge-tool-making factory in Grand Rapids. Two years later he sold his interest in the Hathaway & Alcumbrack ax factory to Frederick T. Ranney, but by 1864 Charles was again a principal shareholder at the same plant and Ranney was gone. Six years later the company was turning out 240 axes per week, and about 1873 Charles again sold his interest in the company, this time to James B. Granger. In November, 1846 Charles married Mary T., daughter of Addison Tracy of Grand Rapids. She was born about 1826 in Ohio. They had at least one child, Charles S., who was born locally about 1848. Charles died at Detroit February 22, 1891, where he had moved around 1873.

Hiram R. Hathaway [Hatherway] [? - ?]

On October 24, 1835 Hiram Hathaway bought 160 acres in Section 5 of Robinson Township, 160 acres in Section 6. Three years later, on September 1, 1838, he purchased approximately 234 acres in Sections 6 and 17 of Robinson Township. William Butts and William Hathaway II also were involved in the purchase. On May 1, 1839 Hiram bought an additional 86 acres in Section 6 of Robinson and 160 acres in Section 33 of Crockery Township.

Josephus Hathaway [1815- ?]

Born December 5, 1815 in Charlemont, Franklin County, Massachusetts, Josephus was the son of William and Sela Briggs Hathaway [Harthowey], the brother of William II, and cousin of Nehemiah Hathaway, early arrivals in Ottawa County. Josephus settled in Crockery Township in 1839 and was included in the Ottawa County census for 1860.

Nehemiah Hathaway [1794-1844]

Born April 10, 1794 in Ashfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts, Nehemiah was the son of Josiah and Tryphena Newhall Hathaway [Harthowey] and cousin of William II and Josephus Hathaway. In 1832 Rev. Ferry visited his hometown of Ashfield and convinced Nehemiah, among other citizens, to make the five-month trip from Ashfield, through Canada and on to the Grand River Valley and Grand Haven. Nehemiah heeded the advice, and he and his family arrived at the mouth of the Grand River on October 15, 1836. Nehemiah built his residence on Lot 133, the northeast corner of Second and Fulton Streets, and went to work as agent for the Grand Haven Company, founded by Rev. Ferry. Later he built a sawmill and bought acreage in Crockery and Spring Lake Townships. His business failed in 1840 and he moved his family to Wyoming Township in Kent County. [Everett cited his arrival in Wyoming as 1837-38.] Hathaway often was addressed as "Colonel."

On April 29, 1821 in Franklin County, Nehemiah married Lucretia Ranney at her parents' home. She was born on June 17, 1796, the daughter of Samuel and Polly Stewart Ranney [Rauney] and brother of Frederick Ranney, an early Ottawa County settler. Stewart, who was born January 9, 1747, settled in Ashfield, Massachusetts with his wife, Polly Stewart. Polly was the daughter of Captain Robert and Mary Adams Stewart of Branford, Connecticut. In Grand Haven the Hathaways were charter members of the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church. Their daughter Caroline married Clark Albee of Grand Haven. Nehemiah died on September 11, 1844 and Lucretia died in 1881 at the home of her daughter, Mrs Freeman, in Schoolcraft, Michigan. Lucretia was buried beside her husband at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Charles was their son. [Handwritten biographical sketch in the files of Loutit Library.]

William Hathaway II [1806-1874]

William, who was born in Charlemont, Franklin County, Massachusetts, on November 18, 1806, was the son of William and Sela Briggs Hathaway [Harthowey]. William II and his wife arrived in Grand Haven in 1836 from Canada, accompanied by his cousin Nehemiah. A brother, Josephus, arrived a few years later. William and his wife moved from Grand Haven to the mouth of Crockery Creek in November, 1839, where he farmed and did some lumbering. He went into partnership with William Butts to build the first sawmill in Grand Haven at the foot of Columbus Street. On September 1, 1838 Butts and Hathaway purchased approximately 234 acres in Sections 6 and 17 of Robinson Township. Hiram A. Hathaway also was part of the transaction. In addition, William owned about 360 acres in Sections 14, 15, 16, 22, and 27 of Crockery. William was elected to the first

County Board of Supervisors in 1838. The inaugural meeting of the County Commissioners, as it came to be called, was held at William's house on December 6, 1838, when he filled the role of Secretary. The next year he moved to the town of Norton [Nortonville], in southeast Spring Lake Township [Section 23]. Between 1839 and 1845 he farmed, cut timber, and made shingles. William also was known for planting fruit trees in Crockery Township in 1849. In 1848 he was named Postmaster of the Crockery Creek Post Office. In 1849 he became the township's first Supervisor, and in 1852 he was elected a County Supervisor and Judge of Probate, a post he held for 12 years. He often was addressed by the title "Judge."

William married Sarah S. Scott in Franklin County, Massachusetts, on November 1, 1828. In Ottawa County they lived at 11352 Leonard Road in a home occupied by the Roger Holmes family in more recent years. Sarah was born June 22, 1804 and died May 21, 1893, more than 20 years after husband's death on September 21, 1874 [1871]. They both were buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery in Crockery Township. William II of Crockery Township was their son. By 1854 William II was Judge of Probate for the County.

Julian Burroughs Hatton I [1898-1952]

Born on December 16, 1898 in East Orange, New Jersey, the son of William and Elizabeth Hatton, Julian graduated from Harvard in 1920 and began work at Eagle Ottawa Leather Company on January 10, 1910. He became the company's President in 1936. In 1939 he resigned his presidency to go into the finishing of leather with his brother-in-law, Edmund Ellis. They started the Hatton Leather Company in Grand Haven and erected a new building at 743 Park Avenue. Three years later Julian bought out Eagle Ottawa and combined operations. He also had interests in the American Hair & Felt Company, Clinton Carpet, and Dry Zero, all of Chicago. He was Director of the Tanner's Council; Director of the Michigan Manufacturing Association as Grand Haven's industrial representative; member of NRA code committee of the National Association of Manufacturers; and President of the Hatton Hospital board, spending much of his time in promoting the municipal hospital. Julian was a promoter of recreation for employees and created Hatton Recreation Hall, a \$25,000 building for the Eagle Ottawa Athletic Association in Grand Haven and one in Whitehall, where the company had another tannery. Hatton was a supporter of St. John's Episcopal Church.

On January 2, 1924 Julian married Grand Rapids resident Charline [Charlene] Leonard, who lived from April 12, 1903 to October 22, 1987 and died in Grand Haven. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Charline was the daughter of Harry Carr Leonard of the

Leonard Refrigerator Company family in Grand Rapids. Julian and Charline had three sons: William L. of Wellesley, Massachusetts; Julian B. II, who was born in 1927 and became President of Eagle Ottawa Leather; and Harry Leonard, who was born on August 2, 1931 and passed away on July 15, 2011 in Mequon, Wisconsin. In 1927 the Hattons built and resided in the home at 910 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. Julian I died in an automobile accident on August 3, 1952 and was buried at Lake Forest. Young Julian, at the age of 25, then took over leadership of Eagle Ottawa. [*Tribune* article, "J B. Hatton Heads New Leather Co. Here," November 7, 1939, "Taxi and Truck Collide," August 4, 1952, and *Tribune* obituaries, October 22, 1987 and July 20, 2011.]

William Hatton II [1864-1944]

One of eight children, William Hatton was born on a 60-acre farm near Dublin, Ireland, on October 4, 1864. His parents were William and Mary Jane Burroughs Hatton. In 1886 young William immigrated to New York City to be with his uncle, L. Z. Hatton. The one-way passage cost \$24. His first job was as sales agent for the Brewster Carriage Company, and William then became a sales agent for the P. T. Howell Company. About 1910 [1911, 1912] William moved from Long Island, New York, to Grand Haven, to become General Manager of the Eagle Leather Company. In 1916, under his leadership, the Grand Haven and Whitehall tanneries were combined under the name of Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. In 1913 William sold 87,000 hides to Ford Motor Company, but when the auto industry switched to cloth interiors in 1920, William turned to the manufacture of shoe leather, which brought a better price. William remained President of the company until he retired in 1936. Upon his retirement, William filled the role of Chairman of the Board of Directors and turned over the company's leadership to his son Julian. In 1924 William was an alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention.

William was one of the organizers of the Community Chest, forerunner of United Way. He was named honorary President of the Ottawa Boy Scout Council. He was active in the Republican Party locally and statewide, and he chaired the Ottawa County Republicans for more than 16 years. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, where he was a vestryman for many years.

William and his first wife, Elizabeth Seaman, were married on June 5, 1895. They had several children, including Julian B., born in New Jersey on December 16, 1898; Olive, who was born in New York on June 22, 1900 and married Eugene Harbeck of Grand Haven; Kathleen, who was born in Bay Shore, New York on July 17, 1901 and married Edmund Ellis of Grand

Haven; and Kathleen's twin sister, Genevieve, who died about 1903. The Hattons' residence was located for a short time at 614 Lafayette and later at 482 Sheldon Terrace, which they purchased from William's uncle, Nelson Howlett. After Elizabeth's death, William underwrote the cost of converting the former Loutit residence at 114 South Fifth Street to the Elizabeth Hatton Memorial Hospital. In 1923 he married Frances Whiting, who was born in Michigan around 1889 and graduated from Vassar in 1910. She taught in Grand Haven schools from 1910 to 1919, when she joined the faculty of Northwestern High School in Detroit. She returned to Grand Haven to marry William. Frances was Chairman of the Ottawa County American Red Cross for 28 years and a member of the Hospital board from 1939 to 1946 and again from 1951 to 1958. William died on December 11, 1944 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. William Hatton Park, near the former Pere Marquette Railway Station on Jackson, was named in his honor. [*Tribune* articles, "William Hatton Arrived in This Community 25 Years Ago Today," January 10, 1935, "Mrs. Hatton Resigns from Local Board," December 2, 1958, and "Resigns After 28 Years," June 27, 1968.]

William Haucland [? - ?]

William Haucland replaced Nehemiah Merritt as Lighthouse Keeper when the beacon was at the foot of the bluff near 900 Harbor. Nehemiah was the first person to be appointed to the position. William left the post in 1849 when George Torrey took over.

Alvin G. Hayward [Haywood] [1846-1908]

On February 8, 1864 Alvin Hayward enlisted in Company F of the 2nd U.S. Sharpshooters as Private. He was wounded at Boynton Plank Road on October 27, 1864, during the Siege of Petersburg. On January 30, 1865 he transferred into Company H of the 5th New Hampshire Infantry. Alvin was discharged for disability on June 16, 1865. After the war he started farming 80 acres in Section 9 of Crockery Township. He was born in Concord, New Hampshire on July 4, 1846 and died on March 3, 1908. Alvin was buried at Nunica Cemetery. On April 24, 1908 his wife, Julia A., applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Julia was born in April, 1846 in Massachusetts [New Hampshire]. Their surviving children were Ella, born in New Hampshire around 1868; Alta A., born around 1875; Delbert [Adelbert], born in 1877; Bertha R., born in July, 1879; and Charles J., born in November 1883. The last four children were born locally.

Cecil Robison Heap [1882-1933]

The son of William and Sarah Jane Hanley Heap, Cecil was born in England on October 7, 1882. In the early 1900s he worked at his father's business, William Heap

& Sons, first located in Muskegon and later in Grand Haven. During WWI Cecil served with the medical corps in France. He married Mary Louise Bugat. By 1930 they and their three daughters resided on Liberty Street in Spring Lake. At that time, Cecil was a salesman for Heap & Sons, which went out of business two years later. He died in Daytona, Florida on March 4, 1933 and was buried at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Lake City, Florida.

William Heap [1851-1929]

Heap & Sons Company, which manufactured plumbing supplies, opened in Grand Haven at the corner of Fulton and Hopkins Streets in 1907. William Heap was owner and General Manager of the company, which produced plumbing supplies. He was born in England about 1851, and married Sarah Jane Hanley in Dublin, Ireland on February 12, 1875. She was born in Dublin in 1850 [1853]. The Heaps first made their home in England, before moving to Canada, and then to Muskegon around 1885. Their son, W. Lionel, served as Mayor of Grand Haven in the mid-1930s. Sarah Jane died about August 7, 1918 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Buried with her were a son, Robert Reginald I, who was born in Ontario, Canada on September 15, 1884 and died in 1925; a grandson, Robert Reginald II, who lived from 1915 to 1937; and her mother, Emma Hall Hanley, who lived from 1819 to 1912. The Heaps other children were Kathleen, who was born in England on February 15, 1876; John Hall, who was born in England in 1877 and died two years later; Cecil Robison, born in England on October 7, 1882; and Muriel Vera, who was born in Ontario, Canada on March 26, 1886. William and Sarah resided in Spring Lake. He died about July 27, 1929, while in France. [*Chronicle* obituary, August 9, 1918.]

William Lionel Heap [1880-1953]

In the early 1900s, Lionel Heap worked for his father as Business Manager at the William Heap & Sons Company, manufacturer of plumbers' woodwork, which first was located in Muskegon and later in Grand Haven. On June 28, 1904 in Detroit Lionel married Mary Altha Robinson, who was born in that city on January 31, 1875. In Grand Haven, Lionel and Mary lived at 1407 Washington and by 1920 they were located at 536 Slayton. They had a son, George Francis Robison, born in Muskegon on April 7, 1908, and a daughter, Jane Eleanor, born in Muskegon on July 29 the next year. Lionel was Mayor of Grand Haven from 1933 to 1934 and gave his approval to Chuck Bugielski's enthusiastic request for \$150 to fund a birthday party for the Coast Guard in 1934, the first of the annual Festivals. Lionel, who was born in Liverpool, England on July 23, 1880, died in Detroit on November 24, 1953 while visiting family. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Leroy Dewitt Clinton Heath [1829-1923]

Born in Oswego County, New York in July, 1829, Leroy Heath came to Michigan in 1849, settling first in Battle Creek and Kalamazoo, and then in Rockford, where he lived with his aunt. The aunt's husband, a Mr Wetmore, was in the lumber business, and Leroy worked with him, learning the trade. Leroy came to Grand Haven in 1850, working for Gilbert & Company for six years. Leroy was Foreman at the Bell Sawmill in Spring Lake, then business manager of the Grand Haven Lumber Company, which was dissolved in 1886. He spent the rest of his working life tending to his real estate holdings in central Michigan. Leroy was Spring Lake Postmaster from 1897 to 1901, when the office was situated in John B. Perham's store. Leroy assisted in the formation of the Spring Lake State Bank, and was one of its directors at the time of his death in 1923.

Leroy married Susanna Gross of Rockford in 1856. They lived in Illinois and Middleville, Michigan, and moved back to Spring Lake in 1865. Their daughter, Agnes, married William Trotter of Spring Lake. After Agnes and William died when quite young, the Heaths raised their grandson, Clinton. Susanna became Treasurer of Spring Lake Baptist Church. They resided at 312 East Savidge. During the extensive fire of 1893 she put all the church records in a covered pail and buried it in her vegetable garden to protect the historic papers from the flames. Susanna, who was born in Pennsylvania in March, 1837 [1836], passed away in 1925 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Leroy, who died in 1923.

Thomas Hefferan [Hefferman] [1831-1915]

Born in Washington County, New York on July 28, 1831, Thomas Hefferan came to Michigan in 1842 [1840] and continued on to Eastmanville in 1848. His parents were Patrick and Mary Grogan Hefferan. Thomas was employed by Dr. Timothy Eastman for three years, then by Galen Eastman as Clerk and Manager of his timber business in Chicago. Later Thomas returned to Eastmanville and remained an employee of the Eastmans until he went into business for himself as a manufacturer and dealer in various kinds of lumber and farm wagons. In 1868 he sold land to be used as a site for a new Eastmanville school and purchased for \$75 the land and building where the old school had stood. On January 1, 1865 in Lamont, he married Emily Amelia Kent Eastman, the widow of Mason Eastman. They had three children, including George, who was born in Eastmanville on April 19, 1866 and died on February 9, 1916; Mary, born on June 24, 1873, also in Eastmanville; and Thomas W., born in Polkton Township on July 22, 1876. Emily was born in Vermont March 19, 1831 and passed away on October 28, 1910. In October, 1889, Thomas moved to Grand

Rapids, where he became President of Peoples Savings Bank. He died on January 31, 1915. Thomas, Emily, and George were buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

Edsko Hekman [1914-2000]

Edsko Hekman purchased the Judson property on Spring Lake [3123 Judson Road, Spring Lake Township]. By the 1970s he was President of Hoby Bell, Inc., located at 220 North Beacon. On June 17, 1938 he married Claire Kuiper in Grand Rapids. She was born in Grand Rapids on July 29, 1914 and passed away in Grand Rapids on September 26, 2007. They had three children: Elizabeth, who married Philip Gordon and resided in Spring Lake; Rosemary, who married David Good and moved to St. Louis Park, Minnesota; and Edsko Henry, who died in 2003. The elder Edsko was born on May 25, 1914 and died in Spring Lake on September 15, 2000. Claire and Edsko were graduates of Calvin College. He founded Import Motors in Grand Rapids, was part owner of WOOD radio, and President of Meridian Corporation.

Willem [William] Helder [1828-1910]

Born in Zuurdijk, The Netherlands on March 28, 1828, William Helder came to Grand Haven about 1870, where he started raising celery. His wife, Anje Freerks Cleveringa, was born in Maarslag, The Netherlands, on January 7, 1832 [1834] and died in Grand Haven on March 17, 1873. Their children were Rieka, who was born about 1862 and married John Dronkers of Holland; Maggie, who was born about 1871 and married Thomas Ruiter of Grand Haven after the death of her first husband, Jacob Bouwman; and Henrietta, who married John H. Vandyk of Grand Haven. The Helder family lived at 606 Elliott, but William died at Henrietta's home at 322 North Seventh Street on December 15, 1910 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, December 15, 1910.]

Brouwer Helmers [1856-1922]

Brouwer Helmers, a native of The Netherlands, lived from March 12, 1856 to November 3, 1922 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Jennie, was born in The Netherlands on February 27, 1864 and passed away on August 20, 1907. Among their children were Charles, who was born on November 29, 1885, and Peter, born on October 10, 1887. Both were born in Grand Haven. Brouwer was a laborer. In 1900 the family was residing on Jackson Street.

Charles Helmers [1885-1967]

The son of Brouwer and Jennie Helmers of Grand Haven, Charles was born on November 29, 1885. His wife, Pearl, was born in The Netherlands about 1883. They resided at 1041 Franklin Street. They had at least

five children, all born locally: Jennie, born on October 19, 1909; John, born about 1911; Bernard, born about 1913; Arend, born about 1915; and Lewis, born about 1918. Charles passed away in February, 1967 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, who had died about July 17, 1954.

John C. Helmers [1911-1983]

Born on March 26, 1911 in Grand Haven, John Helmers owned and operated Helmers Electric, which he founded in 1938. The business was located at 914 Grant. John was the son of Brouwer and Jennie Helmers of Grand Haven. John attended the Reformed Church. In 1934 he married Margaret Bosma, who died on May 27, 1969. Their children included Frances, who married Donald Kodhl of Grand Haven, and John K. of Jenison. The family lived at 17743 Jordan Lane in Spring Lake. John died January 7, 1983 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Peter Helmers [1887-1973]

Peter Helmers was born on October 10, 1887. As a youth, Peter worked at Story & Clark, but later became a barber. His shop was located at 531 Fulton and he lived at 721 Fulton. He died in Grand Haven on March 19, 1973. On July 28, 1917 in Grand Haven, he married Wilhelmina "Minnie," the daughter of Boudewijn and Antje Veenstra Boomgaard of Grand Haven. Minnie was born on July 25, 1887 and died in Grand Haven on January 31, 1977. Peter passed away around March 21, 1973. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. A daughter, Wilvera, died the day she was born, January 12, 1919, and was buried at Lake Forest.

Clyde E. Hendrick [1893-1981]

A native of Muskegon, where he started a real estate business in 1920, Clyde Hendrick opened a Grand Haven office in 1966, managed by his son, Robert. Clyde, who was born on July 19, 1893, died on September 30, 1981. The Grand Haven office was located at 415 South Beacon.

Marjorie M. Hendricks [1922-2003]

Marj was born March 1, 1922 in Muskegon Heights, the daughter of Henry C. and Mabel Naomi Chard Meyers. She married Matthew Leighton Hendricks in May, 1952. He died in 1963. After graduating from Grand Haven High School in 1939, Marj received a degree in nursing from the Hurley School of Nursing in 1943. She continued her studies at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, where she was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Geography in 1979. Marj worked as an operating room nurse at North Ottawa Community Hospital, and also was on the staff of the Visiting Nurse Association. She was active with several local non-profit groups, including the American Cancer Society, the

Environmental Action Council, and Girl Scouts. She worked as a reporter for the *Muskegon Chronicle*, as well. She was active politically, especially in regard to environmental issues. Marj was a long-time member of the Grand Haven Parks and Recreation Board, and helped develop East Grand River Park. The Marjorie Hendricks Trail in Kitchel-Lundquist Dunes Preserve was dedicated in her honor in October, 2000, recognizing her work in setting up the Preserve. Marj also was the first recipient of the Amy Neuman Environmental Award in 1977. She and her husband had a daughter, Martha Boomgaard, who resided in Grand Haven. The family resided at 1120 Columbus and later at 1250 Washington. Marj passed away in Grand Haven on March 24, 2003. [*Tribune* obituary, March 26, 2003.]

Omri Lawrence Hendricks [1859-1927]

Omri Hendricks married India E. Craig. They resided at 21 North Sixth Street. Ora Hendricks, associated with the Square Drug Store at 635 Fulton, was their son. Omri was born in 1859 and died about February 4, 1927. He was a machinist. India lived from 1859 to about January 30, 1917. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with their son and his wife. Another son, Charles E., who was born in Indiana in 1885, married Blanche Stanley in Grand Haven on January 31, 1905.

Ora W. Hendricks [1888-1934]

Ora was the son of Omri and India Hendricks, who resided at 21 North Sixth Street in Grand Haven. In 1908 Ora was a store clerk. By 1912 Ora and his partner, Raymond Presley, owned the Square Drug Store at 635 Fulton. Ora was sole Proprietor by the time he sold the business to John Mulder in 1916. Ora's wife, Olga, lived from 1886 to 1933. Ora was born in 1888, died in 1934, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife and parents.

Frank Hendrych [1877-1962]

Frank Hendrych was born in Czechoslovakia on December 23, 1877 and came to the United States when he was three. Frank married Anna "Annie" Roder in Chicago on September 25, 1901. Annie, a native of Czechoslovakia, was born about 1880, came to the United States when she was five, and died around September 5, 1948. They owned a 40-acre fruit farm near the intersection of Warner Street and 168th Avenue in Grand Haven Township. He purchased the German Lutheran School, located on the southeast corner of that intersection. Frank also was a carpenter. Their son George was born on December 6, 1907 and passed away in Grand Haven on April 22, 1985. Their other children were Bessie, born in Illinois about 1903; Annie, born in Illinois about 1906; and Helen, born in Michigan around

1909. Frank died approximately February 5, 1962, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Esther Cross Henning [1900-1996]

A teacher at Rosy Mound School, Esther Cross Henning composed several historical pageants, including "Voice of the River," written about Eastmanville in 1951, and "The Soil Speaks," written for the West Ottawa Soil Conservation program at the Marne Fair Grounds about 1955. She was one of four people who compiled the 1963 booklet *Rosy Mound Memoirs*. The daughter of Edward and Ida Mae Cross, Esther was born March 15, 1900 in Cash, Michigan, and she died on June 7, 1996. She taught at Eastmanville, Rosy Mound, Delany, and Ravenna. Her husband, Edward Charles Henning of Coopersville, was born on April 19, 1899 and passed away in Zephyrhills, Florida on October 21, 1990.

Charles Hensley [Hinsley] [1825-1899]

See Charles Hinsley.

William H. Herbst [1915-2001]

William, the son of William E. and Frances Herbst, was born on April 10, 1915 and, except for his tours of duty, spent most of his life in Grand Haven. Bill joined the Coast Guard in 1934, after spending three years with the National Guard. His first duty was at the South Haven life saving station, where he served as a Surfman. During World War II he saw duty on the Coast Guard cutters *Escanaba* and *Gentian*, and also on the *Joseph T. Dickman*, and *Longbeach*. He participated in major operations, such as the battles of Leyte Gulf and Admiralty Islands. After the war Bill was assigned to South Haven, where he assumed command of the local Coast Guard Station. In the late 1950s he was commanding officer of the cutter *Ojibwa* in Buffalo, New York. Bill retired from the service in 1965, while serving as Commander of Group Ludington. Returning to Grand Haven with his wife, Hope [Hoppy], he devoted many years to the Coast Guard Festival and to the Tri-Cities Area United Way. Hoppy owned and operated Time and Tide Antiques at 18 Washington. Their residence was at 1300 Sheldon Road and they owned a cottage in Highland Park at 119 Poplar Trail for many years. Bill died in Florida on January 7, 2001 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

William Emil Herbst [1890-1947]

William Herbst was born in Illinois on July 18, 1890. His wife, Frances, a Michigan native, lived from September 4, 1894 to January 23, 1975. They had two children, William, born on April 10, 1915, and Frances, who was born on September 3, 1918 and married Henry Van Agtmael of Grand Haven. The Herbsts resided at 8 Columbus around 1930 and later at 130 Columbus. William the father was a machinist. He died about

December 24, 1947. William and Frances were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Carl A. Hetzel [1890-1960]

The son of a minister, Carl Hetzel was born in Michigan in 1890. He studied for the ministry, but dropped out after two years and in 1910 went to work for Grand Haven druggist Van I. Witt. Carl graduated from Ferris Institute [Ferris State University], and spent some time in Michigan City, Indiana, and Grand Rapids before opening his own store at approximately 13 North Seventh in Grand Haven. In the 1920s Carl bought one of Witt's drugstores, located at 1125 Washington. He sold the business in 1952 to Clifford Pfaff, who changed the name to Pfaff's Pharmacy. About 1910 Carl married Anna Clara Ott, who was born on August 16, 1891, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1909, and died in Grand Haven on October 21, 1974. In 1930 the Hetzels resided at 509 South Seventh., but later moved to 15127 Lakeshore Drive. Their children were Flora, born about 1912, and Vivian, born about 1918. Carl died about July 11, 1960. He and Anna were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Hugh Heward [? -1803]

Hugh Heward paddled a canoe across most of the State of Michigan, primarily on the Grand River. His well-documented trip started in Detroit. At that time he was clerk and bookkeeper for William and David Robertson in Detroit. Toward "Sun Set" on April 27, 1790 he beached his canoe near the mouth of the Grand River. There he met the fur trader Charles Langlade, who had a post near the foot of present day Washington Street. Hugh purchased "gum" to patch his canoe and bartered with the fur trader for other supplies. He left his campsite at the mouth of the Grand River the next day to complete his journey to the south tip of Lake Michigan. He died in June, 1803. ["Hugh Heward's Journal from Detroit to the Illinois: 1790," part of the John Askin papers on file at the Detroit Public Library.]

Bruce A. Hewitt [Hewett] [1871-1918]

In 1900 Bruce Hewitt ran a saloon that bore his name at 1 Washington Street. The establishment was owned by the Muskegon Brewing Company. Bruce, who lived from 1871 to about April 2, 1918, was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Nellie May Ross in Holland on December 9, 1913.

George W. Hewitt [Hewett] [1847- ?]

Born in New York about 1847, George Hewitt joined Boyden & Akeley's Shingle Mill in 1879 and became a saw filer in 1881. His wife, Jennie, was born around 1855 in Wisconsin.

Maynard Heyboer I [1910-1990]

The Grand Transformers Company in Grand Haven was established in 1948 by Maynard Heyboer I, Kenneth C. Retzlaff, and O. C. Retzlaff. The first plant was located at 232-234 Washington, but later was moved to 1500 Marion. Maynard was born April 14, 1910 and died September 15, 1990. His home was at 14230 Lakeshore Drive. He had a son, Maynard II "Bud" Heyboer.

Frank Heyer [1864-1935]

Frank Heyer was born in Buffalo, New York, on July 1, 1864. While living in Toledo, Ohio around 1900 he was a painter. Ten years later he was listed as a physician with an office in Muskegon. He moved to Spring Lake sometime after 1920. He married Cora [Dora] Webb, who was born in Pennsylvania in May, 1872. Apparently Cora had been married previously and had a son, Robert Steele, who was born in Pennsylvania about 1894. Frank and Cora were married about 1895 and had a daughter, Alice. Alice was born in Ohio in July, 1896 and married a Mr E. Pepper. Frank died on November 12, 1935. Cora passed away before 1920. [*Tribune* obituary, November 12, 1935.]

Betty Kathryn Olsen Hickey [1918-2005]

The daughter of George L. and Kathryn Dickinson Olsen, Betty was born in Grand Haven on March 7, 1918. Her first husband, Donald James Misner, was born on November 5, 1917, died on December 1, 1940, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Donald and Betty had a son, Charles D. Misner, who resided in Grand Haven. Betty married Fredric Ernest Hickey in Grand Haven on December 3, 1948. He was born October 23, 1915 and died on May 31, 2001. Betty graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1935 and attended Michigan State University. She was librarian at Central Elementary School and Children's Librarian at Loutit Library. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, where she taught Sunday School and was active with the Altar Guild. She was a member and President of the American Legion Charles Conklin Post Auxiliary. The Hickeys had four children: Ann E Hickey, of Muskegon; Mary E., who married Charles Gren and moved to Fruitport; Nora F. Hickey of Grand Haven; and Fredric E. Hickey II. The Hickeys resided at 14451 160th Street in Grand Haven Township. Betty passed away in Grand Haven on January 15, 2005. The Hickeys were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 19, 2005.]

John V. Hickmott [Hicknott] [1820-1900]

John Hickmott was the first Pastor of the new Congregational Church in Grand Haven, built at the northwest corner of Sixth and Washington Streets, later the site of the Grand Haven Fire Department [525 Washington]. It was dedicated on May 12, 1874. The first church, located at 134 Washington, burned down in

1868. Rev. Hickmott was born July 8, 1820 and died May 14, 1900. A son, William J., graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1877.

Albert “Finny” Hicks [1851-1882]

On May 11, 1871 in Grand Haven, Albert “Finny” Hicks married Helen J., daughter of Virgil and Celeste Bennett. Albert was born in Rawford, South Carolina in 1851. The 1870 census listed a Finny Hexin, who was born in Kentucky about 1852 and worked as a domestic in the John Leggat home. It is likely that Finny Hexin and Finny Hicks are the same person. Also listed in 1870 was John Hexin, born in Kentucky about 1854, another domestic in the Leggat homestead. Although their relationship was not stated, Finny and John probably were brothers. John does not appear in later records for Ottawa County, but Finny does. By 1880 Finny was an engineer and worked for such local lumbering companies as Squier & White and White & Friant. Finny and his family were residing on Franklin Street at the time of the 1880 census. On October 26, 1882 he fell off the passenger boat on which he was engineer and drowned near Pentwater. [Another report said he drowned in White Lake.] His wife, Helen, was born in New York [Delaware] on July, 1845 [1847]. She was the daughter of Virgil and Celeste Bennett, who moved to Grand Haven about 1845. Finny and Helen had at least three surviving children, all born in Grand Haven: James Edward, born on April 18, 1872; Bertha, James’s twin, died on April 27, 1890, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Emerson, born on March 6, 1876; and Blanche Nellie, who was born on January 30, 1879, married Isaac H. Coats [Coates] of St. Louis, an African American, in Grand Haven on April 28, 1915. She later married a Mr McNeal of Muskegon Heights. Isaac, who worked as a teamster, was born about 1881 in Missouri. On September 10, 1884 Helen married Hezekiah Smith in Grand Haven. Apparently they were divorced, because on September 8, 1894 Hezekiah married another woman and Helen resumed use of the Hicks name. She died on December 1, 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Albert.

Edward O. Hicks [1872-1905]

See James Edward Hicks.

Emerson [Emmerson] Hicks [1876-1936]

In the early 1900s Emerson, the son of Albert and Helen Bennett Hicks, was a teamster at Henry Sprick’s livery stable in Grand Haven. Later he was employed at Eagle Ottawa, where he suffered a permanent arm injury on one of the machines. He became a truck driver at Eagle Ottawa, and worked there for 25 years. He lived at 1208 Franklin with his mother and sister, Blanche Coats, and remained in the house until at least 1930, although by 1918 Helen had moved to Muskegon. By then he was

living in the house alone. Emerson died in Muskegon Heights on March 13, 1936 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He had recently moved to the Heights with his sister, Blanche. Emerson never married. [*Tribune* obituary, March 14, 1936.]

James Edward [Edward O.] Hicks [1872-1905]

The son of Albert and Helen Bennett Hicks, James Edward married Olie [Wyatie] A. Watts [Wats] in Grand Haven on July 3, 1901. Olie, born about 1878, was from Byron Center. Her father’s name was John Watts. After James’s father died when he was about 10, he lived with Dr. John N. Reynolds of Grand Haven for many years. James was a local representative to an Equal Rights convention that met in Grand Rapids on April 10 and 11, 1894. He started work for Grand Haven Leather Company [Eagle Ottawa] about 1895 and was promoted to Engineer, a position he held at the time of his death. The Hicks family home was on Fulton Street at the time of James’s death. He was elected Constable of his Ward several times, according to the *Tribune*. James died of pneumonia on June 5, 1905. James was survived by his wife and a son, Kennets [Kenneth] Albert Hicks, who was born on June 27, 1902. No definite information was uncovered of James’s widow and son, although a Kenneth Hicks, born in Michigan about 1903, was living in an orphan’s home in Chicago in 1910. Ten years later he was still residing in Chicago, this time in a household with Viola McGhee listed as his mother and John A. Watts listed as Viola’s father. Viola was born in Michigan about 1879, and would seem to be the woman James Edward Hicks married in 1901. The three were noted as being Mulatto. [*Tribune* obituaries, June 5 and June 7, 1905.]

Andrew Uitermarkt Hieftje [1895-1969]

Born in Grand Haven on August 11, 1895 [1896], Andrew was the son of Louis [Lewis] and Jennie Hieftje. Louis died about February 28, 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Andrew opened a meat shop at 7 North Seventh Street and then moved to 15 North Seventh, where he operated the Central Food Market. Andrew married Lillian V. Saunders in Grand Haven on January 16, 1909. She was born about 1892. By 1928 Andrews resided at 725 Columbus, where his mother also lived after her husband’s death. She died around April 21, 1947 and also was buried at Lake Forest, as was Andrew, who died about March 26, 1969.

Jacob Hieftje [1863-1941]

Jacob Hieftje, a Grand Haven builder and contractor, lived at and ran his business from 15 North Sixth Street and in the early 1900s from 434 North Seventh. In the 1893 *Compendium* he was listed as “Carpenter.” Jacob married Elizabeth [Elisabeth] Verberkmoes in Grand Haven on April 23, 1884. She was born in Goes, The

Netherlands on October 10, 1863 and passed away in Grand Rapids on January 31, 1932. Her parents were Adriaan and Dirkje Schippers Ver Berkmoes. Jacob was born in Zeeland Township, Ottawa County, on September 10, 1863 and died in Grand Haven on March 30, 1941. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Gertrude, born in October, 1885; Andrew, who was born in November, 1889 and eventually moved to Detroit; Daisy E., born in July, 1892; and Frederick John [John Frederick], born September 29, 1896.

Martin Hiemstra [1900-1949]

Martin Hiemstra, was born in The Netherlands on September 2, 1900 and came to the United States in 1912. A woodworker, he settled in Grandville and opened a business called Hiemstra Wood Products. He married Hattie Ratterink in Georgetown on November 9, 1916. She also was born in 1900. On June 5, 1949 Martin was killed in an accident in Spring Lake, but was buried at Grandville Cemetery.

Arthur “Roy” Hierholzer [1911-1995]

Arthur Roy, the son of John Joseph and Susanna Shuey Hierholzer, was born in Grand Haven on February 8, 1911. On October 6, 1934 he married Pearl Landon, who was born in Manistee on September 23, 1912 and died in Grand Haven on October 26, 1997. Roy was Grand Haven Postmaster and a supporter of the Democratic Party. Roy passed away on May 16, 1995. He and Pearl were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. At the time of their deaths, they were residing at 628 Fulton Street. The family attended St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, and Roy was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

John Joseph Hierholzer I [1876-1955]

John Hierholzer was born in Chicago on February 25, 1876 and died in Grand Haven in 1955. On July 27, 1904 he married Susanna Shuey in Grand Haven. She was the daughter of William and Katherine Bartel Shuey. Susanna was born on April 13, 1874 in Lemont, Illinois and passed away in Grand Haven on August 5, 1958. John was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery and Susanna was interred at Lake Forest Cemetery. John was a farmer, but in 1930 was classified as a laborer. In the mid-1920s he was working for Grand Haven Brass Foundry as a machinist. Later he became Supervisor at Story & Clark Piano Company. Their children were Kolman William, who was born on May 12, 1905 in Grand Haven; Arthur Roy, who was born in Grand Haven on February 8, 1911; and John Joseph Herbert, who was born in Grand Haven on July 31, 1913. Roy became Postmaster at the Grand Haven office. By 1908 John’s mother, Adeline Hiltman Hierholzer, owned a 66-acre fruit farm in Grand Haven

Township, near Peach Plains School [Section 35, north Grand Haven Township]. Adeline was born in Switzerland on March 24, 1848 and came to the United States four years later. Some years later John owned a 40-acre farm in the township. By 1928 the family, including Adeline, lived at 716 Sheldon. They attended St. Patrick’s Catholic Church.

John Joseph Herbert “Herb” Hierholzer II [1913-2004]

The son of John and Susanna Shuey Hierholzer, John Joseph Herbert “Herb” was born in Grand Haven on July 31, 1913. After her husband’s death, Fran, resided on 160th Street, but later returned to the family home at 514 Monroe Street. Herb was a supervisor at Story & Clark Piano Company. In Indiana on September 20, 1935 John married Frances Irene, the daughter of Cornelius and Della Westhoff Boomgaard of Grand Haven. Frances was born in Grand Haven on September 21, 1917. In the 1940s the couple resided at 514 Monroe Street. Their children were Patsy Mae, born on July 11, 1936, and John Norman, born on April 16, 1949 in Grand Haven. John died on February 13, 2004 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Kolman “Bill” William Hierholzer [1905-1981]

In 1949 Kolman Hierholzer opened the Hierholzer Machine Company, located at 120 Elliott Street in Grand Haven. Bill was born in Grand Haven on May 12, 1905, died in the same city on April 1, 1981, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He resided at 1615 South De Spelder at the time of his death, but around 1930 he and his wife lived at 724 Fulton and by 1932 they were located at 120 Elliott. His parents were John and Susanna Shuey Hierholzer. In 1935 Bill married Frances King, who was born in Michigan in 1907. Before 1930 he was employed as a lathe operator at an engine factory [probably Dake Machinery]. In 1949 Bill formed the Hierholzer Machine Company, located at 120 Elliott. The family attended St. Patrick’s Catholic Church. Frances died about September 27, 1965 and also was buried at Lake Forest. John Joseph Hierholzer and Arthur Hierholzer were Bill’s brothers.

Edward McCrea Hiler [1895-1918]

Edward was the son of Giles and Caroline Lucy Hammond Hiler. On August 10, 1915 he enlisted as Private in Company F of Grand Haven, which merged with Company L of the 126th Infantry during WWI. On July 31, 1918, during an Allied offensive in France, Edward was severely wounded by an enemy shell and died on the way to a first aid station. He was born in November, 1895.

George Washington Hiler [1822-1902]

George Hiler was born in Phelps, New York on April 21, 1822. On July 2, 1846 in Geneva, New York, he married Amanda Maria Parker. She was born in Geneva, New York on January 21, 1829. About 1853 George, Amanda, and their family moved to Coldwater, Michigan. They returned to New York State the next year because of an epidemic of fever, but came back to Michigan in 1871 and settled in Spring Lake. Five years later the Hilers moved to Grand Haven, where George was in the lumber business. Among George's and Amanda's children were Edgar Francis, who was born in Penfield, New York on November 12, 1847 and died near Muskegon on August 8, 1926; George Augustus, who was born on December 6, 1848, became a house painter, married Ella Biggs Parker in Grand Haven in 1880, was divorced from Ella sometime before 1900, died on October 18, 1916, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Giles Parker, born in Michigan on March 5, 1854; Charles Herbert, who was born on March 10, 1859 in Monroe County, New York, died in Grand Haven on October 3, 1880, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Caroline Amanda, who was born on May 18, 1861 in Monroe County, New York, first married Frank H. Clements [who died in 1888 in Grand Haven Township], next married Edward Bowen in Olive Township on May 23, 1889, and died on July 25, 1926 in Fowlerville, Michigan; Florence Lillian, who was born on November 3, 1866 in Monroe County, New York, married Charles T. Connell [who died on July 13, 1894] on April 6, 1881 in Grand Haven, died on March 29, 1892, and was buried at Lake Forest; John Tyler, who was born on October 3, 1868 in Penfield, New York, and died on March 28, 1963 in Grand Rapids;; and Helena Balmanno, who was born in Penfield, New York on November 1, 1870, became a teacher, married Washington L. Smith on November 10, 1910, died in Spring Lake on July 7, 1939, and was buried at Lake Forest. John T. was indicted for bigamy, tried in Illinois, and the indictment reversed. He was also known as a singer. George died at his home at 827 Elliott Street on March 15, 1906. Amanda passed away in Grand Haven around September 5, 1913. George, Amanda, and other Hilers were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 16, 1908 and September 6, 1913.]

Giles Parker Hiler [1854-1912]

Giles was born on Michigan on March 5, 1854. He was the son of George Washington and Amanda Marie Parker Hiler. Giles married Caroline "Carrie" Lucy [Lucy Caroline] Hammond on May 5, 1877. She was born in Michigan in August, 1854. They lived at 609 Jackson Street in Grand Haven. Giles was a member of Company F during the Spanish-American War in 1898, and he was a plasterer and varnisher by trade. The Hilers' children, all born in Grand Haven, included Giles L., born on February 15, 1878; Cyril [Sidney], born on

February 9, 1880; Shirley George [George Shirley], born on January 19, 1883 in Spring Lake; Robert, born in July, 1886; Sylvia, who was born on February 26, 1891, married Daniel Brady on June 28, 1911, and died in Spring Lake on January 4, 1917; and Edward McCrea, born in November, 1895. Giles, the father, died on April 30, 1912. Caroline died around October 30, 1925. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband and other family members.

Cyril [Ciril/Sidney] Brown Hiler [1880-1959]

Cyril Hiler worked at the Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. The son of Giles and Caroline Hammond Hiler, Sidney was born in Grand Haven on February 9, 1880. In 1920 he was residing at the family home at 609 Jackson. By 1928 he had moved to 415 North Sixth, and in 1945 he was living at 211 North Seventh Street. Cyril passed away about November 24, 1959 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

Earle E. Hill [1899-1971]

In April, 1936 Earle Hill and his wife, Nondus Margaret "Sammy" M. Clark, moved from Marion, Indiana to Grand Haven to open Hill's Hardware Store at 119 Washington. They sold the business in 1955. Earle was born in Rapid River, Michigan on March 14, 1899 and married Sammy on March 14, 1935. She was born in Lafontaine, Indiana on May 29, 1912, the daughter of Robert and Lillie Schellenberger Clark. After selling the hardware store, Sammy was employed by the Ottawa County Treasurer's office from February, 1957 until retirement in March, 1975. Earle and Sammy lived at 413 South Street in Spring Lake. Their daughter, Roberta Hucklabee, lived in Sacramento, California. After Earle died on March 30, 1971, Sammy married Wesley E. Abel. The Abels resided at 424 Orchard. Sammy passed away in Spring Lake on January 7, 2003. Earle and Sammy were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 8, 2003.]

Charles L. Hilliard [1837- ?]

Around 1880 Charles Hilliard owned a company in Nunica, Crockery Township that produced broom handles. He was born in Canada about 1837. His wife, Marian, was born in Illinois about 1843. They had three children: William L., born in locally in 1867; Jessie M., born about 1869; and Ida Sarah, born in Illinois about 1876.

Russell M. Hilliard [1923-1976]

President of Ottawa Electric in the 1970s, Russell Hilliard was born in Michigan on March 11, 1923. In 1930 he resided with his parents in Muskegon. Ottawa Electric was first located at 112 Washington, followed by 110 Washington, then 217 South Beechtree, and

finally 1051 Jackson Street. Russell died in Norton Shores on October 18, 1976.

Herbert Henry Hillman [1879-1936]

From 1925 through 1928 Herbert Hillman served as Mayor of Grand Haven. He married Edna Frances Blish in Grand Rapids on June 1, 1905. They, had three daughters: Beatrice W., born about 1912; Arlene E., born about 1917; and Jean E., born about 1925. A son, Robert, lived from 1914 to 1927. In 1930 the Hillman family resided at 427 Columbus. In the 1910s Herbert was Superintendent at Challenge Refrigerator. After WWI he ran a service station at the southeast corner of Franklin and Water [Harbor] Streets, later know as Wessel's TBA. Herbert offered Gulf Gasoline. Herbert and his son were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Herbert was born in Wayne County, Michigan on November 11, 1879 and died in 1936. Edna was born in Wisconsin about 1884.

Corydon Cromwell Hinckley [1823-1892]

Corydon was born in Schuyler County, New York, on October 9, 1823, the son of Lewis Davis and Ann Chase Hinckley. While still in Schuyler County, Hinckley married Eliza L. Allen on February 10, 1850. Eliza was born in 1830, also in New York State, and died on June 12, 1893. A daughter, Frances, was born in Huron County, Ohio, on March 31, 1851 and married Norman S. Finch of Spring Lake. Seven years after her birth the family moved to Robinson Township, where they settled on eight acres in the Village of Robinson. In the 1880 census, Corydon was listed as a landlord. He died on February 16, 1892.

Andrew Lawrence Hindal [1879-1951]

Andrew Hindal was born in Norway on May 7, 1879. He married Olene [Olina] Regina Oldsdatter, also a native of Norway, who was born in 1882. Andrew was employed as a tool maker at the Keller Company. The Hindals' children were: Dorrin, born in Minnesota about 1904; Alice, born in Illinois in 1911; Ellen, who was born in Illinois on March 28, 1913, married Cass J. Potter on February 9, 1938, and died in Grand Haven on October 4, 2001; Dorothy, born in Illinois about 1917; and David B., who was born in Michigan on November 17, 1919 and died in Muskegon on April 7, 1986. Cass Potter was born in Durand, Michigan on June 10, 1905. The Hindal family lived on Prospect Street in Spring Lake. Olene passed away in 1935. Andrew died on January 11, 1951 and was buried with his wife at Spring Lake Cemeter.

David B. Hindal [1919-1986]

David Hindal was one of three local businessmen who took over Follen Tool Company in 1959, started by James Follen in 1941. He served in the Army during

WWII. Prior to joining Follen, David was a draftsman at Anderson Bolling. David and his wife, Dorothy M., resided at 1002½ Madison. They later moved to 226 South Prospect in Spring Lake and then to 14440 Bayou Drive. David was born on November 17, 1919 and died in Grand Haven on April 7, 1986. He was the son of Andrew and Olene Hindal of Spring Lake. Dorothy lived from August 9, 1922 to March 9, 1994. She and David were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Charles Hinsley [Hensley] [1825-1899]

Charles Hensley, born in England in 1825, was included in the 1860 census for Polkton Township, but he was in Crockery Township when he enlisted as Private on December 5, 1861 in Company F of the 14th Michigan Infantry. On July 25, 1864 he transferred into the U.S. Army Engineers, and on January 1, 1865 transferred again, this time to Company G of the Veteran Reserve Corps 1st Engineers. After Charles was mustered out on September 26, 1865, he resumed farming in Crockery, where he also used his blacksmithing skills. Charles died on February 12, 1899, and later that year his wife, Clarissa Jane Skinner, applied for a widow's Civil War pension. A monument was erected in Nunica Cemetery with his name. Clarissa, the daughter of Benjamin and Emily Perrin Skinner, was born in Battle Creek in 1829 and died on September 14, 1901. A daughter, Libby, was born in Canada about 1849 and married Joseph Farmer in Durand, Michigan on March 29, 1893.

Thomas E. Hitchcock [? - ?]

In July, 1876, the *News Journal* was started at Grand Haven by a union of the *Grand Haven News*, under the control of Thomas Hitchcock, and the *Spring Lake Independent*, owned by John G. Lee. Both these men published the *News Journal* until January, 1877, when Hitchcock retired and sold his interest to Lee.

Albertus [Albertina/Albert] "Bert" L. Hite [1870- ?]

Albertus Hite was part owner of the Mallery & Hite Boat Livery, located on Spring Lake at the corner of Lake and Beach Road in the early 1900s. His partner was Davis M. Mallery of Grand Haven. Later Bert became a brick layer in Spring Lake. The son of John and Mary Hite, he was born in Charlotte, Michigan on September 11, 1870 and was living with his grandparents, Samuel and Rebecca Leshner, in Benton, Eaton County, Michigan by 1880. Bert married Lena "Mary" Richmond on November 12, 1894 in Portland, Michigan. By 1900 he they were residing in Grand Ledge, Michigan, where Bert was a mason. Mary was born in Michigan in January, 1870. Her parents, Henry and Melissa Martin, lived in Spring Lake. In Grand Ledge, she was a dressmaker. By 1920 Bert was laying brick for a living. Ten years later Mary was widowed and living alone in Spring Lake.

George Arthur Hitsman [1873-1955]

The foster son of William and Emma Brady of Robinson Township, George Hitsman was born on October 1, 1873. On July 15, 1894 in Robinson Township, he married Beatrice "Birdie" Beckett. She was born on July 3, 1877 and died on November 11, 1977. The Hitsmans owned a 40-acre farm in Section 9 of Robinson Township. They had 15 children, including Guy, born in December, 1896, and David, born in January, 1899. Guy and David were born locally. George died in 1955.

Antonie Hoebeke [Hobeke] [1822-1891]

Born in the Netherlands about October 5, 1822, Antonie Hoebeke settled in Grand Haven in 1866. He was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Antonie, a laborer, died on December 8, 1891. His wife, Antonia, also a native of The Netherlands, was born about 1831. Their children were James, born about 1861; Henry John, born about 1866; Nellie, born about 1869; and Cornelius, born about 1873. James and Henry were born in The Netherlands, and the other children were born locally. The family home was on Washington Street.

Anthony Hoebeke [1885-1959]

Tony Hoebeke was partner with Melle Poel when they started Poel & Hoebeke Clothing Store at 702 Washington in the 1920s. The shop remained there into the late 1930s, when Tony was elected Treasurer of the City of Grand Haven, a post he held from 1939 to 1944. Tony married Kate Van Zanten in Grand Rapids on June 24, 1925. Kate, the daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Balgooyen Van Doorne of Grand Haven, was born in November, 1886 and became a milliner. She had been previously married to Martin Van Doorne II, who died in 1922. The Hoebekes resided at 905 Washington. Kate passed away about December 15, 1950 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Tony, the son of Henry and Cornelia Hoebeke, was born in Grand Haven in 1885, died in 1959, and was buried with his wife at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Henry John Hoebeke I [1865-1929]

Henry, born in June, 1865 in The Netherlands, was the son of Antonie and Antonia H. Hoebeke. In the early 1900s he was a house painter and wallpaper contractor in Grand Haven. On July 23, 1884 in Grand Haven, Henry married Cornelia Vander Boomgaard. She lived from December 18, 1867 to December 5, 1905. They lived at 516 Fulton with their children: Anthony, who was born on January 15, 1885; Johanna, born in December, 1885; Jeanette, who was born on January 15, 1895 and married Joseph Zeimet of Grand Haven; Henry II, who was born on September 20, 1898; Antonnette,

born in 1888; and James. Henry passed away about June 15, 1929 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife.

Henry Hoebeke [Hobeke] II [1898-1977]

Henry Hoebeke served with the Grand Haven Fire Department and was Chief from 1937 to 1963. He was born in Grand Haven on September 20, 1898 and died on July 11, 1977. His parents were Henry and Cornelia Hoebeke. Young Henry resided at 306 North Fifth, not far from the fire station. On May 27, 1919 in Spring Lake, he married Roelvina, the daughter of John and Grietje "Ella" Homes Hoffman. Roelvina was born on July 14, 1900 and died in Grand Haven on December 15, 1995. Henry and Roelvina were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Harriet C., who was born on July 14, 1912, on May 27, 1939 married Edward Kieft of Grand Haven [September 28, 1918-June 13, 1998], and died in Grand Haven on August 13, 1988; Evelyn, who married Howard Bailey [April 8, 1919-February 22, 1999]; and Jack. [*Tribune* obituary, June 15, 1998.]

Andrew N. Hoegh [1900-1995]

Andrew Hoegh in the 1940s owned Andy's Auto Shop at 319 North Third Street in Grand Haven. His shop offered "Complete Motor Repairing." Prior to that he was an auto mechanic in another garage. Andy was born on February 5, 1900 and died in Grand Haven on December 17, 1995. In 1948 he resided at 1220 Washington. His wife, Enger, was born on July 9, 1899 and died in Grand Haven on March 10, 1988. Both Enger and Andy were natives of Iowa.

Elmore Jacob Hoek [1895-1946]

On October 13, 1920 Elmore Hoek married Cathryn Ruth, the daughter of John J. and Jennie Bolt Boer of Grand Haven. The newly-weds lived in Detroit until Dr. Hoek moved his practice to Grand Haven in 1923. They resided at 634 Lake Avenue. Elmore was born in Holland, Michigan on November 21, 1895 and died about October 15, 1946, just after moving his dental office from the second floor of Presley's Drug Store [700 Washington] to space at the corner of Franklin and Third Streets. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their daughter, Jane, was born about 1925 and married architect Derk Vyn of Grand Haven in 1946. The Vyns moved to California. The Hoeks also had a son, Robert B. Hoek, who was born on November 7, 1921. The family resided at 1028 Washington. Ruth, who was born in Grand Haven on February 27, 1897, died in Napa, California on February 10, 2002 and was buried with her husband at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, February 19, 2002.]

Robert B. Hoek [1921-1974]

Robert, born on November 7, 1921, was the son of Grand Haven residents Dr. Elmore and Ruth Boer Hoek. Robert graduated from the University Michigan in 1945, served in the Navy until December, 1946, when he joined the Navy Reserve, and in the early 1950s reenlisted for active duty after operating a dental office in Grand Haven since January, 1947. He was a member of the Rotary Club, the Spring Lake Country Club, and the Spring Lake Yacht Club, where he served as Treasurer in 1950 and 1951 and became Rear Commodore in 1952. He was an avid sailor, and entered and won many yacht club races aboard the *Jane Ann*. He also maintained an office for oral surgery in Grand Rapids. In 1963 he was elected President of the West Michigan Dental Society. Robert married Mary Carolyn Ulrich. Hoek died in 1974.

John Clarence Hoekje [1885-1959]

John Hoekje served as Superintendent of Grand Haven Schools from 1913 to 1916. It was during his term that Grand Haven's first Parent Teacher Club was organized in 1915. By 1918 he was on the faculty at Western State Normal School [WMU] in Kalamazoo, where he met Helen Irene Poel. They were married in Grafton, Ohio on September 11, 1920. Helen lived from 1894 to 1969. John was born on February 1, 1885 in Cauker City, Kansas, and died on January 21, 1959 in Detroit. Helen and John had seven children.

John Hoeksema [1828-1919]

John Hoeksema was born in The Netherlands in July, 1828 [1833] and died in Grand Haven in 1919. His wife, Trientje "Kate," also came from The Netherlands, where she was born in February, 1850. John and Kate immigrated to the United States in 1881. Their son, Johannes, was born in The Netherlands in June, 1876. A daughter, Elsie, was born in The Netherlands on June 30, 1878 and married Reijer Beekman of Grand Haven. Another daughter, Della, was born in September, 1882 and married Henry Arkema II of Grand Haven. A third daughter, Fredricka, was born in September, 1885. Della and Fredricka were born locally. John worked at the Eagle Ottawa tannery and the family resided at 909 Fulton Street.

August Fredrick Hoerich [Hoerick] [1884-1970]

August Hoerich's 120-acre farm was located in Section 23 of Grand Haven Township. He was the son of August and Henrietta Hoerich.. The older August was born on March 21, 1853 and died on January 7, 1931. Henrietta lived from March 16, 1862 to March 30, 1944. August was born in Wisconsin on Christmas Day, 1884 and died in Grand Haven on January 11, 1970. A sister, Dorothea Maria, was born on July 15, 1881 and passed away on July 15, 1903. The family was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

George Vincent Hoffer [1906-1953]

George Hoffer [originally Schultenhofer] was born on December 11, 1906 in Petoskey. He married Eleanor, daughter of Cornelius and Nellie Vander Noot, on March 1, 1935. Eleanor was born in Grand Haven on December 16, 1908. The Hoffers lived at 720 Washington, where George also operated his insurance office. George died in Grand Haven on February 7, 1953. Eleanor died, also in Grand Haven, on September 21, 1962. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Jan "John" Hoffman [Hofman] [1829-1910]

Jan "John" A. Hoffman, was born on January 1, 1829 [1828], died on January 21, 1910, and buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Grietje [Gretsie], was born on January 11, 1838 and passed away on April 20, 1908 at their home at 532 Monroe Street.

John Hoffman I [Hofman] [@1843- ?]

A native of The Netherlands, John Hoffman was born about 1843. He married Roelfa "Maggie" Ennenga, who also was a native of The Netherlands, where she was born in January, 1843. John II, born in 1867, was their son. They also had daughter, Alice, who was born in The Netherlands in May, 1867 and married Corneil N. Addison of Grand Haven. A second daughter, Jennie, was born in The Netherlands on November 5, 1869 and married John A. Fisher of Grand Haven. Another daughter, Rena, was born in February, 1872 and married Henry J. Bolt II, also of Grand Haven. In 1880 the Hoffman family resided on Franklin Street.

John Hoffman [Hofman] II [1867-1918]

John, the son of Jan and Grietje Hoffman, lived from December, 1867 to 1918. He and his wife, Ella, lived at 503 Elliot. John learned the meat business working for Cornelius Bos when he was 14 and continuing for 10 years. He operated a grocery store at 427 North Sixth Street in Grand Haven, and delivered groceries in a horse-drawn wagon. John Hoffman III was born in September, 1891. John and Ella also had at least three daughters, Angie, who was born in December, 1892, Roelvina, who was born on July 14, 1900 and married Henry J. Hoebeke [Hobeke]; and Jennie, who was born on April 10, 1910, married Henry Lutz [May 29, 1905-August 4, 1990] of Grand Haven, and died on March 17, 2005. Ella was born in The Netherlands in July, 1869 [1868] and died in 1933. She and her husband were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 20, 1908.]

Peter Hoffman [Hofman] [@1833- ?]

Peter Hoffman was a 19-year old orphan when he immigrated from The Netherlands to Grand Haven in 1852 to work in the sawmills. Antje Dobbenga, also

born in The Netherlands, joined him later to become his wife in 1855. She was born about 1832. They lived in Grand Haven for awhile, and then moved to Muskegon where Hoffman became a dairyman in the 1870s.

August Hoffmeister [Hoffmaster] [@1855- ?]

Born in Germany about 1855, August Hoffmeister was a wagon maker in Grand Haven around 1880. In the early 1880s he went to work for the Grand Haven Wagon Works, owned by August Hubert. August was put in charge of the woodwork. Dora, August's wife, also from Germany, was born about 1856 and died on March 30, 1899. Their children included Louisa, born in 1878, and Arnhardt, born about July, 1879. Both children were born locally.

Edward Hofma [1859-1936] and Elizabeth Pruim Hofma [1859-1938]

Edward was born in Vriesland, near Zeeland, Michigan, on April 12, 1859. He was the son of Simon R. and Maria Ullberg Hofma and brother of Martin, Betje, Lawrence, Sybella, Agnes, Effie, and Clara. Simon and his family lived on a 60-acre farm in Zeeland on the southeast corner of Perry and 64th avenue. Edward attended Holland Academy [Hope College] from 1878 to 1881 and graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1884. He practiced in Spring Lake and Grand Haven. He took a special course of study with Dr. Robert Koch [1843-1910] at Berlin in 1892 and visited hospitals in Vienna, Heidelberg, and Leyden. He was granted his request to join Walter Wellman's expedition to the North Pole in 1898-99 as the group's physician. The expedition fell 565 miles short of its goal. In 1899 Edward again studied in Paris and London. He was one of the original members of the Duncan Park Board of Trustees and worked at conservation, being one of the first to plant trees on Dewey Hill. In 1907, he was on the Board of Education and served as its President from 1913 to 1914. From 1914 to 1916 he was a State Senator. Edward was one of the founders of Peoples Savings Bank, and he was President of the bank from its start in 1910 until his death. Edward was one of the founders of the Ottawa County Medical Society, and he was elected by his fellow physicians as the first doctor to serve on the Board of Trustees of the new Elizabeth Hatton Memorial Hospital, organized in 1919.

On June 30, 1886, Edward Hofma married Elizabeth Pruim of Spring Lake. Edward and Elizabeth had no children but raised Katie Feringa as a daughter and for many years cared for Isaac Dowlyn, Elizabeth's stepbrother, and Mary Dowlyn, her stepsister. Elizabeth was born on November 17, 1859, the daughter of Peter and Maria Regina Louis Pruim. Peter was an early immigrant who worked as a day laborer. He died when

she was two years old, and her mother married a widower, Abraham Dowlyn, who had two sons. Maria and Abraham had seven more children, including Isaac and Mary. The Dowlyns lived in a rented house near Summit and River Streets in Spring Lake. Elizabeth graduated from Spring Lake High School, was certified to be an elementary teacher in 1882, and joined the Spring Lake School system. In 1891 she graduated from Northwestern University Medical School. After working as assistant to the Chair of Gynecology at Northwestern, she returned to Grand Haven in 1893 and became the area's first female doctor. The Hofmas, especially Elizabeth, were active in civic affairs and contributed to community improvement urging development of parks, tree lined streets, pure water, and sewerage systems. She was instrumental in establishing Carnegie Library; served on the library board from 1913-1933; and urged the construction of a library building on Third Street. In 1917 she served as the first Director of the newly-chartered Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

On May 26, 1934, the Hofmas deeded 40 acres on Ferris Street to Grand Haven Township, which was named Hofma Park. Dr. Hofma died on December 15, 1936, and his wife died at her home on Washington Street, two years later, on July 2, 1938. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Hofmas provided sufficient funds to establish an endowed Chair of Biology at Hope College. The Hofma Trust was set up in 1936 to care for the remaining family members and after the death of Katie in 1960, the trust was to be dispersed over a 20 to 25 year period to "causes that would likely have interested the Hofmas." Over the years the grants ranged from a few hundred dollars to many thousands. Many were one-time grants, while others became annual affairs. With the exception of help given to various Michigan colleges, the money largely stayed in the Tri-Cities area. The final money was dispersed in 1985. [*Tribune* obituaries, July 6, 1938 and December 16, 1936, and *Tribune* article, "Hofma Heritage Told in Book," July 30, 1984, and *The Hofmas, Edward and Elizabeth, 1859-1938.*"]

Richard Hofman [@1873- ?]

A farmer who also raised livestock, Richard Hofman lived in Section 32 of Olive Township. He was born in Michigan around 1873 and came to the area in 1878. His wife, Kate, was born about 1878 in The Netherlands.

Calvin Holcomb [Hocum] [1819-1888]

Born in Orleans County, New York, on August 28, 1819, Calvin Holcomb came to Lapeer, Michigan, where he worked for three years in a drug store. While in Lapeer, Calvin enlisted as Corporal in Company I of the 1st Michigan Engineers. He was discharged for

disability on March 2, 1863, in Nashville, Tennessee. On August 31, 1864, again in Lapeer, he enlisted in Company G of the Michigan 14th Reorganized Infantry. He was reported as a deserter in New Orleans on July 5, 1865. After he returned to Michigan he was employed as an engineer.

Calvin married Geneva Sophia Perkins in Detroit in 1854. Sophia was born in New York on March 30, 1831 and died February 29, 1912. Calvin and Sophia had three sons, all born in Michigan: Locksley E., born August 26, 1857; John G., who lived from November 1, 1858 to July 30, 1924; and Frank H., who lived from November 20, 1860 to July 2, 1884. In 1870 the family was living in Polkton Township, and by 1880 it was located in Robinson Township. John married Julia King in Berrien County on March 9, 1880. She was born on October 7, 1860 and died on September 2, 1898. Calvin died on November 25, 1888. The following February 15 Geneva applied for a widow's Civil War pension. All family members were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Henry "Harry" E. Holcomb [1841-1900]

Born in Joliet, Illinois on April 16, 1841, Harry was the son of Louis M. and Elector Edmunds Holcomb. The Holcomb family resided in Wisconsin before moving to the Grand Haven area. Harry enlisted on June 17, 1861 in Company E of the 7th Wisconsin Infantry as a Wagoner. He was wounded at the Battle of Gainesville, Virginia, on August 28, 1862 and was discharged for disability on July 6, 1865 with the rank of Corporal. Harry and his family were in the Grand Haven area by 1880. He died of Bright's Disease at his father's home near Rosy Mound on February 20, 1900. He married Anna [Maria] M. Cook in Hancock, Wisconsin on October 31, 1866. On March 5, 1900 she applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Anna was born in Vermont about 1845. Harry was a farmer in Grand Haven Township. Their children were Bertha, born about 1868; William, born around 1870; Frank, born around 1874; Harry, born about 1876; Anna, born around 1878. Frank was born in Michigan; the other children all were born in Wisconsin. [*Tribune* obituary, February 21, 1900.]

Locksley E. Holcomb [1857-1905]

The son of Calvin and Geneva Sophia Perkins Holcomb, Locksley was born in Michigan on August 26, 1857. He married Lavina Becket of Canada on May 17, 1879. Locksley, who was a railroad station agent, died April 9, 1905 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Lavina, who was born on March 22, 1857, died on September 28, 1919 and was buried with her husband.

Louis M. Holcomb I [1814-1904]

Born in New York on March 4, 1814, the brother of Charles Holcomb of Connecticut, Louis moved to

Illinois as a newly married man. He was a stonecutter by profession and followed the trade at quarries near Joliet, Illinois. He became a partner and friend of Eben [Ebenezer] F. Mansfield, who in 1870 was residing in Grand Haven. The pair entered various enterprises, including participation in construction of an Illinois canal. Eben Mansfield was the father of Frederick A. Mansfield of Grand Haven. Louis then went to Wisconsin and became a timber locator employed by Senator Philetus Sawyer [1816-1900]. Louis was a close friend of Alexander Juneau, the French trader whose name was linked with Wisconsin history. Louis ran a hotel and gristmill in Hancock, Wisconsin. In the 1870s he came to Grand Haven Township, where he settled on 45 acres in Section 32, stretched along the Lake Michigan shoreline, and raised fruit.

On February 4, 1838 Louis married Elector [Electa] Edmunds, who was born in New York in April, 1817 and died about October 18, 1912. Their children included Emma E., who was born in New York in December, 1838 and died about August 5, 1919; Henry "Harry" E., born in Illinois on April 16, 1841; William L., who was born in Wisconsin about 1845; and Louis II, who died at Gettysburg [not verified by service records]. Louis I died on November 18, 1904 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Holcomb Hills, south of Grand Haven, was named for this family. [*Tribune* obituary, November 18, 1904.]

William L. Holcomb [@1870-1951]

William, the son Henry and Anna Cook Holcomb, inherited the Holcomb acreage in Section 32 of Grand Haven Township in the early 1900s. Part of the area became known as Holcomb Hills. William was born in Wisconsin about 1870, died around November 25, 1951, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Martha, was born in Wisconsin about 1868, died around March 3, 1961, and was buried with her husband. Their children were Carol F., born about November, 1909; Kenneth W., born about 1912; Elwood B., born about 1915; and Mollye E., born about 1927.

Albert Holleboom [1849-1946]

Albert Holleboom, who had a farm in Section 29 of Allendale Township, arrived in the area in 1880. He was born in The Netherlands on October 11, 1849 and died on January 19, 1946. His wife, Jantes Jansen [Jansenden], also a native of The Netherlands, lived from July 25, 1850 to 1931. Both were buried at Allendale Cemetery. They had seven children, including Jennie, who was born in 1876 and married William Ossewaarde of Zeeland on September 30, 1893 in Allendale.

Egbert [Hubrecht] "Ed" H. Hollestelle [1856 -1927]

Egbert, who was born on March 23, 1856 in Grand Haven, was the son of Peter and Jane Hollestelle. In the spring of 1880 Egbert started a meat business with Richard Bottje. By 1893 Egbert was in the grocery business with his future father-in-law Gerrit Van Westrienen I at the corner of Fifth and Franklin [434 Franklin]. Egbert later became sole owner and lived next door at 430 Franklin. On November 22, 1882 in Grand Haven, he married Alice [Aartje]. The daughter of Gerrit and Hester Van Westrienen, Alice was born at the Franklin Street address on December 29, 1858 and lived there until her death, about August 20, 1943. Their son Peter H. was born in March, 1884 and worked with Egbert in the grocery store. Egbert died October 12, 1927 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. From the time of his death until her own passing, Alice ran the grocery store. A daughter, Gertrude, who was born in March, 1891, occupied the home at 430 Franklin into the late 1960s. She taught at Grand Haven High School from 1928 to 1957. Other Hollestelle children were Esther, who was born in August, 1885 and married Richard Vyn of Grand Haven, and Edna, who was born in December, 1896 and died about February 19, 1970.

Peter Hollestelle [1812-1893]

Peter Hollestelle, who was born in 1812 and died in Grand Haven on February 27, 1893, emigrated from The Netherlands in 1848. His wife, Jane, was born in 1822 and died on March 27, 1897. Nellie, a daughter, was born around 1855. Egbert H., their son, was born on March 23, 1856 and opened a grocery store in Grand Haven. In the 1880 census Peter was listed as a church janitor.

Harvey J. Hollister [1830-1909]

Harvey J. Hollister, Teller at First National Bank in Grand Rapids, was born in Macomb County, Michigan on August 30, 1830. In 1873 he joined Edward P. Ferry and others to form the "Michigan Bunch" in Utah and enter the silver mining business. He died in 1909 and was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Kent County with his wife, Martha C., who lived from 1833 to December 25, 1901.

Friedrich "Fred" Wilhelm [Willelm] Holman [Hollman/Hoellmann/Hallman] [1859-1897]

Fred Holman was born in 1859 in Germany. He married Amelia Cards, who was ten years younger, and the couple immigrated from Germany in 1883. They settled in Grand Haven, where Fred's cousin, Charles Holman, resided. Fred worked as a farm hand and a sailor. He and Amelia were members of St. Paul's German Lutheran Church. They had a daughter, Minnie, who was born on April 11, 1883 and died on August 31, 1886. Amelia died on November 12, 1887 during childbirth. She and the stillborn baby were buried next

to Minnie. Fred left Grand Haven to move in with a brother named Julian Holman in Ripon, Wisconsin. Fred married Augusta "Gusta" Pauline Rohde in Grand Haven on August 9, 1888. Gusta was born in Germany on November 27, 1868. The couple settled in Princeton in Green Lake County. On June 3, 1889 the couple had a daughter, whom they named Minnie Augusta after Fred's first daughter. On July 16, 1891, their second child was born, a son named Herman August Holman. In 1892 Fred left his second wife and two children. In early 1897 he was arrested and convicted of the murder of Wiebke Geddes, the wife of Fred Geddes, and was a suspect in several other murders. Fred was executed on May 14, 1897 at the Ford County jail house in Paxton, Illinois. Following his execution, this hand-written poem was found in his cell:

My name is Frederick Hoellmann,
I come from a far off country,
Which follows the river Rhine,
To America I journeyed
In honest to toll,
And now they gonna hang me,
And raise a great turmoil.
On 14 day of May,
When flowers are in bloom,
Between sunrise and sunset,
I must meet my **final doom**.
They said I did a murder,
but that I will deny

On February 5, 1903 in Princeton, Wisconsin Gusta married Herman Boetcher. In the marriage papers her name was given as Auguste Hallman Rode. She died in Ripon, Wisconsin on January 3, 1945 and was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Ripon.

Jay E. Holmes [1898-1983]

Born May 21, 1898 in Bloomingdale, Michigan, Jay Holmes came to Spring Lake from St. Louis, Michigan in 1923, following his service as an Army Medical Corps Master Sergeant during WWI. Jay was Superintendent of Spring Lake schools from 1923 to 1958. He was a charter member of the Spring Lake Ex-servicemen's Club; American Legion; Ottawa County Michigan Education Association; Spring Lake Business and Professional Association; Kiwanis; Rotary; and the Spring Lake Reformed Church. He and his wife volunteered for VISTA [Volunteers in Service to America, a federal anti-poverty program], and in 1965 Jay appeared on the NBC "Today" show for the organization. He retired from education in 1958.

On June 12, 1922 in Bloomingdale, Jay married Dorothy Meeker, who was born in Chicago, Illinois on January 26, 1902. They both were teachers at the time. Their children were Sue, who was born about 1924 and

married Paul De Witt of Spring Lake, and Ruth, who was born on January 5, 1926, married Howard Shinn of Clearwater, Florida, and died in Bradenton, Florida on July 18, 1999. The Holmes family lived at 402 East Exchange in Spring Lake. Dorothy served on the Board of Directors of the Ottawa County Red Cross in the mid-1930s. She passed away in Miami, Florida on May 9, 1983. Jay died at Eustis Hospital in Tavares, Florida of a "heart ailment" on July 28, 1983 and was buried in that state. Holmes Elementary School in Spring Lake was named for him. [*Tribune* obituary, July 29, 1983.]

James Holt [1856-1912]

A farmer, James Holt owned 40 acres in Section 11 of Grand Haven Township. He immigrated to the United States in 1882 and arrived in the Grand Haven area in 1902. James was born in 1856 in England and died on December 28, 1912. His wife, Mary, was the same age.

Abel Holtrop [1892-1978]

Born on November 2, 1892 in Ferrysburg [Muskegon], the son of John and Effie Bishop Holtrop, Abel at 16 began working with his father as a carpenter. By 1918 he was employed at Eagle Ottawa, and when he was 30 years old he became a rural mail carrier for two and a half years. In 1923 Abel purchased a grocery store in Ferrysburg. In 1925 he erected a new one at 313 Pine Street that he called Holtrop Economy Market. Abel was Director of the Muskegon Wholesale Company. He was a member of the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce; National Association of Retail Grocers; Retail Grocers and Meat Dealers Association of Michigan; Tri-Cities Grocery Association; Spring Lake Country Club; Citizens Historical Association; and the Christian Reformed Church.

On June 26, 1913 in Ferrysburg, Abel married Katherine Rosema, who was born in Ferrysburg in 1892. One of their five children Margaret, born on May 8, 1915, married Harold Bolthouse. Margaret and Harold had twin daughters, Sharon and Karen, who were born on September 19, 1939. A second Holtrop daughter was Ella Mae, born February 13, 1918. She became the wife of John G. Albertie of Spring Lake, who lived from May 2, 1917 to February 24, 2000. The Alberties had one child, Roger. Unice, the third Holtrop daughter, was born November 4, 1923. A son, Claus, was born August 9, 1926, followed by Hugh Robert, born February 26, 1931. Katherine died on May 13, 1936 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Abel Holtrop later married Jean, daughter of Jacob and Dora Tieman Westmaas. [After Dora's death Jacob Westmaas married Effie Doorn Rapp.] Abel died in Muskegon on June 14, 1978 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Jean lived from February 21, 1901 to July 12, 1986 and passed

away in Muskegon. She, too, was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Citizens Historical Association*.]

Corneal Holtrop [1894-1968]

Corneal, the son of John and Effie Bishop Holtrop of Ferrysburg, was born on August 20, 1894. Corneal, a minister, married Jennie Kruizenga in Spring Lake on August 11, 1921. Jennie lived from August 1, 1894 to July 19, 1983. Jennie and Corneal had four children. Corneal died in Grand Rapids on June 19, 1968. Jennie, who lived from August 1, 1895 to July 19, 1983, also died in Grand Rapids. The couple was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Gert J. Holtrop [1887- ?]

Gert Holtrop, born on November 1, 1887, was a Trackman for the Interurban line. He married Nellie Moore in Grand Haven on August 29, 1917. They owned a house and lot in Nunica. A native of Crockery Township where she was born on June 14, 1888, Nellie died on November 6, 1977 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Jan "John" Klaas Holtrop [1896- ?]

On April 8, 1911, in Ottawa County John Holtrop married Josephine Elizabeth, the daughter of Henry Stark of Nunica. John was born about 1885 in The Netherlands. Josephine was born on March 6, 1886 and died in September, 1965. By 1918 John and Josephine owned a house and four lots in Nunica. John was Track Foreman for one of the railroads. Among their children, all born in Nunica, were Margaret Pearl, who was born March 6, 1912 and married Anthony Wolf of Robinson Township; Dorothy Della, born January 15, 1915; Hazel Helen, born March 17, 1917; Clare born about 1923; and Marilyn Joyce, born September 15, 1927.

John Holtrop [Haldrop] [1871-1948]

Born March 28, 1871, in Ferrysburg, John was the son of Cornelius and Grietje De Vries Holtrop, who had a farm in Section 4 of Spring Lake Township. John was a cement block manufacturer and a contractor, specializing in the building of houses. On December 15, 1890 he married Effie [Ethel] Bishop in Spring Lake. She was born in Muskegon on December 15, 1872 and passed away on January 20, 1949. She was the daughter of Abel and Altje Bishop. Abel died in 1934 and Altje in 1874. John and Effie had six children, all born in Ferrysburg, including Grace, who was born on August 3, 1891, married Henry Van Oordt Visser, and died on December 30, 1983; Abel born in November, 1892; Cornelius [Corneal], born in August, 1894; Otto, born in June, 1896; Aren, born in April, 1898; Henry, born in March, 1900; and Elize, who was born on July 28, 1905, married Albert Wezeman on January 2, 1928 in Ferrysburg, and died in Grand Haven on May 30, 2001,

thirty-one years after Albert. John died on December 26, 1948. He and his wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, July 29, 1983 and December 30, 1983, and *Citizens Historical Association*.]

John J. Holtrop [1914-1985]

John Holtrop was born on October 14, 1914, died in Spring Lake Township on October 22, 1985, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He became President of Holtrop Concrete Products at 540 North Maple in Ferrysburg. On August 3, 1938 he married Ruth H. Cooper in Spring Lake. Ruth, the daughter of John W. and Kathryn Eckelcamp Cooper, was born in Spring Lake on August 3, 1919. She served as Librarian for the Spring Lake Township Library from 1966 to 1976. She was a member of Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church. Their children were Janis R., who married Ron Bross of Spring Lake; Larry J., also of Spring Lake; and Thomas C. of Muskegon. The Holtrops resided at 721 Fall Street. Ruth died in Spring Lake on July 16, 2002. [*Tribune* obituary, July 17, 2002.]

Klaas Holtrop [1854- ?]

Listed as a "Farmer and Stockraiser" in the 1912 *Atlas*, Klaas Holtrop came to the area in 1894. His 60-acre farm was located in Section 11 of Crockery Township. Around 1883 he married Rieuwkje "Ruth" J. Kraak. A native of The Netherlands, Ruth was born in August, 1863. They immigrated to the United States in 1893. Among their children were John, born in June, 1884; Gertrude, born on February 17, 1886; John Gert, born in November, 1887; Nellie, born in April, 1892; Sylvia, born in December, 1893; Bennie, born in March, 1898; and Margaret, born June 14, 1900. The first four children were born in The Netherlands, the others in Michigan. Klaas was born in Friesland, The Netherlands, on October 12 1854 [1855].

Anthony K. Holzinger [1894-1958]

In the 1920s Anthony Holzinger and a Mr Potter operated the Yellow Cab Company from 8 North Harbor. By 1930 Anthony was driving for Greyhound Bus Lines. He married Margaret E. Draeger in Grand Haven on September 14, 1921. She was born in Grand Haven in 1896. They resided at 320 Madison [Jackson] Street. Their children, all born locally, were Berma, born about 1924; Joyce, born about 1926; and Doris, born about 1928. Margaret was born on February 17, 1896 and passed away in Grand Haven on January 28, 1984. Anthony was born in Michigan around 1894 and passed away about December 30, 1958. Anthony and Margaret were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Herman Honholt I [1839-1915]

Herman Honholt, a native of Germany, lived from August, 1839 to 1915, and his wife, Mary "Minnie" Bolthuis, a native of The Netherlands, lived from June, 1845 [1846] to 1907. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Herman, who immigrated to the United States in 1860, had a 36-acre farm in Section 9 of Spring Lake Township. Their children were John, born in September, 1876; Clara, who was born in Ferrysburg in May, 1880 and married Minno Klouw of Spring Lake; May [Mattie], who was born on April 17, 1882 and married John Kruizenga of Spring Lake; Derk, born in March, 1886; and Herman II, born in December, 1888.

George William Honner [1866-1936]

George was the son of Edward William and Mercy Bailey Honner. Edward, born on June 3, 1833 in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, was the brother of Thomas Honner, who settled in Grand Haven. Mercy was born on November 17, 1834 in Sussex, England. George was born on April 16, 1866 in Essex, Ontario, Canada. On January 28, 1896 in Grand Haven, he married Mary Agnes, the daughter of Michael and Ellen Collins Maher of Grand Haven. Mary Agnes was born in Grand Haven on July 3, 1873 and died on January 24, 1962 in Detroit. The Honners had three children: George Edward, who was born on December 8, 1896 in Essex, Ontario and died in California on July 28, 1972; Winifred, who was born in Milwaukee on July 6, 1899; and William McKinley, who was born in Grand Haven on September 6, 1901 and died on February 9, 1974 in Detroit. The Honners returned to Grand Haven about 1911. George was a Great Lakes ship's captain.

Thomas Honner I [Honor/Honnor] [1845-1905]

Thomas, born in Coburg, Ontario, Canada on March 2, 1845, was the son of Edward and Maria Howard Honner. Edward was born in Ireland on August 28, 1798 and Maria was born in the same country in 1811. After settling for awhile in Utica, New York, the Honner family moved to Canada. In 1862 Thomas started his career as a sailor aboard the schooner *Narragansett* and followed that profession for the rest of his life on the Atlantic and the Great Lakes. He became Captain of the *Wisconsin*, owned by the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad until it was sold in 1896 to the Crosby Transportation Company. In April, 1898, Thomas was named a United States Inspector of Hulls, with an office in Grand Haven. He married Elizabeth Duffy of Milwaukee. She was born there in November, 1868 and died in Grand Haven after her husband's death. They resided on Columbus Street and had at least five children: Isabelle [Belle], born in Milwaukee in October, 1887; Thomas II, born in Michigan in June, 1896; Doris, born in Grand Haven in March, 1898; William M. "Bennie," born in Grand Haven in 1900; and Elizabeth. Thomas lost his life when the *Owen* sunk in Lake Superior on November 28,

1905. His nephew, George William Honner, married Mary Agnes Maher of Grand Haven.

Peter Hook [1873-1944]

Peter Hook's farm was located in Section 18 of Allendale Township, where he settled in 1886. He was born in The Netherlands in 1873. On February 18, 1913 in Grand Haven, he married Marie Cornelia Schult. Marie [Mary], was from Canada, where she was born about 1884. She died in 1968 and was buried at Allendale Township Cemetery with Peter.

Eric R. Hoover [1893-1963]

Born in Hamilton, Canada on February 28, 1893, Eric was the third of four children of Byron and Florence Roop Hoover. His father, Byron, was associated with a street railway company in Canada and died in 1922. His mother, Florence, who was born in Ontario, Canada moved to Cleveland, Ohio. Eric attended business college and was variously employed until 1912 when he became associated with Otis Steel Company of Cleveland. In 1914 he became purchasing agent for the Oldsmobile Motor Works of Lansing. From February 15, 1921 to August 1, 1927 he served as Associated Purchasing Agent for the Pontiac Motor Company, and then Purchasing Agent for the Franklin Motor Company until 1931. Eric next became a sales agent in the Detroit office of the Otis Steel. In November, 1936 he was Assistant General Manager at the Oldberg Manufacturing Company in Detroit. In June, 1937 the company was moved to Grand Haven, and in February, 1938 Eric was named Vice President and General Manager of Oldberg. He was an independent in politics and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Spring Lake Country Club, and Citizens Historical Association. Eric retired from Oldberg in 1958.

On January 24, 1916 in Lansing, Eric married Eva, born on September 14, 1892 at Smith's Falls, Canada. She was the daughter of Edward and Annie Drouchen. The Hoovers' children included Eric Joseph, who served as Assistant Chief Inspector of Oldberg Manufacturing. Eric Joseph was born October 18, 1916 and died November 29, 1980 in Muskegon. Another son, Edward, was born April 29, 1918 and graduated from the University of Notre Dame. The Hoovers also had a daughter, Helena Catherine, who was born April 30, 1922, and a third son, Richard Charles, born January 18, 1927. Eric died in July, 1963 of a heart attack while resting in his garden and was pronounced dead upon arrival at a Pontiac hospital. Eva died in Brevard, North Carolina, in February, 1986. [Biographical sketch by the *Citizens Historical Association*, September 20, 1941.]

Jan "John" Hop II [1863- ?]

John Hop II owned a 140-acre farm in Section 29 of Olive Township. He was born in The Netherlands about 1863. Her married Geertje "Gertie" Vander Zwang in Holland on May 7, 1885. Gertie was born in Michigan in August, 1867. John's father, John [Jan] I, had an 80-acre farm across the road in Section 29 of Olive Township, where he also raised livestock. John's and Gertie's children, all born locally, were John III, born in March, 1886; Renie, born in May, 1888; Rekie, born in June, 1891; Gracie, born in November, 1893; Bertie, born in August, 1898, Margaret, born about 1906, and Wilma, born about 1912. The Hop family came to the area in 1877.

Hope [? -1913]

The *Grand Haven Daily Tribune* carried this sad story on Monday, July 14, 1913: "Hope, one of the handsome Third Ward fire horses, died this morning at about eleven o'clock of inflammation of the bowels. The horse was taken sick Friday night, and little hope had been held for his recovery since. Dr. Nye, the Coopersville veterinary, was called, but he held out no hope for the handsome animal. The death of the horse breaks up the handsome team of grays which had been used for some time at the Third Ward [fire] house."

Benjamin Hopkins [1782-1847]

Born in Tompkins County New York on February 20, 1782 and a veteran of the War of 1812, in which he served as Captain, Benjamin Hopkins went from Tompkins County to Canada in 1831. Following the unsuccessful Canadian Rebellion of 1837, he arrived in Eastmanville, then called Scranton. By 1846 he was one of four farmers who had erected barns, and he also planted one of the first fruit orchards in the county. Benjamin was elected to the first Board of County Commissioners in 1842, which in the same year elected him Chairman. Benjamin was elected Supervisor and School Inspector. Between 1846 and 1849 he moved to Mill Point [Spring Lake]. There he built and ran a general store and mill that became known as Hopkins Mill, which later was sold to the Spring Lake Salt Company as the site for the Spring Lake Hotel.

In 1807 Benjamin married Catherine, daughter of Cornelius and Catherine McKinney Lowe. Catherine the daughter was born in New York on March 11, 1784. Her sister, Agnes Bodine Lowe, married Captain Hannibal M. Allen at Smithville, Canada, and later lived in Ottawa County. Catherine's and Benjamin's children, all born in New York, included five sons, and three daughters: Mary [Marcia], who was born about 1812 and became the first teacher at Eastmanville; Cornelia, who was born about 1816 and married Rev. William C. Comfort of Eastmanville; Silas, born in 1817; Bridget Ann, who was born in 1818 and married Le Moyne

Smith of Grand Haven and Spring Lake; John Vincent, born in 1819; Hannibal A., born in 1821 and named for his uncle Hannibal Allen; Franklin, born about 1825; and Mordecai, born in 1827 and named for his uncle, Mordecai Lowe. Benjamin died on February 11, 1847, and Catherine passed away five years later. Hopkins Street in Grand Haven was named for the Hopkins family. [Letters in Loutit Library files from Blanche B. Lane Lowe, and excerpts from Catherine Lowe Hopkins (1817) and Esther E. Henning, dated November 15, 1965, from Coopersville, *History of Ottawa County*, p. 115, and *Michigan Pioneer Collections*, vol. 9, pp. 264-265.]

Claude C. Hopkins [1867-1932]

Born at Hillsdale, Michigan on April 24, 1867, Claude Hopkins graduated from Ludington High School. After trying teaching and picking fruit on his uncle's farm in Spring Lake, he entered Swensburg's Business College in Grand Rapids. He became a bookkeeper for Grand Rapids Felt Boot Company and later head bookkeeper for the Bissell Company, where eventually he was put in charge of sales and advertising. Mr Bissell encouraged him to leave Grand Rapids and take advantage of his talents elsewhere. In Chicago he worked for Swift & Company. When he was 41, Albert Lasker of Lord & Thomas, an advertising agency, asked him to write copy for Van Camp Packing. Claude created advertisements for such automobiles as Reo, Cadillac, Overland, Hudson, and Studebaker, and he wrote for Miller and Goodyear Tire Companies. He became President of Lord & Thomas and later Chairman of the Board. Claude was closely connected to Pepsodent and Edna Wallace Hopper Cosmetics, later becoming President. He coined such slogans as "It Floats," "Keep That Schoolgirl Complexion," and "Chases Dirt." After retirement he ran an advertisement agency from his home. He wrote an autobiography, *My Life in Advertising* and another one titled *The Sport of Kings*. He was a Director of the Volunteers of America and Hope House in Chicago, a home for prisoners released on parole. His annual salary at Lord & Thomas exceeded \$185,000 prior to 1920. He wrote a book, *Scientific Advertising*, which was largely autobiographical. In 1927 he published another book titled *My Life in Advertising*.

Claude's first wife, Clara, was born in Michigan about 1868. Claude and Clara had a daughter, Addie, who was born in Kentucky about 1885. While married to Clara, Claude built Pinecrest [7437 South Walker Road, Fruitport] in 1909 [1912] at a cost of \$50,000, the most expensive home on the lake at that time. After divorcing Clara, Claude married the widow Harriet Bentley Moon on July 14, 1914. She was born November 29, 1870 in Prairie City, Illinois. She attended the Jacksonville

Female Academy of Music and studied music in Illinois. Harriet was an avid gardener, and also wrote such stories as "My Symphonic Garden" and several articles for *House and Garden* magazine related to her garden. She attended a luncheon at the White House in 1934 given by Eleanor Roosevelt, where she was honored for helping to federate many garden clubs in Michigan. Each spring she hosted a spring festival on her estate for Tuesday Musicale, to which she would bring outstanding artists for concerts. About the time of his marriage to Harriet, Claude adopted her 15-year old daughter, Helen B. Claude died of apoplexy at his home, Pinecrest, on Spring Lake on September 21, 1932 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Helen, who lived from December 26, 1898 to June 29 1986, married Conrad Thornquist after Claude's death. Helen and Conrad lived at Pinecrest. Harriet Moon Hopkins died at Sylvan Nursing Home in Grand Haven on April 2, 1975 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 22, 1932, and *Spring Lake Clipper* obituary, September 22, 1932.]

David S. Hopkins [@1835-1918]

Born in New York about 1835, David Hopkins was an architect with offices in Grand Rapids, where he was located at least as early as 1870. Between 1901 and 1908 he designed, built, and then lived in "Highland Castle," at 27 Crescent Hill Drive in Highland Park. David also drew up the plans for the Hackley and Hume homes in Muskegon, now historical sites. He died in 1918. His wife, Florence F., was born in Ohio around 1850.

Franklin Hopkins [@1825- ?]

Franklin, the son of Benjamin and Catherine Lowe Hopkins, was born about 1825 in New York and came to Eastmanville in 1837 with the family. By 1850 he and his brothers, all sharing living quarters, were listed as lumbermen in Spring Lake Township. Living with Franklin in Spring Lake Township in 1850, were Mary, born about 1812; Silas C., born about 1817; Hannibal, born on September 5, 1821; John Vincent, born in June, 1819; and their mother, Catherine, born in 1784. Their father had died three years previously. All household members were born in New York State. Franklin was buried in the family plot at Eastmanville Cemetery, but the monument was not inscribed with dates. [*History of Ottawa County*, 1882, p. 115, and *Michigan Pioneer Collections*, Vol. 9, pp. 264-265.]

Hannibal Allen Hopkins [1821-1871]

Born in Ulysses, New York on September 5, 1821, Hannibal was the son of Benjamin and Catherine Lowe Hopkins. He was involved in lumbering and also agricultural pursuits, probably fruit growing, which by 1874, took up half of the improved land of the village.

In 1848 Hannibal was elected Ottawa County Sheriff. When the Village of Spring Lake was incorporated in 1869, Hannibal was elected its first Village President and held that position until his death. In 1870 he was present at the first borings of the Spring Lake Salt Company at the Hopkins Mill site, and when the drillers struck water at 200 feet, he identified it as magnetic waters, and the Magnetic Mineral Springs tourist boom was inaugurated. An 1882 history of Ottawa County noted he served as Representative to the State Legislature. Aside from lumbering operations, Hopkins also engaged in fruit growing.

In 1851 Hannibal married Emma C., the sister of Reverend William Comfort of Eastmanville. Emma was born in New York 1825. Benjamin and Emma had five children. One of their children, Frances H., became a teacher and in 1882 she was teaching 63 students in the primary department of Spring Lake School. Fannie, who married Fred Brown of Spring Lake, lived from 1860 to 1899. The other children, all born in Michigan, were Frank, who was born about 1857; Louisa, born about 1859; Emma H., who lived from 1862 to 1889 and was the wife of Wilber Smith; and William C., who lived from 1866 to 1871. Hannibal died on July 1, 1871. His widow was living in Spring Lake in 1882 and died of pneumonia in Lansing on May 16, 1891. Hannibal and Emma were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with their three youngest children. [*History of Ottawa County*, 1882, p. 115, *Michigan Pioneer Collections*, Vol. 9, pp. 264-265, and *Tribune* obituary, May 21, 1891.]

John Vincent Hopkins [1819-1868]

Born in Ulysses, New York, in June, 1819, the son of Benjamin Catherine Lowe Hopkins, John immigrated with his family to Canada in 1831 and left there in 1837, after the disastrous rebellion. In 1848, with two of his brothers, he built a sawmill at Spring Lake, where he moved after his father's death. John was elected Clerk for the organizational meeting of electors of Mill Point [Spring Lake] in 1849, John was put in office as Supervisor in 1851 and then from 1858 to 1866. In 1857 John married Sarah Gillette of Ionia County. They had four children. Just prior to his death on September 1, 1868, he and his wife moved to Detroit. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*History of Ottawa County*, 1882, p. 115, and *Michigan Pioneer Collections*, Vol. 9, pp. 264-265.]

John W. Hopkins I [1814-1883]

Born near Providence, Rhode Island in 1814 John Hopkins came to Grand Haven in 1836. He was elected Alderman of the Second Ward of Grand Haven's first City Council in 1867 and again in 1868. With George Friant, John operated a lumber and shingle company in Grand Haven during the 1850s and into the 1870s. John

was reputed to be "an extensive dealer in lumber and shingels." In October, 1860 he married Harriet M. Eldred, who was born in Hector, New York, on December 14, 1834, and educated at the Wesleyan Seminary at Lima, New York. She died on February 18, 1904. John and Harriet had four children: Charles, who died in infancy; Hattie, who was born in March, 1862 and married George Jenner of Grand Haven; John W. II, who was born about 1864 and moved to Chicago; and Laura, who was born in April, 1872, married John Harvey of Grand Haven, and died in May, 1902. John Harvey was born in Canada in February, 1867. John Hopkins I died on February 9, 1883. The home he built prior to 1864, on the west side of Third Street not far from Washington [15 South Third], was damaged in the great fire of 1889. That home was repaired and later moved to the northeast corner of Third and Sherman Streets [301 Sherman]. [*Tribune* obituary, February 19, 1904.]

Mordecai [Mordica/Mordicai] Lowe Hopkins [1827-1894]

Mordecai, the son of Benjamin and Catherine Lowe Hopkins, was born in New York in 1827 and arrived in Eastmanville in 1837 with the family. He worked as a clerk in a Grand Haven store, and then joined his brothers at their sawmill in Spring Lake. On April 2, 1849 he was elected Clerk when Mill Point electors met to organize the village. Mordecai was reelected and later became County Judge. He represented the district in both the House and the Senate of the Michigan legislature in 1855 and 1856. He enlisted in the 3rd Michigan Cavalry as Quartermaster on September 7, 1861 and was discharged the following year on June 1. [Hopkins was listed as "Mortimer L. Hopkins" in his service record.] During the remainder of the war he was Senior Editor of the *Chicago Times*, under Editor Storey. He returned to Michigan in 1871 and engaged in law business.

Mordecai married Sarah Frances Rathbone [Rathbun], then 18, on September 21, 1857, in Grand Rapids. Sarah was the daughter of Alfred Day Rathbone, an early attorney of that city. Mordecai and Sarah had at least two daughters: Emma, born in Michigan about 1859, and Anna, also a Michigan native, born around 1861. Mordecai died in Grand Rapids on May 19, 1894, the last member of Benjamin's family. At the time of his death, he owned some acreage along the shore of Spring Lake, part of which became the site for the Spring Lake Yacht Club. [*History of Ottawa County*, 1882, p. 115, *Michigan Pioneer Collections*, Vol. 9, pp. 264-265, "The Voice of the River," by Mrs John Ball, and *Tribune* obituary, May 21, 1894.]

Moses Barreth Hopkins I [1820-1869]

Born in Huron County, Ohio on June 16, 1820, Moses Hopkins studied law in Geneva, Illinois, where he became a member of the bar in 1849, and came to Grand Haven in September, 1851. He was Justice of the Peace, Circuit Court Commissioner, Prosecuting Attorney for Ottawa County, and Circuit Judge. A staunch Republican, Moses was elected to the Michigan State Legislature for the 1867-68 term. On February 13, 1840, in Milan, Ohio, he married Lamira Cockran, born March 2, 1823 in Cambridge, Vermont, one of 16 children. In 1834 Lamira had moved with her parents to Milan. Moses and Lamira had four children: Amanda, Augusta, Harry, and Moses Barreth II. The family resided on Third Street. After Moses died in Grand Haven on October 24, 1869, Lamira married William Irons. She died on December 3, 1891. [*Tribune* obituary, December 4, 1891.]

Silas C. Hopkins [1817- ?]

Silas, the son of Benjamin and Catherine Lowe Hopkins, was born in New York around 1817 and came to Eastmanville in 1837 with the family. With Thomas W. White, Silas platted the Village of Mill Point [Spring Lake] on December 10, 1849. On April 2, 1849 Silas was elected Supervisor when Mill Point electors met to organize the Village. He was buried at Eastmanville Cemetery, but the monument was not inscribed with dates. [*History of Ottawa County*, 1882, p. 115, and *Michigan Pioneer Collections*, Vol. 9, pp. 264-265.]

Duane K. Hoppe [1929-1975]

Hoppe Pharmacal Corporation produced vitamins, antacids, and fluoride tablets. The business was located at 1634 Marion in Grand Haven. The company's founder, Duane Hoppe, formerly of Grand Rapids, died of accidental causes in Indian Rocks Beach, Florida in July, 1975. He was born on December 2, 1929. His wife, Norma A., was Vice President-Secretary and ran the business with George Tilton, President, after Duane died. The Hoppes resided in Muskegon.

Gordon G. Hornby I [1914-1999]

The son of Frederick and Pearl M. Hall Hornby, Gordon was born in Detroit on January 11, 1914. He married Anna Marie "Irene" Kirk on April 6, 1936 in Chicago. The Hornbys moved from Chicago to Spring Lake in 1949, when Gordon became the owner and operator of West Michigan Rubber & Supply Company in Muskegon. The Hornbys lived at 308 North Park. He was a Rotarian, a member of the Spring Lake Country Club, and Secretary/Treasurer of the Spring Lake Yacht Club. Their children included Judy Ennenga of Spring Lake; Gordon II, who married Mary, the daughter of Kenneth and Lois King; and moved to Muskegon; and Michael of Traverse City. Gordon died on September 5, 1999.

Paul Haverstick Hostetter [1899-1968]

Paul Hostetter was founder of the Hostetter News Agency, located first at 112 Washington before moving in 1938 to 135 Washington. Paul moved from his home state of Pennsylvania to Muskegon in the early 1920s. He arrived in Grand Haven in 1926 as an employee of the Muskegon News Agency, which he bought two years later. In the early years of the business, Paul partnered with William Grunst of Grand Haven. William owned a tobacco shop at 112 Washington. On October 2, 1923 Paul married Grace Agnes Hume in Muskegon. Grace, the daughter of George Hume, was born about 1901 in Muskegon. Around 1930 he married Mildred A. Taylor. That year they resided at 222 Lafayette Street. Their children were Carol, who remained in the Grand Haven area, and Judy, who married Paul Fuller and moved to Illinois. Judy and a son, Paul II, were residing in Illinois in 2011. Paul was born April 9, 1899 in Manheim, Pennsylvania and died towards the end of October, 1968. Mildred remained in their home at 1000 Sheldon after his death, but eventually moved to Sandpiper Adult Foster Care Home at 16908 130th Avenue in Crockery Township. Mildred lived from August 13, 1903 to July 7, 1996, and their home on Sheldon was sold the next year. Paul and Mildred were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Frank Leonardo Hough [1858-1938]

Frank Hough owned a 29-acre fruit farm in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township. In the 1880 census he was listed as a "Horticulturist." By 1912 he had sold 18 of his westernmost acreage to Olaf Dahlman, who owned an adjacent farm. Frank retained 11 acres with frontage on Spring Lake. Frank was born in Lenawee County, Michigan on July 6, 1858. In 1880 he married Zoe McLain. On January 11, 1893 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, he married Eugenia Anna Heinlen. Frank died in Ypsilanti on December 21, 1938.

M. H. Houghton [? - ?]

The Unitarian Church in Grand Haven was organized in April, 1875, when Rev. Houghton arrived as Pastor. Prior to his arrival the church had a series of temporary clergymen. When Houghton left Grand Haven about eight months later, he was replaced by Rev. George W. Cook.

Henry [Howard/Horace] H. Howe [1840- ?]

Henry Howe, born in New York about 1840, enlisted in Company K of the 13th New York Infantry on August 22, 1862. He transferred to Company I of the 140th New York Infantry on June 23 the next year. On the following July 13 Henry was listed as a deserter. After the war he became a saw filer in this area, but began operating heavy equipment in 1875. In 1876 he became engineer

at the Bell Sawmill in Spring Lake. Henry was born about 1840. He was listed in the 1893 *Directory* as a resident of Spring Lake Township.

Nelson Robert Howlett [1840-1920]

Born in Grandville, Michigan on March 29, 1840, Nelson was the son of Robert and Elizabeth Thompson Howlett. Nelson had an active interest in the Munroe, Boyce & Company Sawmill, in which Stephen L. Munroe and Sherman H. Boyce were partners. In 1876 he was elected Secretary of the Ottawa County Booming Company. Nelson was President of the National Bank of Grand Haven in the early 1900s. It was Nelson Howlett who owned the toll bridge between Spring Lake and Grand Haven, the subject of substantial controversy in 1902. He was a Mason.

On May 1, 1867, in Grand Haven, Nelson married Sarah Cordelia, daughter of Leonard and Amarilla Wheeler Munroe. Sarah was born on March 16, 1841. Dr. Stephen Munroe of Grand Haven was her uncle. The Howletts had two daughters, both born locally: Orpha, who was born on August 16, 1868 and married Dr. Herman Frederick Ratte [Rattie] of Los Angeles, California, where she died on April 17, 1947, and Marian Cordelia, who was born in September, 1871 and married David Albertson Garfield I of Albion, Michigan. About the time of Marian's birth, Sarah and Nelson were divorced. In 1872 Sarah and the two children moved to Albion, where she lived for a year with her uncle, Dr. Stephen Munroe, who later provided her with a home in that city. Sarah, who remained in Albion the rest of her life, died on January 9, 1913 while visiting her daughter in Los Angeles.

On November 14, 1893, in Spring Lake, Nelson married Frederika Matilde [Mathilda] Schneider Baker, the widow of William Chapman Baker III. Frederika and William had a son Looe, who was born in Detroit on January 18, 1884. Looe spent his youth in Spring Lake, and opened a medical practice in Minneapolis, where he resided with his wife and children. Mathilde was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on January 11, 1861 [1855]. She died on June 19, 1913 at Yonkers, New York, following a stroke that left her paralyzed while on a trip to New York City. Nelson and Mathilde spent summers at a 45-acre estate in Sections 15 and 10 of Spring Lake Township [17600 West Spring Lake Road, just east of today's Spring Lake Yacht Club], owned by William Chapman Baker II. The Howletts' primary residence was 482 Sheldon Terrace in Grand Haven. Nelson sold the Sheldon Terrace home to his nephew, William Hatton, and moved to Fourth Street, where he died on March 28, 1920 and was interred in the Howlett-Loutit Mausoleum at Lake Forest Cemetery. Interred with him were his wife, Mathilde, and her son, Looe, who died on

July 16, 1954. [*Tribune* obituaries, June 19, 1913 and March 29, 1920.]

Robert Howlett [1805-1896]

Born in River Trent, England on June 10, 1805, Robert Howlett in 1830 immigrated to Geneva, New York, then to Plymouth, Michigan, and finally on to Grand Rapids, where he arrived in 1832 with 30 head of cattle. That year he purchased 293 acres in Wyoming, Kent County. The next year he married Elizabeth Thompson of Plymouth. She was born May 24, 1810 and died on April 17, 1887. George Thompson of Grand Haven was her brother. In 1854 Robert sold his Kent County farm and settled in Grand Haven. On March 1, 1856 he bought 27 acres in Section 22 of Spring Lake Township. In Grand Haven he purchased the schooner *Heligoland*. William R. Loutit, became the ship's Captain, and in 1862 he married the Howletts' daughter, Ann Elizabeth, who was born in Grandville, Michigan on March 12, 1838. Robert Howlett bought the tug *Mary Bell* in Buffalo, New York, and for eight years operated it out of Grand Haven, acting as Captain. It was the first tug brought to Grand Haven harbor. He also owned at various times the schooners *Japan*, *Little Bell*, and *Minerva*. Later he purchased the *Pentland*, which carried ore to the blast furnaces in Fruitport, again with himself as Master. Robert also was Secretary of the Ottawa County Booming Company when it was organized in 1865, a post his son would later hold. Robert constructed the building at 201-203 Washington in 1872, which was known for decades as the Howlett Block. Robert and his wife lived at 704 Pennoyer. He died October 24, 1896 and was honored with a Mason's funeral. He was interred in the Howlett-Loutit Mausoleum at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. John, their son, lived from March 10, 1834 to January 26, 1903 and also was interred in the Mausoleum. Nelson, another son, was born in Grandville on March 29, 1840.

Birney G. Hoyt [1885-1916]

Birney, the son of Charles and Esther Hoyt of Grand Haven, was born in 1885 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1905. He entered the insurance field in the early 1900s, sharing an office with his father on the second floor of 208 Washington and later at 100 Washington in downtown Grand Haven. He also was a member of the bar and had a law office in Grand Rapids in the late 1880s. In Grand Haven, he and his parents lived at 528 Lake Avenue. Birney died around May 13, 1916.

Charles K. Hoyt [1859-1918]

Born in Jackson, Michigan on June 18, 1859, Charles was next to the youngest child in a family of six. His father was Nelson Hoyt, born January 16, 1820 in

Manlius, New York, and his mother, Elizabeth, was the daughter of Peter Barber. Elizabeth died August 4, 1863. Charles taught school in Jackson, Hanley, and Hudsonville, and then left teaching to start a general store in Hudsonville, which he operated until 1893. He served as Postmaster for four years. In 1893 he represented Ottawa County in the State Legislature. From 1895 to 1901 he was Ottawa County Clerk, in 1902 and 1903 he was Mayor of Grand Haven, and in 1904 he became Justice of the Peace and Chief Deputy Game Warden of Michigan. In 1904 he opened a general insurance office in Grand Haven, which included real estate and collections. He was a Republican and member of the Congregational Church.

On November 18, 1880 Charles married Esther M., born March 19, 1863, the daughter of William H. and Anna Barber of New York. The Hoyts had eight children, all born locally: Birney J., who was born in January, 1885; Ralph, born in July, 1888; Harold, born in May, 1891; Marjorie [Madge/Maggie], born in August, 1893; Victor H., born in May, 1896; Esther, born in December, 1899; Mary, who lived from 1900 to April 26, 1989; and Nelson Charles, who was born in 1902 and relocated to Detroit. Esther, the mother, who had taught at the Belle Schoolhouse, died of congestive heart failure on June 15, 1906 at the family home at 528 Lake Avenue. Charles died about July 30, 1918 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 15, 1906 and *Tribune* article, April, 1907.]

George E. Hubbard [1833-1891]

Born May 13, 1833 in Hamilton, New York, George was the son of Alonzo and Elvira Poole Hubbard and brother of Mrs Walter Talbot of Phoenix, Arizona and Nellie, who married Heber Squier of Grand Haven. George's mother, born in Goshen, Massachusetts on April 27, 1812 died in Grand Haven on March 11, 1894. She and Alonzo were married on March 13, 1832. After George's birth the family moved to Detroit. From there George was sent to Cleveland to live with his grandparents and attend school. By 1847 George's parents were in Cleveland, and he finished high school there. After a successful start in the hardware business in Cleveland, George went to Chicago in 1854, where he pursued the same line of work for two years before coming to Grand Haven in 1856. A tinsmith himself, he opened the first tin and hardware store in Grand Haven at the northeast corner of Washington and First Streets, specializing in stoves, hand-wrought tin, copper, and iron products. In 1859 the American Express Company opened an office in Grand Haven and appointed George its first agent, the first to serve west of Grand Rapids. An 1863 business directory listed George as express and insurance agent, as well as hardware and cutlery dealer. In the 1870 census George was listed as a hardware merchant, and in

1871 he completed construction of the first three-story brick building in Grand Haven to house his tin and hardware business. George was elected Mayor of Grand Haven in 1872, in 1873, and again in 1880. He served as City Alderman of the First Ward in 1883. In 1882 he was Vice President of the Herald Publishing Company. Two years later he was in the wholesale and retail tobacco trade and a producer of cigars with James C. Avery. He was a charter member of the Masons, and he was part of the Grand Haven Concert Band when it was formed in 1868.

On March 16, 1856, in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, George married Christiana, daughter of John Landreth. She was born at Clayton, New York on August 16, 1836 and died in Grand Haven on August 2, 1920. Her family came to Dexter, Michigan, then moved to Cleveland. The Hubbards had three children: George, who was born in 1858 and moved to Chicago; Mamie F. "May," who was born in 1861 and married Edward P.. Dake of Grand Haven; and Nettie, who was born on December 25, 1867 and married Will Weston of Grand Haven. The Hubbards resided at 220 Columbus Street and 114 South Fourth. George died in Phoenix, Arizona on July 25, 1891. Both Hubbards were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. [*Tribune* obituaries, July 27, 1891, March 12, 1894 and August 25, 1920.]

Herald L. Hubbell [1894-1984]

The family of Herald L. and Mabelle N. Hubbell owned the cottage at 90 Poplar Ridge in Highland Park for 50 years before selling it to William and Julie Beaton. Herald was born on September 28, 1894 and died in Zeeland, Michigan on June 19, 1984. Mabelle lived from June 7, 1896 to October 24, 1982. Norwood Hubbel, born on September 4, 1918, was their son.

Norwood E. Hubbell [1918-1973]

In 1946 Norwood Hubbell and Henry T. Parker formed Harbor Industries for the manufacture of "point of purchase" advertising equipment. In June five years later Norwood, Henry, William Wendell Vivian, and John Wierenga started Fleetwood Furniture Company. Located at 8 North Seventh Street, the company specialized in the manufacture of juvenile "Swing-Line" furniture. The son of Herald and Mabelle Hubbell, Norwood was born on September 4, 1918 and passed away in Holland on August 27, 1973. Norwood resided in Zeeland with his wife, Helen.

Gustave "Gus" Hubert [1846-1911]

Born in Germany in November, 1846, Gus was the son of August Hubert, who was born in Breslan, Germany on January 18, 1822 and died in Grand Haven on March 5, 1900. Gus's mother, Emelia, was born about 1825

and died in Grand Haven on March 21, 1921. Gus's siblings included Carl of Blendon; Herman; Anna Barhe of Lisbon; and Matilda "Tillie," who married Lachman Kolberg of Grand Haven. Hubert was known for his skill in mechanics and his many inventions. About 1868 he came to Grand Haven, and in 1872 he established the Grand Haven Wagon Works at the corner of Third and Elliott Streets [255 Third Street]. His father, August, sometimes helped him, and he also hired Mr Hoffmeistert to do the woodwork and Mr Teunis for the ironwork. By 1892 the name of the business had been changed to Grand Haven Manufacturing Company. That year he patented the celery plow, used successfully in Michigan.

On April 9, 1874, in Grand Haven, Gus married Augusta Hubert. She was born in New York in July, 1856. Their children, all born in Michigan, included Matilda, who was born about 1875 and married Lawrence Breitels; Bertha M., who was born in October, 1877 and married Richard Huizenga; Henry G., who was born in April, 1880; Anna "Annie," who was born in November, 1882 and married Henry Van Dongen of Grand Haven; and Frederick William, who was born on December 14, 1889. Henry became Superintendent of the John F. Corl Piano Company in Grand Haven. Henry and his wife, Jennie, lived at 1103 Washington. The Hubert children all lived in Grand Haven. Gustave died of "kidney trouble" at his home at 212 North Third Street on March 19, 1911 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Augusta lived from 1856 to 1935 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 6, 1900, March 20, 1911, and March 24, 1912.]

William Cass [c.1827- ?] and Hughes [? - ?]

William Cass in partnership with Mr Hughes opened a photography studio in Grand Haven in January, 1865. William was born in New York around 1827, and his wife, Adela, came from the same state, where she was born around 1837. William was still in the photography business in Grand Haven as late as 1880.

Henry Huisman [1905-1962]

Born in Grand Rapids August 9, 1905, Henry was the son of Klaas Huisman, who died about March 26, 1963. Henry became a registered civil engineer in 1939 and was City Surveyor for over 20 years, as well as surveyor for Ottawa County. His employment included work on the Memorial Bridge, the harbor survey for the Corps of Engineers, the Sewage Disposal Plant, and the Colfax-Sheldon sewer line. He was a partner in T & H Associates [Terrill & Huisman], a private engineering firm. He was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church and Grand Haven Christian School Board. Henry was scoutmaster for the Boy Scout troop and was interested in youth activities. On October 2, 1934 he

married Jennie Hoebeke. They had three sons, James of Saginaw, Gary, and Donald. Henry died at his home, 1875 Doris, on July 21 1962. Jennie passed away on July 5, 2001 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 21, 1962.]

John Huisman [1911-1977]

In 1953 John Huisman started Haven Harness at 234 Washington. His company produced wiring for home appliances and other items. He sold to Electrical Assemblies in 1956. John resided at 830 Slayton. He was born on September 24, 1911 and died in Grand Haven on October 22, 1977. His wife, Dorothy I., continued to reside at the home on Slayton after John's death. She was a lunchroom worker with the Grand Haven Public Schools. Dorothy passed away on November 22, 2004 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

Harm Huizenga [1849-1921]

Harm Huizenga and his wife, Bertha, had a small farm at 1245 Washington. Harm, a native of The Netherlands, lived from April, 1849 [1848] to 1921 and his wife from March, 1846 to 1925. She also was born in The Netherlands. They had two sons: Richard, born in The Netherlands in May, 1877, and Cobert, born in Michigan in April, 1883. Harm and Bertha were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John Huls I [c.1894-1955] Edward Huls [1917-1980], and John Huls II [1926-1994]

Brothers Edward and John Huls owned Huls Garage at 122 North Ferry at least as early as 1940. Their father, John Huls I, also participated in the business. Edward lived from June 21, 1917 to April, 1980 and John from July 11, 1926 to April 20, 1994. Edward and his wife, Alice J., resided at 15213 160th Avenue in Grand Haven Township. John and Helen Huls lived at 1210 South Griffin. By the late 1940s the brothers' garage was located at 321 North Seventh and then at 1441 Slayton. Jessie, the wife of John I, was born in The Netherlands on October 1, 1895 and passed away on March 27 1977. Her husband, John Huls I, was born in Illinois about 1894. In 1920 the family resided in Crockery Township, but by 1930 it was located in Spring Lake. In the mid-1920s, John I was a mechanic with the Vyn Transportation Company. They were then living at 133 Elliott Street. John and Jessie next moved to 529 Madison. John I passed away about April 23, 1955. He, Jessie, John II, and Edward were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Alexander H. Hume [1871-1962]

A native of Canada, where he was born in 1871, Alexander Hume moved to Grand Haven and worked for the Grand Trunk Railroad and later was employed as

traffic manager at Challenge Machinery. Alexander was a lifetime member of the Masons and a charter member of the Grand Haven Stag Club. He married Minnie Waters in Grand Haven on July 21, 1898. They resided at 1304 Pennoyer. Minnie was born in England in 1875 and died about March 7, 1955. Alexander died around May 11, 1962 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife.

Seymour B. Humphrey [1848- ?]

Seymour was born in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin on May 31, 1848. His parents were Samuel B. and Annie M. White Humphrey. Seymour worked at his father's flour mill after completing his formal education in Milwaukee when he was 17. In 1871 he left his father's flour-mill business to work as bookkeeper for the Engelman Transportation Company. Two years later the company transferred him to Grand Haven. In 1875 Engelman Transportation was purchased by Northwestern Transportation Company of Milwaukee. Seymour was Secretary and Treasurer of the Grand Haven and Spring Lake Rowing Company.

Henry Harrison Hungerford [1857-1945]

In 1877 Henry Harrison Hungerford, with C. Alton Pearson as his partner, purchased Aloys Bilz's hardware business in Spring Lake. They advertised that they were "Dealers in Heavy & Shelf Hardware, Paints and oils. Plumbing and Steam Fitting a Specialty. Jobbers in Tin, Copper, and Sheet Iron." On October 11, 1882 in Spring Lake Henry married Eveline [Evaline/Evelyn] Gee. She was born in Palmyra, Ohio on February 5, 1861. She passed away in Saugatuck on August 15, 1936 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Henry, who lived from September 22, 1857 to October, 1945, also worked as a tinsmith. He died in Saugatuck and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Horace Harrison and Rosina Miller Hungerford I were his parents.

Horace Harrison Hungerford I [1804-1857]

Horace was born on October 23, 1804 in Frankfort, Herkimer County, New York, the son of Amos and China Harrison Hungerford. He moved to Nortonville in 1845 and then to Spring Lake, where he became a tinsmith. On November 8, 1843 he married his second wife, Rosina [Rosanna] Miller, who was born in France [Germany], lived from December 25, 1826 to March 7, 1895 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. In 1880 Rosina was a servant in the Hunter Savidge home. Horace was one of the charter members and officers of the Grand Haven Lodge of the International Order of Odd Fellows in 1850. Horace evidently had a son from his first marriage, Horace II, who died in Spring Lake on January 18, 1855 at the age of 19 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Horace and Rosina had a daughter, Mary, who was born locally about 1844, and a

son, John T., who was born locally about 1846. Another son, Henry Harrison Hungerford, was born on September 22, 1857. Rosina and Horace's other children were Mary Elizabeth, born about 1844; Jenny, born about 1846; and Frederick John, whose birth date was unknown, but was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Grant Hunter [1834- ?]

Grant Hunter was born in New York in August, 1834 and his wife, Sarah, was born in Canada in September, 1833 and immigrated to the United States in 1856. By 1880 Grant and Sarah were settled in Ferrysburg, where Grant was first a laborer and later a farmer. Their son, Robert, was born in Ontario, Canada on June 3, 1856, and a daughter, Catherine, was born in Ottawa County in November, 1871 [1868] and married James B. Johnston of Ferrysburg. Catherine was widowed in 1896 and by 1900 was living with her parents. Grant and Sarah had another daughter, Kate, who was born in 1869.

Robert Grant Hunter [1856-1935]

Robert was born in Callander, Ontario, Canada on June 3, 1856, the son of Grant and Sarah Gesaw Hunter. Grant was born in New York in 1834, and Sarah was a native of Canada, where she was born in 1833. Robert first married Alice L. Larraway in Grand Haven on January 18, 1879. Alice, the daughter of Wallace and Julia Larraway, was born in 1860. Robert and Alice had one child, Jessie, who was born in Grand Haven in 1879. Then, on February 15, 1883, in Grand Haven, Robert married Mary Christina Lang, who was born in Canada in April, 1859. Robert and Mary lived in Ferrysburg and had a son, William L., who was born in May, 1884, married Mary E. Penn [1894-1967], and died on July 19, 1955 in Silver Lake, Indiana; a daughter, Mary Loutit, who was born on June 12, 1889 in Ferrysburg, married Howard W. Kaar [1887-1977], and died in Louisiana in 1981; and a second son, Arthur Leroy, born in Ferrysburg on May 10, 1899, married Maudie May Sickafus [August 3, 1907-March 18, 1995], and died in 1952 in Indiana. Robert G. died on October 21, 1935 in Winona Lake, Indiana, and his wife, Mary, died on September 30, 1940 in Gary, Indiana. The Hunters were buried at Warsaw. Robert had a sister, Kate, who married James B. Johnston of Ferrysburg.

Theron F. Hunter [1815-1892]

A native of Brownsville, New York, where he was born on July 25, 1815, Theron Hunter moved to Marshall, Michigan in 1856 and came to Crockery Township the next year, where he established a 160-acre farm in Section 25. On January 13, 1842, he married Priscilla Becker, who was born in Onondaga County, New York. Theron died on November 13, 1892 and was buried with his wife at Ottawa Center Cemetery in Crockery

Township. Priscilla [Persilla] lived from August 13, 1823 to August 7, 1882.

Isaac M. Hunting [1837-1879]

Isaac Hunting from Grand Haven held the rank of Major with Company F of the 21st Michigan Infantry during the Civil War. He enlisted on August 21, 1862 and was discharged on January 23, 1863 for disability. On June 15, 1854 he purchased 120 acres in Section 32 of Polkton Township, and after the war he evidently settled in Courtland Township, Kent County. He was born in Dutchess County, New York, on April 25, 1837 and died in Courtland Township on April 28, 1879, where he also was buried. His wife, Sarah J., also was from New York State. They had a son, Isaac E., born in Courtland on May 14, 1870.

David Fletcher Hunton [Hunten] [1829-1915] and Frances A. White Hunton [1851-1893]

Born in West Wadsworth, Vermont in 1851, Frances came to the Grand Haven area about 1867 with her parents, William S. and Hannah D. White. She was a member of the Methodist Church. On December 6, 1869 she and David Fletcher Hunton were married in Grand Haven. David's first wife was Eliza Kelley, whom he married on May 28, 1854. David was born on February 2, 1829 in Sullivan County, New Hampshire and came to Grand Haven in 1866, where he remained a prominent lawyer until shortly before his death. David and Frances Hunton resided in a large home at 231 Howard Street, part of an eight and a half acre estate. Their children, all born in Michigan, included Bertha Angela, who was born in 1870, married Reuben C. Graves, and died December 24, 1894; Frances C., who was born in 1873, died on March 9, 1893, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Clara F., who was born about 1874; Meilita [Miletta] E., born in 1875; and Rothie [Rothsus] F., born in 1886. After Frances's death on March 2, 1893 David married Ida J. Flagle on January 1, 1895 in Grand Haven. Ida was the daughter of James Richardson of Robinson Township. On December 21, 1902 in Grand Haven David married Helen Mary Bradey [Braddy], his fourth wife. Helen, a widow, was born in Indiana in April, 1832 and moved to Grand Haven from Pontiac, Illinois shortly after 1900. David still was practicing law in Grand Haven in 1908. He also was known locally as a poet and wrote in excess of 500 poems, some of which were published. He passed away on December 5, 1915 at the Ottawa County Poor Farm [Infirmary] in Eastmanville. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 9, 1893 and December 6, 1915.]

Martin O. Hurless [Hurliss] [1843 -1929]

In 1864 Martin Hurless served for 100 days as Private with Company A of the 140th Illinois Infantry during the Civil War.. While living in Spring Lake, he held various

offices with Weatherwax Post #75 of the Grand Army of the Republic between 1921 and 1927. On October 25, 1866 in Whiteside County, Illinois Martin married Minerva Jane Nance. Martin was born in Ohio in September, 1843. Minerva was born in Indiana around 1841. They were living in Fenton, Illinois in 1880. Martin was then a merchant. At that time Martin and Minerva had five children. Twenty years later they were in Chicago with eight children, three born after 1880. On July 24, 1909 in Chicago he married Maria [Marie/Mariah] Stephens Piper. They were still in Chicago in 1910 and 1920. She was born in Louisville, Kentucky about 1854 and was married to a Mr Piper before she married Martin.. He died on October 22, 1919 in Chicago. Maria died in Spring Lake on June 15, 1924. A son, Elmer C. Hurless, also lived in Spring Lake from at least 1920 into the 1930s. Born in Illinois about 1875, he married Myrl Bache in Muskegon on March 19, 1916. Myrl was born in Coopersville on March 16, 1893 and died in Spring Lake on April 6, 1956. Elmer and Myrl had remained in the family home at 215 East Savidge until her death. [*Tribune* obituaries, June 16, 1924 and April 7, 1956.]

George Hutchinson [1842-1902]

George Hutchinson was head sales agent for the Grand Haven Leather Company [Eagle Ottawa], prior to 1900. He was 60 years old when he died on March 12, 1902.

Alfred Heber Huty [1878-1954]

Born in Grand Haven on September 16, 1878, Alfred was the son of Joseph and Susan Squier Huty. The family resided at 215 Franklin. Alfred was a painter and etcher. At 15 he was awarded an art school scholarship and attended the St. Louis School of Fine Arts and the Art Students' League, in New York, under Chase and Harrison. During WWI he was a member of the Camouflage Corps and afterward went to Charleston, South Carolina, where he was Director of the Carolina Art Association School. His pencil drawings and etchings were exhibited at Corcoran Gallery, Washington, D.C. and in many museums in the U.S. and abroad. Alfred died in 1954. ["Artists of Early Michigan," p. 142.]

Frederick Acheson Huty I [1860-1917]

Born in Ontario, Canada in October, 1860, Fred was the son of Peter and Margaret Gray Huty. Fred was Postmaster of the Grand Haven office from 1898 to 1915. He married Birdie Miranda Squier about 1886. The daughter of Heber I and Miranda Rose Squier, she was born in August, 1867 in Grand Haven and died on January 15, 1920 in Lansing. Birdie's sister, Susan, married Fred's brother, Joseph W. Huty. Fred and Birdie lived at 215 Franklin. The Hutys' children included Clarence Bernard, who was born on July 17,

1888 in Michigan, served with the U.S. Coast Guard in Whitehall during WWI, and died on March 1, 1954 in Santa Clara County, California; Margaret Gray, who was born in Grand Haven on October 17, 1889, did not marry, and died on September 14, 1973 in East Lansing; and Helen and Fred A. Huty II, who were born January 20, 1901. Helen married William J. Trickey of East Lansing, where she died in April, 1985. Fred married Orpha Exner on April 25, 1925 in New York City and lived in Lansing before moving to Wayne County, Michigan, where he died on June 19, 1978. The elder Huty died in Grand Haven on June 17, 1917, and he and his wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 16, 1920.]

Joseph Warren Huty [1840-1893]

Born in Toronto, Canada in 1840, Joseph was the son of Peter and Margaret Gray Huty and brother of Fred A. Huty of Grand Haven. Joseph went to Yonkers, New York when he was 26 to learn the telegraph and railway business. He was employed by the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad and the Chicago & West Michigan Railway for about nine years. Around 1876 he opened a drug and stationery store at 135 Washington in Grand Haven. Otis Dickinson was his partner for a few years, at least. Frederick was a member of the I.O.O.F. [International Order of Odd Fellows] and was Past Grand of Ottawa Lodge, No. 45, the Royal Arcanum, A.O.U.W., Knights of Honor, Chosen Friends, and Fraternal Protectors. He and his family moved to Leavenworth, Kansas about 1885. His wife, Susan, was born in New York around 1848. She was the daughter of Heber and Miranda Rose Squier and sister of Fred Huty's wife, Birdie. Joseph and Susan had a daughter, Alice M., who was born about 1870; another daughter, Jesse, born about 1873; a son, Alfred Heber, who was born September 16, 1878 in Grand Haven and died in 1954; and a second son, Roland, who was born in May, 1880. Joseph died of Bright's Disease in Leavenworth on June 9, 1893 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 10, 1893.]

Charles Hyde [1842-1921]

Born in Canada in March, 1842, Charles Hyde came to the Spring Lake area in the 1880s. A carpenter by trade, he built several cottages on Spring Lake at North Lake Avenue, which he rented, and he also ran the Nortonville Boarding House. He and his wife, Eliza, had several children, including George, who remained in Spring Lake; Mary, who married a Mr Jones and moved to Detroit; Adelaide, who married a Mr Proudlove of Spring Lake; Anna, who married a Mr Rynlander and moved to Chicago; and Carrie, who married a Mr Gardner and also relocated to Chicago. Charles died at his home in Spring Lake on December 18, 1921. Eliza, born in Canada in November, 1850 [1851], died in 1926. The couple was

buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 19, 1921.]

John F. Hyde [1921-1990]

John Hyde and Edward Schewe started Ottawa Laboratories on Taylor Street in Grand Haven to produce DDT-based insecticides. The business closed two years later. John lived at 310½ Franklin at the time. John was born on May 4, 1921 and died in Grand Haven on February 18, 1990. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Daniel James Hyland [1880-1948]

Father Daniel Hyland served as Pastor at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Grand Haven from September 15, 1911 until his death on September 25, 1948. He was born in Wyoming, Kent County, Michigan on April 27, 1880 and ordained on June 26, 1907. His father, Michael, was born in Ireland about 1845 and his mother, Sophia, was born in Pennsylvania around 1849. Rev. Hyland resided at the Catholic manse at 812 Fulton.

Burton Imig [1917-1983]

In the 1960s Burton Imig and Arnold Redeker took over the Ford dealership at 12-16 North Third in Grand Haven and named it Imig & Redeker. When Burton sold his interest, his name was dropped. Burton was born on May 6, 1917 and died in Grand Haven on July 3, 1983. He and his wife, Gladys A., resided at 15765 Ronny Road in Grand Haven Township. Gladys lived from September 9, 1920 to January 24, 1986.

Charles W. Ingraham [1834-1897]

Born in Dutchess, New York in October, 1834 [1835], Charles Ingraham came to Michigan in 1838 and to Ottawa County in 1863. He owned a 28-acre farm in Section 6 of Allendale Township, on the banks of the Grand River. Charles was Supervisor of Allendale Township, Town Clerk, School Inspector, and Justice of the Peace, and in 1891 he was elected County Register of Deeds. For 15 years he was country schoolmaster. He was a Republican and later a member of the People's Party, and he also was a Spiritualist for 30 years. On March 23, 1864, in Jackson, Michigan, Charles married Adele [Adelia/Delia] Harper, who was born in March, 1845 in Michigan and died around March 17, 1918. They had three daughters: Edith [Ednah], who was born in 1865 and on June 18, 1890 in Jamestown Township married William H. Ralya of Allendale; Lulu [Lou], who was born in August, 1868 [1869] and became a teacher in Grand Haven; and Rose W., who was born in November, 1881 [1882]. The Ingrahams owned a farm on Bass River, but moved to 406 Howard Street in 1891. Charles died January 24, 1897. He and Adele were buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, January 25, 1897.]

Lulu “Lou” Ingraham [1868–1959]

Born in Ottawa County in August, 1868 [1869], Lou was the daughter of Charles W. and Adele Harper Ingraham. Lou became a teacher at the Columbus Street School in 1896. She was Principal until the school closed upon the opening of a new building in 1913, later known as Ferry School. Lou then began teaching at Central School. She was active in the Red Cross and the Free Bed Guild. She lived with her widowed mother at 406 Howard. Lou died about October 17, 1959 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her parents.

Robert S. Innes [Innis] [1834- ?]

Robert Innes was born about 1834 in New York. He was located in Grand Rapids by 1860. On December 6, 1861 he enlisted as First Lieutenant in the 1st Michigan Engineers, but resigned on December 6 the next year. Like his brother William, Robert was a Civil Engineer and returned to Grand Rapids after the Civil War. His only known connection with Northwest Ottawa County was through his brother.

William Power Innes [Innis] [1826–1893]

William Innes, born in Albany, New York in 1826, arrived in Grand Haven in the spring of 1853 to supervise a railroad survey between Ada and Grand Haven for the Oakland & Ottawa Railway, as it was called then. In 1860 he was residing in Grand Rapids, but he purchased acreage in Sections 16 and 21 of Crockery Township prior to 1864. He was credited with building the first store in Nunica in 1859 and running a general merchandise outlet with his brother, Robert S. Innes. On September 12, 1861 William enlisted in Company S of the 1st Michigan Engineers as Colonel. He was promoted to Brevet Brigadier General and was mustered out on October 26, 1864. After the war William returned to Grand Rapids, where he was listed in 1870 and 1880 as an insurance and real estate agent. William died on August 2, 1893 and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids. He married Adrianna [Arianna] Tinkham, who was born in New York about 1831 and died in Grand Rapids. She also was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery. William and Adrianna had at least four children, including Eliza, born about 1857 in Michigan, and William, born about 1859, also in Michigan.

James Edward Ireland [1920-1998]

James was born on December 22, 1920 in Spring Lake to Madison and Lucy Ames Ireland. He married Phyllis Henry in Fruitport on December 30, 1966, his second marriage. James was Caretaker at the Spring Lake Cemetery, where he retired in 1982. He served with the Army Air Corps during WWII. Children by his first wife included Roger of Muskegon and Michael of

Nunica. His two step-daughters were Helen Haring of Grant, Michigan, and Bonnie Hudson of Spring Lake. James died on December 4, 1998 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Frank Henry Irish [1862-1919]

The son of Henry D. and Abba J. Nash Irish, Frank was titled the “junior” proprietor of the new Cutler House in 1897. Starting in about 1861 he and his father worked together managing various hotels throughout West Michigan, including the “New Livingston” Hotel and Sweet’s in Grand Rapids, the Spring Lake House around 1890, and the Wright House in Alma. Frank was born on March 3, 1862 and died on September 8, 1919. He and his father returned to run the rebuilt Cutler House in the middle 1890s. Frank married Lillie May Cook on September 26, 1892. Lillie lived from May 9, 1863 to May 9, 1921. Husband and wife were buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

Henry D. Irish [1834-1914]

Henry Irish was Manager of the Cutler House as early as 1884 until it burned down in 1889. He next managed the Spring Lake House and then the Wright House in Alma for short periods. In the early 1890s he managed the “New Livingston Hotel” in Grand Rapids for three years. Before returning to the rebuilt Cutler House, Henry spent a year at Sweet’s, also in Grand Rapids. He was still at the Cutler House as late as 1897. Evidently he and his son Frank worked together in the hotel business from about 1881 on. Henry was born in Vermont on January 17, 1834 and moved to Michigan with his parents when he was a boy. His father, David, was born in 1810 and his mother, Leonora Lion, was born in Shelburne, Vermont in 1812 and died on January 24, 1899. Henry married Abba J. Nash on February 14, 1854. Abba was born on May 26, 1829 and died on October 6, 1912. Henry died on April 21, 1914.

Maude A. Isherwood [1872-1923]

Born in Michigan in June, 1872, Maude Isherwood was a member of the Grand Haven High School faculty. In May, 1905 she was appointed Principal of the high school. She taught German and Latin. Maude also taught at the Ottawa County Normal School in Grand Haven. She lived at 312 South Fifth Street with Margaret Lewis. Maude died August 31, 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 1, 1923.]

Andrew Jackson Itsell [1837-1920]

Andrew Itsell was born in Michigan about 1837. On July 27, 1863 he went to Howell, Michigan to enlist in Company K of the 10th Michigan Cavalry and was given the rank of Captain. He was mustered out on October 24, 1865. Andrew was Superintendent of Grand Haven

Schools from 1867 to 1869. Prior to 1880 he and his wife, Agnes "Aggie," moved to San Francisco, California, where he was a teacher. She was born about 1849 in Pennsylvania. In 1892 Andrew applied for an invalid's pension. Twenty-eight years later, on April 13, while living in California, Aggie applied for a widow's pension, indicating that Andrew had recently died. The Itells had two daughters and a son: Ida May, William F., and Aggie Maud.

Chauncy [Chancy] Ives [1837-1918]

Born in July, 1937 in New York, Chauncy Ives owned a wholesale and retail butcher business in Coopersville. He came to the Ottawa County area in 1863. In 1870 he provided a "testimonial" to the "curative properties" of the magnetic waters at the Spring Lake Hotel. His wife, Mary, also a native of New York, was born in 1841. Chauncy and Mary had two sons and one daughter, including Cleora Olive, who was born about 1869 and first married Amos Walling and then Ferdinand "Fred" Behm. In 1900 they still resided in Coopersville. Chauncey died on June 21, 1918.

Humphrey Jackman [1879-1900]

Bert Tibbetts was accused and convicted of slaying Humphrey Jackman of Grand Haven on December 31 [21], 1900. Bert was sentenced to life imprisonment. Humphrey was born in Michigan on October 12, 1879.

George Alan Jackoboice I [1941-1999]

George Jackoboice graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1963 and later served in the U.S. Army Reserve Medical Unit. In 1963 he joined the family hydraulics manufacturing business in Grand Rapids and was put in charge of finance and general administration. In 1985 he was named President of the company, which had been founded about 1856. Under Jackoboice's leadership, Monarch Hydraulics became a world leader in the mobile hydraulics business. He was joined by brothers John Stephen and Thomas Joseph and a cousin, Edward James.

George and his wife, Sherry Ann Flanagan, lived at 18051 Fruitport Road in Spring Lake Township. Their children included a son, George Alan II, who remained in Spring Lake, and daughters Julia Anne Miller of Zurich, Switzerland, and Janna Kathleen of Spring Lake. The Jackoboices were members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spring Lake, and George belonged to the Peninsular Club in Grand Rapids, the Spring Lake Country Club, the Rotary Club, and the Charles A. Conklin American Legion Post in Grand Haven. In 1998 he received the Notre Dame Club of Grand Rapids Award of the Year, and was a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Club. George, who was born on December 20, 1941, died on November 26, 1999, while vacationing in

Salzburg, Austria. [*Tribune* obituary, December 1, 1999.]

Joseph L. Jackson [1844- ?]

Born in Wayne County, New York in 1844, Joseph Jackson on May 22, 1861 enlisted in Company B of the 33rd New York Infantry. He was mustered out on June 2, 1863, and then on March 2, 1865 he entered Company F of the 2nd Ohio Cavalry. He was mustered out of that unit on September 11, 1865. Joseph, a carpenter, came to Grand Haven about 1876 and then moved to Nortonville in 1880. He worked for White, Friant, & Co. in Nortonville in 1882, but was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as "ship carpenter."

On June 3, 1867 in Grand Haven, Joseph married Caroline Andres. Caroline was a year younger than her husband. They had three sons and three daughters, including Henry, who attended theological college, spent his life as a missionary and preacher, and died of consumption at the age of 27 in Fresno, California on September 21, 1897. Another child, Julia, also died in California. Joseph applied for an invalid's Civil War pension on March 8, 1883. Their other children were Charles Laman, Mathilda, and Alvin. [*Tribune* obituary, September 22, 1897.]

Alvin Emmanuel Jacobson I [1892-1976]

In 1919 Alvin Jacobson I and Paul A. Johnson I founded Grand Haven Brass. In the mid-1920s Bernath Sherwood I joined the group, and they purchased Grand Haven Stamped Products. On April 24, 1940 the three men bought Dake Engine Company. Al was President of the firm from 1940 to 1971. In 1970 the principals, Johnson, Sherwood, and Jacobson, formed the JSJ Corporation, which included Grand Haven Brass Foundry, Grand Haven Stamped Products, Dake, Michigan Plastics, and Carlon Meter Company.

On February 22, 1917, Al married Edna Victoria Nelson Johnson, who was born in Michigan on March 14, 1892. They had six children, all born locally: Charles, who was born on April 1, 1918 and died in 1977; Alvin E. II, born on May 30, 1922; Edna Mary, born in 1924; David J. who was born January 21, 1926 and died in Grand Haven on December 11, 1974; Marylu, born in 1928; and Muriel R., who was born in 1929 and married Robert B. Mersereau of Grand Haven. The family lived at 618 Lafayette. Al, who was born in Grand Haven on February 7, 1892, died on August 1, 1976 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Edna died in June, 1984 and was buried with her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, July 2, 1984.]

Alvin Emmanuel Jacobson II [1922-2008]

The son of Alvin E. and Edna Johnson Jacobson, Al II was born in Grand Haven on May 30, 1922. He was an

Eagle Scout and graduated from Grand Haven High School, where he was captain of the football and basketball teams. While attending the University of Michigan he joined the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps and in 1943 was commissioned as Ensign. The next year he graduated from Submarine School in New London, Connecticut and served aboard the submarine *Flier*. Al was one of eight crewmen that survived when their submarine hit a mine in the Philippine Islands on August 13, 1944. Three months later he boarded the USS *Ling* and was en route to the Pacific when the war ended. He returned to the University of Michigan and received his bachelor degree in 1947. After a year working in Chicago he returned to his hometown and started work at the Grand Haven Brass Foundry with his father, where he remained until his retirement. He served 13 years as its president. He was a founding director of the JSJ Corp. and served as chair from 1989 to 1992. He was director of several financial organizations, including Old Kent Bank [Fifth Third], and he served the community by being a founder, member, or president of many enterprises, such as the Committee for Economic Development for Grand Haven, the United Way, the YMCA, and the Great Lakes Naval Memorial Museum. He also was active in a wide array of civic organizations, such as Rotary and Spring Lake Yacht Club.

On July 9, 1955, he married Mary Eileen Chace. They had three children: Christine Marie, Nelson Chace, and Steven Grant. The family attended the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven. Al passed away on October 16, 2008 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Charles N. Jacobson [1918-1977]

Born April 1, 1918, Charles was the son of Alvin E. and Edna Johnson Jacobson. He graduated from the University of Michigan School of Engineering and was employed by Ingersoll-Rand. Charles served in the Navy during WWII. After the war, Charles took over management of Dake Engine Company with Paul Johnson II in 1946 and was its President from 1972 to the time of his death in 1977. In 1970 the JSJ Corporation was organized. It combined the enterprises of the Jacobson, Sherwood, and Johnson families in such a way that the individual companies could maintain their own identities. Charles's wife died of a "CVA" on June 29, 1984. The couple resided in the Jacobson family home at 618 Lafayette before moving to 18769 Fruitport Road. Charles died in Spring Lake on July 4, 1977 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Dake, The First One Hundred Years, 1887-1987.*]

Richard A. Jager I [1905-1987]

Rev. Richard Jager started Sylvan Dell Nursing Home at 1615 South De Spelder in Grand Haven. His son, Richard II, was President-Treasurer, and Richard II's

wife, Marilyn R., was Vice President-Secretary. The home eventually was taken over by North Ottawa Community Hospital and renamed North Ottawa Care Center. Rev. Jager was born on June 5, 1905 and died in Grand Haven in March, 1987. He attended North Iowa Community College in Mason City, and he served as Pastor at the First Reformed Church in Byron Center from 1944 to 1950. In Grand Haven, Richard and his wife, Marie, resided at 1005 Ohio Street.

Jake [? -1900]

Jake was a white bulldog known for boarding the Dummy line from downtown Grand Haven to the lakeshore at one o'clock most afternoons of the summer. He rode to Captain Walker's pavilion, today's Bil-Mar Restaurant. There he waited for somebody, anybody, to throw a stick into the lake. He retrieved it and waited for someone else to throw the stick, a trick he could perform all afternoon. When the last car for Grand Haven left the pavilion in the evening, Jake jumped back on and returned to the home of his owner, Marinus Kamhout. Jake died on November 5, 1900.

Clare Frank Jarecki [1909-2004]

Clare Jarecki of Grand Rapids purchased 85 acres from the estates of the Fisher, O'Beck and Van Zanten families and developed North Shore Marina, which continued in business into the 21st century. The marina was located at 18275 Berwyck Drive. He was born June 8, 1909 and passed away in Grand Rapids on October 21, 2004.

Pierre du Jaunay [? -1781]

Leo Lillie claimed that Father Pierre du Jaunay was the first missionary to operate on the Grand River [p. 87], arriving there as early as 1741. He came to Michilmackinac in 1735 and remained there for thirty years. A Jesuit priest, du Jaunay died in Quebec in 1781. He was of French origin.

Alexander L. Jeffers [1838-@1908]

Alexander Jeffers was born in Watertown, New York, in 1838. On October 9, 1861 Alexander enlisted in Company E of the 7th New York Cavalry. He was mustered out of that unit on March 31, 1862. On August 26, 1864 he enlisted as Private in Battery L of the 5th New York Heavy Artillery. He was discharged on June 25, 1865. Alexander moved from New York to Nortonville in 1880, where he was employed as a blacksmith at White, Friant, & Company. In 1863 he married Mary Ann O'Hara, who was born in Canada about 1844. She died in 1871 in Lewis County, New York, leaving three children, all born in New York: George, born about 1864; Charles, born about 1867; and Edward, born about 1870. The next year Alexander married Mary A. Holley, who was born in New York

about 1843. Evidently Mary moved back to New York State, where she filed for a widow's Civil War pension on January 7, 1909.

Harrison Jeffers [1842-1923]

Harrison Jeffers was a member of the Maccabees and member of Spring Lake Baptist Church. Born in New York on May 7, 1842, he died at his home in Spring Lake on April 23, 1923 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Harrison maintained a dairy farm on almost 30 acres in Section 24 of Spring Lake Township. His wife, Nellie [Ella], also from New York, lived from December 11, 1839 to May 28, 1900. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their two children, both born in Michigan, were a son, Harry, born in August, 1869, and a daughter, Hally, born about 1877. [*Tribune* obituary, April 24, 1923.]

Charles Jefferson [@1876- ?]

Charles Jefferson, born in Louisiana about 1876, was classified as Negro in the 1930 census for Spring Lake. At that time he was a butler in the home of Clarkson and Mabelle Rollins, a White family. Charles Jefferson's wife, Betty, was born in Arkansas about 1888. Also Negro, she worked as a cook in the same household. Charles and Betty were married about 1914.

Cornelius Jelier [@1879- ?]

Cornelius Jelier was part-owner of the Vaudette Theater, located at 16 Washington Street. His partner was Charles Davis. On December 5, 1901 in Racine, Wisconsin, Cornelius married Bertha Weill. The couple resided at 109 Clinton Street. Cornelius, the son of Richard and Maria Jelier, was born in Ferrysburg about June, 1879.

Betsy Jenison [@1806-1901]

See Betsy Jenison Hanchett.

Hiram Jenison [1813-1889]

Born in Canton, New York, on May 11, 1813, the son of Lemuel and Sarah Sanderson Jenison, Hiram came with his family to Michigan in 1835. He helped his father stock the Brown & Britton Sawmill on Buck Creek with logs and in 1837 took over, with the help of his 14-year-old twin brother, and continued the work. In 1838 he purchased, in behalf of himself and his brothers, Lucius and Lyman, 1,600 acres for \$1.50 per acre of white pine timberland located on Rush Creek, where two mills had been built in 1835. Hiram was considered the founder of Jenison. He married Mary Birdsley on October 4, 1838. She was born about 1817 and died on May 25, 1892. Hiram died in 1889. [*Tribune* article, "Story of Ottawa Twins in Early Years," April 18, 1923.]

Lemuel Jenison [1783-1837]

Lemuel Jenison was born in Montpelier, Vermont, on June 3, 1783. His wife was Sara Sanderson, whom he married in 1806. Sara was born on March 17, 1784 and died on June 26, 1841. In 1835 the Jenison family came to Michigan from Canton, New York. They made the trip to Detroit by water from Buffalo and by ox team and on foot from Detroit to Grand Rapids. When a sawmill was built on Buck Creek [Jenison] by Brown & Britton, Lemuel and his oldest son, Hiram, agreed to stock it with logs. Lemuel married prior to 1810 and his wife, three sons, and four daughters came with him to Michigan. The children included Hiram, who lived from May 11, 1813 to November 11, 1889; Altha, born in 1827; Harriet, born April 18, 1821; Annie, born in 1829; twins Lucius and Luman, born in 1823; and Betsey, who married Benjamin S. Hanchett of Grand Rapids. On September 24, 1837, in Byron Township, Lemuel was killed while felling a tree. He was buried at Jenison Cemetery with his wife and other family members. [*Tribune* article, "Story of Ottawa Twins in Early Years," April 18, 1923.]

Lucius Jenison [1823-1899] and Luman Jenison [1823-1899]

Born in Canton, New York on April 25, 1823, the sons of Lemuel and Sarah Sanderson Jenison, twin brothers Lucius and Luman came with the family to Michigan in 1835. Lucius managed the farms and Luman directed the affairs of the mills and store. When 16 years old Luman took the first raft of lumber from the Rush creek area down the river. Thomas D. Gilbert purchased the load of lumber at \$6.50 per thousand feet. Luman and Lucius became prosperous. Instead of abandoning the land from which they had stripped the timber the Jenisons lived on the old homestead and converted the wilderness into substantial farms, either for themselves or for sale to other settlers. Some of the land was found to have a rich deposit of gypsum and the quarries were energetically developed. In 1864 a large flourmill was built, and cozy homes gradually were assembled around a foundry, machine shop, hotel, and a general store. The Jenisons were Democrats. The twins never married. They remained inseparable and "parted only when past the allotted three score and ten." They always divided the profits of business in equal shares. Lucius died on March 21, 1899 and Luman died on October 6, 1899 at his home in Jenison. Both were buried in a mausoleum at Jenison Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 9, 1899, and *Tribune* article, "Story of Ottawa Twins in Early Years," April 18, 1923.]

Robert Morris Jenkins [1882- ?]

In 1918 Robert Morris Jenkins registered for the World War I draft. He was born in Missouri on January 2, 1882. A Black man, he worked at Eagle Ottawa Leather Company and resided in Grand Haven Township, where

he operated a farm. Living with him was his wife, Zola, also Black. Robert died in San Bernardino, California on March 12, 1944. Neither Robert nor Zola appeared in any censuses for Ottawa County.

George William Jenner [1857–1931]

George Jenner was one of the original organizers of the Grand Haven Street Railway Company in 1895. By 1908 he was retired. He and his wife, Hattie M., the daughter of John W. and Harriet Eldred Hopkins, lived on Franklin Street in 1900 and later at 106½ Washington. Hattie was born in Michigan in March, 1862. They were married in Ottawa County in 1886 and had a daughter, Abega E., who was born in October, 1891. George, who was born in September, 1857 in Michigan, died about February 28, 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John J. Jerovsek I [1914-2002]

Born on February 27, 1914, John was the son of Frank and Mary Jerovsek, who lived in Trimountain, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. After working four years at the Trimountain Copper Mines, John moved to Grand Haven with his wife, Kay, and two children. He was first employed by Keller Tool Company, and then opened a cleaning/painting business called Jerovsek & Son., located at 120 Eastern in Grand Haven. The business expanded to include property management, moved to 826 Washington, and was renamed John L. Jerovsek Property Management. John served on the Zoning Board of Appeals for six years and on the Housing Board of Appeals for the same number of years. He was a member of the Grand Haven Rotary Club for 26 years and was elected Sergeant-At-Arms. On February 26, 2000 he married Jane Watson and moved to Marinette, Wisconsin, where he died on April 20, 2002. John was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His children were John L. II and Sharon, who married David Seaver of Grand Haven. Ann Klintworth [March 14, 1918-August 5, 2003] of Spring Lake was his sister. [*Tribune* obituary, April 24, 2002.]

Albert W. Jeske [c1863- ?]

Albert Jeske, who was born in Germany about 1863, came to the area in 1908. He owned a 160-acre farm in Section 10 of Olive Township. He also raised livestock. His wife, Bertha, also was born in Germany, about three years after her husband. A son, William A., was born in Illinois around 1897. The family was still residing in Olive Township in 1920.

August Jeske I [1872-1937]

August Jeske who lived from 1872 to about February 20, 1937, was a farmer with 90 acres in Section 10 of Olive Township. He settled in the area in 1906. August also raised livestock. He married Emilie Knuth, who was

born in 1874 and died around August 6, 1955. Both August and Emilie were born in Germany and both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Among their children were Augusta and Robert, twins, born around 1911, and a daughter, Mabel, born about 1915. These three were born in Michigan. Another son, August II, was born in Illinois about 1900. He married Frances B. Peters in Grand Haven on June 12, 1920. The young couple lived next to August and Emilie in Olive Township.

Jim "Little Jim" [c? -1915]

In its edition of May 10, 1915 the *Grand Haven Tribune* told its readers, "There is general sorrow around the court house square these days because little Jim is gone." Jim was a squirrel that lived in a large maple tree on the grounds. He was run over by a car the previous day "when he tarried too long in the street."

George Washington Jocelyn [1820-1898]

See George W. Joscelyn.

Albert J. Johnson [1883–1938]

In the early 1900s, Albert Johnson was agent for the Crosby Transportation Company. He moved to Holland when he became agent for the Graham & Morton Line. He and his wife, Iva, had two children, Helen L., who died about May 15, 1934, and Harold Lawrence, who died on August 4, 1923 at the age of 17 when he was crushed by an elevator at the Heinz Pickle Plant at Holland. The Johnsons resided at 128 Fulton in Grand Haven. Albert, who was born in 1883, died about February 28, 1938 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 6, 1923.]

George M. Johnson [1900-1971]

Born on September 24, 1900 in Chicago, Illinois, George Johnson owned the local Locomobile agency in 1916, started in the oil business in 1924, and built several gasoline service stations while with Old Cardinal Petroleum Company. One of his stations was at Waverly and Beechtree. George took over the Studebaker agency in 1939, and with his sons as partners, he established Northwestern Auto Sales at 334 Madison [Jackson], with additional space at 317 North Fourth. In August, 1956 he joined the sales staff at Thieleman Auto. He was a member of the Elks, Kiwanis, the Chamber of Commerce and the Presbyterian Church.

George's wife, Mabelle, came from Manton, Michigan. She lived from April 25, 1902 to October 23, 1997. The couple was married about 1920 and had four children: George Stewart, born about 1921; Clarence Leroy, born about 1925; and twin girls, Lila May and Lola Kay. The Johnsons resided at 1300 Pennoyer, 1213 Beechtree, 15941 Lake Road, and 1111 South De Spelder. George

died about February 2, 1971 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Mabelle. [*Tribune* articles, December 29, 1948 and "Joins Sales Staff at Thieleman Auto," August 11, 1956.]

Herman K. Johnson [1897-1972]

Born in Vastervik, Sweden, on May 29, 1897, Herman Johnson came to this country when he was 16. He lived in Chicago, where he attended night school and Roosevelt College. Herman married Elsa [Elsie] Lundquist on July 5, 1917 in Chicago. He worked for the Knight Soda Fountain Company and moved to Grand Haven in 1935 to work for Bastian Blessing, from which he retired on September 1, 1963 as Assistant Work Manager. Herman served 21 years on the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power. He was Director of the Chamber of Commerce, and he was a member of the Rotary Club, Elks, and Grand Haven Stag Club. Herman died in Grand Haven on March 11, 1972 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elsie passed away on July 28, 1985 and was buried with her husband.

Hilding L. Johnson [1902-1973]

Hilding Johnson owned a grocery store at 328 Madison that bore his name. He ran the store from at least 1941 to 1957, when he sold it to John and Paula Montgomery of Grand Haven. Hilding lived next door at 324 Madison, a structure he also owned. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on August 15, 1902 and died in Grand Haven on July 27, 1973. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. At the time of his death he resided at 14543 Lakeshore Drive.

John Johnson [1846-1921]

John Johnson arrived in Crockery Township in 1884, where he had a 40-acre farm in Section 9. He was born in Sweden in March, 1846. His wife, Ada [Edith], also from Sweden, was born in March, 1850. Their children were Mona, born in October, 1878; Sadie, born in April, 1885; Paulina, born in June, 1889; Maud, born in November, 1890; and Ada, born in December, 1893. Mona was born in Sweden, the rest of the children were born in Michigan. John passed away in 1921, and Ada died in 1936. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

John W. Johnson [1865-1949]

A native of Karlskage, Sweden, John Johnson was born in 1865 and immigrated to the United States in 1896. His wife, Anna Christine, also was a native of Sweden, where she was born in 1860. She came to the United States in 1879. John was a carpenter. In 1930 they owned 39 acres in Section 11 of Spring Lake Township, directly south of Carl Bowen's property. Earlier, the Johnsons held title to a 44-acre parcel on the west side of Fruitport Road, just north of Prospect Point Manor.

Anna died in 1942 and John on July 19, 1949. Both Anna and John were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Mena [Mony/Minne] Johnson [1879- ?]

A farmer and fruit grower, Mena Johnson's 80-acre farm was in Section 5 of Crockery Township. He was born in Sweden on March 26, 1879 and settled in the area in 1890. His wife, Pauline, was born in Sweden about 1881. The couple was married in approximately 1901. Their children, both natives of Michigan, were Elora V., born about 1915, and Agnes G., born about 1923.

Nels Johnson [1838-1915]

The clock on the First Reformed Church on the corner of Washington and Third Streets has been a familiar landmark in downtown Grand Haven for more than a century. After the church burned down for the second time, the remains of the old timepiece were sold and clockmaker Nels Johnson was approached to rebuild the structure and install a new clock, which he completed in 1908. Johnson was also hired at \$50 a year to maintain the clock. After a third fire in 1913, Johnson returned to again rebuild the tower clock. He also installed the chimes.

Nels Johnson was born on the island of Zeeland, Denmark, on November 26, 1838. He was the oldest child of a poor family and had five siblings. When Nels was seven years old, he left home since his parents could no longer support a large family. He supported himself by working for farmers and caring for sheep, geese, and cattle. Nels came to America with a group of 100 immigrants who were on their way to America in the 1850s. It is likely that Johnson's first clock work began around 1865 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but his most serious timepiece construction began after he moved to Manistee, Michigan in 1871. His first order for a large tower clock was for a business block in downtown Manistee about 1888. His reputation for quality tower clocks spread and he soon was receiving other orders, including one from the First Reformed Church in Grand Haven, Michigan in 1907. Nels returned to Grand Haven one more time to adjust the clock for the church dedication on September 18, 1914. It was his final visit to the city. He died, on January 13, 1915, four months after the dedication. Two days after his death the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven tolled at 2:30 p.m. to mark the time of the last rites for Johnson. He was buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in Manistee, Michigan. [Adapted from an article by Kevin Collier.]

Paul Aaron Johnson I [1892-1956]

Born in Ferrysburg, February 3, 1892, Paul Johnson took special studies at the University of Wisconsin. He started working at the age of 12 as a machine tender at Stewart Hartshorn Company and served a four-year

apprenticeship with Shaw Electric Crane Company before becoming a toolmaker, tool room Foreman, and Superintendent. Paul and Alvin E. Jacobson I shared an industrial partnership in the Grand Haven Brass Foundry since 1919. On April 24, 1940 Paul, Al Jacobson, and Bernath P. Sherwood I bought and operated the Dake Engine Company. Paul was also President of Grand Haven Stamped Products for 31 years, Treasurer of Dake Corp., Director of RapidsCast Corp. of Grand Rapids, Director of the Grand Haven State Bank for 28 years, Director of the Ravenna State Bank, Director of the Public Welfare Board, and President of the Library Board. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and was active in boy scouting. He was a member of Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce, Spring Lake Yacht Club, Spring Lake Country Club, Elks, Masons, and Knights of Pythias. His son, Paul II, was Trustee of the Loutit Foundation when it was first established in 1957 and served almost 30 years as Chair of the Foundation after Kate Loutit died in 1962.

In March 29, 1919 Paul married Matilda “Tillie” G. Nelson of North Muskegon, where she was born about 1902. Her father, Albert, was born about 1859. The Johnsons had six children: Paul II, born on December 23, 1919; Margaret J., who was born about 1923 and married Charles Baribeau of Grand Ledge; Doris, who lived from October 8, 1924 to July 15, 1984 and who taught physical education at the University of Texas, University of Wyoming and the University of Utah, where she retired after 25 years; Esther J., who was born about 1927 and married Philip Frandsen of San Francisco; Donald A. of Spring Lake; and F. Martin, of Grand Haven. Paul suffered a heart attack and died at his home, 526 Clinton Street, on November 27, 1956. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, November 28 and November 29, 1956, and *Loutit Legacy*.”]

Paul Albert Johnson II [1919-2003]

Born in Muskegon on December 23, 1919, Paul was the son of Paul A. and Matilda Nelson Johnson I. Young Paul graduated with a degree in engineering from the University of Michigan in 1941. He subsequently became Lieutenant Commander in the Navy during WWII. In Las Vegas, Nevada on September 5, 1942 he married Charlotte Mary Albertine of Hartford, Connecticut. They had two daughters, both born in Grand Haven, Bari S. Johnson and Jo Ann R. Johnson. The Johnsons resided at 375 Woodlawn and were members of the First Presbyterian Church.

Paul worked for the Dake Corporation in Grand Haven following WWII. He was one of the founders of the JSJ Corporation, which was organized in 1970, and was its first Secretary/Treasurer. He eventually served as its Chairman. Paul retired from the Corporation in 1979.

He was on the Board of Directors of many local businesses, including Carlon Meter, Grand Haven Stamped Products, Pacesetter Bank [Fifth Third], Barrett Boat Works, Dunmore Company of Racine, Wisconsin, and American Supply and Machinery Manufacturers Association of Cleveland. Paul also served on the boards of several non-profit organizations, such as Grand Haven School Board, Grand Haven Light and Power, Chamber of Commerce, and he was the third president of the Loutit Foundation. He was a member of the Board of Grand Valley State University from 1968 to 1994 and served two terms as Chairman. He was awarded an honorary degree from the University in 1994 while chairing the organization’s foundation. The conference room at Eberhard Center was named in his honor, also. Paul was a member and President of the Spring Lake Country Club, and he belonged to the Spring Lake and Chicago Yacht Clubs. Paul was active in community affairs, and helped in the development of the Boardwalk and Musical Fountain. He also was a member of Elks and American Legion. Paul died in Grand Haven on December 18, 2003. [*Tribune* obituary, December 19, 2003, *Tribune* article, “JSJ Corp. founder Paul Johnson dies,” December 19, 2003, and *Chronicle* article, “Leader of industry, community, GVSU, Paul A. Johnson dies,” December 19, 2003.]

Ray Ernest Johnson [1900-1969]

On April 21, 1923 Ray E. Johnson married Emily Rycenga. The daughter of Peter and Henrietta Rycenga, Emily was born on September 6, 1904 in Grand Haven, and died August 4, 1998. Ray, who was born in Michigan on November 2, 1900, died in 1969. The Johnsons lived at 1032 Columbus. Ray owned a Texaco Service Station at 403 North Seventh Street.

Raymond M. Johnson [1905-1993]

Raymond Johnson was born on November 16, 1905 in Chicago to George W. and Idabell McNeal Johnson. His sister Andrea married Frank Glafcke of Spring Lake. Raymond lived in Grand Haven for over 40 years and owned and operated Abrasive Engineering in Spring Lake. On February 3, 1946 he married Marie E. Sonnega in Muskegon. Their children included Helen of Spring Lake, Roy and Wendy Johnson of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and Lewis and Gilda Johnson of Ann Arbor. Raymond died on June 18, 1993 in Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, June 19, 1993.]

Robert A. Johnson [1920-1995]

The son of Walter and Katherine Van Loo Johnson, Robert was born in Grand Haven on February 25, 1920. Katherine was the daughter of Josiah and Minnie Fisher Van Loo of Grand Haven. Robert’s parents were divorced before 1930. Robert married Mamie Jewel Lovelady, who was born on December 28, 1917 and

died in Grand Haven on June 30, 1985. After Mamie's death, he married Margaret Curry. Robert was self-employed as a painter, and attended the Christian Fellowship Church. He died in Grand Haven on September 1, 1995 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 2, 1995.]

Stewart L. Johnson [1892-1976]

Born on October 9, 1892, Stewart was the son of Gustave Johnson, who worked eight years helping build the Grand Haven piers. Later he was also employed by the U.S. Corps of Engineers as a bucket dredge operator. Stewart built rowboats and oars and constructed burial vaults for most of the funeral homes in the area. He built over 100 houses in the Grand Haven area from 1921 to 1959, the first of which was for George B. Johnson at 1035 Pennoyer, across from Ferry School. Stewart enjoyed building brick homes and the block of fine homes on the west side of Sheldon, south of Woodlawn, represented some of his craftsmanship.

Stewart married Santa Groenevelt, daughter of Dick and Dena Groenevelt of Grand Haven. Santie was born in July, 1892 and died in June, 1962. Stewart and Santa had three sons: Howard, who died about June 26, 1985; George, who worked for Continental Motors in Muskegon for 35 years; and Jack, who was maintenance man for Russ Baltz at the Bil-Mar Hotel in Treasure Island, Florida. Stewart died on May 17, 1976 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, October 9, 1975.]

David K. Johnston [1919-1996]

David Johnston was one of the last family members to maintain ownership and management control of the Johnston Boiler Works in Ferrysburg. The son of James H. and Elizabeth Johnston, David was born on August 23, 1919 and died in Spring Lake on February 9, 1996. He resided at 18809 Fruitport Road in Spring Lake Township. [*Tribune* article, "Area's oldest industry," November 2, 1984.]

Hamilton Watt Johnston I [1821-1898]

A member of the Ferrysburg Johnston family, Hamilton was born in Scotland on July 8, 1821. He died on March 9, 1898 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Janet Speir, was born in 1822 and died on April 14, 1900. She, too, was buried at Lake Forest. John Watt Johnston was Hamilton's brother.

James B. Johnston [1864-1896]

The son of John Watt and Ann Baud Johnston, James was born in Detroit, Michigan around 1864 and died in Ottawa County on May 9, 1896. His wife, Catherine "Kate," the daughter of Grant and Sarah Gesaw Hunter of Ferrysburg, was born in Michigan in November,

1871. She lived with her parents after James's death. The Johnstons had a son, Robert G. Johnston, who was born in November, 1889. James joined the family business with his brother, Thomas, in 1880, the same year his father retired, and the name of the family business was changed to Johnston Brothers Boiler Works. In 1897 James went to Chicago to manage the Johnston Brothers Boiler Works of Chicago. [*Tribune* article, "Area's Oldest Industry," November 2, 1984.]

James H. Johnston [1889-1926]

Part of the Dake management team, James was born in 1889 and died in 1926. [*Dake, The First One Hundred Years, 1887-1987.*]

James H. Johnston [1890-1967]

James Johnston joined the Ferrysburg boiler works firm in 1911 to serve as Executive Vice President and Treasurer of Johnston Brothers. He represented the third generation of Johnstons to manage the business. He was President of Dake from 1936 to 1940. James was born in Ferrysburg on April 30, 1890 and died about April 27, 1967 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On October 6, 1915 in Grand Haven, married Josephine, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Kirkland of Grand Haven. The Johnstons resided at 403 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven around 1930 and later at 423 Buena Vista in Spring Lake. Elizabeth was born in Grand Haven around 1893. Their children included Marshall E., born on December 28, 1917, and David K., born on August 23, 1919. James was a member of the Masons, Elks, Spring Lake Country Club, Spring Lake Yacht Club, and the Grand Haven Stag Club. He also served as President of the Board of Light and Power. [*Industrial Hi-Lites*, January, 1955.]

John "Jay" Franklin Johnston I [1878-1964]

The son of Thomas B. and Sonora Eames Johnston, Jay joined the family firm in 1897 as President of Johnston Brothers and he also was Treasurer of the Dake Engine Company. He belonged to the Masons, Grand Haven Rotary, Spring Lake Yacht Club, Spring Lake Country Club, and was a charter member of the Grand Haven Stag Club. He married Marie E. Howe on June 22, 1904. She was born in Illinois around 1880 and died about May 12, 1960. They resided at 504 Sheldon Road and 900 Sheldon. Jay, who was born in Ferrysburg, lived from May 12, 1878 to July, 1964. Their children were John II, who was born on June 6, 1905, and Edith "Boots," who was born on December 30, 1917 and married Arend Vyn II of Grand Haven. Jay and Marie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Industrial Hi-Lites*, January, 1955 and *Tribune* article, "Area's Oldest Industry," November 2, 1984.]

John Franklin Johnston II [1905-1991]

Like his father, John F. Johnston I, John II became President of Johnston Brothers in Ferrysburg. He was born on June 6, 1905. He and his wife, Margaret K., resided in Spring Lake Township. John died in Grand Haven on December 31, 1991.

John Watt Johnston I [1814-1895]

Born about 1814 in Scotland, John Johnston was a direct descendant of James Watt [1736-1819], inventor of the rotary steam engine. John was brother of Hamilton W., James B., and Robert. In the 1840s John was engaged on the first steamship put in service by the Cunard line, the steamer *Brittania*. His job was to repair the boilers that were in danger of causing injury due to the use of salt water to feed them. He came to America about 1844. In 1864 John bought out the Thomas Turnbull Boiler Works, which had operated between 1859 and 1862. Located in Ferrysburg, the business became known as Johnston Boiler Works. John left the business in 1880, and his two sons, Thomas and James, took over.

John's wife, Ann Baud [Bauld], was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland. She lived from about 1817 to May 24, 1897. Their children included Thomas B., born in Detroit in November, 1851; James B., born around 1856 in Michigan and later a resident of Chicago; Jennie [Jane], born in Michigan about 1858; Isabelle, who was born in Canada on August 27, 1862 and married Henry Baar of Grand Haven; and John Watt II, born about 1873 in Canada. Jennie married Dr. Cyril Brown on June 11, 1901, after the physician's first wife died in 1898. John died on February 4, 1895 at his home in Ferrysburg. The family residence was located on the northwest corner of Third and Pine Streets. [*Tribune* obituaries, February 5 and 27, 1895, May 25, 1897, April 15, 1900, and *Tribune* article, "Area's Oldest Industry," November 2, 1984.]

Opal Johnston [1918-1978]

Opal Correll was born on August 5, 1918 and lived in Lamotte, Illinois as a child. She married Marshall E., son of James and Elizabeth Johnston of Ferrysburg. Marshall was born on December 28, 1917. He graduated from Principia Junior College in Elsah, Illinois, and Babson Institute [College] in Boston. After serving four years with the Air Force during WWII Marshall returned to Grand Haven and became Secretary/Treasurer of Johnston Bros. in Ferrysburg. Marshall became President of the corporation in 1972. He was active with the Boy Scouts and belonged to the First Church of Christ Scientist. Opal and Marshall had two children and resided at 426 Buena Vista in Spring Lake. Opal died in Spring Lake on August 30, 1978 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Robert G. Johnston [1889-1955]

Robert, the son of James B. and Catherine Hunter Johnston of Ferrysburg, was born in November, 1889. On September 2, 1912 he married Grace May Baxter, who was born in Montague on October 12, 1886. Robert was a marine engineer on a Lake Michigan steamboat. He died on June 25, 1955, and Grace passed away on February 20, 1964. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had at least two children, Maryellen, who was born about 1919, and James Baxter, who was born on April 22, 1926, died on May 12, 1997, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Robert W. Johnston [1834-1880]

Robert, born in Scotland on January 14, 1834, was John Watt Johnston's brother. In the 1880s, Robert was an engineer and master builder. His wife, Belle [Isabelle], was born in England about 1841 and died on September 21, 1891. Their home was in Ferrysburg. They had a daughter and three sons: John H., born in Michigan about 1862, James G., born in Michigan about 1864; Thomas W., born about 1865 in Illinois; and Anne A., born about 1871 in Michigan. Robert died on October 16, 1880 when the ship *Alpena*, on which he was engineer, went down. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. His wife for a time was Postmaster of Ferrysburg. [*Tribune* obituary, September 21, 1891.]

Thomas B. Johnston [1851-1924]

The son of John Watt and Ann Baud Johnston, by 1870 Thomas was working at the the Ferrysburg firm of Johnston Brothers as a boiler maker. He was made full partner by 1875, when the company name was changed to John W. Johnston & Sons. In 1876 Thomas bought out his brother James's interest and became sole owner of the boiler company. The all-steel *C. J. Bos* fishing tug, built by Johnstons, was launched in 1898 and they added dredges, floating cranes, scows, towing tugs, and gold mining dredges to the Johnston line. Between 1884 and 1891 the company operated a branch business in Muskegon, under the name Muskegon Boiler Works, and in 1892 the Johnston Boiler Works of Chicago started production. The Ferrysburg plant suffered a serious fire on June 6, 1917, but was quickly rebuilt. Thomas also was President of Dake Engine Company from 1905 to 1924, and he was Vice President of the Spring Lake State Bank when it was organized in 1914. He also owned stock in Grand Haven Leather Company [Eagle Ottawa].

Thomas married Sonora "Nora" B. Eames in 1876. Nora, the daughter of Benjamin F. Eames of Ferrysburg, was born in Michigan, lived from June, 1856 to 1927, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The family lived at 209 Franklin in Grand Haven. Thomas was born in Detroit in November, 1851 and died in 1924. Their children, all born locally, included John "Jay" Franklin,

born in May, 1878; Nellie V., who was born in November, 1885 and married Ford Barnett; James "Jay" H., born in April, 1889 [1890]; and Robert E., who died about February 1, 1945. Thomas was a Republican, and a member of the several social organizations, including the International Order of Odd Fellows.

Thomas James Johnston I [1873-1948]

Tom Johnston was born in Michigan on August 7, 1873. In 1921 Tom and Captain Duncan McDonald formed a partnership and founded the Tom Johnston Gravel Company on Pine Street in Ferrysburg. Other names associated with the business were Henning, Henning, and Donahue. The "Hennings" referred to were Tom's in-laws, and the third party possibly was Grand Haven resident Edward Donahue, born about 1906 and listed as a sailor in the 1930 census; eventually he earned the title Captain. Duncan McDonald died about 1938 and in 1947 Tom took in his son, Tom II, as his partner. A year later the father died and his son became sole owner. Tom II died on August 5, 1957 of a heart attack.

Around 1908 Tom married Grace R. Henning. Their children, both born in Michigan, were Grace, born about 1916, and Thomas J. II, born about 1921. Another daughter, Jean Aileen, who was born in 1911, married Howard Fant of Grand Haven. The Johnston family resided at 114 Lafayette. Grace Henning was born in 1880, died in 1936, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Lambert Joldersma [1848-1921]

Lambert Joldersma, a farmer, was born in 1848 [May, 1850]. He married Geertje [Gertrude] "Gertie" Mulder, who lived from 1848 [December, 1845] to 1925. Both were natives of The Netherlands. Among their children were Ralph, born in 1872; Nellie, born in August, 1873; Anna, born in March, 1876; Hattie, born in January, 1880; Jennie, born in February, 1883; Leonard, born in May, 1884; and Gertrude, born on September 15, 1885. Only Leonard and Gertrude were born locally, the others in The Netherlands. The family immigrated to the United States in 1883 and resided at 415 Monroe Street. They were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Lambert and Gertie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Lloyd Bascum Jolly [1900-1994]

Lloyd Jolly was born in Bloomfield, Missouri on April 29, 1900 and died in Bradenton, Florida on April 28, 1994. He married Ethel Earl on May 30, 1930 in Detroit. She was born July 22, 1897 in Watertown, New York, and died in Palmetto, Florida on December 16, 1977. Lloyd was employed by Story & Clark as a woodworker. The Jollys were members of St. John's Episcopal Church. He also belonged to the Grand Haven

Masonic Lodge 139, and she was a member of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 245. They resided at 945 Washington Street in Grand Haven. Lloyd and Ethel were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Benjamin Jones [@1821-1913]

Benjamin Jones was born a slave in Elkhorn, Tennessee [Kentucky/Virginia] on August 15, 1822 [1821]. He enlisted in the 102nd U.S. Colored Infantry in Detroit on December 1, 1863 as Private. [Other records noted that he enlisted in Grand Haven on that date.] His hometown was given as Grand Haven, where he had come in the early years of the war to work for Reverend William Ferry. He apparently was not assigned initially to a specific company, but wound up in Company B. Benjamin was discharged in Charleston, South Carolina on September 30, 1865 and returned to Grand Haven. By 1870 Benjamin, listed as single, was working as a domestic servant at Mary White's home in Grand Haven. Mary White was a sister-in-law of Rev. William Ferry, Grand Haven's founder. Also living in Mary's house were other members of the Ferry family. In the 1880 census, Benjamin was classified as a farmer residing on Pennoyer Street. A Benjamin Jones is enumerated in a 1902 census for the U.S. National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers located in the City of Milwaukee. This Benjamin Jones was only 49 years old at the time of the census, but nevertheless was listed as a veteran of the 102nd U.S. Colored Infantry. His health problems included a hernia and incontinence. He was receiving a Civil War pension of \$20 a month. He was admitted to the Home on July 1, 1902 and was released on October 25, 1907. In a 1905 census taken by the State of Wisconsin, he was living as an inmate in a Soldier's Home in Wauwatosa, Milwaukee County. The Home's records gave his age as 81. He was listed as a widower, but no other records indicate he ever was married. Despite the age discrepancy, the two Benjamin Joneses undoubtedly are the same person. On March 9, 1912 Benjamin Jones was admitted to the Ottawa County Poor Farm, located a few miles east of Grand Haven, as a private charge, not charity. He had the distinction of being the first Black ever admitted to the Farm. Benjamin died there on April 30, 1913 and was buried in the G.A.R. plot at Lake Forest Cemetery "with the honors accorded to the Grand Army dead." His obituary in the *Tribune* put his age at the time of death as 92. [*Tribune* obituary, May 1, 1913 and article, "Ottawa Colored Soldiers," May 2, 1913.]

Hamilton Jones [1807-1888]

Hamilton Jones, who lived from 1807 to November 1, 1888, built a steam mill at Grand Haven, featuring a large circular saw and siding mill. The mill was located on the Grand River, near the west end of Fulton Street. Hamilton was appointed to serve as Grand Haven's third

Postmaster, a position he held from September 12, 1866 to May 26, the next year. His wife, Jerusha Roberts, lived from 1814 to 1883. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their daughter Melissa was born in New York on April 17, 1841 and married Benjamin Safford of Grand Haven.

J. A. Jones [? - ?]

A native of New York State, Jones came to Spring Lake in 1868 as a millwright. In 1872 he built the Sisson & Lilley sawmill and was employed by the owners as a millwright from that time.

Jonker

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Alvin Jonker [1894-1918]

The son of Fred and Anna Verhoeks Jonker, Alvin was born in Grand Haven on May 17, 1894. On September 3, 1917, he enlisted in Company F of Grand Haven, which merged with Company L of the 126th Infantry during WWI. Alvin held the rank of Supply Sergeant. He was killed during the Battle of the Argonne on October 9, 1918.

Fred H. Jonker [1866-1948]

Born June 1, 1866 in The Netherlands, Fred was the son of Hartger and Elizabeth Henrietta Jonker. At the age of 11, Fred began working in the Boyden Shingle Mill and at 13 joined his father as contractors, primarily masonry and concrete, under the name Jonker & Son. They helped construct the Story & Clark building, the Congregational Church on the northwest corner of Washington and Sixth Streets, Cutler House, Akeley Institute, part of Challenge Refrigerator, Dake Engine, and Eagle Ottawa. Fred was a Democrat and member of Second Reformed Church. He retired from the contracting business in 1927.

On December 30, 1891, Fred married Grand Haven resident Anna V., the daughter of Solomon and Mary Verhoeks of Grand Haven. Anna lived from November 19, 1866 to approximately March 19, 1955. They had five children: Alvin, who was born on May 17, 1894 and lost his life in France during WWI; Marie, who was born about 1897 and married Ello Emery II of Grand Haven; Hartger S. [named for his grandfather], born in 1899; a daughter who married William A. Patterson; and a son who died young. The Jonker family lived at 1112 Columbus and later at 514 Columbus in Grand Haven. Fred died October 10, 1948 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 1, 1923, October 12, 1948, and March 17, 1955.]

Hartger Jonker I [1837-1923]

Hartger Jonker was born in The Netherlands in January, 1837 and came to America about 1872. His wife, Elizabeth Henrietta, was born in the same country in June, 1836 and died about June 17, 1919. Their children were: Minnie, who was born about 1869 in The Netherlands, married a Mr Borgman, and by 1930 was a widow residing in Holland, Michigan; Marie A., who was born in August, 1876, married Egbert Winter, and moved to Holland; and a daughter who married John Tietz of Goshen, Indiana. Hartger started a concrete and masonry business in Grand Haven with Ello Emery, which they named Jonker & Emery Construction Company. When his son Hartger II joined him about 1880, they changed the business name to Jonker & Son. Hartger I died February 27, 1923.

Hartger Sylvester Jonker [1899-1947]

The son of Fred and Anna Ver Hoeks Jonker, Hartger was born in Grand Haven in 1899 and named for his grandfather. In 1920 Hartger worked at Eagle Ottawa. In the mid-1920s Hartger and Ello Emery formed the firm of Jonker and Emery, Building Contractors, operating from the Jonker family home at 513 Columbus. Later, with Peter Robinson as his partner, Jonker purchased the Boomgaard Hardware Store. The new owners moved the business from 335 Fulton to 212 Washington and then in the early 1960s to 208 Washington. Hartger's son, Al, started working in the store in the early 1940s and took over in 1947, operating it with his wife, Phyllis until they sold it in the 1990s to Godwin Hardware. Hartger died on April 13, 1947. He married Irene Webster on October 16, 1920. Their children were Alvin Leroy, who was born about 1925, Nancy Lou, born about 1930, and Kenneth Webster, born about 1938. The family attended the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, and Hartger belonged to the American Legion, V.F.W., Masons, Elks, Spring Lake Country Club, and Grand Haven Stag Club. He also served on the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power, the Hospital Board, and the Memorial Airport Commission. They resided at 534 Clinton. Irene lived from June 19, 1899 to October 17, 1990. She died in Grand Haven and was buried with her husband at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Hendrikus "Henry" F. Jonker [1854-1928]

Henry Jonker was born in The Netherlands in June, 1854 and came to the United States in 1869. He married Berdena [Berendina] Langland [Langeland], who was born January 20, 1854 in Spring Lake. His sister Lena married Fred Krause of Grand Haven. Henry owned 10 acres in Spring Lake Township and worked as a carpenter. The Jonkers' ten children, all born locally, were Katie, born in April, 1881; Jeanette [Jantje], who was born in December, 1882 and married Jay Vander Wall of Grand Rapids; H. Phillip, who was born in

December, 1884 and served as Pastor at a church in Paterson, New Jersey; Minnie, who was born in December, 1886 and remained in Spring Lake; L. John, born in August, 1888; William, who was born on October 13, 1890, lived for a time in Chicago, and passed away in Spring Lake in April, 1973; G. Elizabeth, who was born on December 12, 1892, married Charles [James] Frontjes, and passed away in Grand Rapids on May 9, 1981; Ella Martha, who was born in December, 1895 [1894] and relocated to Grand Rapids; Bernice, born in June, 1898; and John S. of Grand Haven. The Jonkers were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Henry died on November 17, 1928. [*Tribune* obituary, August 20, 1930.]

John [Jack] A. Jordan [1925-1979]

Jack Jordan was a dentist in Grand Haven, with an office at 223 Washington. Joining him at the office were dentists William and Ken Creason. Jordan bought Barrett's Boat Works in Spring Lake and was its President/Treasurer. He also was instrumental in helping organize the Ski Bowl in Mulligan's Hollow in 1960. The Jordans resided at 1818 Doris. After Jack passed away on January 11, 1979 in Orange County, Florida, he was replaced by Walt Weber at the dental office. Jack was born on April 15, 1925. After his death, his children, Jeff and Mitch, donated the former Barber School building to the Village. The structure had been part of Barrett's Boat Works.

Jorgen "John" C. Jorgenson[Jorgensen] [1870- ?]

Born in Denmark in June, 1870, John Jorgenson came to the United States in 1880, settling first in Chicago. By 1903 he was in Grand Haven. That year he opened Grand Haven Realty Company, located in the Cutler [Witherell] Building at 232-234 Washington. John offered building lots for \$1.00 down and 50 cents a week payment. He owned Grand Haven Realty, and as early as 1908 he operated Jorgensen's Auto and Cycle Service Station at 105 Washington. After World War I John installed the area's first hand-operated gasoline pump. His wife, Katherine, was born in May, 1874 in Denmark and immigrated to the United States in 1881. Their children were Benjamin A., born in Chicago, Illinois on December 4, 1896; Robert Carter, born in Illinois on December 13, 1897; Henry, born in Illinois in October, 1899; Edwin, who was born on March 11, 1902 and died in Muskegon in January, 1978; Irene, born about 1906; and George H., born about 1915. The three youngest children were born locally. The family resided at 532 Lake Avenue around 1920. Prior to that they resided at 500 Wallace. By 1930 the family had relocated to Middleville, Barry County, Michigan.

George Washington Joscelyn [Jocelyn] [1820-1898]

On April 1, 1861, George Joscelyn purchased 160 acres in Section 34 of Olive Township. Six years later, on June 25, he bought another 166 acres in Section 3 of Holland Township [now Park Township], just to the south. George owned a general store in Ventura, a small community near the boundary between Holland and Olive Townships. George was born in New York in 1820 and died on January 21, 1898. He was buried at Lakeshore Cemetery in Park Township. His wife, Maria, was born about 1825 in New York, died on December 16, 1911, and was buried with her husband. Marquis Joscelyn, born in New York in 1845, was their son. They also had a daughter, Anne M., born in Michigan about 1872.

Marquis [Marzius] Lafayette"Fejt" Joscelyn [1845- ?]

In the 1912 *Atlas* Marquis Joscelyn was listed as a farmer and owner of 160 acres and a cider mill in Section 34 on the west side of Olive Township. His parents, George W. and Maria Joscelyn, bought the land in 1861 and later farmed 166 acres in Park Township, just to the south. Marquis was born in May, 1845 in New York. On November 24, 1889 in Holland, he married Nellie R. Eaton Conduis. She was born in Maryland on September 17, 1845, died in Holland Township on September 19, 1901, and was buried at Ventura Cemetery.

Asa Wood Joy [1859-1915]

Asa Joy owned an 85-acre fruit farm in Section 3 of Spring Lake Township. He was born in Plymouth, Michigan on October 6, 1839. In June 8, 1862 in Plymouth he enlisted as Sergeant in Company C of the 20th Michigan Infantry. He lost a leg at the Battle of Gettysburg in July, 1863 and received a \$30 per month pension for his injury. He was mustered out on October 16, 1863. From 1881 to 1886 he lived in Kansas, before moving to Spring Lake. About 1863 he married Helen E. Safford. They had three surviving children: Eva, who married G. B. Atkinson, Mary, who married Walter Brown in Spring Lake on May 4, 1892, and Maggie. Asa was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He and his wife returned to Wayne County, where Asa died on October 13, 1915. His wife at that time, named Elizabeth, applied for a widow's pension.

John Joyce [1832 -1897]

A sea captain born in Ireland in 1832 [1844], John Joyce and his wife, Catherine Brewster, also a native of Ireland, moved to Grand Haven from Milwaukee about 1870. Captain Joyce died on May 26, 1897, shortly after the couple's move to Chicago around 1894. Catherine died at their home in Chicago on January 6, 1913. Of their six sons, two were born in Wisconsin and four in Michigan.

Charles E. Jubb [1866-1956]

The son of Orange and Lucinda Bartholomew Jubb, Charles lived from May 14, 1866 to February 17, 1956. He served in the Spanish-American War and was Motorman on the Interurban from 1908 to 1931. He also was a rural mail carrier in Crockery. He married Grace Nash in Nunica on September 2, 1900. Grace was born on January 17, 1879 and died in Nunica on July 15, 1969. They had two sons, Oren and Edward, and a daughter, Hattie, who was born in 1901. Hattie taught in several area schools, including Nunica from 1947 to 1962. She married Otha Plews in 1921. Otha died during WWII.

Edward C. Jubb [1909-1998]

The son of Charles and Grace Jubb, Edward was born on July 21, 1909 and raised in Crockery Township. He married Lillian Borchers on July 25, 1931 in Grand Haven. Lillian was born on May 16, 1910 in Hammond, Indiana, the daughter of John D. and Emma J. Borchers. The Jubbbs resided at 113 South Division in Spring Lake. Lillian graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1928 and from Grand Rapids Beauty College the next year. She became a buyer of children's wear at Steketee's Department Store. She was a member of the Nunica Methodist Church and Ladies Aide Society. The Jubbbs had two daughters: Bonnie Jubb and Shirley Wamby. Edward was a grinder at a local steel company. He passed away on November 2, 1998 and Lillian on April 25, 2003.

Orange A. Jubb [1839-1905]

Orange Jubb, a resident of Crockery Township since 1850, enlisted as Private in Company M of the 7th Michigan Cavalry on April 1, 1863. He lost a leg in battle and was discharged at Harper Hospital in Detroit on August 9, 1865. Orange was Postmaster at the Nunica Post Office from March 11, 1889 to March 18, 1890. He lived from August 27, 1839 to April 18, 1905. On April 7, 1865 he married Lucinda T. Bartholomew, who was born in Michigan in January, 1844 and died on July 13, 1907. She was the daughter of Arza Bartholomew of Crockery. Lucinda applied for a widow's Civil War pension on May 24, 1905, not long after her husband's death. The couple was buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery. A son, Charles E., lived from May 14, 1866 to February 17, 1956; a daughter, Emma, was born about 1872 and married Fremont Brown of Nunica; another daughter, Celia M., was born April 3, 1870; a third daughter Carrie, was born about 1878 and married Floyd Witham in Nunica on January 28, 1897; and another son, Orange R., was born on May 18, 1880 and died in Kent County in October, 1968. The children were all born locally.

Ross Whitcombe Judson I [1881- ?]

Ross Judson, who was born in Minnesota on September 1, 1881, founded Continental Motors with plants in Muskegon and Detroit. On April 26, 1904 he married Belle Kendall in Chicago. Belle was born in Missouri on March 24, 1882 and died in Carmel, California on February 6, 1973. Over the years the Judsons resided in several places, including Muskegon and Grosse Pointe Park, near Detroit. For awhile they owned a summer home on the north end of Spring Lake [3123 Judson Road]. The Judsons had at least two children, both born in Michigan: Ross II, who was born on March 15, 1914 and died in North Carolina on July 30, 2004, and Arthur W., who was born on July 13, 1917 and died in Monterey, California in June, 1976.

Carl Juhl [1937-2002]

Carl Juhl was born on May 8, 1937 in Johnson City, New York. His parents were Hans and Thelma McDowell Juhl. Carl graduated from Ferris State University and served in the U.S. Navy. On July 7, 1962 he married Marjorie "Marji" A. MacGinnis in Binghamton, New York. They moved to the Tri-Cities area about 1968. Carl was a member of Christ Community Church, and he volunteered with Hospice and The Little Red House. The Juhls resided at 15771 Margaret in Spring Lake. Carl died on April 22, 2002 after a two-year battle with a benign brain tumor. Marjorie passed away on November 17, 2009 in Spring Lake. She was born November 13, 1937. [*Tribune* obituary, April 24, 2002.]

Albert Juistema [Justema] [1862-1931]

The son of Simon and Anna Gringhuis Juistema, Albert was born in August, 1862 [1861]. He married Gertrude Donker on August 31, 1886 and resided at 116 North Third Street, above his retail business, the Excelsior Shoe Store. Later, he and John W. Verhoeks owned and operated the Juistema & Verhoeks Shoe Store at 222 Washington. Albert's brothers, John and Gerrit, owned the Juistema Brothers Shoe Store at 207 Washington. Gertrude was from The Netherlands, where she was born in September, 1865. A daughter, Kate, was born in Grand Haven on April 24, 1887 and a son, Seymour, was born, also in Grand Haven, on September 21, 1889. Albert died in 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Gerrit Juistema [1859-1931]

With his brother John, Gerrit Juistema owned and operated Juistema Bros. Shoe Store at 207 Washington in downtown Grand Haven for many years. Their brother Albert owned Excelsior Shoe Store at 116 North Third. Gerrit's and Albert's father Simon had been a pioneer shoe retailer in the Grand Haven area. On January 30, 1879 in Grand Haven, Gerrit married Jantje "Jennie" Schimpen. Gerrit and Jennie resided at 521

Lafayette. Among their children, all born in Grand Haven, were Simon “Sam,” who was born in May, 1877 [1879], learned the printing trade from Horace Nichols, worked in the printing department of the *Tribune*, moved to Grand Rapids, died of typhoid fever on March 27, 1899, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Alberta, who was born on April 28, 1881 and became a teacher; and Herman, who was born on April 12, 1883 and died in San Diego, California on May 9, 1973. Jennie was born in The Netherlands on August 4, 1860 and died on April 26, 1905 at the age of 44. Gerrit, who was born in Grand Haven in September 1859 [1858], died about December 9, 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Simon and other family members. Jannie was from The Netherlands, where she was born in January, 1859.

John J. Juistema [Justema] [1866–1947]

John, born in Michigan in September, 1866, was the son of Simon and Anna Gringhuis Juistema. With his brother Gerrit, John owned and operated Juistema Bros. Shoe Store at 207 Washington in downtown Grand Haven for many years. In March, 1892 the owners made changes to the store in preparation for sharing space with Klaus Valom’s Tailor Shop. Its location at that time was not specified. Their brother Albert ran the Excelsior Shoe Store at 116 North Third. John was credited with building 205 Washington with Gerrit Bottje in 1889 [1887].

On December 25, 1889, in Grand Haven, John married Joost Kooiman’s daughter, Antje “Anna,” who was born on January 7, 1867 and died about December 12, 1953. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1893 the Juistemas built their residence at 120 South Fourth Street. Their son Sidney was born on October 13, 1890; Antoinette was born in December, 1893; and Elmer was born on August 5, 1900. The children were born in Grand Haven. John died about January 31, 1947 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 19 and 20, 1904.]

Seymour Juistema [Justema] [1889-1982]

Seymour was born in Grand Haven on September 21, 1889, the son of Albert and Gertrude Donker Juistema. On December 22, 1915 he married Daisy La Prairie, who lived from 1889 to 1928 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Glenn, born about 1918; Kenneth, born about 1920; Wayne, born about 1922; and Eugene, born about 1925. On December 28, 1937 he married Ruth Joy. In 1918 Seymour was a mining engineer for the Brule Mining Company in Iron, Michigan. By 1935 he was Grand Haven’s City Manager. He died on November 6, 1982 in Grand Haven and also was buried at Lake Forest. He lived at 1119 South De Spelder.

Sidney Juistema [Justema] [1890-1951]

Sidney, the son of John and Anna Kooiman Juistema, [Justema] was born on October 13, 1890. His wife, Adriana, was born in The Netherlands about a year late and passed away about June 28, 1954. They were married in Grand Haven on July 11, 1912. Sidney started work at the family shoe store, but before 1930 opened a real estate and insurance office at 119 South Fifth, which also was the family’s residence. They earlier had lived at 409 Clinton. A son, John R., was born about 1914. Sidney died about January 12, 1951. He and his wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Simon Juistema [1825–1899]

Simon Juistema, born on June 25, 1825 in The Netherlands, was a pioneer shoe dealer in Grand Haven. In 1856, in Ottawa County, he married Antje “Anna” Gringhuis, who was born in The Netherlands on April 4, 1834. She died at the home of her son, John, in Grand Haven on May 18, 1914. Simon and Anna had at least ten children beside John, all born in Michigan: Gerrit, who was born in 1859; William, born about 1860; Jane, who was born around 1861 and died about May 13, 1947; Albert, who was born in 1862; Anna, who was born on September 25, 1864 and died January 19, 1904; Rev. Harm [Herman] S. of Merrill, Wisconsin and later San Diego, California, who was born on November 26, 1868 and died November 27, 1957; Hannah, Herman’s twin; Hendrika, who was born September 17, 1873; Mrs E. V. Blair of Chicago; and Sena, a clerk, who was born about 1878. The family lived at 209 South Fourth. Simon died May 2, 1899 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 18, 1914.] [Note: Some of the later family members dropped the “i” from Juistema, making it Justema; for the sake of consistency, they are listed in this *Directory* with the original spelling.]

Karel Justian [1906-1988]

Karel Justian boxed under the professional name of Jackie Reynolds. In 1935 he came to Grand Haven and worked for Eagle Ottawa Leather Company and later Challenge Machinery. The same year he and his wife, Martha, had a son who died young and a daughter who married and lived in Grand Haven. Karel and Martha bought a home at 745 Park Street, where they lived for 49 years. Karel was born on May 12, 1906 and died from cancer on February 4, 1988. Martha was born on September 8, 1905 and passed away in Arlington Heights, Illinois on March 31, 2008. [*Tribune* obituary, September 2, 1988.]

Franz “Frank” Kaatz [Katz] I [1833-1920]

Frank Kaatz, a native of Germany, lived from June 1, 1833 to February 5, 1920. He married Pauline Wilmer,

who, was born in Germany in June, 1839 and died about July 31, 1917. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Emil George, who was born locally in April, 1865, became a saw filer, married Johanna Tripp in Grand Haven on May 20, 1920, and died around February 16, 1936; Alexander, who was born about 1868, married Cornelia O'Beck Fetz in Grand Haven on April 3, 1920, drove a beer wagon, and passed away around September 30, 1936; and Frank II, born in January, 1872. The family resided at 221 Elliott.

Franz "Frank" Kaatz II [1872-1935]

In the early 1900s Frank and Henrietta "Hattie" Kaatz II lived at 218 Elliott Street in Grand Haven. Henrietta, the daughter of Henry and Mary Bredehoft Saul, was born in August, 1873. Frank was born in January, 1872. He and Hattie were married in Grand Haven Township on December 13, 1897. Their children, both born in Grand Haven, were Myrtle M., who was born in 1898 and married Willard Kieft in Grand Haven on June 9, 1923, and Arthur F., who was born in December, 1899. Frank was listed as a carpenter the 1900 census and in the 1908 *Directory*, but two years later he was employed at Eagle Ottawa. By 1928 he was working as a repairman for the Grand Haven Board of Power and Light. The family resided at 322 Columbus. Frank and Pauline Kaatz were his parents. Frank II passed away around September 3, 1935 and Hattie died about November 30, 1959. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Jack M. Kaden [1877- ?]

Born in Germany about 1877, Jack Kaden immigrated to the United States in 1890 and became a Grand Haven jeweler and optician. His first store was located at 113 Washington. Around 1911 Jack purchased the building at 220 Washington and moved his business there. He and his wife, Mae, lived at 216 Howard. Mae was born in Missouri around 1883. By 1920 the Kadens were living in Oxford, Ohio, where Jack owned a dry goods store. In 1930 they were residing in Chicago and operated a department store in Morgan Park, a southside suburb of Chicago. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Marceil, born about 1903; Howard Joseph, who was born on March 20, 1905 and died in Florida on January 22, 1976, and Lester, who was born on June 11, 1910 and passed away in Florida on June 1, 2005.

Christian Kamhout [Kamout] [1870-1947]

Born in Grand Haven on August 3, 1870, Christian Kamhout married Bouwina Zeldenrust in Grand Haven on June 18, 1887. She was the daughter of Albert and Frentje Zeldenrust of Grand Haven. Bouwina died on April 19, 1888 after giving birth to Bouwinas, who was born on April 2 and died the following August 4. Mother and child were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery in the Zeldenrust plot. After Bouwina's death Christian

married Myrtle Musselman. Their son, Carl H., was born in Grand Haven on September 5, 1905. In the early 1900s the family lived at 822 Washington. Christian was a polisher at Story & Clark. He died about April 23, 1947 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Myrtle passed away around January 28, 1961 and was buried with Christian at Lake Forest, where Bouwina also was buried.

Marinus Kamhout [Kamout] [1862-1906]

Marinus Kamhout ran the Bank Saloon at 133 Washington Street in Grand Haven in the 1890s and into the early 1900s. He advertised that he was a dealer in "Choice Wines, Liquors and Cigars, also Agent for the Celebrated Guckenheimer Rye Whiskey." Prior to that he was a laborer at the Boyden & Akeley Shingle Mill. On April 22, 1884 in Grand Haven, Marinus married Mary Jane Tourville, who was born in New York on December 6, 1865. Their children included Louis De Boe., who was born on August 30, 1884, married Grace Marian Hamilton in Grand Haven on October 17, 1910, and died in Grand Haven on March 27, 1937, Matilda [Mamie], who was born on February 11, 1886 and married Thomas McCambridge of Grand Haven; Marinus Clarence, who was born on June 6, 1892; married Gertrude Grunst, and died in Detroit in August, 1973; William Bryan, who was born in July, 1896; married Margaret Houston in 1914, and died in April, 1967 in Detroit; and Ruth I., who was born on March 8, 1899, married John Rue in Grand Haven in April, 1914, and died in Bradenton, Florida on July 3, 1995. Marinus the father was born in Grand Haven on October 31, 1862 and died in 1906. He also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Marinus and Rhine Kamhout were brothers. Marinus owned a white bulldog named Jake, famous for riding the Dummy line.

Rhine [Ryn/Wright] J. Kamhout [1860-1948]

Rhine Kamhout was one of the first in Grand Haven to retire under the Social Security system. He had been an employee of Keller Tool Company since 1918. Prior to that, he was employed at Grand Haven Brass Foundry, which started production in 1907, and before that he was a laborer at the Boyden & Akeley Shingle Mill. He was born in Grand Haven on March 9, 1860, and didn't retire from Keller until 1940. Rhine married his second wife, Anna "Annie" Siebelink in Holland, Michigan on January 23, 1886. They lived at 327 Columbus in the early 1900s into the 1930s. Anna was born in December, 1866 [1867] and died in 1939. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Rhine died around July 3, 1948 and was buried with Anna. The Kamhouts children were Morris C., born in May, 1889, and John G., born in January, 1891. Rhine's first wife, Cornelia Ver Murlen, was born about 1857. She was the daughter of Cornelius and Catherine Ver Murlen [Ver Muelen] of

Grand Haven. Rhine and Marinus Kamhout were brothers.

Albert A. Kaminske [Kaminski] [1854-1930]

In the early 1900s Albert Kaminske owned and operated Robinson Farm Resort on 80 acres in Section 2 of Robinson Township. The northeast corner of the property provided access to the Grand River. The two-story, frame home with a wrap-around porch burned to the ground in May, 1920. Alfred Robinson, an early settler, built the home around 1870. Albert immigrated to the United States in 1884, about five years before his wife. They were married in Chicago and settled in Robinson Township around 1897. Albert was born in Germany in 1854, died in 1930, and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. His wife, Ottilie [Aurilia] H. Wirsing, also a native of Germany, lived from 1863 to 1928 and was buried with her husband. The family attended the German Lutheran Church in Robinson. The Kamenskies had nine children.

Aart "Arthur" Kammeraad [1884-1973]

Art Kammeraad was born in Grand Haven on November 18, 1884. He married Alice Vander Meiden, the daughter of Joe and Janie Scholten Vander Meiden of Grand Haven. Art and Alice lived in a home, later razed, one block south of the main entrance to Lake Forest Cemetery. Later they moved to 1006 Colfax. Alice was born on May 30, 1886 and died about October 29, 1969. Art was Sexton at the cemetery for more than 30 years. The Kammeraad family had four sons and one daughter, each of whom helped with grounds maintenance: Bernard, born on March 17, 1906; Joseph E., born on January 25, 1908; Lester, born on April 3, 1909; Ruth, born on March 3, 1916; and Robert, born on January 7, 1918. Ruth married John Smoes of Coopersville. Art passed away about December 3, 1973. He and Alice were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Bernard A. Kammeraad [1906 -1962]

The son of Art and Alice Vander Meiden Kammeraad, Bernard was born in Grand Haven. He was one of five children who helped their father maintain the grounds at Lake Forest Cemetery, where he was Sexton. Bernard also served as Sexton at the Spring Lake Cemetery for a few years. He later sold real estate from his home at 229 Lafayette in Grand Haven, where he lived with his wife, Sena. Sena was born October 15, 1905 and died in Grand Haven on May 23, 1999. The Kammeraad family had three children: Ellis Ronald, who was born September 6, 1926; Keith, who was born on October 2, 1931 and passed away on June 30, 2002; and Craig, born February 28, 1934. Bernard died around January 13, 1962 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Ellis Ronald Kammeraad [1926-2006]

Ellis, the son of Bernard and Sena Kammeraad, was born in Grand Haven on September 6, 1926. He married Ann, daughter of Henry V. Koppel. Ellis, who died on Grand Haven on May 18, 2006, continued to reside in the family home at 129 Lafayette with his wife. Ann was born in 1932.

James Neil Kammeraad [1931-1997]

James Kammeraad was a real estate agent with Prudential-Clyde Hendrick Realtors at 415 South Beacon for 27 years. He was born in Muskegon on September 7, 1928, the son of Lester and Sylvia Dykema Kammeraad. From 1951-54 he served with the Coast Guard aboard the *Escanaba II* during the Korean Conflict. Jim married Phyllis R. Van Doorn in Coopersville on August 7, 1956. Jim and Phyllis lived at 1000 Park Street in Grand Haven. They attended the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Jim was a member of the American Legion and the North Ottawa Board of Realtors. The Kammeraad family had a daughter, Connie Gordon, and two sons, Thomas and Steven. Jim died in Grand Haven on June 16, 1997. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 7, 1997.]

Joseph E. Kammeraad [1908-1980]

The son of Art and Alice Vander Meiden Kammeraad, Joseph was born in Grand Haven on January 25, 1908 and died in Manatee, Florida on March 24, 1980. He was one of five children who helped their father maintain the grounds at Lake Forest Cemetery, where he was Sexton. Later Joseph owned and operated funeral homes in Grand Haven, Spring Lake, and Coopersville during a career that spanned 40 years. The Grand Haven funeral home was located at 208 Franklin, which also served as the Kammeraad family residence. On December 1, 1966 Joseph purchased from Don Barbier the Barbier Funeral Home in Spring Lake. Two years later he sold both the Kammeraad and Barbier Homes to the Van Zantwick Funeral Home. Joseph was County Coroner for 14 years. His wife, Hannah Van Doorne, was born on April 19, 1908. The Kammeraad family had one son, Kenneth Jay, born on April 18, 1931. Joseph was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Leonard [Leendeert] Kammeraad I [1858-1914]

Born in The Netherlands in September, 1858, Leonard was the brother of John and Ben Kammeraad, Mrs Jacob Essenberg, and Mrs John Bolthuis of Holland. Leonard arrived in the United States in 1870 and lived in Holland until he was about 25 years old, when he moved to Grand Haven. He worked at Ottawa Leather for several years before going into business for himself. By 1891 Leonard operated a saloon at 9 North Seventh Street in Grand Haven. In 1892 he married Tenntje "Tillie" Donker of Grand Haven. Their children included

Arthur, Franz, Cornelius, Peter, Henry, and Leonard II, all of Grand Haven. The family lived at 635 Washington. Leonard died at his home on July 9, 1914. Tillie, who was born in November, 1859, passed away on August 17, 1917 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, July 10, 1914.]

Lester Kammeraad [1909-1962]

Born in Grand Haven on April 3, 1909, Lester, the son of Art and Alice Vander Meiden Kammeraad, joined Homer Benedict and started Grand Haven Screw Products in 1947. Like his three brothers and one sister, young Lester helped his father maintain the grounds at Lake Forest Cemetery, where he was Sexton. Lester and his wife, Sylvia, lived at 1003 Colfax. James Neil Kammeraad, born on March 28, 1931, was their son. Lester died on September 9, 1962 in Ohio, and Sylvia, who was born on November 4, 1909, passed away in Grand Haven on November 5, 1982. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Peter Adrian Kammeraad [1900-1949]

Peter Kammeraad was City Manager of Grand Haven from 1932 to 1934. He was born on February 11, 1900, passed away about February 15, 1949, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He was the son of Arthur Henry Kammeraad, who resided at 635 Washington.

Robert Kammeraad [1918-1992]

The son of Art and Alice Vander Meiden Kammeraad, Robert was Ottawa County Register of Deeds for more than 34 years. Like his three brothers and one sister, as a youth Robert helped his father maintain the grounds at Lake Forest Cemetery, where he was Sexton. Robert also became Cemetery Superintendent. He lived from January 7, 1918 to June 28, 1992 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Marian J. Hoagerland. The couple resided at 1031 Waverly in Grand Haven and later at 17034 Robbins Road. Marian was born on May 30, 1912 and passed away in Spring Lake on March 16, 2003.

Raymond Kamp [1910-2001]

The son of Cornelius and Jennie De Redder Kamp, Raymond was born in Grand Rapids on March 12, 1910. On June 29, 1935 he married Margaret "Jennie" A. Kossuth in Grand Haven. Raymond worked for Bastian Blessing for 40 years. He and his wife were members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spring Lake. Raymond attended the Civilian Conservation Corps camp at Wolverine, Michigan. The Kamps had four children: Marlene Braun of Muskegon; Paulette, who married Dan Goheen of Huntington, West Virginia; Barbara, who married David Redmon and lived in Nunica; and Tom,

who also lived in Nunica with his wife, Sheril. The Kamps lived at 12414 State Road in Nunica. Raymond died in Nunica on June 11, 2001 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 13, 2001.]

Russell J. Kamper [1907-1975]

A dentist and resident of Spring Lake, Russell Kamper served as Village President for seven consecutive terms between 1963 and 1969. He lived from October 5, 1907 to September 6, 1975. Russell married Margaret Smith in Holland, Michigan on June 18, 1935. Russell's dental office was located at 119 West Savidge and his home was at 111 Mason, where Margaret continued to live after his death. She was born on August 14, 1909 and passed away in Spring Lake in June, 1995. She and her husband were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Gerrit Kamphuis I [Kamphouse] [1844-1913]

Gerrit Kamphuis was born in The Netherlands in November, 1844 and came to Grand Haven in 1867. He worked for Eagle Ottawa Leather Company most of his life. He was a brother of Jacob Kamphuis of Grant, Michigan, Mrs Orrie Dykhouse of Ventura [probably Arend Dykhuis of Section 28, Olive Township], and Mrs H. Meyers of Grand Haven. On August 9, 1873 in Grand Haven Gerrit married Grietje "Katie" Ammaal, another native of The Netherlands, where she was born in August, 1853. Katie came to the United States in 1872. Their children included Elizabeth "Lizzie," who was born in June, 1879 and married William Byl of Grand Haven; Jannie [Jennie], who was born in August, 1881 and married Gustave Fett of Grand Haven; Gerrit Kamphuis II, who was born on June 30, 1883 and died in Grand Haven on March 1, 1972; and Ida, born in April, 1890. Gerrit I died at his home at 406 North Fifth Street on April 23, 1913. Katie died in 1922, two years after marrying Klaus Lenenga, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Gerrit. [*Tribune* obituary, April 23, 1913.]

William Wallace Kanouse [1810- ?]

Although he was accustomed to traveling on water, Captain William Kanouse came from Toledo to Grand Rapids by foot, after the steamer *Don Quixote* he was on, bound for West Michigan, was wrecked in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Upon his arrival in Grand Rapids in 1837, he was made second in command of the steamboat *Governor Mason*, under Captain William Stoddard, the year that service was inaugurated. Built by James Short for Richard Godfrey, the steamer ran the river between Grand Haven and Grand Rapids. William became the second Captain to pilot the boat, and he was followed by Captain Willard Sibley.

William was born between 1800 and 1810. He and his family were in the 1840 census for Norton Township, which was then part of Ottawa County. According to Franklin Everett, William moved to Grand Haven around 1841. He married Delia Cullinan, who was born in Ireland around 1814. Among their children, were George Montague, who was born in Grand Haven on November 27, 1842 and died in Salt Lake City, Utah, on January 13, 1881; Edward, born about 1844; and John B., born in February, 1849. Delia was a widow by 1860 and twenty years later she was residing in Saginaw with her son John and his family.

However, it was a fistfight with James Collins that gave William his local fame and Battle Point its name. [Everett cited Henry Dusenbury as Kanouse's opponent.] The fight arose over a dispute regarding the boundaries of their preemptions in Section 31 of Crockery Township, and had nothing to do with Indians. Only a few log houses had been erected in the dense forest along the banks of the Grand River near Grand Haven. One particular spot on the river looked more attractive to Captain Kanouse than any other on which to build his cabin. Since the government had not completed surveying the land north of the river, a person wishing to own part of it could do so by obtaining a preemption title. Later in 1839 the government put the land up for sale and the person holding the preemption had the first chance at buying that particular piece of land. Therefore William availed himself of the opportunity. Some other people also had their eye on the same spot, including James Collins. A desperate fight with words and fists ensued, after which the place was called Battle Point. Since Captain Kanouse's name was the first entry in the abstract of the property, it would appear that he wasn't the loser. The abstract read: "United States to William W. Kanouse, August 5, 1837. Patent issued on August 1, 1841." The land in dispute consisted of 59 acres. William did, however, sell the land to Pierre C. Andre on October 29, 1839, before he had absolute title to it. Andre then transferred the land to four Indians, including Magobie. William had at least two children, Helen and Marian.

Joseph Karafa [1871- ?]

Like his brother Steven, Joseph Karafa was a farmer in Section 12 of Crockery Township. He was the son of Alexander Karafa and was born in Szarfold, Hungary about 1871. Presumably he settled in Crockery Township the same time as his brother, 1907, but by 1930 he was located in Detroit with his wife, Brigitta Nemeth, and their children. She also was from Szarfold, where she was born September 12, 1874. Her parents were John and Elizabeth Komlasi [Komlosi] Nemeth. Joseph and Brigitta had at least one daughter, Anna.

Steven Karafa [1877-1950]

Listed as a "Farmer and Stockraiser" in the 1912 *Atlas*, Steven Karafa owned 120 acres in Section 12 of Crockery Township. The son of Alexander Karafa, Steven was born in Szarfold, Hungary on September 14, 1877 [1875] and settled in the Crockery area in 1907. His brother Joseph lived nearby. In 1905 Steven married Mary Margaret Szerence [Szerenche], who was born April 18, 1881 [1882] and died in late December, 1969. They had six children, all born in Michigan: Alex, born in 1909; Andrew, born in 1911; Chris, born in 1913; Eva, born in 1917; and James, born in 1921. Steven and Mary were still in Crockery Township in 1930. Steven passed away about August 4, 1950. He and Mary were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Winfred J. "Bud" Karsten [1921-1984]

Born in Moline, Michigan on November 1, 1921, Bud was the son of Jacob and Hattie Schans Karsten. Other members of the family were his brother Martin Karsten of Kentwood and his sisters: Grace Nuyenhuis; Pauline, who married Sydney Bos of Grand Rapids; Anita, who married Ernest Pettinga, also of Grand Rapids; and Harriet, who married Edward Venema of Florida. Bud lived in Holland for many years and moved to Grand Haven in 1966. He was a teacher and Principal at Ellsworth Christian School for four years; at Holland Christian School for 12 years; and at Grand Haven Christian School for 13 years. Bud also was a self-employed carpenter. He was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church, the Principals Club of Christian Schools, Magnachards of Holland, and the Holland Y.M.C.A.

Bud married Elizabeth Oosse on June 28, 1945 in Grand Rapids. Their children included Joann, who married Edward Tysman of Grand Haven; Judith, who married Gary Buttery of New London, Connecticut; Esther, who married Andrew Waid of Ada; and Jack of Kalamazoo. Bud died on December 25, 1984 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elizabeth was born on March 12, 1924 and died in Grand Haven on August 29, 1998. [*Tribune* obituary, December 26, 1984.]

Martin Kartheus [Karthaus/Karstens] [1870-1913]

Martin Kartheus, who was born in 1870, owned an 80-acre farm in Section 23 of Grand Haven Township. He and his wife, Anna Berg, had eight children: Cynthia, born September 11, 1896; Anna, April 4, 1898; Alfred, February 14, 1900; Clara E, February 15, 1902; Carl; Martha, March 6, 1907; Isabel, December 18, 1910; and one other child. After Martin's death in 1913, Anna married Gustav Goldberg. Anna lived from 1875 to 1958.

Frederick Kasperson [1897-1929]

Fred Kasperson was a drowning victim when the *Andaste* went down in Lake Michigan on September 9, 1929. He was born in Milwaukee in 1897 and lived in Grand Haven with his brother Ernest Kasperson and his family at 205 Clinton. Fred was a member of *Andaste's* crew.

Irma M. Kasischke [1909-1989]

Irma Kasischke and Elaine Jansen owned BeLane's Clothes Horse at 4 Washington in downtown Grand Haven. Irma lived from October 15, 1909 to November 18, 1989. She resided at 1621 Sanford Street in Grand Haven. She passed away in Free Soil, Mason County, Michigan.

Claus [Klaus] Katt [1872-1936]

The son of Ferrysburg pioneers John and Stientje Wieringa Katt, Claus started building ships at the Giles Shipyard in Ludington and later became Superintendent at the Ferrysburg Ship Yard. It was at Giles that Claus designed the *Johanna*, a 42' steel tug built at the shipyard in 1912 for Roy and Martin O'Beck of Grand Haven. Claus started his own shipbuilding business in Ferrysburg in 1913, producing riveted, steel pleasure boats, such as *Easy Life*, *Black Cat*, and *Mary*. Claus's shipyard was located north of Johnston Brothers, at the site of the former Pearson Ship Yard. Claus was born on June 10, 1872 and died on April 29, 1936. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He married Mary Klaus in Ferrysburg on June 14, 1893. She was born in Spring Lake on August 4, 1871 and passed away March 9, 1943. She also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

John [Jan] Harley Katt [Cat] [1843-1907]

Born in December, 1843 in The Netherlands, John Katt came to the United States in 1869 and first worked in the sawmills in Northwest Ottawa County. In 1872 he lost an arm in an accident at the Glover & White Mill in Ferrysburg. He opened a feed business in 1880 and owned 56 acres of farmland. In 1894 he opened a grocery, flour, and feed store, where he was assisted by his daughter, Aldie [Allie], who was born in 1880. The building was located on the northeast corner of Third and Beech Streets in Ferrysburg. It burned down in 1931. On September 28, 1869 in Grand Haven, he married Stientje "Kate" Wierenga. Kate was born in The Netherlands in May, 1849, died in 1919, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their children, all born in Michigan, were: Claus, born about 1872; Jennie, who was born in December, 1873 and married John Bonema; Peter, born in 1875; Harry, who was born in December, 1882 and married Jenny Bosch; Henry J., who lived from November, 1884 to 1923 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; John J. I, born in December, 1886; Hannah, who was born in November, 1889 and married Dick Bosch; Hilda, who was born on September 2, 1891

and married Henry Bolthouse of Spring Lake; Tina, who was born in November, 1893 and married Dick Westerhof; and Aldie, who also married a Bonema. John died in 1907 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 11, 1923.]

John H. Katt [1913-1996]

John was born June 21, 1913 in Ferrysburg to Harry and Jenny Bosch Katt. His brothers and sisters included Stena [Chris] Postema; Ann Hommes; Nellie Herlein of Grand Haven; Ralph, whose wife, Josephine, was from Muskegon; Clarence, whose wife's name was Betty; and Jeanette Van Dep, who died in 1922. John was a toolmaker for Standard Automotive in Muskegon until he retired in 1977. He was a member of the Second Christian Reformed Church, and he was on the Board of West Michigan Christian High School. On January 28, 1938 he married Henrietta Meeusen in Muskegon. Their children included Janet Smallegan of Zeeland and Gordon of Spring Lake, whose wife's name was Merle. John died October 10, 1996 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 11, 1996.]

John J. Katt I [1886-1931]

John was born in Michigan on December 13, 1886, the son of John and Stientje Wierenga Katt. He and his wife, Reka [Mike], were residents of Ferrysburg. Mike was born in Michigan on February 3, 1892, died in Grand Haven on September 25, 1973, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with John, who passed away in 1931. John took over his father's general and feed stores in Ferrysburg. Their children, all born in Michigan, were John II, born on January 12, 1913; Gerrit [Garreth], who was born on January 28, 1915 and died in Norton Shores on July 11, 1974; Claude, who was born about 1917 and predeceased his father; Swannie, who was born about 1918 and married Orrie Vanden Bosch of Grand Haven; Stella, born about 1920; Marguerite, born about 1922; Harold [Herald], born about 1924; Donald, born about 1926; and Edwin E., who was born on April 7, 1929, moved to Muskegon, and passed away in Summerfield, Florida on February 8, 1998.

John J. Katt II [1913-1985]

Born in Ferrysburg on January 12, 1913, John was the son of John J. and Mike Katt of Ferrysburg. Young John retired from Holtrop Concrete Products and was a charter member of the Ferrysburg Christian Reformed Church. He married Bernice Anderson on November 30, 1938. Bernice was born on January 26, 1917 and died in Grand Haven on July 27, 2002. The Katts' children included Nancy, who married Bill Tysman of Grand Haven, and Steven J. of Cloverville. John died June 11, 1985 in Grand Haven and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 11, 1985.]

John Paul Katt [1894-1987]

John was born in Ferrysburg on January 22, 1894, the son of Peter and Clara Start Katt. On October 27, 1915 John married Clara Westhoff in Cutlerville. The daughter of Petrus and Fenna De Groot Westhof of Ferrysburg, Clara was born on August 29, 1895. In 1930 John was an electrician. He died at his home, 508 174th Avenue in Ferrysburg on August 30, 1987. Clara died in Grand Haven on December 26, 1991 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her husband. Their children, all born in Ferrysburg, were Clarissa Ruth, born on August 24, 1916; Frances Jean, born on October 14, 1919; Jack Herbert, who was born on September 29, 1921 and died in Ferrysburg on March 17, 2010; and Howard Peter, born on April 16, 1933. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 1, 1987 and March 19, 2010.]

Marjorie J. Katt [1914-1993]

Marjorie Katt, who was born on August 28, 1914, died in Grand Haven on February 25, 1993. She resided at 127 Clinton in Grand Haven.

Merzo “Michael” Katt [Cat] [1852-1931]

Merzo Katt, a farmer with 10 acres in Section 17 in Spring Lake Township, was born in October, 1852 [1854] and died in 1931. He married Anna Ostermeke, who lived from May, 1863 to 1907. Both were natives of The Netherlands. Their children were Lizzie, born in January, 1882; Anna, born in March, 1884; Okkie, a son, born in January, 1887; Kate, who was born in June, 1890 and died in 1913; Allie, born in May, 1894; Stena, who lived from 1896 to 1898; and Johnnie, who was born and died in 1900. Merzo and his wife were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Kate, Stena, and Johnny.

Peter Katt [1875-1963]

Peter was born on February 21, 1875, the son of John and Stientje Wierenga Katt. Peter was employed at Johnston Brothers Boiler Company. On September 28, 1893 in Spring Lake, Peter married Clara, the daughter of Hilbrant Start of Spring Lake. Clara lived from May 4, 1874 to about November 20, 1954, and Peter died on November 13, 1963. Clara and Peter died in Ferrysburg and were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Charles M. Kay [1831-1913]

Born in Kentucky on March 20, 1831, Charles Kay studied law and was admitted to the bar in Quincy, Illinois. In 1868 [1869] he came to Spring Lake, where he opened a law office. He held Village and township offices in Spring Lake for forty years. He was first elected to the office of Village Clerk in 1873 and held the post until his death. In addition, at the time of his death, he was Township Clerk, Justice of the Peace, and a member of the Spring Lake Board of Education. He

was Spring Lake Supervisor from 1880 to 1881. Charles also was a farmer.

In 1860 Charles married Elizabeth “Lizzie” F. Scott of Aledo, Illinois. She was born in Virginia in March, 1843, died on October 11, 1920, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Lizzie’s mother, Mary Scott, born in Pennsylvania in 1821, was residing with the Kay family in 1880, and died about March 22, 1895. The Kays’ children included Mary I., who married George A. Seagrove of Chicago and Spring Lake; Minnie, who was born in Illinois about 1864; Bessie, who was born in Illinois about 1864; Nettie, who was born in Illinois about 1866 and married W. B. Mayhew of Chicago; Frances C., “Frankie,” who was born in January, 1871 in Illinois and married William D. Spencer of Spring Lake; Robert H., who was born about 1872 in Michigan and moved to Bay City; and Louisa [Louise] R., who was born in Michigan on May 2, 1876 and married Edward P. Cummings of Grand Haven and Lansing. Charles died at his home at 403 East Savidge in Spring Lake on August 23, 1913. [*Tribune* obituaries, August 23, 1913 and October 12, 1920.]

Andrew Stewart Kedzie [1814-1899]

Born on August 23, 1814 in Stamford, New York, Andrew came with his father, William Kedzie, to Monroe County, Michigan in May, 1826. His brother, Robert C. Kedzie, joined the faculty at Michigan Agricultural College in East Lansing [MSU] as Professor of Chemistry. In 1839 Andrew obtained his first degree from Western Reserve College at Hudson, Ohio, which later moved to Cleveland under the name Adelbert College. In 1842 he received a master degree in the ministry. He pastored Congregational churches in Kalamazoo, Union City, Clinton, Somerset, Dexter, and Dowagiac. He was on the Board of Directors of Chicago Theological Seminary. Andrew served on the Christian Commission during the Civil War. [His brother Robert served in the military during the same conflict.] In May, 1880, while living in Berrien County, Andrew and his son Donald formed the firm Kedzie & Kedzie. Andrew came to Grand Haven in March, 1881, where he was appointed Pastor of the Congregational Church. At the same time he purchased the *Grand Haven Herald* from Marvin H. Creager. Donald worked with him. Marvin had operated the newspaper in behalf of the Benham estate from October, 1880 to the time of Adam’s purchase. [Lillie wrote that Kedzie & Kedzie bought the *Herald* from Guy Weber and Horace Nichols, who had purchased it from the Benham estate in early 1881.] and bought the *Spring Lake Republican*, which they merged with the *Herald*. The older Kedzie was author of several books and discourses, district oil inspector for several years, and a Republican.

Adam's wife, Henrietta G., was born in Michigan on December 11, 1833. She was the daughter of Daniel Hixson. Their children were Donald, who was born in Michigan about 1857, later moved to Lordsburg, New Mexico for health reasons and published a newspaper there; Katherina [Katherine] J., who was born in 1864 in Somerset, Michigan, married a Forrest E. Buswell in Grand Haven on November 14, 1882; Mary A., who was born in Bridgeport, Michigan on February 16, 1866 [1860], married Joseph F. Hixon [Hixson] in Grand Haven on September 20, 1882, died on November 26, 1890, and was buried at Lake Forest; Robert Mark Kedzie, who was born on February 19, 1871, married in Chicago in 1898, and later moved to Los Angeles, where he passed away on October 25, 1941. Forrest was born about 1860 in Macedonia, Ohio, and Joseph was born in Ithaca, New York in 1858. All the Kedzie children were born in Michigan. Henrietta died on September 28, 1910 at a hospital at Evanston, Illinois. Andrew passed away on February 4, 1899. He and his wife were buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituaries, February 6, 1899 and September 29, 1910.]

Peter A. Keefer [1884-1966]

Peter Keefer and his wife, Edith, came from Raymond, Washington to open Keefer's Restaurant at 15 Washington in the 1920s. Peter was born in Indiana on June 27, 1884, and Edith was born in Michigan about 1880. They lived above the restaurant. Georgia Keefer was Assistant Manager and resided with Peter and Edith. Sometime after 1938 they sold the restaurant to Earl and Esther Gier, who continued to use the Keefer name. Peter died in Grand Haven in October, 1966.

Alexander Keeler [1833-1899]

Born on December 8, 1833 in New York, Alexander Keeler enlisted with the 10th Michigan Calvary during the Civil War. Alexander died on September 17, 1899. On October 11 that year his widow, Polly, filed for a widow's pension. Polly, also a native of New York, lived from September 15, 1829 to March 6, 1901. Alexander and Polly were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. They had six children: Charles, born in 1855; George, born in 1857; John, born in 1860; Richard, born in 1862; Phebe, born in 1865 and Lada, born in 1868. In 1870 the family lived in Polkton Township. By the early 1890s they were residing on a 40-acre farm in Section 15 of Robinson Township.

William T. Kelley [1847-1895]

William Kelley was born in Ireland on August 20, 1847. His wife, Mary, was born in the same country on December 13, 1849 and died February 26, 1909. Their children, all born locally, included John L. who was born in December, 1873, married Natalie F. Fritz of Grand Haven, and died about May 1, 1953; Josie B., born in

December; 1877; Mary, born about 1877; Johanna, born about 1878; Margaret H., who was born in September, 1879 and married John A. Mulholland; Katheryn, born in June, 1881; William, born in August, 1883; and Esther, born in March, 1886. Katheryn, William, and Esther all relocated to Bay City. The family resided on Howard Street. William the father, who worked on the railroad, died about November 28, 1895 and was buried with Mary at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 25, 1909.]

Kellid [Kallid] Abdul Kellizy [1897- ?]

Kellid Kellizy ran a grocery store at 326 Fulton around 1940. He was born in Damascus, Arabia on June 3, 1897. In 1918 Kellid resided at 12 Washington and worked at Eagle Ottawa.

John Kelly [1879-1933]

As Commander of the Tenth Coast Guard District from 1930 to 1933, John Kelly coordinated the development of the mooring area for Coast Guard ships, which was later named Kelly Memorial Park in his honor and then Escanaba Park. Born in 1879, Lt. Commander Kelly died on November 11, 1933, just before the landing and park area was completed. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John S. Kelly [@1830-1910]

Born in Ireland about 1830, John Kelly came to America at age 11, becoming one of the mechanical engineers on the New York & Erie Railroad. He was designated by the government to go to Panama when the plan for the canal was first conceived. In 1853 he moved to Grand Rapids and three years later settled in Ferrysburg. At the outbreak of the Civil War he reportedly organized a company of sharpshooters and was given a commission as Captain, although his service records could not be located. In 1865 he made his home at Port Sheldon and had charge of three sawmills, one at Ferrysburg, another at Johnsville [Agnew], and the third at Dennison, near Coopersville. By 1880 he and his family had returned to Ferrysburg, and a year later they were in Muskegon. A blacksmith by trade, he invented appliances for use in sawmills. His wife, Mary, was born in Ireland around 1830. Their children, all born in Michigan, included John T., who was born about 1857 and moved to Lowell; Mary, born about 1855; Frances "Fannie," born in December, 1860; Alice G., born around 1863; Edward and Willie, born about 1866; Margaret A., born about 1868; and Joseph, born about 1870. Frances married J. D. Sheridan and moved to Muskegon, as did her sisters, Alice and Margaret. Their father, John, died in Muskegon on December 13, 1910. [*Tribune* obituary, December 13, 1910.]

John W. Kelly [@1874- ?]

A blacksmith by trade, around 1900 John Kelly's business was located at 416 Fulton. His residence was on North Second Street. John was born in Michigan about 1874.

Saidee Hadden Kelly [1889-1984]

Born on January 24, 1889 in Grand Rapids, Saidee was the daughter of Frank W. and Mary S. Bentley Hadden and the granddaughter of William T. and Sarah Ann Stonehouse Bentley. William, who built one of the earliest cooperage plants in Grand Rapids, lived from 1826 to 1905, and Sarah Ann lived from 1833 to 1906. Saidee married Jerry J. Kelly, who died in 1959. They had a son, Colonel Wilkes D. Kelly of the United States Air Force, who lived in Arlington, Virginia. He was born on February 15, 1907 and died in Fargo, North Dakota, on December 20, 1994. Saidee died in Grand Haven on March 17, 1984 and was buried in the Hadden family plot at Garfield Park Cemetery, Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituary, March 19, 1984.]

William Keltie [1842-1915]

William Keltie married Elizabeth Walker, whose husband, John, died when quite young. Elizabeth was born in Ohio in April, 1842. William was born in Scotland in March, 1842 and immigrated to the United States in 1865. He was a cook on a Lake Michigan steamer. Their children included James A. Keltie, who served with the Life Saving Service and Coast Guard, primarily at the Chicago Station. James lived from September 13, 1887 to July, 1963. Other children were Caroline, born in October, 1880, and Bessie, born in February, 1884. Also residing with the Keltie family was William "Captain Billy" Walker, Elizabeth's son by her first marriage. William died about December 23, 1915 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Elizabeth, who died around September 18, 1911.

Frederick Kendrick [1845-1918]

Born in England in December, 1848 [1845], Frederick Kendrick came to the United States in 1851 and entered government service in 1873. He was in charge of the harbor tug *Colonel Graham* at Ludington and was instrumental in a dramatic rescue. "A [Congressional] gold medal was awarded to Captain Frederick Kendrick, master of the government harbor tug at Ludington, MI, in recognition of an act of magnificent gallantry, resulting in the saving of forty-four persons from the large grain barge, *J. H. Rutter*, on the first of November 1878." He was later transferred to Grand Haven, where he was put in charge of government ships that wintered in Government Pond. He resided at 106 Franklin with his wife, Emma, who was born in Michigan in May, 1860. Frederick died on September 1, 1918. ["Magnificent Gallantry of Local Sailor." Tri Cities Historical Society, September 5, 1981.]

James A. Kennedy [1842-1923]

James Kennedy was Pastor at the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church from 1892 to 1902. He also was Vice President of American Brass in Grand Haven. His wife, Mattie A., who was born in 1849 [1846], died on August 13, 1895. In the 1890s Mattie Kennedy owned and operated the "Millinery and Fancy Goods" store in Grand Haven. James left his pastorate in Grand Haven to move to Sault Ste. Marie. Born in 1842, James passed away in 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife.

Harold Kenyon [1896-1967]

Harold Kenyon owned Kenyon Autoelectric at 418 Franklin. He was born in Michigan on July 31, 1896 and died in Muskegon in March, 1967. His wife, Rhuie, was born April 17, 1901, also in Michigan, and died in Muskegon on February 12, 1981. They had two daughters, Geraldine, born about 1922, and Marylianna, born about 1925. The family resided at 321 Barber in Spring Lake.

Joseph W. Kibbler [Kibler] [1838-1916]

Born in 1838 in Ohio, Joseph Kibbler enlisted as Private with Company B of the 4th Ohio Infantry on June 5, 1861. He was discharged to enter Battery A of the 4th U.S. Artillery on October 18, 1862. Although his service record for the second unit was not found, Joseph reportedly was wounded at Gettysburg and in 1865 returned to Ohio. He moved to Niles, Michigan in 1870, and then to Grand Haven in 1874. Joseph was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. He married Margaret McCambridge, who was born in 1859 and died about July 3, 1911. The sister of Thomas McCambridge of Grand Haven, Margaret was born in Illinois about 1858. The Kibblers had two sons: William, who died around April 5, 1950, and James, who was born about 1880 in Michigan. In 1880 the Kibblers were residing with Margaret's mother, Catherine McCambridge, in Grand Haven. At that time Joseph was a hotel clerk. He died on approximately July 30, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife.

Abram [Abraham] T. Kieft [1870-1952]

The son of Frederick J. and Kryntje Nederveld Kieft, Abram was born in Grand Haven on August 16, 1870. With Paul A. Johnson I, Bernath P. Sherwood I, Emil Gaul, and Alvin E. Jacobson I as partners, Abram took over Bolling Manufacturing Company at 201 South Harbor in 1927 and renamed it Grand Haven Stamped Products. Ten years later, with his brother Fred II and Franklin Kieft as partners, he founded Screw Machine Specialties. It was started in a garage on Waverly Road, later moved to 1251 Fulton, and then to 14080 172nd in

Grand Haven Township. His wife, Mary S., was born in Sweden in September, 1875. They had a daughter, Katie, born in September, 1897. The family lived in Robinson Township around 1900, but late in life Abram and Mary lived at 417 Buena Vista in Spring Lake, where Mary continued to reside into the late 1970s. Abram died on June 19, 1952 in Grand Haven.

Adam Kieft [1841-1879]

Adam Kieft was born August 21 [24], 1841 in Groningen, The Netherlands. On August 5, 1869, in Allegan County he married Cornelia Van Veuren, who lived from 1849 to 1916. In 1870 they had a farm in Allegan County. Among their children were William A., Fred, and Marguerite, who was born in Grand Haven about 1877. Another daughter, Martje, married William Beekman of Grand Haven and a third daughter, Minnie, married Charles Grossman. Minnie was born in 1871, probably in Grand Haven, and died there in 1939. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Adam died on July 18, 1879, also in Grand Haven.

Anna Frances Kieft [1906-1935]

Born in Grand Haven on February 18, 1906, Anna was the daughter of Peter Kieft, who lived at 513 Madison Street. Peter Kieft, an employee of Van Zylens Lumber Company, died after World War II. Anna's mother, Katherine Cook, later married Thomas Vanden Bosch. Anna taught in West Olive and was a teacher in Ferrysburg for four years. She was a graduate of Western State Teachers College in Kalamazoo [WMU]. She was a member of the Second Christian Reformed Church, the Good Hope Mission Circle, and the Grand Haven Teachers Club. She died June 23, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 24, 1935.]

Clyde Kieft [1915-1993]

Clyde Kieft was President of the Kieft Insurance Agency, which started business in 1937. It was located at 226 West Savidge in Spring Lake. Garry Kieft was Vice President and Lloyd Kieft, Secretary-Treasurer of the business. Clyde was born on March 17, 1915 and died on September 8, 1993. He and his wife, Helen, resided at 17804 Channel View Drive in Spring Lake Township. Helen lived from February 23, 1917 to December, 1990.

Edward Kieft [1885-1960]

Edward, the son of Frederick J. and Kryntje Nederveld Kieft, was born in Grand Haven on September 14, 1885. On November 26, 1908 in Grand Haven, he married Henrietta Fase, the daughter of Jacob Fase and the sister of Dena, who married Peter Van Zylens of Grand Haven. The Kiefts had a celery farm at 923 Wallace Street [Beacon Boulevard]. Their son, Thomas F. Kieft, owned the adjacent celery farm at 901. Edward died December

15, 1960 in Bradenton, Florida and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Henrietta, who died about June 29, 1953. She was born about 1886 in Michigan.

Franklin E. Kieft [1906-2001]

The son of Frederick and Della Beekman Kieft, Franklin was born in Grand Haven on October 25, 1906. On June 4, 1927 he married Gladys Conant, who died on September 4, 1984 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Franklin and Gladys had a son, David, who died on May 7, 1991 and was buried at Lake Forest. Franklin married Wilma Corbett on February 1, 1991. He was one of the founders and owners of Screw Machine Specialties, established in 1937. He was a member of the Hope Reformed Church in Grand Haven, President of the Michigan Blueberry Association, and served on the board of Audio Scriptures International. Gladys died on September 4, 1984. Franklin died in Bradenton, Florida on December 28, 2001 and was buried at Lake Forest.

Frederick J. Kieft I [1846-1913]

Born in Zuid, The Netherlands on March 8, 1846, Frederick Kieft came to Grand Haven with his parents in 1853 as a child of seven. He was the son of Jan and Trintje Meyer Kieft. Jan died May 18, 1874, and Trintje lived from December 21, 1815 to June 28, 1900. In the 1880 census Frederick was listed as a dock worker in Grand Haven. Frederick subsequently moved to Peach Plains until about 1908, when he returned to Grand Haven.

On September 18, 1868 in Grand Haven Frederick married Kryntje [Grietje] "Katie" Nederveld. The daughter of Abraham and Nelltje Rychel Nederveld, Kryntje was born in The Netherlands on July 11, 1848 and came to the United States in 1863. Frederick was employed at the Challenge Company. He and Kryntje lived at 520 Jackson Street and had 14 children, all born in or near Grand Haven: Tena, who was born on March 31, 1869 and died on May 1, 1934 in Grand Rapids; Abram T. [Abraham]; Thomas Frederick, born March 10, 1872, married Christine Petersen [January 3, 1875-February 22, 1931] in 1893 in Manistee, where he died on April 25, 1936; Nellie, who was born on January 25, 1874 and died in Muskegon on February 26, 1944; Katie, born on October 8, 1875 and died April 8, 1948 in Grand Haven; John F.; Martin, born November 16, 1878 and died April 9, 1929; Phoebe, who was born on July 13, 1880, married Edward Nederveld, and died on August 9, 1939; Susan, born September 9, 1882; Frederick II, who was born on April 6, 1884; Edward, born on September 14, 1885 and died December 15, 1960 in Bradenton, Florida; Jacob, who was born on October 18, 1887, married Minnie Maria Johanna Albrecht, and died in Grand Haven on May 22, 1931;

Paul, who was born on September 6, 1890 and died March 27, 1963 in Big Star Lake, Michigan; and Gertrude, born March 22, 1892. Frederick I passed away on July 11, 1913 and his wife died on October 25, 1928. [*Tribune* obituary, June 28, 1900.]

Frederick J. Kieft II [1884-1964]

The son of Frederick and Katie Nederveld Kieft, Frederick II was born in Grand Haven on April 6, 1884. He married Dirkje "Della" Beekman on February 10, 1906. Born on September 5, 1884, Della was the daughter of Elbert and Alice Van Den Hoek Beekman of Grand Haven Township. The Kiefts, who lived at 505 South Ferry, had 10 children, including: Franklin; Arthur Cornelius, who lived from February 25, 1908 to June 5, 1979 and was the husband of Beatrice Fox; Raymond Edward who was born on July 15, 1913; and Catherine, who lived March 21, 1918 to July 21, 1975 and was married first to Sidney Keniston and then Darward Finkbeiner. Della died on July 17, 1959 and Frederick passed away died in Bradenton, Florida on February 28, 1964.

Frederick J. Kieft [1904-1958]

The son of John F. and Mabel Deremo Kieft and grandson of Frederick J. Kieft, young Frederick was born in Grand Haven in 1904. Fred was in the contracting business until 1948, when he assumed ownership of the Kieft Concrete Products Company in Spring Lake. He was a member of the Second Reformed Church, Optimist Club, Masons, Eastern Star, Eagles, and Shriners. On April 16, 1923 he married Helen Marks, who was born on April 1, 1902 and died in La Mesa, California, on February 16, 1971. They had a daughter, Lois, who married Dwight Naas of Fullerton, California. Frederick died at his home, 505 South Ferry Street, on August 29, 1958 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 29, 1958.]

Frederick M. Kieft [1842-1904]

Born in Groningen, The Netherlands August, 1842, Frederick was the brother of Wilford and Robert Kieft and Martha Blink, all of Muskegon. Fred came to Grand Haven about 1869. For over 30 years he had a grocery business at the corner of Fulton and Fifth Streets. He was also in the ice business. After retirement he worked his farm on Ferry Street. He married Anna Van Zanten, also from The Netherlands, where she was born in July, 1856. Their children included Minke, who was born in July, 1871 and married Allie Roossien, daughter of Harm and Dena Roossien I; Katherine, who was born about 1874, married John T. Vanden Bosch of Grand Haven, and died about December 20, 1955; Hattie, born in July, 1879; Claudia, born in July, 1881; Frances, born in June, 1885; Phester, who was born in March, 1888 and died about August 14, 1961; Wilford [Wilfred]

Folgert, who was born on January 3, 1895, married Myrtle, the daughter of Frank and Hattie Kaatz II, in Grand Haven on June 9, 1923, and died on November 10, 1975; Cora; Martha, born in April, 1891; and Folgert W., born in January, 1895. Wilford and Phester opened Kieft Brothers Men's Store in the mid-1920s. Frederick died on July 13, 1904, probably from a heart seizure while cultivating his farmland, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 14, 1904.]

Henry Kieft [1881-1958]

Henry was born on October 30, 1881 in The Netherlands, the son of Reintje and Rena Dykstra Kieft. In 1905 he married Elsie Kraai, who was born October 6, 1884 in Grand Haven. She was the daughter of John and Marta Anne Rienks Kraai of Grand Haven. Sometime before 1917 Elsie married Charles Washington Smith. Henry and Elsie resided at 1150 Fulton Avenue. One of their children was Raymond Henry Kieft, who was born on November 10, 1907 and died in Los Angeles County, California, on June 23, 1978. Henry worked at the Grand Haven Basket Factory. He died on October 15, 1958 and Elsie passed away on November 6, 1960. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Jan "John" Kieft [1811-1874]

Jan Kieft was born in The Netherlands about January 8, 1811 and came to Grand Haven in 1853. His wife, Trintje [Tryntje/Katherine] Meyer, was born in Groningen, The Netherlands, on December 21, 1815 and died June 28, 1900. In the 1870 census John was classified as a laborer. He died May 18, 1874. Among their children, were Frederick J., born about 1846, Martin, born in April, 1856, and Kate, who was born about 1860 and married Hiram Pruim of Spring Lake. [*Tribune* obituary, June 28, 1900.]

John Frederick Kieft [1877-1971]

The son of Frederick J. and Krytnje Nederveld Kieft, John was born in Grand Haven on April 4, 1877. He owned 30 acres in Section 34 of Grand Haven Township [16344 Comstock] and was a mason by trade. On May 3, 1897, in Ottawa County, John married Mabel Gertrude, the daughter of John Quincy and Isabella Sarah Hale Deremo. Frederick J. Kieft, who was born in 1904 and named for his grandfather, was their son. Other children were [Florence] Isabella, who was born about 1898 and married Edward Mastenbrook in Grand Haven on August 26, 1922; Maurice E., born about 1911; Chester A., born about 1913; Ronald K., born about 1914; Alvin J., born about 1916; Gertrude, born about 1917; and Howard, born about 1919. John Frederick Kieft died in Grand Haven on July 19, 1971.

Martin Kieft [1856-1944]

Martin was born in Michigan in April, 1856, the son of John and Trintje Meyer Kieft. He started a celery business in Grand Haven in the late 1880s. Martin was living with his mother in Grand Haven in the 1880 census. His wife, Dena, was born in Michigan in July, 1873 and died about October 27, 1958. Their children were Marian K., born in February, 1895; James Peter, born in January, 1897; John, born in August, 1898; Gerald, born about 1904; Frank, born about 1907; and Lester, born about 1913. The family resided at 327 Fulton. Martin passed away around February 8, 1944. He and Dena were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Martin Kieft I [1878-1929]

Martin, the son of Frederick and Kryntje Nederveld Kieft, was born in Grand Haven on November 16, 1878. He and his wife, Dena, lived in the early 1900s at 327 Fulton, and a few years later were owners of a large parcel on the northeast corner of Fulton and Ferry Streets, at one time the location of the Maurer Glove Company. Martin was a gardener and celery farmer. Among the Kiefts' children were Garret, John, Katie, Martin II, and Peter. The young Martin was born on September 8, 1900 and died in December, 1978. Martin I died on April 9, 1929.

Peter Kieft I [1880-1952]

In 1903, when Peter Kieft was an employee of the Van Zylens Lumber Company, he married Katherine, the daughter of Peter and Martje Sluiter Cook, who was born on July 4, 1883 and died around November 20, 1916. She attended school at 513 Jackson, where one of her teachers was Elizabeth McMillan. Katherine worked at the Basket Factory, located at Sixth and Madison in Grand Haven, and later she was employed by the Hancock Cannery on Washington Street. She was 20 when she married Peter on June 9, 1903. The Kiefts, who lived at 513 Madison, had one daughter, Anna, a teacher at Ferry School, who was born about 1906 and died at age 29, and a son, Peter, who was born about 1897. Peter I had another son, Alvin, who was born on April 14, 1919, died in Muskegon on April 2, 2005, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Peter I left the lumber company and worked for either Grand Haven Brass Foundry or American Brass Novelty. The family resided at 513 Madison. Peter, the son of Fred D. and Kate Kieft, was born in Grand Haven on November 14, 1880. He died about November 22, 1952 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. They were members of the Second Christian Reformed Church. [*Tribune* obituary, April 4, 2005.]

Phester C. Kieft [c1888-1961]

In the 1930s until approximately 1950 Phes Kieft and his brother Wilford owned Kieft Brothers Clothing, first located at 230 Washington, later at 220 Washington, and

finally at 125 Washington, when Wilford was the sole owner. Phes and his wife, Jeannie, resided at 614 Washington. Jeannie was born about 1887. They had at least two children, Ruth Frances, born about 1913, and Helen Louise, born about 1922. About 1950 Jack Reichardt bought the clothing business. Phes passed away around August 14, 1961 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His parents were Frederick and Anna Kieft of Grand Haven.

Reintje Kieft [1846-1916]

Reintje Kieft married Rena Dykstra in The Netherlands, where he was born in 1846 and she in 1849. They immigrated to Grand Haven, where Reintje was employed at Ottawa Eagle. The Kiefts lived at 1150 Fulton, which they shared with their son, Henry, and his wife, Elsie. Reintje died in 1916 and Rena two years later.

Thomas F. Kieft [1909-1991]

Thomas, the son of Edward Kieft and the grandson of Frederick J. Kieft, owned a celery farm at 901 Wallace Street [Beacon Boulevard] that in 1983 became the site for Grand Haven Garden House. He also acquired 923 Wallace, his father's property. Thomas was born October 24, 1909 and died in Harlingen, Texas on January 31, 1991. He married Harriet C Bol, who, lived from July 14, 1912 to August 13, 1988. The couple was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had at least one son, Lloyd Richard, who was born in Grand Haven on October 1, 1930. Lloyd married Lois Ann Huizenga on March 29, 1957 in Grand Rapids. Lloyd died in Grand Haven on April 18, 2010 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 19, 2010.]

Wilford Folgert Kieft [1895-1975]

Born on January 3, 1895 in Grand Haven, Wilford Kieft died in Grand Rapids on November 10, 1975. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. At the time of his death, he resided at 109 Prospect Street in Spring Lake. His wife, Myrtle, passed away on December 1, 1992 and was buried with her husband. With his brother Phester Kieft, Wilford owned Kieft Brothers Clothing, first located at 230 Washington and later at 220 Washington. Around 1948 Wilford was sole owner of a men's clothing store that bore his name, located at 125 Washington. After Jack Reichardt bought the shop in the early 1950s, it became now as Reichardt's. In the early 1950s His parents were Frederick and Anna Kieft of Grand Haven.

William Adam Kieft I [1877-1954]

William, the son of Adam and Cornelia Van Veuran [Verney] Kieft, was a building contractor who worked from his home at 1003 Fulton in the early 1900s. He served with Army during the Spanish-American War.

By 1920 William was located at 1201 Sheldon Road, where he also resided with his family. William's first wife, Catherine, was born in Illinois in 1873, died in 1916, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. William and Catherine had at least two children, a daughter, also named Catherine, who was born on August 13, 1906 and died on April 7, 1920, and a son, Louis O., born about 1915. His second wife, Gertrude Klamar, whom William married on October 11, 1920, was born in The Netherlands on April 29, 1885. William and Gertrude had two children, William A. II, born on November 10, 1923, and Katherine G., who was born on May 13, 1926 and married Clyde Arkema of Grand Haven on May 1, 1946. William I was born in Grand Haven on March 10, 1877 and died there on April 13, 1954. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Gertrude passed away on November 20, 1941.

William Adam Kieft II [1923-1993]

Born in Grand Haven on November 10, 1923 to William and Gertrude Kieft, young William was active in governmental affairs, having served on the Grand Haven Township Board and several terms on the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners. He was Building and Zoning Administrator for Grand Haven Township when he retired in 1988. On March 26, 1942 he married Ruth Briegel in Grand Haven. Their children included Dennis Lee and Jane of Nunica, William A. III, who died about April 15, 1954, and Charlene, who married Wayne Merz. Both William III and Charlene lived in Grand Haven. William died on November 30, 1993 at his home and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 1, 1993.]

William James Kieft [1909-1982]

The son of Frederick and Della Beekman Kieft, William was born on August 25, 1909. In 1930 he was employed as a grinder in a local print shop. He married Anna Bramer on June 22, 1933. Anna, the daughter of Frederick and Elsie Bosch [Bush] Bramer, was born on April 1, 1911 in Spring Lake and died there on November 24, 2000. The Kiefts resided at 17599 North Shore Drive in Spring Lake Township. William died on March 8, 1982.

Albert Kiel [1841-1930]

Born in The Netherlands November 8, 1841, Albert Kiel came to Grand Haven about 1861. Within a short time he established a furniture and undertaking business that he conducted until his death in 1930. The business was located at 123-125 Washington. For many years he was one of the best known businessmen in the state. In 1872 he married the widow Lucy De Keep [De Kiep]. The daughter of Louis and Sarah vanden Berg, Lucy was born in The Netherlands about 1844 and came to Grand Haven with her parents in 1847. Lucy died April 26,

1908 at her home. Albert had at least one child, Jennie, born in May, 1869. He and Lucy had additional children, including Thomas, born on September 13, 1875; Sarah Henrietta, who was born in January, 1879 and at age 55 became J. Edgar Lee's second wife and lived in Grand Haven; and Eleanor, who married Louis Bissonette of Durand, Michigan, and died in 1982. Thomas took over management of the furniture store for a short time after his father died. Albert was a member of the City Council from 1895 to 1898. He was one of the earliest advocates of the city electric lighting plant, and it was largely through his efforts that the municipal power plant was established and kept in operation in Grand Haven.

The Kiels resided at 315 Columbus Street. Living with Albert and Lucy at that address in 1880 were Lucy's brother, Henry, and her mother, Sarah, the widow of Louis vanden Berg of Grand Haven. Also residing with Albert and Lucy in 1880 were Lucy's children by her earlier marriage: Margaret De Keep, born in Michigan about 1865; Louis De Keep, who was born in Michigan in 1867, died in 1881, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; and Jane De Keep, born in Michigan about 1869. Albert died June 6, 1930 at his home and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 27, 1908 and June 7, 1930.]

Thomas John Kiel [1875-1946]

Born in Grand Haven September 13, 1875, Thomas was the son of Albert and Lucy Kiel. Thomas worked at his father's store, the Kiel Furniture and Undertaking Store at 123-125 Washington Street in Grand Haven, and took over management when his father died in 1930. Thomas retired that year, and closed the business. He attended St. John's Episcopal Church and was a member of the Grand Haven Stag Club, Masons, Elks, Foresters, and Eastern Star. On June 6, 1901 he married Eleanor "Nellie" J. Kermode, who was born in 1874 and died in August, 1928. Nellie came alone from her home on the Isle of Man [England] at the age of 12 to live in Grand Haven with her uncle, John W. Callister, at his home at 626 Clinton Street. Eleanor and Thomas lived at 535 Clinton and had two children. One was a daughter, Bertha, who was born on May 19, 1903, graduated from the University of Michigan, taught at South Bend, Indiana, retired in 1968 after 43 years, and died at South Bend on January 27, 1996. Another daughter, Eleanor, was born around 1905, became a teacher in Dearborn, Michigan, and married Elgin Wright. Thomas was a charter member of the Grand Haven Stag Club. He died April 29, 1946 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, April 30, 1946.]

Silas Kilbourn [Kilbourne] [1848-1919]

Silas Kilbourn, born in Massachusetts in September, 1848, bought out the A. and A. D. Fessenden Company in 1882 and expanded operations along the South Channel of the Grand River, between the later U.S. 31 and C. & O. depot and north of Adams. His son, Benjamin, worked with him. The firm employed 125 men. The company manufactured fish pails, kits, pickle and cider barrels, and kegs. In addition, the firm operated a large sawmill with a capacity of several million feet. Silas owned three freight cars that he used to ship his wares to market. Sometimes the spring floods would partially flood the Kilbourn yards. Silas recalled one year when men were forced to use a rowboat to take feed to the barn where the plant's three teams of horses were kept.

On April 21, 1878 Silas married Amanda M. Jones in Bay City. In Grand Haven, they lived at the corner of Franklin and Sixth Streets. Amanda was born in October, 1854 in Dorchester, Canada and died on May 30, 1907. Their children included a son, Clare W., born in March, 1883; Arthur Cornelius, the youngest son, who was born August 30, 1884, joined Company G. of the National Guard, and died from appendicitis on June 10, 1903; and Grace L., who died about January 30, 1967. Silas died about August 17, 1919 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituaries, May 31, 1907 and June 10, 1903.]

Joseph Kilgore [1868-1920]

Joseph Kilgore replaced Frank Fraga as lighthouse keeper. Joseph served from 1911 to 1920, the year he died. He was born in Wisconsin in 1868. His wife, Alice M., was born in Michigan about 1874. They had three children, all born in Wisconsin: Gladys, born about 1901; Lester, born about 1902; and Charles, born about 1906. Like all Keepers, Joseph and his family resided in the residence provided for them at 900 South Harbor. Joseph died on February 11, 1920 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. By 1930 Alice and her children were residing in Milwaukee.

Cornelius "Con" Killean [1850-1915]

Cornelius Killean and his wife, Katherine, resided at 14 North Sixth Street in Grand Haven. Their children were Arthur J., born in August, 1887; May C., born in June, 1886; and William, born in April, 1890. Cornelius was born in May, 1850 [1853] and died in 1915. He worked as Section Foreman for a railroad company. His wife lived from July, 1852 [1854] to 1917. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Edward Killean [Killen] [1838-1896]

Born in Hamburg, New York on December 19, 1838, Ed was the son of John and Mary Killean, who settled in Grand Rapids. Ed came to Grand Haven as a young

man, and in 1860 he started the Milwaukee House in Muir, at the foot of Dewey Hill, but later managed a second hotel of the same name when the first one burned down, this one in Grand Haven. After Ferry's original residence on the southeast corner of Washington and Harbor Streets [2 Washington] burned down in 1866, the lot remained vacant until 1873 when Ed and Captain Kirby began construction of the Kirby House at a cost of \$50,000. In 1880 Ed took over the Rasch House at the corner of Bridge and Canal Streets in Grand Rapids and renamed it the Clarendon Hotel. He managed the Clarendon until he went to Manistee in 1892 to take charge of the Dunham House.

Ed married Margaret Sullivan, who was born in 1839. Margaret's sister Mary married Myron Scott of Grand Haven. In the 1890s, Margaret Killean was proprietor of the Central House in Spring Lake. Charging \$1.00 per day, the hotel was located on the northeast corner of Savidge and Division Streets. Following Ed's death, Margaret and a son, John E. Killean, took over the Hotel Bucklen at Elkhart, Indiana. Margaret died on January 17, 1910 at the home of her daughter, Nettie Seymour, who lived at 51 Lake Avenue in Grand Rapids. She was buried at the Fulton Street Cemetery. Nettie, who married Edward B. Seymour, was the last of the family and died on January 11, 1942. Son John was born in 1860, died on November 1, 1906, and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery. Ed died of cancer of the tongue at the Dunham House in Manistee on May 6, 1896 and was buried at Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituaries, May 6 and 7, 1896 and January 11, 1922.]

Everett Earl Kimball I [1881-1929]

Everett Kimball I was born in Montague, Michigan on August 12, 1881 and on April 24, 1909 in Grand Haven married Uarda [Euarda/Widia] Melissa Conant. In 1918 they resided at 1321 Franklin with Everett II and their five other children. Everett II was born in Grand Haven on September 12, 1912. Everett I worked at Dake Engine Company as a fireman. Everett I passed away in Robinson Township on November 11, 1929 and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. Uarda was born in Robinson Township on November 23, 1891 and died in Grand Haven on January 4, 1971. She was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery.

Everett Earl Kimball II [1912-1965]

Born in Grand Haven on September 5, 1912, Everett was the son of Everett and Uarda Mosher Kimball. Everett II left Grand Haven in 1941 when he entered the ministry, first serving the Potterville, Michigan, Church of the Nazarene. On May 6, 1930, he married Irene Lyons of Grand Haven. She was born in Michigan around 1913. He died in Charlotte, Michigan, on April 12, 1965 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Frederick Joseph King I [1878-1945]

Fred, the son of Joseph and Ellen [Helen] Bailey King, was born on November 14, 1878 in Olive Township. He took over the family farm in Section 3 of Olive Township [later Port Sheldon Township]. His brother, John, was co-owner. The farm grew to 200 acres by 1918. Fred married Fannie [Fanny] Correll in Grand Haven on October 4, 1905. They had eight children, all born in Michigan, including Clarence, who was born about 1906; Frances, who was born in 1907 and married William K. Hierholzer of Grand Haven; and Frederick II, who was born about 1909, passed away on April 14, 1975, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Fannie was born in Indiana about 1886. She and Fred were married about 1903. Fred continued farming after his brother moved to Grand Haven. Fred died on August 16, 1945.

John Edward King [1881-1919]

John, the son of Joseph and Ellen [Helen] Bailey King, was born on September 13, 1881 in Olive Township. He and his brother Fred took over the family farm in Section 3 of Olive Township. In 1913 John was living at 1200 Pennoyer, and five years later he was a truck driver, residing with his wife, Henrietta Neitring, at 531 Madison. They were married in Grand Haven on December 12, 1908 and had at least five children, all born locally, including Maxine, born about 1909; Henry; who was born on February 25, 1910 and died in Grand Haven in March, 1967; and Vernon, who was born on June 5, 1914 in West Olive and died in Grand Haven on January 20, 1998. John died at home on January 22, 1918 of complications from influenza. Henrietta was born in Michigan about 1888.

Joseph King [1830-1907]

Born in Rochester, New York in March, 1828, Joseph King resided in Grand Haven before settling on an 80-acre farm in Section 3 of Olive Township, where he lived for the next 30 years. He was one of the veteran ship carpenters in Grand Haven and he worked for a number of years in both the Kirby and the Robertson Ship Yards. About 1865 he married Ellen Bailey in Chicago. Ellen was born in April, 1847 in Ireland. Their children included: Ida, born about 1865 in Illinois; Anna, born about 1870 in Illinois; Charlotte M., who was born 1871 in Olive Township; Loretta, born about 1875 in Illinois; Ellen born about 1877 in Olive Township; Frederick J., born on November 14, 1878 in Olive Township; John E., who was born September 13, 1881; and Lulu, born in February, 1882. In the early 1900s Fred and John owned the 120-acre family farm in Olive Township. John later moved into Grand Haven. Ellen died at her home, 1200 Pennoyer Avenue, on April 21, 1913. Joseph died June 1, 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Charlotte married George C. Caughey of Chicago. He was born in Illinois about 1856 and died before 1920. Charlotte continued to reside in Chicago after her husband's death. [*Tribune* obituaries, June 3, 1907 and August 1913.]

Kenneth A. King [1906-1993]

Born in Crosswell, Michigan on January 5, 1906 to Archid and Anna Armstrong King, Kenneth taught drafting and mechanical drawing for 42 years at Grand Haven High School, retiring in 1969. He started the Rifle Club and Golf Team at the high school and was a counselor and coach for many years. In 1971 he chaired the committee charged with developing remodeling plans for the conversion of the Grand Trunk Depot to an historical museum. Kenneth was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and a charter member of North Ottawa Rod & Gun Club. On June 26, 1932 he married Lois B. Brashear in Detroit. Lois also taught at the high school. Their children included Mary, who married Gordon Hornby of Grand Haven, and Jean R. King, who was born about 1938 and moved to Anchorage, Alaska. When she was 41 years old, Jean started studying law and became a noted attorney for women's rights. The Kings resided at 512 Leggat and later at 11133 Lakeshore Drive in Grand Haven Township. Ken died on May 21, 1993. Lois lived from June 24, 1905 to May 6, 2004. [*Tribune* obituary, May 22, 1993.]

Louis M. King [1914-1993]

Born on July 29, 1914 in Ferrysburg to Earl and Johanna Kamhout King, Louis was a U.S. Navy veteran. He retired from Construction Aggregates and was a life member of the United Methodist Church of the Dunes. Louis belonged to the Sgt. Alvin Jonker V.F.W. Post, Muskegon Moose Lodge, and Grand Haven Eagles. On June 21, 1941 he married Nadie Domanchuk in Grand Haven. She was born April 22, 1913. They resided at 625 Summer Street in Spring Lake. Louis died on November 29, 1993 in Grand Haven and passed away in Spring Lake on August 4, 2001. [*Tribune* obituary, November 30, 1993.]

Vernon King [1914-1998]

Born on June 5, 1914 in West Olive, Vernon was the son of John and Henrietta Neitring King. Vernon started work as a commercial fisherman at the age of 11. In 1933 he began a 44-year career as a crane operator with his uncle, Henry Neitring, in the earth moving business [Neitring-Sluka Excavating]. He married and had seven children. He lived on Lake Avenue near Potawatomi Bayou [15108 Lake]. [*Tribune* article, "44 years of Swinging Bucket," September 26, 1977, and "The King Family of Ottawa County."]

Edward Dean Kinkema [1904- ?]

Born in Grand Haven on August 10, 1904, Edward was the son of Edward P. and Jan Van Zanten Kinkema II. For five years he worked for John J. Boer & Son at 121 Washington. He then became a partner with the Addison, Pellegrom & Colson Furniture and Undertaking Company at 304-306 Washington. The store later became known as Pellegorm & Kinkema. On October 28, 1931, he married Marie Catherine Krueger. Their children were Edward Max, born about 1935, and Molly Marie, born about 1937. The family resided at 127 South Seventh Street.

Edward P. Kinkema II [1870–1946]

Edward Kinkema, born in The Netherlands on January 22, 1871, came to the United States when he was eleven. Edward worked as a cooper for awhile, and then became interested in the fishing industry in Grand Haven. For over 36 years he operated a cold storage and fresh and smoked fish market at 1034 Fulton in Grand Haven. For a short time he was in partnership with his brother-in-law, John J. Bolt. Edward was one of the original stockholders of the People's Savings Bank, Grand Haven State Bank, and Keller Took Company. He attended the Christian Reformed Church and served on the Christian School Board. His father, Edward P. Kinkema I, lived from 1825 to November 3, 1891.

On November 28, 1894 Edward II married Jan [Jane] Van Zanten, who was born in Grand Haven on November 15, 1865. She was the daughter of Cornelius and Frieka Wierenga Van Zanten. The Kinkemas had seven sons and one daughter, all born in Grand Haven: Peter E., who was born in September, 1896 and died on June 5, 1921; Cornelius, who was born on June 15, 1897, opened a medical practice in Milwaukee, and died in April, 1975; Alfred C., who was born on January 14, 1899, lived in Chicago, but died in Grand Rapids on January 15, 1992; Ferdinand J., who was born February 8, 1901 and died in Grand Haven on February 18, 1973; Gerald J., who was born on July 26, 1902, joined the Michigan State Police at Newberry, and died in Oakland County, Michigan on November 9, 1976; Edward Dean, who was born August 10, 1904 and died in Grand Haven in February, 1965; James N., who was born on June 13, 1908 and died in Lordsburg, New Mexico on November 1, 1978; and Frances O., who was born about 1910, married Reginald Ricketts, and relocated to West Englewood, New Jersey. Edward and his wife lived at 920 Fulton and later at 923 Washington. Jane died on September 9, 1930 after surgery at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. Edward then married Lena, the daughter of Gomer and Jane Vette of Grand Haven. Lena lived from 1871 to 1935. Edward died at his home on Washington on January 5, 1946 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as were Jane and Lena. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 9, 1930 and January 7, 1946.]

James Kinney I [1855-1909]

Born in Ireland in 1855, James Kinney came to Grand Haven about 1864 and later was employed by the Grand Trunk Railroad and Crosby Steamship Lines. In 1881 he married Hattie, who lived from 1857 to 1927. Their children, all of Grand Haven, included James II, who died about July 11, 1959; May; Edward; and Margaret. James died at his home on Elliot and First Streets on February 24, 1909 and was buried at Lake Forest, where his wife also was interred. [*Tribune* obituary, February 24, 1909.]

Edward Percival Kirby I [1875-1935]

Born in Grand Haven on March 28, 1875, Edward was the son of Captain Thomas W. and Mary Ellen O'Brien Kirby. Captain Kirby was founder of Kirby Shipyards and among the best-known pioneer residents in Grand Haven, Edward graduated from the University of Michigan Law College with honors. He had a law office in Grand Haven with Paul Cunningham. He was residing in Minneapolis in December, 1901, when he was appointed Probate Judge to succeed John Goodrich of Coopersville, who had resigned. He held the office until 1917 and then went to Detroit and engaged in the real estate business. Kirby was a Republican.

Edward's first wife, Loyola A., was born in Illinois about 1889. His second wife, Katherine C., died about February 5, 1965. Edward and Loyola had four children, all born in Michigan: William G., born about 1917; Edward P. II, born about 1922; Elizabeth J., born about 1925; and Alice L., born about 1927. The family lived in the Kirby family home at 514 Washington. After moving to Detroit, the Kirbys returned to Grand Haven to summer in Highland Park where the family established Indian Village, a group of cottages that marked the enlarging of the resort south of Highland Park. Edward died in Detroit on May 8, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Judge E. Percival Kirby," October 10, 1902 and *Tribune* obituary, May 9, 1935.]

John O'Brien Kirby [1872-1920]

The son of Captain Thomas W. and Mary Ellen O'Brien Kirby, John was born in Grand Haven on November 15, 1872. Like his brothers, John went entered the business field and was the local agent for the Hamburg-Bremen Insurance Company. His office was at 220 Washington. Early in his career he lived with other family members at 514 Washington. Later he and his wife, Katherine, resided at 522 Washington. John was killed in an auto accident about June 28, 1920.

Joseph H. Kirby [1880-1934]

Joseph, another son of Captain Thomas and Mary Ellen O'Brien Kirby, was born in Grand Haven in June, 1880.

The family business office was located at 220 Washington and he lived in the family home at 514 Washington. Joseph died in 1934 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Maurice S. Kirby [1871-1925]

Maurice, the son of Captain Thomas and Mary Ellen O'Brien Kirby, was born in Grand Haven in August, 1871. In February 12, 1896 in Grand Haven he married Miriam, the daughter of Edward and Clara White Ferry. She was born in Grand Haven on August 17, 1874. In 1900 Maurice was living alone in Chicago, where he worked as a chemist. By 1910 he was still living alone, listed as single, and working as an accountant. He died in 1925. By 1910 Miriam had married Charles C. Reynolds and moved to Los Angeles, California. By 1930 they were divorced. Miriam died in Los Angeles on December 18, 1955. Apparently she was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery three years later. Her children were Katherine, born in Illinois in November, 1896, Virginia, who born in Illinois on September 25, 1898, married Karl B. Schurz, and died in Los Angeles on August 25, 1985; and Charles "Ferry", who was born in California on June 8, 1906, and passed away in Los Angeles on February 7, 1955. The children are listed with the name Reynolds, although only Ferry was Charles Reynold's natural child and Maurice was the father of the two girls.

Thomas Edward Kirby [1868-1940]

Born in Grand Haven on August 1, 1868, Thomas was the son of Captain Thomas W. and Mary Ellen O'Brien Kirby. Thomas attended business college in Grand Rapids, and in 1890 he graduated from the University of Michigan Pharmacy Department. He practiced law in Detroit for four years, and then returned to Grand Haven to take charge of "The Fisheries," which included a fleet of fishing boats operated by his father. When Captain Kirby died, Thomas and his three brothers, John, Edward, and Joseph organized the Kirby Coal and Insurance Company in the building later occupied by the Kieft Brothers Clothing Store at 220 Washington. Thomas was City Clerk from 1898 to 1899. He resided at 520 Washington. He died about April 6, 1940 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Thomas W. Kirby [1832-1896]

Born on his father's sailing ship in the China Sea in 1832, Thomas Kirby had an Irish heritage. After his father drowned, Kirby went to sea at the age of nine and served in all the positions on shipboard until he finally became a shipmaster. In 1857 he came to America, where he sailed the Great Lakes. In the early years of lumbering in Grand Haven he met with an accident that cost him the use of his left arm. It happened at Spoonville, when a tree being felled struck him and

rendered his arm useless. He had charge of the Kirby-Furlong Barge Company, later the Michigan Barge Company. In 1867 Captain Kirby, John W. Callister, and John Neil organized Mechanics Dry Dock and Shipyard and built the tugs *J. G. Campbell*, *H. W. Warner*, *Centennial*, *Blanche*, *Deer*, *Elk*, *Callister*, and *Sprite*. They were built near Government Basin on Harbor Avenue. He also was partner with Healy C. Akeley and owned the Kirby & Akeley Ship Yard. Thomas manufactured such vessels as *Major Pickands*, *Samuel Marshall*, and the 230' *H. C. Akeley*, which was built in 1881 at a cost of \$110,000. In 1872 Captain Kirby donated funds to build the first Roman Catholic Church [St. Patrick's] in Grand Haven on the south side of Fulton Street, about one block east of Seventh. Thomas joined with Ed Killeen in building the Kirby House in 1873 at the southeast corner of Washington and Harbor Streets. Thomas was Mayor of Grand Haven in 1887 and 1889 and 1892. He was Chairman of the Board of Public Works.

In 1867 Thomas married Mary Ellen O'Brien of Chicago. They resided at 514 Washington and later at 520 Washington. Mary was born in New York in November, 1841 [1845] and died about October 17, 1927. Their children included Thomas Edward, who was born on August 1, 1868 [1869]; Maurice S., who was born about 1871; John O'Brien, who was born on November, 15 1872 [1873]; Edward Percival, who was born on March 28, 1875 [1876]; Mary Winifred, who was born in April, 1879 and studied dentistry; and Joseph H., who was born in June, 1880. Thomas died September 29, 1896 at the Hotel Cadillac in Detroit. Husband and wife were buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 30, 1896.]

Harry P. Kirk [1885-1948]

Born on November 25, 1885 in Leeds, England [Grand Haven], Harry Kirk was called the "father of Boy Scouting" in Ottawa County because he organized the first troop at St. John's Episcopal Church in 1914, the year he arrived in Grand Haven from Canada. Harry started the first Boy Scout camp in the county, a 30-acre site known in the 1920s as Camp Shawandosee and later as Camp McCarthy. The 30 acres was carved out of a 399 acre farm owned by Patrick McCarthy in Section 33 of Grand Haven Township. In 1944 the name was changed to Camp Kirk in Harry's honor. Harry held the highest adult rank, silver beaver, and was an Eagle Scout. He held continuous membership in scouting from 1914 to his death. He also was a high ranking Mason. In 1930 he was shaver at Eagle Ottawa. Later he became Foreman of the Splitting Department at the leather company. On August 23, 1919 he married Mabel Cunstead, who, was born on February 28, 1896 and died

about June 1, 1970 in Miamisburg, Ohio. They resided at 1223 Washington. Harry died August 21, 1948 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Mabel. Their daughter, Stella P., was born in Michigan around 1922. [*Tribune* obituary, August 21, 1948.]

George Kirkby I [1856-1925]

George Kirkby, who was born in England, lived from January , 1856 to February 16, 1925. He resided on a farm bought by his parents, Joseph and Ann Dawson Kirkby, in 1882. Joseph was born in England in 1824 and brought his family to the United States in 1873. The Kirkby farm originally consisted of 40 acres in Section 27 of Crockery Township [11123 Wren Drive], and eventually grew to 160 acres. George's wife, Augusta, was born in Michigan on June 16, 1870. They had a daughter, Elizabeth, born in Ottawa County in August, 1893, and two son, George II, who was born in Crockery on April 11, 1902 and died on June 17, 1984, and Lloyd W., who was born about 1906. Augusta died on November 12, 1951. George II took over the farm and with his wife, Frankie, and raised wheat, oats, corn, and cattle. Frankie was born about 1911. In 2001 she sold the Centennial Farm to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to be used as a park site. George I and II, Augusta, Frankie and other Kirkbys were buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery.

George F. Kirkland [1819-1869]

George Kirkland was born in England about 1819. On December 26, 1862, as a resident of Saline, Washtenaw County, Michigan, he enlisted as Private in Company M of the 9th Michigan Cavalry. He was discharged on June 6, 1865. George died on August 17, 1869 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On June 29, 1880, his wife, Elizabeth, applied for a widow's Civil War pension. In 1870 she managed a restaurant in Grand Haven. Elizabeth, also a native of England, was born in December, 1819 and died in Grand Haven on September 4, 1901. A daughter, Martha "Patty," was born in England in October, 1850 and married Daniel F. Miller of Grand Haven. Patty's twin, Jeanette "Jennie" Maria, married William John Saunders of Grand Haven. William H. Kirkland of Grand Haven was George's brother.

Joseph Kirkland [Kirkland/Kirtland] [1852-1926]

Joseph, who was born in September, 1852 in New York, accompanied his parents, William and Elizabeth Kirkland, to Grand Haven, where he became a machinist. Joseph died about November 1, 1926 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Elizabeth Bidgood in Grand Haven on December 3, 1879. She was born in Michigan in August, 1856. They resided at 608 Clinton as early as 1880. They had at least six children, all born locally: Mildred De Etta, who

was born on December 1, 1880 and married William Bilz of Spring Lake; Marian [Miriam], born in October, 1882; George D., who was born in July, 1885 and married Anna C. Borkenhagen in Grand Haven on July 3, 1916; Walter F., born in August, 1887; Stuart [Stewart], who was born in September, 1889 [1890] and died in 1916; and Josephine, who was born in March, 1893 and married James H. Johnston of Grand Haven. Stuart was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his father. Elizabeth and her sister Emily Bidgood were still residing at 608 Clinton as late as 1932.

Walter Fred Kirkland I [1887-1961]

On June 21, 1921, in Grand Haven, Walter Kirkland married Vera L., the daughter of Frederick and Clara Gale Little Pfaff of Grand Haven. His parents were Joseph and Elizabeth Bidgood Kirkland of Grand Haven. Vera was born in September, 1889. She died around February 21, 1957 and Walter, who was born on August 2, 1887, died about June 3, 1961. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1910 Walter and his brother George were living as lodgers in Milwaukee, where they were working as shoemakers. By 1920 Walter was still in Milwaukee, continuing his career as a cobbler. Ten years later he and Vera were residing in Milwaukee, and Walter now was Foreman at a shoe factory. They had at least two children, Clarissa A., born in Wisconsin about 1923, and Walter F. II, born in Wisconsin about 1924.

William H. Kirkland [1823-1904]

William Kirkland was born in England in November, 1823 and arrived in the United States in 1845. In 1867 he operated the Railroad House Hotel, located at the railroad terminal at the base of Dewey Hill, across the river from the west end of Washington Street. He also owned an ice house. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in England about 1820, died on September 4, 1901, and was buried at Lake Forest. William moved to Detroit, where he worked as a chef on the railroad. He passed away on March 31, 1904. They had a son Joseph, who was born about 1852 and lived in Grand Haven; another son, George W., who was born in Canada in March, 1859, became a railroad clerk and after 1880 moved to Detroit; and a daughter, Mary, who was born in December, 1861, married a Mr Thompson, and also moved to Detroit. George F. Kirkland of Grand Haven was William's brother. [*Tribune* obituary, June 23, 1893.]

Everett Dean Kisinger [1912-1990]

Everett Kisinger was born in Battle Creek on May 6, 1912 and died in Colorado Springs, Colorado in January, 1990. He graduated from Muskegon High School and earned bachelor and master degrees from the University of Michigan. Everett attended the National Music Camp at Interlochen, where he played under the baton of John

Philip Sousa. He was high school band director at Grand Haven in the mid-1940s. In 1948 he joined the University of Illinois, where he was Professor of Music until retirement in 1976. During his time at Illinois, Everett was director of the University of Illinois Football Band and three concert bands and taught several academic courses. Under his direction, the Marching Illini performed in two Rose Bowl games in 1952 and 1964, the Tournament of Roses Parades those same years, and the inaugural parade in Washington D. C. in 1957. Everett's first wife, Eleanor, lived from November 16, 1916 to April 13, 1991. His second wife, June, moved to Clearwater, Florida. A son, Bill, played horn in the Marching Illini band for four years. Everett also had two daughters: Kay Blouke, who moved to Oregon, and Ann Schuldt, who remained in Illinois.

Jacob Julius Kisosondi [1886-1955]

A native of Austria, where he was born on July 25, 1886, Jacob Kisosondi arrived in America January 27, 1910 aboard the *SS New York*, out of Southampton, England, first settling in Chicago. On November 6, 1905, he married Eva Jandrosic. In 1917 Jacob was employed by International Harvester in Chicago. The family still resided in Chicago in 1920, when Jacob was listed as a grocery salesman. Ten years later and he and his children were living at 528 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. Jacob owned Grand Haven Motors, a business he sold to Jim Ledinski of Grand Haven in 1937. The prior to the sale, Jacob managed Harbor View Chicken Inn at 10 Franklin. Eva, who was born in Austria around 1891, passed away prior to 1930. Jacob and Eva had five children: Theresa, born about 1912; Matthew G, who was born on February 3, 1914 and died in Grand Haven on September 25, 2004; Edward J., who was born on January 3, 1916, enlisted in the Army on April 10, 1942 while a resident of Michigan, and died in August, 1967; Katie, born around April 1, 1919; and Francis Anthony., who was born on October 12, 1920 and died in Rochester, Michigan on August 5, 2006. The two oldest children were born in Austria, the other three in Illinois. Matthew's wife, Irene, who was born on January 1, 1916, passed away in Grand Haven on February 12, 1993. On October 27, 1934, Jacob married Elva Christina Martin, who had a daughter, Betty, born about 1927. Jacob died in Hillsborough County, Florida in 1955.

Grace Olsen Kistler [1899-1967] and John J. Kistler I [1894-1963]

Born in Marion, Kansas on February 24, 1899, Grace Olsen graduated from the University of Kansas and earned a Master's degree in Journalism from Columbia University. She was a devoted leader and served on the North Ottawa Community Hospital Authority; Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs; Grand Haven War

Memorial Committee; Ottawa County Red Cross; Support Council of Grand Valley State College; and First Presbyterian Church Women's Association.

On August 11, 1923 Grace and John J. Kistler I were married. They moved to Grand Haven in 1940, where John was office manager and later President of Challenge Machinery Company. They lived at 815 South De Spelder. John, who was born in Kansas on November 1, 1894, died December 14, 1963. They had three children, all born in Kansas: Joan, who was born about 1925 and married Allen M. Bosworth III of Farmington, Michigan; John J. II, born about 1927; and James O., who was born about 1929 and relocated to Bakersfield, California. Grace died at Hackley Hospital in Muskegon on November 18, 1967 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Her sons and daughter established the Grace Olsen Kistler Memorial Scholarship Fund for Grand Valley State College [GVSU]. [*Tribune* obituary, November 18, 1967 and *Tribune* articles, "Mrs. J. J. Kistler, Devoted Leader" and "GK Scholarship Fund Announced," November 20, 1967.]

John H. Kitchel [1910-1975]

Born June 14, 1910 in Deer Creek, Indiana, John Kitchel graduated from Ball State University and Indiana University School of Medicine in 1940. He came to Grand Haven in 1941 and opened an office at 320 Washington in Grand Haven. He was a member of the Ottawa County Medical Society, North Ottawa Rod and Gun Club, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the Water Resource Board, the American Academy of General Practice, and Grand Haven School Board from 1956 to 1962.

In 1935 John married Mary Spurgeon in Terre Haute, Indiana. They had six children: Carolyn, who married Richard Titus of Las Vegas, Nevada; June, who married D. Mac West of Berkley, California; Charles S. of Plainwell, Illinois; Elaine, who married William De Vries III of Walker, Michigan; Kim of Ferrysburg; and Daniel S. of Lansing. John's wife, known as Dr. Mary, also was a physician, concentrating primarily on anesthesiology. They shared an office at 414 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. Dr. Mary was one of the founders and active participants of the Tri-Cities Historical Society. John died of an apparent heart attack on December 20, 1975 in Lansing. The John H. Kitchel Dune Preserve, named in his honor, consisted of 52 acres of North Shore duneland and was set aside by his wife to be a land preserve and a nature study area. [*Tribune* obituary, December 22, 1973, and *Tribune* article, "Duneland Name Honors Kitchel," May 26, 1976.]

Mary Spurgeon Kitchel [1912-2002]

Mary Spurgeon was born in Noblesville, Indiana on January 18, 1912. Her parents were Charles H. and G. Fern McMath Spurgeon. Her father was a physician. The family moved to Springfield, Missouri, but Mary returned to Indiana to graduate from Indiana State Teachers College [Indiana State University]. She and John Kitchel were married in 1935 in Terre Haute, Indiana. After having two of her six children, Mary attended Medical School at Indiana University, where she graduated in 1939. She and her husband, also a physician, opened their medical practice in Grand Haven in 1941 at 414 Franklin Street. A few years later she began to specialize in anesthesiology. She was deeply interested in local history and supported the work of the Tri-Cities Historical Museum. In 1969 she authored the book *Spring Lake Community Centennial—1869-1969*. Dr. Mary retired from her practice in 1980, but took on the responsibility of Medical Director at North Ottawa Care Center in 1983, a position she held for 13 years. She served in a similar capacity for the Glenwood Christian Nursing Home until 1991, and she was State Nursing Home Inspector for Ottawa and Muskegon Counties. In 1969 Dr. Mary was named “Tri-Cities Career Woman of the Year” and in 1987 the Rotary Club honored her as a “Paul Harris Fellow.” In 1990 she was the first recipient of the Tri-Cities Historical Museum “Historian of the Year” award. Dr. Mary died in Grand Haven on March 10, 2002. The Kitchels had six children: Carolyn, who married Richard Titus of Las Vegas, Nevada; June, who married D. Mac West of Berkley, California; Charles S. of Plainwell, Illinois; Elaine, who married William De Vries III of Walker, Michigan; Kim of Ferrysburg; and Daniel S. of Lansing.

Cecil Klages [1919-2003]

Rev. Cecil Klages was installed as Pastor of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Grand Haven on May 12, 1957, and served there until his retirement in 1987. Rev. Klages was born in Marmion, Ontario, Canada on March 9, 1919. His parents were Theodore and Clara Schwatz Klages. The Reverend married Clara Esslinger on March 10, 1945 in St. Louis, Missouri. On September 29, 1964 he became a U.S. citizen. He earned a Master’s degree in Counseling from Western Michigan University in 1981, and he served on the Michigan District Mission Board and Missouri Synod Adjudication Board. He also was Chaplain to the Armed Services Commission. In the Grand Haven area, the Pastor served on the boards of North Ottawa County Council on Aging and the Tri-Cities YMCA. After retirement, he served as Chaplain at Hackley Hospital. He and Clara had five children: Kenneth Klages, Ronald Klages, Lois Eich, Carol Spoelma, and Ross Klages. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 20, 2003.]

Arend Jan “John” Klaver [1856-@1900]

A native of Grand Haven, John was born October 14, 1856 while his parents, Gerrit Jan and Jennike Bolt Klaver, lived at 326 Franklin in Grand Haven. John and Peter Klaver were brothers. John, a painter by trade, was elected City Marshall in 1892 and 1893, and he was court officer as well. In 1892 he became the first Grand Haven policeman to wear a uniform. Toward the end of his life he was an Ottawa County Deputy Sheriff. At one time he owned a half interest in “Turk,” a trotter with a good record. The other half interest belonged to Edward Vaupell, Sheriff of Ottawa County. On November 1, 1897 John married Augusta Grambante in Grand Haven. A native of Germany, she lived from August, 1859 [1860] to 1928. John died after June, 1900. Both were buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their daughter, Jennie R., was born on January 4, 1885.

Gerrit [Geert] Jan Klaver [@1824-1872]

Gerrit Jan Klaver, born in The Netherlands about 1824, first settled in Holland, Michigan, and then, sometime before 1850, moved to Grand Haven with his brother Pieter. In the 1850 census Gerrit was classified as a turner [someone who works on a wood lathe], and six years later he was listed as a carriage maker in the Michigan Gazetteer. Gerrit became a U.S. citizen in 1854. Gerrit and his wife, Jennike [Jenneken] Bolt, whom he married in Ottawa County in 1852, lived for awhile at 326 Franklin and then purchased a one-acre site on Beechtree near Washington Street, where they built a home and raised their family. Their children were John, born October 14, 1856; Margaret, born about 1858; and Peter, born on December 21, 1861. Both Peter and John were house painters in 1880. Gerrit died in 1872.

Peter Klaver [1861-1918]

Born in Grand Haven on December 21, 1861, the son of Gerrit and Jennike Bolt Klaver, Peter was a painter by trade and was in business for seventeen years, making a specialty of everything in the decorating line. Shortly after his father’s death in 1872, Peter dropped out of the sixth grade and began work in a local shingle mill. Peter later became Constable for one term and served as City Alderman in 1896 and 1897, and also was on the Board of Education. Peter owned a grocery and meat market, originally at 101 North Third and then across the street at 106. His son, John, later ran the grocery.

On October 20, 1891 Peter married Egberdena “Dena” Boer, a Grand Haven teacher, who was born in Grand Haven in December, 1866. Dena was the daughter of Jan and Lammigye Van Dam Boer and the sister of John J. Boer. The Klavers had two sons, John B., born in April, 1893, and Eugene G., born in November, 1896.

About 1905, the Klavers built their residence of many years at 618 Lafayette Street in Grand Haven. Peter died about July 3, 1918. Dena was born on September 10, 1865 and died on December 6, 1935. Both were buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Charles L. Klein II [1904-1996]

Born in Wright, Michigan on May 14, 1904 to Charles and Catherine Meier Klein, young Charles became Superintendent of Grand Haven Brass Company. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and the Supervisors Club. On January 5, 1926 he married Margaret M. Dudick, who died August 25, 1996. They had three daughters: Sharon, who married Sherman Vink; Maxine, who married Eugene Rooker of Grand Ledge; and Arlene, who married Bill Gavin. Charles died on January 8, 1996 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 9, 1996.]

Carl Fred Kleist [1892-1961]

Carl Kleist was named head of the welding department at Challenge Stamping and Porcelain Company in Grand Haven when it was organized in 1929. He later worked for Paragon Pattern in Muskegon, and then in 1958 started his own business, Quality Pattern, located at 1555 Marion in Grand Haven. Carl was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan about 1892. On June 30, 1917 in Grand Rapids, Carl married Gertrude Taugenberg, who was born in Michigan around 1898 and died about June 1, 1950. They had three children, all born locally: Jean Mildred, born about February, 1918; Louise C., born about 1921; and Frederick Carl, born about 1926. Frederick Carl joined his father's business. The Kleist family resided at 911 Pennoyer. Carl passed away around September 15, 1961 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife.

August G. Klempel [Klumpel/Kluempel/Klemke] [1855- ?]

See August Klumpel.

Joseph Klepac [1878-1959]

Born in Bohemia on December 3, 1878, Joseph Klepac at an early age served four years as an apprentice in a piano factory. He became a student in the Berlin Technical School for Piano Builders, and later was associated with Bechstein, who along, with Steinway, was known as one of the world's finest piano builders. He received training as a journeyman in every factory of importance on the continent and in England. After working for Bechstein in Berlin for seven years, he was Superintendent and acoustical engineer for the British Piano Factory of Sir Herbert Marshall and Sons. When World War I broke out in 1914 he came to the United States and on August 7, 1921 became a naturalized citizen. By 1918 he was associated with Kohler

Brambach Piano Company, New York City, and for 15 years was acoustical engineer and factory manager for that firm. He became acoustical adviser to the American Steel Wire Company in Chicago, manufacturers of steel strings for most of the American and Canadian piano factories. Soon after 1930, piano builders became conscious of the need for the smaller piano. Joseph was credited with conceiving the idea of the small piano of today, called spinets, consoles, or other names, for use in residences. In 1935 he came to Grand Haven and for eight years was Superintendent and acoustical engineer for Story & Clark Piano Company. He then joined the Laughead Piano Company in Grand Haven. Joseph was hailed by many as the "father of the small piano in America." In 1939 *Fortune* magazine credited him with being responsible for the positive evolution of the industry. His work as a paid consultant required him to go to cities in the East, and his latest design was a small, five-octave spinet piano with an aluminum plate. Joseph also maintained an acoustic laboratory in Grand Haven.

In 1918 Joseph's wife's name was Kristiana. She died about September 27, 1937 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Joseph then married Cora Voshel [Voshol], who was born on January 24, 1891 and died in Grand Haven on July 6, 1971. Cora's parents, who resided in Grand Haven at 101 South Ferry, were Cornelius, born in The Netherlands about 1863, and Nellie, born in Michigan around 1865. Many factories tried to induce Joseph to move East, but he and his wife loved West Michigan with its lakes and sand dunes, and they remained in Grand Haven. Joseph carried out experimental work for his own pleasure and for several large piano firms in the basement of his home at 111 Franklin Street. The couple attended the Second Christian Reformed Church. He died on May 25, 1959. He and Cora were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Chronicle*, March 3, 1949.]

Leslie E. Kline [1897-1987]

In the mid-1930s Leslie Kline, a graduate of the Palmer School of Chiropractic, had an office at 700 Washington in Grand Haven. He continued working from that address until the late 1960s. Leslie was born on December 10, 1897 and died in Fruitport on June 30, 1987. He resided at 180 North Third in Fruitport.

Philip J. Klingman [1864-1914]

Philip Klingman founded Klingman Furniture in Grand Rapids in 1886. He was born in Portsmouth, Ohio in May, 1864 [1863]. By 1910 Philip and his wife Josephine owned and resided in a waterfront residence located on 66 acres in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township, possibly part of the property later designated as 15735 Littlefield Lane. The house cost a reported \$100,000 to build. Philip passed away at the age of 50.

Josephine was born in Ohio in March, 1867. In 1930 she was living in the Pantlind Hotel in Grand Rapids.

Ann Jerovsek Klintworth [1918-2003]

Ann was born in Trimountain, Michigan to Mary and Frank Jerovsek I on March 14, 1918. John Jerovsek of Grand Haven was her brother. She married Raymond F. Klintworth. They resided at 15919 Leonard Road. Ray, who was born in Crockery Township on April 23, 1917, died in June, 1980. The Klintworths had one daughter, Denise Mentalewicz. Ann died in Grand Rapids on August 5, 2003. Ray's sister, Myrtle Rose, married John Von Albade of Flint. Myrtle lived from June 20, 1925 and died in Florida on December 17, 2003.

Adrian Klop I [1875-1954]

Adrian, the son of Eimert and Hendrika Geertje Van Ameijden Klop, was born in Zaltbommel, The Netherlands, on January 19, 1875. On May 27, 1902, while still in his native country, Adrian married Agenieta Breidels, who was born March 28, 1875. Their children were Elmer P., who was born in The Netherlands on July 6, 1903, married Margaret Krystal, and died May 5, 1977; Lena, who was born November 17, 1904, in The Netherlands, married Gerrit Van Eck, and died in 1976; Arie P., who was born in The Netherlands on January 9, 1906 and died on April 30, 1981; Adriana, who was born November 5, 1907, while the family still was in The Netherlands, and married Glen Gleason; Margaret, who was born about 1909 and married Paul Van Tol of Grand Haven; and Adrian II, who was born in Grand Haven on May 29, 1911, and died September 17, 1979. The Klops lived at 829 Elliott, where Adrian also maintained a celery farm. The younger Adrian continued to live in the family home up to his death. Adrian I died about May 18, 1954, and Agenieta passed away around December 12, 1955. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Berend "Barney" Klouw [Klow] [1861-1928]

In 1880 Barney Klouw was employed at a sawmill. Later he owned a grocery and feed store at 211 West Savidge in Spring Lake, which he sold about 1923 to William Spencer. Barney was born in Eenrum, The Netherlands in August, 1861, died in 1928, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Barney married Katie De Bruine in Spring Lake on March 17, 1886. A native of The Netherlands, she was born in August, 1865, died in 1935, and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They both immigrated to the United States in 1867. They had a son, Leroy, born in Spring Lake in February, 1888.

Gerrit Jeltas Klouw [Klaauw] [1835-1913]

Gerrit Jeltas Klouw was born on November 10, 1835 and died in Spring Lake in 1913. His wife, Frouwke

"Florence/Flora" Cleveringa, lived from September 3, 1834 to April 18, 1931. They both emigrated from The Netherlands in 1867. They owned a 30-acre farm in Spring Lake Township. Among their children, all born locally, were Berend "Barney," born in 1861; Richard, born in July, 1870; Ella, who was born in September, 1874 and married Otto Fokke Woltman, originally of Chicago; and Menno [Minnow], born in August, 1877. Gerrit and Frouwke were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Ella, who passed away in 1914. Otto lived from 1877 to 1917 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Minno [Menno/Minnow] Klouw [Klaw/Klauw] I [1877- ?]

On May 15, 1902 in Spring Lake, Minno Klouw married Clara Honholt. Clara, the daughter of Herman and Mary Bolthuis Honholt, was born in Ferrysburg in May, 1880. Minno, the son of Gerrit and Frouwke Klous, was born in Spring Lake on August 16, 1877 and worked as a carpenter. Clara taught in the Spring Lake elementary school. A daughter, Florence M., was born locally about 1904, another daughter, Mildred, about 1912, and a son, Minno II, who was born on February 3, 1914, died in Spring Lake on April 29, 1994. Minno and Clara were residents of Spring Lake as late as 1930.

Henry F. Klugas II [1893-1934]

Henry, the son of Henry and Henrietta Klugas, was born in Grand Haven in February, 1893. Henry I, a stevedore, was born in Germany in February, 1860 and Henrietta was born in the same country in April, 1864. They came to the United States in 1883. Henry II's wife, Ann [Anna], was the daughter of Cornelius and Nellie Vander Noot of Grand Haven, where she was born on November 30, 1900. The family resided at 117 Elliott. In 1918 Henry was employed as an auto mechanic at Thielman Ford in Grand Haven, and by 1930 he was working as a truck driver. Henry drowned in Lake Superior on November 10, 1934 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ann, who died on April 11, 1980, was an early supporter of the Tri-Cities Historical Society and helped raise funds to remodel the Grand Trunk Depot. She passed away in Muskegon, but her home was at 15037 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven Township at the time of her death. Henry Leon Klugas was their son.

Henry Leon Klugas [1925-1995]

The son of Henry and Ann Klugas, Henry was born in Grand Haven on November 1, 1925. In the 1950s he and his wife, Margaret A., resided at 710 South Ferry Street in Grand Haven and later at 1015 Orchard. Henry died on August 17, 1995 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Sandra and Nancy.

**August G. Klumpel [Kluempel/Klempel/Klemke]
[1855- 1930]**

Born in Posen, Germany on December 5, 1855, August Klempel married Amelia Fenner. Amelia was born in Germany in June, 1855. They immigrated to the United States in 1884 and settled in on a 120-acre farm in Section 24 of Grand Haven Township. Their children, all born locally, were Paul, who was born in June, 1881 and drowned off a fishing tug near Grand Haven; Augusta, who was born in August, 1885 and married Henry Kolberg; Leonard August, who was born on May 1, 1886 and operated a dairy farm in Section 34 of Grand Haven Township; William Richard who was born on October 20, 1887; Herman Emil, born on March 18, 1889; Amelia, born in March, 1890; Helena, who was born on March 20, 1891 and married Frank Riemer of Grand Haven; Frederick, who was born on September 18, 1892 and moved to California; Otto, born on August 18, 1896; Vanda, who was born in August, 1898 and married Arthur Brosseit of Grand Haven; and Emma, who was born in April, 1899 and married Dexter De Weese. Paul was born in Germany, and the other Klempel children were born locally. Amelia passed away around November 1, 1917, and August died about June 6, 1930. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Emil Herman Klumpel [1889-1965]

The son of August and Amelia Fenner Klumpel Emil was born March 18, 1889 in Grand Haven. On May 21, 1913 in Olive Township, Emil married Mary Schreiber. She was born in Michigan the same year as her husband. Their son, Herman, was born about 1917. The family resided at 413 Jackson Street. Emil served with the Grand Haven Police Department from March 12, 1917 to October 1, 1953. He died August 15, 1965 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His nephew, Richard Klumpel [Klempel] was chief of the department from 1955 to 1984. Mary lived from June 3, 1888 to December 10, 1954. She also was buried at Lake Forest.

Helena Klumpel [Klempel/Kluempel] [1891-1971]

See Helena Kluempel [Klempel] Riemer.

**Leonard August Klumpel I [Klempel/Klimpel]
[1886-1942]**

Leonard Klempel I was born in Michigan on May 1, 1886 and died around May 27, 1942. Jennie, also a native of Michigan, lived from around 1887 to about January 7, 1956. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His parents were August and Amelia Kluempel of Grand Haven Township. Leonard and Jennie owned a 40-acre farm in Section 34 of Grand Haven Township, on the southeast corner of Robbins Road and 168th Avenue near the City's southern

boundary. Leonard II, born on January 15, 1918, was their son.

**Leonard August Klumpel II [Klempel]/Klimpel]
[1918-2001]**

Leonard was born in Grand Haven to Leonard A. and Jennie Beekman Klempel on January 15, 1918. His grandparents were August and Amelia Kluempel of Grand Haven Township. Leonard and Jennie owned a 40-acre farm in Section 34 of Grand Haven Township, on the southeast corner of Robbins Road and 168th Avenue near the City's southern boundary. The younger Leonard graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1936, and on June 8, 1940, he married Beverly E. Pippel. Leonard owned and operated Klempel's Dairy in Grand Haven until 1965. It was located on the site of his parents' farm. The Klempels' children were Ellen, who married Larry Reis of Grand Haven, and David J. of St. Joseph. Leonard died in St. Joseph on January 3, 2001 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 4, 2001.]

**William Richard Klumpel
[Kluempel/Klempel/Klemke] [1887-1962]**

William and Edith Klumpel owned a farm at 1606 Waverly Road. William, the son of August and Amelia Fenner Kluempel, was born on October 20, 1887. About 1916 he married Edith Ann Wacker, who was born on March 25, 1897. She was the daughter of John and Anna Zacker Wacker of Grand Haven. Among their children, all born locally, were Claire [Clara], who was born in 1917, married Leonard Graham [1912-1969], and died in 1984; Elizabeth [Bettye] Helena, who was born in 1918, married William Regelin [1915-1990], and died in 2001; Ruth Elaine, who was born in 1920 and married Richard H. Hansen [born 1917]; and William John, who was born in 1922 and married Margaret Reeths [1924-2001]. William passed away on July 7, 1962. Edith died on June 7, 1984 in Crockery Township. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Adrian J. Knight [1861-1916]

Adrian, the son of James and Caroline Knight, was born in Wisconsin in 1861 and moved with his family to Robinson Township. There Adrian became a farmer and stockman with 260 acres in Section 18 of Robinson Township, where he also was Supervisor from 1907 to 1917. Adrian was Director and Secretary of the Ottawa County Farm Bureau for ten years, and he helped organize and was Vice President of the Grand Haven Farm Bureau. In 1930 his sisters Lillian [Lille] Knight and Ella Norcross resided with him in Robinson Township. In 1880 Lillian was a teacher at Knight School and living with the Niram Kelly family in Olive Township. Adrian died in 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Lillian was born in 1858, also in

Wisconsin, and passed away in 1935. She was buried with her husband at Lake Forest.

James W. Knight [1826-1897]

James Knight operated a 92-acre farm in Section 18 of Robinson Township. He served as Township Supervisor from 1879 to 1881. James was born in New York on April 10, 1826 and died on October 24, 1897. His wife, Carolina [Caroline], also a native of New York, was born in 1831. For 24 years they lived in Wisconsin, where their children were born: Adrian, in 1861; Ella, in 1856; Emma, in 1858; and Lillian, in 1859. Ella married Warner A. Norcross of Grand Haven. The Knight family moved to the Peach Plains area in 1867. Carolina passed away in 1909 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

Gerrit Knoll [1889-1977]

Born on September 18, 1889, Gerrit Knoll had a painting business and worked from his residence at 314 Wallace Street [Beacon Boulevard]. On September 14, 1917 in Grand Haven, he married Tiena Wierenga, who was born about 1895. They also resided at 826 Grant and later at 704 Pennoyer. She died about November 9, 1964 and he passed away on May 14, 1977. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Klaas Knoll [1858-1915]

Born on November 14, 1858 in The Netherlands, Klaas Knoll immigrated to the United States in 1881. He owned a farm in Section 16 of Olive Township, where he also raised livestock. His wife's name was Janna "Jennie." She was born May 28, 1863 and died on April 13, 1943. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Gerrit, born on September 18, 1889; Jan, born in August, 1890; Katie, born in March, 1892; Peter, born in June, 1895; Derk, born in September, 1897; and Andrew, born in October, 1898. Klaas and Jennie were buried at West Olive Cemetery.

Frederick Koats [1893- ?]

Fred Koats married Adeline, the daughter of Nicholas and Mary Klintworth Mergener of Crockery Township. Adeline was born in Illinois on January 30, 1901, and Fred was born in Grand Haven on August 12, 1893. Adeline passed away in Grand Haven on May 10, 1978. In 1930 Fred worked at Story & Clark as a crater. He and Adeline resided at 416 Jackson. Fred's parents were William, who lived from 1850 to 1927, and Christina, who lived from 1857 to 1936. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Adolph Koch I [1837-1905]

Born in The Netherlands in January, 1837, Adolph Koch came to America in 1882. He was a jeweler by profession and was the leader of the Baptist

congregation of Grand Haven. In 1898 he built a Baptist chapel on Fulton Street, maintained it, and conducted some of the services. He married Gesina Baker, who was born in April, 1825. Their children included Adolph II, Mrs A. Scholten of Muskegon, and John H., who was a jeweler and watchmaker in Grand Haven for years, but returned to The Netherlands. Adolph died on December 6, 1905 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 6, 1905.]

Otto Karl [Carl] Koch [1905-1992]

The son of Wilhelm and Sophia Koch, Otto was born in Grand Haven on May 8, 1905. In 1930 Otto was "assistant advertising person" in a local factory, and resided with his wife at 320½ Elliott. He started the firm of Koch and Moran in 1933 with his partner, Charles Moran of Grand Haven. Otto's wife, Ethel, was born in Canada in June, 1905, and died in San Francisco in March, 1995. Otto passed away in Bannock, Idaho on May 17, 1992.

Wilhelm C. Koch [1854-1939]

Born in Wurttemberg, Germany, on August 17, 1854, Wilhelm Koch came to this country in 1871 and plied his trade as a machinist. He became a naturalized citizen in 1877. He studied for the ministry in Switzerland and on January 6, 1882 was ordained in the Evangelical Church at Hall. Wilhelm intended to enter the missionary field in Africa, but his frail health prevented him from doing so, and he returned to this country. He held pastorates in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, Three Oaks and Casio, Michigan, and Urbana, Indiana before coming to Grand Haven in November, 1913. He was Pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Church for 22 years.

Wilhelm and his wife, Sophia, were married on November 1, 1883. Sophia was born in June, 1866 in New York. Wilhelm and Sophia had ten children, all born in Wisconsin: Dora, who was born on January 27, 1884 [1885], married Rev. Charles F. Kayser of Ann Arbor, and died in Detroit in August, 1977; Paul, who was born in June, 1887, became an organist at St. Matthew's Evangelical Church in Detroit, and also was proprietor of a job printing shop; William, who was born in August, 1888 and became a farmer near Urbana, Indiana; John, who was born in September, 1890 and became a high school teacher in Valparaiso, Indiana; Frederick, who was born in March, 1893 and became a naval officer; Theophile H., who was born in August, 1894 and became an electrician in Detroit; Margaret, who was born in September, 1896 and became a musician; Walter C., who was born in September, 1898 and became a telephone employee in Jackson; Arnold, a teacher in Charlotte; and Otto Karl, born on January 4, 1904 in Grand Haven. In 1936 Wilhelm and his wife and daughter, Margaret, moved to Dexter, Michigan to

live with another daughter, Dora. Wilhelm died in 1939. [*Tribune* article, May 13, 1936.]

Joseph Koeltz [1841–1926]

In the early 1900s Joseph Koeltz manufactured cigars at 130 Washington, including the “Little Bessie, Havana Filler.” He also made cigars in Grand Rapids. He and his wife, Mary, lived at 134 Franklin. Joseph served on the City Council from 1886 to 1889 and again from 1892 to 1894. He was elected Mayor of Grand Haven in 1895 and served one term. Joseph was born in Bavaria in June, 1841, died about March 17, 1926, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mary was born on May 8, 1857 and died on January 26, 1909. One daughter, Elizabeth, was born in May, 1878, and another daughter, Flossie, was born in May, 1884. Both were born in Michigan.

Harm Koenes [1875–1957]

Born in Kenosha, Wisconsin, in December, 1875 [1876] Harm was the son of Joseph Koenes. The elder Koenes was born on February 6, 1853, in Warffen, The Netherlands, and he died on June 9, 1930, in Kenosha. Harm’s brother, Thomas, also lived in Grand Haven. In 1893 Harm was employed as a clerk at the Corner Grocery at 701 Washington, which he bought in 1901 and closed in 1916, when he moved to 9 North Seventh. Harm was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Grand Haven.

In 1899 in Ottawa County, Harm married Hattie M., daughter of Joseph and Gertrude Godhardt. Joseph Godhardt was a Grand Haven junk dealer. Hattie was born in May, 1879 and died about March 15, 1937. Harm and Hattie lived at 106 South Seventh Street in Grand Haven. Their children were Gertrude, who was born in 1902, married Ivan Head, and moved to Detroit, and Joseph E., who was born about 1907 and moved to Milwaukee. Harm died on December 26, 1957 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, June 17, 1930.]

Thomas Koenes [1879-1934]

Thomas Koenes and his wife, Edna, lived at 727 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. Thomas, the son of Joseph Koenes, was born in Michigan about 1879, died about August 24, 1934, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, who was born in Michigan and lived from 1881 to 1926. Their children, both natives of Michigan, were Helen, born about 1906, and Marie, born about 1908. In 1920 Thomas was a fire extinguisher salesman. He and Harm Koenes were brothers.

Herman C. Kohloff [1877-1913]

Born about 1877, Herman was the son of Friederich and Carolina Kohloff. Friedrich was born March 26, 1836

and died July 23, 1912, while his wife lived from February 9, 1841 to April 9, 1908. Both mother and father were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Herman was the brother of Henry and Charles of Grand Haven; August and Fred and Mrs Ernst Hoth, all of Milwaukee; and Anna, who was born in Germany about 1882, married an H. Nordhouse, and resided in Grand Rapids. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War, having served as a member of Company F of the 32nd Michigan Infantry in 1898. He married and had a daughter. Herman died on August 29, 1913 in the hospital of Michigan Soldiers’ Home in Grand Rapids from malaria contracted while in the military and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 30, 1913.]

Ernst Kolberg [Kolberg] [1845- ?]

As early as 1876 Ernst Kolberg owned 40 acres in Section 10 of Grand Haven Township, and by 1898 he added another 40 acres in Section 11. On December 1, 1868 he married Wilhelmina Bargert in Grand Haven. She lived from June 2, 1848 to August 17, 1909. Ernst was born in Germany in December, 1845. They immigrated to the United States in 1867. Henry, one of their children, was born on October 29, 1874. Another son, Ernest Elias Kolberg, was born on May 26, 1879 and passed away in October, 1965. Cordelia, wife of the younger Ernest, was born on September 13, 1884, died in Grand Haven on October 5, 1973, and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Another son, Harmon [Herman], was born on October 4, 1881, and a fourth son, William, was born in February, 1886. After his first wife’s death, Ernst married Wilhelmina Scheddell in Grand Haven on September 24, 1912.

Henry Ernest Kolberg [1874-1968]

Henry, the son of Ernst and Wilhelmina Bargert Kolberg, was born October 29 [25/27], 1874 in Grand Haven Township. Henry worked for Story & Clark, the Heap Company for eight and a half years, Keller Tool, and Challenge. He then went out on his own as a contractor and worked on many houses and major buildings in the area, including Grand Haven City Hall, an early St. Patrick’s Church, and the power plant. He attended St. John’s Lutheran Church. About 1905 he married Augusta, the daughter of August and Amelia Fenner Klempel of Grand Haven Township. Augusta was born in August, 1885. The Kolbergs had eight children, all born locally: Harold [Henry], who was born about 1907 and died around November 21, 1913; Ernest, who was born about 1908 and owned a dairy farm near Nunica; Frances, born about 1910; Mary C., born about 1911; Florence, born about 1912; Emily, who was born about 1915, married Henry Neitring II of Grand Haven, and predeceased her father; Arnold, born about 1917; and Kenneth, born about 1918. The Kolbergs resided at 1342 [1360] Pennoyer for over 54 years. Henry died in

Grand Haven about December 13, 1968 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Veteran Carpenter Foils 'Father Time,'" October 11, 1962.]

Joseph Kooiker [1884-1964]

Joseph Kooiker was a jeweler and optician with a store and office at 116 Washington. His wife, Dora, lived from March 9, 1889 to March 27, 1973. She was living in Holland, Michigan at the time of her death. Joseph, who also was from Holland, lived from December 15, 1884 [1883] to May, 1964.

Adrian "Ade" W. Kooiman [1894-1973]

Adrian Kooiman was born on June 30, 1894. He began his business in Grand Haven at 216 North Seventh in 1915, starting with a battery and tire vulcanizing shop, and he also sold some guns and other hunting equipment. Later he was awarded an auto dealership, and in 1928 he took down two houses across the street at 217 North Seventh and erected a large building on that site. Ade was in the auto business for 31 years. In 1958 he moved to 300 North Seventh, and he devoted all of his time and floor space to sporting goods. In 1929 Ade earned the distinction of being the first local resident to own an airplane.

On October 18, 1916 in Grand Haven, Ade married Geziene [Gezina/Jezine] the daughter of Captain William and Cornelia Ver Duin. Geziene was born about 1899, died about April 10, 1956, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. William A. Kooiman, born about 1922, was one of their children, and Robert L., born in Grand Haven on December 1, 1928, was another. The family resided at 727 Fulton Street. Ade died in Grand Haven on December 3, 1973. Kooiman Street in Grand Haven was named for him. [*Tribune* article, November 5, 1963.]

Aart "Arie" [Ora/Orrie] Kooiman [1876-1934]

Arie, the son of Joost and Antonia Donker Kooiman, was born on December 20, 1876. With his brother Peter, he operated the Kooiman Brothers Flour and Grain Store at 421 Fulton. In the 1920s Arie operated the Fulton Street Variety Store at 408 Fulton. Arie married Jennie Dykhous in Grand Haven on July 29, 1902. The couple lived at 426 Fulton, but by 1918 they were located at 209 South Fourth. Jennie, the daughter of Menke and Henrietta Van Zanten Dykhous, was born July 28, 1877 and died about May 7, 1964. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Arie, who died about July 14, 1934. [*Tribune* obituary, August 19, 1975.]

Henry A. Kooiman [1903-1994]

Born July 2, 1903, Henry was the son of Arie and Jennie Kooiman. His father and uncle Peter were partners in Kooiman Bros. Feed Store at 421 Fulton. Henry got his

first retail experience driving a Panhard Truck, built in Grand Haven, to deliver feed for the family store. In 1922 he graduated from Grand Haven High School and then took a business administration course at McLaughlin Institute in Grand Rapids. In 1925 Henry became a partner with George Swart in the shoe business at 207 Washington. In 1942 Henry bought George out and called his business Kooiman's Footwear. He retired in 1987.

Henry married Elizabeth Fisher, who was born on October 6, 1904 and died in Grand Haven on February 22, 1977. They had one daughter, Mary, who married Jack Ligtenberg of Kalamazoo. Henry died on November 20, 1994 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, August 19, 1975, and *Tribune* obituary, November 21, 1994.]

John Kooiman [1863-1901]

Born in Grand Haven in July, 1863, John was the oldest son of Joost and Antonia Donker Kooiman. After his father's death he managed the Kooiman Brothers Flour and Grain Store at 421 Fulton. He was a member of the Maccabees. On February 9, 1886 in Grand Haven he married Elizabeth Leenhouts. She, was born in Michigan in August, 1867. They had four children: Joe, born in September, 1886; Jeanette, born in July, 1892; Elizabeth, who was born on June 24, 1895 and married Clarence Markoff of Spring Lake; and Arthur, born in July, 1899. John died at Kalamazoo Infirmary on March 15, 1901 at the age of 37. [*Tribune* obituary, March 15, 1901.]

Joost "Joe" Kooiman [1834-1894]

Born in Gelderland, The Netherlands, on January 17, 1834 Joost Kooiman came to Grand Haven in 1855. In 1860 in Ottawa County he married Antonia Donker, who died "of neuralgia of the heart" on September 17, 1901. She was born in The Netherlands on April 20, 1844. Their children, all born in Michigan, included John, born in 1863; Antje "Anna," who was born January 7, 1867 and married John Juistema of Grand Haven; Aart, who lived from 1861 to 1934; Peter, who was born in July, 1870; and Arie [Orrie], who was born on December 20, 1876. Anna married John Juistema of Grand Haven. Joost was a laborer. He died on December 1, 1894 and was buried with his wife and other family members at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 3 and 4, 1894 and September 19, 1901.]

Joseph Kooiman [1862-1905]

Born in Vriesland, Michigan on November 22, 1862, Joseph Kooiman moved to Grand Haven as a boy. He left Grand Haven about 1886 and was a pastry cook in a mining camp in Cripple Creek, Colorado. He died on December 27, 1905 and was buried at Mt. Pisgah

Cemetery in Cripple Creek. [*Tribune* obituary, January 16, 1906.]

Marinus Kooiman [1831-1908]

Born in The Netherlands in April, 1831, Marinus Kooiman came to Grand Haven in the 1860s and was in business in Grand Haven for many years. In 1880 he was a commercial fisherman, in the 1893 *Compendium* he was listed as “peddler,” and by 1900 he was employed as a cooper. He married Mary Jacoba. Their children included a daughter Cornelia, who was born in The Netherlands about 1866 and married John Schouwenaar of Grand Rapids. The family lived at 333 Elliott. Mary Jacoba, also a native of The Netherlands, died in January 27, 1908. She was born in January, 1836. Marinus died August 27, 1908 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 27, 1908 and August 27, 1908.]

Peter Kooiman [1870–1943]

The son of Joost and Antonia Donker Kooiman, Peter was born in Grand Haven on July 1, 1870. With his brother Arie he owned and operated the Kooiman Brothers Flour and Grain Store at 421 Fulton, where he and his family also resided. On January 30, 1903 Peter married Cora Van Bemmelen in Grand Haven. The daughter of Walter and Jacoba Vander Meiden Van Bemmelen, Cora was born about 1879 and died about December 3, 1928. Peter and Cora lived at 415 Fulton and had five daughters, Antoinette Cora, who was born on October 31, 1904 and died around July 28, 1941; Jemima, who was born about 1906 and died in 1953; Alice, who was born in 1907 and died in 1959; Genevieve, who died at the age of one month on January 21, 1909; and Angie May, who was born about 1910 and died around October 12, 1957. Antoinette and Angie were single and living with their parents above the feed store in 1930. Peter died about December 9, 1943 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. The daughters also were buried there. [*Tribune* obituary, January 21, 1909.]

Robert L. Kooiman [1923-2002]

The son of Adrian and Geziene Ver Duin Kooiman, Robert was born in Grand Haven on December 1, 1928. He married Norma C. Lowder in Grand Haven on October 11, 1963. Robert served as an army platoon sergeant in the Pacific Theater during WWII, and was taken prisoner by the Japanese. In Grand Haven he owned a automobile sales and car wash business, and he operated the Sportsman’s Bar at 6 South Beechtree in Grand Haven for 32 years, before retiring from the business in 1987. He attended the First Reformed church and was a member of the local VFW Post 2326, the American Legion, Eagles, and Elks. The Kooimans had two daughters, Robin Kooiman and Roberta

Campbell. Robert’s step-children were Michael and David Cross. The family resided at 309 Barber Street in Spring Lake. Robert died in Spring Lake on November 7, 2002. [*Tribune* obituary, November 8, 2002.]

William [Willem] Kooiman [1830-1896]

William Kooiman was born on August 24, 1830 in The Netherlands. On July 22, 1864 in Grand Haven, he married Adriana “Jane” Takken. She was born in The Netherlands in 1845 and died in 1909, thirteen years after her husband. They owned a 40-acre farm in Section 3 of Polkton Township. William died on April 24, 1896. Both he and his wife were buried at Eastmanville Cemetery.

Harry Koopman [1877-1909]

Harry, the son of Johannes and Clara Pruim Koopman, was born in Grand Haven on February 27, 1877. Harry a well-known marine cook on Lake Michigan ships, lost his life March 15, 1909, when the *Duncan City* burned in the Calumet River at South Chicago. His wife was Nellie Gringhuis, whom he married on October 18, 1899. The daughter of Gerrit and Jane Nordhuis Gringhuis, Nellie was born in Grand Haven on June 20, 1880 and died in Seattle, Washington on December 13, 1912. Their children included Harold James, who lived from September 12, 1900 to May 9, 1976, and Clifford Garret, who was born on December 7, 1901 and died in West Jordan, Utah on March 26, 1974. After Harry’s death, Nellie married Martin Vyn of Grand Haven.

Johannes “John” Koopman [1839-1879]

Johannes Koopman was born on July 19, 1839 in The Netherlands and died in Grand Haven on August 23, 1879. His wife was Clarina “Clara” Pruim, born in The Netherlands in 1835. She died in Grand Haven in 1916. Among their children, all born in Grand Haven, were Irene Nellie, who was born May 9, 1868, married Charles M. Hatch on December 3, 1887, and died on September 5, 1832; Charles was born about 1864. Another of their children, Kate, was born February 28, 1870, married Cornelius Marsman on September 18, 1895, and died May 27, 1946; Cornelius was born about 1866. Marinus, a son of the Koopmans, was born October 10, 1871, married Amy Warren on March 29, 1901, and died on March 6, 1943; Amy was born about 1875. Another daughter, Minnie, was born November 24, 1875, married Walter Der Heiden on October 24, 1893, and died May 30, 1957. Peter, born on April 7, 1873, and Harry, born on February 27, 1877, were two other sons. Johannes was a teamster. The Koopmans were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Peter Koopman I [1873-1949]

On November 30, 1922 Kate, the wife of Peter Koopman I was found dead with a bullet wound in her

back at her home at 310 Fulton. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Peter was charged with the shooting. Ultimately he confessed to the killing and served the minimum sentence of seven years.

Born in Grand Haven on April 7 [10], 1873, Peter was the son of Johannes and Clara Pruim Koopman. Peter was proprietor of the Eagle Saloon at 120 North Third in Grand Haven. In Grand Haven on October 23, 1897 Peter married Cornelia Johanna "Kate" Van Dongen, who was born July 25, 1877 in Grand Haven, the daughter of John and Ida Erkes Van Dongen. The Koopmans' children included Clyde J., who was born on May 8, 1898 in Grand Haven and died in Battle Creek in September, 1967; Helen, born about 1903, and Peter II, born about 1916. In 1930 Peter was a boarder in the home of Robert and Nina Conant at 19 ½ Washington. The Conants owned and operated the Conant Restaurant at that address. Peter was working as a janitor. He died July 19, 1949. He and Kate were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Thanksgiving Brings Tragedy," December 1, 1922, and *Tribune* obituaries, March 16, 1909 and December 2, 1922.]

Henry V. Koppel [Henry Vandekoppel] [1901-1955]

The son of Jan and Johanna Vandekoppel, Henry was born in The Netherlands on April 24, 1901 and raised in Muskegon. Both parents were natives of The Netherlands, where Jan was born about 1867 and Johanna approximately a year earlier. The family immigrated to the United States in 1911. Henry moved to Grand Haven and in 1946 opened a Western Auto store at 127 Washington, where he also resided. He married Ann Christine, who was born in Chicago on April 9, 1906 to John and Anna Sofia Bergklint. The Bergklints moved to Muskegon, where Ann graduated from Muskegon Heights High School in 1924. She then attended Western Michigan, where she received her teaching degree and taught in Battle Creek and at Angel School in Muskegon. While working summers at Continental Motors she met Henry, whom she married on December 25, 1931 in Muskegon. At the time of his death Henry and Ann lived at 301 Sherman. Ann passed away on December 29, 1993 in San Jose, California. Their daughter, Ann, married Ellis Kammeraad of Grand Haven.

Anne E. Kosch [1919-1942]

A Sergeant in the Women's Army Corps, Anne [Anna] Kosch died in 1944 in England. She was the first WAC to be killed while on duty during World War II. The daughter of Andrew and Anna Kosch, Anne was born in Chicago, Illinois around May, 1919 and enlisted on December 13, 1942 as an aviation cadet. Her parents were residing in Robinson Township by 1930. Andrew and Anna are buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [There

also was an Anne Kosch who died around July 31, 1948 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.]

Agnes "Aggie" Louise Koster [1889-1975]

Born December 23, 1889, Agnes was the only child of Louis F. and Agnes Stark Koster. The family moved to Grand Haven in the summer of 1890. Agnes graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1907 and from the Grand Rapids Kindergarten Training School in 1910. She later received her Bachelor of Science degree from Western State Teachers College [WMU] and studied at Columbia University, New York University, and the University of Wisconsin in Madison. She taught elementary grades at Central School in Grand Haven from 1911 to 1955. The Kindergarten Mothers Club was organized during the early years of her teaching. Baptized in the Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven, she was a member of the church since 1903. Agnes also was a Church Elder, taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, was a Circle Leader, and she was President of the Ladies Social Society [United Presbyterian Women]. She served as President of the Grand Haven High School Alumni Association and of the Grand Haven Woman's Club, where she was a continuous member for 60 years and became an honorary member. She was a Charter Member and President of the Free Bed Guild in 1926. The Koster Group was named for her. Agnes also was a Charter Member of the Tuesday Musicales. She was a member of the Spring Lake Country Club, where her family were Charter members; and she was a member and President of Eta Chapter in Grand Rapids, Delta Kappa Gamma Society; National Education Society; Michigan Education Association; National Education Association; and the National Retired Teachers Association. Agnes lived at 518 Franklin in Grand Haven. She died on August 13, 1975 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Autobiographical sketch dated December 18, 1969 in the *Tribune* files at Loutit Library.]

Agnes "Aggie" Stark Koster [1864-1931] and Louis F. Koster [1856-1931]

Agnes, the daughter of John and Sarah Morse Stark, was born in Detroit in October, 1864 and was living with her parents in Grand Haven by 1869. Agnes was well known for her musical ability and social activities, and she was the first Secretary of a local Red Cross guild when it was formed in Grand Haven in the fall of 1909, eight years before it was officially chartered by the national organization. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, where she was organist, Choir Director, President of the Ladies Social Society, and a member of its Executive Committee for 37 years. On April 2, 1889 Agnes married Louis F. Stark.

Louis was born in March, 1856 in Michigan and was a traveling salesman for 52 years for Edson-Moore Company of Detroit, a wholesale dry goods distributor. Two years prior to his death he was honored by his firm for serving them for half a century. He was a member of the Old Time Salesman Association and each year was one of the prominent figures at its meetings. He was also a member of the Knights of the Grip. After a short time in Detroit, the family in 1890 moved to 518 Franklin Street and later was located at 311 Franklin in Grand Haven. They attended the Presbyterian Church. The Koster family had a daughter, Agnes Louise, who was born on December 23, 1889. Agnes died on April 11, 1931 and Louis passed away thirteen days later. Both the Koster family were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* articles, "Death of Mrs Koster Saddens Many in City," and "GH Social Leader Succumbs," April, 1931, and autobiographical sketch of Agnes Louise Koster at Loutit Library.]

Edward William "Bill" Koster [1912-1999]

Bill, born on November 12, 1912, was the brother of John Koster of Spring Lake. Bill began his career at the A&P Grocery Store in the 100 block of Spring Lake. He worked there until 1933, when he and Gail Olger started the O-K Grocery in Spring Lake. In August, 1928 he was named Superintendent of Public Works. He started with the volunteer Fire Department the next year, and was Assistant Chief for ten years and Chief for 34 years. In 1937 he became Township Clerk and missed only one meeting in the next 37 years. He retired as Clerk on November 20, 1974 and as Fire Chief on April 1, 1983. He and his wife, Kathryn, were members of the Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church. They were married about 1935 and resided at 350 De Witt Lane. They had two children, Donna and James Edward. Bill died in Spring Lake on March 21, 1999. [*Tribune* articles, "Edward (Bill) Koster retiring 2 of 3 hats," November 16, 1974, and "Koster ends 54 yrs with SL Fire Dept.," April 1, 1983.]

Etta Koster [1878-1974]

See John Bolt and Etta Koster Bolt.

George Koster I [1909-1981]

In 1925 George Koster began work at Braak's Bakery in Spring Lake when he was 16. He was honored by the company after 25 years of continuous employment at the bakery. He and his wife, Marian L., had one daughter, Kate, who married Ben Stehouwer, farmer from the Coopersville area, and two sons, Donald and George II. The family resided at 207 Parkhurst. George was born in Spring Lake on September 24, 1909 and died in Spring Lake on May 20, 1981. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Marian lived from April 7, 1911 to April 2, 1991. [*Tribune* article, December 18, 1951.]

Jan "John" Koster [Coster] I [1845-1931]

John Koster was born in The Netherlands in January, 1845 and arrived in Spring Lake at the age of 24. He spoke only Dutch, and went to work for John B. Perham shortly after his arrival. In 1894 he purchased Perham's store at 213 West Savidge, gradually reducing his inventory of dry goods and concentrating on the sale of groceries. In 1904 he sold the store to John Bolt, who married his daughter, Etta, five years later.

In 1871 John married Gertrude [Geertruida], who was born in The Netherlands [Detroit] in September, 1856 [1847], the daughter of Eilke and Grietje Smit Ekster. John's and Gertrude's home, built in 1882, was located at 221 Liberty in Spring Lake. John died April 21, 1931 in Grand Haven of heart disease. His wife died the same year. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Among their children were John II, born in June, 1873; Grace [Lucretia], who was born in 1876; married Edward Ritsema on July 1, 1916 in Spring Lake, and subsequently moved to Kalamazoo; Etta, who was born on October 11, 1878 and married John Bolt; Mary, who was born in September, 1881; Gertrude, born in February, 1883; and Anna [Hanna], who was born in August, 1887 and married Henry Ringelberg of Grand Haven; and Ella, born in June, 1889. [*Tribune* article, "Death of Mrs [Louis] Koster Saddens Many in City," April 11, 1931.]

John G. Koster [1907-1983]

Born on March 16, 1907 in Spring Lake, John was the brother of Edward [Bill] Koster. He went into real estate and developed Evergreen Park, Ranch House Acres, and Spring Acres. He was a member of the Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church. In 1929 he married Hermina, the daughter of Henry and Frances Freese of Crockery Township. The Koster family had several children, including Kay, who married Norm Brown of Jackson; Robert of Rapid River, Michigan; and John [Jack] and Bruce, both of Spring Lake. John died at his home, 229 East Savidge, on June 6, 1983 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Hermina was born on January 9, 1909 and passed away in Spring Lake on April 15, 1980. [*Tribune* obituary, June 6, 1983.]

Louis F. Koster [1856-1931]

See Agnes Stark Koster.

Michael John Koteles II [1927-2008]

Michael served with the Navy during WWII. After the war he graduated from the University of Michigan School of Architecture and started work with Magnuson and Sumner architectural firm in Muskegon in 1951. There he met John Vander Meiden II. In 1955 Michael co founded and became President of the local architectural firm of Vander Meiden Koteles &

Associates at 1203 Beacon. He was a member of the Masonic order, the Elks, and Spring Lake Country Club. The firm designed more than 200 schools all over the state; the GTE Office building across from the Muskegon Airport; the Grand Haven YMCA; the 1964 Ottawa County Building; Ottawa County Jail; two outstate community colleges; the Adrian City Hall; Grand Haven Junior High School; Mary White and Griffin Schools, the Senior High School [Middle School] addition on Cutler; and the Peoples Bank expansion. The firm closed with his retirement on December 31, 1988 and the building was sold to Grand Transformers. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spring Lake.

On February 11, 1956, in Muskegon, he married Shirley M. Simonson. They had four children: Mary, who married Jeff Buzuma and moved to Norfolk, Virginia; Martha, who was a secretary for Batts, Inc. of Zeeland; Jane Ladley, who lived in Spring Lake; and Michael III, who attended Grand Valley State College. Shirley and Michael resided at 1510 Wisconsin. Born in Muskegon on June 28, 1927, he passed away on November 16, 2008 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He was the son of Michael and Helen Mikola Koteles. [*Tribune* article, January 30, 1989, "Closes Architectural Firm," and *Tribune* obituary, November 19, 2008.]

Walter Edward Kozicki [1903-1963]

By 1930 Walter E. Kozicki had a grocery store at 1492 Washington. In the next decade the business was located at 21 South Beechtree Street. It was called the L & M Market by the mid-1950s. Walter, who was born in Poland on June 3, 1903, died in February, 1963. He and his wife, Otylia, had a daughter Betty, who lived from April 26, 1922 to December 19, 1991. They also had a son; Thaddeus, who was born in Michigan about 1917, and a second daughter, Mina, born locally about 1918. Otylia was born in Michigan on August 22, 1896 and died on October 11, 1977. She and her husband were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Elsie Kraai [1884-1960]

See Henry Kieft [1881-1958] and Charles Washington Smith I [1870-1950].

Enne E. Kraai [1832-1908]

Enne Kraai was born in The Netherlands on November 29, 1832. He arrived in the area in 1855. In 1876 he was Manager of the Central Hotel in Spring Lake, and by the 1890s he operated a flour, feed, grain store, and boarding house at the corner of Fulton and Third Streets [309 Fulton] in Grand Haven, where he also resided. In 1905 he sold the business to Anne Stap of Grand Haven. In 1862 in Ottawa County Enne married Dettje "Dets" Bakker, who lived from February 27, 1829 to May 28,

1901. Their daughter Maud married William Howlett Loutit. They also had a son Marten, who was born July 12, 1868, and a second daughter, Julia, who lived from January 16, 1871 to January 5, 1875. Enne died August 2, 1908 and was buried with his wife at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John Kraai [1847-1929]

John Kraai was born in The Netherlands in August, 1847. Sometime before 1878 he married Marta Anne Rienks, who also was a native of The Netherlands, where she was born on November 3, 1850. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, were: Martha, who was born on April 12, 1878 and married William Van Wormer of Grand Haven; Henrietta, who was born about 1880 and never married; Elsie, who was born on October 6, 1884 and married Henry Kieft and Charles Washington Smith; Louis, who was born on December 29, 1892 and died on April 1, 1962; Flora, born in July, 1896; and Mary, born in August, 1898. Louis married Rachel Schaff, who was born about 1896. Marta Kraai died on January 21, 1892 in Grand Haven, and her husband followed in 1929. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Martha Maude Mandi Kraai [Van Wormer] [1878-1968]

Martha was born in Grand Haven on April 12, 1878, the daughter of John and Marta Anne Rienks Kraai. She married William Van Wormer in Grand Haven on October 22, 1908. William, the son of Edmund and Julia Van Wormer of Flint, was born on February 29, 1872. Martha and William had two children: Jack, born March 4, 1917 in San Bernardino, California, died in Wolf Creek, Oregon, on May 15, 1964, and was buried at Shasta, California; and Edwin John, who was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin on August 21, 1899, died on January 7, 1993, and was buried at Shasta County, California. William died and was buried in the same county in 1964, as was Martha, who died on September 26, 1968.

Thomas Kraai [@1845-1864]

On February 15, 1864 Thomas Kraai, a resident of Grand Haven, enlisted as Private in Company D of the 8th Michigan Infantry. He died of wounds on September 16, 1864 and was buried at the National Cemetery at Philadelphia. Thomas was born in The Netherlands about 1845.

Hugh "Bud" Krampe [1925-living]

See Hugh O'Brien.

Gustave "Joe" Krause [1852-1927]

Born in Germany on October 3, 1852, Joe Krause came to the United States in 1865. He became a fisherman for

Captain Thomas W. Kirby of Grand Haven, and he also served with the first Volunteer Life Saving crew in Grand Haven. He passed away on December 28, 1927. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in Germany in 1857, died in 1924, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had at least two sons: Karl H., who was born in Michigan on April 11, 1888, and Theodore, who was born in Grand Haven in 1899. They family resided at 115 Fulton Street.

William A. Krause [1886-1939]

Born in Grand Haven on February 4, 1886, William Krause earned his captain's papers and operated local fish tugs and tugs for Construction Aggregates Company. He and his wife, Emma, who died about March 17, 1924, lived at 17 Franklin Street. William died on February 1, 1939 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Arthur Edward Kromer [1861-1931]

Born in 1861 in Michigan, Arthur Kromer, a tinsmith, was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. He and his wife, Margaret, were residents of Grand Rapids. His parents, Napoleon and Hannah Kromer, and his sister, Sarah, in the summer of 1883 or earlier, camped in Highland Park, pitching a tent on the wooded ridge where Beech Holme was built. Arthur was a frequent visitor to Grand Haven. An item in the *Tribune* on April 12, 1894 read, "Art Kromer has made his best run so far this year. He rode to Grand Haven Monday over rough roads, covering thirty-six miles in four hours' actually [sic] riding time." Arthur and his wife Margaret resided in Grand Rapids. Margaret, a native of Canada, was five years younger than her husband. By 1930 the couple was residing in Tarpon Springs, Florida. Arthur passed away in Pinellas County, Florida in 1931. Margaret died in the same county in 1952.

Max C. Krueger [1870-1950]

Born in Berlin, Germany on August 6, 1870, Max Krueger was an electrician with an office at 112 Washington in Grand Haven. He married Molly Kappes in Chicago, Illinois on January 12, 1897. She was born on March 10, 1874 in Chicago. They were married about 1896 and had three daughters: Margaret, who was born on November 10, 1901 and died on April 27, 1918; Marie, born about 1906, and Ruth, born about 1912. The family resided in Spring Lake Township. Molly passed away on August 24, 1948, and Max died on June 19, 1950. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with their daughter Margaret.

Henry Kruithoff [1883-1953]

A farmer and stockraiser, Henry Kruithoff owned 80 acres in Section 25 of Olive Township, where he arrived

in 1891. He was born in The Netherlands in 1883 and died in Holland, Michigan in 1953. Henry married Minnie Caauwe in Holland, Michigan. Born in Holland, Michigan, in 1884, Minnie died there in 1940. Their three sons and one daughter all were born in West Olive between 1906 and 1914.

William Kruithoff I [1849-1916]

William I, the son of Walter and Neeltje Kruithoff, owned a farm in Section 13 of Olive Township as early as 1893. He lived from December 17, 1849 to March 23, 1916 and was buried at Olive Cemetery, while his wife, Elizabeth Woldinga, lived from January, 1847 [1846] to March 22, 1940 and also was buried at Olive Cemetery, although she died in Allegan County. Their children were Henry, born in August, 1883; Mary, born in January, 1888; and William II, born in July, 1889. William I immigrated to the United States in 1882, followed by his wife and oldest son the next year. William II and Mary were born locally. William II later owned an 80-acre farm in Section 24 of Olive Township.

Albert Kruizenga [1873-1906]

Born in Ferrysburg on February 9, 1873, Albert was the son of Derek [Derk] Kruizenga. He lived on his parents' farm in Section 10 near the Village until just shortly before his death, when he moved into town. He and his wife, Frances Start, had three children. Frances, the daughter of Hilbrant [Hildebrandt] [Hilbrant] and Anna Dobb Start, was born in Spring Lake on September 25, 1872 and died there in October, 1954. Albert died of Bright's Disease on June 19, 1906 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. One of their children was Anna, who was born in Ferrysburg on February 22, 1895 and died on August 12 the same year. Another daughter, Stena, was born on March 3, 1893 and married Alfred Ruiter. A son, Richard, was born on June 30, 1896. [*Tribune* obituary, June 22, 1906.]

George F. Kruizenga [1924-1999]

George Kruizenga joined Quality Pattern at 1555 Marion in Grand Haven in 1969. The son of Richard and Millie Kruizenga of Spring Lake, George was born October 24 1924 and passed away in Grand Haven on October 5, 1999. He and his wife, Grace, resided at 927 Franklin.

John Kruizenga [1881-1954]

John Kruizenga was born in Spring Lake on January 23, 1881. He married Meta [May/Matie], the daughter of Herman and Mary Honholt. Meta was born on April 17, 1882, also in Spring Lake and passed away about October 15, 1965. Among their children, all natives of Michigan, were Richard James, born about 1904; Herman, who was born around 1907 and moved to Roosevelt Park in Muskegon; Stella, born on January 11, 1910; and Marvin, who was born around 1911 and

remained in Spring Lake. John and Meta were still residing in Spring Lake in 1930, where John was a carpenter. He died on July 12, 1954. John and Meta were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their daughter Stella died in Grand Haven on January 19, 2005. She worked for the Grand Haven Gas Company for 17 years, before being transferred to the company's general office in Coldwater. After retirement, Stella returned to Spring Lake and resided at 210 North Division. She was a member of Christ Community Church, where she also volunteered. [*Tribune* obituary, January 20, 2005.]

Richard Kruizenga [1896-1981]

Richard, the son of Albert and Frances Start Kruizenga, was born on June 30, 1896 and passed away in Grand Haven on August 13, 1981. He married Millie Braun about 1922. Millie lived from December 28, 1895 to December 9, 1979. Their children were a daughter, Eleanor, born about 1923, and a son, George, born on October 24, 1924. The family resided on Second Street in Ferrysburg in 1930 and later at 1326 Columbus and 714 Pennoyer in Grand Haven. Richard and Millie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Richard James Kruizenga [1904-1986]

Born June 14, 1904 in Spring Lake, Richard was the son of John and May Honholt Kruizenga. Richard graduated from Grand Haven High School and in 1922 became associated with Bastian Blessing Company of Grand Haven, where he was promoted to Assistant Manager. He also was a building contractor in Spring Lake. Richard was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Metropolitan Club, Spring Lake Country Club, Grand Haven Stag Club, Citizens History Association, and the First Reformed Church.

On September 18, 1928 Richard married Kathryn, who was born June 13, 1904 in Spring Lake, the daughter of George and Adrianna Oggel Mulder. George Mulder owned a grocery store. Richard and Kathryn had three children: Dorothy Jean, born August 7 1929, who married Gordon Boelens; Richard John, born September 25 1930 and later a resident of New York City; and Georgia May Van Weelden, born February 24, 1933. Richard died in Grand Haven on May 28, 1986 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Kathryn died in Spring Lake on March 11, 1996. [*Citizens Historical Association*, September 27, 1941, and *Tribune* obituary, May 29, 1986.]

Fred C. Kuhnle [1883-1977]

In 1929 Kuhnle-Winslow Company moved to Grand Haven from Chicago, where it had been in operation since 1914, and occupied a building on Harbor Avenue, near the Nat Robbins building at 1 South Harbor. Fred C. Kuhnle of Grand Rapids was one of the founders of

the company, which started in Grand Haven to manufacture plumbing supplies and oil heaters with ten employees in 6,000 sq. ft. of floor space. In 1931 it merged with American Brass Novelty, later known as Michigan Brass Company, and began the manufacture of plumbers' brass goods. In 1944 Fred became associated with Grand Haven Harbor Industries. He was born in Indiana on January 20, 1883 and passed away in Grand Rapids on May 13, 1977. His wife, Louise, was born in 1885.

Klaas Kuiper [1841-1921]

Rev. Klaas Kuiper was Pastor of the First Christian Reformed Church when it was moved from 400 Fulton to 418. Rev. Kuiper, who immigrated to America in 1891, is generally considered the father of the Christian school movement in the CRC. He married Martje [Maika] De Bruyn, who lived from 1848 to around August 25, 1924 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Klaas died around March 12, 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest. Two children were buried with their mother and father: Anton, who lived from 1882 to about March 30, 1937, and Romke [Rolena/Meena], a daughter, who died on September 23, 1893 at the age of 24.

Werner Kullack [1896-1966]

In January, 1953 Ajax Tool and Die of Muskegon moved to Grand Haven and occupied the former Wolverine Table Company building at 803 Taylor Avenue. Werner Kullack was General Manager at the time and later became President of the company. In 1962 the firm changed its name to Automatic Spring Products Corp. Werner resided on Valley City Street in Ferrysburg. He was born in Germany on August 21, 1896 and died in 1966. His wife, Ida O., was born in Illinois about 1898.

Henry Kuyers [1867- ?]

A farmer and stock raiser, Henry Kuyers owned 80 acres in Section 34 of Robinson Township. He settled in the area in 1910. His wife's name was Katie. One of their seven children died as an infant on September 13, 1914 and was buried at Olive Township Cemetery with other Kuyers. Henry was born in Michigan in October, 1867. By 1900 Henry and Katie were residing in Iowa.

Peter La Belle [Labelle/Label] [1813- ?]

Born in Canada about 1813, Peter La Belle settled in Alpine Township [Kent County] as early as 1837. There he and two other men of French descent put up a mill, but all three were gone within two or three years. Peter appeared in the 1850 census for Ottawa Township [Grand Haven Township]. Two years later he was licensed to provide the first ferry service between Spring Lake and Grand Haven by crossing the Grand River at

the end of Sawdust Road to the site where the Holiday Inn later was located. The fare was three cents in 1856, when he successfully petitioned to raise it to a nickel, with tickets for fifteen fares or more available at three cents each. Teams of horses were taken over the river on scows and pedestrians were transported in rowboats. Peter operated his ferry until approximately 1867, when the first bridge was built. He married Mary Gerard in 1849 in Ottawa County. She was born around 1828 in Canada.

Charles “Carl” F. Ladewig [1839-1917]

Charles was born in Gruenberg, Prussia, on September 25, 1839 to Carl F. and Maria Christina Dobbert Ladewig. With his parents, brothers August F. and William F., and sister Charlotte, Charles sailed from Hamburg and arrived at Castle Garden, New York, on January 20 1857, aboard the ship *Johan Gutenberg*. The family first settled in Lockport, New York before moving to Grand Haven Township in 1863.

Charles married Wilhelmenia Behm at her home in Grand Haven Township on February 12, 1863. Wilhelmenia was born at Johannesburg, New York on January 13, 1844. Following their marriage, the couple purchased a 160-acre farm in Section 15 of Grand Haven Township. Charles was Deacon at the newly founded German Lutheran Emanuel Church, which he helped organize in 1870. The Ladewigs’ children, all born locally, were Anna, who was born December 4, 1863 and married William Tietz; Sarah, who was born about 1860 and married Max Glazat; Adolph, born about 1868; Carl H., born about 1870; Paul [Paulus] J., born about 1876; John [Johannes] F., born about 1879; Alfred H.; Henry W.; and Hattie. The family later moved to a farm in Georgetown Township. Wilhelmenia died on January 18, 1892 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Her husband died on January 19, 1917 in Grand Rapids, where he was buried.

Joseph La Framboise [1765-1809] and Magdalene [Madeline] Marcotte “Madame” La Framboise [1780-1846]

Madame La Framboise, as Magdalene came to be known, was born in February, 1780 at Fort St. Joseph, Michigan. Her father was Jean Baptiste Marcotte, of French, German, and Scotch heritage. Her mother was Timothee, the daughter of a French woman and Ke-wi-na-quot, “Returning Cloud,” a famous Ottawa chieftain. Madame La Framboise’s father died when she was just three years old, and she was raised in an Ottawa tribal village on Crockery Creek near Nunica. In 1796 she married Joseph La Framboise, a successful and wealthy fur trader in charge of the Indian trade in western Michigan for the American Fur Company. Joseph was born in 1765 in Trois Rivieres, Quebec. Their daughter,

Josephine “Josette,” born on Mackinac Island on September 24, 1795, later married Captain Benjamin Kendrick Pierce, Commandant of Fort Mackinac and brother of President Franklin Pierce. Joseph and Magdalene also had a son, Joseph, who was born on Mackinac Island before 1809, educated in Montreal, and became a fur trader. The son settled and married in the west and died there about 1854, leaving a large family.

Joseph started making annual fur trading trips to the Grand River as early as the summer of 1783, but made Michilmackinac his winter home. Among other posts in the Grand River Valley, he established one at Crockery Creek. In the fall of 1809 he started a trip to his usual wintering place in Grand Rapids. While *en route* Nequat, a young brave who was enraged that Joseph refused to give him liquor, killed Joseph, allegedly while the victim was at prayer in his tent. Joseph was buried at the “only town in that vicinity,” near the mouth of the Grand River at Grand Haven, but Magdalene subsequently returned his body to Mackinac Island. Other Indians later captured the assassin and asked Magdalene to decide his fate. Her malice, she said, had passed and she forgave him. Nevertheless the assassin’s body subsequently was found with his own dagger protruding from his chest.

After her husband’s death Madame La Framboise assumed supervision of all 20 of the West Michigan trading posts that Joseph had managed, including a post in Crockery Township. Like her husband, Madame La Framboise worked for John Jacob Astor’s American Fur Company and “at her own risk,” meaning she could sell the pelts to other companies, as well. She followed the Christian faith and always was attired in full Indian costume. She had a constant companion, her servant Angelique, who remained with her on all journeys until Magdalene’s death. Rix Robinson took over her trading posts in 1821, but he and Madame La Framboise worked together the following year. She retired to Mackinac Island, a self-educated, acute business person, and wealthy woman. Robert Stuart, who then was manager at Mackinac, invited Rix Robinson to take charge of the Company’s posts on the Grand, Kalamazoo, and Muskegon Rivers. Madame La Framboise’s daughter, Josette, died November 24, 1820, leaving three children: Harriet, Daniel, and Langdon. Madame La Framboise died April 4, 1846. Her home, which became St. Anne’s Church, and the crypt beneath the altar where she and her daughter were buried, still can be seen on Mackinac Island. When the Michigan Women’s Hall of Fame was founded in Lansing in 1984, Madame Magdalene La Framboise was one of the first to be inducted. [*Famous American Homes*, “Island Home of Michigan’s Great Woman Pioneer,” *Wisconsin Historical Collections*, “Early Days on Mackinac Island, 1809,” and *Tribune* article, “Woman Indian Trader Here in Early Days.”]

Peter Laidal [Laitel] [1866-1940]

A farmer with 80 acres in Section 11 of Crockery Township, Peter Laidal also raised livestock. Peter, who came to the area in 1910, lived from 1866 to 1940. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in 1871 and died in 1941. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, along with a son, Andrew, who died as an infant in 1895.

Arend Klaas Laman I [1833-1891]

Born in T'Zandt, The Netherlands, on January 10, 1833, Arend Klaas Laman in 1856 married Hendritje Ruiter in their hometown. Hendritje, the daughter of Imke [Emma] Jans Lanting and Tonnis Bartolds Ruiter, was born on October 10, 1831. With eight of their ten children, ranging in age from two to 25, the couple emigrated in steerage class from Rotterdam to New York and then traveled by oxcart to Grand Haven in 1878. They spent the next year building their home at 527 Monroe while living with nearby friends. Their two oldest sons joined them in Grand Haven in 1882. The Lamans completed the purchase of their homestead in 1887 for a total of \$150. Their children were Emke, who lived from 1853 to 1941 and married Jacob Bronsema; Klaas, who was born in 1857, married Anna Uihorn, and died in 1933; Tonnis [Teunis], who lived from 1860 to 1944; John, who was born in 1862 and married Sadie Greer; Eda [Ida/Ada], who was born in 1866 and died in 1963; Arend II, who was born in 1869 and married Mattie Swarts in Grand Haven; Hendrika [Reka], who lived from 1871 to 1931; Pieter, who lived from 1873 to 1956 and was first married Dena Biereme and then Jessie Hyma Zaagman; and Bartold, who was born in 1876 and died in 1891. Arend I died of kidney disease on December 10, 1891, and Hendritje died many years later, on January 19, 1923.

Leonard L. Lamb [1927-1997]

Leonard Lamb was born on August 3, 1927. Before starting an estate appraisal business, he was Manager of the Collections Department for Security First Bank [Old Kent/Fifth Third]. He and his wife, Jerry, moved from 820 Lake Avenue to 309 South Second Street, where Jerry continued to live after her husband's death. He died January 16, 1997 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Paul Joseph Lampe I [1910-1966]

Paul Lampe operated Lampe's Beechtree Inn at 207 South Beechtree Street from the early 1940s to December, 1962. In the early 1930s he had a grocery store and Conoco gasoline station at or near the same address. Mary A. Lampe, a sister who was born in Michigan about 1919, owned a small grocery store at 1452 Pennoyer Avenue in the early 1940s and into the 1950s. Their father, John I, was born in Yugoslavia

about 1880, passed away on June 22, 1957 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their mother, Mary, was born in the same country in approximately 1884, died about June 7, 1950, and was buried at Lake Forest with her husband. John and Mary immigrated to America in 1912. Another son, John II, was born in Yugoslavia on October 16, 1906. His wife, Edna Laura, was born on February 29, 1908 in Missouri and passed away in Grand Haven on April 21, 1994. John II died in Grand Haven on July 23, 1990. Two other sons were [Fred] R., who was born in Michigan on May 15, 1913, passed away on June 20, 2003 in Grand Haven, and was buried at Lake Forest; and Mirko [Mirk] M., who was born in Michigan in 1916 and served in the Army during WWII. The family resided in Grand Haven Township.

On May 1, 1937, in Spring Lake, Paul married Gladys, the daughter of Harry and Gertrude Eckelcamp Bolton of Spring Lake. Paul and Gladys had two sons, Paul II; a contractor of Grand Haven, and Ken, an attorney, who resided in Spring Lake. Paul I was born in Yugoslavia on June 29, 1910, passed away on October 25, 1966, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Gladys died on June 12, 2007. [*Tribune* obituary, June 13, 2007.]

Alfred E. Landon [Landen] [1834-1905]

Alfred Landon was an early resident of Crockery Township, where he settled on 80 acres in Section 26 and owned another 80 acres in Section 35 before 1860. However, by 1893 he was "watchman" in the City of Grand Haven. The son of Benjamin and Mary Caroline Deerdorff Landon, Alfred was born in August, 1834 in Canada and died on February 12, 1905. His wife, Lydia, also a native of Canada, was born in October, 1844. They moved to the United States in 1864.

Arza E. Landon [Landen] [1861-1889]

Arza Landon was born in Crockery Township on January 31, 1861. His mother, Lucinda, was born about 1846. Apparently Lucinda's first husband died, and by 1870 she had married Orange Jubb of Crockery. Arza lived with them. At the age of 20 Arza bought a half interest in William E. Gordon's hardware business in Nunica and shortly after that became the sole proprietor. On May 4, 1884, in Crockery Township, Arza married Lizzie Lawrence. Lizzie, born in Nunica about 1863, was the daughter of Sidney and Thankful Lawrence. Arza died on April 8, 1889, and by 1893 his widow held title to their farm in Section 24.

Dwight A. Lane [1866-1938]

Dwight, the son of Albert and Delia E. Andrews Lane, was born on June 3, 1866 on a farm in Allegan County. On August 6, 1889 he married Jennie Barnes, sister of James and John Barnes. Jennie was born about 1868. The couple resided at 120 South Second. Dwight was

listed in the 1908 *City Directory* as a stereopticon operator. He also was credited with operating the first bookstore in Grand Haven from 1896 until around 1900. About that time he sold the business, located at 129 Washington, to Charles Boyden II, who moved it to 222 Washington. Dwight managed the Reichardt Bookstore at 222 Washington for a number of years, too. Dwight and his wife moved to California, where he died on February 20, 1938.

Francis N. "Pinky" Lange [1908-1980]

Francis Lange owned a candy store in Spring Lake in the 1930s. The son of H. Rowland and Gala E. Lange, Francis was born on June 16, 1908 in Michigan and passed away in Spring Lake on September 15, 1980. He married Edna M., daughter of Ed and Nellie Fons of Spring Lake. Edna was born on August 4, 1909 and died in Spring Lake on October 29, 1979. They had a son, James F., who was born around October, 1929. Pinky and Edna were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Leon Jay Langeland [1930-1999]

On January 1, 1965 Spring Lake Village appointed Leon Langeland to head up its new Police Department. Leon had served in various capacities with the Grand Haven Police Department and the Ottawa County Sheriff Department from 1957 until he became Chief of the Spring Lake Police Department. He stepped down as Chief of Police of the Spring Lake and Ferrysburg Police Department on July 10, 1993, after serving for 28 years. He and his wife, Joyce, had four children. The family resided at 904 East Savidge and then at 15962 Beach Drive in Spring Lake Township. Born on July 10, 1930, Leon died in Spring Lake on May 7, 1999 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. His parents were John and Jennie Stroven Langeland. On May 7, 2002, a baseball field at Spring Lake's Central Park was named Langeland Field in his memory.

Charles-Michel Mouet de Langlade [1729-1802]

Charles Langlade was born in May, 1729, and baptized on the ninth of that month at Michilmackinac. His mother was an Ottawa Indian. He was a fur trader and military officer. In return for coalescing bands of Ottawas, Chippewas, and Potawatomie Indians and helping the French in 1855 defeat General Braddock and British forces at Fort Duquesne [Pittsburgh] during the French and Indian War, Charles was given rights to trade for furs at "Gabagouache" [the mouth of the Grand River] and elsewhere in Michigan. One of his posts was on the south bank of the Grand River near the north end of Beechtree Street. His traders were operating along the river as early as 1742. In the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*, local historian Paul Trap wrote, "In October 1755 [Langlade] had been ordered by the commandant at Michilmackinac to establish a trading post at the mouth

of the Grand River (Grand Haven, Mich.) and to use it to help maintain control of the Ottawas and Potawatomies along the western shore of Lake Michigan. Langlade continued to do his winter trading at this site through 1790, having as many as 15 men working for him." Charles had two wives, Charlotte Bourassa [1738-1818], whom he married in 1754, and Non Non Ga Na [1750-1835]. One of Charles's daughters, Charlotte, was born at his Grand Haven post and baptized by Father Le Franc on January 29, 1756, while living on the Grand River. Charles died in January, 1802 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. [*Dictionary of Canadian Biography*, Vol. IV, p. 564.]

Edward Milton Langrell [1863-1936]

Edward M. Langrell and his wife, Malvina, managed the Highland Park Hotel. They apparently bought it in 1921. On June 2, 1947 Malvina sold the hotel to Mell Wright, who owned Wright's Grill on Washington Street. Edward was born in Canada in December, 1863, came to the United States in 1880, and died around July 28, 1936. On December 3, 1885, in Milwaukee, Edward married Mary Sprague. By 1900 they were residing in Buffalo, New York, where he was a purser on a steamboat. Mary was born in Wisconsin in September, 1861. Their daughter Gertrude was born in Wisconsin in June, 1892. Edward later married Malvina Steiner, who was born in Missouri in May, 1892. She died about August 31, 1957 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Edward. Her mother, Lena, was born in Missouri in September, 1863. Her father, Henry, was born in Missouri in June, 1862 and died after 1900.

Clarence "Jake" Laning [1909-2002]

The son of Jacob and Nellie Stahl Laning, Jake was born in Ferrysburg on November 17, 1909. On April 23, 1937 he married Harriet L. Spoelma in Grand Haven. Harriet was born on March 15, 1911 and died on January 30, 2000. Jake was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church and was employed at Challenge Machinery, Van Zantwick Funeral Home, Grand Haven Christian School, and the City of Grand Haven, where he retired in 1972. The Lanings had a daughter, Marilyn, who married Donald Schippers of Grand Haven. The family resided at 827 Waverly. Jake passed away at home on June 6, 2002. [*Tribune* obituary, June 8, 2002.]

Johannes "John" J. Lappinga [Lappenga] [1847-1913]

Johannes Lappinga was born in The Netherlands in February, 1847 and came to the United States aboard the *Duisberg*, which landed in New York on June 16, 1866. He settled in Olive Township in 1868, where he owned a 60-acre farm in Section 28. Klaas Lappinga was his brother. They owned jointly another 40 acres in the

same section. Johannes died on November 20, 1913. He married Schovia "Sofia" Papping in Grand Haven on May 31, 1872. She was born in The Netherlands in November, 1853. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Jennie, born in December, 1883; Reakes, a son, born in June, 1886; Gracey, born in August, 1890; and Clara, born in June, 1896.

Klaas J. Lappinga [Lappenga] [1843-1929]

Klaas Lappinga was born in The Netherlands in 1843 and came to the United States aboard the *Duisberg*, which landed in New York on June 16, 1866. Like his brother Johannes, he arrived in Olive Township in 1868, where Klaas owned 94 acres in Section 28. He and his brother owned jointly another 40 acres in the same Section. In 1873 Klaas married Pederke Bronkema [Pederke Hahn] in Ottawa County. She died on October 17, 1904. On November 19, 1905, in Holland, Michigan, Klaas married Jennie [Jane] Assink Bartering, who was 50 years old and a native of The Netherlands. They were still residing in Olive Township in 1910. Living with them at that time was Klaas's son, Bert, who was born locally about 1896. Klaas passed away on January 24, 1929. He and Pederke were buried at Ventura Cemetery in Park Township.

Frederick A. Larkin [1851- ?]

Born about 1851 in Massachusetts, Frederick Larkin was junior partner in the Fessenden & Company barrel factory, which operated in Grand Haven from 1881 to 1882. Frederick came from Townsend, Massachusetts.

Howard B. Larsen [1915-2005]

Howard Larsen managed Royal Dry Cleaners at 33 Franklin in Grand Haven for 34 years. The son of Otto and Olga Larsen, Howard was born in Chicago on August 19, 1915. He served with the U.S. Army during WWII, and worked for the Postal Service in Chicago before coming to Grand Haven. He married Ethel Gronseth on May 23, 1942. She lived from July 8, 1916 to July 8, 1980. The Larsens resided at 214 South Fruitport Road in Spring Lake Township. They had a daughter, Roxanne, who married Rick Robinson and moved to McMinnville, Oregon. Howard was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven and the YMCA. In the fall of 2004, Howard moved to be with his daughter in McMinnville, where he died on April 1, 2005. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, April 6, 2005.]

Andrew Larson [1851-1925]

Born in Sweden in 1851, Andrew Larson worked as a sailor before coming to Spring Lake in 1881, where he was employed in the sawmills. He married Louise Urbom, also born in Sweden, who lived from 1857 to 1889. They had two sons, Oscar and August A., and in

the 1880s lived in a house built for mill workers on the corner of Park and Mason Streets that later was moved to 206 North Buchanan. Their son August, who lived from 1885 to 1909, was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. After Louise died, Andrew married Augusta Johansson, also a native of Sweden, who lived from 1862 to 1945. They bought a farm on 144th Avenue in Section 12 of Spring Lake Township, where they raised crops and livestock and also reared their six children. Andrew died in 1925.

Charles Larson [1869-1923]

Charles Larson and his wife, Christina, owned the Log Cabin Club on Potawatamie Bayou. While residents of Chicago, they purchased the five-acre plot in Grand Haven Township for \$500 in 1908, a site that later was given the address 15197 Lake Avenue. In 1910 Charles built a cabin on the site, and a year later he added to it, creating the first summer resort business on Potawatamie. Their specialty was chicken dinners, but they also catered and offered fishing, boats, and picnic grounds. Charles was born in Sweden about 1869 and immigrated to the United States when he was 17. His future wife, Christina Lundquist, also was born in Sweden around 1867 and arrived in the United States in 1888. They were married in Chicago on January 6, 1890. In 1910 Charles was a farmer residing in Grand Haven Township, and in the early 1920s he was listed as a carpenter. A son, William "Will," in 1916 organized the first Marathon in the area. It was a success, but WWI kept Will from repeating the contest. The son was born in Chicago in July, 1891. Charles died on October 2, 1922. Less than a year later, Christina sold the property to Mr and Mrs Carl Wahlberg of Chicago. [Adapted from an article written by Marjorie Viveen, "Etched in Stone: Pottawattomie's Log Cabin Club," *Grand River Packet*, October, 2010.]

Eleanor Larson [1936-2001]

See Eleanor Larson Ostradick.

Oscar W. Larson [1886-1960]

Oscar Larson was born in 1886 in Spring Lake, and became carpenter's apprentice to Chauncey Blakeslee. He stayed in the construction trade all his life and with Blakeslee built many lovely homes in Spring Lake. On July 22, 1911 in Grand Haven, he married Anna Gunneson, who was born in Kent City, Michigan on September 13, 1888. The Larsons lived in a home at 120 Lake Street, built by Chauncey Blakeslee. Oscar died on December 15, 1960, and his wife died four years later. The Gunnesons were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Carl V. La Rue [1910-1969]

Carl V. La Rue and Ed Zenco started Ace Manufacturing in a former filling station at 200 South Harbor Street in 1945. Two years later Arnold Fredrickson and Jaime Giangrande took over the business. Carl lived at 15690 Comstock Street in Grand Haven Township. He was born on April 2, 1910 and died about August 7, 1969. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Louise “Lisette” Constant Lasley [1812-1907]

See Louisa “Lisette” Constant.

George Ashley Latham [1825-1901]

George Latham owned a farm in Section 23 of Allendale Township. An early settler in the area, George was born on September 25, 1825 in New Hartford, New York. By 1850 he was living in Kent County, where he worked as a laborer. Starting in about 1860 he spent seven years handling lumber for Ferry & Son of Grand Haven. In 1869 he began contracting with Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company, and was employed by that firm for the next six years. He then returned to farming. George served as Township Supervisor for three terms, Highway Commissioner for 12 years, and he also was a director for his school district. George died on September 23, 1901. His first wife, Mary A., lived from September 28, 1840 to August 21, 1872. She also was a native of New York. On June 13, 1875 in Allendale, George married Susan Pixley, who lived from 1835 to 1916. George, Mary, and Susan were buried at Allendale Cemetery.

Gordon Laughead [1893-1969]

Born on August 23, 1893, Gordon was the son of Edward Rankin Laughead, a piano builder and tuner. On April 13, 1942 Gordon started a business at 122 Washington Street to manufacture spinet pianos and aeronautic toys. He began with two employees, and by 1943 he had added Joseph Klepac, chief piano engineer at Story & Clark. By the time of Gordon’s death in 1969 the business was located at the corner of Elliott and Seventh Streets [633 Elliott]. In 1941 he married Joan [Josephine] Locke [Lock]. Joan was born December 17, 1891 in Grand Haven, the daughter of James and Mary Locke. The Laugheads resided at 20 South Fifth in Grand Haven. Gordon died in February, 1969 of a heart attack. Joan died in Grand Haven on January 19, 1989. [*Tribune* obituary, January 20, 1989.]

Harley Harrison La Vercombe [1882-1961]

Harley La Vercombe, born on August 24, 1882, originally was from Piqua, Ohio. By 1910 he was residing in Detroit, where he became General Manager of Peninsular Tool Salvage Company. Harley started two businesses in Spring Lake: Abrasive Products [Abrasive Engineering] in 1929, followed twenty years later by Forged Reamer. Both companies were originally located on the southeast corner of Savidge and

Lake Streets [606 East Savidge] before moving to 911 East River. Harley first married Ruby Gordier in Detroit on September 22, 1903. Ruby was born on July 23, 1883 in Dawn, Canada and died on February 5, 1978 in Jackson, Michigan. They had a daughter, Gertrude E., who was born in Michigan about 1905. Apparently the Lavercombes were divorced after 1918, and Harley next married Mabel F. Huff of Cleveland. Harley and Mabel had two sons: Lyman H., who was born in October, 1924 and settled in Coopersville, and David Winston, who was born in Highland Park, Michigan on October 28, 1928 died on March 18, 1994 while residing in Grand Haven, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. David married Helen Annette Van Brugel of Grand Haven. They resided at 217 Alden in Spring Lake and on Lakeshore Drive in Grand Haven Township. Harley and Mabel lived at 209 Barber Street in Spring Lake from the mid-1940s to the late 1950s. Mabel passed away on May 20, 1952, and Harley died on March 1, 1961. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Sidney [Sydney] Lawrence [1821-1900]

Sidney Lawrence was born in New York on July 16, 1821. He arrived in Crockery Township in 1849 and by 1860 he operated a water-powered mill on Crockery Creek in Section 12. Within the next four years he acquired 160 acres in Section 1. He died January 25, 1900 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. His wife, Thankful, also was buried there. A native of New York, she was born on July 28, 1828 and died on March 27, 1911. Their son, Abraham, was born in Ottawa County in May, 1865. A daughter, Lizzie, married Azra Landon of Crockery Township. The Lawrences’ other children were Edward, born about 1864, Minnie, born about 1867, and Kittie, born about 1869. All the children were born locally. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 27, 1900 and February 2, 1900.]

Estella “Stella” M. Lawton [1904-1985]

The swing bridge over the Grand River, connecting Grand Haven to Ferrysburg, opened on November 11, 1924 with great fanfare. Stella Lawton, elected by ballot to be Miss Grand Haven for the occasion, “cut the gold string which let down the barriers and opened the new bridge between Grand Haven and Ferrysburg to traffic.” Born on February 12, 1904, Stella was the daughter of Minor [Miner] Earl and Leila Perham Lawton. Minor was born on May 30, 1878 and died in Alma, Michigan on February 1, 1969. Leila, the daughter of Loren and Hester Rose Perham of Spring Lake, was born about 1879. They were married on March 23, 1898 in Spring Lake. Their other children were Stewart [Stuart], who was born in Wright Township on August 9, 1902 and died in Battle Creek on March 21, 1975; Erma, born about 1906; Gerald, born about 1908; and Hester, born about 1911. All family members were born in

Michigan. In 1918 Minor was a salesman for the Metzger Register Company. In 1920 they resided in Spring Lake Township. At that time, Minor was unemployed. By 1930 Minor, Leila, and Hester were still residents of Spring Lake. Minor then was a traveling salesman again. By the mid-1930s the family had moved to Zeeland, and by 1938 they were living in Coopersville. Stella died in Milwaukee in 1985.

Frank G. Leach [1940-2001]

Frank Leach came to Grand Haven as President of Dake Manufacturing in 1986. He retired five years later. Prior to the move to Grand Haven, he was located in Naperville, Illinois. After leaving Dake, he owned and operated West Michigan Flocking in Fennville from 1993 to 1999 and then was employed by Andrie, Inc. of Muskegon until his death. Leach received a Master of Business Administration degree from Stanford University in 1968. He was born in Akron, Ohio on May 10, 1940, the son of John T. and Eleanor A. Horice Leach. He married Margaret A. Fulwider on July 28, 1962 in Columbus, Ohio. While residing in Grand Haven, Frank belonged to the First Presbyterian Church, Grand Haven Sailing Club, Muskegon Museum of Art, and Grand Haven Rotary. He and Peggy had two children: Susan E., who married Robert Negen of Spring Lake, and Richard A., Ph.D., of Gaithersburg, Maryland. Frank died in Grand Haven on November 28, 2001.

Vernon A. Leatherman [1920-2003]

Raised in Muskegon Heights, Vernon Leatherman was born on July 21, 1920. He owned and operated Leatherman's Used Cars at 5 South Beechtree Street. Vernon also was a notary public. He and his wife, Phyllis, resided at 305 Sherman in Grand Haven. Vernon passed away on October 7, 2003. A graduate of Muskegon High School, Vernon served with the U.S. Army during WWII. He died in Grand Haven on October 7, 2003.

Walter L. Le Boeuf [1892-1964]

The son of Eugene and Dora Le Boeuf, Walter was born in Muskegon on November 8, 1892. For a short time in the late 1920s he managed a clothing business called Liquidating Sales Company at 102 Washington. On June 2, 1922 in Marquette, Michigan he married Rosamond [Rose] Lorraine Senical. At that time they resided at 639 Pennoyer. Rosamond was born in 1896. Walter died in April, 1964.

James Ledinsky [1902-1975]

Born in St. Kiral, Hungary on November 9, 1902, James Ledinsky came to this country in 1908 with his parents, a brother, and four sisters, first settling in Passaic, New Jersey. His father, Steven, was born in 1860 and his mother, Mary, was born in 1863. About 1906 the family

moved to Section 5 of Robinson Township, where his father cleared a 40-acre farm and built a house. James played baseball with the Robinson Independents. He worked for seven years as a cabinetmaker, and from 1928 to 1929 he was employed at the Keller Tool Company, where he played baseball on the company team. After briefly operating a Roosevelt Auto Sales Company in Grand Haven in 1929, James moved to Chicago after the stock market crash that year. There he sold real estate and insurance. Upon returning to Grand Haven James went to work for Grand Haven Motor Company, which he bought from Jacob Kisosondi in 1937. During World War II he moved to Detroit, where he was production manager at a defense plant, but he returned to Grand Haven after the war and again opened a Packard dealership. In 1949 James built the structure on the southwest corner of Ferry and Fulton Streets [1050 Fulton], and he was recognized in 1952 for leading the country in Packard sales. He operated the dealership until 1957, when Packard stopped production.

James was elected Alderman on February 19, 1951 and served two terms. As a member of the City Charter Commission in 1956 and 1957, he helped defeat the proposed City Charter on the grounds that it put too much authority in the hands of the new City Manager form of government. In 1955 and 1956 he was President of Spring Lake Country Club. He worked for Don Rosso Olds-Buick in 1959 and for Redeker Ford from 1962 to 1975. James was elected to the Grand Haven Board of Power and Light from 1958 to 1962 and helped plan the new Sims plant. He was elected President of the Board in 1963 and served until his death. He also was a Director of the local Chapter of the American Red Cross.

James married Clara Alderman on May 4, 1930. Clara was born in Manton, Michigan on October 14, 1912 to Frank and Cora Edith Weston Alderman. James and Clara made their home at 1133 Columbus with two sons, Dale and James, and two daughters, Mrs Howard Behm and Mrs Stephen Roberts. Dale was born May 21, 1946, married Janice Lynn Bowmaster in Muskegon on June 22, 1974, and passed away on June 25, 2006. Clara also participated in many community activities, including the Grand Haven Woman's Club, where she was President in 1955 and named its Woman of the Year in 1989. Clara was a volunteer, board member, and Vice President with the Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross. She also served as a member of the Board of Deacons of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, the Tri-Cities Girl Scout Council, and the Tri-Cities Drug Abuse Council, and she spent many years as a legal guardian for local elderly. James died on March 21, 1975. Clara passed away in Grand Haven on February 5, 2007 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. [*Tribune* article "Vander

Veen Given Award,” April 24, 1951, and *Tribune* obituary, June 28, 2006.]

Floyd H. Lee [1879-1939]

Spring Lake resident Floyd Lee was born in 1879. He was employed in advertising. On June 30, 1903, he married Ida, daughter of Richard and Elize Trotter of Spring Lake. Ida was born in January, 1878, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1896, and became a teacher in the Spring Lake schools. After their marriage, the Lees resided in New Jersey, but vacationed locally for fifty years before returning to stay. A daughter, Elizabeth, married Cornelius Brongersma of Spring Lake. Floyd died in 1939. Ida lived from 1879 to 1981 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her husband.

Hilma Swanty Lee [1894-1990]

See James Wesley Lee.

James Edgar Lee [1866-1958]

Born in Chicago on January 7 1866, James was the son of James Longbottom and Sarah S. E. Gadsden Lee. James was a pioneer Midwest printer and founder of Schniedewend & Lee of Chicago, which manufactured paper cutters, printing industry equipment, and precision equipment for the machinery trade. At the age of 18, J. Edgar, as he came to be known, was associated with his father in business. He stopped in Grand Haven on October 3, 1902, on his way to look at a plant site in Muskegon. Instead, members of the Grand Haven Board of Trade convinced him that Grand Haven offered unbeatable features, such as easy access to rail and ship lines. On December 18 that year, he signed a contract to bring the Challenge Machinery Company to Grand Haven from Chicago. Schniedewend & Lee, which was destroyed by fire in 1887, was rebuilt, but the depression of 1893 brought further setback. On June 29, 1903 the owners opened a new factory at Fulton and Beechtree, later designated Plant No. 2 of the firm. The company at one time had three plants in the city and employed more than 200 people. On September 15, 1917 J. Edgar became its President and served as such for 41 years. He was City Alderman in 1906 and 1907, President of the Board of Trade from 1906 to 1916, and President of the Chamber of Commerce from 1933 to 1935. He was active in the crippled children's program of the Rotary Club, and he was a Director of the Grand Haven State Bank and a member of Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, the Rotary Club Community Service Committee, Spring Lake Country Club, Masons, Shriners, and Presbyterian Church. J. Edgar was editor of the *Printers' Album*, a well-known house magazine published by Challenge Machinery. He completed a history of industries in the Tri Cities area up to 1900.

J. Edgar married Ida Estelle McKee, who lived from 1875 to 1929. They had two children, the youngest being a son, James Wesley, born on November 30, 1892 in Chicago. The other, Sara, was born in Chicago in September, 1888. Ida passed away, and on May 5, 1934, J. Edgar married Sarah Henrietta Kiel, who was 55 at the time. The daughter of Albert and Lucy Kiel, she had attended Muskegon Business College and was a Secretary at Challenge. The Lees lived at 321 Washington. Sarah died on April 3, 1958, just 17 days before her husband. He left a considerable amount of his estate to many local organizations, such as the Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross, which he had helped get underway in 1917. J. Edgar and Sarah were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Citizens Historical Association*, September 13, 1941, *Tribune* articles March 1, 1932 and April, 1958, and *Tribune* obituary, 1958.]

James Longbottom Lee [1839-1917]

Born July 19, 1839 in Yorkshire, England, James Lee in 1853 reached Le Claire, Iowa. His training was in printing, but the town had no printing shop, so he worked in a boat yard. In 1855 he worked for the *Daily Iowa State Democrat* in Davenport, Iowa. In 1856 he became publisher of *The Express*. He worked in St. Louis, Memphis, and, in 1860, in Denver, at the *Denver Mountaineer*. In 1862 he joined his father-in-law in the packing business at Dyersville, Iowa, but the firm failed. James continued in various printing positions. On November 1, 1870, he was in partnership with Paul Schniedewend. The firm, Schniedewend & Lee, an electrotyping business, was destroyed in the Chicago Fire of 1871. In October, 1893 Paul Schniedewend withdrew from the firm and James, his son, James Edgar Lee, and James's son-in-law, Charles R. Shupe, organized the Challenge Machinery Company. The company re-located to Grand Haven in 1903.

On June 1 1861, James married Sarah S. E., daughter of Richard Gadsden of England and later of Dyersville, Iowa. Sarah was born in England in 1839. The Lees had five children: Fannie G., who was born in Illinois around 1863; James Edgar, who was born in Chicago on January 7, 1866; Lizzie A., who was born in Illinois about September, 1869 and married Charles Shupe of Grand Haven; Laura Ann; and Ruth M., born in Illinois about 1872. In 1880 James and his family were residing in Jefferson, Cook County, Illinois, where he was classified as an engineer. By 1900 James moved with his wife to Pasadena, California. By 1910 his wife's name was Ann Eliza. Ann Eliza was born in Michigan about 1851. James died on September 10, 1917. He and Sarah were buried at Mountain View Cemetery in Pasadena. [*Citizens Historical Association*, September 13, 1941.]

James Wesley Lee [1892-1966]

Born November 30, 1892 in Chicago, James was the son of James Edgar and Ida Estelle McKee Lee. He studied mechanical engineering at the Lewis Institute in Chicago, and then became associated with the Challenge Machinery Company as Vice President and General Manager. His inventions helped bring improvements to the company. James was a Director of Peoples Bank & Trust. He was a Republican, a member of Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Kiwanis Club, Y.M.C.A., Grand Haven Stag Club, Citizens Historical Association, Spring Lake Country Club, and the Presbyterian Church.

On July 15, 1916, James married Hilma E. of Allegan, the daughter of Anna Nelson and John Swanty, a farmer. She lived from September 23, 1893 to September 10, 1990. She served on the Grand Haven Board of Education from 1929 to 1945, including a one-year term as the Board's first woman President, and she was Vice President of the Board from 1935 to 1945.

The couple had three children, including James Lawrence, who was born September 28, 1917 and graduated from the Carnegie Institute of Technology. James, a bomber pilot during WWII, was killed in action in January, 1943. Lee Memorial Chapel at the entrance to Lake Forest Cemetery was built in his memory. Their daughter, Alice Elaine Lee, who was born August 26, 1919, married Robert C. Gould. Robert joined Challenge Machinery at the end of WWII. Another daughter was Sarah Gadsden Lee, born August 28, 1920. James died about August 6, 1966 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where Hilma also was interred. [*Citizens Historical Association*, September 13, 1941.]

John G. Lee [1831-1912]

John Lee was born in England in 1831. He immigrated to Grand Rapids, where he put out the *Labor Union* from 1868 to 1869. That year he came to Spring Lake and, with the assistance of Aloys Bilz, established the *Spring Lake Independent*, a newspaper based in Spring Lake, from 1869 to 1876. He then moved to Grand Haven and published the *Grand Haven Journal*, which adhered to the policies of the Democratic Party. In May of that year he became a partner with Mr Hitchcock and bought the *Grand Haven News* and started the *News-Journal*. In 1877 John bought Hitchcock's share, and in July, 1881 he leased the business to Horrace Nichols and Whitman Benham, who changed the name of the paper to the *Republican*. A few months later, in October, John took back the newspaper and reverted to the name *News-Journal*. In 1880 John and his wife resided on Second Street in Grand Haven. They moved to Grand Rapids and prior to 1890 John founded the *West Side News*. At the same time he operated a job printing office at Front and Bridge Streets. In the spring of 1897 the Lees moved to Chicago.

John married Sophronia Lake. Born in Illinois about 1854, she died at home, 877 Jackson Boulevard in Chicago, on August 28, 1897. John died in Grand Rapids on December 20, 1912 and was buried at Garfield Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, August 29, 1897 and December 21, 1912.]

Roswell H. Lee [1826-1915]

A native of Ohio, Roswell Lee moved to Wisconsin where, on May 7, 1864, he enlisted as Private in Company C of the 41st Wisconsin Infantry, was promoted to First Lieutenant on June 9, 1864, and was discharged on September 23 of the same year. On the following April 16 he enlisted as Captain with Company B of the 52nd Wisconsin Infantry. He was mustered out on July 28, 1865 and arrived in Spring Lake in 1866. Roswell owned a jewelry store in Spring Lake as early as 1869 before opening one on the northeast corner of Washington and Second Streets. He advertised in the *Spring Lake Independent*: "All work done in this line Done with neatness and dispatch, and warranted." In Spring Lake, his shop was located in Messinger's Drug Store [Kitchel, page 93]. He was elected Treasurer of the Village Council in 1870. Roswell was born in 1826 and died in 1915. He was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Kent County. He married Lorinda [Lorilla/Lucy] E. Learned in Port Washington, Wisconsin on December 25, 1851. She lived from 1831 to 1912 and was buried at Oak Hill. Their daughter Ettie, who was born in 1858 and died in 1908, also was buried at Oak Hill.

John A. Leggat [Leggat] [1832-1903]

Born in Scotland November 30, 1832, John Leggat lived first in Connecticut, then came to Grand Haven in 1856. [Lillie cited both 1840 and 1856.] After the Civil War he had several business enterprises, largely in real estate. Lillie wrote that "Leggat Brothers of Grand Haven" leased a sawmill at Ottawa Center [Section 36, Crockery Township] from Benjamin Smith in 1860, and John ran a gristmill in the same decade. The woods property along the road to Lake Forest Cemetery was a portion of the Leggat plat added to the city around 1872. Working with Robert Duncan and Galen Eastman, John in 1873 extended Second Street over the dunes and through the woods to Lake Michigan. Called Lake Avenue, it was the first road put through to the waterfront. The city agreed to reduce the steep grade on the Second Street hill between Clinton and Lafayette to make the new road more easily accessible. John was Mayor of Grand Haven in 1874 and 1875. He and his brother Robert managed the Washington House [12 Washington Street].

John's wife, Sarah, was born about 1839 in Connecticut. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, were Jennie M., born on April 1, 1862; Fannie Elizabeth, born on February 16, 1864; William Avery, born on February 5,

1866; Edward Jones, born on May 2, 1868 and died soon after; Ellen Cornelia, born on September 29, 1869; and Alexander, born about 1876. John moved to Butte, Montana, where he had quartz mining property that extended under the city, causing extensive litigation. He was a member of the Masons. His parents were William and Margaret Main Leggat. Margaret was born in Wigtownshire, Scotland on June 9, 1812, died in St. Louis on January 6, 1882, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Her husband died some years earlier. John had two brothers: Robert and Roderick Dhu Leggat. Roderick was born in Albany, New York on June 14, 1839 and lived in Butte, Montana, where he died on March 15, 1920. John's son, Alexander, also relocated to Butte, Montana, where he was still residing in 1930. John died October 9, 1903, in Butte. Leggat Street in Grand Haven was named for him. [*Tribune* obituary, October 9, 1903.]

Robert Leggat [1835-1906]

The brother of John Leggat, Robert was born March 16, 1835 in New York and eventually moved to Grand Haven. On April 14, 1861 in Grand Haven, he married Ellen Cornelia Avery, born in New York state in 1841 and relocated to Grand Haven around 1846 with her parents, Edward Jones and Eleanor Jane Murray Avery. The Leggats had two children, both born in Michigan: Jennie M., born in 1862, and Fannie E., born about 1864. She was buried in Lake Forest Cemetery. After Ellen's death in Grand Haven on October 1, 1869 Robert joined his brother, John, in Butte, Montana and entered the quartz mining business. Robert died in 1906 in Wyoming. His parents were William and Margaret Main Leggat. Margaret was born in Wigtownshire, Scotland on June 9, 1812, died in St. Louis on January 6, 1882, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Her husband died some years earlier.

Joshua "Josh" C. Lehman [1869-1948]

Born in Markham, Ontario on December 10, 1869, Josh was the son of Jacob K. and Sarah Clarke Lehman. Jacob lived from 1830 to 1906, and Sarah was born in England in 1835 and died in 1920. Josh arrived in Grand Haven when he was 16 years old to learn the barber trade from his brother Louis at their shop located at 12 Washington. Two years later they established Lehman Barber Shop in the basement of the Cutler House, located on the southwest corner of Washington and Third Streets. Their shop, which included "The Only Bath Rooms in the City," became one of the finest in the area. When the building was remodeled Josh moved to 209 Washington, where he was active until 1945. He sold his business to his nephew, Joseph Lehman, who operated a shop at 132 Washington.

An ardent believer in temperance, Josh was made an honorable member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. A man who loved children and youth, he brought speakers to the area, and gained the support of civic organizations in establishing the first playground system in Grand Haven about 1925. As a youth Josh excelled in fancy skating and many youngsters thrilled to his antics and learned tricks from him. For ten years he was a parole officer and there were some in this vicinity who owed their rehabilitation to his guidance and his example of fine citizenship and moral living. He served with the Salvation Army. A man of modest means all his life, he believed that the best in life was gained from service to others. For 53 years he was Superintendent of the First Methodist Church Sunday school. He was a member of the official board of the church for a number of years and gave generously to its financial support, and he belonged to the Men's Brotherhood.

On September 25, 1887 in Grand Haven, Josh married Minnie F. Thompson. She was born in Grand Haven in December, 1868 and died about May 1, 1934. The Lehmans resided at 112 North Second Street, 207 North Second, and 127 Howard. They had two daughters, Ethel Sarah [Sara], who was born on September 14, 1888, and married Rev. Frank Day, and Marian. Marian was born in December, 1889, and on August 16, 1912 in Grand Rapids married Ralph Ketchum of Lansing. The Ketchums moved to Miami, Florida. The Lehmans also had a son, Chester C., who was born in September, 1894, died around July 17, 1905, and was buried at Lake Forest. In 1930 Josh, Minnie, and young Frank were residing at 112 Franklin Street, with other family members.

After Minnie's death, Josh remarried and left a stepson, Earl Thompson of Muskegon. Josh died October 6, 1948 at the home of his daughter at 112 Franklin and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Chronicle* article "Days of Shaving Mugs Recalled," September 2, 1948, and *Tribune* obituary, October 7, 1948.]

Louis C. Lehman I [1856-1897]

Born July 4, 1856 in Altona, Ontario, Louis was the son of Jacob K. and Sarah Clarke Lehman. Jacob lived from 1830 to 1906, and Sarah was born in England in 1835 and died in 1920. Louis came to Grand Haven in 1881, went into barbering, and eventually was joined by his brother Josh, who arrived a few years later. Louis was a member of the Maccabees and the Ideal Club. His active connection with the local baseball team made him known all over the state. On February 5, 1884 in Grand Haven, he married Alice, the daughter of John W. and Jacoba Van Bemlen [Van Bemmelen]. The Lehmans' children included Frank, who lived from 1884 to 1966; Walter, who was born on July 28, 1886; Joseph J., who

was born in 1891 and died in 1976; Louis II, who lived from August 31, 1896 to November, 1978; Cora; and another daughter. Louis died at his home on Eighth Street near Washington on January 12, 1897. Alice then married Stephen Senn of Grand Haven. She was born in 1865, died in 1940, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Stephen. [*Tribune* obituary, January 12, 1897.]

Walter Lehman I [1886-1936]

Walter, the son of Louis and Alice Van Bemmelen Lehman, was born in Grand Haven on July 28, 1886. On August 12, 1908 in Grand Haven, Walter married Edith Fisher Garlick. She was born in 1890, died about January 29, 1917, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their son, Walter II, was born in Grand Haven in 1909. On May 23, 1919 Walter I married Edna M. Van Pelt in Grand Haven.. In 1927, he married Frances Vander Noot in Grand Haven on February 12. Frances, born August 7, 1893, was the daughter of Cornelius and Nellie Vander Noot of Grand Haven. Walter died on September 6, 1936. Nellie passed away on September 26, 1938 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Walter was a sheet metal worker at a hardware store. The Lehmans resided at 729 Columbus.

George Spence Leland [1816-1885]

George Spencer Leland, born in Role Valley, New York on April 3, 1816, was married twice. With his first wife Jane M., born in 1821 in New York, they had two children, George born in 1854 and Mary born in 1858. In 1870 George was a farmer in Oakland County, Michigan, but by 1880 he had opened a physician's office in Grand Haven. He was married a second time to Harriet Elizabeth Perkins on March 3, 1874 in Rockwood, Michigan. Harriet was born in 1843 in New York to Miner G. and Sallie B. Perkins of Grand Haven. They had a son, Ora Miner Leland, born in Grand Haven, on June 28, 1876. Ora became a civil engineer and a member of the faculty at Cornell University. He was a representative for the U.S. Government responsible for surveying the demarkation of the international boundary between Alaska and Canada in 1904-1911. Ora died on March 30, 1962 and was buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota. George died on February 27, 1885 and was buried at Brookins Cemetery in Oakland County, Michigan. [Adapted from information provided by Kevin Collier.]

Carl Lemke [Lempke] [1840-1930]

Carl Lemke owned a 20-acre dairy farm in Section 28 of Grand Haven Township, near the northwest corner of Robbins Road and Beechtree. Carl was born in Prussia in August, 1840. On February 20, 1870, in Grand Haven, he married Wilhelmina "Minna" [Mina],

Ellmann. Also from Prussia, Minna was born in April, 1848. They came to the United States about the time of their marriage. Their children, all born locally, were Amanda, born about 1873; Gustave, born on November 4, 1875; Anna, born about 1877; Minna, born about 1879; William Albert, born on July 24, 1880; Charles, born on May 16, 1882; Edward, born in March, 1884; John, born on October 21, 1889; and Frank W., born on May 4, 1891. The family resided at 1202 Columbus. Carl died around April 3, 1930, and Minna passed away about January 22, 1934. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Gustave Lemke [1875-1953]

The son of Carl and Minna Ellmann Lemke, Gustave was born locally on November 4, 1875. On April 28, 1904 he married Millie Keuken in Grand Haven. Millie was born in Michigan about 1874. On April 27, 1919, again in Grand Haven, Gustave married Alline Hepner Petzold. Among Carl's and Alline's children was Raymond A., who was born on October 31, 1924 and died on December 22, 2006 in Grand Haven. Ray and his wife, Loretta, moved into 608 Clinton about 1957. The Lemkes also had two daughters, Francis, born about 1906, and Margaret, born about 1907. Gustave, who was a packer at Story & Clark, passed away about June 2, 1953 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Frank Lemke [1891-1985]

Frank W. was born in Grand Haven Township on May 4, 1891 to Carl and Minna Lemke. He married Augusta Petzold in Grand Rapids on June 14, 1919. Born in Russia about 1899, Augusta died around June 21, 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Frank eventually took over the family dairy farm near the northwest corner of Robbins Road and Beechtree, before selling it and moving to 1229 Franklin with his second wife, Jessie Irene. Jessie lived from February 12, 1898 to July 1, 1990. Frank passed away on May 16, 1985. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John E. Lemon [1857-1925]

John Lemon owned a barbershop at 211 North Seventh Street from at least 1914 into the 1920s. He and his wife, Elizabeth, resided at 720 Washington. Born in Canada in 1857, John died in 1925 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elizabeth was born in Kentucky about 1861.

Klass [Klaus] Leninga [Lenninga/Lennenga/Laninga/Luininga/Lanning] [1852- ?]

Klass Leninga, a Grand Haven mason, was born in The Netherlands about 1852. In August 19, 1876 in Grand Haven, he married Lucy, the daughter of Derek and Swantje Groenevelt [Groeneveld] of Grand Haven. She

was born in 1853, died about January 20, 1920, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Laningas resided at 216 Elliott Street. Klass died before 1920. At the time of his death Lucy still occupied the house on Elliott Street. Living with her at that time were her daughter, Ida, and Ida's husband, William Boomgaard, a Grand Haven jeweler and watch maker. Ida was born about 1889, and her sister, Angie, was born about 1892. Henry Walker, whose deceased wife, Anna, was Lucy's sister, boarded at the Elliott Street house. Klass died in Spring Lake on

Willard [William] H. Le Roy [1864- ?]

Willard Le Roy was born in March, 1864. He started business at 123 Washington in Grand Haven in June, 1906, and advertised himself as a "Dealer in Pianos." He also offered "Organs, Talking Machines and Records. A complete line of MUSICAL MERCHANDISE." Willard provided a piano tuning service and musical instrument repair. He and his wife, Jennie, lived at the same address as the business. Jennie was born in New York in December, 1864. Willard came from Garrett, Indiana, where he had 15 years experience in pianos. In 1900 he was a piano salesman residing with his wife and children in 1900. By 1910 Willard was located in Benton Harbor living in a rooming house by himself, but still in the piano business.

Samuel Lett [1838-1903]

Samuel Lett enlisted as Private in Company G of the 102nd U.S. Colored Infantry in Grand Rapids on August 31, 1864. He was mustered out on September 30, 1865 in Charleston, South Carolina.. Samuel, an African American, was born in Morgan County, Ohio about 1838 or 1839. He moved with his parents and siblings to Berrien County, where he was living in 1860. On April 2, 1863 in Kalamazoo, Samuel married Henrietta Taylor, who was born in Ohio about 1846 and died in 1932. At the time of his enlistment, he was living in Tallmadge Township in Ottawa County, but by 1880 he had moved his wife and children to Bloomer in Montcalm County, where he was a farmer. The Letts' children, all born in Michigan, were Rosanna, born about 1864; Bertrum, born about 1867; Fred, born about 1870; Alice, born about 1874; Lurinda, born about 1876; and Ira, born about 1882. Samuel died and was buried in Bloomer in 1903. He had a brother, Joseph, who enlisted in Kalamazoo in Company H of the 102nd on January 14, 1864 and, like his brother, mustered out in Charleston, South Carolina on September 30, 1865. Joseph, who was born about 1847, also settled in Bloomer. [Another Samuel Lett enlisted in Company I of the 102nd Regiment in Berlin [Marne], Ottawa County on October 5, 1864. However, no additional information was uncovered about a second Samuel Lett old enough to serve during the Civil War. The two entries may pertain

to the same person, despite the discrepancy in their ages and dates of enlistment. In all, ten men with the last name Lett and two with the name Letts served in the 102nd.]

James Lewis [1832-1897]

In 1871 James Lewis, Otto Gronberg, and John Bryce purchased the Iron Works from F. Spence and Archibald Brown. It was located on the northwest corner of First and Elliott Streets [Lot 85]. James was born in New York on December 20, 1832 and died on December 27, 1897. His wife, Julia, was born about 1838 in Michigan and died around July 30, 1893. James and Julia were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

M. M. Lewis [? - ?]

Lewis was publisher of the *Weekly Herald* in Grand Haven in 1872. It evidently was not a part of Crinis H. Du Bois's *Grand Haven Daily Herald*, published at the same time.

Richard Lewis [1824-1902]

In the 1890s Richard Lewis was Pastor of the Grand Haven Congregational Church. He and his wife, Margaret, lived at 312 South Fifth. Richard was born in Scotland on November 25, 1824, came with his family to the United States in 1872, and died on July 22, 1902. Margaret, also from Scotland, lived from August, 1821 to about June 26, 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. Their two daughters, both born in Canada, were Jannie K., born in 1862, and Marguerite "Maggie" A., born in September, 1865 [1864].

Carol Lietzke [1941-1985]

Carol Lietzke, a Realtor, started with the J. L. Bolthouse Real Estate office and later joined the Re-Max organization. Her husband, Gerald P., worked for the City of Grand Haven. They resided at 1100 South Harbor Drive. Carol was born on July 9, 1941, died on December 16, 1985, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Charles Henry Lilley [Lillie] [1865-1952]

Charles, the son of Henry and Frances Williams Lilley, was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in December, 1865. He married Ella Belle Finley on August 11, 1891 in Grand Haven. Charles took his father's place at the American Express office in Grand Haven in 1887. Ella was born in New York on November 13, 1869 and died in Kalamazoo in February, 1967. She and Charles moved to Grand Rapids before 1900, where he continued working as an express agent. Charles passed away around September 18, 1952 and Ella died about February 13, 1967. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Charles and George Lilley were brothers.

Francis E. Lilley [1844-1923]

Born in Essex County, England on June 23, 1844, Francis was the son of Samuel Lilley, who lived from 1803 to December 15, 1891. At the age of 11 Francis came to America with his parents, who left behind one son and two daughters. The family lived for awhile in Milwaukee, then settled in Spring Lake in 1867, where Francis worked in the lumbering business. When the Village of Spring Lake was incorporated in 1869, Francis was elected Marshal. In February, 1874 he purchased Thomas Seymour's interest in a sawmill on the Grand River and the firm of Sisson & Lilley was formed. As the timber disappeared from the area, Lilley purchased mills on railroad lines so that the lumber could be hauled directly to the consumers.

Francis married Elizabeth Ballinger in Toronto, Canada in 1866. She was born in Canada in 1842. Their children included Helen [Hellen] R., who was born in Wisconsin about 1867, married William J. Shanks, and resided in Muskegon, and Maude M., born locally about 1869. Francis built and lived in the house at 319 East Savidge, and he also built the home at 325 East Savidge. Francis later moved to Grand Rapids, and in 1891 he lived at 430 Cherry Street. His wife died there in 1904 and was buried at Valley City Cemetery [Oak Hill]. Francis died in Muskegon at the home of his daughter Helen on March 13, 1923 and was buried with his wife at Valley City Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 16, 1891, January 8 and 10, 1897, and March 14, 1923.]

George W. Lilley [1869- ?]

George Lilley attended the Peoria School of Optics and the Chicago Optical College before opening an optician's office in Grand Haven around 1900. Born in 1869, he was the son of Henry and Frances Williams Lilley of Grand Haven. On June 15, 1905, in Grand Haven, he married Ada P. Cairns. The daughter of Averille Thomas and Flora Darling Cairns of Grand Haven, Ada was born in Grand Haven about 1871. By 1910 the Lilleys resided in St. Joseph, Michigan, where George worked as an express agent. George and Charles Lilley were brothers.

Henry Lilley [Lillie] [1839-1897]

Born in Essex County, England, March 20, 1839, Henry was the son of Samuel Lilley, who lived from 1803 to December 15, 1891, and the brother of Francis Lilley. Henry came to Montreal, Quebec, Canada when 15, then moved to Milwaukee, where he was employed as purchasing agent by the Northern Transportation Company, which operated a number of fine passenger and freight boats between Chicago and Ogdensburg, New York. Later Henry became the company's chief steward. In 1860 he went to Detroit and worked for the American Express Company's office there and in Grand

Haven, a job he held for 27 years until he was incapacitated by rheumatism. In Grand Haven, Henry operated an office at the rear of Vanderveen's Drug Store as agent for the American Express Company from 1872 to 1887, when he lost the use of his legs. He married Frances G. "Fanny" Williams, who was born in New York and lived from February 22, 1847 to September 14, 1884. Their children included Charles E., who was born about 1866. Henry and Frances had another son, George W., who was born in Michigan in 1869 and resided in Grand Haven. Henry, a Republican, in his later years resided at the City Hotel until January 8, 1897, when he died in his sleep. He and Frances were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 8, 1897.]

Samuel Lilley [1803-1891]

Samuel Lilley, who was born in England, lived from 1803 to December 16, 1891. He was an employee of the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railway for 16 years. Henry Lilley was his brother. Around 1855 Samuel and his family immigrated to America, leaving behind one son and two daughters. He became a naturalized citizen in 1865. The family lived for awhile in Milwaukee, then settled in Spring Lake in 1867. Francis Lilley of Spring Lake was his son. Samuel married Helen Lucking In Essex, England on August 17, 1827. She was born in England about 1806 and died in 1878.

Colon Columbus Lillie [1859-1942]

Colon C. Lillie was President of the Co-Operative Creamery in Coopersville. His farm was located in Section 5 of Tallmadge Township, probably the same place his parents had owned. In 1908 Colon claimed a total of 206 acres in Tallmadge and Wright Townships. From 1907 to 1908 Colon was a delegate to the Michigan Constitutional Convention for the 23rd District. The son of Joel B. and Sarah C. Augur Lillie, Colon was born in Tallmadge Township on January 6, 1859 and died in Muskegon on November 30, 1942. He married Julia A. Lawton in Coopersville on June 24, 1890. Julia was born in Michigan about 1861. She was the daughter of Albert and Mary L. Lawton. Walter Irving Lillie was Colon's brother.

Harold Irving Lillie [1888-1957]

Born in Grand Haven on May 6, 1888, Walter and Ella Lillie's oldest child, Harold started the ear-nose-throat department and was Chief of Staff at the famous Mayo Brothers Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. A graduate of Grand Haven High School in 1906, he was a member of the football team called the Grand Haven Independents. Harold was one of four sons of Walter I. Lillie, a Grand Haven attorney. The family lived at 200 Franklin. Prior to graduating from the University of Michigan in 1910,

Lillie was a substitute Surfman at the U.S. Life Saving Station in Grand Haven. He was given credit for rescuing a young woman from the Channel who nearly drowned. After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts, Harold continued at the University of Michigan and was awarded a Doctor of Medicine degree in 1912. Like his brother Leo, Harold served in World War I as Lieutenant.

On September 10, 1913 Harold married Oda Kittredge, who was born on May 17, 1889. They had two children, including John Canfield I, born January 31, 1915 in Ann Arbor. John married Eleanor Peschke on April 8, 1939, and they had five children, among them John Canfield Lillie II, born April 26, 1946. John I, a veterinarian, married Janice Richardson. John and Janice lived in Roseville, Minnesota, but summered regularly in Grand Haven. Harold died in 1957.

Hugh Edward Lillie [1893-1967]

Born in Grand Haven on October 1, 1893, the youngest child of Walter E. and Ella Lillie, Hugh was the brother of Leo C. Lillie. Like Leo and his other brothers, Hugh graduated from Grand Haven High School and the University of Michigan. He was a World War I veteran. He moved to Kansas City, and later was named Senior United States Attorney for the Interstate Commerce Commission in Columbus, Ohio. On May 2, 1916, he married Florence Carpenter, who was born in March, 1898 and died about February 1, 1967. Hugh died on August 15, 1967 in Florida and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Walter I., born about 1918; Owen Patrick, born about 1920; Maryellen, born about 1924; and Sybil, born about 1933.

Joel B. Lillie [1823-1893]

Around 1853 Joel B. and Sarah C. Augur Lillie moved from St. Lawrence, New York to a 40-acre farm in Section 5 of Tallmadge Township. Sarah was a sister of General Christopher Columbus Augur [1891-1898]. One of the Lillies' son, Walter Irving Lillie, was born in Tallmadge Township on October 9, 1856. Another son, Colon Columbus Lillie, was born in Tallmadge Township on January 6, 1859. The Lillies also had three daughters: Edith, born about 1854; Emma, born about 1862; and Anna, born about 1864. Joel was born in New York on May 16, 1825 and died in Coopersville on September 19, 1893. Sarah, also a New York native, lived from November 24, 1822 to November 5, 1879. Both Joel and Sarah were buried at Marne Cemetery.

Leo Cecil Lillie [1889-1949]

Born in Grand Haven on November 18, 1889, the son of Walter I. and Ella Lillie, Leo graduated from the University of Michigan in 1911. In 1914 he shared law offices at 218½ Washington Street with his father and

his brother Hugh. He was Grand Haven City Attorney from 1915 to 1922. A life-long resident of Grand Haven, Leo was best known for his 1931 book *Historic Grand Haven and Ottawa County*, covering the early history of this area. He served in World War I as Lieutenant and was active in the organization of the Charles Conklin Post of the American Legion. From 1937 to 1938 he presided over the Grand Haven Rotary Club. On December 31, 1914, he married Sybil E. Coughlin from Big Rapids. She died at age 92 on July 11, 1980 and was buried in Lake Forest Cemetery. Leo died of a heart attack at his home, 508 Sheldon Road, on June 11, 1949. [*Tribune* obituary, June 11, 1949.]

Walter Irving Lillie [1856-1921]

Born on a farm in Tallmadge Township on October 9, 1856, Walter was the son of Joel B. and Sarah C. Augur Lillie. Walter graduated from Michigan Agricultural College [MSU] in 1881, studied law under George A. Farr of Grand Haven, and was admitted to practice in 1884 by Judge Daniel J. Arnold. In 1884 he was elected Circuit Court Commissioner, in 1886 and 1888 he was elected Prosecuting Attorney, and he was City Attorney at various times. He opened his law office on the second floor of 218 Washington, where his sons, Leo and Hugh, joined him. In 1901 Walter was appointed to the post of Assistant U.S. District Attorney, and from 1906 to 1913 he served as the last Collector of Customs for the Port of Grand Haven. He was a Republican and was affiliated with the United Workmen, the Maccabees, and the Elks. In the mid-1880s he was part owner of the Grand Haven Broom Company.

On September 28, 1886, Walter married Ella M. McGrath, who was born on May 26, 1861. The couple resided at 200 Franklin in Grand Haven. They had four sons, all born in Grand Haven: Harold I., born on May 6, 1888; Leo C., born on November 18, 1889; Walter Ivan, born in 1891; and Hugh E., born on October 1, 1893. Harold and Walter became well-known medical doctors, and Leo and Hugh became attorneys. The elder Lillie died in Grand Haven on May 20, 1921, and his wife died six years later on October 27, 1927. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries September 20, 1893 and May 20, 1921, and *Tribune* article, "Early GH Residents," November 2, 1984.]

Walter Ivan Lillie [1891-1963]

Born in Grand Haven in 1891, Walter was the son of Ella McGrath and Walter I. Lillie. He graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1909 and in 1915 received his medical degree from the University of Michigan. Walter became a successful eye specialist at Mayo Clinic and in 1933 was appointed Head of the Department of Ophthalmology at Temple University in

Philadelphia. Like his brothers Harold and Leo, he served in World War I and became a lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps. He married Opal Jones on August 30, 1916 in St. Johns, Michigan. Opal was born in Michigan in 1891. Walter died about May 27, 1963 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 11, 1949.]

Harry L. Limbach [1904-1983]

In the mid-1940s Harry Limbach and his wife, Laura, opened a small resort and fishing business called Oak Grove, located at approximately 14873 Mercury Drive in Grand Haven Township. Prior to opening the resort, Harry in 1938 was a sheet metal worker at Bastian Blessing. He and Laura then resided at 112 Elliott Street. Harry was born on March 3, 1904 and died in Grand Haven on December 4, 1983. Laura passed away about September 3, 1957. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Carl A. Lindgren [1894-1935]

Carl Lindgren and Charles Schroeder owned the Schroeder-Lindgren Auto Company at 100 North Seventh Street during the mid- and late 1920s. They carried Pontiac automobiles. Born in Muskegon on November 5, 1894, Carl served during WWI in Company L of the 126th Infantry. He and his wife, Minnie, resided at 436 North Seventh. Carl died about December 24, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Charles E. Lindh [1921-1986]

Charles Lindh and his wife, Mildred M., owned Pine Ridge Cemetery at 17200 Lincoln Street in Grand Haven Township until they sold it to Larry Walburg in the mid-1980s. The Lindhs converted the chapel to living space and resided there during the time of their ownership. Charles was born on September 2, 1921 and died in Montmorency, Michigan on July 21, 1986. Mildred was born on December 22, 1923 and passed away in Spring Lake on August 14, 1998.

Constance Lindquist [1929-1980]

In the late 1970s Constance Lindquist owned The Travel Place, located at 205 West Savidge in Spring Lake. She was born on April 17, 1929 and passed away in Spring Lake on March 21, 1980. Her husband's name was Gerald. They resided at 19239 North Shore Drive.

John P. Linn [1866- ?]

After moving to the Spring Lake area from Illinois, John Linn bought Francis Hall's 92-acre fruit farm about 1900. The farm was located in Section 11 of Spring Lake Township, bordering Hammond's [Petty's] Bayou, on the east side of Spring Lake. John was born in Sweden about 1866 and came to the United States in

1882. He married Louise Brunsell, who was born in Sweden in May, 1855. Their daughter Ruth married Benjamin H. Soule of Spring Lake. They also had three sons: Andrew V., born in Sweden on September 25, 1887, died about July 10, 1963, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; Karl Julius, who was born in Sweden on December 24, 1890, died in Mears, Michigan in September, 1967, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; and John A. Linn, born in Chicago on September 27, 1893. All the sons settled in the Spring Lake area. At the time of the 1930 census Karl was living with his mother. John, the father, died after 1930.

John Alfred Linn [1893-1957]

The son of John Linn of Spring Lake, John A. was born in Chicago on September 27, 1893 and died in Solano, California on June 15, 1957. He married Sigrid M., who was born in Illinois on September 16, 1889 and died in Solano, California on April 27, 1963. She and John were living on the family property in Section 11 of Spring Lake Township in 1930 with their two children, John H., born about 1920, and Marie L., born about 1922. John was an electrician. His father resided next door.

Angus M. Little I [1846-1881]

Angus Little I married Clara Gale on December 3, 1877, in Ottawa County. Clara was born in Stowe, Vermont, on October 9, 1856 and came to Grand Haven in 1874. She was the daughter of Presson R. and Lucy Mary Adams Gale. Angus, who worked as a railroad clerk, was born in New Brunswick, Canada on January 24, 1846. He died about March 1, 1881 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his "Baby," who died on September 5, 1879. A son, Angus II, was born in May, 1881. After her husband's death, Clara married Frederick Pfaff of Grand Haven.

Angus M. Little II [1881-1952]

The son of Angus and Clara Gale Little, Angus II was born in Grand Haven in May, 1881. He became a conductor on the "dummy" line serving Highland Park. In 1900 Angus was living in Chicago where he was listed as an artist. The 1908 *Directory* listed him as a "shoe dealer, Indiana Harbor, Indiana," where he owned a shoe store. In 1920 and 1930 Angus II and his wife, Elizabeth, were residing in Lake, Indiana, where he was a clerk for a construction company. Elizabeth was born in Indiana around 1884, and they were married about 1907. After Angus's father died, his mother, Clara, married Frederick Pfaff of Grand Haven. When Frederick passed away on October 24, 1932, Angus took over management of the family Pfaff Hardware Store. He died about March 31, 1952 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Myrtle Norris Littrell [1892-1971]

See Myrtle Norris Littrell Bronkhorst.

Frank M. Lockage [1905-1973]

Frank Lockage, a band leader and owner of a men's clothing store in Muskegon Heights, purchased Fruitport Pavilion in 1926. He sold it on December 24, 1962 to Alfred Lilly and Jimmy Simms. Frank was born in Austria on June 25, 1905 and died in Norton Shores on January 13, 1973. He immigrated to the United States with his mother, Theresa, in 1910.

Cornelius [Cornelis] Locke [Lock] [1826-1904]

Following George Hancock, Cornelius Locke was the second celery farmer to grow large crops of the product in Grand Haven. His plot was across the street from Hancock's, and he later purchased more acreage for celery on Wallace Street [Beacon Boulevard]. Cornelius was born on March 20, 1826 and died on April 28, 1904. He married Dena [Dina] Vos in Ottawa County. She lived from December 26, 1825 to October 26, 1883. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

James Locke [Lock] [1869- ?]

James Locke was born in Michigan in July, 1869. He married Mary Bolt in Grand Haven on July 15, 1889. Mary, the daughter of Jacob and Johanna Bolt of Grand Haven, was born in November, 1871 and died around December 27, 1943. James was a celery farmer. Their children, all born locally, included Cornelius, born in March, 1890; Josephine [Joan], who was born on December 17, 1891 and married Gordon Laughead of Grand Haven; Johanna, born in December, 1892; Phyllis [Sophelia] C., born in April, 1893; Jay Henry, born in July, 1897; James R., born on October 9, 1897; and Janette G., born in February, 1899. The family resided at 1143 Washington. James passed away about February 7, 1943 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Mary.

John M. Lockie [1846-1917]

John Lockie was born in Gananoque, Ontario, in August, 1846. On March 17, 1862 he enlisted as a musician in Company E of the 65th Illinois Regiment. He was mustered out on July 16, 1865, shortly after being transferred to Company K. Prior to coming to Grand Haven he was with the Sargent Bank & Safe Lock Company in Rochester, New York, for four years. John was Foreman and Superintendent of the Wait Manufacturing Company when it incorporated in 1873. John married Louisa R. Norcross. Louisa, born in September, 1851 in Ottawa County, was the daughter of George W. and Jane Taylor Norcross. The Lockies had two daughters, Nina, born in February, 1882, and Nettie, born in July, 1886, and two sons, Roy T., born on

January 22, 1875 [1874, 1876], and Ray J., born about 1877. The brothers by 1920 had moved to El Paso, Texas. Roy passed away on June 24, 1946 in Los Angeles. By 1908 John was retired and living with Louisa at 17 North Fourth Street. John died in 1917. A Norcross-Lockie monument was erected at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Charles Edward Long [1877- ?]

Charles Long was born in Cortland, New York on June 6, 1877. His mother, Helen A., also born in Cortland in 1834, was the daughter of Albert and Elizabeth Pierce. Helen married Rev. John E. Long, an Ohio native, who was a Presbyterian Minister and served with the Union Army during the Civil War. Rev. Long and Helen had five children, Charles being the fifth. In 1882 the minister moved his family to St. Louis, Michigan, and later to nearby Ithaca, where he died in 1907. Helen died in December, 1910. Charles attended Alma College of Medicine and Surgery in Detroit and graduated in 1906. He practiced in Elks Rapids, Michigan, from 1907 to 1914, and then came to Grand Haven and opened an office at 210½ [208½] Washington Street. He served on the Grand Haven School Board for 17 years. Charles was independent in politics, and he was a member of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Michigan State Medical Society, Ottawa County Medical Society, Rotary Club, Elks, Spring Lake Country Club, Citizens Historical Association, and the Presbyterian Church.

On June 10, 1910 Charles married Cynthia E., born on April 1, 1884 in Kalkaska County, Michigan. She was the daughter of Daniel and Hattie McAlpine. Daniel, a blacksmith, died around August 21, 1903. The Longs resided at 222 Franklin Street. They had two children, both adopted: John E., who was born in 1916 and became a mechanical engineer, and Helen A., who was born April 7, 1911, married Albert Zeldenrust of Chicago, moved to Jackson, Michigan, and had one child, Anne. Helen died on January 4, 2001 in Jackson. Albert, who lived from February 11, 1912 to October 22, 1999, also died in Jackson. Cynthia passed away on September 15, 1969 in Seattle, Washington. [*Citizens Historical Association*, September 20, 1941.]

William Henry Long [1916-2005]

Bill Long was born in Brooklyn, Michigan on May 25, 1916 and passed away in Ferrysburg on August 2, 2005. His parents were Rev. William and Mildred Haskell Long. Bill married Helen P. Carwood in Battle Creek in 1943. She was born on December 10, 1919 and died in Spring Lake on June 14, 2004. Bill and Helen moved to Grand Haven in 1951, where he was employed by Keller Tool Company [Gardener Denver]. He retired from Cooper Industries. During WWII he served with

the Army in Chile, Panama, and Stateside. Bill was a member of the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church, where he was an elder and Sunday school teacher. The Longs had two daughters: Suzanne, who married Joe Edwards, and Sandra, who married Hugh Broersma. Both children remained in the Grand Haven area. [*Tribune* obituary, August 4, 2005.]

Frances C. Ball Loosemore [Loosmore] [1893-1985]

Born November 22, 1893 in Fruitport, Frances was the daughter of Charles Ball. In February, 1919 Frances married Benjamin Loosemore in Fruitport. Frances was a teacher for 45 years in the Fruitport Community School District, member of the Congregational Church in Muskegon, Church organist, member of the Eastern Star and V.F.W. Women's Auxiliary, and member of the Fruitport Board of Education. The Loosemores had a son, James, who was born locally around 1922. Frances died at her home at 286 West Lake in Fruitport on January 22, 1985 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Benjamin was born on October 29, 1889 in Fruitport, Michigan. In 1930 he worked as a gardener at a summer resort. Before that he did concrete work. [*Tribune* obituary, January 22, 1985.]

John Loosemoore [Loosmore] I [1811-1901]

John Loosemoore was born in England on July 16, 1811. He immigrated to the United States in 1852, and in 1865 he settled on a 120-acre farm in Section 32 of Fruitport Township, Muskegon County. His wife, Jane, lived from February 14, 1812 to December 14, 1889. John Loosemoore II was their son. John I died at his home in Fruitport Township at the age of 89 on June 23, 1901. Both John and Jane were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 26, 1901.]

John Loosemoore [Loosemore] II [1839-1900] and Sarah Finch Loosemoore [1844-1937]

John, the son of John and Jane Loosemoore, was born in England on February 22, 1839. His wife, Sarah Finch, was born in the same country on January 17, 1844 and, after a short stay in Chicago, arrived in Mill Point [Spring Lake] in 1848 at the age of four with her parents, Joseph and Lucy Webster Finch. She attended Barber School, then located on the southwest corner of Park and Mason Streets, and in her later years recorded her memories of school life. John immigrated to the United States with his parents in 1852, settled in Fruitport Township in 1865, and came to Spring Lake three years later, where he was employed by Cutler & Savidge Sawmill. In 1879 he was named Engineer at Mill # 3. The Loosemores' children, all born in Michigan, included James R. Loosemore, who was born in Spring Lake on September 7, 1868 and died on September 19, 1899; Harry A., born in August, 1874; Mary A., born in October, 1877; and Edgar J., born in July, 1878. The

family resided at a home on East Savidge Street. John passed away on June 1, 1900, and Sarah died on February 6, 1937. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with other members of the Loosemoore family. [*Tribune* obituary, September 23, 1899.]

Robert Loosemoore [Loosemore] [1838-1918]

A resident of Spring Lake Village, Robert Loosemoore worked as a sawyer at one of the mills. He was born in England in January, 1838 [1839] and died in Spring Lake in 1918. His wife, Phidelia L., was born in Canada on July 1, 1851 and passed away on August 29, 1908. They had a daughter, Jennie, who was born in December, 1873, married Herbert Finch of Spring Lake, and moved to Grand Rapids. One son, George, was born about 1872. Another son, William H., was born on March 28, 1874 and died in 1939. William's wife, Kate, was born about 1887. William worked at Johnston Brothers in Ferrysburg. The other Loosemore children were Robert Charles, born on July 14, 1884, and Martha E., born in July, 1888. The children were all born locally. Robert and Phidelia were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with other family members.

Edward K. Lord [1837-1912]

While living in Farmington, Wisconsin, Edward Lord on February 29, 1864 enlisted as Corporal in Company D of the 12th Wisconsin Infantry. He was mustered out on July 16 the next year and found work as a bookkeeper. On August 8, 1891, while a resident of Michigan, Edward applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. On February 9, 1912 his wife, Lucy Jane, applied for a widow's Civil War pension. She was then in Illinois. Also a native of New York, she lived from 1843 to 1915. Edward was born in New York about 1837 and died in 1912. Both Edward and Lucy were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Louise Bernice Orchardson Lorimer [1864-1925]

Born in Edinburgh, Scotland on June 12, 1864, Louise Lorimer ran the 15-room Lorimer Resort on the east shoreline of Spring Lake, in Section 11 of Spring Lake Township [approximately 17901 Fruitport Road]. She was the daughter of Charles and Lurissa Norton Orchardson. On May 10, 1884 in Spring Lake, Louise married David Lorimer [Lorrimer/Losemore], who was born in Scotland about 1855 and passed away before 1920. She died in 1925 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with other family members. Louise's sister Mabel married Len Patterson of Spring Lake. Mabel and Len resided on the same property.

William "Willie" Howlett Loutit [1866-1948]

Born December 18, 1866 in Grand Haven, William was the son of Captain William and Ann Howlett Loutit. Willie graduated from Grand Haven High School and

went on to graduate from the Swensburg Business College in Grand Rapids. His first job was as an operator of the Grand Haven Gas Light Works in 1885, which he and Stephen L. Munroe later purchased. In 1891 William joined Aloys Bilz, J. Bradstetter, and George P. Savidge to form the Ottawa Fish and Game Association. From 1916 to 1920 William was Mayor of Grand Haven, and he chaired the Centennial Committee, which organized the city's sesquicentennial in 1934. He also served on the Michigan State Conservation Committee from 1927 to 1941 and on the Highway Advisory Board from 1919 to 1933. He was a member of the Pike Association, a local group working to bring U.S. 31 through Grand Haven. For 30 years William was a Director of Grand Haven State Bank [Old Kent/Fifth Third]. Working with other community leaders, William helped bring Keller Pneumatic Tool Company to Grand Haven in 1916. He was one of the original members of the Duncan Park Board of Trustees.

On September 28, 1886 William married Maude, daughter of Enno and Dettje Bakker Kraai. Maude was born on July 12, 1867. They had three children: Robert Clyde, who was born on May 24, 1887 and died on April 4, 1908 from strep throat, while attending school in Boston; Blanche, who was born July 10, 1892 and died September 5, 1894, from dysentery; and William R. Loutit, born July 12 1895. Maude was a charter member of the Women's Club and one of the founders of the Tuesday Musicale. She also served as Treasurer of the first Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross, organized in Grand Haven in the fall of 1909. The Loutits' various residences were located at 110 Seventh Street, 521 Clinton, 114 South Fifth, and 333 Washington. William died June 25, 1948 and Maude died May 3, 1952. They were interred in the Howlett-Loutit Mausoleum at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*The Loutit Legacy*.]

William Robertson Loutit [1825-1921]

Born in Scotland on October 21, 1825 on one of the Orkney Islands, William was the son of James and Christina McKay Loutit. He immigrated to Grand Haven and became a citizen of the country in 1854. His first job was as Captain of the schooner *Heligoland*, owned by Robert Howlett of Grand Haven. In 1871 Captain Loutit organized a crew of volunteer lifesavers that was led by Richard Connell. Their efforts saved some of the crew of the *Ironsides* when it went down on September 15, 1873, among many others. Captain Loutit was named Superintendent of the 11th District [renumbered the 10th Coast Guard District in 1915] of the United States Life Saving Service when the Grand Haven station formally opened on May 1, 1877, and served as in that capacity until 1882, when Captain Nat Robbins IV took over. Captain Loutit was City Alderman in 1896 and 1897.

Having succeeded in the lumber business, William in 1894 had the Duncan Robertson Company build a new propeller ship, the *Pentland*, named for the firth near William's boyhood home. The ship transported iron ore from the Upper Peninsula to the Spring Lake Iron Works.

In December, 1862 William married Captain Robert Howlett's daughter, Ann Elizabeth, who was born in Grandville on March 12, 1838 and died on October 18, 1909. The Loutits had a son, William Howlett, called "Willie." In 1915 Loutit married Anna Elizabeth Hinkey, a widow and friend of Mrs Derek Bakker [Baker] back in The Netherlands. Loutits' son was living in the large house, so they built a smaller home next to it and called their new residence Scot's Cottage [325 Washington]. The Loutits were members of the Presbyterian Church until 1907, when they moved their membership to the Congregational Church. William died in Grand Haven at age 95 on July 9, 1921. Anna, who was born in 1854, died in 1926 at age 72. William and Ann were interred in the Howlett-Loutit Mausoleum at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*The Loutit Legacy*, and *Tribune* article "Honor GH Coast Guard Pioneers," August 3, 1938.]

William Robertson Loutit [1895-1961]

Born July 12, 1895 in Grand Haven, William was the son of William H. Loutit. He studied literature at the University of Michigan, and he served as Sergeant with the ambulance corps in France during WWI. In 1927 William was married briefly to Josephine Lange, who was born in 1907. After their divorce he moved to Chicago where he entered the banking business and became a partner in the Carlson-Loutit Ford automobile dealership.

On August 17, 1945, William married Catherine Luce Middleton. Born about 1902, she was the daughter of Morton and Julia Luce of Spring Lake. William returned to Grand Haven after his father's death in 1948 and settled into the family home at 333 Washington. He and Catherine had no children. He assumed his father's place on the Board of Directors of the Keller Tool Company and took over the care of his mother. He spent much time carrying out his parents' wishes related to their estate. He served on the Grand Haven Planning Commission until December, 1949, when he moved to Spring Lake to what had been the Savidge Estate at 303 North Park. In 1957 William established the Loutit Foundation, with Paul A. Johnson, E. Vincent Erickson, Harvey L. Scholten, and John H. Uhl as trustees. The Foundation's interest was "in providing financial assistance to organizations engaged in charitable health, educational religious and community welfare projects" and to "act as a stimulator and impetus to programs." By 1984 the Foundation had distributed grants in the

amount of \$6.9 million and had plans to distribute the remainder of the principle and income by 2007. The Loutit Library was named for the Loutit family, as was the Loutit Science Hall at Grand Valley State University. William was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Spring Lake Country Club, Spring Lake Yacht Club, and Peninsular and University Clubs of Grand Rapids. William died of cancer on November 29, 1961, and Catherine died on June 15, 1962. William was interred in the Howlett-Loutit Mausoleum at Lake Forest Cemetery, and Catherine was buried at the same cemetery. Catherine's nephew, Sandy Luce, inherited the estate. Their Spring Lake home was razed and a subdivision developed. [*Tribune* obituary, November, 29, 1961, *Tribune* article, "Loutits helped build Grand Haven," November 2, 1984, and *The Loutit Legacy*.]

George G. Lovell I [1813-1901]

George Lovell and his wife, Susan, settled in Mill Point [Spring Lake] in 1846. He was in the lumbering business, and he was among the first to plant fruit trees on a forty-acre tract in Section 14 of Spring Lake Township, stretching along the east side of Lake Avenue from Savidge to Lloyd's Bayou. His residence, since moved, was at 601 East Savidge. Along with Lemoyne M. S. Smith, Anna A. Smith, Lydia Norton, and Harriet J. Franklin, George helped organize the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church in 1853. He worked in the lumber business, and in 1860 leased one of the Hopkins Brothers' mills in Spring Lake. He was a Justice of the Peace and was elected Supervisor of Mill Point in 1855-56.

George was born in Grafton County, Vermont on October 6, 1813, the son of Donald and Mary Shafter Lovell. George moved from Vermont to Kalamazoo in 1832. From there he went to Ionia County where he was in the milling business for eight years, and then moved to Spring Lake. He and his wife, Susan A., had five children: Mary Ellen, who was born about 1843 and married John Thomson of Spring Lake; Charles J., who lived from November 20, 1848 to September 7, 1873 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; Charles, born about 1850; Lewis S., born about 1852; George Donald; and Abby W. Susan was born in 1822, died in 1854, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. In 1866 George married Ellen W. Turner, the widow of Noah Perkins, whom she had married in 1853. Noah died while in the service during the Civil War. Ellen was born on March 3, 1827, and died August 23, 1897. She had at least two daughters from her marriage to Noah: Ella, who was born on October 13, 1853 and died on June 17, 1912, and May, born about 1859. Both were raised in the Lovell household. Ellen and George had three children, all born in Michigan: George II, who was born on October 19, 1869 and died September 25, 1889; Edgar;

and Ida May. George I died on April 17, 1901 and both he and his wife were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as was his first wife, Susan.

On October 5, 1854 George bought a 38-acre parcel in Section 15 of Crockery Township, and on November 1 the next year he purchased 55 acres in Section 12 of Spring Lake Township. Before 1864 George and a partner by the name of Lyman Hall bought large tracts of land in Spring Lake Township, including approximately 370 acres in Section 10, for the purpose of raising fruit. By 1876 George held title to a 135-acre fruit farm on the west shore of Spring Lake [Section 10], which later became known as Lovell Park and also as Summer Land Park.

Horace Lowe [@1874-1921]

Born in Virginia around 1874, Horace Lowe was residing on Washington Street in Grand Haven when he died on July 16, 1921. In the 1920 census he was listed as a laborer at the Eagle Ottawa Tannery. His obituary stated the Horace "was over 80 years of age and had been employed by A. M. Cosgrove for many years. He lived alone in the Wiley Water Works building for years" Augustus Cosgrove had a plumbing business. Horace was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 18, 1921.]

Benjamin L. Lowell [1908-1989]

Ben L. Lowell was born on November 30, 1908 and died in Grand Haven on October 13, 1989. He started the Noble Company in 1946. In February, 1967 the Company purchased the site at 614 Monroe for the manufacture of items for the tile, plumbing, heating, and do-it-yourself market. Noble had another facility in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In the fall of 2003 the company's Grand Haven building was razed to make way for the GrandWater commercial development. Ben and his wife, Patricia S., resided at 1621 Gladys. The Lowell family also owned a cottage at 4 Edwards Avenue in Highland Park. Patricia lived from June 29 1, 1919 to June 10, 1997 and passed away in Grand Haven. Ben Tom Lowell, born on October 28, 1931, was their son.

Ben Tom Lowell [1931-2000]

Ben Tom Lowell was born in Grand Haven on October 28, 1931. His parents were Benjamin L. and Patricia S. Lowell. After graduating from Grand Haven High School in 1949 Ben Tom married Louise Des Jardins. The couple moved to Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, where Ben Tom died on August 21, 2000. He was an officer in the family's business, the Noble Company. Ben Tom and Louise had a son, Ben Trudeau Lowell, who was born on September 9, 1960 and died in Marathon, Florida on December 17, 2003. They also had a

daughter, Sarah, who moved to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and another son, Peter Lowell, who relocated to Nederland, Colorado. [*Tribune* obituary, December 24, 2003.]

Stephen Lampman Lowing [1817-1891]

Born on January 15, 1817, in Wyoming County, New York, Stephen Lowing came to Grand Haven in 1836 and moved on to Georgetown Township in 1838. Until he was about 50 he was a farmer and lumberman in Ottawa County and owned one of the largest and most valuable landed estates in Ottawa County. He was Sheriff for four years in the 1840s and Supervisor of Georgetown for many years. He entered the Civil War on May 13, 1861 as First Lieutenant of Company I of the 3rd Infantry, was promoted to Captain the following October 28, and transferred to Company E. He was badly wounded in the hip at Fair Oaks, Virginia on May 31, 1862, an injury that caused him much suffering for the rest of his life. Stephen was discharged for disability on April 9, 1864. At the age of fifty he was admitted to the bar, and about the same time he moved to Grand Haven, where he opened a law office and served as Prosecuting Attorney from 1869 to 1875. Growing deafness compelled him to retire from the law in 1883, when he moved to Allendale. Stephen died at his residence in Allendale on November 4, 1891 and was buried near his old home in Georgetown. He married his first wife, Ruth Madison, in 1844. They were divorced. On January 19, 1861 he married Lydia Hunter. On February 16, 1892, his wife, Emily, applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Emily was 76 years old when she died on March 1, 1904. She and Stephen were married on March 27, 1870, in Jamestown Township. [*Tribune* obituary, November 5, 1891.]

H. Lucas [? - ?]

Lucas, a member of the American Home Missionary Society, organized the Presbyterian Church of Spring Lake, with the assistance of Rev. Ferry, on February 12, 1853 and served as Pastor the following year. The original members of the church were George Lovell, Lemoyne M. S. Smith, Anna Smith, Lydia Norton, and Harriet Franklin.

Morton H. Luce [1878-1952]

Morton Luce was born in Grand Rapids on January 5, 1878, the son of Ransom C. and Charlotte C. Luce. Ransom was born in New York in 1822 and Charlotte was born in the same state in 1840. Morton and his wife were in Spring Lake by 1918, where he was a farmer and real estate agent. Morton was one of the founders of Wolverine Pressed Steel in Grand Haven in 1936. His wife, Julia, was born about 1879. A daughter, Catherine, was born about 1902. Catherine first married a Mr Middleton and then became William Robert Loutit's

second wife on August 17, 1945. In 1930 the Luce family resided in Spring Lake. Morton's mother, Charlotte, was living with them at that time. Morton died about February 2, 1952 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

William M. Ludlow [1846-1901]

The Army Corps of Engineers' officer in charge of Grand Haven improvements in Grand Haven harbor was William Ludlow. Stationed in Detroit, William's 1890 report to the Congress called for the south pier to be extended 550' and the north pier by 600'. His recommendations were modified, however, and in the mid-1890s the two piers were extended by 100' and 50' respectively. William married Anny Beavers in Grand Haven on October 19, 1870. He was born in Carlton, Michigan in 1846 and died in 1901.

William [Willem] Lugers [1856-1925]

William Lugers was born in The Netherlands on March 5, 1856, immigrated to the United States in 1882, and died in Olive Center on April 4, 1925. He owned a 40-acre farm in Section 15 of Olive Township, where he also raised livestock. He came to the area in 1881. On December 5, 1885 he married Mary Hendrika, the daughter of Hendricus and Janna Steketee Van Lente. Mary was born in Holland, Michigan, on December 25, 1864 and died February 27, 1955. Their first three children, born in Allegan County, were Henry, born in October, 1886; and Reka, born in January, 1891. A fourth child, Mena "Minnie," who was born in Olive Township on May 19, 1894 and married Albert Timmer on January 11, 1914. Albert was born July 16, 1890 in Olive Township.

Herman [Harmon] Luhm [Luhn] [1848-1909]

Herman Luhm, a saloon keeper, resided at 210 North Third Street with his wife, Ulrika "Reka" Haack, whom he married in Grand Haven on August 4, 1884. Herman lived from September, 1848 [1849] to 1909. Reka was born in June, 1845. Both Herman and Reka were born in Germany and came to the United States in 1871. Reka had been married previously to Kaidann Fishback, with whom she had a son, Louis, born in Michigan in February, 1880. Kaidann died on September 29, 1882.

John Luikens [1839-1919]

Born in Gronigen, The Netherlands [Germany] on July 18, 1839, John Luikens arrived in the United States on July 18, 1854 and became a resident of Grand Haven. He served as Private with the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters from February 14, 1863 to July 28, 1865, and became an active member of the Weatherwax G.A.R. post in Grand Haven. He was an engineer by trade, but he also organized a band consisting of him and six daughters. The daughters wore black dresses trimmed in military

fashion with brass buttons, standing collars, colored neckties, and black felt hats trimmed with long, drooping white plumes. The Luikens Band performed concerts in the park across the street from the Cutler House and furnished string music for dances in the large hall of the Cutler House. He also carried out the duties of Deputy Sheriff.

On December 31, 1858 in Grand Haven, John married Sarah vanden Berg, who was born on November 28, 1840 in Zeeland, The Netherlands and came to the United States in 1847. Around 1860 the Luikens moved into their life-long residence at 219 Columbus Street. Their seven daughters, all born in Grand Haven, included Mary, who was born on January 11, 1860, married James A. Lambert in Grand Haven on July 4, 1878, and died the following November 24 [James, formerly a Grand Haven resident, became a judge in New Jersey]; Jane, who was born on June 16, 1863 and married Harry Oakes; Louise, who was born on July 12, 1866 and died May 20, 1937; Lucy, who was born on December 26, 1868, married William Callister [Collister] in Grand Haven on May 12, 1882, and moved to Lorain County, Ohio; Bertha, who was born on December 1, 1871 and on September 22, 1892, in Grand Haven, married Charles Reghel of that city; Elizabeth, who was born on July 22, 1874, married Frank J. Rohrig on May 7, 1901, in Grand Haven, relocated to Chicago, and died in Grand Rapids on January 5, 1945; Nettie [Hettie], who was born March 15, 1876 and died on January 6, 1902 in Cleveland, Ohio while residing with her sister, Lucy, and Lucy's husband, William Callister; and Sarah, who was born on October 1, 1861 and married Edwin Stokes in Grand Haven on October 2, 1880. John died on April 3, 1919 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. Sarah passed away on December 25, 1925 and was buried with her husband. [*Tribune* obituaries January 8, 1902 and April 3, 1919.]

Alice Jane Olson Lulofs [1924-2003]

Alice was born in Grand Haven on September 20, 1924, the daughter of Oscar and Nellie Kliners Olson. She married Chester P. Lulofs I in 1944. He was born in Grand Haven about 1925, the son of Martin and Pearl M. Lulofs. As a boy he lived at 1129 Fulton. Chester worked for the Grand Haven Public Schools. Alice also was employed by the school system and worked for the *Grand Haven Tribune* from 1948 to 1993. The couple resided at 1508 Wisconsin. Alice was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven, where she taught Sunday School. Chester and Alice had a son, Chester II. Alice died in Grand Haven on May 24, 2003 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 27, 2003.]

Herman Lulofs [1893-1953]

Herman Lulofs was born on August 31, 1893 and died on March 23, 1953. His wife, Sadie Stahl, lived from August 5, 1894 to April 13, 1939. Their children were Mildred, Evelyn, Jean, Ruth, Phyllis, and Martin. Evelyn lived from August 27, 1917 to May 8, 1980.

John W. Luscomb [@1825- ?]

On December 5, 1849 John Luscomb went into business with Benjamin Eames in the manufacture of woodenware. They met in Milwaukee, but set up their factory, located first in Grand Rapids, and then on April 10, 1850 they moved it to Ottawa Point [Ferrysburg]. John withdrew from the business around 1855, and Eames then constructed a new mill that utilized steam power. John, who was born in Massachusetts about 1825, had relocated to Montcalm County by 1880. He married Elizabeth McNutt. They had at least four children: Cora E., Olive A., Lucy J., and Eugene F.

Heinrich "Henry" Luss I [1852-1883]

In the 1870s Henry Luss operated a fish and tackle business at the southwest corner of Washington and Harbor Streets. In the early years this was the site of Eastman's Land Office, and in later years it became the location of Nat Robbins's office. In more recent times the office of the Association of Commerce and Industry was located on this spot. Henry was born about May 18, 1852, died on July 7, 1883, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Caroline "Lena" Christian Behm in Grand Rapids on February 5, 1872. After Henry's death, she married Alfred Enouy and took over the restaurant and boat livery business. Located at the "Foot of Washington Street," it offered "Boats, Fishing, Tackle, Minnows, and Restaurant." Lena, born in Prussia on May 17, 1855, was the daughter of Frederick Johannes "John" and Dorothea "Dora" Behm of Grand Haven Township. The Lusses' five children were Johnnie, who died on July 25, 1880 at the age of five; Frank W. who was born in 1877 and died on January 27, 1897; Henry, who was born in January, 1880 and died in 1938; Clara who lived from January 4, 1882 to October 24, 1903; and Emma, who died on December 12, 1889 at the age of 16. Henry II was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, Edith M., who lived from 1883 to 1937.

Earl A. Lutke [1921-1990]

Earl Lutke and his wife, Betty, daughter of William and Marie Albers Fritz, lived at 419 Monroe Street in Grand Haven in the 1950s and later moved to 219 Jackson [Madison]. Earl, who was an equipment operator for the City of Grand Haven, lived from December 14, 1921 to June 29, 1990 and Betty from July 15, 1919 to October 9, 1986. Both died in Grand Haven and were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Charles Albert Lyman [1852-1918]

Charles Albert, the son of Lucius and Mary Burgess Lyman, was born in Carthage, New York on October 1, 1852. Lucius and his family moved to Spring Lake in 1867. Charles became a tugboat captain and resided on Howard Street in Grand Haven with his wife, Mary "Mollie" Kelly, and their children. They were married in Spring Lake on October 8, 1875. Mollie was from Guelph, Ontario, Canada, where she was born about 1855. He and Mollie had twins, Herbert Lucius and Howard Charles, who were born in Grand Haven on September 12, 1877. The Lymans had another son, William, who was born locally about 1876. Charles and Mollie resided in Milwaukee around 1910, but Charles, who died in 1918, was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with other Lymans.

Herbert Lucius Lyman [1877-1953] and Howard Charles Lyman [1877-1923]

Twins Herbert and Howard Lyman of Grand Haven and Spring Lake formed a comedy team in the late 1890s and performed vaudeville acts for 15 years. Born in Grand Haven, they were the sons of Charles and Mary Lyman and the grandsons of Lucius Lyman. The twins first performed professionally in 1897 touring with the Holden Comedy Company, then headlined their debut musical comedy as writers and performers in 1898 in the play *Money to Burn*. The brothers wrote and performed six more original musical comedies nationwide before retiring from theater in early 1912. Both moved to Orlando, Florida and purchased two orange groves in Tampa in 1913 and worked as sales agents for the Armour Fertilizer Company, headquartered in Jacksonville. Howard had moved to Pinellas County and resided in Tampa at the time of his death. Howard died in a diving accident on July 7, 1923 while vacationing with his wife and children in St. Petersburg. Howard and his first wife, Ethel, were divorced. Ethel was born in Illinois about 1884. On December 11, 1914 in Orange County, Florida, he married Emma Abbott. Emma was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin on July 19, 1882. In 1943 she died in a car accident in Florida. [Another Emma Abbott was born in Chicago in 1850 and became a famous stage actress. Apparently the two Emma Abbotts were occasionally confused. The actress died in 1891.]

On May 23, 1904 in Chicago, Herbert Lyman married Pattie [Patti] Louise Scott. She was born in 1884 and became an actress. In 1910 Herbert and Louise, as she was called, were living in Spring Lake with Mercy Buckingham, a widow who was born in England about 1855. Mercy and the four Lymans were listed as actors. Living next door were Howard and Emma. Later censuses found the Lymans in Florida. Pattie Louise died in 1952. The year after her death Herbert married

Bertha King. Herbert continued in the business he established with his late brother as sales agents for Armour Fertilizer Company and, in 1939, for Trueman Fertilizer Company. Herbert died at Daytona Beach, Florida on July 3, 1953. Bertha died in Orlando on December 15, 1995.

Lucius Lyman [1821-1902]

Born in Windsor County, Vermont on August 5, 1821, Lucius Lyman was of English descent and a millwright by trade. He erected numerous machine works, and around 1845 built the first printing machinery used in Manchester, New Hampshire. Soon afterward he was employed at the Ames Manufacturing Company in Cabotville, Massachusetts for three years. About 1849 Lucius moved to Jefferson County, New York, where he constructed a great variety of milling machinery. On September 20, 1861, in Watertown, New York, he enlisted as Quartermaster Sergeant with Company H of the 2nd New York Heavy Artillery. He was discharged from the army in May 10, 1862 due to disability. He remained in New York until 1867, when he came to Spring Lake. He built more mills than any other man in the state. One project, which took two years, was the erection of a large plant for the Diamond Match Company in the Upper Peninsula. He was a Republican and of anti-slavery conviction. Lucius was associated with Grand Army of the Republic [G.A.R.] of Spring Lake. He served on the Village Council in 1891 and 1892, and in 1893 he was elected Village President in 1893.

On April 13, 1843, in Chelsea, Vermont, Lucius married Mary Burgess, a native of New York who lived from June, 1826 to January 12, 1903. They had at least ten children, all born in New York. Two of them died in Spring Lake in 1870 of scarlet fever, but seven of them were living with their parents that year in Spring Lake: Charles Albert, a Great Lakes Captain, who was born in New York State on October 1, 1852 and died in Spring Lake in 1918; Caroline Elizabeth, who was born on September 19, 1854 and died in Spring Lake on July 1, 1871; William Henry, born on November 28, 1856; Eliza Ann, who was born April 2, 1858 and married John H. Ghent, a prosperous druggist from Muskegon; Harriet "Hattie" Amelia, born April 12, 1860; and twins Clarence D. and Alonzo, born September 1, 1865. Another of their children, Malfort G., was born in New York on October 29, 1846, worked as an engineer in Rock Island, Illinois in the 1880s, and then settled in Tacoma, Washington, where in 1889 he owned a livery. In 1880 Lucius continued to live in Spring Lake with his wife and their daughter Eliza [Elizabeth], where he was still employed as a millwright. Lucius died on June 20, 1902. On July 26 that year Mary applied for a widow's Civil War pension and died about January 12 the next

year. Lucius and Mary were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with six of their children: Charles, Caroline, William, Harriet, Clarence, and Alonzo. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties Michigan*, p. 391, and *Tribune* obituary, January 12, 1903.]

Elbert S. Lynn [1854-1933]

Elbert, the son of Walter and Anna Maria Lynn, was born in Lamont, Michigan in March, 1854 and was raised in Tallmadge Township. In 1900 he was County Treasurer and later Township Supervisor. He joined Grand Haven State Bank [Old Kent/Fifth Third] upon its organization in 1902 and became its Vice President in 1908. On May 12, 1880 in Lamont, he married Delia Cilley. Delia, the daughter of James and Marian Monroe Cilley of Coopersville, was born in Michigan in October, 1858. The Lynns' daughter Erma was born in March, 1892 and married John Reichardt of Grand Haven. Elbert and Delia lived at 518 Sheldon. Elbert was one of the original members of the Duncan Park Board of Trustees, established in 1913. He died on July 14, 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Delia passed away around October 16, 1947 and was also buried at Lake Forest.

Walter Lynn [1824-1909]

Born in Orange County, Vermont, Walter Lynn came to Michigan with his parents not long after he was born in 1824. The family settled near Lamont, and Walter became a farmer in Tallmadge Township. Walter was 40 years old when he joined Company C of the 10th Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War. He moved to Grand Haven about 1904 to be with his son Elbert. His other children included Edwin, who was born about 1859 and moved to Oregon, and Mabel, who was born about 1862 and married Benona A. Blakeney of Grand Haven. On February 24, 1909 Walter died at the home of his son Elbert at 518 Sheldon and was buried near the family home in Lamont. [*Tribune* obituaries, February 24 and 25, 1909.]

John R. Lysaght [Lysaght] [1854-1910]

John was born in St. Joseph, Michigan on January 7, 1854, the son of Captain Richard and Catherine Yore Lysaght. In 1880 John was living with his widowed mother in Berrien County, Catherine, who was born about 1820 in Ireland. Richard earned his title during service in the Civil War. He died in August, 1872. John first went to sea in 1872 and served aboard a number of ships. In 1877 he went to the Black Hills [South Dakota] to try his hand at mining, but five years later he returned to the sea as Mate aboard the scow *Libbie Carter*. In 1883 he joined the life saving crew at Muskegon as Surfman, and transferred the next year to Big Point Sauble. In March, 1885 he was promoted to

Keeper of the station. A year later he became Keeper of the Racine Harbor Life Saving Station, and on July 19, 1888 he succeeded Captain Beauvais as commander of the Grand Haven Life Saving Station. He and his crew participated in a number of dramatic rescues. In the early 1900s John was Vice President of the Grand Haven Basket Factory on Sixth Street, and about the same time he operated a cigar store at 129 Washington.

On April 6, 1885 John married Mary, the daughter of Ezekiah and Elizabeth Hammond Haney of Ludington. Mary was born in October, 1862 [1866]. The Lysaghts' children, all born locally, included Agnes Clare, who lived from February 4, 1886 to October 15, 1979 and died in Oakland County, Michigan; Alice Elizabeth, who was born in September, 1888 and married Albert J. Theiler of Grand Haven; John Paul., who was born in September, 1890; Kathleen Mary [Mary Cataline], who was born August 1, 1894 and passed away in Grand Rapids on January 1, 1977; Jane Margaret, who was born on December 6, 1896 and died in Detroit on March 12, 1978; Morris [Maurice], born in January, 1900; Harold, who was born on January 3, 1902 and died in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin in August, 1974; Louise, born about 1906; and Joseph, who was born on November 27, 1906 and died in Los Angeles, California, on August 16, 1963. John died at the age of 56 at the station from "heart trouble" on May 16, 1910, only 12 days after resigning his post, but before anyone could be assigned to replace him. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Shortly after his death Mary and her dependent children moved to Detroit. [*Tribune* obituary, May 16, 1910.]

Duncan Angus MacDonald [1875-1937]

See Duncan McDonald.

Charles MacDonald [1907-1980]

Charles McDonald was born on September 15, 1907 and died in Grand Haven on September 20, 1980. He married Ruby Triplett in Jackson, Mississippi in 1941. After the African American couple moved to Grand Haven in 1951, Ruby was employed by Royal Dry Cleaners at 104 Washington Street, and Charles worked as a furnace tender at Grand Haven Brass Foundry. Ruby was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. The McDonalds resided at various times at 315 Madison, 406 North Third, and 309 Madison Streets. Their son, Charles II, drowned in the Grand River on July 11, 1957. The youngster, who contracted polio as a child, was born in Jackson, Mississippi on May 27, 1943. Another son, Jon [John] F., born on June 28, 1946, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1965. Jon became a nationally-recognized artist and Professor of Art at Kendall School of Art & Design in Grand Rapids. A daughter, Annie K., graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1963, married William Jacobs, and became Provost of Wayne County

Community College in Detroit. The McDonalds had a second daughter, Cora Lee, who married a Mr Rhodes and moved to Grand Rapids. Ruby, who was born in Kosciusko, Mississippi on December 12, 1906, continued to live in the family home on Madison Street after her husband's death, but she died in Detroit on July 30, 1996 and was interred at Spring Lake Cemetery [*Tribune* obituary, July 12, 1957].

Norman A. MacDonald [1923-2000]

Norman was born in Pontiac, Michigan on January 26, 1923. He was the son of Andrew N. and Mae MacDonald. On October 10, 1945 Norman enlisted in the Army Air Corps. After the war and into the early 1950s, he managed Norman-Ross Music Store at 17 Washington and later at 201 Washington. He married Christa Helena Freund. They resided in Fruitport and had at least three children: a son, born October 10, 1945, and two daughters, one born on April 1, 1947 and the other on September 23, 1949.

John Macfie [McFie] [1836-1920]

John, the son of Alexander and Ann Tough Macfie, was born on a farm in Clarenceville, Quebec on April 14, 1836. On May 29, 1861 he married Anne [Anna] Townsend, who was born on May 20, 1840 in Canada. John and Anne lived at 526 Lafayette in Grand Haven. Residing at the same address in the early 1900s were their son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Maud Macfie. John and Robert were in the lumber business together in Grand Haven under the name Macfie & Son in the 1890s. Robert was born on April 8, 1862. John moved to California around 1905. In 1916 Robert and Maud and their three children joined John in California. John's and Anne's other children were Gresham, born in Canada about 1861; Mary Agnes, born on September 28, 1863 and Helen, born on August 14, 1865. Helen died the next day. John passed away in Alhambra, Los Angeles County, California, on April 26, 1920. Anne also died in Alhambra in early fall, 1921. John and Anne were members of St. John's Episcopal Church in Grand Haven.

Robert Graham Macfie [1862-1946]

Robert and his father, John Macfie, were in the lumber business together in Grand Haven under the name Macfie & Son in the 1890s. Robert was born on April 8, 1862. He married Maud Boyden on August 3, 1892. Maud, born in Pennsylvania on August 19, 1868, was the daughter of Charles and Jerusha Mitchell Boyden of Grand Haven. In 1916 Robert and Maud moved to California with their three children and joined John Macfie, who had moved there around 1905. Their children were Boyden, born in Grand Haven on June 12, 1893; Elizabeth Anne, born in Grand Haven on August 25, 1895; and John Graham, born on February 23, 1898

in Missouri. They also had a son, David, who was born in Grand Haven on August 2, 1899 and died the next day. In Grand Haven the Macfies lived with Robert's parents, John and Anne Townsend Macfie, at 526 Lafayette. Robert died in Santa Clara, California on September 18, 1946. Maud passed away, also in Santa Clara, on June 12, 1955.

Bernice Davis Maciejewski [1922-1995]

Bernice Davis Maciejewski, a resident of Robinson Township, was born on February 14, 1922 and died on December 15, 1995. She started writing a history of the township, which was carried on by historian and fellow resident Olive Cleave and published in 1999 as *Robinson Remembrances*. On January 4, 1941 Bernice married Vincent, the son of John and Mary Miedzianowski Maciejewski of Robinson Township. Vincent was born in Evanston, Illinois on May 18, 1919. Vincent worked at Oldberg Manufacturing for 40 years and was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Robinson Township. He and Bernice resided at 13703 Green. Their children were Vincent J. of Tampa, Florida; John of Eugene, Oregon; Charles of Whitehall, Michigan; Mary Jo, who married a Mr Vokal and resided in Maple Grove, Minnesota; Elizabeth, who married Rick Wilson and lived in Spring Lake; Marie, who married Eric Johnson and moved to Cape Coral, Florida; and Christine, who married Michael McCarthy of Grand Haven. Bernice and Vincent were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 23, 2006.]

John Maciejewski [Mackczewski] [1873-1950]

John and Mary Maciejewski were married in Poland in 1897. John immigrated to America in 1905 and his wife and a daughter followed three years later. After living in Chicago for a number of years, the family in 1923 moved to Robinson Township, where they purchased from Gus Metzler 120 acres in Sections 5 and 31, near the Grand River. One of their children, Vincent, was born about 1919 and married Bernice Davis. Their other children were Adam, born in Poland in 1902; Boleslaus, born in 1912; and Mary, born in 1917. Vincent, Boyle, and Mary were born in Illinois. John lived from 1873 to 1950 and Mary from 1877 to 1965.

William T. Mackay I [1918-2004]

William Mackay was appointed Civil Defense Director for the City of Grand Haven in 1963, a position he held until 1988. He served on the Coast Guard Festival Board of Directors from 1968 to 1996. William was born in Linesville, Pennsylvania on February 23, 1918. He was the son of Byron and Mabel Beers Mackay. William married Helen Pritko on January 14, 1939 in Cleveland, Ohio. He served with the Michigan State Troops from 1942 to 1946, and was Captain and Company Commander of local Company F of the 32nd

Infantry Regiment. In 1982 he retired from Cooper Industries after 29 years of service in quality control. The Mackay children were William T. Mackay II and Janice S., who married Thomas Helms of St. Johns, Michigan. William I died in Grand Haven on April 7, 2004 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 8, 2004.]

Donald S. Mackenzie [1924-2002]

The son of William and Marion Mackenzie, Donald was born in Evanston, Illinois on January 23, 1924. He grew up in Lake Forest, Illinois and attended Bradley University in Peoria. During WWII he served with the 109th Medical Battalion of the U.S. Army. For 25 years following the war, Donald worked for the American Meat Institute in Chicago as Director of Plant Operations. He moved to Grand Haven in 1974 and founded Econaway Abrasives Co., located at 747 Grant Street. He and his wife, Patricia L., resided at 17345 West Spring Lake Road. Donald retired from Econaway in 1996, died in Grand Haven on November 3, 2002, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 5, 2002.]

Brice D. Maddox [1914-1997]

Brice Maddox was born in Marion, Indiana on April 11, 1914. He graduated from Purdue University with a bachelor degree in Civil Engineering, and then earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Chicago. Brice arrived in Grand Haven in 1951 to join Keller Tool Company, and became Vice President and General Manager after the company was taken over by Gardner Denver. He and his wife, Janice B., had three children. Janice was born about 1914. They lived at 521 Lafayette and 10 Woodlawn Court.

Brice was President of the Grand Haven Chamber of Commerce and a member of Rotary and Stag Club. He was on the Grand Haven Charter Study Commission, the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power, and Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Brice chaired the Hospital Planning Committee. He and Jan retired to Maricopa, Arizona, where he died on October 7, 1997.

Walter H. Madsen [1920-2001]

Walter, the son of August Peter and Caroline Johnson Madsen, was born in Fergus Falls, Minnesota on August 23, 1920. The family moved to Chicago when Walter was 12. He graduated from Senn High School in that city. During WWII he served four years with the Army in the South Pacific Theater, and was discharged with the rank of Captain. He continued his service with the U.S. Army Reserves. After the war, Walter attended Chicago Teachers College for four years, and then spent one year at Superior State College in Wisconsin. He

came to Grand Haven, where he was employed at Oldberg Manufacturing.

On September 29, 1956 Walter married Genevieve Wessel Nauta, who was born about 1918. Genevieve, the daughter of Abram and Lillian Wessel of Grand Haven, had previously been married to a Nauta. Eleven years after their marriage Walter completed his bachelor degree requirements and received a Michigan Teacher's Certificate. He then started teaching fifth and sixth grades at Nunica Elementary School, and two years later he began teaching math and science at Spring Lake Junior High School until his retirement in 1982. Walter was an active volunteer with the local Salvation Army, and Genevieve was office secretary for the organization.

Genevieve's children were James Nauta, who was born about 1944 and became a Captain with the Salvation Army in Elmhurst, Illinois; Mary Nauta, who was born about 1947, married James Hoskin, and moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where she held the rank of Major with the Salvation Army; Thomas R. Nauta, who was born about 1948 and remained in Grand Haven; Kenneth J. Nauta, who was born about 1950 and also remained in Grand Haven; Judith A. Nauta, who was born about 1951, married Louis Davidson, and moved to Nashville, Tennessee; and Steven, who relocated to Fort Worth, Texas. Walter died on August 14, 2001 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John Maggiore [1902-1973]

John Maggiore was born in Italy on February 5, 1902 and immigrated to the United States when he was 17. His wife, Mary, also a native of Italy, was born about 1905 and came to America in 1911. They were married about 1923. John worked as a molder at a local factory before he and Mary opened Sunnyside Grocery around 1953. The store, located at 17176 West Spring Lake in Spring Lake Road, closed around 1977. John passed away in Palm Desert, California on July 1, 1973. Among their children were Albert, born in Indiana about 1925; Joseph C., who was born in Michigan on February 9, 1926 and died in Los Angeles, California on December 17, 1972; Ann, who born about 1930, married Vincent Cobb, and moved to South Haven; and Frank, born in Grand Haven on November 21, 1932. The Maggiore family resided at 333 Elliott around 1930, and then moved to 1143 Washington. Frank served with the Navy from 1951 to 1959 as an aerial photographer, and then was a general contractor for the next 25 years. Frank and his wife, Valerie, had four children: Deborah, John, Theresa, and Frank. Frank I died in Rancho Mirage, California on May 1, 2005. [*Tribune* obituary, May 4, 2005.]

Chief Magobie [Magabie/Siggancouse/Saginaw Coosco] [? - ?]

See Chief Sigganacouse.

Michael Maher [Mahar/Mahur] [1844-1904]

Born in Ireland in 1844, Michael Maher settled in Grand Haven and married Ellen Collins. Ellen was born in Waverly, New York, on August 4, 1852. In the 1893 *Directory*, Michael was listed as “engineer.” They raised their family at 209 Clinton, where Ellen [Helen/Helena] continued to reside after her husband’s death on December 12, 1904. On November 29, 1915 in Grand Haven, she married John Richardson. Michael’s and Ellen’s children, all born in Grand Haven, were Mary Agnes, who was born on July 3, 1873 and married George William Honner in Grand Haven on January 8, 1896; William, who was born on June 11, 1875 and died in Detroit on March 9, 1965; Nellie, who was born November 4, 1876, married Jesse Albert Waterman in Grand Haven on October 26, 1905, and moved to Chicago; John, who was born about April, 1879 and died on March 15, 1880; Henry, who was born January 30, 1881, became Foreman at a chair factory, and died in Chicago on March 17, 1965; Margaret, who was born on March 6, 1885 and died in California on February 3, 1966; Thomas, who was born on June 2, 1891 and moved to Chicago; and Winifred K., who lived from February 14, 1883 to March 6, 1901. Michael was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Ellen, who died on November 27, 1932.

Thomas Mahon [Mahan] [1872-1969]

Tom, the son of John and Catherine Hart Mahon, started work on the Grand River by operating a pile driver owned by John Walsh. It was the only one of its kind in Grand Haven. Tiring of that job, he went to the Chicago waterfront, where he earned 75 cents for ten hours of work. While in Chicago, Tom drove pilings at the 1893 Columbian Exposition for the first Ferris Wheel ever erected. Tom returned to Grand Haven, where he became a member of Company F during the Spanish-American War. He was listed as a diver in the 1908 *Directory*, a pursuit he followed during World War I, as did his father in the British Navy. Tom was certified by the United States Secretary of the Navy to dive anywhere in the United States. He worked for the Corps of Engineers and received his pilot and engineering license in 1908. In 1921 Tom built the *Ramona* with his partner, Charles Possion. After being moved from its construction site in sections, the boat was put together and sailed on Reeds Lake in Grand Rapids. Captain Mahon helped construct the first big bridge to cross the Grand River and also did test borings at Port Sheldon for the Consumers Power Plant. At age 82 he helped lay cable in the Holland harbor for the City of Holland, after an original contractor did not finish the job.

Tom, who was born on August 23, 1872 in New York City, when he died about July 1, 1969. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On September 25, 1899, he married Leora [Leo] Boot in Grand Haven. Leora was born in Michigan about 1881. They lived at 108 Elliott and later at 407 Fulton Street. They had a daughter, Grita [Juta/Zerta], who was born locally about 1905 and married David Atkinson of Amboy, Illinois; a son, John Thomas, [Thomas J.] who was born locally in 1900; and another son, Leo, who was born locally about 1908. Tom’s father, John, was born in Ireland in June, 1856 and died about January 10, 1942, and his mother, Catherine, was born in England in May, 1857 and died about November 25, 1915. They also were buried at Lake Forest.

George M. Maierhauser I [Mairhauser] [@1892- ?]

George Maierhauser owned an 80-acre farm in Section 11 of Grand Haven Township in the early 1900s. In 1930 George was working at a service station in Grand Haven. He was born in Wisconsin around 1892, and his wife, Ethel E., was a native of Michigan, where she was born around 1899. They had three children: Theresa, born about 1920; Mary A., born about 1923; George M. II, born about 1926; and Phyllis J., who was born September 29, 1933 and passed away in Grand Haven on June 25, 2000. George was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township, but his marker was undated.

John Majerus [1871-1962]

Born on December 28, 1871 in Luxembourg, John Majerus was a resident of Grand Haven Township. In the early 1900s he bought from Peter Northouse [Nordhuis] 70 acres in Section 4, near Rosy Mound. In 1911 he and his wife, Margareth, donated three-quarters of an acre of the land for a new Rosy Mound School in Section 4 of Grand Haven Township, a move north from the school’s former location in Section 9 at the southeast corner of Ferris and Lakeshore Drive. The earlier school had burned down in 1900. Their home was across Lakeshore Drive from the new school. John owned another 20 acres nearby. By 1930 he had sold the remainder of the larger piece to Albert Ohelmacher, but retained ownership of the 20-acre parcel. The Majeruses were divorced before 1930. John moved to Alhambra, California, where he died on September 25, 1962.

Davis M. Mallery [@1876- ?]

In the early 1900s Davis Mallery was part owner of the Mallery and Hite Boat Livery [Marina] on Beach Road in Spring Lake Village. He was born about 1876 in Illinois. By 1920 he was a traveling salesman for a machinery company. Davis’s wife, Frances, was born in Iowa around 1888.

Frederick A. Mansfield [1847-1916]

In 1887 the name of the military company headquartered at the Armory on Second Street was changed to "The Grand Haven Guards." It also was known as Company F. Frederick Mansfield, one of the company's organizers, was elected Captain and later Major of the Second Michigan Infantry. He worked as an inspector for the Tax Department of the State of Michigan, but also was a civil engineer. In 1870 Frederick was living in Grand Haven with his mother, Selje [Axe], who was born in Vermont about 1815. His father, Eben [Ebenezer] Mansfield, was born about April 15, 1811 in Maine and died in Grand Haven on December 19, 1868. Also living in the Mansfield house with Frederick in 1870 were two brothers, both born in Wisconsin, Ebbin, born in 1854, and Charles, born in 1857. In the 1880 census Frederick was sharing his home on Pennoyer Street with Mary K. Mansfield and Herbert Mansfield, both listed as his cousins, and with his brother, Charles, who was working as a sailor. Mary was shown as divorced. The name of her divorced husband was not uncovered. Mary and her first husband had a daughter, Florence E. "Kitty" Mansfield, who was born in Swanton, Vermont on October 14, 1876 and died in Grand Haven on November 20, 1896.

On August 20, 1881, in Grand Haven, Frederick Mansfield and Mary K. Mansfield were married. She was born in Lovell, Maine on June 6, 1850 and died in Grand Haven on September 30, 1923. Her parents were James and Margaret Vincent Rice, who settled in Grand Haven. Mary and her sister, Martha "Mattie" Rice, were the first managers of the Highland Park Hotel. The Mansfields resided at 107 South Second Street. Mary's daughter, Martha J. "Mattie," was born in Grand Haven on May 10, 1883 and married Richard L. Cook of Grand Haven. Frederick was born in Fairwater, Wisconsin [Maine/Vermont] on November 8, 1847. He died in Grand Haven on May 10, 1916. The family home was located at 107 South Second Street. The Mansfields were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Mary's son Hubert. Mary was a Unitarian and later a Christian Scientist.

Hubert "Bert" C. Mansfield [1867-1921]

Bert Mansfield, a watchmaker and jeweler, owned one of the largest jewelry stores in Ottawa County. Around 1893 he purchased the store from Roswell H. Lee, who had been in business in Grand Haven for 20 years. Bert named his shop, located at 132 Washington, B. C. Mansfield & Co. He specialized in watch repair. The son of Mary K. Mansfield and the stepson of Frederick Mansfield, Bert was born in Wisconsin in September, 1867 and died in 1921. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other Mansfields. His wife, Clara Edna Bell of Grand Haven, was born in Wisconsin in October, 1871. The daughter of Edwin and Louisa Buttrick Bell,

she graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1888. After Bert's death, she moved to Grand Rapids with their son, Herbert, who was born locally about 1907. Another son, Carlisle Edwin, was born on September 29, 1892 and died in September, 1963 in Michigan. Carlisle married Mary A. Dickinson in Grand Rapids on February 8, 1911.

Meinardus "Maynard" Manting [Mantingh] I [1896-1956]

In 1946 Maynard Manting started the Manting Equipment Company at 119 South Fourth Street in Grand Haven as a distributor of Bastian Blessing store display fixtures. Prior to that, he had been an employee of Bastian Blessing. His sister, Sarah, married Louis Northouse of Grand Haven. Maynard, the son of Albert and Marie Lokker Manting, was born in Holland, Michigan on November 26, 1896. He married Katherine Van Lopik on July 26, 1928. The daughter of Peter and Cornelia Byl Van Lopik, she was born May 18, 1895 [1896] and died March 10, 1943. The Manting family lived at 508 South Seventh Street. Their sons, Peter G. and Maynard Manting II, continued the business after their father's death on September 3, 1956. Katherine and Maynard were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Nathan Marble [1789-1868]

Nathan Marble may never have lived in Ottawa County, but on March 1, 1856 he purchased the southwest quarter-section [160 acres] of Section 9 of Grand Haven Township from Henry Pennoyer. On March 23, 1861, while living in New York State, he sold to the Township a one-acre parcel on the southeast corner of Ferris and Lakeshore Drive. After the school at this site burned down in 1900 a new one was constructed a mile or so north and named Rosy Mound School. The remainder of Nathan's quarter-section was in Henry Saul's name before 1876. As early as 1839 Nathan purchased 160 acres in southern Michigan. He was born in 1789 and died April 22, 1868. His wife, Adeline Worden, lived from 1802 to January 31, 1874.

Jerry Maring [1915-1998]

On May 1, 1956 Jerry Maring formed a partnership with Henry J. Freeze to purchase the building and equipment of Fred King's business, Metal Stamping Products, located at 530 Elm Street in Ferrysburg. Jerry was President and Henry was Secretary-Treasurer of the firm. Jerry and his wife, Mildred, resided in Muskegon. He was born on May 19, 1915 and died in Muskegon on October 31, 1998.

Paul F. Markoff [Markhoff] [1863- ?]

Paul Markoff was on the Board of Directors of the Spring State Bank when it first opened in 1914 and became its President. In the 1918 *Directory* he was

listed as a furniture manufacturer in Spring Lake. He and Ida Cornelia Umstead were married in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, on May 8, 1884. Paul was born in Germany in September, 1863, and Ida was born in Brighton, Pennsylvania on May 9, 1864. In 1900 they were residents of Grand Rapids. By 1910 they owned a 30-acre estate on the north end of Spring Lake [18881 Fruitport Road, Section 1, Spring Lake Township]. They called their property "Idalia." The estate was in the name of Josephine M. Markoff as late as 1971. The Markoffs had two sons: Paul Berton "Bert," born on June 19, 1885 in Ohio, and Clarence Paul, who was born in Ohio on June 24, 1887. Both sons became residents of Grand Rapids. On December 1, 1915 in Grand Haven, Paul Berton married Josephine Margaret, the daughter of Richard and Margaret Powell Bolt. Josephine was born on August 5, 1893 and passed away in Grand Rapids on February 24, 1975. Clarence married Elizabeth Kooiman in Grand Haven on February 9, 1920. Elizabeth, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Leenhouts Kooiman of Grand Haven, was born on June 24, 1895, died on June 24, 1965, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Clarence passed away about January 24, 1947.

Moses Marod [1910-1977]

Moses Marod was born in Madison County, Indiana on June [May] 12, 1910. His father, Asa Marod, was born in Syria about 1882, and his mother, Mary Albert, was born in the same country in 1884. Their children, beside Moses, were: Edward A., born about 1912; Sophia A., who lived from August 14, 1913 to January, 1982; Nicholas A., who lived from April 1, 1915 to April 11, 1993; and Rosie A., who was born about 1917. Asa ran a grocery store at 6-8 South Beechtree in the 1920s and lived at the same address. Moses worked as a grainer at Eagle Ottawa in 1930. He resided at 1309 Grant Street, and passed away in Grand Haven on July 25, 1977 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his parents and other family members.

Ernest P. Mars [1890- ?]

Ernest Mars opened Superior Products Company at 335 Fulton Street in Grand Haven in 1928. He was born in Germany on October 1, 1890 and immigrated to Chicago in 1909. Arriving with him was his wife, Ella, born in Germany around 1900, and their daughter, Elizabeth, who was born in their native country just prior to immigrating to the United States. The family continued to reside in Chicago.

Albert "Bert" Martin [1883-1941]

Born in the Peach Plains area in December, 1883, Bert Martin died at Middle Point, Ohio, around December 24, 1941 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Kittie, had died the year before. She was born about

1882. They had two sons: Walter of Spring Lake and Donald of Nunica. Bert spent most of his life in Grand Haven and in 1908 worked at a livery stable. He moved in 1933 to become Foreman of the Maumee Asphalt Company in Bloomville, Ohio. [*Tribune* obituary, December 24, 1941.]

Benjamin Martin [1828-1889]

The son of Captain Henry Martin, Benjamin was born in Pennsylvania in 1828. Before 1864 he settled on a 47½ acre farm in Section 31 of Crockery Township, right on the north bank of the Grand River. Hiram Martin of Spring Lake Township was his brother. Benjamin died in 1889 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. His wife, Arvila [Arvilla] G., was born in New York State in 1838 and died in 1912. She also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Martins had seven children: Emma, born in 1854; Anna, born in 1855; Hiram, born in 1858; Wallace, born in 1860; Gilbert, who was born in 1863 and drowned in 1874; F. D., born in 1866; and Eber, born on February 17, 1870. On January 23, 1920 in Coopersville, Eber married Minnie L Green. She was born in 1880.

Edward Martin [1872-1961]

Born on Beaver Island of pioneer parents, Edward Martin went to work shortly after his father drowned and then he continued in night school to advance himself in his chosen profession. He came to Grand Haven in 1908 on the ship *Manistique*, which was renamed the *Milwaukee* and sank in a storm on Lake Michigan in 1929. Captain Martin was Master for the Grand Trunk Ferry Lines and was serving on the *Madison* before his retirement in 1938. He moved to Grand Haven from Milwaukee, and on December 17, 1918 in Grand Haven, he married Sarah Beverly Wynne. The next year they purchased the house at 215 Lafayette. Sarah died about December 18, 1947 and Edward, who was born on October 2, 1872, died around August 11, 1962. The couple was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. At the time of Edward's death, he was living with his daughter Alice and her husband, Gunnard Oslund, who had obtained title to the house on Lafayette. Subsequently the home was occupied by a granddaughter of the Martins, Beverly MacLeod, and Beverly's husband, Kenneth.

George Martin [Marlin] [1849- ?]

George Martin, an African American, was born in Mississippi [Michigan] about 1849. He became a barber in Grand Haven. On February 24, 1875 in Grand Haven, he married Sarah Miller. Sarah was born in Tennessee about 1854. They had a son, William, who was born about 1877 in Michigan. In 1880 the family resided on Madison Street. Sarah was a laundry lady. They do not reappear in later censuses for Ottawa County.

Henry Martin [1817- ?]

Henry Martin, an African-American, resided on a farm in Section 10 of Spring Township as early as 1850. Classified as a laborer, Henry was born in Kentucky around 1817. Living with Henry and Catherine in 1850 were Isaak Smith, also a laborer, born in New Jersey about 1822; Sabine Smith, born in Indiana about 1822; Tommas Smith, born in Illinois about 1844; Amanda Smith, born in Michigan about 1848; and Dugglas Smith, born in Michigan about October, 1849. Several other Black families lived in the same area, including Hezekiah Smith, who was the Martins's next door neighbor. Henry's wife, Catherine [Catharine], listed as "Mulatto" in the 1860 census, was born in Pennsylvania about 1832, although her death records put her birth at 1826. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Lucinda J., born about 1854; Frederick D. F., born about 1857; Jefferson B., who was born on June 17, 1858 and died in Ferrysburg on April 19, 1875; Fredrika, born about 1863; and Bertie, born about 1866. By 1870 Catherine was widowed and still living in Spring Lake Township with her seven children: Lucinda, born about 1856; Edward, born about 1857; Jefferson, born about 1859; Mary, born about 1863; Martha, born about 1866; Jane, born about 1868; and Henry, born about 1869. Lucinda was born in Virginia, the rest of the children were born in Michigan. In 1880 Catherine was living in Ferrysburg and sharing her home with three of her children: Frederick, Fredrika, and Bertie. Frederick was working in a sawmill at that time. Catherine died in Spring Lake Township on December 11, 1880. None of the Smiths living with Henry in 1850 and none of his children appear in later Ottawa County censuses.]

Henry Martin [? - ?]

Henry Martin was Captain of the steamer *Empire* in 1851, which normally operated between Grand Rapids and Grand Haven. On July 4 of that year Henry picked up passengers at Ottawa Point [Ferrysburg] and Mill Point [Spring Lake] and took them for a cruise up to Fruitport and back for a "subscription" of twenty-five cents or less. The money raised was used to purchase books for the school library in Grand Haven [Lillie, p. 241]. In 1853 he bought the Gilbert brothers' warehouse on Water Street [Harbor Drive] in Grand Haven and put Dwight Cutler in charge. In 1856 Henry purchased an 80-acre fruit farm in Section 25 of Spring Lake Township. Benjamin Martin, born in 1828, and Hiram Martin, born in 1836, were two of his children. Captain Martin was born in Ohio, as was his wife.

Henry Martin [1817- ?]

Henry Martin, another African American, resided on a farm in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township as early as 1850. Classified that year as a laborer, Henry was born

in Kentucky around 1817. Living in 1850 with Henry and his wife, Catherine [Catharine], were Isaak Smith, also a laborer, born in New Jersey about 1822; Sabine Smith, born in Indiana about 1822; Tommas Smith, born in Illinois about 1844; Amanda Smith, born in Michigan about 1848; and Dugglas Smith, born in Michigan about October, 1849. The relationship among the Smiths was not specified in the early census. The Martins were neighbors of Hezekiah Smith, as were so many of the Black residents. Catherine, listed as Mulatto in the 1860 census, was born in Pennsylvania about 1832, although her death records put her birth year at 1826. The 1860 census showed the Martins had three children living with them: Lucinda J., born in Virginia about 1854; Frederick D.F., born locally about 1857; and Jefferson B., who was born locally on June 17, 1858 and died in Ferrysburg on April 19, 1875. By 1870 Catherine was widowed and still living in Spring Lake Township with her children Lucinda, Edward [probably the child referred to as Frederick in the previous census], and Jefferson. Also part of the household in 1870 were four more children, all born locally since the last census: Mary, born about 1863; Martha, born about 1866; and Jane, born about 1868; and a son, Henry, born about 1869. In 1880 Catherine was living in Ferrysburg and sharing her home with her son Frederick, and two children that weren't included in previous censuses: Fredrika, born about 1863, and Bertie, born about 1866. Both were born locally. Frederick was working in a sawmill at that time. Catherine died in Spring Lake Township on December 11, 1880. None of the Smiths living with the Martins in 1850 and none of Henry's children appear in Ottawa County censuses after 1880.

Hiram Martin [1836-1920]

Born on May 17, 1836 in Canton, Ohio, Hiram was the son of Captain Henry Martin. Hiram took over 40 acres of the family 80-acre farm in Section 25 of Spring Lake Township. The remaining 40 acres were sold to other parties. On May 14, 1873 Hiram married Emily [Emma] Deremo in Ottawa County. Emily, a native of De Kalb, New York and the daughter of Earl and Permelia Curtis Deremo, lived from September 12, 1851 to January 5, 1935. She was listed as a musician in the 1918 *Directory*. The Martin home was at the corner of Boom Road and 144th Avenue. Hiram died on April 9, 1920 and was buried with his wife at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their children, all born in Spring Lake, were Elmer, who was born September 22, 1873 and died in 1892; Arthur, who lived from April 7, 1878 to 1956; Stewart, who was born on November 27, 1879 and died on April 25, 1927; Idella "Della" M., who was born on March 18, 1883, married William Merz of Crockery Township, and died September 21, 1931; Lila, who was born November 13, 1886 and died April 29, 1968; and Emma, who was born on September 12, 1889, married Arthur Llewellyn

Chittenden, and died February 20, 1970. Hiram's brother Benjamin, born in 1828 in Pennsylvania, settled in Section 31 of Crocker Township.

Reuben Martin [1834-1908]

Reuben Martin owned a 30-acre farm in Section 24 of Spring Lake Township, where he settled in 1854. He was born July 24, 1834 and died on December 18, 1908. His wife, Nancy, was born on December 29, 1843 and died on May 22, 1920. Husband and wife were both born in Ohio and buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Stewart Martin [1879-1927]

Born on November 29, 1879 in Spring Lake Township, Stewart Martin was a farmer with 40 acres in Section 25. His parents were Hiram and Emily Deremo Martin. Stewart died on April 25, 1927 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Frank Edgar Mason [1891-1958]

Frank Mason managed the Central States Gas Utilities office, located at 134 Washington, during the 1920s and 1930s. Prior to that he had worked for gas companies in Fort Madison, Iowa and Lake, Illinois. He and his wife, Ida, resided at 513 Woodlawn. On October 3, 1917 he married Ida Domke. She was born in 1893 in Indiana and died on April 11, 1987. Their children were Mary, born about 1923, and Donald, born about 1927. Frank was born in Libertyville, Illinois on April 21, 1891. Frank passed away around December 20, 1958. He and Ida were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

J. W. Mason [? - ?]

In 1873 Mason joined Edward P. Ferry and others to form the "Michigan Bunch" in Utah and enter the silver mining business.

Richard Mason [? - ?]

Richard Mason arrived in Spring Lake subsequent to the 1837 rebellion in Canada. With Jabez Barber he helped Colonel Norton complete his sawmill at Nortonville. In 1844 he and Barber built a sawmill at Mill Point, which burned down in 1859. Richard purchased 160 acres in Section 1 of Spring Lake Township on June 8, 1848, which was one of several acquisitions he made throughout Michigan. His wife, Ellen, died on September 30, 1816 at the age of 30.

John Mastenbrook [Mastenbrook/Mastenbrock] [1828-1907]

Born in February, 1828 in The Netherlands, John Mastenbrook on December 22, 1863 enlisted as Private in Company K of the 1st Michigan Engineers. He was mustered out on September 22, 1865. John, who arrived in Grand Haven Township in 1853, raised fruit. He served as Township Supervisor from 1876 to 1879. His

wife, Minnie, was born in The Netherlands about 1824. Their daughter Katherine was born in Michigan on February 10, 1867 and died on August 2, 1887. After Minnie died, John married Louise, who was born in Illinois in December, 1861. They had a daughter, Cecilia, who was born in June, 1896. John died in 1907 and was buried at Merrill Township Cemetery in Newaygo County.

Abraham Mastenbrook [Mastenbrock] [1833-1904]

Born and schooled in The Netherlands, Abraham Mastenbrook immigrated to America and arrived in Philadelphia in May, 1853. After six months he moved to Eastmanville. An experienced horticulturist, he worked on a 90-acre fruit farm in Section 12, eight miles southeast of Grand Haven. At the age of 30 he enlisted as Private in Company K of the 1st Michigan Engineers and Mechanics. Although his complete service record was not located, his unit was under Sherman's command and participated in the famous March to the Sea, and in the battles of Atlanta, Chattanooga, Columbia, and Savannah. Abraham, a Democrat; was Highway Commissioner for the county and member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Congregational Church at Eastmanville, and Champlain Post, No. 29 at Grand Rapids.

In 1861 Abraham married Ellie [Nell/Nellie] Vandermade, and they had ten children, including Paul, born in February, 1863. Ellie was born in The Netherlands in September, 1836, came to the United States in 1850, and died on February 27, 1903. Abraham lived from October, 1883 to March 15, 1904. He immigrated to the United States in 1853. [*Portrait & Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties*, p. 573.]

Edward "Frank" Mastenbrook [1895-1983]

The son of Paul and Caroline Moll Mastenbrook, Frank was born on May 20, 1895 in Grand Haven. On April 21, 1917 he enlisted in Company F of Grand Haven, which merged with Company L of the 126th Infantry during WWI. Frank was wounded in the Allied Oise-Aisne offensive in France on August 28, 1918. On August 26, 1922, he married Florence Isabella Kieft in Grand Haven. Florence was born about 1903. They lived at 1351 Waverly and later at 708 South Friant Street. With his brother Fred, he owned the Mastenbrook Brothers Service Station at the northwest corner of Beechtree and Waverly [495 South Beechtree]. Frank died in Grand Haven on July 8, 1983. Florence was born May 11, 1902 and died in Grand Haven on October 29, 1990.

Fred P. Mastenbrook [1900-1989]

Fred, the son of Paul and Caroline Moll Mastenbrook was born on July 23, 1900 in Grand Haven. With his brother Fred, he owned the Mastenbrook Brothers Service Station at the northwest corner of Beechtree and Waverly [495 South Beechtree]. He married Mildred Anna Grubham in Grand Haven on December 5, 1925. She was born in Ohio about 1905, died about May 7, 1928, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Apparently Fred remarried, because later his wife's name was given as Fern. Fred and Fern resided at 1909 Grant. Fern was born in February, 1912. Fred died in Grand Haven on January 3, 1989 and was buried at Lake Forest.

Paul H. Mastenbrook I [Mastenbrock/Mastenbroek] [1863-1940]

On July 25, 1894, Paul Mastenbrook married Caroline H. Moll in Grand Haven. Paul and his wife owned a 110-acre farm in Section 12 of Grand Haven Township. He was born in Eastmanville on October 20, 1863, the son of Abraham and Ellie Vandermade Mastenbrook, and died on December 5, 1940. One of their children, Paul H. II, was born on August 15, 1893 and died in Grand Haven on September 17, 1974. Other children were Edward, who lived from May 20, 1895 to July 8, 1983; Arthur L., who was born about 1905; and Harold M., born around 1916.

Edgar Lee Masters [1868-1950]

After visiting the Grand Haven area for several years, world-famous poet Edgar Lee Masters in the summer of 1916 rented a cottage on Belle Point in Spring Lake, on property adjacent to the Pines Resort. Edgar, who had a law practice in Chicago, the next year bought a twelve-acre farm on Spring Lake, about a half-mile from Arbutus Banks [18067 Fruitport Road]. The farm included a fruit tree orchard. He stayed at Arbutus Banks, a summer hotel, during the updating of his farm. The poet sold his summer home in 1920. He wrote several poems about the Grand River, Grand Haven, and the lumbering industry, including "Toward the Gulf," "Sweet Clover," "In the Garden at the Dawn Hour," and "Lost Orchard." These poems were written while the author sat on a bench near the shore of Spring Lake. Another poem, "Grand River Marshes," contained this verse:

"But all is quiet on the river now
As when the snow lay windless in the wood,
And the last Indian stood
And looked to find the broken bough
That told the path under the snow.
All is as silent as the spiral lights
Of purple and of gold that from the marshes rise,
Like the wings of swarming dragon flies,
Far up toward Eastmanville, where the enclosing skies

Quiver with heat; as silent as the flights
Of the crow like smoke from shops against the glare
Of dunes and purple air,
There where Grand Haven against the sand hill lies."

Reportedly, Masters' original manuscript of *Spoon River Anthology* was given to Connie Thornquist, a daughter of Claude Hopkins, who also had a summer home on Spring Lake.

Edgar was born in Garnett, Kansas, on August 3, 1868 and died on March 5, 1950 in Rydal, Pennsylvania. He was buried at Oakland Cemetery in Petersburg, Illinois. On June 21, 1898 he married Helen Mary Jenkins in Chicago. She was born in Chicago on August 5, 1874. They had three children. After their divorce, he married Ellen Coyne in 1926. She lived from May 18, 1899 to April 8, 1997 and also was buried at Oakland Cemetery.

Stillman H. Matthews [1863-1908]

Coming to Grand Haven from Maine in 1868, Thomas A. Matthews worked as a ship's carpenter and millwright. Born about 1837 in Maine, he was employed by the Robinson & Company Shipyard in Grand Haven. His wife, Margaret, was born about 1841 in Nova Scotia. Their son, Stillman H., who was born in September, 1863 in Maine, died in Grand Haven in 1908 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On April 10, 1889 in Grand Haven, Stillman married Agnes May Friant. She was born in Michigan, lived from April, 1860 to 1925, and was buried with him, although by 1900 she and her husband were residing in Muskegon, where Stillman had been located since at least 1887 and worked as a traveling salesman.

Wallace Bruce Matthews I [1904-2000]

Born on May 29, 1904, Bruce Matthews was raised on the family farm near Hastings, Michigan. Over the period of his long and productive life, Bruce designed and renovated more than 100 golf courses. He earned both national and state recognition for developing challenging but playable courses. He was quoted as saying, "The easiest thing to do is build a tough hole. To build a course people enjoy is another story." Bruce graduated in 1925 from Michigan Agricultural College [MSU] with a degree in landscape architecture. He started his golf career in Florida, but was unable to find a suitable, permanent position. He returned to Michigan and was hired in 1930 as Grounds Superintendent at the Green Ridge Country Club. He remained at the Club in various management positions for the duration of the depression, relying partly on income from slot machines [legal at that time] to balance the books.

After leaving Green Ridge, Bruce became a full-time golf course architect. Among his other course designs in West Michigan were Kaufman Golf Club in Grand

Rapids and West Ottawa Golf Club near Holland. W. Bruce Matthews & Son was formed in 1961 and remained operative until 1979. That year Bruce and his son Jerry formed Matthews & Associates P.C. The firm had remodeled and designed more than 200 courses by 1993, the same year Bruce was inducted into the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame.

Bruce purchased from Gerald Arkema of Grand Haven a 235-acre site in Grand Haven Township. Using 175 of the available acres, in 1964 he opened the 18-hole Grand Haven Golf Club. He also platted and sold building sites along Timberdunes Drive, which divides the golf course. His son, Wally, took over the management two years later and continued in that capacity until the family sold the course to John Rooney of Stillwater, Oklahoma in 1998. Among his other activities, Bruce established the Turfgrass Foundation at Michigan State University and he helped launch a golf shop management curriculum at Ferris State.

Bruce married Doris Sprague of Woodland, Michigan in 1928. In addition to Jerry, Bruce and Doris, had another son, Wallace "Wally" Bruce II, who was born on March 23, 1929, a daughter, Kathryn, who married Raymond McDermid, a Canadian; Marilyn, who married Charles Magee; and Gerald, who married Gail Kidnee. Doris was born on April 2, 1903 and died on March 15, 1998. Bruce died on September 28, 2000, and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. [Personal correspondence with W. Bruce Matthews III.]

Wallace Bruce Matthews II [1929-2010]

The son of Wallace and Doris Matthews, Wally was born on March 23, 1929 and raised in Comstock Park, Michigan. Like his father, Wally became interested in golfing and golf courses. After earning a bachelor degree in restaurant management, he worked in the banking industry, in various restaurants, and as Manager of Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden, Michigan. He left that position in 1965 to become Manager for the newly-opened Grand Haven Golf Club in Lincoln Street in Grand Haven Township. The older Matthews designed and eventually purchased the Grand Haven Golf Club.

Wally married Carolyn L. Clark on March 29, 1951 in Comstock Park, Michigan. Carolyn, the daughter of L. Earl and Marguerite M. Gilliland Clark, was born in Flint on March 16, 1930. A registered nurse, Carolyn died on July 10, 2001 in Grand Haven. Wally and Carolyn had one son, Wallace Bruce Matthews III, and two daughters, Susan Matthews and Shelley, who married Dennis Westrate. After Carolyn's death, Wally married Mary Ann Wesley of Eaton Rapids, Michigan. The couple settled in Eaton Rapids in 2005. Wally volunteered annually to prepare chicken dinners for the

enlisted men during Coast Guard Festival. He was a member of the Grand Haven American Legion Post. Wally passed away in Grand Haven on April 29, 2010. [Chronicle obituary, May 29, 2010.]

Betty Mattson [1942-2004]

Born on December 13, 1942 in Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Betty was the daughter of Audley and Virginia Grutsch Mattson. She graduated from Grand Valley State University in 1976 with a bachelor degree in environmental science. She went on to earn a master of education degree from the same institution in 1990. Betty, who was deeply concerned about the environment and animal rights, was a frequent contributor to the *Grand Haven Tribune's* opinion page. She passed away in Grand Haven on October 11, 2004. She was buried at Oak Grove Cemetery in Tomah, Wisconsin. [Tribune obituary, October 12, 2004.]

Charles S. Maurer I [1853-1928]

Charles Maurer, who lived from 1853 to 1928, was a manufacturer of gloves in the early 1900s. His factory was at 1003 Fulton in Grand Haven, and he and his wife, Mary, resided at 532 Washington. His son, Charles II, was associated with the glove business, and he and his wife, who went by the name "Smiley," lived at 707 Columbus. By the mid-1950s Charles II lived on Emmet Street.

Frederick H. May [1827- ?]

Fred May was Manager of the Grand Haven Railway Company on its inception in 1878 and into the 1880s. He resided in Allegan with his wife, Rachel M. He was born about 1827 on the Isle of Man, England, and she was born in Illinois around 1840. They had four children.

Duncan McAlpine [1871-1914]

Born in Dundee, Scotland in February, 1871, Duncan McAlpine immigrated to Toronto, Canada with his parents the next year. He was schooled there and received his medical education at the University of Toronto and the University of Edinburgh in Dublin. Duncan arrived in Grand Haven about 12 years after beginning his practice in Lake City, Michigan in 1894. He became one of the most expert physicians and surgeons in the state. Many thought he should relocate to a larger city, but he replied, "Grand Haven suits me."

Duncan married Grace Bahr of Chicago on September 1, 1899. Grace was born in Indiana in July, 1875. They resided at 109 South Fifth and his office was on the second floor of 222 Washington. Duncan was a member of the Masons, Elks, Modern Woodman, Maccabees of the World, German Arbeiters, Eagles, Ben Hur,

Foresters, and Modern Samaritans. He passed away January 3, 1914.

Donald “Sandy” McBeath [1938-1994]

Born on March 3, 1938, Sandy McBeath died on April 25, 1994. An employee of the Michigan Parks Service, he also was active with the Tri-Cities Historical Museum and served as its President. His wife, Mary Jane, was a volunteer with the Museum.

George W. McBride [1845-1929]

Born in Coshocton, Coshocton County, Ohio in September, 1845, George McBride spent his boyhood in Deerfield, Michigan. It was there on March 4, 1862 that he enlisted as Private in Company H of the 15th Michigan Infantry, which was involved in the battles of Shiloh and Corinth and Sherman’s March to the Sea. George was promoted to First Sergeant and then Second Lieutenant on November 1, 1864. He was discharged on August 14, 1865. After the war he resumed his education to become a lawyer.

In 1873 George married Martha “Mattie” Eunice [Ella] Hendry of Angola, Indiana, where she was born on February 22, 1850. She was the daughter of Alonson W. and Louisa Gale Hendry. In the same year as his marriage, George was admitted to the bar. The couple came to Grand Haven where George opened a law office, working first with Healy C. Akeley and later with Peter Danhof. George was Mayor of Grand Haven in 1869, and he was Collector of Customs from 1889 to 1893. In 1876 he was elected Prosecuting Attorney and held that position for ten years, during which time he cleaned up some of the worst criminal gangs in Michigan. In 1879 George was made First Lieutenant of Company F, which later met at the Armory on Second Street, and in 1888 he was on the first Board of Trustees of Akeley Institute, which opened that year.

George came to realize that the lumbering interests in the area were dying, so he, Dudley O. Watson, and other community leaders used their own financial resources to travel around the region with the goal of attracting manufacturing concerns to Grand Haven and to boost the development of local industry. They called the organization the Grand Haven Board of Trade, and the first company they brought here was the Story & Clark Piano Company, which soon employed over 600 men and became a major industry in Grand Haven. Challenge Machinery Company and Fountain Specialty [Bastian Blessing] followed and made Grand Haven a thriving industrial city. In 1888 the McBrides built one of the earliest cottages in Highland Park [52 Beechwood Lane], and from 1899 to 1908 they managed Highland Park Hotel. After becoming blind, George continued to participate in local activities and was one of the first in the area to own a radio. The McBrides resided at 332

Franklin Street, next to the Sherman Boyce home at 326. George had moved the large, two-story frame home from 107 South Fourth. He died early in 1929 and was buried at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola, Indiana. On March 25 that year his wife, Martha, applied for a widow’s Civil War pension.

George E. McCabe [1878-1952]

George McCabe was a printer and lived at 15 North Ferry in Grand Haven in 1908. He was still a resident of Grand Haven when he sailed from Liverpool to New York in 1918. He was born on January 19, 1878 in Iowa [Minnesota]. His wife’s name was Echo [Ecks/Ethel], who was born in Iowa on July 15, 1881. They had three children, the first two born in Iowa: Clarence, born in May, 1900, Quelton, born about 1903, and Echo, born in Michigan about 1918. In 1900 the couple was living in Charles City, Iowa, where George worked in the printing business. In 1910 George was still a printer living in Grand Haven at 1312 Columbus with his wife and two sons. By 1920 the family was living in Chicago. At that time George was in advertising. In 1930 he, Echo the wife, and Echo the daughter were in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; he was still in advertising. George passed away in Napa, California on May 26, 1952. Echo died on June 4, 1963 in Alameda, California.

Almon Watson McCall [1905-1970]

Born January 29, 1905 in Ithaca, Michigan, Almon McCall came to Grand Haven after his father, Ernest James McCall, in 1927 purchased the *Grand Haven Tribune* with a partner, Felix M. Church. The younger McCall graduated from school in Mt. Pleasant and went to Central Michigan University. He got his journalism degree from Northwestern University. He married Jean Trahair and had two daughters. They lived at 17735 Oakwood Drive in Spring Lake. The circulation of the *Tribune* tripled during the McCall family ownership. Almon died in January, 1970, in Spring Lake. Jean was born on April 17, 1920 and died in Spring Lake on September 7, 1983.

Ernest James McCall [1873- ?]

Ernest McCall moved to Grand Haven in 1927 and purchased the *Grand Haven Daily Tribune*, and became its Manager and publisher. Ernest was born in Nelson, Ohio on August 30, 1873. On August 4, 1898 he married Luella M. Watson in Breckinridge, Michigan. Almon Watson McCall, born in Ithaca on January 29, 1905, was their son. In 1918 Ernest was Editor of the Isabella Printing Company in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. The family resided in Spring Lake when Ernest owned the *Tribune*.

J. Watson “Wattie” McCall [1898-1984]

Born on September 28, 1898 in Ithaca, Michigan, Watson McCall served in the Navy during WWI. After the war he attended Albion College before transferring to the University of Michigan, where he graduated in 1923. The next year he and his wife, Ada L., were married. Wattie managed the advertising department at the *Mt. Pleasant Times* from 1923 to 1928, and then was named Business Manager of the *Greenville News* from 1928 to 1929. In 1927 Felix M. Church and Wattie's uncle, E. J. McCall, purchased the *Grand Haven Tribune*. The next year Wattie and his cousin, Almon McCall, bought Church's share and the three became co-publishers. E. J. McCall died in 1950 and Wattie and Almon sold their shares in 1969. Wattie was a Director of the Board of Commerce and he belonged to Kiwanis and the Grand Haven Stag Club. He died on August 1, 1984. Ada lived from October 28, 1898 to June 26, 1980. She was a resident of Grand Haven when she passed away.

Thomas McCambridge I [1855-1931]

Thomas McCambridge was born in December 21, 1855 in Ireland [Illinois] and came to Grand Haven as a boy. His first work experience was on board early lumber carriers, and his first command was the *Charles A. Street*. He served as Mate and Master on many of the steamers that sailed Lake Michigan, but his longest command was the steamer *Pentland*, an ore carrier. He was the first captain of the steamer, which was launched from the Johnston Bros. Shipyard in the fall of 1893. Many Grand Haven youths began life afloat under his tutelage. On December 1, 1906 in Grand Haven, he married Matilda "Mamie" Kamhout, the daughter of Marinus and Mary Jane Tourville Kamhout. Mamie was born in Grand Haven on February 11, 1886. The McCambridges lived at 306 South Second Street in Grand Haven. Their children were Joseph S., born in June, 1889, and Thomas A., born in September, 1899. In 1880 Thomas's widowed mother, Catherine, was living with the family in Grand Haven. Catherine was born in Ireland about 1827. Thomas's sister, Catherine, married Joseph W. Kibbler of Grand Haven. He also had a brother, William, born in Illinois in 1864. Thomas and Mary had at least one son, Joseph, who also was a sailor. Thomas died in 1931. Mary was born in July, 1866 and came to the United States in 1881.

Charles J. McCarthy [1857-1923]

Charles McCarthy and his wife, Mary A., owned a 35-acre farm in Grand Haven Township. Charles was born in 1857 and died in 1923. Mary lived from 1857 to 1941. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Charles also worked in a local factory as a molder.

Patrick McCarthy [McCarty] [1850- ?]

Patrick McCarthy had a 349-acre farm in Sections 33 and 34 of Grand Haven Township, where he and his father Timothy settled in 1864, as well as 49 acres in Section 4 of Olive Township. Some of their land included an Indian burial ground along the Lake Michigan shoreline, which became the site of the County's first Boy Scout Camp and later part of Kirk Park. Patrick was born in Canada in 1850 [1844/1830]. He married Bella Gordon, who was born in Scotland about 1870 and immigrated to the United States in 1892. Their one child was named Boyd, who was born in Michigan about 1907. In 1900 Patrick and his father, Timothy McCarthy [McCarty] were living in the same house. Timothy was born in Ireland in January, 1812. Bella's father, Boyd Gordon, was born in Scotland about 1840. He was residing with his daughter and son-in-law in 1930.

Paul M. McCaul [1841- ?]

See Paul M. McColl.

Asa [Asahel/Assa] R. McCay [1862- ?]

A native of Canada, Asa McCay was born in 1862 [1864] and moved to Grand Haven in 1887. He owned a harness shop on Washington Street in Grand Haven and specialized in manufacturing trunks and valises, but he also advertised rubber stamps, gasoline lamps, and New Home sewing machines. In August, 1894, he married Bessie Christmas in Grand Haven. The daughter of Charles and Caroline Searle Christmas of Grand Haven, Bessie was born in 1874.

Zenas Winsor McCay [McKay] [1871-1934]

Born on September 26, 1871 [1869] in Spring Lake [Canada], Winsor McCay was named after Zenas [Zenos] G. Winsor, an early Grand Haven settler who owned a storage, forwarding, and commission business. Winsor's parents, Robert and Janet [Jeanette] Murray McKay were from Ontario, Canada, and in 1866 settled in Spring Lake, where Robert was employed by Zenas. Winsor eventually dropped the name Zenas and went solely by his middle name, Winsor. He also changed the "k" in his last name to "c." He was best known for his comic strips, especially "Little Nemo in Slumberland," which first appeared once a week in the *New York Herald* in 1905, ran for the next nine years, was syndicated throughout the U.S. and Europe, and then had a short revival between 1924 and 1926. He was considered one of the finest draftsman who ever worked in comic art. The strip was the first to be honored with an exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. He also was a circus poster painter, billboard painter, vaudeville performer, and editorial cartoonist. One of his finest achievements, created in 1913, was "Gertie the Dinosaur," which was the first animated cartoon to give life to its subject. He took his creation to

the vaudeville stage and appeared with W. C. Fields and Houdini. While living and working in Cincinnati, Ohio, Winsor married Maude Lenore [Leonore] Dufour in Campbell County, Kentucky on August 26, 1891. Maude was born in Ohio about 1873. They had at least two children, both born in Ohio: Robert W., born in June, 1896 and Marion E., born in August, 1897. Winsor died on July 26, 1934 and was buried at the Cemetery of the Evergreens in Brooklyn, New York.

Robert McCleary I [1900-1981]

Robert McCleary owned the Photo Shop at 115 Washington from about 1918 into the 1930s. He was born in Scotland on March 7, 1900 and died in Zephyr Hills, Florida on July 14, 1981. His wife, Annabelle, was born in Michigan, also about 1900. Their son, Robert II, was born around 1923. In the late 1920s the family resided above their business at 115 Washington and later at 107½ South First Street.

Jay McCluer [McClure] [1832-1908]

Born in Cattaraugus County, New York, on February 19, 1832, Jay McCluer came to Grand Haven in 1836 with his parents, lived in Grand Rapids for many years, and returned to Grand Haven in 1872. His father was Orange McClure, a native of Vermont, who died in Marne, Ottawa County, on December 26, 1868 at the age of 80. Jay married Nancy Ludlow Marsh on May 16, 1852, in Cattaraugus County. The daughter of William and Harriet Marsh, she was born in Pennsylvania on February 16, 1833. Nancy died on February 19, 1885 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. On September 17 of the same year, Jay married Genevieve Perkins, who was born in Canandaigua, New York, in March, 1831.

On August 22, 1862 Jay enlisted as Private in Company H of the 6th Michigan Cavalry as a substitute for Hunter Savidge, but was discharged for disability on April 6 the next year. In return for his service, McCluer received from Savidge a house and five lots of lake front property on Barber Street, two west of Division and three east of Division. The house originally had been the Savidge home, but was moved to 305 Barber. The McCluers lived in it until Jay built a new home for his family at 301 Barber. That home was occupied by one of his descendants, Betty Moore, until her death in the fall of 1997. Jay also owned the former W. H. Bell & Co. mill at this site.

Jay and Nancy had four children: Melvin, who was born around 1852 in New York State; Flora A., who was born in New York on April 4, 1856, married George McMaster in 1876, and lived in Spring Lake; Marshall H., born on April 28, 1859; and Mary M., who was born about 1862. Another daughter, also named Flora, died as an infant in 1856 in Spring Lake.

Jay built the steam yacht *Maude Lillie*, and in 1881 he constructed another one to operate on the Grand River. He and his sons built and operated the *Lizzie Walsh*, a passenger boat which serviced cottages and resorts on Spring Lake. Jay had a grist mill on the northeast corner of Barber and Division Streets. McCluer and Nancy lived at 301 Barber Street in Spring Lake, and owned several other parcels in the Village. Jay died in Spring Lake in 1908.

Marshall H. McCluer [1859-1928]

Born in Ada, Michigan on April 28, 1859, Marshall arrived in Spring Lake with his parents, Jay and Nancy McCluer, in 1872. Both a ship captain and an engineer, he was employed for many years by area sawmills and on local boats. For a number of years he ran the *Lizzie Walsh*, a small steamer he built, which sailed between Spring Lake, Grand Haven, and Fruitport. The steamer ceased operation when the interurban became popular. In 1891 he built a "horseless carriage." A 1912 advertisement read, "M. H. McCluer is now to be found at Klaus Katt's shop Ferrysburg prepared to do all kinds of automobile and gasoline boat repairs and rebuilds."

Marshall's first wife was Emma [Anna] Finch, whom he married in Spring Lake on November 12, 1881. Emma was born in Spring Lake in 1853 and died there on March 19, 1887. The next year Marshall married Catherine "Kitty" Mundell [Mundelle], who was born on January 18, 1864 in Gault, Canada and lived until February 8, 1936. Marshall and Emma had two daughters. One was Essie, who was born in November, 1882 and married Kenneth Perry. The second daughter, Lilly, who was born on December 1, 1884 and married William Pellegrom of Grand Haven. Marshall and Kitty had one daughter, Jessamine, who was born in June, 1896 and married William Weavers of Spring Lake. Marshall and Kitty lived at 305 Barber Street. Marshall died on July 1, 1928 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as were Kitty and other family members.

Orange McCluer [McClure] [1836-1919]

Orange McCluer was born on February 25, 1836 in New York. On May 13, 1861 he went to Grand Rapids to enlist as Private in Company K of the 3rd Michigan Infantry and Company F of the 5th Michigan Infantry. He was mustered out on July 5, 1865. Orange, who was a wagon maker, died on May 8, 1919 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. His wife, Delia A., was born around 1840 in Vermont. They had a daughter, Lucy, who was born about 1868. The three McCluers were living in Greenville, Michigan in 1880.

Paul McColl [McCaull] [1841- ?]

Born in Dunbarton, Scotland in 1841, Paul McColl came to Grand Haven in 1867 to work for the Robertson &

Company Shipyard. He was a woodworker and ironworker.

Frank G. McCoey [McCoey] [1830-1895]

Frank McCoey, who was listed in the 1880 census as a blacksmith, later had a boat-building business in Ferrysburg. His wife, Harriet, was born in New York about 1831. Frank was born in New York around 1830 and died on May 21, 1895.

Peter McCourt [1847-1883]

Born in Scotland about 1847, Peter McCourt came to Grand Haven from Appleton, Wisconsin and worked for the Stearns Manufacturing Company. He was made Foreman in 1881. McCourt was the inventor of the noiseless pulley, and he owned a patent on it with George L. Stearns, owner of the company bearing his name. Peter evidently returned to Appleton, where he died on May 14, 1883.

Isaac McCoy [1784-1846]

Reverend Isaac McCoy was credited with establishing the first government mission for the Ottawa Indians on the Grand River in 1826, at the site later known as Grand Rapids. Noonday was Chief of the Ottawas at the time the mission was started. After Rev. McCoy retired, Leonard Slater ran the Grand Rapids Mission. Before his work on the Grand, McCoy in 1822 started the Carey Mission on the St. Joseph River, near Niles. A Baptist minister, Isaac was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania on June 13, 1784 and in 1803 he married Christina Polls. He died in Louisville, Kentucky on June 21, 1846.

John James McCracken [1879-1968]

Born in Northern Ireland on December 31, 1879, John McCracken became a cooper at the Kilbourn Barrel factory in Grand Haven. He also worked forty years for the Grand Trunk Railroad. A John McCracken was listed in the 1908 *Directory* as an employee of the Dake Engine Company. He and his wife, Anna, resided at 220 Columbus. John passed away around January 2, 1968. Anna was born about 1884 and died on April 23, 1979. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Ruby A. McCracken [1907-1993]

Ruby McCracken worked with Frank "Bernie" Reghel in the F. B. Reghel & Co. Real Estate and Insurance office from its inception in 1927 to 1961. Ruby was born on February 24, 1907 and passed away on October 17, 1993 in Grand Haven.. She lived at 520 Taylor Street. Elizabeth M. McCracken resided at the same address. Elizabeth lived from December 22, 1908 to January 10, 1992. Both Ruby and Elizabeth graduated from Grand Haven High School.

Frederick Cleveland McCrea [1892-1959]

Born on November 14, 1892 in Hesperia, Michigan, Fred McCrea attended Muskegon Schools and became a reporter for the *Muskegon Chronicle*. After attending normal school, he coached football at Mount Vernon High School in Ohio. In 1921 William Loutit and Nat Robbins encouraged him to come to Grand Haven as Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and three years later started working in real estate. He was instrumental in developing East Highland Park from sand dunes into a wooded residential area that took 25 years to become a reality. Fred developed the first sub-division on Grand Avenue in the late 1920s. One of the streets in that area was named Gladys, in honor of his wife. Similarly, in the same area, Doris Avenue was named for a daughter, Jane Court for another daughter, and McCrea Court for the entire family. Jane married Paul Parks of Grand Haven. It was Fred's idea to build a movie theater at 28 Washington, but financial difficulties during the Great Depression caused him to sell his interest to the Harry L. Sanford Syndicate of Grand Rapids. In the 1920s Fred's real estate office was located at 100 Washington. At that time he and Gladys resided in Spring Lake. Later Fred's home and office was located at 322 Grand, and he was still in business up to his death, which occurred following surgery at Grand Haven Municipal Hospital on April 6, 1959. Gladys was born on November 23, 1892 and died in Grand Haven on July 31, 1983. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Harlow Eugene McCune [1854-1907]

Harlow McCune died in Spring Lake on November 6 [26], 1907. He had lived there since 1903, when he bought a fruit farm just after his wife, Jennie Frances Duell, died in Chicago. Harlow, born in Ohio in December, 1854, was the son of Jason and Harriet Post McCune. Harlow and Jennie were married in Johnson County, Iowa, on September 22, 1875. Jennie was born December 15, 1856, in Wilmington, Ohio, and died on December 6, 1903. Their daughter, Myrtle May, and her husband, Louis Milton Duke, moved to Spring Lake to care for Harlow. Myrtle May was born on May 6, 1878. Louis and Myrtle had four children: Milton Eugene, who was born January 13, 1902 and died February 28, 1970; Vernon Harlow, born in Spring Lake on March 7, 1907; Alyce Pearl, born about 1910; and Walter Aker, who died December 6, 1916.

Charles McDonald I [1907-1980]

Charles McDonald was born on September 15, 1907 and died in Grand Haven on September 20, 1980. He married Ruby Triplett in Jackson, Mississippi in 1941. After the African American couple moved to Grand Haven in 1951, Ruby was employed by Royal Dry Cleaners at 104 Washington Street, and Charles worked

as a furnace tender at Grand Haven Brass Foundry. Ruby was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. The McDonalds resided at various times at 315 Madison, 406 North Third, and 309 Madison Streets. Their son, Charles II, drowned in the Grand River on July 11, 1957. The youngster, who contracted polio as a child, was born in Jackson, Mississippi on May 27, 1943. Another son, Jon [John] F., born on June 28, 1946, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1965. Jon became a nationally-recognized artist and Professor of Art at Kendall School of Art & Design in Grand Rapids. A daughter, Annie K., graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1963, married William Jacobs, and became Provost of Wayne County Community College in Detroit. The McDonalds had a second daughter, Cora Lee, who married a Mr Rhodes and moved to Grand Rapids. Ruby, who was born in Kosciusko, Mississippi on December 12, 1906, continued to live in the family home on Madison Street after her husband's death, but she died in Detroit on July 30, 1996 and was interred at Spring Lake Cemetery. [Tribune obituary, July 12, 1957.]

Duncan Angus McDonald [MacDonald] [1875-1937]

Duncan McDonald was born on July 16, 1875 on Wolf Island, Canada, one of the Thousand Islands in the St. Lawrence River. A sea captain, he piloted such ships as *General Meade*, *Christopher Columbus*, and *City of Holland*. Duncan was a member of the Harbor Commission. After he and Thomas F. Johnston founded the Tom Johnston Gravel Company in 1921, Duncan became Engineer aboard a tugboat. His wife, Winifred, was born in Michigan about 1885. They were married around 1908 and resided at 625 Lake Avenue. Duncan died in 1937 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Fred Fitch McEachron [1875-1948]

Fred McEachron was born in Jamestown Township, Ottawa County, on September 1, 1875. His parents were William Henry [1834-1902] and Lucy Ann Barber [1841-1910] McEachron. He attended public schools locally and then went to high school in Lansing. He served for ten years as Deputy County Clerk of Ottawa County and subsequently was elected to two terms as County Clerk. On July 25, 1900 he and Jennie Pellegrom of Grand Haven were married. Jennie, the daughter of Henry and Hester Pellegrom, was born about January, 1876. In 1908 and 1909 he was Alderman for the City of Grand Haven. In addition, Fred was Justice of the Peace, member of the Township Board, Treasurer of the Board of Education, served as Under Sheriff, and in 1923 was elected Representative from the Second District to the State Legislature. In 1911 Fred organized the Hudsonville State Bank and became its Cashier. While in Grand Haven, he and his wife lived at 314 South Second Street. Sharing the house with them was

Anna, widow of Henry McEachron. The McEachrons attended the Congregational Church and Fred was a 32nd Degree Mason. Fred passed away on March 10, 1948 and was buried at Hanley Cemetery in Georgetown Township with his parents. Jennie died on August 4, 1951 and also was buried at Hanley.

Walter McEwing [1796-1896]

Walter McEwing was born near Paisley, Scotland on March 2, 1796. He went to sea on a merchant vessel at the age of 13 and sailed the Atlantic between Scotland and the West Indies for more than 50 years. At one point Walter was pressed into the British Navy. He came to the United States in 1830 and sailed the Great Lakes for the next 20 years. He became an American citizen nine years later, and located in Polkton Township in 1844. By 1864 he owned a 40-acre farm in Section 24. Walter and his wife were among the founders of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Coopersville. He died on September 8, 1896, not long after his 100th birthday. On August 6, 1847 in Grand Haven, he married Elizabeth Scott, who lived from July 26, 1806 to August 18, 1891. Both were buried at Coopersville Cemetery.

Victor L. McFadden [1928-2003]

The son of Vincent and Irene Hollis McFadden, Victor was born in Grand Haven on April 5, 1928. He lost his hand while serving with the Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. He graduated from Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana in 1959, where he and his wife, Bonne, made their home. They had five children. Victor died in South Bend on November 30, 2003. [Tribune obituary, December 3, 2003.]

Vincent G. McFadden [1905-1993]

Vincent G. McFadden owned an insurance business at 218 West Savidge in Spring Lake by the early 1940s. He married Irene Hollis. Vincent was born August 26, 1905 and died in Norfolk, Virginia in November, 1993.

Agnes Middlemist McFadden [1838-1899]

See Agnes Middlemist.

Hildry G. McFarlin [1904-1999]

A Black couple by the name of Hildry G. and Caribell McFarlin made Grand Haven their home for at least 40 years. Hildry was working as a sweeper at Grand Haven Brass Foundry in 1948. He then lived at 315 Madison Street. He was born on February 7, 1904. His wife, Caribell, born on October 4, 1909. In 1969 Hildry, was employed at Star Machine Company in Spring Lake and residing with Caribell at 211 North Division Street, not far from his place of employment. Ten years later he was a porter at the Holiday Inn in Spring Lake, still living on North Division Street. By the mid-1980s he and Caribell had moved to 413 Pine Street in

Ferrysburg. In 1986 they were in an apartment complex at 1500 South Ferry Street in Grand Haven. Six years later the couple had moved to Stone Mountain, Georgia. Caribell died in Dekalb, Georgia on April 13, 1992. Hildry passed away in Palmetto, Georgia on March 29, 1999.

John McFie [1872-1916]

See John Macfie.

Emily Tietz McGill [1884-1958]

Born in Grand Haven on November 20, 1884, Emily was the oldest of the 14 children of William and Anna Ladewig Tietz. Emily grew up in the family home at 118 Elliott Street. She began teaching in 1904 in the one-room Knight School in Robinson Township, immediately after passing her teacher's examination upon graduation from high school. In 1906 she took a teaching position in the Columbus Street School [122 Columbus]. From 1909 to 1912 she attended Ypsilanti State Normal School [Eastern Michigan University], earning her teaching certificate. She then resumed teaching at the Columbus Street School until her marriage on July 31, 1915 to Harry McGill. They had a daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth "Bette," who married Norman Anderson of Spring Lake, but later resided in Grand Haven. While Emily was raising her daughter, she continued teaching as a substitute until 1920. At that time she was hired to teach first grade in Spring Lake Schools, a position she held until her retirement in 1950. She died in her home at 632 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven on January 30, 1958.

Harry McGill [1875-1961]

Harry was born on December 18, 1875 in Columbus, Ohio, the son of James Henry and Alsinda Minerva Hicks McGill. Harry moved to Grand Haven sometime before 1910. There he worked as a blacksmith in Jake De Gloppe's shop in Grand Haven [235 Fulton] for a few years prior to marrying Emily Tietz on July 31, 1915. Emily, born in October, 1884, was the daughter of William and Anna Ladewig Tietz. The McGills built their home at 632 Lake Avenue in 1915. They had one daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth "Bette," who married Norman Anderson. Emily was a teacher at Columbus Street School in the early years of her marriage, but she later taught first grade in Spring Lake schools for many years.

Harry set up the McGill Blacksmith Shop at the corner of Third and Fulton Streets, which he operated until the early 1930s. Then he moved his shop to his home on Lake Avenue. From then on he made railings and took on welding jobs, and he also worked on boilers in the city power plant, Eagle Ottawa, the tug *Meade*, and in Grand Haven schools. Harry welded the wings on the

eagle monument that still stands near the Court House, and he was the man who was called when the Grand Haven swing bridge was stuck. During WWII, when he was in his late 60s, he helped in the war effort by working as a welder in the Lakey Foundry in Muskegon. After his retirement he continued to make porch railings for many homes in the city. Harry died in Grand Haven on May 8, 1961, three years after Emily passed away on January 30, 1958.

Edward McGinnis [McGinnes] [1842- ?]

Edward McGinnis was an engineer for the Grand Trunk Railroad that ran between Detroit and Grand Haven, and he was residing in Detroit in 1850. His brother, James Anthony McGinnis, was born on July 4, 1847 in Detroit and changed his surname to Bailey. James Anthony Bailey became famous as owner of the "Bailey Brothers Circus." In 1900 Edward was retired and residing in Holly, Michigan with his wife, Ellen [Nelly]. She was born in Michigan in May, 1847. Edward was born in Michigan [New York] in April, 1842 and passed away in Holly at the Bailey Mansion. James A. Bailey was born in Detroit in 1847 and died in Mt. Vernon, New York, on April 11, 1906. The Ringling Brothers purchased the Bailey circus business the next year.

William McIntosh [? - ?]

William McIntosh was owner and Captain of the schooner *Victory*, which around 1837 sailed to Grand Haven from Toronto, bringing building material for the Nortonville Sawmill. Later the ship was used to carry lumber from the Butts & Hathaway Mill, the first sawmill built in Grand Haven, near the site of the later Grand Trunk Railroad Station [1 North Harbor]. The ship and all hands were lost in a violent storm on Lake Michigan in March, 1844.

David P. McKay [1925-1993]

Born in Hollowell, Maine on April 18, 1925 to George and Mary White McKay, David moved to Grand Haven in 1951 and was employed as a boatswain for the U.S. Corps of Engineers for 25 years, and he then went to work for Challenge Machinery, where he worked for ten years. He was a member of Jehovah's Witnesses of Grand Haven. On September 16, 1948 he married Irene D. Acheson in Canada. She was born on February 27, 1928 and died on September 2, 1984 in Grand Haven. Their children included Deborah, who married Kenneth Spicer; David P. and Terry McKay, both of Grand Haven; and Kevin L. of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina. David died on February 17, 1993 at his home at 14487 Mercury Drive in Grand Haven and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 18, 1993.]

Robert McKay [1842- ?]

Robert and Janet [Jeanette] McKay were from Ontario, Canada, and settled in Spring Lake in 1866, the year they were married. Robert was employed by his friend and early Grand Haven settler, Zenas Winsor. Both Robert and Janet were born in Canada in 1842. In 1880 they were located in Spring Lake, where Robert worked as a grocer. The family moved to Stanton, Michigan, in 1885, after the family home burned down. He and Jean had at least three children: Zenas Winsor, who was born in Canada [Spring Lake] about 1868 [1869/1871]; Arthur, born in Michigan about 1870; and Mary C., born in Ottawa County in 1876.

Robert McKay [McCay] [1862–1929]

Robert McKay, who was born on the Orkney Islands, Scotland on August 15, 1862, came to Grand Haven at the suggestion of fellow Scotsman, Captain George Robertson. Robert was first mate of the luxury liner *Naomi* when it was destroyed by fire on May 21, 1907, approximately 35 to 40 miles from the Grand Haven. Only one of the 82 passengers was lost, but four crewmen, the ship, and its cargo were destroyed. In 1927 he was made Captain of the car ferry *Milwaukee*, which sunk off Kenosha, Wisconsin, on October 22, 1929 with the loss of all hands. His body was found weeks later Robert spent his early sailing years with Captains Robertson and Traill. On January 24, 1893 in Grand Haven, Robert married Henrietta Donker. She lived from June 29, 1869 to April 21, 1901. Their children, all born locally, were Robert, born in August, 1894; Henry, born in July, 1896; and Janette, born in October, 1898. Robert lived at 113 Franklin Street after her death. On December 31, 1912 he married Cornelia Van Wielder Fox. The couple remained in the house on Franklin. Cornelia died on November 25, 1961. Robert, Henrietta, and Cornelia were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Zenas Winsor McKay [1871-1934]

See Zenas Winsor McCay.

Claude McKellips [1921-1992]

Claude McKellips and his wife, Jane, established a heating and cooling business, McKellips & Sons, in Ferrysburg in 1962 at 310 Fifth Street. Their sons' names were Steven and Richard. The family lived at 102 North Fourth Street in Grand Haven prior to opening their business, and later moved to 16814 Virginia in Spring Lake. The business was located at 1097 Jackson in Grand Haven for a short time before moving back to Ferrysburg and locating at 200 Fifth Street in May, 1973. Claude was born on August 30, 1921 and died in New Era, Michigan, on August 6, 1992.

Calvin C. McKinley [1855-1912]

Calvin McKinley owned a sawmill, grocery store, and grain outlet in West Olive in the early 1900s. He was born in Steuben County, Indiana on September 4, 1855 and died on April 28, 1912. His parents were William and Eliza Trowbridge McKinley. In 1880 he was working at a tannery in Holland, Michigan. On December 11, 1878 in Holland, he married Harriet, daughter of Enos and Adelaide Sweet Van Gilder. Harriet was born February 22, 1852 in Wisconsin and died on April 29, 1944. The McKinleys' four and a half-acre farm was in Section 12 of Olive Township [later part of Port Sheldon Township]. Harriet was still living there in 1930. The couple was buried at West Olive Cemetery.

Neil Alexander McLachlin [1878-1932]

Neil McLachlin was born on April 5, 1878 in Canada. On July 28, 1917, in Grand Haven, he married Mae J. Peterson. The daughter of John Peterson and Hydean Perdok, she was born in Michigan about 1879. By 1921 Mae owned The Hat Shop at 101 North Third Street in Grand Haven. They resided at 507 Lake Avenue. Neil worked as a conductor for the Grand Trunk Railway. In 1900 Neil was living with his parents in Detroit, working as a motorman. In 1928 he was employed as a conductor, while still residing with Mae at 507 Lake. He died around November 19, 1932 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

David Chase McLaughlin [1854-1901]

In 1873 David McLaughlin joined Edward P. Ferry and others to form the "Michigan Bunch" in Utah and entered the silver mining business. However, from 1881 to 1885 David was Collector of Customs at the U. S. Customs Office in Grand Haven. On June 25, 1888, in Park City, Utah, he married Henrietta Marie Young, who was born on June 11, 1864 in Vermont and died on June 30, 1907 in Salt Lake City. David was born in Muskegon on August 26, 1854 and died in Salt Lake City on June 18, 1901.

Lloyd Edward McLaughlin [1909-1997]

Lloyd McLaughlin was a teacher and Principal at Ferry School in Grand Haven in the 1940s. He was born on October 30, 1909 and died in Grand Haven on November 27, 1997. He and his wife, Marjorie S., resided at 921 Sheldon. Marjorie lived from April 28, 1910 to November 19, 1999. She passed away in Grand Rapids.

Hugh McLean [McClean] [1826-1882]

A native of Glasgow, Scotland, where he was born in October, 1826, Hugh McLean immigrated to Livingston County, New York, in 1829. In 1846 he moved to Saginaw, and six years later he went to Lake Superior, where he married Harriet Kocher [Coacher] in 1854.

Harriet, the daughter of Thomas and Anna Butler Kocher, was born in Pennsylvania on August 15, 1830. The couple came to Spring Lake in 1860 and settled on 63 acres in Section 23, bordering Lloyd's Bayou. Hugh went into the lumber and fruit-growing businesses. Mordecai [Mortimer,] one of their children, was born in Pennsylvania [Spring Lake] on June 30, 1854. Other children, all born in Spring Lake, were Norman William who was born in Michigan on September 11, 1859 and died in Spring Lake on January 14, 1903 [1902]; Robert Fulton, who was born on April 6, 1861 and died in Spring Lake on November 15, 1929; and Arcola, who was born July 28, 1866, married Will Rowan [born @1862], died in Muskegon Heights in 1951, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Hugh died in Grand Rapids on July 4, 1882 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Harriet passed away in 1917 and was buried with her husband.

Mordecai [Mortimer] "Mort" M. McLean [McClean] [1854-1929]

Mort, the son of Hugh and Harriet Kocher McLean, was born June 30, 1854 in Pennsylvania. He owned and operated a harness shop and general store west of Buckley's Hardware Store, which was located at 214 West. Savidge Street in Spring Lake. Mort expanded his business by adding dry goods and furnishings. On December 27, 1875 he married Hulda McMaster in Spring Lake. She helped run the store. Hulda was born in Canada about 1850 and died on May 19, 1893 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Mort then married Lucretia Brongeresma in Spring Lake on June 29, 1905. Mort died on January 9, 1929. He and Hulda had at least two daughters, both born in Michigan: Versa, who was born around 1878, and Armila, born on October 30, 1884. Lucretia, the daughter of Cornelius and Jantje Visser Brongersma, lived from May 26, 1869 and died on July 30, 1951. A native of Spring Lake, Lucretia was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Perry S. McLellan [1882-1922]

Perry McLellan married Lily [Lilly/Lillie] Cournyer on March 8, 1904 in Coopersville. Perry, employed as a welder at the Johnston Brothers Boiler Company in Ferrysburg, was born in Michigan in 1882, passed away in 1922, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Lily was born on March 8, 1884 in Michigan and died on January 5, 1963. She was the daughter of John B. and Ida Elskene Cournyer of Coopersville. The McLellans' children, all born in Michigan, were: Ida M., born about 1906; Roy A., born about 1909; Elizabeth A., born on July 2, 1910; and Dora Jean, born in February, 1918. The McLellans resided in Ferrysburg. On March 31, 1924, Lily married John W. Van Anrooy of Ferrysburg. In 1930 Lily's daughter Dora Jean McLellan was living with her mother and step-father.

Teaphel [Teaphal] McMahon [1890- 1970]

Teaphel McMahon and his wife, Martha, kept U.S. weather records, faithfully reporting rainfall, temperature, and wind direction to the *Grand Haven Tribune*. Martha was born in Grand Haven on December 23, 1888 and died about January 23, 1945. She and her husband resided at 214 Columbus. Around 1952 Teaphel married Mabel Zerler Retzlaff, whose husband, Henry, had recently died. Mabel was born in Illinois about 1897, and Teaphel was born on June 11, 1890, died around November 6, 1970, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Martha. Mabel passed away on October 7, 1984, and also was interred at Lake Forest.

Harriet Jane McMann [1845-1937]

Harriet, the daughter of Jeremiah [March 22, 1826-January 2, 1899] and Ellen North McMann [1828-1919], was born on July 4, 1845, the first white child born at Mill Point [Spring Lake]. Her mother and father donated the land for McMann School, at the northeast corner of Old State Road and 144th Street. McMann married Luther Cooper on April 17, 1867 in Spring Lake. Cooper's parents helped form the Cooper School, north of Coopersville. Harriet died in 1937.

John T. McMann [M'Mann] [1841-1882]

John McMann was born in Oswego, New York on December 18, 1841. In 1845 he moved to Milwaukee with his parents, and then to Crockery Township in May, 1847. He worked as a carpenter and joiner until August 2, 1862, when he enlisted as Corporal in Company G of the 21st Michigan Infantry. He was promoted to Second Lieutenant on July 28, 1864 and to First Lieutenant of Company I the next year. John participated in several battles, including Perryville, Kentucky, Stone River, Chattanooga, and Mission Ridge. He was discharged on September 26, 1865, but in 1867 was appointed Second Lieutenant in the regular army. He served on special duty in the territories and resigned in 1870 because of ill health. After a short time in Cincinnati, John returned to Crockery. He was a U.S. Claims Agent and practiced law while residing there. In 1860 he married Harriet Blakeslee of Crockery. She was born September 23, 1841 and died on February 28, 1902. They had a daughter, Adda Belle, who was born about 1867 in Michigan. John died on April 14, 1882 and on September 14 that year Harriet applied for a widow's Civil War pension.

Elizabeth McMillan [1868-1950]

See Herman Z. Nyland.

James McMillan [1838-1902]

James McMillan, who died on August 10, 1902, was Senator from Detroit. He was born in Hamilton, Ontario, on May 12, 1838. He moved to Detroit in 1855 and entered the business field. He became purchasing agent for the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad, was one of the founders of the Michigan Car Company in 1863, was the President of the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railroad and one of its organizers, and had an interest in shipbuilding and lake transportation. James was a member of the Republican State Central Committee in 1876 and became its Chairman, a position he held also in 1886 and 1890. For three years he was President of the Detroit Board of Park Commissioners and for four years a member of the Detroit Board of Estimates. In 1889 he was elected to the United States Senate on the Republican ticket and was reelected in 1895 and 1901. He served until his death. James was buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit. [*Tribune* obituary, August 11, 1902.]

Neil [Neal] McMillan [McMillin] [1845- ?]

Born in Ireland in August, 1845, Neil McMillan came to Grand Haven from Picton, Ontario as an employee of the Grand Trunk Railway. In 1870 he was working as railroad brakeman in Cleveland, Ohio. Ten years later he was Dock Foreman in Grand Haven, where he resided with his family. His wife, Mary Chambers Johnston, also a native of Ireland, lived from February, 1847 to about August 9, 1903 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Three years later, on May 2, Neil married Elizabeth Gridley in Chicago. She was born about 1858 in Massachusetts. Neil served as a member of the Grand Haven School Board and as its President. About 1900, in partnership with Herman Nyland, he purchased a confectionery from David Wright and added ice cream products. One of the McMillans' daughters, Mate [Martha], was made Proprietor of the new McMillan & Nyland Ice Cream Parlor at 101 Washington Street. Neil and his family resided at 215 Howard as early as 1880 and as late as 1908. A daughter, Elizabeth J., was born in March, 1868 in Canada and married Herman Nyland of Grand Haven; another daughter, Mary M. "Mate," was born in Michigan on March 11, 1873 and married James W. Oakes, well-known Grand Haven Realtor; a son, William N., was born in Michigan about 1876, married Gertrude M. Squier of Grand Haven, and moved to Glendale, California; a third daughter, Fannie Louise, was born in Michigan in June, 1877 and married John Leonard De Gloppe, also of Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituaries, August 7 and August 8, 1903.]

Eleanor Griffin McNett [1850-1935] and De Forrest McNett [1826-1916]

Eleanor was born in Grand Haven in September, 1850, the daughter of Henry and Rachel Eastman Griffin. She lived in the family home at 301 Franklin Street, which

was erected in 1844, and attended the first school in Grand Haven, when Mary A. White was the teacher. She graduated from Elmira College in New York and taught in Grand Rapids and Milwaukee schools, and at a school for Native Americans in Arizona. Eleanor was known as a good speaker and some of her articles were published in magazines.

Eleanor married De Forrest McNett on February 24, 1892 in Grand Haven. The son of Samuel F. and Sally Hutchins McNett and the brother of Dr. Jacob McNett, one of the earliest physicians in Grand Haven, De Forrest was from Sodus Point, New York. His father, Samuel was a native of Massachusetts and served as Captain in the war of 1812. De Forrest, first a carpenter and later a boat builder, was born in 1826 and died in 1916. He had been previously married. Eleanor and De Forrest resided in Sodus until at least 1910. They moved to Grand Haven before 1915, the year Eleanor started her two-year term as President of the Grand Haven Woman's Club. She was a charter member of the Grand Haven Women's Club, which was founded in 1891.

Eleanor was the first Executive Secretary of the Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross. She served in that capacity from 1917 to the mid-1930s. Some of her scrapbooks were donated to the archives of Loutit Library. In her will, she stipulated that her house at 315 Franklin Street and four adjoining lots were to be used for a museum. The legacy room, as specified in the will, was to contain antiques and pictures from the Griffin Family. The building was occupied by the Girl Scouts in 1941 and named the Griffin-McNett House. Eleanor died on December 3, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

Jacob Brown McNett [1816-1899]

Born in Jefferson County, New York on February 25 [January 20], 1816, Jacob was the son of Samuel F. and Sally Hutchins McNett. Samuel was a native of Massachusetts and served as Captain in the war of 1812. Jacob was the oldest of ten children. He graduated in 1845 from Geneva College; studied medicine with two prominent New York physicians, and began to practice in New York. He arrived at Nortonville on the steamer *Pontiac* in 1857 and continued on to Grand Haven that December. Jacob came as a replacement for Dr. Stephen Munroe, who wished to retire. He served the area from Muskegon to Port Sheldon and east to Nunica at a time when there were no railroads, no bridges, and poor roads or no roads at all. On January 1, 1863 he enlisted as Assistant Surgeon in the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters, commanded by Colonel DeLand in the Army of the Potomac. Later Jacob took charge of the Fort Wayne hospital. He resigned from the service on April 9, 1864.

After the war Jacob was appointed surgeon of the Navajo Indian agency in Arizona where he remained nine months. In 1883 Michigan Governor Josiah Begole appointed him Physician of the State Prison at Ionia, where he remained for two years. He served as city physician for several terms and was a pension examiner in the Grand Haven District for about eight years. Jacob retired in 1892. He was a member of the Masons and the Democratic party. He married Louise E. Hunter of Huron, New York in 1846. They had two sons, William and Frank, who moved West, and two other sons who died young. The McNetts resided at 300 Franklin Street in a house built in 1858. Louise was born December 7, 1838 and died on July 12, 1870. Jacob died in Muskegon on February 10, 1899 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife and two sons. [*Tribune* obituary, February 2, 1899.]

Joseph McSauba [McSaba] [1817-1891]

Joseph McSauba was a chief of the Ottawa Indians and made his home on the north bank of Grand River, near the north pier and former Coast Guard Station, in a neighborhood of Native American families. He was born in Allegan County, Michigan in March, 1817 and died on December 20, 1891. He moved from Holland to Grand Haven in 1851, where he was a well-known fisherman for many years. Joseph had three spouses, all Michigan-born. His first wife died in Waukazoo, near Holland, and his second died in Grand Haven about 1855. The third, Cecelia, also from Michigan, was born around 1823 and passed away in Grand Haven on January 22, 1889. Joseph had at least two daughters, Ossignac and Scanlan. The 1880 census, however, listed their names as Maggie, born in 1854, and Kate, who was born about 1859 and died in Grand Haven on May 6, 1885. Also residing with the McSaubas in 1880 was Marian Cobmoosa [Cobmosay], whom they had adopted. Marian, the daughter of recently deceased William and Sophia Cobmoosa, was born about 1867. [*Tribune* obituary, December 21, 1891.]

Charles McVicar [c.1826- ?]

Born in New York about 1826, Charles McVicar was appointed Manager of the Spring Lake House beginning in 1878. His wife, Elizabeth, also was from New York, where she was born around 1839. They remained in Spring Lake until at least 1880.

Lewis Stephen Mead [1901-1992]

Born in Homer, Michigan on December 11, 1901 to Lewis and Lillian Mead, Stephen graduated from high school in his hometown and from Western Michigan College [WMU] in Kalamazoo. He received his master degree from the University of Michigan in 1938 and did some graduate work at Michigan State University and Northwestern University. He married Delia "Dee"

McAllister on June 25, 1924. They had a daughter, Marilyn J., and a son, John L. "Jack," a pilot who was killed during the Korean War, who was born about 1929. Marilyn was born on April 22, 1925, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1943, and died in Muskegon on June 15, 1999.

After becoming a teacher of industrial arts for the Grand Haven School system in 1924, Stephen was appointed junior high Principal in 1928. He received his pilot's license in 1946.

In 1953 a new high school was built on Cutler Street in Grand Haven, seventh and eighth grades moved into the old high school on Seventh Street, and ninth grade was added. Stephen continued as Principal of the junior high and in 1959 was appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Grand Haven Schools. He organized the Haven Foundation, was Secretary-Treasurer of Michigan Elementary Principals Association, President of Michigan Secondary School Principal Association, the Michigan Education Association for 42 years, the National Education Association, West Michigan Children's Center, West Michigan Mental Health Clinic, Kiwanis Club, Grand Haven Airport Board, United Methodist Church of the Dunes, where he was a church school teacher and lay leader. Steve retired from the school system in 1966.

Stephen and Dee lived for many years at 427 Grant in Grand Haven. In his youth, Stephen learned how to repair watches and use them as a medium of exchange for other goods. In retirement he was able to renew his fascination with timepieces and began building mantel clocks and grandfather clocks to sell and to be used as gifts for relatives. In 1968 the City of Grand Haven gave him permission to cut up a fallen cherry tree. He used the 700 board feet of lumber for his clocks and other woodworking projects. Stephen died on August 12, 1992 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where his son Jack also had been buried on June 21, 1951. Dee was born in Michigan on June 20, 1905 and passed away in Holland, Michigan on July 22, 2006. [*Tribune* obituary, August 21, 1992.]

William A. Meier [1915-2005]

William Meier owned and operated Meier's Floor Coverings at 201-203 Washington. When he opened in the mid-1950s, he expanded the business to occupy the entire main floor. William closed the business in 1968. He was born on May 8, 1915 in Wyandotte, Michigan, the son of Henry and Johanna Lange Meier. He graduated from Michigan State College [MSU] with a degree in business administration. During WWII he served with the Sixth Cavalry Mechanized Reconnaissance Squadron as headquarters commander with the rank of Captain.

William came to Grand Haven in 1946. In 1968 he joined North Ottawa Community Hospital as Purchasing Agent. He retired from that position in 1982. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and served on that organization's Boy Scout Committee, School Board, Board of Trustees, and Building Committee. He was a member of the American Legion since 1948 and acted as Captain of the local National Guard during its reorganization and activation in 1946 to 1947. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and served on its Board of Directors from 1961 to 1964. He was appointed to the Ottawa County Selective Service Board in 1966 and chaired it until 1976, the year the Board was de-activated. He also served on the Board of the Ottawa County Red Cross. From 1981 to 1993 he was a Hospice volunteer.

William married Elizabeth, the daughter of Clarence and Barbara Baker Vyn of Grand Haven. Their children were William Vyn Meier of Carlsbad, California, and Mark "Nick" Meier of Plainwell, Michigan. Betty and William resided at 1809 Gladys. William died in Plainwell, Michigan on January 9, 2005. Born on July 4, 1919, Betty was the first child delivered at Elizabeth Hatton Hospital [114 South Fifth Street]. Raised in Detroit, she graduated from Michigan State University. She served as a nurse's aide with the American Red Cross during WWII. She moved to Grand Haven after the war and became a physical therapist at the North Ottawa Community Hospital, a post she held for 23 years. Betty died on September 1, 2007. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 11, 2005 and September 14, 2007.]

Arno "Andrew" Meinel [1885-1971]

Arno Andrew, was born in Austin, Texas on March 20, 1885, the son of Reinhardt Wilhelm and Karolina Emma Schneidenbach Meinel. Not long after his birth the family moved to Crockery Township. Andrew on November 10, 1909 married Eliza "Anna" Aimer Thayer of Spring Lake as his second wife. Anna, the daughter of William and Ella Wills Aimer, was born in Delta, Ontario, Canada on May 28, 1885. She migrated to Grand Haven and finally to Spring Lake in 1903. For awhile she was housekeeper for one of the area's early physicians, Dr. Cyril Brown. In the 1930 census Andrew was listed as a roofer and was residing in Crockery Township.

Anna was divorced from her first husband, Lester Thayer, on August 1, 1906. Andrew and Anna had several children, including Elizabeth Verona, who died a month after her birth on May 3, 1910; Gerald Andrew, who was born in Texas on February 16, 1912 and died in Grand Haven on September 4, 1996; Arnold Floyd, who was born in Texas on February 20, 1913, married Clara Snyder, and died February 27, 2001 in Muskegon; Richard Wayne, who was born in Texas on June 11,

1915; Alberta Marie, who was born in Michigan on January 25, 1918; Herbert, who was born in Michigan on January 19, 1920; Myrtle S., who was born in Michigan on December 16, 1923; and Raymond, who was born June 1, 1926 and lived 13 months. Just before his ninth birthday, Herbert was killed in an automobile accident on December 22, 1928, while his father was driving. Shortly afterward, Andrew left home permanently and Anna subsequently divorced him. She supported her large family by running a boarding house in Nunica, but in her later years lived in Grand Haven at 533½ Jackson in the mid-1950s and later at 904 Elliott. Anna died in Grand Haven on January 27, 1974. Andrew passed away, also in Grand Haven, on January 9, 1971.

Eliza "Anna" Aimer Thayer Meinel [1885-1974]

See Arno "Andrew" Meinel.

Otto Meinel [1886-1967]

Otto, who was born on May 26, 1886 in Texas, was the son of Reinhardt Wilhelm and Karolina Schneidenbach Meinel, later of Crockery. About 1913 Otto married Emma Marie Brown, who was born in Michigan and lived from 1884 to 1960. Otto and Emma lived on the family farm at 12763 West Cone Street [Sections 20 and 21 of Crockery Township], but Otto died in Kalamazoo County on October 3, 1967. The Meinels had two children, both born in Michigan: Dorothy, born about 1914, and Elenor, born about a year later.

Reinhardt Wilhelm "William" Meinel [Minel] [1853-1910]

A native of UnterSachsenberg, Germany, where he was born on August 27, 1853 [1851/1858], William Meinel and his wife, Karolina Emma Schneidenbach, were married in Germany about 1877. His wife, often referred to as Emma, was born in Germany on August 25, 1853 and died in Crockery Township on October 9, 1926. The Meinels immigrated to the United States in 1884, going first to Texas, then settling for a few years in Section 33 of Robinson Township, and finally moving to an 80-acre farm in Sections 20 and 21 of Crockery Township. The Meinels had six children: Anna Emma, who was born in Germany on October 4, 1878 and married Adrian Ver Berkmoes; Alfred Reinhart, who was born in Germany on January 20, 1882, about 1909 married Georgia Anna Miller [1890-1945], and died in 1951; Arno Andrew, who was born in Austin, Texas on March 20, 1885 and married Anna Thayer of Spring Lake; Otto, who was born on May 26, 1886 in Texas and married Emma Marie Brown; Libbie [Lizzie], who was born in Robinson Township on February 18, 1889, married Frank R. Merkins about 1916, and died in Tallmadge Township on October 24, 1958; and Wilhelm "William" II, who was born in Robinson Township on

February 9, 1891 and died in Grand Haven on March 18, 1958. William II, who served with the military during WWI, was buried at Nunica Cemetery. His wife was Permelie B. Douck, who was born in September, 1892 and died on September 28, 1970. William I died on June 29, 1910. He and Emma were buried at Nunica Cemetery.

Ernest [Ernst] J. Melcher [1850-1920]

Ernest Melcher had an 80-acre farm in Section 2 of Grand Haven Township in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Ernest was born in 1850 and died on January 25, 1920. He married Augusta Strahsburg, also a native of New York. She lived from 1854 to November 30, 1911. Both were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Their children, all born locally, were Mary, who was born in 1879 and on December 28, 1905 in Grand Haven married John Topp II; Wilhelm [William] Edward, who was born on July 21 1881; Anna, born in 1885; Emma, born about 1888; Alice, born about 1888; and John Ernest, born on March 11, 1899.

William [Wilhelm] Edward Melcher [1881-1951]

William Melcher owned an auto repair shop at 201 Columbus in the late 1920s and into the 1930s. He and his wife, Gertrude, had several children, all born locally, including Angeline, born about 1912; William, born about 1914; Marie, born about November, 1916; and Gertrude, born about December, 1918. William was born on July 21, 1881, died around March 19, 1951, and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Gertrude the mother was born about 1893 in Illinois, died around August 18, 1959, and also was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. In 1920 the family lived at 1404 Pennoyer. Eight years later they resided at 301 North De Spelder, and by 1930 their home was in Grand Haven Township.

A. M. Mendelsohn [Mendelson] [? - ?]

In 1897 Mendelsohn General Manager of the Plate Glass Company and Atlas Works of Amsterdam, New York, managed a plant at 616 North Sixth Street in Grand Haven. The company also had a warehouse on Water Street [Harbor Drive], near Government Pond. He had offices in the warehouse and in Grand Rapids. Mendelsohn's wife, Ida, died on July 28, 1904 at the age of 58.

Carl A. Mercer [1832- ?]

Born in Vienna, Canada in 1832, Carl Mercer was a sailor and ship's joiner in Grand Haven by 1880. He married Helen Campbell of Hamilton, Canada in 1856. She was born in Canada around 1836. They had two sons, including Walter, who was born about 1856 in Canada.

Alexander A. Mergener [1915-1983]

Born on August 14, 1915, Alexander Mergener owned the Tri-County Realty Office, located at 221 North Third Street in Grand Haven. He was a resident of Crockery Township when he died on November 17, 1983. Prior to that he resided at the same address as his business.

Joseph [N.] Mergener [1827-1898]

Joseph Mergener farmed and raised stock on his 20 acres in Section 4 of Crockery Township. He and his wife, Mary, and their children came to Ottawa County in 1881. Joseph was born in Prussia on November 10, 1827, died in Spring Lake in 1898, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Mary was born in Germany in March, 1834, died in 1915, and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had a son, Bernard P., who was born in May, 1865, died in 1922, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; a daughter, Barbara, born in October, 1870; a second son, John, born about 1871; a third son, Mathias, who was born on January 5, 1875, died in 1936, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; and a fourth son, Nicholas, who was born in 1876, died six years later, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.. The children were born in Germany. [Note: Ottawa County Death Records list Joseph as N. Mergener].

Nicholas P. Mergener [1868- 1961]

A native of Heidelberg, Germany, where he was born on October 19, 1868, Nicholas Mergener came to America when he was 12. His first job was with the Spring Lake Iron Company in Fruitport. In a ceremony held on April 12, 1899 at the German Church in Grand Haven [St. Paul's United Church of Christ] he married Mary Louise Klintworth of Crockery, who was born on May 16, 1878. The couple lived out of state for a few years, then returned to the area and settled in Section 2 of Crockery Township. Nicholas delivered milk, and then drove a lumber delivery cart for the Christman Lumber Company for many years. Later he was employed by the Anderson-Bolling Company in Spring Lake, where he retired at age 80. He and his wife lived for several years in the early 1900s in a cottage east of the Spring Lake Hotel, where Nicholas was overseer. She ran a lunchroom and ice cream parlor at 224 West Savidge Street during the summers from 1909 to 1913. In 1912 the couple built a home at 207 Prospect. The Mergeners had a daughter named Adeline, who was born in Illinois about 1901 and married Frederick Koats of Grand Haven. Nicholas died on March 16, 1961, and Mary passed away on July 16, 1965. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Thomas Merrill [1824 - ?]

Thomas Merrill was born in Vermont in 1824. His family moved to Washtenaw County, Michigan in 1835,

and Thomas moved on to Grand Rapids when he was 20. By 1849 he was Foreman of William Ferry's sawmill in Ferrysburg, a position he held for ten years. In November, 1859 he became proprietor of the Ferrysburg Hotel, replacing a Mr Hill. In 1865 he took over the mail, express, and stage route between Ferrysburg and Muskegon. The first improved road between Muskegon and Ferrysburg was cleared in 1858, but wasn't used to extensively until 1860. The stage line consisted of 60 horses and five to ten three-seated, spring-cushioned, open wagons called buckboards that could carry up to five passengers and a driver. When the railroad line covering the same route was completed in 1880, the stage line ceased operation. In 1846 Thomas married Jane Teeple, sister of Aletta Teeple, the second wife of Henry Pennoyer. The daughter of Peter and Sarah Losey Teeple, who had moved from Plymouth, Michigan to Cascade Township in Kent County in late 1836, Jane was born on January 30, 1826. The Merrills first settled in Grand Haven, later moved to Ferrysburg, and by April, 1864 they were in Muskegon, where Thomas operated a livery stable. John Pennoyer took over operation of the hotel in Ferrysburg. By the time of the 1880 census, where Thomas's age was given as 45 rather than 56, his wife's name was Esther E., who was born in New York about 1840. Thomas continued as owner of a livery stable in Muskegon at that time. His three children, all born in Michigan, ranged in age from 15 to 19. Thomas apparently died before 1890. By then, Esther was managing the livery.

Mason Russell Merritt [1830-1908]

Born in Monroe County, New York, on May 7, 1830, Mason moved to Girard, in Branch County, Michigan, with his parents, David and Epha [Eva] Cast Merritt. Mason then settled in Olive Township in 1864, where he was a farmer and a blacksmith. On August 7, 1862 he enlisted as Private in Company H, 19th Michigan Infantry. He was wounded at the Battle of Fort Donaldson and Spring Hill, and, after he was taken prisoner at Brentwood, Tennessee, he was sent to Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia. Although his wounds and status as prisoner were not verified in his service records, Mason was discharged for disability on June 22, 1863. In Olive Township Wood served as Justice of the Peace, Constable, and Deputy Sheriff. On April 5, 1854 he married Elizabeth H. Harvey, who was born in New York on October 20, 1835. They had three sons and three daughters. The Merritts bought a 40-acre farm in Section 12 of Olive Township on December 3, 1878. Mason was a member of the A. C. Van Raalte Post of the GAR in Holland. He died on December 28, 1908 and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland. On January 13, 1909 Elizabeth applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Forty years earlier Mason had applied for a disability pension.

Nehemiah Merritt [1810- ?]

Nehemiah Merritt was the first lighthouse keeper assigned to Grand Haven. He served from 1839 to 1847, when the beacon was at the foot of the bluff [900 Harbor]. Nehemiah appears in the 1840 census for "Ottaway," Ottawa County. He was replaced by William Hauckland. By 1860 Nehemiah was a ship's carpenter in Boston, Massachusetts. He was born about 1810 in Massachusetts. His wife, Anna, was born in the same state around 1812.

Gertrude Otley Mersbach [1898-1998]

The daughter of Benjamin and Clara Otley of Chicago, Gertrude was born on October 30, 1898. Benjamin was the brother of Thomas Otley I, well-known summer resident and tennis player in Highland Park. After her husband's death around July 2, 1966, Gertrude became a year-round resident of Highland Park in a cottage was located at 60 Poplar Ridge. She was born about 1900 and died in Grand Haven on March 15, 1998. Both she and Clarence were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Clarence was born in Chicago on March 30, 1895.

Robert B. Mersereau [1929-2005]

Robert Mersereau married Muriel Jacobson in 1953. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on March 14, 1929, the son of Robert M. and Josephine Mersereau. Bob resided in Dowagiac before moving to Grand Haven. He received bachelor and master degrees in business from the University of Michigan and served as an auditor with the United States Air Force. He later was employed by Seidman & Seidman, Old Kent Bank, and Union Bank in Grand Rapids. Bob was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven and volunteered for a number of organizations, including Tri-Cities Historical Museum, Wedgwood Christian Services, and Boy Scouts. He was a member of Sigma Phi Fraternity, U. of M. Club of Grand Rapids, Round Table, and Scottish Rite. The Mersereaus' children were Robert of Grand Haven; Mary, who married Ernie Adler and moved to Midland; and Elizabeth, who married Tim Griffin and settled in Grand Rapids. Bob passed away in Reno, Nevada on March 24, 2005. [*Tribune* obituary, March 28, 2005.]

Bannister A. Merwin [1916-1971]

Bannister, a Michigan native, was born on May 19, 1916, the son of Clyde and Mildred Merwin. Bannister spent most of his early years in Mayville, Michigan [Tuscola County] and graduated from Central Michigan University in 1941. He came from a musical family and could play a variety of instruments. In 1944 he became band director at Grand Haven High School, replacing Everett Kisenger. During his third year as Director of Music, Bannister organized the first Band Parents

Organization and along with Mr and Mrs Russell Terrill bought the first set of band uniforms for the students. The Grand Haven High School yearbook for 1968 was dedicated to Merwin. He married Esther, the daughter of Jesse and Mary Gorsline Clark of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. She was born August 19, 1919 and died in Grand Haven on December 7, 2009. The Bannisters lived at 212 Sherman and later at 120 Prospect. They had a son, David, who moved to Muskegon. After leaving Grand Haven, the Merwins moved to Kalamazoo, where Bannister died on May 5, 1971. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 10, 2009.]

Johannes “John” Merz [1838-1891]

John Merz and his wife ran a 70-acre farm in Section 19 of Crockery Township. John, who was born in 1838 in Wurttemberg, Germany, died on July 21, 1891. He crossed the Atlantic aboard the *New York* and arrived in New York City on June 5, 1865. He married Caroline Henley in Grand Rapids on August 18, 1868. Caroline was born in Germany in November, 1842. She continued to operate the farm after her husband’s death. Three of their children were born in Grand Haven: Anton J. on November 21, 1869; Caroline C. on March 2, 1871; and Louis in July, 1872. The last four were born in Crockery Township: John on June 22, 1874; Charles on April 16, 1880; William on April 1, 1882; and Mary Agnes on December 24, 1884. The oldest daughter, Delia, was born on April 17, 1864 in Wurttemberg, indicating that the vows John and Caroline exchanged in Grand Rapids may have been a reaffirmation, or John may have been previously married. Delia married Peter Brady on November 23, 1887 in Spring Lake. Some years later she and George Barden were married. Delia died in Grand Haven on October 5, 1936. Of the other Merz children, Anton died in Milwaukee on June 13, 1920; Clara married Charles H. Wiley in Grand Haven on June 16, 1895; Louis married Bibiana Weis on June 12, 1900 in Milwaukee; Charles drowned in Bruce Bayou, Spring Lake, on April 24, 1897; and Mary Agnes married Frederick Zellar.

John Merz [1874-1963]

John, the son of Johannes and Caroline Henley Merz, was born in Crockery Township on June 22, 1874. On June 20, 1900 he married Elizabeth Schneider, who was born in Milwaukee on August 10, 1880. She died in Milwaukee on March 17, 1911. Their daughter Elizabeth married Claude Voss of Spring Lake. On February 18, 1922 John married Margaret Garga in Milwaukee. She was born in Austria-Hungary on April 11, 1880. In 1930 John was a molder in a Milwaukee steel company. He died on November 7, 1963 in Spring Lake and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Margaret passed away in Spring Lake on June 2, 1960.

Lloyd Merz [1912-1986]

Lloyd, the son of William and Della Martin Merz of Crockery Township, opened Lloyd’s Welding at 901 West Savidge in 1962. He specialized in production welding. He was born on August 8, 1912 and died in Spring Lake on July 23, 1986.

Wilfred J. Merz [1915-1985]

Wilfred was born in Crockery Township on October 12, 1915, the son of William and Della Merz, who owned a farm on the banks of the Grand River. Wilfred married Ruth M. Chittenden on August 10, 1937 in Spring Lake. Wilfred retired from his job as equipment operator at AP Parts in 1973. He served on the Spring Lake School Board for nine years ending in 1968, and he served as President of the Ottawa Trailblazers Chapter 45. He also belonged to the Nortonville Gospel Chapel. He and Ruth had three sons: Roger, who lived in Boca Raton, Florida; and Wayne and Bruce, both of whom lived in Grand Haven. Wilfred died in Grand Haven on January 7, 1985 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Ruth lived from September 15, 1918 to January 22, 2005. [*Tribune* obituary, January 9, 1985.]

William Merz [1882-1952]

William, the son of Johannes and Caroline Henley Merz, was born in Crockery Township on April 1, 1882. On March 21, 1906, in Grand Haven, he married Idella “Della,” the daughter of Hiram and Emma Deremo Martin. Della was born on March 18, 1883 in Spring Lake. She and William owned a 53-acre farm in Sections 30 and 31 of Crockery Township, bordering the north banks of the Grand River. Della passed away on September 21, 1931, and William died in June, 1952. They had six children, including Lloyd, who was born on August 8, 1912, and Wilfred, who was born on October 12, 1915.

Merritt C. Messinger [1834-1904]

A native of Vermont, where he was born on September 19, 1834, Merritt Messinger came to Spring Lake in 1855 to work in the sawmills. From 1869 on he was a saw filer, and he was employed by the Monroe, Boyce, & Company Mill in Spring Lake in 1873. His wife, Jennie, was born in Ohio around 1844. Their children, all natives of Michigan, were May M., born about 1861; George, born about 1862; and Hattie, born about 1865. Merritt died on January 31, 1904.

Ormond W. Messinger [1838-1898]

A native of Hartland, Vermont, where he was born on August 18, 1838, Ormond Messinger arrived in Spring Lake in 1854. He worked for a short time in Natchez, Mississippi in 1870, but otherwise spent his adult life in Spring Lake, first working in the sawmills and then, in

1868, working in a drug store as a silent partner with Henry W. Cleveland at 107 South Division Street, later the site of the Bilz home. Eventually Ormond bought out Cleveland's share, moved the business to a building on Savidge, and took on William Hummer as a partner. In 1875 he sold out to his partner and opened a furniture store at the corner of State and Jackson Streets. Two years later he sold his furniture inventory to Henry Cliff and the building to Stephan Bingham, and at the same time, with the help of a Mr Jones, he bought out William Hummer and moved the business to 208 West Savidge Street, where he operated a stationery and drug business. Jones died, leaving Ormond as sole owner and operator of the business.

Ormond married Cynthia F. Reed on April 1, 1862. She died three years later, leaving him with one child. The next year Ormond married Julia R. Reed, the sister of his first wife. Julia was born in Ohio in April, 1847. Ormond and Julia had nine children. One of the Messingers' daughters, Edith, was born about 1866 and married Charles Wilde of Spring Lake. Ormond served on the Village Council for several terms. He died in 1898. Following his death, Ormond's two sons, Garry and Clifford, ran the drug store for a few years before selling to Felix Perl in 1905. Garry was born in January, 1875, and Clifford in September, 1883.

Frank A. Meyer [1913-1972]

Frank Meyer was born in Portage, Michigan on August 16, 1913. After receiving his bachelor degree from Western Michigan College [WMU] in 1935 he earned a master degree from the University of Michigan. He began teaching at Grand Haven Junior High School in 1936. In 1955 he was awarded a Fellowship from the Ford Foundation and from 1955 to 1972 he worked for Representative Gerald R. Ford in Washington, D.C. He served as Alderman on the Grand Haven City Council from 1943 to 1946. Frank and his wife, Bertha, resided at 501 South Seventh Street. He died on August 5, 1972 in Grand Rapids and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Bertha lived from November 23, 1912 to December 17, 1998. She passed away while residing in Jenison.

Harold Oden Meyer I [1918-2004]

Harold Meyer was born in North Freedom, Wisconsin on October 5, 1918. His mother died when he was three years old. Harold then lived with his father in Fort Wayne, Indiana for awhile before living in an orphanage for eight years. He finished high school in Wisconsin while living with relatives. During a visit to Muskegon to visit his father, who worked at the Occidental Hotel, Harold was convinced to remain and found work at the Shaw Box Crane Company, where he was employed for the next two years. He attended Muskegon School of

Business, and in 1940 purchased a half interest in General Supply Company, a plumbing, glass, and paint store in Muskegon. On August 14 the same year he married Evelyn Gertrude Grosa, who had graduated from Kalamazoo College in 1937 and taught school in Muskegon. In 1942 Harold bought out his partner and changed the business name to General Plumbing Supply Company. His older son, Harold II, eventually took over that business. Harold resided in Fruitport with his wife, Sherrill.

In 1970 Harold and Evelyn invested in the Bil-Mar Supper Club in Grand Haven. He soon took over management of the business, bought out his partner, and purchased the real estate. Their younger son, Howard, bought Bil-Mar in 1979 and continued to operate it into the 21st century. Howard and his wife, Sharron, were residents of Grand Haven, where Howard was Mayor from 1990 to 1993. Harold was active in many civic and social organizations in Muskegon and Grand Haven, including the Chambers of Commerce in each community. Evelyn, the daughter of Joseph and Gertrude Grosa, was born in Adams Basin, New York on June 16, 1916. She died on February 17, 2004, and Harold passed away in Grand Haven on August 8, 2004. [*Chronicle* obituaries, February 19, 2004 and August 19, 2004]

Henry D. Meyer [1866-1904]

Henry Meyer was born in Europe on September 11, 1866 and came to Grand Haven as a youth. After sailing on the Great Lakes for two years, he opened a shoe business on Washington Street with a Mr Lefebvre in 1887. Four years later he bought out his partner, and then he moved into a newly constructed building at 109-111 Seventh Street with his new partner, Edward W. F. Moll. The store's name was Meyer and Moll for awhile, but later it became known as People's Mercantile Company, Limited. Henry and his wife, Nettie, had a daughter, Willette, who married Albert Gale. Henry was an Elder of the Second Reformed Church and a member of the Woodman's Lodge. He passed away on May 19, 1904 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 20, 1904.]

Lawrence Meyering [1907-1993]

Camfield Manufacturing opened up in Grand Haven in the early 1940s under the management of Russell W. Camfield, R. H. Lillyblad, and Lawrence V. Meyering. The plant first was located at 718 North Seventh before moving to 1301 Fulton in the mid-1940s. In 1954 Camfield Fiber Glass Plastics, Inc. started business at the same address with Lawrence as President. He was born on April 27, 1907 and died in Comstock Park, Michigan, on October 9, 1993.

Isaac C. Meyers [@1837-1894]

See Isaac C. Myers.

William Chambers Michele [1931-2000]

Not long after his birth on November 19, 1931, William's parents, Lawrence H. and Madge Michele, moved into the house at 600 Lake Avenue. William lived there his entire life, and after his death on November 15, 2000, his widow, Delores [Deloris], continued to occupy the residence. Delores was born about 1935. William's occupation was listed as Scheduler Coordinator. Lawrence, who worked as a pipe layer for the City of Grand Haven in 1930, was born in Illinois on December 21, 1900 and passed away in Wood, Wisconsin in November, 1972. Madge, who was born in Michigan on August 3, 1899, died in Grand Haven in December, 1966. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Berend Middag [1838-1919]

Berend was born in Kulenborg, The Netherlands on May 4, 1838, the son of Jan Joost and Engeltje Vander Pleat Middag. Berend married Gertrude, the daughter of Martinus Cornelius and Maria [Margjie] De Bruin [De Bruyn] Van Doorne of Grand Haven. By the early 1890s they owned a 60-acre farm in Section 3 of Grand Haven Township [14394 168th Avenue]. Berend died on August 6, 1919. Gertrude was born in Beest, The Netherlands, on July 12, 1833 and died in Grand Haven on August 19, 1908. She and Berend were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had at least three children who were born in The Netherlands and immigrated with them to the United States in 1884: John, born in December, 1864; Martin, born in May, 1866; and Engellien, who was born in Kulenborg, The Netherlands on April 7, 1869, married John Hendrick Spielberg, and died June 7, 1962. The Spielbergs resided in Kalamazoo, where John was a celery farmer. He was born in The Netherlands on May 28, 1860 and passed away in Kalamazoo on September 6, 1920. The Spielbergs' daughter, Gertrude, was born in Grand Haven on July 30, 1890. She married James Vegter of Kansas and died in San Bernardino County, California on May 5, 1953. John Middag's wife, Maria, was born in The Netherlands in June, 1868. John, a gardener, resided on Franklin Street with Maria and their four children.

Agnes Middlemist [Middlemast] [1838-1899]

In the 1860s Agnes Middlemist was Treasurer of the First Presbyterian Church in Spring Lake. The daughter of Henry and Dorothy Dods Middlemist, Agnes was born in Buffalo, New York in 1838 and died on May 13, 1899. Her husband, John McFadzen, was born in Scotland around 1828. A son, William S. McFadzen, was born around 1873 and later resided at Port Huron, Michigan.

Henry Middlemist [Middlemast] [1811-1873]

Following the unsuccessful Mackenzie Rebellion in Canada, in 1838 Henry Middlemist came to Grand Haven by way of Buffalo, New York, with his wife, Dorothy Dods and their daughter Agnes. Both of them were born in Berwickshire, Scotland, he on October 22, 1811 and she two years later. Shortly after their arrival, Jabez Barber hired Henry to manage the Barber Boarding House on the northeast corner of Barber and Cutler Streets in Spring Lake, which provided housing and meals for mill workers. About 1851 Henry purchased the Washington House at 12 Washington in Grand Haven from Chase Edgerly and Charles Osgood. After he sold the hotel the next year to Clark Albee, Henry bought the Barber Boarding House and renamed it the MiddleMist Hotel. In Grand Haven the Middlemists' home was on Franklin Street. The Middlemists also raised fruit. Henry continued to run the hotel until at least December, 1865, but he died in Detroit on June 5, 1873. Dorothy passed away in Port Huron on November 23, 1910. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Agnes, who was born in 1838, and Sarah, who was born in Spring Lake on July 4, 1840, were two of their five children. Sarah married William Henry Drake of Spring Lake and Chicago. They also had three sons: Joseph, who was born about 1842 and moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota; John, born about 1845; and William, who was born about 1848 and also relocated to Minneapolis. John served with the Michigan 13th Light Artillery during the Civil War. He enlisted as Privage in Detroit on November 10, 1863 and was mustered out in Jackson, Michigan, on July 1, 1865. By 1870 John was living in Chicago.

Sarah Middlemist [Middlemast] [1840-1898]

See William Henry Drake [1836-1905].

Jan [John] Mieras [1848-1919]

Jan, the son of Willem and Maatje Paauwe Mieras II, was born in Zeeland, The Netherlands, on February 5, 1848. He married Anna Maria Noels of Grand Haven about 1870, two years after immigrating to America. The daughter of Jan and Janna Sijnke Noels, Anna was born in Zeeland, The Netherlands on November 18, 1852 and came to the United States with her sister Francina in 1869. Jan became a commercial fisherman in Grand Haven and worked for the Dornbos Fisheries. After her husband's death on February 14, 1919, Anna moved to Chicago to live with her daughter, Mrs George Faulkner. Anna died there on March 25, 1922, but was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. Their children were Jennie, who was born around 1872 and died about 1930; Margaret, who was born about 1875 and died about 1933; William, born on November 19, 1880; John E., born in September, 1883; Pieterella "Nellie," who

lived from May 25, 1889 to January 14, 1970; Cornelius, who lived from September 1, 1891 to July 19, 1967; and Edward, who was born April 7, 1894 and died on January 15, 1974. Jennie, Margaret, and Pieterella married and moved to Chicago.

John E. Mieras [1883-1964]

The son of Jan and Anna Noels Mieras, John E. was born in Grand Haven on September 1, 1883. He married Ella Osterburg in Chicago on October 9, 1920. Ella was born in Sweden on September 18, 1893 and died in Grand Haven on February 15, 1967. John, like his father, was a commercial fisherman for more than 50 years, and he also worked for 13 years for Ottawa Steel Products. He died in Grand Haven on March 25, 1964. He and Ella were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had three children. The first, Winifred, was born in Grand Haven in 1921 and married Don Badcon of Grand Haven; she worked at Dake Engine for 36 years. A son, Warren, was born in Grand Haven in 1923 and died there at the age of 16. A third child, Raymond Gabriel Mieras, was born on February 23, 1928. On October 23, 1953 in Grand Haven Raymond married M. Janet, the daughter of Joseph E. and Dorothy Feurer Blaney. Janet, who was born in Tiffin, Ohio on May 29, 1931, passed away in Grand Haven on September 15, 2000 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. She worked as Personnel Officer at People's Bank & Trust [BankOne]. Ray and Janet resided at 107 Poplar Ridge in Highland Park. Ray married Linda Schroeder, widow of Wallace Schroeder, on December 20, 2004.

John William Mieras [1879-1960]

A native of Grand Haven, John Mieras was born on January 10, 1879 and had a dental practice from 1901 to 1954, first at 214 Washington and later on the second floor at 300 Washington, above Peoples Bank [Bank One]. John was the son of William and Katie Mieras, both natives of The Netherlands. William, a grocer in Grand Haven, was born about 1852 and Katie approximately six years later. Although John never married, he had two foster children. In the early 1900s he lived at the family home at 216 Franklin. Later he resided at 1035 Washington. John attended the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Grand Haven Stag Club for 58 years, and he also joined the Rotary Club, Elks, and Eagles. He died about April 20, 1960 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

William Mieras [1852-1911]

Born in Zeeland, The Netherlands in 1852, William Mieras was two years old when he came to America with his parents, Jan and Lentje "Lucy" Rosendal Mieras. In his youth he was employed at the George W. Miller Hardware store in downtown Grand Haven for six years. By 1880 he owned a grocery business with Gerrit

Gringhuis and soon added a bakery business with John D. Duursema, his half-brother, and formed the firm of Mieras & Duursema, located at 136 Washington. In the 1893 *Compendium* William advertised his real estate and loan business, offering "Desirable Property in Farms and City Lots." He also was involved in the insurance business before his death on April 8, 1911. He and his wife, Katie [Kate], lived at 216 Franklin. Katie was born in Michigan around 1858. They were married on November 6, 1878 and had one son, Dr. John William Mieras, a Grand Haven dentist. William and his wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 8, 1911.]

William Mieras [1880-1939]

William, the son of Jan and Anna Noels Mieras, was born in Grand Haven on November 19, 1880, and died September 18, 1939. He was a commercial fisherman, then a porter and baggage man at the Grand Trunk Depot, an employee of the Piano Factory, and ended his working life as custodian at the City Hall. He and his wife, Etta Veltman, lived at 425 North Sixth in Grand Haven. Etta was born in Grand Haven on October 12, 1882 and died in Chicago on July 21, 1966. William served in the military during WWI. Both William and Etta were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, were: John, born on February 28, 1903; Jeanette, born on October 7, 1907; Anna, who was born on October 3, 1909, married Clarence Borgman on May 27, 1937, and died on January 25, 2011. Henry, born on October 24, 1915; and Charles, born on March 20, 1918. [*Tribune* obituary, January 27, 2011.]

Wencel A. Milanowski [1907-1975]

In January, 1953 Ajax Tool and Die of Muskegon moved to Grand Haven and occupied the former Wolverine Table Company building at 803 Taylor Avenue. Wencel Milanowski was one of the firm's officers. In 1962 the company changed its name to Automatic Spring Products Corp. Wencel was born on January 27, 1907 and passed away in Grand Rapids on October 16, 1975.

Francis M. Miles [1839-1909]

Born on October 25, 1839, Francis Miles was a resident of Jackson County, Michigan, when he enlisted as Private in Company E of the 3rd Michigan Cavalry on August 14, 1862. He was attached to the 9th Illinois Cavalry on January 31, 1864, but returned to his original outfit on May 30 the same year. Miles was mustered out on May 22, 1865. Sometime after 1872 Francis and his family moved from Jackson County to Section 4 of Olive Township, where they maintained a 43-acre farm. Francis died on July 1, 1909 and was buried at Olive Cemetery. Two weeks later, on July 16, his widow,

Emergene Hayward Miles, applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Emergene was born around 1847 in Michigan. Ira Miles, born on April 15, 1869, was their son. A daughter, Ada, was born in Jackson County on September 7, 1872 and died in Olive Township at the age of five years and nine months. Their other children, all native of Michigan, were Francis A., born in 1872; Lewis W., born in 1874; and Elizabeth J., born in 1877.

Frederick T. Miles I [1877-1975]

Fred Miles was a Circuit Court Judge in Ottawa County. His parents, born between 1844 and 1848, were Michigan natives who settled in the Port Sheldon area. After some family hardships, Fred was able to finish his school at age 21 and receive a teaching certificate. His first class was in Allendale, where he taught in 1898 at a salary of \$20 a month. Two years later he began teaching at Smith School, at the corner of Van Buren Street and Butternut Drive, where he had attended school as a youngster. While teaching, Fred studied law and, after passing his bar examination, was able to open his practice in 1905.

On November 26, 1908, Fred married Dena D. Alverson. They had two sons, Frederick II, born on February 7, 1911, and Wendell Alverson, who was born in 1916 and became U.S. District Judge for West Michigan. Dena was born on May 24, 1881 and died in Holland on March 25, 1974. Fred was born in Ottawa County on April 8, 1877. He died about December 29, 1975. He and Dena were buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland.

Frederick T. Miles II [1911-1989]

Frederick Miles II was born in Holland, Michigan, to Fred T. and Dena Alverson Miles on February 7, 1911. He married Marie Ann Robinson on May 20, 1932 in Kalamazoo. She was born in Holly, Michigan, on March 29, 1913 and died on September 7, 1983. She was a teacher in the Grand Haven school system. Frederick came to Grand Haven from Coopersville in 1948 and maintained a private law practice with offices in Saugatuck and Coopersville. The year before he had been named Ottawa County Probate Court Judge, a post he held for 28 years. The Mileses had four sons: Frederick W. of Pentwater; Duane L. of Grand Haven; Wendell J. of Rockford; and Stephen R. of Middletown, California. Frederick also served on the first YMCA Board of Directors, organized in 1963. He died in Grand Haven on August 23, 1989 and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland, as was Marie Ann.

Ira J. Miles [1869-1912]

The son of Francis and Emergene Miles, Ira was born in Olive Township on April 5, 1869. He married Georgia Albert Baker, who was born on August 8, 1875 in

Indiana. Her parents were Alfred and Rebecca Bowers Baker. The Mileses' children were Alva Hyacinth, who lived from December 3, 1900 to May 6, 1959; Francis Irwin, who was born on September 10 [August 1], 1910 and died four years later on July 6; and Hazel Rebecca, who was born on May 4, 1912. The family lived on a 20-acre farm in Section 4, not far from Ira's father's place. Ira died on May 28, 1912, and his wife passed away on November 13, 1930. Both were buried at West Olive Cemetery with their children.

William Henry Millard [1838-1909]

Born in England in September, 1838, W. Henry Millard spent some time in Canada before coming to Spring Lake in 1863. In 1865 he purchased the Perkins building at 215 West Exchange Street and opened a meat market. In 1877 he went into partnership with Evert De Vries and the business continued under the name of DeVries & Company. Henry married Sarah Dennison [Denison], sister of lumberman Thomas D. Dennison, in 1867. She lived from February, 1844 to 1919. The couple was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their daughter, Millie, was born in February, 1869 and married John B. Pruim of Spring Lake.

Albert Matthew Miller [1891-1973]

Born in Grand Rapids on December 11, 1891 [1889], the son of John and Catherine Betts Miller, Albert attended public schools in that area and in 1905 established a dairy known as "The Square Deal Milk Company." After selling his business and moving to Grand Haven, in 1929 he purchased the Grand Haven Sanitary Dairy from Thomas Ryder. The dairy sold milk, ice cream, and cottage cheese, both retail and wholesale. The dairy was located at 420 Fulton Street, north of the Community Center, and later moved to 623 Washington. It also was known as Miller's Dairy. About 1913 Albert married Agnes Alkema of Grand Haven, who was born in Michigan around 1890. In 1930 Albert and Agnes were living with Agnes's brother, Norman Alkema, at 406 South Fourth Street. In the 1950s and into the 1970s Albert and his wife lived at 224 [221] Dixie in Spring Lake, where Albert died on August 30, 1973. At that time, Albert's wife was Ella, who was born on May 2, 1902 and passed away in Spring Lake on August 27, 1981, still residing on Dixie.

Charles Miller [1858- ?]

In 1880 Charles Miller was a farmer in Spring Lake Township. Born in Tennessee about 1858 [1856], Charles was the son of Jerry and Kate Miller of Grand Haven. Charles's wife, Mary A., was born in Michigan about 1861. Charles was classified as Black in the 1880 census and Mary as Mulatto. They were not found in the area after 1880.

Charles Edwin Miller [1908-1996]

In the 1940s Charles Miller managed the Grand Haven Farm Bureau, located where the Bookman later did business [715 Washington], and sold a complete line of grain, seed, and farm equipment. In the mid-1960s he renamed the business Miller's Mart. It closed a few years later. Charles was born on April 25, 1908 and died in Grand Haven on June 4, 1996. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He and his wife, Ernestine, resided at 507 River in Spring Lake in the late 1940s and at 336 De Witt in their later years.

Daniel F. Miller [1843-1902]

The son of Captain Henry "Harry" and Elizabeth Realy Miller, Daniel was born in Eastmanville, Michigan in November, 1843 and became Captain of a Great Lakes schooner. He also operated the tow barge *Mary Boice*. On November 13, 1883, the steam barge *H. C. Akeley* foundered off the shores of Saugatuck, carrying a load of grain from Chicago. Daniel was Mate and his brother David was Master of the schooner *Driver*. With the help of Pat Daley, the brothers were able to save all but six of the crew on the *Akeley*. For their heroic actions, David received a silver medal for "distinguished service in saving lives," and Daniel and Daley were given gold medals for the same service. The *Akeley* carried iron ore for the smelting factories on Spring Lake.

On May 14, 1872 Daniel married Martha "Patty" J. Kirkland, who was born in October, 1850 in England. She was the daughter of George F. and Elizabeth Kirkland of Grand Haven. The couple resided on Second Street in Grand Haven in 1880. Daniel was born died in Grand Haven in 1902. George Miller of Grand Haven was another of Daniel's brothers.

David F. Miller [@1845-1902]

Born in Michigan about 1845, David Miller became 1st Assistant when the Grand Haven Volunteer Fire Department was inaugurated in 1863. His wife's name was Helen, and they resided at 122 Franklin. David died August 27, 1902. His father, John, who lived from 1816 to 1901, and his mother, Laura, who was born in 1822 and died in 1901, were both buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

David G. Miller [1837-1890]

David Miller was born in Detroit on March 1, 1837, the son of Captain Henry "Harry" and Elizabeth Realy Miller. Around 1840 the family moved to Eastmanville and a few years later to Spring Lake. David started sailing with his father in 1850. He had three brothers: Captain Daniel, who operated the tow barge *Mary Boice*; George, a Grand Haven hardware merchant; and John, who moved to Montague. David spent most of his life in Grand Haven, except for nine years in Oregon.

Apparently he also lived in California for awhile. On September 30, 1861, while in Volcano, California, David enlisted in Company D of the Fourth California Cavalry. He married Jennie Apsey of Grand Haven on June 6, 1874. She was born in England about 1850. Their only child died young.

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Edith M. Miller [1854- ?]

Born in Ontario, Canada in December, 1854, Edith Miller was in charge of the public school in Nortonville, about three miles up the Grand River from Spring Lake. In 1882 she had 65 children in her classes. She immigrated to the United States in 1867. In 1870 Edith was residing in Chester Township with her parents, Henry and Mary Miller, along with a brother, Monroe, and a sister, Martha. After becoming blind, Edith continued to participate in local activities and was one of the first in the area to own a radio. On March 29, 1884 she married George Wesley Truax I, who was born about 1853, also in Ontario. By 1900 Edith was living in Harvey, Illinois as a widow. Living with her was a son, George Wesley II, who was born in Spring Lake on September 5, 1888. Edith was residing with George II and his wife in Harvey, Illinois in 1920.

Elmer L. Miller [1915-1990]

A Grand Haven native, Elmer Miller was born on July 7, 1915. By 1948 he owned Miller's Friendly Nite Service Station at 1452 Washington. Later he worked as a stringer at Story & Clark. Elmer died in Grand Haven on December 26, 1990. He and his wife, Marie O., resided at 1533 Pennoyer. Marie was Deputy Treasurer for Ottawa County. She lived from November 30, 1918 to April 30, 2004 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

George W. Miller [1844-1909]

Born in Eastmanville in December, 1844 [1845], George was the son of Captain Henry "Harry" and Elizabeth Realy Miller. David Miller, also a captain, was George's brother. For three years, beginning in 1866, George was a partner with George E. Hubbard, a pioneer Grand Haven hardware merchant. In 1869, George and

his brother-in-law, John Stark, opened a hardware store on Washington Street [approximately 200-202]. Among the products he carried were wood-burning stoves, notably the Crown Jewel brand, and ship supplies. George raised celery and was a leader in the Presbyterian Church. In 1891 George formed a partnership with Andrew J. Emlaw and operated the area's first electric light plant in a building on the southwest corner of Water Street [Harbor Drive] and Clinton. George's wife, Ellen "Nellie" Morse, was the sister of Sarah Morse, who married John Stark. In the 1908 *Directory*, George was listed as a farmer and a resident of 520 Franklin Street, where he and Ellen had lived for many years. He died on May 28, 1909. Ellen lived from March, 1847 [1848] to 1912 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

Henry "Harry" Miller [Muller] I [1811-1876]

Born in 1811 [1806] in Lubeck, Germany [Ireland], Harry Miller was known for selling "Osgood's Chologogue," a bottled remedy for the ague. Its contents were not recorded, but it was reported to be effective and worth the \$1.50 it cost. From 1818 to 1832 he sailed the ocean. While in Detroit in the mid-1830s he married Elizabeth Realy. By 1837 they were living in Eastmanville. That was the year he and his brother-in-law Daniel Realy obtained through preemption from the federal government 175 acres on the Grand River. Transfer of title actually took place on November 10, 1841. [Realy later sold this acreage and more to Ottawa County for \$6,000. The county used the land for a poor farm/infirmary]. The 1893 Conger and Potts *Compendium* related that William Shirley Hammond and Lucy Houghton were married at the Miller home on July 26, 1840. By 1850 Harry and his wife, Elizabeth, had moved from Eastmanville to Spring Lake. He was employed by Barber & Mason Sawmill as Captain of the schooners *Commodore Perry* and *Porcupine*, carrying cargoes of lumber out of Spring Lake. He also was skipper of the schooner *Caroline*, the brig *Enterprise*, and the screw-driven *Ottawa*, built by Ferry & Sons in Ferrysburg. Henry Griffin, an early settler, recalled that "Capt. Harry Miller, while sailing the brig *Manhattan*, came into our harbor in 1833. He says a miserable looking craft from Buffalo lay against the bank, in charge of a man named White. When asked how he dare come around the lakes in that thing, he replied, 'Oh she is a better ship than Columbus had to cross the ocean in.'" ["Early Life in Grand Haven and Ottawa County," *Tribune*, September, 1891] Captain Miller was at the helm of the *St. Joseph* when that craft brought to Grand Haven 42 of Rix Robinson's family in 1835. The Captain ended his sailing career by purchasing the schooner *Ocean* and sailing her until his retirement in 1859. Harry was appointed lighthouse keeper in 1861 and served in that capacity until 1875. At that time, he

and his family resided in Grand Haven. He often went by the nickname "Bluff."

Captain Harry's and Elizabeth's children included Mary, who was born in Detroit on May 14, 1836 [1835]. Mary was married twice, first to George Osgood, who died in 1871, and then to Isaac Hull Sanford of Grand Haven. Their other children were David, born on March 1, 1837; Henry "Harry" II, who lived from September 14, 1838 to February 14, 1844 and was the first to be interred at Eastmanville Cemetery on Church Street; Daniel, born in November, 1843; George W., a Grand Haven hardware merchant who was born in Eastmanville in December, 1844; John, born in 1845; and James, who was born about 1848 and died on April 18, 1862. All their children were born in Michigan. Elizabeth died on April 6, 1858, at the age of 42 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Harry died in Spring Lake on May 11, 1876 and was buried next to Elizabeth, son James, and daughter Mary. [Harry's wife's name is given as Dorothea in the 1850 census.]

Harry married again before 1860. His second wife, Mary E. Daniels, also from Germany [New York], was born on May 14, 1836, died in 1916, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. According to historian David Seibold in *Grand Haven: In the Path of Destiny*, Mary acted as lighthouse keeper between 1872 and 1874 while her husband was ill [p. 305]. Officially, Harry was given credit for those years. Living with Harry and Mary in Spring Lake in 1860 were his sons John and James. Also residing in the Miller home were Sarah Miller, born about November, 1859. Besides Sarah, Harry and Mary had a son, Harry II, born about 1864. The 1870 census for the Miller household included the young Harry. In 1880 Mary was back in Spring Lake. Living with her then were Sarah and another son, Edward Miller, who was born about July, 1872 and became a sailor.

Harry Miller II [@1864-1906]

The son of Captain Harry and Mary Miller, Harry II was born about 1864. Harry II started a broom-making business in Spring Lake in the early 1890s and ran it until his death by apoplexy on April 10, 1906.

Jeremiah "Jerry" Miller [Muller] [@1810- ?]

Jeremiah "Jerry" Miller appeared in Northwest Ottawa County for the first time in the 1870 census, when he was working as a laborer in the City of Grand Haven. He was born into slavery in Tennessee about 1810 [1807]. His wife, Kate, died in Grand Haven on June 12, 1867 at age 50. With Jerry in 1870 were Sarah Miller, born in Tennessee about 1853; Charles Miller, born in Tennessee about 1856 [1858]; Anna Miller, born in Michigan about 1864; and another Anna Miller, born in Michigan about 1866. Presumably they were his

children, but relationships were not specified in the 1870 census. All of the Millers were classified as Mulattoes in that census. By 1880 Jeremiah was a farmer in Spring Lake Township. Living with him then were his son, William, born in Mississippi about 1863, and the younger Anna, who was part of the Miller household in 1870. The family in 1880 was listed as Black. In the same census son Charles also was a farmer in Spring Lake Township. Charles's wife, Mary A., was born in Michigan about 1861. Charles was classified as Black in the 1880 census and Mary as Mulatto. They were not found in the area after 1880.

The Grand Haven newspaper reported in the summer of 1894 that Jerry Miller was dying at his home in Grand Rapids. It also reported that he was born in Africa and that his wife and four children had been sold as slaves "down south." [*Tribune*, August 14, 1894.] None of the family appears in subsequent censuses for Ottawa County, although son William in October, 1905 was arrested for resisting an officer. According to a newspaper report he had been gone many years and recently returned. [*Tribune* articles, October 16 and October 18, 1905.]

John A. Miller [1845-1905]

John Miller became a marine engineer. On September 24, 1867 in Grand Rapids, he married Mary "Molly" Isabelle, the daughter of George and Mary Shannessy Dixon of Spring Lake. Molly was born in Illinois [Cleveland, Ohio] about 1848. She and John settled in Montague, Michigan, where John worked as an engineer. John, the son of Captain Harry and Elizabeth Miller [Muller] was born locally in 1848. During the Civil War he served with Battery C of the First Michigan Light Artillery from 1861 to June 21, 1865. John and Molly had four daughters, Lulu Frances, who was born on July 10, 1872, became a librarian at Hackley Library in Muskegon, and died in Chicago on September 25, 1945; Daisy, born about 1870, Frances, born about 1876, and Mary, born about 1878. In 1880 the family was residing in Montague, Michigan. Daisy became teacher in the Muskegon schools. John, who was born in 1845, died in 1905 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Molly died in 1931 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

John C. Miller II [1914-1998]

John was born in Chicago on January 2, 1914, the son of John and Anna Detloff Miller. Young John married Freida Johnson of Grand Haven on August 16, 1941. They lived at 16685 De Witt Lane in Spring Lake. John owned and operated the Miller-Smith Corp. at 601 West Savidge in Spring Lake, which started in 1946. George Smith was his partner. Miller was a member of the United Methodist Church of the Dunes in Grand Haven,

charter member and President of Spring Lake Rotary and first recipient of the Paul Harris award given by that club, member of the Spring Lake County Club, member of the Elks Lodge, President of the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce, and President and Commodore of the Spring Lake Yacht Club. John also was the first male President of the Spring Lake Schools Parent Teacher Association, and he was Chairman of Spring Lake's Centennial observation in 1969. He and his wife had three sons: Jack, David, and Dan.

Robert Arthur Miller [1914-2005]

Robert A. and Ruth Fagan Miller founded R. A. Miller Industries in 1950. Originally located on West Savidge in Spring Lake, the firm moved to 1525 Marion in Grand Haven in 1956 and then, twenty years later, into a new building at 14500 168th Avenue in Grand Haven Township. The daughter of James and Florence Kline Fagan, Ruth was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on December 4, 1915. She and Robert were married in Muskegon on November 26, 1936. She was a member of Spring Lake Country Club, Muskegon Century Club, and St. Petersburg Yacht Club in Florida. Ruth died on July 4, 2002. Robert, the son of Victor and Libbe Piche Miller, was born in Lake Linden, Michigan on November 10, 1914. He moved to Muskegon, where he graduated from high school in 1934. After WWII the Millers moved to Grand Haven, where Robert was employed by the Camfield Manufacturing Company. The Millers were members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Their children were Judie Cook of Vero Beach, Florida; Janet, who married John Rohrs and moved to Norton Shores; Mary, who married James of Dolan of Grand Haven; and Rochelle Engel of Grand Haven. Robert and Ruth were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, July 6, 2002 and January 18, 2005.]

Herbert G. Milliman [1864-1937]

Herbert Milliman owned and was President of the Milliman Manufacturing Company, located at the corner of Howard and Water [Harbor] in Grand Haven. His company, which started manufacturing in March, 1907, produced doors, moldings, and cabinets, and did general millwork. Herbert, the son of Elisha and Mary Ann Barker Milliman, was born in August, 1864 on a farm in Sheldon, Illinois. Prior to coming to Grand Haven in the early 1900s, Herbert had spent 15 years in business in Chicago. Around 1885 he married Belle E. Miller, who was born in Danville, Illinois in January, 1864. They had at least two sons, Herman Elisha, who was born in Columbus, Nebraska on December 8, 1886 and died in Chicago on October 18, 1934, and Raymond P., who was born in Crete, Illinois on February 5, 1893. All four were living in the family residence at 122 Franklin in 1908, and were still in the area two years later. By 1930 Herbert and Belle had moved to Grand Rapids. Herbert

passed away in La Grange, Illinois on December 2, 1937. Belle died on August 30, 1955 in Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituary, November 22, 1963.]

Herman Milliman [1886-1934]

The son of Herbert and Belle Miller Milliman, originally of Illinois and later of Grand Haven, Herman was born in Nebraska on December 8, 1886 in Columbus, Nebraska, passed away in 1934, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He was listed in the 1908 *Directory* as a manufacturer. Herman's wife, Marion, was born in Illinois about 1888.

Raymond P. Milliman [1893-1963]

Raymond P. Milliman, who was born in Crete, Illinois on February 5, 1893, passed away in Spring Lake on November 21, 1963. He was the son of Herbert and Belle Miller Milliman, originally of Illinois and later of Grand Haven. Raymond married Genevieve La Sage in Chicago on February 9, 1914. Ray and his wife moved to Grand Rapids in 1923, but returned to Spring Lake in 1938 and resided at 405 Barber Court. Ray, who was district distributor for Texaco Oil, retired in 1956. The Milliman children were Herold, born about 1915; Junior, born about 1916; and Nelda, born about March, 1910. The two boys were born in Illinois, the girl in Michigan.

Beverly Mills [1916-1994]

See Harold Jay Dornbos.

Christian Minck [Mink/Meink/Meinke] [1820-1900]

Born in Prussia on November 11, 1820, Christian Minck came to Grand Haven in 1851. He worked as a cooper for three years, and then ran a farm near Pigeon Creek for the next ten. At that time he moved to Grand Haven on First Street near Franklin, and in 1880 was listed as a teamster. He owned 10 acres in the Fourth Ward. In 1850 he married Mary Wisch, who was born about 1824 in Prussia. They had one daughter, Mary, and a son, William. Christian was one of several Grand Haven residents to help organize St. John's Lutheran Church in 1866. He died on April 25, 1900 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

William Mines [1839-1924]

Born in Prussia on August 3, 1839, William came to the United States when he was 13 years old, settling first in Tallmadge Township. He moved to Crockery Township, where he was a farmer for the remainder of his life except for three years in Allegan County. In 1862 he married Phoebe Jane Thompson of Crockery. She was born on October 19, 1844 and died on May 20, 1930. William and Phoebe had four daughters, all born in Michigan, including Allace L., born about 1864; Clara V., who was born about 1865 and married John Pickett of Crockery Township; Grace E., born in October, 1873;

and Lulu B., born in January, 1880. William worked for the Spoon & Thompson Sawmill for six years as bookkeeper. In 1881 he was elected Township Treasurer. Two years later he sold his farm and, with William Smith as his partner, opened a dry goods store in Nunica. At the end of the year he bought out his partner, who subsequently moved to Ravenna. William died on February 3, 1924. He and his wife were buried at Nunica Cemetery.

Fred R. Minuth [1854-1930]

In 1923 Fred Minuth wrote a history of Grand Haven, which was published in the *Deutsche Amerika*, America's largest illustrated weekly printed in the German language. He and his wife, Mathilde, and their children resided at 118 Lafayette. One of their daughters, Gertrude Mathilde, was born in Pennsylvania on October 4, 1896 and married Gail Olger of Spring Lake. Fred lived from 1854 to 1930. Mathilde was born in Germany around 1871 and died about August 15, 1952. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Fred.

Charles E. Misner [1882-1957]

Born in Otisville, Michigan on June 6, 1882, Charles Misner graduated from the University of Michigan Law School. He opened his law practice in Grand Haven in 1913, and was City Attorney from 1944 to 1950. He was a semi-invalid and known as "Charley" and "Mr Democrat." Charles established the Ottawa County Health Department during his service on the Board of Supervisors; taught Sunday School in the Methodist Church for twenty years; and was made honorary Chairman of the Ottawa Democratic Club for life. He always held to the principles of the "Jeffersonian Democrats." In 1920 and 1932 Charles was delegate and alternate delegate to the Democratic National Convention. In 1937 Governor Murphy appointed him to the State Prison Commission. Judge Jacob Ponstein was his partner in the law practice of Misner & Ponstein, which was located on the second floor of the Peoples Bank Building [300 Washington]. Charles married Elma Winchell on August 21, 1907 in Lapeer, Michigan. They resided at 307 Franklin in their early years in Grand Haven. Elma was born on July 9, 1887 and died in Grand Haven on June 11, 1973. Charles died April 24, 1957. The Misners were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Donald James Misner, their son, was born on November 5, 1917 and married Elizabeth Hickey of Grand Haven.

James E. Misner [1874-1916]

James was the son of Robert [Raymond] Eugene Misner, who was born in Hector, New York in 1850. James's mother was Sophia J., a native of The Netherlands and the daughter of Corneil [Cornelius] and Christina

Addison of Newaygo and Grand Haven. Sophia was born about 1844. Raymond and Sophia were married in Newaygo County on December 25, 1869. After 1880 the family moved to Spring Lake. James was a traveling salesman for a company in Ithaca, New York. On April 26, 1903 in Grand Haven, he married Anna Balgooyen. Anna "Annie," the daughter of Hendrick and Julia Balgooyen, was born in Grand Haven on December 13, 1873. Born in Fremont, Michigan in June, 1874, James died when he went through thin ice near the Willows Resort on Spring Lake around January 10, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Robert [Raymond] Eugene Misner [1850- 1934]

Robert Misner and his wife, Sophia, lived at 108 North Third in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. Sophia ran a millinery shop at the same address. Robert was a stevedore, but later worked in his wife's shop. Born in The Netherlands in September, 1855, Sophia was the daughter of Corneil and Christina Addison. Robert was born in New York on April 14, 1850 and moved to Fremont, Michigan when he was 16. He spent about 10 years in a sawmill before opening a grocery and dry goods business with R. W. Rutherford. Robert and Sophia were married in Fremont on December 25, 1869. They had a son, James, who was born in Michigan in June 27, 1874 [1875]. They also had a daughter, Stella, born in September, 1869. She married a McLeod and had a son, Raymond, born in June, 1892. The Misners eventually moved to Grand Haven. There, Raymond worked in the millinery store with his grandmother. Sophia's brother, Cornelius, owned and operated Addison Bazaar in downtown Grand Haven [200 Washington]. Sophia died about September 7, 1915 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1930 Robert was residing at the County Home in Garfield, Michigan, using the name Raymond Misner. He died on April 15, 1934 and was buried at Maple Grove Cemetery in Newaygo County.

John H. Mitchell [? - ?]

A New York native and newspaper editor, John Mitchell bought the *Grand Haven News* from James W. Barnes and Reuben Fosha in 1867.

Harry Thomas Modderman [1918-2001]

Harry Thomas Modderman served as Keeper at the County Poor House [Poor Farm] in Polkton Township. He was farm manager for eight years before taking the keeper's position. His wife was matron. Harry was born on September 27, 1918 and died in Coopersville on April 4, 2001.

Albert Mohr II [1899-1971]

In 1959 Albert Mohr II and his wife, Dorothy Courtney Dobbins, took ownership of a cottage in Highland Park

at 25 Crescent Hills named Gray Gables. It had belonged to Dorothy's mother, who died in 1959. The Mohrs were from Champaign, Illinois, and in 1930 Albert was Superintendent of a boiler shop in Chicago. He was born on October 11, 1899 and died on November 3, 1971. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He and Dorothy were married in Champaign on October 8, 1925. Dorothy, the daughter of Oliver Beard and Edith Emma Leonard Dobbins, lived from September 4, 1903 to June 3, 1988. Although a native of Champaign, she also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Albert Roy Molenkamp [1930-2001]

Al was born in Grand Haven on June 20, 1930, the son of Albert and Josephine Molenkamp. He was actively involved in Alcoholics Anonymous [AA] and in helping others. He lived at Village Green Mobile Home Park at 1700 Robbins Road. Al's children were Christine, who married Charles Cuti of Spring Lake; Karen, who married Robert La France of West Olive; and Deb Talsma, also of West Olive. He had seven stepchildren. His wife, Sally, lived from January 2, 1935 to December 16, 1999. Al died July 25, 2001. [*Tribune* obituary, July 26, 2001.]

Arie Moll [Mull] [1815-1902]

Arie was born in The Netherlands in 1815 and died in Grand Haven on November 18, 1902. Arie was a laborer. He married Adriana [Mary] Vis, a native of The Netherlands, who lived from October 31, 1817 to August 26, 1904. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had three sons: Bernard, who was born in 1836; Daniel, who was born in The Netherlands in 1843 and died in Grand Haven on June 29, 1885; and Jacob, who was born around 1859. A daughter, Pauline, was born in February, 1851. Jacob was born in Michigan, and the other three children were born in The Netherlands.

Bernard [Bernhard] Moll [Mull] [1836-1914]

A carpenter by trade, Bernard Mull was born in The Netherlands on August 20, 1836. He was the son of Arie and Adrianna Mull. Bernard's wife, Louise, was born on August 17, 1839. When they resided at 502 Madison in the early 1900s, Bernard worked at the "bean factory." Among their seven children were John, who was born in New York in 1863; Edward, who was born in New York in 1865; and a daughter Lydia, who was born in Michigan in 1876. Bernard died on November 30, 1914 and Louise passed away on December 12, 1911.

Edward W. F. Moll [1865-1921]

Edward, the son of Bernard and Eliza Moll, was born in Tonawanda, New York in 1865 and came to Grand Haven when he was three. Both parents were born in

Germany. Edward's first job was packing fishnets. Later he was associated with Joseph Godhardt, a blind Grand Haven junk dealer, in gathering rags and junk in exchange for small household wares. Edward was also employed at the Kilbourn Barrel Factory for 19 years. He then purchased a shoe store at 109 Seventh Street, and became associated with the People's Mercantile Company, owned by Tony and William Baker. Edward was Treasurer of the Mercantile Company. The shoe store was in operation for more than 40 years. Edward's sons were associated in the business with him. He was instrumental in getting Gustave "Gus" Cohrs to come to Grand Haven as Athletic Director of Grand Haven High School. Edward was a member of the Board of Education for 35 years and President in 1917. He also served on the City Council and the Local Welfare Board, and he was Trustee of Hatton Hospital. Edward's wife's name was Sena. The family lived at 314 North Fifth Street. Edward died in 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife.

Charles Clarence Molson [Moulson] I [1893-1952]

Born in Spring Lake on February 4, 1893, Charles was the son of Ephraim and Adelia Molson of Spring Lake. The African American family moved to Madison Street in Grand Haven in the early years of the twentieth century. Charles conducted services for the Israel Baptist Church from his home. Charles married Ella Leona Patterson in Grand Rapids on December 16, 1909. Leona, as she preferred to be called, was born around 1890 in Michigan. Among their children was Edith Juanita Molson, who was born in Grand Haven on January 3, 1923, married Clarence Gilbert Smith, and died in Grand Rapids on December 30, 1971. Other children were Clarence, born about 1911; Ida, born about 1912; Louise, born about 1914; Leona, born about 1915; Charles II, born about 1917; and Adelbert, born about 1919. The children were all born locally. At various times Charles was a barber, a cook for the Grand Trunk Railway section hands, a truck driver for a local coal yard, and watchman for Nathaniel Robbins. In 1910 he was working as a dock worker and residing at 408 Elliott Street with Leona. Grant and Mary Ann Gardner, another African American family, lived next door at 410 Elliott. Grant Gardner, born in Virginia about 1875, and Mary Ann Gardner, born in Michigan about 1868, were married around 1903. Grant worked at Challenge Machinery. Also in the house was Caroline Taylor, Mary Ann's mother, who was born in New York about 1835. Caroline was Black and widowed. The Gardners do not appear in subsequent censuses for Ottawa County.

By 1918 Charles and Leona had moved to 415 North Seventh Street. In 1928 Charles was a truck driver for Nat Robbins's coal business, and he and Ella were still

living in the house on North Seventh. In the 1930 census his wife's name was given as Linda, possibly a mistake on the part of the enumerator. They continued to reside at 415 North Seventh. Linda was born in Alabama around 1900. By the late 1930s he was living in Chicago. Charles died around September 25, 1952 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Ephraim [Ephriam/Ephram] Molson [Molsen/Moulson/Molston] [1832-1923]

As early as 1891 Ephraim Molson operated a barbershop in Spring Lake. His first wife, Victoria, was born in Pennsylvania about 1835. Around 1875 he married Adelia [Delia] E. Conner, who was born in Canada on May 2, 1853, came to the United States in 1854, and was raised in South Haven. Ephraim, who was born in Columbia, Pennsylvania in January, 1832, had previously owned barbershops in Chicago and Clyde, Michigan before opening his shop in Spring Lake. Ephraim's and Adelia's children were Emma V., who was born in Coloma, Michigan on August 7, 1877, married Richard Thompson in Spring Lake on April 19, 1894, and died in Fruitport on December 17, 1898; William B., who was born in Clyde, Michigan on July 3, 1879 [1877/1878], Fanny, who was born in Grandville in 1881, married Robert Graves of Grand Haven, and later married a Mr Stevens of Ferrysburg; Harry [Henry] who was born in Richland, Michigan in 1886; Nellie, who was born in Grand Haven in 1891 and died on June 1, 1891 at the age of two months and three days; and Charles Clarence, who was born in Spring Lake on February 4, 1893. Richard Thompson, Emma's husband and the son of Leonard and Mary Bennett Thompson, was born in 1874. Ephraim was one of several local representatives to an Equal Rights convention that met in Grand Rapids on April 10 and 11, 1894. By 1900 he was working as a barber in Hubbard, Ohio and living alone. In 1910 he, Adelia, and their son Harry were living at 621 Monroe Street in Grand Haven. Ephraim continued barbering. Harry died of tuberculosis at his parents' home on April 28, 1910, one day after the census enumerator had visited them. Ten years later Ephraim was retired, and he and Adelia were still residing at 621 Monroe Street. Adelia continued living there after Ephraim's death on February 24, 1923. Ephraim's burial records could not be located. On November 7, 1863 Ephraim enlisted in the 31st U.S. Colored Infantry [also cited as the 31st New York Regiment]. He served with Companies B and E. He had the rank of Corporal when he was mustered out. On December 7, 1894 Ephraim filed for a Civil War disability pension, and on June 15, 1923 Adelia filed for a widow's pension. She married Henry Dickerson in 1933 and died on January 14, 1949. [Tribune obituaries, February 26, 1923 and January 15, 1949.]

William B. Molson [1879-1939]

William B., the son of Ephraim and Adelia Molson, was born in Clyde [Grand Junction], Michigan on July 3, 1879 [1877/1878]. He married Ida R. Mathews in Ft. Wayne, Indiana on November 15, 1913. The couple moved to Chicago, where William was a porter for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Christian Science Church in Chicago. He died in Chicago on April 23, 1939 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 25, 1939.]

Stephen Monroe [1813-1890]

See Stephen Munroe.

Samuel Montford [1837- ?]

See Samuel Mountford.

John M. Montgomery I [1937-2006]

A lifetime resident of Grand Haven, John was born on January 11, 1937, the son of John A. and Lyda Hrometz Montgomery. He married Paula J. Baird on June 12, 1955 in Grand Haven. In 1957 Paula and John bought Johnson's Grocery at 328 Madison [Jackson Street] and ran it until 1983, when they closed down the business. For another 15 years John was a broker for the Prudential Life Insurance Company. John and Paula bought property at 400 Jackson in 1973 and opened "The Mousetrap," an antique shop. John Montgomery also had his Prudential Insurance office here. They sold the property in late 2002. John also owned the Grand Haven News Company for 20 years. He graduated from Michigan State University, and in Grand Haven he was a member of the Methodist Church of the Dunes. He served 30 years on the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power, including 17 years as chairman. He belonged to the local Jaycees, and in the late 1960s he was named the organization's Man of the Year. John was active in Ambucs and the Cub Scouts, and he promoted many local improvement projects, such as waterfront beautification, and the new YMCA. He was a director of the Coast Guard Festival Board and one of its long-term volunteers; he also was a founding member of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation and he served on the Board of the United Way for many years. He and Paula had two daughters, Debra Yonker and Kelly, who married Robert Aylsworth. Both daughters remained in Grand Haven. The Montgomerys also had a son, John II, who lived in Norton Shores. John I passed away in Grand Haven on December 6, 2006. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

George W. Moody [1835-1905]

Born in Pennsylvania on April 8, 1835, George Moody moved to Michigan with his parents in 1838 and arrived

in Spring Lake in 1855. By 1879, he was Chief Engineer at Grand Haven Lumber Company, where he followed up on all negotiations made for the shingle mill by owner Charles Boyden. He lived at 120 South Fifth Street with his wife, Mary M. Mary was born December 8, 1844 and passed away on April 25, 1913. George died on February 21, 1905. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their daughter, Myrtie M., was born in Michigan in June, 1868.

William Moozen [@1841- ?]

A native of The Netherlands, where he was born about 1841, William Moozen immigrated to Kalamazoo and then moved to Grand Haven in 1873. In 1878 he joined with Cornelius Glerum to organize a contracting and building firm. His wife, Annie, also a native of The Netherlands, was born around 1845. Their children were Nellie, born about 1866 in The Netherlands, and three others, all born in Michigan: William, born about 1871; Anna, born about 1874; and John, born about 1878. The Moozens left the Grand Haven area before 1893.

Betty Jane Weavers Moore [1918-1997]

Betty Moore was born on April 24, 1918 in the house she lived in all her life at 301 Barber Street in Spring Lake. Betty was the daughter of William and Jessamine McClure Weavers and the great-granddaughter of Jay McCluer, who was born in New York in 1832. In return for substituting for Hunter Savidge in the Civil War, a common practice in those days, McCluer was given a house and five lots of lake front property on Barber Street. The house originally had been the Savidge home and was moved to 305 Barber, which the McCluers lived in until he built the house at 301 Barber. One of McCluer's children was Marshall, whose daughter, Jessamine, married William Weavers. Betty was the Weavers' only child. The last ten years of her life, Betty worked at the Tri-Cities Historical Museum, and she was a member of the Spring Lake Historical Society. She married Ivor "Joe" Moore on April 2, 1939 in Spring Lake. He was born on August 20, 1916 and died in February 20, 1982. The Moores had one daughter, Patricia. Betty passed away on November 7, 1997. They had one daughter, Patricia A. Weavers, who remained in the family home after Betty's death.

George P. Moore [1831-1896]

While living in Indiana, George Moore on August 16, 1862 enlisted as Private in Company F of the 73rd Indiana Infantry. He was discharged on May 26, 1865, and later settled on a 40-acre farm in Section 10 of Crockery Township, where he spent the remainder of his life. George, who was born in Ohio in 1831, died in 1896. His wife, Emma, was born in Indiana in September, 1845. They had a son, Benjamin, born in Ottawa County in September, 1884.

Charles William Moran [1893-1967]

Born in Illinois in 1893, Charles Moran was a clerk in a Grand Haven factory in 1930. In 1933 he founded the Koch & Moran Company with his partner, Otto Karl Koch. Charles's wife, Marietta, was born in Illinois about 1899. They had a son, Joseph Eugene, born in 1927, and a daughter, Patricia, born in 1929. Both children were born locally. The family resided at 1005 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. Charles died about November 10, 1967, and Marietta passed away on February 13, 1974. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

George William More [1876- ?]

George, the son of John J. and Eliza Morral More, was born in Spring Lake on March 11, 1876. He was employed by the Challenge Porcelain Company, but by 1918 he was Chief Engineer at Story & Clark. Later he owned More's Garage, located south of the More home at 206 South Jackson Street in Spring Lake. He first married Martina, daughter of Theodore and Matilda Christensen Martinson. George and Martina had two sons, both born locally: Stewart J. born about 1905, and Albert E., born about 1907. Martina, who was born in Denmark in 1885, died in 1912. Two years later George married her twin sister Millie [Amelia Josephine], who lived from 1885 to 1940 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

John Jackson More [1834-1928]

A native of New York, where he was born in French Creek in August, 1834, John Moore came to Michigan in 1849. He arrived in Spring Lake 20 years later, where he was employed as Chief Engineer at the Haire & Tolford Lumber Company. In 1877 he joined the Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company as Chief Engineer. When the lumbering business died out, John worked with machinery and was Water Engineer and lamplighter for Spring Lake. His wife, Eliza [Elizabeth] C. Morral, was born in April, 1840 in Ireland. They had six children, including Elice R., who was born in June, 1859 in Michigan and married John Bunker, and George W., who was born in March, 1876, also in Michigan. The family lived at 120 West Exchange in a house built before 1870, the year the Finches bought it. By 1900 the family resided in Crockery Township. John died in 1928, and Eliza lived from 1840 to 1907. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Merton A. Morford [1867- ?]

Born in Barry County, Michigan on September 27, 1867, Merton was the son of Herman W. and Mary F. Morford. On February 2, 1893, in Osceola County, Michigan, he married Minnie [Lucy], Newcomb. They lived at 322 Fulton Avenue, where Merton gave violin

lessons. Minnie was born about 1868 in Michigan and died after 1920. They had at least one son, Kenneth A., born about 1902. By 1920 Merton was living in Cadillac as a self-employed piano tuner. Ten years later he was residing in Grand Rapids, doing the same work. His wife at that time was Ethel Vickers, who also had previously been married. Ethel was born in Michigan around 1878.

Hudson Morgan [1915-2002]

Hudson Morgan, an African American, was born in Boyne City on September 25, 1915. His parents were Zachariah and Lottie Devine Morgan. Hudson moved with his parent to Grand Haven in 1926 and later worked as a leather finisher at Eagle Ottawa for 46 years. Hudson married Helen M. Johnson in Toledo, Ohio on August 26, 1966. In Grand Haven, they resided at 1326 Woodlawn. Hudson attended the Spring Lake Wesleyan Church and was a member of the Good Fellows Club of Grand Haven. Hudson died in Grand Haven on September 10, 2002. Helen disappeared from local records after her husband's death. They had three children: Bonna Kay, who moved to Roswell, Georgia; Patricia Ann, who moved to Remus, Michigan, and Lewis T. Guy of Blanchard, Michigan. [*Tribune* obituary, September 11, 2002.]

Zachariah [Zacharia/Zacharias] "Zack" Morgan [@1893-1968]

On May 6, 1913, in Boyne City, Michigan, Zachariah Morgan married Lottie Devine. In 1928 the couple resided at 1321 Franklin in Grand Haven. Zachariah, the son of Nicholas and Catherine Morgan, was born on August 21, 1893 in Advance, Michigan [Charlevoix County]. Zachariah was named after his grandfather, the first Zachariah Morgan. The grandfather and his wife settled in Boyne City in 1871, where he established a reputation as an astute and reliable business man. On his WWI draft registration form, the younger Zachariah listed his race as Ethiopian. At that time he was still living in Boyne City and working at Michigan Tannery as a laborer. Lottie was born in Kentucky about 1891. Zachariah and Lottie were listed as Mulatto on their marriage license and as Black in the censuses. Their children were Gordon, born about 1914, Hudson, born on September 25, 1915, and Florence M., who was born about 1918, married a Mr McMeekin, and moved to Washington, D.C. The three children were born in Boyne City, but by 1920 the family resided in Charlevoix. Zachariah was employed by the Michigan Tannery in Boyne City at that time, but he also worked as a laborer and machine operator. By 1926 Zachariah was a machine operator at Eagle Ottawa Leather Company in Grand Haven. He and his family were residing at 1321 Franklin Street, where they remained into at least the 1930s. By 1948 Lottie was widowed

and living at 126 Elliott Street, where Henry and Adelia Dickerson had lived in the late 1930s. Lottie died on March 20, 1959 in Grand Haven and was buried at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Boyne City. Zachariah died about July 26, 1968 and also was buried Maple Lawn Cemetery. [*Michigan Manual of Freedmen's Progress*, p. 120 and *Tribune* obituary, March 20, 1959.]

Sylvester L. Morris [1829- ?]

Sylvester Morris in 1860 was a physician in Wyoming, Michigan, and ten years later he was a resident of Holland, Michigan. He bought the *Grand Haven Herald* from Charles N. Dickinson in March, 1873 and sold a half-interest in the newspaper to Crinis H. Du Bois in August the next year. By 1875 Crinis had full ownership. Sylvester was born in New York about 1829, and his wife, Mary, was a native of Pennsylvania, where she was born around 1824. They had two children. Sylvester served with the 5th Michigan Cavalry during the Civil War. He enlisted as an assistant surgeon in Dowagiac, Michigan, on September 8, 1863 and was promoted to full surgeon on October 23, 1863. He was given a disability discharge from Company S on July 28, 1864 and applied for a pension in 1877. He was deceased by 1890 when Mary was living as a widow in Grand Rapids.

Charles S. Morrison [1860- ?]

Charles Morrison was listed in the 1930 census as a teacher at Grand Haven High School. About the same time as the census he published sheet music titled "Grand Haven High School March for Piano." Born in Senecaville, Ohio about 1860, Charles married Mary Agnes Miller in Charlevoix on October 24, 1921. Born about 1868 in Michigan, she died around January 31, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Morrisons resided at 1301 Pennoyer.

Edward Morse [1904-1989]

The son of Charles and Jennie Morse, Edward was born in Michigan on August 21, 1904. In 1920 the Morse family resided at 1350 Fulton in Grand Haven. Edward had a sister, Avis, born about 1908. Charles, who was born in Michigan about 1875, was a steam fitter at Challenge Refrigerator. Jennie was a native New Yorker, where she was born about 1882. Edward died in Grand Haven on April 8, 1989.

Edwin L. Morse [1875-1972]

In 1928 Edwin Morse was appointed to replace Peter Walker as Superintendent of the Grand Haven State Park. Edwin held the position for 16 years. He was born on March 22, 1875 and passed away in Spring Lake on November 19, 1972.

Milford A. Morse [1925-1993]

When Grand Haven Plastics was organized in 1951, Milford Morse was named Vice President and General Manager. Born on February 9, 1925, he resided with his wife, Diane, at 522 Grandview in Spring Lake and later at 703 Winter Street. From his home on Winter Street, he operated a business called Glass Fibers, which specialized in building materials. Milford died in Lowell, Michigan on December 7, 1993 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Thomas William Morse [1879- ?]

Thomas and Elsie Morse owned a bait shop at 315 South Harbor from the 1930s into the 1950s. Among the bait they sold were crickets. They also sold ice cream and other refreshments. Thomas was born in Muskegon on August 7, 1879. Elsie E. Curtiss was born in Lawrence, Michigan on December 18, 1887, died in Grand Haven on May 19, 1974, and was buried at Fruitport Cemetery. They were married in Fruitport on June 30, 1909. In 1930 the couple resided in Muskegon, where Thomas worked with a construction company.

Charles Morton [1853-1912]

In 1898 Captain Charles Morton succeeded Captain Nathaniel Robbins IV as head of the 11th Life Saving District and served until 1911. Born in Ireland on July 12, 1853, Charles died on July 7, 1912 and his wife, Louise, died on December 7, 1944. Louise, born in St. Joseph, Michigan on April 6, 1864, had come to Grand Haven in 1889 with her husband. They resided at 536 Clinton for many years. Their children were Mabel, born in February, 1887; E. Louise, who was born in July, 1889 and married JayVyn of Grand Haven; Charles, born in November, 1890; and Grover, born in November, 1893. The children were all natives of Michigan.

William Irving Mosher [1896- ?]

William Mosher was a long-time Grand Haven photographer. Born on May 31, 1896 in Ionia, in 1917 he was a Private stationed with the Army Medical Department at the Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. At that time he listed photography as his occupation. William opened his first Grand Haven studio in the early 1920s on the second floor of the Vander Zalm Building [208 Washington], then moved to ground-level space at 107 Washington, and finally to 104 Washington around the mid-1950s. William sold his business to W. Kirk Bloeser, who renamed it Kirk's Camera Supply. Harold Bretschneider, who later opened his own studio, studied under Mosher. On January 24, 1923 in Muskegon, William married Florence H. Skow. In 1930 William, Florence, and their daughter, Alice Irene, resided in Muskegon. By 1932 they were living at 524 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. Later they resided in Spring

Lake Township. Florence was born in Michigan about 1895, and Alice was born around 1925. The Moshers also had a son, William, who was born about 1931.

Charles Moulson [1893-1952]

See Charles Molson.

Samuel Mountford [Montford] [1837-1911]

Born in Burslem, England on August 23, 1837, Samuel Montford immigrated to the United States in 1848 and settled with his parents in La Grange, Wisconsin. On August 18, 1861 he enlisted as Private in the 5th Wisconsin Light Artillery, was wounded at the Battle of Stone's River [Tennessee], and was mustered out on November 14, 1864. In 1868 he moved to Georgetown Township and became a farmer, and nine years later he relocated to an 80-acre farm in Section 5 of Olive Township. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1887 and again in 1891, and in the 1890s he became Postmaster in the town of West Olive, where he had moved in 1891. He also owned a grocery store in West Olive. On April 6, 1858 he married Sarah A. Westbury, who was born in Rochester, New York and passed away in West Olive on September 15, 1872. Two of their three sons moved to Chicago and the third to North Dakota. They were all born in Wisconsin. On March 22, 1877 Samuel married Eliza Brown Brooks, the widow of Charles C. Brooks. Eliza was born in Michigan on February 21, 1836 and died in Chicago on December 28, 1897. Apparently Samuel married again, this time to Gertrude Roll of Ottawa County. Samuel was a member of the William Thirkettle Post No. 388, G.A.R. He died about June 12, 1911 at the Soldier's Home in Grand Rapids and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland. [*Tribune* obituary, December 30, 1897.]

Samuel Curtis Mower [1842-@1890]

Samuel Mower was born in Massachusetts on March 1, 1842. He enlisted as Sergeant in Company K of the 4th Wisconsin Cavalry on May 17, 1861 while living in Chilton, Wisconsin. He was promoted to Second Lieutenant on December 26, 1862, to First Lieutenant on March 2, 1864, and to Captain on September 24, 1864. He was transferred to Company F about ten months before being mustered out on May 28, 1866. In Grand Haven Samuel was made Captain of Company F, 126th Michigan Infantry, in 1880 and served for four years in that capacity. He married Clara Mae Burton [Benton] in Milwaukee on June 1, 1870. She was born in Illinois in 1850, the daughter of William M. and Charlotte Burton. Clara applied for a Civil War widow's pension on July 12, 1890, an indication of her husband's approximate date of death. Their sons, both born in Michigan, were Harrison C., born about 1875, and Samuel W., born in August, 1876. Clara married George Angel [Angell] of

Grand Haven on January 19, 1891. By 1910 she was widowed again and living in Detroit.

Erhard Mueller [Muller] [1877- ?]

Around 1930 Erhard and Lena [Leni/Lina] Muller owned a 40-acre farm in Section 5 of Robinson Township. They called their place Waldheim [Woods Home], and resided in a one-story frame home. Both were natives of Germany, where Erhard was born on May 13, 1877, and Lena about 1876. They were married around 1900, came to the United States four years later, and became naturalized citizens in 1911. By 1920 they were residing in Chicago, where Erhard worked as custodian in an apartment building. Ten years later they were in Robinson Township. Lena died about June 12, 1954 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John Muir [1830-1916]

After William Ganoe's death in 1888, Captain John Muir purchased and piloted the steamer *W. H. Barrett*, the last boat to ply the river between Grand Haven and Grand Rapids. The *Barrett* was built by William's father, Jesse Ganoe & Son of Grand Rapids, and launched in June, 1875. The sidewheeler, measuring 37' long and 24' wide, was destroyed by fire while docked in her home city in November, 1894. It was sparks from the *Barrett* that started a sawdust fire, leading to the destruction of much of Spring Lake on May 11, 1893. John was born in 1830 and arrived in Grand Rapids with his parents in 1852. He died on December 8, 1916. He married Jean Davidson on September 19, 1853. She was born in Canada in November, 1830 and died in 1911. They were residents of Kent County as early as 1860. Both were buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Kent County.

Anne [1834-1883] and Derkje Mulder [1834-1905]

Anne Mulder and his wife, Derkje Dyk, were married in The Netherlands in 1858, where they both were born in 1834. They immigrated to Holland, Michigan in 1867 and arrived in Spring Lake two years later. Their children born in The Netherlands were Kate, who lived from 1858 to 1925; John, born about 1861; George J., born on February 24, 1864; and Allie [Ella], born about 1866. Their locally born children were Cora, who lived from 1867 to 1942; Mary, born about 1871; and Cornelius, born around 1874. Ella, Cora, and Mary apparently did not marry and shared a home on Savidge Street. Kate and Cora were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. After working in the sawmills, Anne, a carpenter, became a merchant in 1875. After his death in 1883 his wife and two sons, John and George, ran the business with their mother as Mrs Anne Mulder & Sons. Their grocery, dry goods, and feed store was lost in the fire of 1893, but they rebuilt on the same site, at 104 West Savidge. Derkje died on April 15, 1905 and was buried with her husband at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Around 1930 the store name was changed to Mulder Bros. & Sons Hardware at 108 West Savidge. The Mulders were charter members of the First Dutch Reformed Church in Spring Lake. In the 1940s Jacob Braak, who ran a bakery, bought the building, raised the roof, and added apartments upstairs. [*Tribune* "Years Events for 1899."]

Anson George Mulder [1899-1964]

The son of Spring Lake natives George and Adriana Mulder, Anson was born on July 30, 1899. Anson and his father operated a grocery store at 108 West Savidge called Mulder Bros. & Sons. In 1930 Anson was unmarried and residing with his parents on Savidge Street. He married Ruth E. Westerhouse in Flint on June 21, 1933. They resided at 311 East Exchange. Anson died in Spring Lake on January 1, 1964.

Cornelius D. Mulder [1874-1939]

Born in Spring Lake on February 22, 1874, Cornelius was the son of Anne and Derkje Dyk Mulder. He had four older sisters, Mary, Ella, Kate, and Cora, and two older brothers, George and John. Educated in Spring Lake Schools, Cornelius graduated from Hope College in 1899 and later from the University of Michigan Medical School. He began his practice in New Era, Michigan and returned to Spring Lake where he practiced medicine for the next 36 years. He was the only physician in the village and surrounding area at a time when there were few automobiles. During the terrible influenza epidemic following WWI, he hired a chauffeur so he could nap between calls.

Cornelius was a member of Hatton Hospital [North Ottawa Community Hospital] from its beginning, a member of the Michigan Homeopathic Society, Director and original stockholder of the Spring Lake State Bank for eight years, member of the Ottawa County Medical Association, on the staff of Hackley Hospital in Muskegon; Trustee of Hope College and Western Theological Seminary, and member of the Spring Lake School Board for 22 years and at one time its President. He continued to practice even after stricken with a deadly malady. His residence was located at 223 East Savidge, once the home of Dr. Cyril Brown. Cornelius died on June 9, 1939 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. His wife, Harriet, was born in Nottinghamshire, England, on May 16, 1880 and died in Spring Lake on February 16, 1961. They were married on August 8, 1905. Harriet was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Cornelius.

George J. Mulder [1864-1939]

Born in The Netherlands on February 24, 1864, George was the son of Anne and Derkje Dyk Mulder. He had four older sisters, Mary, Ella, Kate, and Cora, and two

brothers, Cornelius and John. His family immigrated to the United States in 1867. About 1890 George married Adriana [Jennie] Oggel, who was born in Michigan on August 4, 1865. Their children, all born locally, included Cornelius, born in March, 1893; Della, who was born October 8, 1894 and died in June, 1981; Adrian, born in November, 1896; Anson [Algernon], born on July 30, 1899; Elizabeth Gertrude, who was born on August 17, 1901 and died on January 26, 1934; and Kathryn, who was born June 13, 1904 and married Richard Kruizenga of Spring Lake. George and his brother John ran a business started by their father. After the father's death in 1883 John and George operated the business as Mrs Anne Mulder & Sons. Their grocery and feed store was lost in the fire of 1893, but they rebuilt on the same site, at 104 West Savidge. Derkje Mulder died on April 15, 1905 and was buried with her husband at Spring Lake Cemetery. In the 1920s the store name was moved to 108 West Savidge as Mulder Bros. & Sons Hardware. Adrianna passed away on January 2, 1934. George died March 22, 1939 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife and other family members.

John Mulder [1860-1942]

Born in The Netherlands on September 3, 1860 [1861], John was the son of Anne and Derkje Dyk Mulder. He had four older sisters, Mary, Ella, Kate, and Cora, and two brothers, Cornelius and George. John and his brother George ran a business started by their father. After the father's death in 1883 John and George operated the business as Mrs Anne Mulder & Sons. Their grocery and feed store was lost in the fire of 1893, but they rebuilt on the same site, at 104 West Savidge. In the 1920s the store name was moved to 108 West Savidge as Mulder Bros. & Sons Hardware. John married Margaret "Maggie" Dobb in Spring Lake on June 30, 1892. They resided on Savidge Street. Margaret was born in Spring Lake on October 25, 1868 and married John around 1892. Their daughter Gertrude was born about 1903 and Esther about 1909. John died on November 18, 1942 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Margaret died on February 6, 1948 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

John J. Mulder [1893-1961]

Born in Holland, Michigan on January 3, 1893, John Mulder started clerking in a drugstore at age 17. He received his pharmacist's license from Ferris Institute [Ferris State University] and came to Grand Haven in 1916 as a partner with Doede J. Du Saar in the Square Drug Store at Seventh and Fulton [635 Fulton]. Doede was from Port Huron, Michigan. On January 11, 1917 in Zeeland, he married Fanny Tien in Zeeland. Also in 1917 he bought out his partner and purchased the Thieleman Drug Store. After operating both drugstores

for ten years, he sold the “Squares” to John Voss. In 1918 he bought the drug store on the southwest corner of Washington and Second [136 Washington] from Jacob Vander Veen and his son, Claude. John, Fannie, and a son, lived at 610 Sheldon around 1920. By 1930 the family was residing at 619 Lake Avenue. Their children, all born locally, were John, born about 1928; Marjory M., born about 1921; and Charlotte, born about 1925. John, the father, retired in 1952 after 35 years in the drugstore business, which he sold to Robert Steiner. John was on the Board of Education for 11 years and a charter member of Board of Public Works. In 1921 and 1922 he served as Alderman on the Grand Haven City Council. John died in 1961. Fannie was born on October 20, 1893 and died in Grand Haven on December 10, 1992. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Klaas Mulder [Moulder] [1848- ?]

In the early 1900s Klaas Mulder and his family resided on a farm at 540 Colfax Street in Grand Haven. They raised livestock and crops. He had worked as a farmer in Gronigen, The Netherlands, where he was born about 1848, but was classified as Laborer in the 1910 census. His wife, Nellie, also a native of Gronigen, was born about 1862. They immigrated to Grand Haven with their eight children aboard the *S.S. Rotterdam* on September 19, 1901. The children were all born in Gronigen: Harm, about 1885; Anje [Anna], about 1888; Helen, about 1899; Grace, about 1890; Alex, about 1895; Albert, about 1891; and George and Jennie.

Lambertus [Lambert/Lammert] J. Mulder [1852-1938]

Lambertus Mulder was born in The Netherlands on June 17, 1852. He married Elizabeth Van Woerven, who was born in 1854, also in The Netherlands. The couple immigrated to the United States in 1872 and lived at 612 Columbus in Grand Haven. Lambertus, a tailor by trade, owned a shop at 19-25 North Third, just north of Carnegie Library, where he also offered dry cleaning and pressing. Their children were John G., who was born in The Netherlands around 1872 and joined his father in the tailoring business; Alice [Ella], who was born on January 17, 1874 and married Wilford W. Dake of Grand Haven; Richard, who was born about 1877 and operated and inspected mechanical cranes; and Henry, who was born about 1879 and went into the commercial fishing business. The three younger children were born locally. Lambertus was an elder at the Second Reformed Church. He died in Grand Haven on July 2, 1938, a year after Elizabeth passed away. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Sophia Smith Mulder [1881-1961]

Sophia Smith Mulder, who was born in Bradford, Pennsylvania in 1881 and died about July 28, 1961, was

known as the “lady who stopped the train.” She married John G. Mulder in Grand Haven on June 25, 1896. John, the son of Lambertus and Elizabeth Van Woerven, was born in The Netherlands around 1872. He worked with his father in the tailoring and dry cleaning business at 19-25 North Third. Sophia and John lived at 622 Columbus in Grand Haven. For 65 years she waved to trainmen from her home at the Columbus Street crossing. On her 80th birthday the train stopped as one of the trainmen jumped out to present Sophia with a large hydrangea plant. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John died about January 4, 1943, and also was buried at Lake Forest.

Arie Mull [1815-1902]

See Arie Moll [1815-1902].

Bernard [Bernhard] Moll [Mull] [1836-1914]

See Bernard Moll [1836-1914].

Gerrit John Muller [1877- ?]

Gerrit Muller was proprietor of a tobacco store at 113 North Seventh in Grand Haven in the early 1900s, where he also manufactured cigars. On March 1, 1899 he married Jarma “Jennie” B. Kammeraad in Grand Haven. They lived at 1110 [1108] Franklin. Jennie was born about 1877 and Gerrit on June 15, 1877 in one of the Antilles Islands, a possession of The Netherlands.

Hugh P. Mulligan [1877-1964]

Hugh, the son of John and Julia Mulligan, was born in Grand Haven on October 7, 1876. He married Anna Stroub in Grand Haven on September 6, 1904. Anna was born in Michigan in 1877. The Mulligans had a daughter, Virginia, who was born in Michigan November 1, 1905 and died in Florida on February 13, 1976. In the early 1900s the family lived on Pennoyer near Sheldon Road. By the 1930s Hugh and his family resided at 535 Slayton. He was Inspector of Boilers with the U. S. Steamboat Inspection Office in Grand Haven in 1932, and he served on the Board of Public Works from 1935 to 1957. Hugh, who retired as Lieutenant Commander in the Coast Guard, died in March, 1964 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Anna passed away around August 6, 1958 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

John Mulligan I [1843-1911]

In the 1893 *Compendium* John Mulligan was listed as a sailor. By the late 1800s he and his wife had settled on a parcel of land east of the dune known as Five Mile Hill, where they lived in a farmhouse. John, an Irish Catholic, was a tugboat owner. He was described as a “very Irish, very tall man with a big nose,” who wore a Prince Edward coat to church on Sundays. He married Julia Court [McCourt]. They had several children,

including Annie, who was born in England about 1870; John II, born about 1874; James L., born about 1875; Hugh P., born on October 7, 1876; Mary I., born about 1878; Owen, born in November, 1883; Henry J., born in July, 1885; Lizzie, born in December, 1887; and Julia W., who was born in December, 1889 and married Joseph A. De May in Grand Haven on April 22, 1919. All the children except Annie were born in Michigan. Most of them eventually moved from the area. One son, Hugh, remained in Grand Haven. After the death of both Mulligan parents, the house was sold and the two-story portion of it was moved to a lot on the west side of Leggat, the third house from Sherman [417 Leggat]. In 1908 the City of Grand Haven purchased from the Mulligans for \$100.65 a piece of land 229' by 165', which subsequently became known as Mulligan's Hollow. A native of Ireland, John was born in June, 1843 and died around February 16, 1911. Julia, also from Ireland, lived from May, 1850 to about April 2, 1917. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Chronicle* article "Family History Clears Up Mystery," June 26, 1984.]

Stephen Munroe [Monroe] II [1813-1890]

Stephen Munroe, who was born in Parma, Monroe County, New York on June 28, 1813, moved to Jackson, Michigan in 1834, went on to Albion in 1840, and then to Grand Haven in 1850. His parents were Stephen and Susan Hicks Munroe. Around 1843 Stephen started to study medicine, and within a few years he received a medical degree from Bellevue Hospital Medical School in New York City. By 1850 he had opened an office in Griffin's Drug Store in Grand Haven [29 Washington]. He later purchased an adjacent house at 21 Washington as his residence and another building at 23 Washington for his office. *Michigan Medical History* noted: "Dr. Monroe was the pioneer in the practice of medicine in Ottawa County. He traveled up and down the lake shore on foot, on horseback, or in a canoe suffering hunger and fatigue in his long tedious trips. A shrewd energetic man, he has been successful, such as he will be." Although a busy physician, Stephen also was an entrepreneur and built a sawmill in Mill Point [Spring Lake] at the foot of Jackson Street in 1867. It later was known as the Munroe, Boyce & Co. Mill. Between 1849 and 1855 he purchased nearly 200 acres of land in Spring Lake Township. In 1871 Stephen was named director of the First National Bank of Grand Haven.

Although comparatively young, Stephen retired from the medical profession in 1857, when Jacob McNett came to take his place. Stephen wanted more time for his business enterprises, and also to spend more time with his wife, Orpha Cobb, who was an invalid. They were married in 1855. Orpha was from Vermont and cousin to the twins John and James Barnes. She lived from

January 2, 1828 to July 21, 1858. Around 1882 Stephen moved West and died in Southern California on December 28, 1890. Stephen L. Munroe was his nephew.

Stephen Leonard Munroe [Monroe] [1847-1919]

The son of Leonard and Amarilla Wheeler Munroe and the nephew of Dr. Stephen Munroe, Stephen resided in a home on the corner of Franklin and Third Streets [15 South Third]. In 1880 he was a lumberman living in Spring Lake. Stephen was one of the founders of the Grand Haven Street Railway Company on April 30, 1895. Other organizers were George W. Jenner, Sherman H. Boyce, Andrew J. Emlaw, and George B. Parks. He and William H. Loutit purchased the Grand Haven Gas Works at 129 Washington sometime after 1885. Stephen owned more than 35 acres on the south side of the Grand River near its mouth. The City of Grand Haven purchased the majority of this property for \$1,000 on October 14, 1920, and then on December 20 the City sold the 22 acres to the State of Michigan to be used as a State Park. Stephen also had lumbering interests and was associated with Israel Harris. Stephen's sister, Sarah Cordelia Munroe, was Nelson Howlett's first wife. Born on February 11, 1847 in New York State, Stephen died in Grand Haven on October 21, 1919. He was buried at Albion, Michigan.

Thomas F. Murphy [? - ?]

Born in Ireland, Thomas Murphy arrived in this country as a young boy. He learned the ship's carpenter trade, which he entered in 1854. After living in Chicago for many years, he came to Grand Haven in 1880. By 1882 he had built "several ships" in Grand Haven. [*History of Ottawa County*.]

Albert Musk [1841-1925]

Albert Musk moved to Spring Lake from The Netherlands in 1882 and became an employee of the Village. Albert married Verzia [Foke/Foske] Smit, who was born in The Netherlands in August, 1841. They had at least four children, including Maggie, who was born in The Netherlands in 1879. He was born in January, 1841 in The Netherlands and died about April 17, 1925 at the age of 83. [*Tribune* obituary, April 17, 1925.]

Courtland H. Muzzal [Muzzall] [1881-1958]

Born in Polkton Township on July 9, 1881, Courtland Muzzal opened a photography studio at the corner of Franklin and Second Streets in Grand Haven in 1905. His advertisement in the 1905 *County Weekly* read, "WE MAKE ANYTHING IN THE PORTRAIT LINE. From the Smallest Locket Picture to Life Size Enlargements and our work is always up to date." He provided many of the half-tone pictures included in the *Grand Haven Tribune* souvenir edition of April, 1907. He married

Edna M. Martin in Lake County, Indiana, on May 25, 1903. By 1920 Courtland and his family were residing in Island County, Washington. Edna was born in Indiana about 1882. Courtland died in Everett, Washington on May 11, 1958. His parents were Edwin W. and Estella Murray Muzzal.

Harold “Harry” Alfred Muzzal [Muzzall] [1881-1956]

Harry Muzzal in 1920 was Cashier at a Coopersville bank, but in 1918 he had a dental office in the same community. He also ran a fire insurance business. The son of Alfred C. and Julia Murray Muzzal, Harry was born in Coopersville on January 16, 1881. His wife, Hazel, was born in Minnesota about 1891 and passed away in 1974. She and Harry were buried at Coopersville Cemetery.

Dorothy Mahlebashian Myers [1925-2008]

Known as the Popcorn Lady and the Crib Lady, Dorothy Myers operated a popcorn stand at the Barn Skating Rink [215 South Harbor] before purchasing a lot just east of the Dee Lite Restaurant, where she built the Corn Crib in 1950 [38 Washington]. She ran the stand until selling the business in 1993. Dorothy grew up in Grand Rapids, where her parents, John and Stella Mahlebashian sold popcorn from a horse-drawn wagon and later a truck. In 1946 she married Carroll Myers, who had been stationed in Grand Haven while with the Coast Guard. He was president of Mitronics by the late 1970s. Dorothy was a member of St. John’s Episcopal Church and sang for 60 years with the choir. She and Carroll had a daughter Robin and a son Kevin, both of Grand Haven. The family resided at 320 Columbus and then at 103 Lafayette. Later Dorothy lived at 939 Woodlawn. She died on July 11, 2008.

Isaac [Isaak] C. Myers [Meyers] [1836-1894]

On March 4, 1865 in Charlotte, Isaac Myers enlisted in Company H of the 10th Michigan Cavalry as Private. He was mustered out on November 11, 1865 and subsequently settled on 10 acres in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township. He was born in 1836, died about January 26, 1894, and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. He married Susan [Susannah] M. Spindle [Sprindler], who was born in Ohio around 1842. She applied for a widow’s Civil War pension on February 10, 1894. Among Isaac’s and Susan’s children was William Henry Meyers. He was born in Grand Haven on June 28, 1884 and married Berthan Grose in his hometown on September 2, 1911. A daughter, Edna, was born in Agnew in 1886 and married Thomas Koetsier in Grand Haven on February 18, 1902.

Eige [Esje/Eize] Naberhuis [Naberhouse] [1847-1920]

Termed a “Farmer and Gardener” in the 1912 *Atlas*, Eige Naberhuis owned a little more than 17 acres in Section 5 of Spring Lake Township. Born in The Netherlands in August, 1847, he came to the area in 1881. He was one of the first Elders of the Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church, which was incorporated on May 23, 1882. Eige died on October 4, 1920 at the age of 73. His wife, Talje, was born in The Netherlands in May, 1851.

Cornelius Nagtzaam [1897-1985]

Cornelius Nagtzaam married Esther De Ryke in Grand Haven on October 18, 1923. Cornelius was born in The Netherlands on May 14, 1897, came to the United States in 1913, and died in Grand Haven on August 6, 1985. By 1930 the couple resided at 935 Pennoyer. Cornelius was a mail carrier from 1895 to December 31, 1956. Esther lived from April 8, 1896 to June 12, 1997. She passed away in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. They were members of the Second Christian Reformed Church. Cornelius and Reyer were brothers. Their parents were Peter and Neeltje Nagtzaam. [*Tribune* obituary, August 6, 1985.]

Peter Nagtzaam [@1859-1943]

Peter and Neeltje Natzgaam settled in Grand Haven in 1913. Peter was born in The Netherlands about 1859. Neeltje was born in the same country around 1865. They were married in 1891. In Grand Haven, Peter was an employee of Story & Clark Piano Company. They resided at 834 Grant Street. Among their eight children was a son, Reyer, who was born on March 9, 1895. Another son, Cornelius, was born on May 14, 1897. The sons were both born in The Netherlands, and immigrated to Grand Haven with their parents. Peter passed away around August 27, 1943, and Neeltje about August 31, 1951. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Reyer Nagtzaam [1895-1978]

Reyer Nagtzaam was born in The Netherlands on March 9, 1895, immigrated to the United States with his parents in 1913, and died in Grand Haven on May 16, 1978. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1930 he was a paper hanger. On December 12, 1917 in Grand Haven, he married Marie Fisher. She was born in Michigan in May, 1894. She was the daughter of John and Dena Fisher of Grand Haven. The Nagtzaam children, all born locally, were Richard, born on August 1, 1919; Marian, born about 1921; and Donald, born around July, 1926. In 1930 the family resided at 848 Water [Harbor], and later at 523 Oakes. Reyer and Cornelius were brothers. Their parents were Peter and Neeltje Nagtzaam. Marie passed away around September 23, 1963 and was buried with her husband at Lake Forest.

Richard James Nagtzaam [1919-2005]

Richard, the son of Reyer and Marie Fisher Nagtzaam, was born in Grand Haven on August 1, 1919. He married Winifred Wynn Buikema in Muskegon on May 2, 1941. She was born about 1920. Their children were Karen, who married Dean Reenders of Grand Haven; Nancy of Ludington; and Wendy, who married Terry Tilley of Kalamazoo. Richard served with the Army from 1942 to 1945. He was Supervisor for the Metal Department at Harbor Industries in Grand Haven, where he worked for 37 years. He was a member of the First Reformed Church, the local American Legion Post, and Spring Lake Country Club. The family resided at 527 Oakes Avenue. Richard passed away in Grand Haven on October 30, 2005. [*Tribune* obituary, October 31, 2005.]

Betty Lou Kaemingk Stobb Nagy [1936-2001]

Betty was born in South Dakota on June 5, 1936, the daughter of Englebert and Johanna Kryanbrink Kaemingk. Betty received her Bachelor of Science degree from Grand Valley State University, and then attended the University of Michigan, where she was awarded a Master of Library Science in 1975. She was 50 years old when she completed her Education Specialist Degree at Michigan State University. After graduating from Grand Valley in 1972, Betty taught seventh and eighth grade social studies in the Grand Haven school system. Three years later she became a library-media specialist for the same district. She next was given the job of associate junior high school principal and was appointed Acting Director of Human Resources in 1993. Betty then took on the responsibility of Principal at White Pines Middle School in 1997 and the next year she took the position of Assistant Superintendent. She retired from education in 1999.

Betty was first married to Wallace Stobb, Principal of Grand Haven Christian School. Their daughter, Luanne Lynne, a student at the school, died at the age of 15 on October 22, 1978 of gangrene of the leg, following an unexplained illness. On August 2, 1986, Betty married Frank Nagy of Grand Haven. Betty died at her home at 12 Edwards Avenue on August 21, 2001 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Augustus Names [1827-1894]

Born in Saxony, Germany on August 4, 1827, Augustus Names left Ohio in 1856 and settled in Olive Township, where he maintained a 310-acre farm in Sections 4, 5, and 6. He died on April 10, 1894. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in Switzerland about December 24, 1827 and died on December 24, 1876. Among their children, all born locally, were Adolphus E., who was born in Ohio in 1855 and died on May 23, 1878; John Theodore, who was born December 15, 1858; Frederick A., who was

born in 1861, maintained a farm in Section 5 of Robinson Township, and died in 1897; Henretta, born about 1864; Benjamin, born in 1866; Joseph P., born about 1867; and Sarah, born on August 15, 1869. After Elizabeth's death and before 1880, Augustus married Clara, who was born around 1832 in Bavaria. The family members were buried at Olive Cemetery.

Benjamin J. Names [1867-1940]

Benjamin Names farmed 80 acres in Sections 4 and 5 of Olive Township, adjacent to land once owned by his father and later worked by his brother, John, and sister, Sarah. Benjamin, who was born on January 27, 1867, was the son of Augustus and Elizabeth Names. He died on July 3 1940 and was buried at Olive Cemetery.

John Theodore Names [1858-1938]

John, the son of Augustus and Elizabeth Names, was born on December 15, 1858. His 120-acre farm was located in Sections 4 and 5 of Olive Township, on part of the land previously owned by his father. On April 16, 1914 in Blendon Township, John married Grace Fletcher, who was born about 1891. John died on December 30, 1938 and was buried at Olive Cemetery.

Sarah J. Names [1869-1932]

Sarah was the daughter of Augustus and Elizabeth Names. Born on August 15, 1869, Sarah farmed 120 acres in Sections 4 and 6 of Olive Township, part of the land previously owned by her father. Sarah died on April 1, 1932 and was buried at Olive Cemetery.

William Franklin Narregang [1871-1954]

Around 1920 William Franklin Narregang & Son had a paint and wallpaper store at 101 Franklin Street. William was born in Byron Center, Michigan, on September 23, 1871 and died in Grand Haven on March 13, 1954. On June 26, 1894 he married Gertrude Allen in Watervliet, Michigan. Gertrude was born about 1875 in Michigan and died around February 19, 1957. She and her husband were buried at Lake Forest. They had four daughters, two of whom were Florence, who was born about 1900 and on July 21, 1920 married Arthur Rue in Grand Haven; and Esther, who was born about 1903 and on August 31, 1921 married Hobart Carpenter in Holland, Michigan. William and Gertrude also had a son, Owen Orson, who was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi on March 11, 1897 and died in Grand Haven on December 26, 1980. Owen married Esther Kerns in St. Joseph, Michigan, on July 10, 1916. Esther lived from November 21, 1897 to August 3, 1985. Owen and Esther resided at 420 Monroe.

Daniel [David] Cleon Nash [1844-1908]

Daniel Nash started delivering mail by horse and buggy in Crockery Township when a rural route was

established around 1905. He was born in Jefferson County, New York, on September 14, 1844 and died on November 5, 1908. Daniel first came to the Grand Haven area in 1871 and worked for one of the newspapers as a printer for two years. In 1874 he moved to Crown Point, Indiana. His wife, Dora, was born in 1856 and died on December 31, 1935. They were married on June 2, 1872 and had six children. He enlisted as Private on September 5, 1863 and served with Company G of the 7th Indiana Infantry during the Civil War. He was reported as deserting his unit on July 3, 1865. Dora and Daniel were buried at Nunica Cemetery. [Personal correspondence from Charles D. Nash, a grandson, dated December 14, 1968.]

Ethel Thompson Nash [1898-1974]

Ethel M. Thompson was born in Grand Haven on June 13, 1898. Her parents were Francis and Matilda Bartlett Thompson. Francis, a Grand Haven barber, was African American. Ethel married Edward [Edmond/Edmon] W. Nash. Edward, born in Michigan about 1893, was White. [This may be Edmon Z. Nash, born in Grand Rapids on May 11, 1892. If so, he was the son of Edmon L. and Tina Nash.] In 1920 Edward and Ethel were residing in New York City. Edward was employed in a machine shop and Ethel worked in a store. They were both listed as White in the 1920 census. In the mid-1920s Ethel operated a restaurant [ginger ale stand/candy shop] at 18 Washington in Grand Haven, where she also resided. By 1930 she and Edward had moved to Chicago. At that time Edward was a machinist, and Ethel was working as a milliner. In 1938 Ethel was back in Grand Haven and again residing at 18 Washington Street, above the Bee Hive Hamburg Shop. In 1941 she was a finisher at Brian's Novelty Cleaners at 9 North Second Street. By the mid-1950s Ethel was living at 17195 144th Street in Spring Lake Township, where she was still residing at the time of her death on February 6, 1974. Ethel and her brother Lyle Thompson were listed as White in the 1900 census, as was their mother. In the 1910 census the two children were listed as Mulatto.

Elizabeth Nauman [1831-1924]

See Andrew Frear.

Andrew John Nauta [1893-1982]

Andrew Nauta was born May 1, 1893 in Muskegon. In 1917 he was still in Muskegon, but by 1930 he resided in New Jersey with his wife, Frances E. Frances was born on September, 19, 1895 and died in North Muskegon on September 10, 1987. Andrew owned Nauta Dry Cleaning at 633 Washington in Grand Haven. At the time of his death on August 3, 1982 he resided at 1225 Waverly. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His

wife, Frances E., died on September 10, 1987. She also was buried at Lake Forest.

William Nauta [1887-1955]

Born in The Netherlands on August 31, 1887, William Nauta immigrated to Grand Haven and worked at the William Heap Company in the early 1900s. In 1920 he was employed at an "engine works," and ten years later he was a machinist at Construction Aggregates, where he eventually became Supervisor. His wife, Gertrude, was born in Michigan around 1888 and died in Grand Haven about January 9, 1935. In the early 1900s they resided at 720 Clinton and later at 1017 Pennoyer. Their children were Andrew, born on August 5, 1910, and Katherine, born around 1913. He passed away about December 30, 1955. William and Gertrude were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Robert M. Neale [1870-1932]

Around 1900 Robert Neale moved from Branch County to Grand Haven as Manager of the Grand Haven Basket Company on Sixth Street. He later became Manager of the Herbert W. Smith Company, which sold produce wholesale at 9-11 South Harbor. Robert was born in Marshall, Michigan on December 7, 1870. He married Edna [Emma] Louise Hatch in Battle Creek on March 16, 1898. Edna was born in Michigan in July, 1870 and died in Branch County on June 18, 1922. In Grand Haven the Neales resided at 623 Lafayette with their son, Robert L., who was born in Missouri in March, 1900. By 1920 the family had returned to Branch County, where Robert was managing a cement factory. Robert died in Branch County on April 1, 1932.

Lyman Nedeau [1913-2004]

Born about 1913, Lyman Nedeau was one of two survivors rescued from the wreck of the derrick barge *Salvor* on September 26, 1930. He spent 15 hours wedged in the derrick before being rescued. Captain William E. Preston of the Grand Haven Coast Guard Station was in charge of the rescue. Five men died in the wreck, about 15 miles off Grand Haven. Lyman was the son of Israel and Rose Nedeau, who in 1930 lived at 1448 Beach Street in Muskegon. The other survivor was from New Jersey. Lyman passed away in Ludington on February 1, 2004. His wife's name was Harriet. [Tribune article, "Nearly Lost At Sea," February 4, 2004.]

David J. Nedervelt [1889-1958]

David Nedervelt was born in Grand Haven on March 15, 1889 and served with the Army during WWI. He was the son of Edward and Peternella "Nellie" Nedervelt. David married Frances Fisher on July 6, 1910 in Muskegon. They resided first at 225 Madison, but by 1930 were located at 216 Sherman. Frances, also from

Michigan, was born around 1892. Their children were Edward, born about 1912; Dudley, born about 1924; and Arnell, a daughter, born about 1926. All the family members were born in Michigan. David worked as a machinist in a local factory. He died about April 4, 1958 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Nelson Neels [Niels] [1842-1910]

In the 1893 *Compendium*, Nelson Niels [Neels] was shown as having a 40-acre farm in Section 3 of Olive Township, where he settled, according to his obituary, around 1880. During the Civil War, he served with Company F of the 2nd Kansas Infantry from 1861 to 1865. [His unit was renamed the 83rd Colored Infantry (New) on December 13, 1864.] Nelson was born in Kentucky [Arkansas/Alabama] about August, 1842 [1844, 1846, 1848]. He also was known as Nelson Cooper. A Nelson Cooper was listed in the 1870 census for Alabama working as a farmer. This Nelson had a wife, Sophia, who was born in Alabama about 1849. In the 1900 census for Robinson Township Nelson's occupation was listed as Huckster [a peddler of small items]. At that time his wife's name was Savannah, who was born in Indiana in September, 1845. They had a daughter, Viola, who was born in Michigan in September, 1885. Nelson remained on his farm until his death on August 24, 1910 at Hackley Hospital in Muskegon. Nelson was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. There was no evidence of a wife or children living with him in the years just prior to his death. [*Tribune* obituaries, August 24, 1910, August 25, 1910, and August 28, 1910.]

Jane Alice Neil [1875-1934]

Born in Grand Haven on October 17, 1875, Jane was the daughter of John and Bridget Neil. She attended local schools and was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. After furthering her education, she became the Superintendent of the Spaulding School for crippled children in Chicago. During her 34 years there, she helped further public awareness of the physically handicapped. Jane was given an honorary office in Rotary International by Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Jane died in 1934 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

John W. Neil I [1835-1910]

Born in Ontario in 1835, John Neil came to Detroit in 1859 to learn the ship building business. He arrived in Grand Haven in 1867 with a group of Welsh and Scottish shipbuilders. He and John Callister established Mechanics' Dry Dock and Shipyard in Grand Haven. Mechanics' constructed many of the great steamers that were manufactured in local shipyards. During the Civil War, he served in Government Navy yards. He married Bridget Alice Walsh of Grand Haven, who lived from

1841 to 1926. They had two sons, including John W. II, who lived from 1878 to 1934, and two daughters, including Jane, who was born in 1875. John died in 1910 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife and other family members.

Albert John Neitring I [Neitering] [1887-1973]

Albert, the son of Henry and Henrietta Regelin Neitring, was born in Grand Haven Township on August 6, 1887, and died in the same city on April 2, 1973. Albert quit school after the fourth grade to help run the family farm, located at the northeast corner of Buchanan Street and U.S. 31 in Section 15 of Grand Haven Township. He worked at Challenge Machinery in the early 1900s. By the 1930s he was owner of A. J. Neitring & Sons Excavating and Coal Yards, which were located at 315 North Sixth Street. In the late 1940s he sold the business to his son and worked for the Wyant and Cannon Foundry in Muskegon.

In 1912, Albert married Angie, the daughter of Henry and Gertrude Boyink Roossien. Angie was born in Grand Haven on November 7, 1892. They lived at 315 North Sixth Street with their children, including Henry Albert, who was born February 26, 1913 and married Emily, the daughter of Henry and Cordelia Kolberg. Emily lived from November 8, 1914 to April 17, 1957 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Henry A. died in Grand Haven on March 15, 1997. Albert and Angie also had a daughter, Harriet Louise, who was born on September 4, 1914, married Kenneth Wayne Garter on April 9, 1937, and died on March 14, 1993 in Grand Haven. After Kenneth's death on May 11, 1946, Harriet married Theodore J. Musial II on February 19, 1949. Theodore was born on November 15, 1911 and died on May 10, 1981. Another daughter, Gertrude Marion, was born on July 21, 1916 and married Paul Kosch on May 6, 1938. Gertrude passed away on January 3, 1996 in Muskegon and Paul, who was born on May 25, 1916, died on August 2, 2005. A third daughter, Dorothy Ruth, was born on September 13, 1918. On April 21, 1937 she married Charles Irvin Blackmer who was born in Nunica on September 21, 1918 and died on October 15, 1965. Dorothy passed away on December 27, 1944 in Grand Haven. Another daughter, Bernice Lillian, who was born on August 12, 1920 in Spring Lake, died on April 9, 2005 in Grand Haven. She married Joseph Michael on September 5, 1936. Joseph, who was born on February 15, 1918, died on March 26, 1987. A fifth daughter, Mildred Angie, was born on November 6, 1922. Mildred married Archie Veryl Green on November 15, 1941. He died on April 14, 1973, and Mildred passed away on July 22, 1991. Their sixth and last daughter, Arlene Mae, was born on May 2, 1927 and married Ralph "Hank" De Young of Grand Haven. A son, Albert Jay, was born on July 27, 1931. All the

children except Bernice were born in Grand Haven. Angie passed away in Spring Lake on February 14, 1962.

Albert Jay Neitring II [1931-1998]

The son of Albert and Angie Roossien Neitring I, Albert was born in Grand Haven on July 27, 1931. Albert II operated heavy equipment for the City of Grand Haven, and before that he spent 17 years with Neitring's Coal Dock. Albert II married Lorraine Lyons on March 10, 1951. Albert II died in Grand Haven on August 18, 1998.

Cornelius Neitering [Neitering] [1821-1899]

Cornelius Neitring is known for his travels in life and in death. He was born in Drenthe, The Netherlands about 1821. At age thirty-five he departed his homeland for the United States and began earning a living as a fisherman on the Fox Islands near Beaver Island. In 1857 he married Altje Aldering. The couple settled in Grand Haven, where they raised their four children. After Altje's death in 1886 and in failing health himself, Cornelius was unable to live independently. In 1894 he was admitted to the Ottawa County Poor Farm. He died there of diabetes on New Year's Day in 1899 at age 78, and was interred at the farm. When the weather improved, members of Cornelius's family had his body exhumed, transported to Grand Haven, and buried in the cemetery on land at the edge of town that Rix Robinson had set aside for that purpose in 1835. Cornelius would not rest for long. Fearing health problems and general discomfort with the proximity of the cemetery to town, the City Council in 1900 ordered friends and family of the deceased to take personal responsibility in removing all loved ones to the new Lake Forest Cemetery. Cornelius's children dutifully disinterred their father for yet a third burial. [Adapted from an article by Marjorie Viveen.]

Henry Gerrit Neitring I [1863-1900]

Henry Neitring I was Treasurer of Grand Haven Township when he died of bronchitis on April 14, 1900. Born in 1863, he married Henrietta Regelin in Grand Haven on October 3, 1883. They had eight children, including Albert John, who was born in Grand Haven Township on August 6, 1887, and Henry II, who was born in Grand Haven Township on March 15, 1888. The family farm was located in Section 15 of Grand Haven Township. The barn remained visible at the northeast corner of U.S. 31 and Buchanan into the 21st century. In 1908 Henrietta resided at 526 Lafayette. Later she married Silas Harvey of Grand Haven. Henry was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Henrietta was born "on the sea" in 1865.

Henry Gerrit Neitring [Neitering] II [1889-1951]

Born in Grand Haven Township on March 15, 1889, Henry was the son of Henry and Henrietta Regelin Neitring. About 1925 Henry II established one of the largest coal yards on the east shore of Lake Michigan. Named Neitring's Coal Dock, it started at 205 Fulton, where he and his family also resided. The yards were moved to City Island [Harbor Island], with the address 1125 North Third. Henry started out making deliveries with a horse and wagon. He also established a coal yard in Holland, which he sold about 1945. Henry was associated with John Kuiper of Ferrysburg as owner of the NK Cartage Company of Muskegon, one of the largest freight companies in West Michigan. In 1945 he turned over the operation of the coal dock to his son Henry III and a son-in-law, Leo J. Ebel, and retired from active management of the Cartage Company. Leo had been managing the Holland office.

On March 25, 1908 Henry married Magdalena "Maggie" Rue [Rugh] of Grand Haven Township. She was born in Michigan in November, 1889. The Neitrings resided at 205 Fulton and later at 420 North First Street. Henry and Maggie had several children, including Harriet, born about 1909; Dorothy, who was born about 1911 and married Leo J. Ebel [June 7, 1907-March, 1980]; Henry III, born on September 12, 1912; and Dolores, born about 1927. On March 8, 1915, Henry enlisted in Company F of Grand Haven, which merged with Company L of the 126th Infantry during WWI. He held the rank of Sergeant. He was wounded in action on July 31, 1918. After the war Henry returned to Grand Haven and started his coal business. He became a member of the Harbor Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Gideons. Henry was one of the founders of the Gospel Hall, he aided the Youth for Christ movement, and he gave financial support to numerous church organizations. Henry died of a heart attack on April 4, 1951 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Tribune article, July 8, 1952.]

Henry H. Neitring [Neitering] III [1912-1978]

Born in Grand Haven on September 12, 1912, to Henry and Maggie Rue Neitring, young Henry attended the local high school and Howell Business School in Muskegon. After graduation he joined his father's business and in 1945 he took over its management. Henry was a member of Kiwanis, the Spring Lake Country Club, Eagles, and Elks. In 1964 he entered into a partnership with W. Bruce Matthews, Leo Ebel, and James Bussard to start the Grand Haven Golf Club. Henry married Dorothy Roberts. The Neitrings had a daughter Diana. The family lived at 205 Fulton Street. Henry died on July 1, 1978 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Tribune "Kiwanis Biography," April 8, 1954.]

Joseph Ahmad Nejem [1885-1970]

Born in Aitha, Syria, Joe Nejem became a naturalized American citizen. He was born on March 2, 1885 and moved to Grand Haven around 1901. Joe owned the J. A. Nejem Candy and Tobacco Store at 12-14 Washington in downtown Grand Haven. He lived alone a few doors west, above what was at one time Thieleman's Saloon [6 Washington]. He died in Grand Haven in June, 1970.

Olaf Nelson [1865-1941]

Olaf Nelson came to Grand Haven with the Story & Clark Piano Company when it moved here from Chicago, and he was Sounding-Board Department Foreman when the company was making three to four pianos a day. He was elected to City Council in 1925 and served four years as Elder of the Presbyterian Church. Olaf lived from October 1, 1865 to April 4, 1941, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Malvina "Nina," was born about 1870. In the early 1900s they resided at 500 Lake Avenue. At that time Olaf was a fireman.

Theodore J. Nelson [@1857- ?]

Theodore Nelson was a farmer and raised fruit on 20 acres in Section 24 of Spring Lake Township. He settled in the area in 1907. His wife's name was listed in the 1918 *Directory* as Geo-ella. Theodore was born in Illinois around 1857.

William R. Nelson [@1840-1865 (?)]

A *Grand Haven Tribune* article of May 2, 1913 listed several Black Civil War veterans then alive about whom little is known. William R. Nelson was among those mentioned, although he was listed in the 1882 *History of Ottawa County* as losing his life at Orangeburg, South Carolina on June 30, 1865. Twenty-three years old when he enlisted in Detroit, William was with Company D of the 102nd at the time of his death.

John N. Nelthorp [Nelthorpe] [1828-1900]

John Nelthorp, born in England on May 9, 1828, settled in Section 14 of Crockery Township in 1879, where he opened a restaurant, poolroom, and confectionery. He also was a mason. John served as Private with Company K of the 3rd Michigan Infantry from August 6, 1862 to September 19, 1863, when he was discharged for disability. John died March 19, 1900 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. On April 2, 1900 his wife, Jane B., applied for a widow's Civil War pension. She was born in Scotland in October, 1823 and died on November 10, 1905. They had three children, all born in Michigan, including Fred, who was born in March, 1869.

Stephen Karl Nemeth [Nameth] [1882-1947]

Stephen Nemeth was born in Pressburg, Hungary [Austria] on September 15, 1882. He operated the

Gildner Hotel [2 Washington Street] from 1900 to 1947, but changed the name to the William M. Ferry Hotel in 1934, in honor of the city's 100th anniversary. On February 14, 1929, Stephen married Selma Bahr Melnotte, who had a daughter, Evelyn Melnotte Carlson, born in Michigan about 1916. Selma, the daughter of Charles and Lena Bahr of Grand Haven, was born in Michigan in February, 1892. In 1930 Evelyn was residing in Grand Haven with her uncle and aunt, Fred and Catherine Fink. Stephen passed away in 1947.

Jacob Nemire [1839-1913]

In the 1893 *Compendium* Jacob Nemire was listed as a dealer in marl [rich soil], but by 1908 he worked in a meat market. Jacob, who was born in The Netherlands in August, 1839, had several wives. His first wife, Clara, died in Grand Haven on May 10, 1868, not quite 25 years old. Next he married Sarah Gosling, who died November 30, 1882 at the age of 40. Jacob and Sarah had a daughter, Alice Maud, who was born in Grand Haven on August 23, 1881. Alice became a teacher, and married a Mr Houston. On December 24, 1883 in Grand Haven, Jacob married for the third time,. His bride, Julia A. Morehouse, was born in Grandville, Michigan on November 24, 1835 and died in Grand Haven on August 11, 1885. Margaret [Marguerite], his fourth wife, was born in Kentucky in May, 1846 and passed around August 16, 1935. Margaret and Jacob lived at 627 Washington. Jacob died about March 15, 1913 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his four wives and other family members.

Gordon D. Neuman [1936-2006]

Gordon Neuman was born on June 29, 1936. He and his wife Susan purchased the real estate at 18 Washington about 2000. They tore down the existing building and constructed a new one to house their Pavilion Wharf and Grill, which opened a few years later. The owners lived in an upstairs apartment. Gordon Neuman died on November 23, 2006, but his wife continued to operate the business and to reside in the upstairs apartment.

Fleda Augusta Nevins [1900-1989]

Born in Kalamazoo on June 19, 1900, Fleda Nevins graduated from Kalamazoo High School in 1919, attended Hillsdale College from 1925 to 1926, and graduated from Western Michigan University in 1927. She earned a master degree from the University of Michigan in 1942. After teaching two years of junior high school science courses at Croswell, Michigan, Fleda moved to Grand Haven in 1927 to teach general science at Central School for the next 38 years. In 1953 she was appointed Director of Educational Measurements, and she developed educational tools for student testing during her final 12 years of teaching. From 1943 to 1945 she was President of the Grand

Haven Teacher's Club, and from 1953 to 1954 she was Chairwoman of the Public Relations Committee of the Michigan Department of Classroom Teachers.

Fleda retired from the Grand Haven Area Public Schools on June 11, 1965. The next year she wrote an unpublished history of Ottawa County Normal School, which trained teachers between 1906 and 1919. She was active in the Red Cross blood bank, Tuesday Musicales, Grand Haven Woman's Club, First Presbyterian Church Women's Circle, Board of Deacons from 1967 to 1970, and chaired the Community Council Committee. Fleda also was a member of Pi Lambda Theta and editor of its newsletter from 1961 to 1968. She was a Girl Scout leader from 1927 to 1934. In addition, she was a member of the Triangle Business and Professional Women's Club from 1934 to 1941 and served as President for two years. She died in Grand Haven on December 9, 1989. [*Tribune* articles, "Devoted Local Teacher," May 20, 1965, and "Scrapbook Record of Town's Concern," April 2, 1967.]

John Henry Newcomb [1811-1892]

John was born on May 29, 1811, in Westford, New York, the son of James Smith and Jane C. Van Vleck Newcomb. James lived from 1773 to 1848, while Jane was born in Bronx, New York, on March 5, 1783, and died in Spring Lake on January 26, 1862. As a young man John moved to western New York, and in 1837 made his way to Muskegon, where he built a sawmill, where he sustained a serious injury. He left the area for a short time, and on June 1, 1841 came to Spring Lake, where he built the first mill, this one for Barber & Mason, which he operated for the owners until 1842. John also was credited with building the first permanent home in Spring Lake in 1841 on the southeast corner of Park and Barber Streets [310-312 North Park Street]. He spent the years 1842 to 1848 selling lumber for Barber & Mason in Chicago, earning a \$1.50 a day.

John was married in Chicago on March 16 1848 to Frances Sinclair of that city, and they arrived in Spring Lake not long afterward. Frances was born in New York on September 23, 1824 and died on April 10, 1896. In January, 1859 John opened a general store, which he operated until 1868. After that he worked in real estate and insurance. He was Collector of Internal Revenue for a time, and also served as a Justice of the Peace. He was a Spring Lake School Board Director in the 1860s. John was a Trustee of the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church from June 5, 1861 until his death on March 23, 1892, and was church Treasurer during much of that period. The Newcombs had one child, Lydia, born in 1850. Frances was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with other family members, including her husband's mother, Jane and possibly a sister-in-law, Catherine J., who died on

March 24, 1873 at the age of 63. [*Tribune* obituary, March 23, 1892.]

Lydia Jane Newcomb [1850-1946]

The only surviving child of John and Frances Newcomb, Lydia was born in Spring Lake on July 25, 1850 and went into the field of education. In January, 1886 she was one of the organizers of the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union in Spring Lake and lectured throughout the country. In 1895 she held the rank of Professor at the Moravian Seminary and College for Young Women at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. By 1900 she was teaching in Grand Rapids. On August 27, 1902, Lydia married Samuel Huntington Comings, a widower, who lived from August 4, 1839 to December 24, 1907. It was her first and his third marriage. He was the author of several books, two of them published posthumously, one of which was edited by Lydia. Lydia was included in *Woman's Who's Who of America*, of 1914-15. In 1928 she published *Brief History of Baldwin County*, the story of the Utopian community of Fairhope, Alabama. In 1893 she had published her first book, *Muscular Exercises for Health and Grace*. In 1900 Samuel was a blueberry grower in St. Joseph, Michigan. He was born in Greensboro, Vermont and died in Fairhope. Lydia passed away in 1946.

Orlando W. Newell [1833-1899]

Spring Lake physician Orlando Newell was born in Pennsylvania on May 30, 1833, the son of Jacob and Betsy Newell. Jacob was born in New Hampshire in 1807 and Betsy was from New York, where she was born in 1810. Orlando was living in Henry County, Illinois in 1880, but his practice was well established in Spring Lake by the early 1890s. His residence, featured in the 1893 *Directory* and called "Bay View Home," was located at 319 East Savidge. His wife, Rebecca was born around 1837 in New York. They had a child, Grant, born in Illinois in 1864. They were still living in Illinois in 1870, where Orlando maintained a physician's office. Orlando died on July 23, 1899.

William H. Newhall [1849- ?]

William Newhall, who was born in Michigan about 1849, arrived in Spring Lake in 1880 and became saw filer at the Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company. His wife, Esther, was born in New York about 1851. The Newhalls had a son, Jerome, who was born on April 25, 1878 in Georgetown Township. By 1920 the Newhalls were living in Osceola County, Michigan.

George Washington Newton [1822-1885]

George Newton was a resident of Burr Oak, St. Joseph County, Michigan when he enlisted as Private in Company A of the 15th Michigan Infantry on March 1, 1862. His service records noted that he was "dropped

from the rolls” on September 11, 1862. After the war he and his wife, Martha, settled in Section 12 of Robinson Township. Martha was born in New York around 1825. George was born on May 9, 1822 in Pennsylvania and died on March 9, 1885. He was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. Martha applied for a widow’s Civil War pension on August 14 of that year. Their daughter, Mallissa, was born around 1855 in Pennsylvania, and a son, George W. II, was born in Illinois two years later.

Horrace G. Nichols [1850–1932]

In 1881 Horrace Nichols formed a partnership with Guy Weber and bought the *Grand Haven Daily Herald* from the estate of Willard S. Benham, who had lost his life the previous October when the *Alpena* sank in Lake Michigan. Nichols and Weber sold out in a few months to Kedzie and Kedzie. Horrace purchased the *Grand Haven Tribune* in 1891 for \$1,500, and was its publisher and editor for many years. During his ownership the *Tribune* building on Washington Street was constructed in 1902. In 1881 Horrace served as Alderman of Grand Haven’s Fourth Ward. Horrace retired in 1915 and sold the newspaper to his son Horace “Harry” G. Nichols II and Kingsbury Scott. For the next three years Horrace and his wife lived on a farm in Donners Grove, Illinois. About 1919 they returned to Grand Haven and resided at 600 Lake Avenue.

On June [July] 6, 1872 in Grand Haven, Horrace married Sophia F. Smith, the daughter of John and Christina Smith, early Grand Haven settlers. They were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven. Horrace and Sophie first lived on the second floor of 120 Washington, above the newspaper’s office. Horrace, who was born in Allegan, Michigan in October, 1850 [1851], died November 23, 1832. His uncle, Henry S. Clubb, published the *Ottawa Clarion*, which first appeared in 1857. Another uncle, Don C. Henderson, publisher of the *Allegan Journal*, hired Horrace to work with him. Sophia, who was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, lived from August 23, 1855 [1856] to December 30, 1932. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. A son, also named Horace, was born on September 13, 1873. He altered his father’s first name and spelled it with one “r.” He was referred to as “Harry.” Horrace and Sophie also had a daughter, Maud Myrtle, who was born in October, 1875, married Samuel Chambers of Grand Haven, and moved to Seattle, Washington and then to Los Angeles, California.

Horace “Harry” Stevens Nichols [1873-1939]

In 1915 Horace II took over management of the *Grand Haven Daily Tribune* from his father, Horrace Nichols. Kingsbury Scott was young Horace’s partner. Harry married Julia, the daughter of Adrian and Johanna

Bentley Van Tol. Julia lived from 1875 to 1916. Nichols and Scott sold the newspaper to E. J. McCall and Felix Church in February, 1927. Harry was born in Michigan on September 13, 1873 and died on March 16, 1939. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

John E. Nichols [Nicols] [1828-1904]

On August 24, 1861 in Coldwater, Michigan, John Nichols enlisted as Private in Company H of the 11th Michigan Infantry. He was mustered out on August 9, 1862. John was born on April 16, 1828 and died in Robinson Township on March 4, 1904. His wife, Augusta, lived from January 26, 1834 to February 23, 1914. Both were born in New York and both were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. They owned an 80-acre farm in Section 13 of Robinson Township. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Watson B., born in 1854; Marcia, born in 1857; Addie, born in 1862; Iona W., born in 1864; Harry, born in 1867; Ernest, born in 1871; and Ethel, born in 1878.

William W. Nichols [1885- ?]

William Nichols purchased Silas Harvey’s floral business and real estate in the mid-1920s. William was born in Michigan about 1885. On September 16, 1919 in Grand Haven, he married Dorothy Middage. She was born in the same state around 1891. They had a daughter, Ruth Marie, also a native of Michigan, who was born about 1923. The family resided at 906 Franklin. Before buying the floral shop, William worked at the brass factory in Grand Haven.

Jean Nicollet [Nicolet] [1598-1642]

Jean Nicollet, a French explorer, was the first European to set foot on the territory that became the State of Michigan, although Etienne Brule may have preceded him by five years. Jean lived from 1598 to 1642.

Nelson Niels [1842-1910]

See Nelson Neels.

Abel J. Nienhuis [1861- 1939]

Born in September, 1861 in Michigan, Abel Nienhuis owned a 40-acre farm in Section 27 of Olive Township. He also raised livestock. Abel arrived in the area in 1861. He married Janetje “Jennie/Jane” Rooks, who was born in Michigan in September, 1865 and passed away in 1959. Their children, all born locally, were Magdalena “Maggie,” who was born on June 26, 1888 and died on July 21, 1957; Albert, born on June 17, 1890; John, born on June 24, 1894; and Reendert, born in December, 1897. Abel died in 1939.

Eildert [Eldert/Aldert/Eldest] K. Nienhuis [Neinhuis] I [1848-1923]

Eildert K. Nienhuis purchased an 80-acre farm in Section 34 of Olive Township on September 1, 1860 and was enumerated in the census for that year. He married Grace [Rachel] Riksen on April 16, 1878. A son, John lived from 1877 to 1965; another son, Richard, was born in Olive Township on April 9, 1881; and a third son, Barney, on September 4, 1884. Eildert lived from December 17, 1848 to February 13, 1923. He immigrated to the United States in 1855. Grace was born in 1858.

Eildert M. Nienhuis II [1849-1921]

In the early 1890s, Eildert M. Nienhuis II, who was born in The Netherlands in 1849, farmed 60 acres and raised livestock in Sections 28 and 35. He was born in Gronigen, The Netherlands, on December 12, 1849. Eildert married Ebettje "Emma" Workman, who was born in The Netherlands in 1858. Among their children, all born in Michigan, were Elly, born in 1875 William, born in 1876; Martines, who lived from 1878 to 1945; Harm E., born on February 9, 1880; Dora, born in 1882; Harry, born in 1884; Gertie, born on May 26, 1886; and Abel, who was born on March 26, 1892 and passed away in October, 1971. The Nienhuises also owned land jointly with Lubber Hop in Section 21 of the Township. Eildert died on March 23, 1921 and was buried at North Holland Cemetery. Emma passed away in 1941.

Frederick Nienhuis [Nienhouse] [1899-1929]

A resident of Ferrysburg, Fred Nienhuis was a crane operator aboard the *Andaste* when it sank in Lake Michigan on September 9, 1929. His body was found about a week later not far from his birth place and buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The ship, owned by Construction Aggregates, was on its way from Grand Haven to Chicago with a load of gravel. All 25 aboard were lost. Fred, the son of Louis and Etta Nienhuis, was born on October 13, 1899.

Harm John Nienhuis [1877- ?]

Harm Nienhuis owned two 40-acre parcels, where he farmed and raised livestock in Section 29 of Olive Township. Harm was born in Michigan on June 10, 1877. He married Anna Brat, who was born on April 16, 1881 and died in Holland on June, 1968.

Louis Nienhuis [Nienhouse/Neinhouse] [1854-1934]

Born in The Netherlands in April, 1854, Louis Nienhuis became a farmer on 60 acres in Section 4 of Spring Lake Township. He and his wife, Egbertje "Etta," were residents of the area by 1893. Louis died in 1934. Etta, also a native of The Netherlands, lived from October, 1859 to 1942 and was buried with her husband and other family members at Spring Lake Cemetery. Louis immigrated to the United States in 1872 and Etta the next year. Their children, all born locally, were Jenny,

born in January, 1882; John, born in April, 1884; Harry, born in July, 1885; Maggie, born in September, 1887; Henry, who was born in August, 1889, served in WWI as Private in 28th Infantry, First Division, and died October 10, 1918, just before the war's end; Saba Louis, a son, born on March, 1892; Anna, born in December, 1893; Derk, born in December, 1895; Tracey, born in December, 1897; and Frederick, who was born in October, 1899.

Martnie E. Nienhuis [1820-1890]

Born in The Netherlands on May 29, 1820, Martnie Nienhuis owned a farm in Section 21 of Olive Township. He also raised livestock on his 60 acres. Martnie settled in the area in 1879. He married Attje "Nellie" Pieters Beukema, who was born on March 26, 1819 and died on September 11, 1870. Martnie passed away on August 26, 1890 and was buried at North Holland Cemetery with Nellie. In 1880 the Nienhuises son, Abel, was living with his father on the farm. Abel was born in The Netherlands on November 26, 1855 and died in Olive Township on May 22, 1891. Also living in the home was Abel's wife, Effie, who was born in The Netherlands about 1860. Abel and Effie had a daughter, Ellie, born in Michigan around 1878.

Peter M. Nienhuis [1852-1933]

Peter Nienhuis was born in The Netherlands on November 1, 1852. He owned an 80-acre farm in Section 28 of Olive Township. He also raised livestock and offered butchering services. Peter came to the area in 1856, and he was listed in the 1908 *Directory* as owner of 100 acres. His wife, Ebertje "Elizabeth," was born in Michigan in 1852 and died in 1913. Their children were: Martinus, who was born on September 7, 1873; Frances, in 1877; Alli, in 1878; Jennie, born on May 16, 1877; Jan, born on December 24, 1883; Herman, on January 16, 1884; John, born on May 19, 1885; and Abel, who was born on June 27, 1890 and died in January, 1969. All the children were born in Olive Township. Peter died on March 20, 1933 and was buried at North Holland Cemetery with Elizabeth.

William Nienhuis [1876- ?]

William Nienhuis owned a farm in Section 21 of Olive Township. He also raised livestock on his 40 acres. William, the son of Eildert and Elizabeth Nienhuis of Olive Township, was born on August 16, 1876. He married Maggie Brouwer, who was born in Michigan on June 13, 1879, passed away on June 5, 1925, and was buried at North Holland Cemetery.

Cornelius Nietering

Cornelius Neitering became known for his travels in life and, oddly, in death. Cornelius was born in Hoogeveen, Drenthe, The Netherlands in 1819. At age 35 he

departed his homeland for the United States and began earning a living as a fisherman in the Fox Islands near Beaver Island off the Leelanau Peninsula. In 1857 he married Altje Aldering. The couple settled in Grand Haven where they raised their four children. After Altje's death in 1886 and in failing health himself, Cornelius was unable to live independently. In 1894 he was admitted to the Ottawa County Poor Farm. He died there of diabetes on New Year's Day in 1899 at age 78, and was interred at the farm. When the weather improved, members of Cornelius's family had his body exhumed, transported to Grand Haven, where he was buried. [Composed by Marjorie Viveen.]

Frederick Augustine Nims [1839-1921]

Frederick was born June 15 [18], 1839 in Lenawee County, Michigan, the son of Dr. Dwight Boyden and Anna Abigail White Nims. Anna lived from 1818 to March 20, 1911 and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Frederick graduated from Hobart College in Geneva, New York in 1857 and then began to study law in Grand Rapids, where he worked with the firm of Withey & Gray. He was admitted to the Michigan Bar in 1860. Frederick enlisted in Company C of the 5th Michigan Cavalry on August 22, 1862 as Private. He was promoted to Second Lieutenant and was Aide-de-Camp for General Custer from July, 1864 to the following September 30. He was promoted to First Lieutenant on March 7. He also served in Companies F and B prior to mustering out on August 22, 1865.

After the war Frederick returned briefly to Grand Rapids, but within a short time he was in Muskegon. Two years later he formed a partnership with Francis Smith, and in 1869 a third attorney added his name to the door and the firm became Smith, Nims, & Erwin [later the name was changed to Smith, Nims, Hoyt, and Erwin]. Frederick specialized in railway law and assisted in the organization of the Michigan Lake Shore Railroad Company and later was named attorney for the Chicago and Michigan Lake Shore Railroad. Frederick was elected to the Muskegon School Board in 1876. Two years later Frederick joined Edward P. Ferry and others to form the "Michigan Bunch" in Utah and entered the silver mining business. On February 20, 1862, in Grand Rapids he married Elizabeth Mary McReynolds, daughter of Colonel Andrew Thomas McReynolds of that city. The Colonel lived from 1808 to 1898 and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids. The year following Mary's death in 1872, Frederick married her sister Ellen. Ellen was born in Michigan in September, 1848. Frederick and Ellen had several children: Elizabeth M., born in August, 1874; Frederick D., born in March, 1877; Frank M., born in April, 1879; Charles B., born in July, 1881; Lesley W., born in May, 1883; David E., born in June, 1887;

and Louis M., born in July, 1889. The family continued to reside in Muskegon. Frederick died on October 2, 1921.

Elden [Edward] Hammond Nixon I [1874-1965]

E. Hammond Nixon was born in Canada on August 16, 1874 while his parents, natives of Ireland, were preparing to enter the United States. The family arrived in Coopersville when Hammond was six. He learned the butcher's trade while growing up on the family farm. For approximately two years he worked as Motorman for the Grand Rapids Street Railway, and then about 1900 he purchased a meat market in Coopersville. In 1912, Hammond [Elden] bought John Vos's meat market, which a year earlier had been purchased by Jacob Vander Wagon and Charles Schroeder. Neither of them was a butcher, and they gladly gave up the enterprise. Hammond ran the Spring Lake store at 116 West Savidge, his old store in Coopersville, and another one in Grand Haven. He married Bertha Smith in 1912. The daughter of Christopher and Minnie Smith, Bertha was born in Grand Haven on June 19, 1879 and passed away on June 4, 1967. The Nixons had a son, Elden Hammond II, who was born on July 22, 1901 and took over the business in 1936. Another son, Ellis C, was born in Coopersville on October 20, 1902, died on November 12, 1977, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Ellis married Anna E. Dykema on September 18, 1924. Hammond I and his family lived at 122 Maple Terrace in Spring Lake. Hammond died on November 3, 1965. Hammond and Bertha were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Elden Hammond Nixon II [1901-1976]

The son of E. Hammond Nixon, Elden II was born in Spring Lake on July 22, 1901. He worked with his father in the retail meat business and took over management of stores in Coopersville, in Spring Lake at 116 West Savidge, and in Grand Haven at 124 Washington, but eventually he concentrated solely on the operation in Spring Lake. In 1936 he married Elna A. in Muskegon. She was born in Iowa on March 23, 1904, died on July 11, 1979, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Hammond II who lived at 708 East River in Spring Lake, died on April 10, 1976 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

William H. Noantay [1870-1948]

John Noantay was Captain of the tugs *Senneice* and *Stamina*, that operated on the Grand River hauling gravel between Bass River and Construction Aggregates in Ferrysburg. He was born in Grand Haven on May 7, 1870. He married Katherine [Catherine] "Kitty" Wise in Grand Haven on June 1, 1892. Born about 1874 in Grand Haven, Kitty was the daughter of John and Matilda Rue Wise. Prior to his death, William and Kitty

resided at 9 Clinton Street. The Noantays had three children: a daughter, who married Ray Bell of Hollywood, Florida; Lawrence, who moved to Mobile, Alabama; and Louis, who remained in Grand Haven. William passed away in Grand Haven on December 26, 1948. Katherine, the daughter of Cyrus and Matilda Wise of Grand Haven, was born around 1874, died about January 25, 1955. and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article "Capt. Noantay, 78, Well Known Local Marine Man, Dies," December 27, 1948.]

John Eliot Noon [1891-1980]

Around 1920 John Noon purchased twenty acres on the north side of Potawatomie Bayou in Section 35 of Grand Haven Township [approximately 15600 Comstock]. In the summer of 1920 he opened Camp Cheboygan for boys and operated it until at least 1937. John was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts on January 27, 1891. His wife, Leila, was a native of Illinois, where she was born around 1891. They were married about 1916. John graduated from the University of Illinois in 1914 and continued his education in physical and coaching at Boston University. He was employed by the St. Louis [Missouri] Board of Education as "Physical Director and Coach at Grover Cleveland High School." John died in Winter Park, Florida on April 23, 1980.

Chief Noonday [Nonoquahezich] [c.1740-c.1840]

At the time that whites began to settle Ottawa County, Noonday was Chief of the combined Potawatomes and Ottawas, with headquarters near present Grand Rapids. Under the guidance of Rev. Leonard Slater at Slater's Mission [Grand Rapids], Noonday was an early convert to Christianity. Mixicinnny was his son-in-law. In 1836 Chief Noonday, along with Rev. Slater and his followers, moved to Prairieville [Gull Prairie] in Barry County, Michigan. The chief died there about 1840, reputedly at the age of 100.

George Washington Norcross [1816-1910]

George Washington Norcross was born in New Jersey on October 21, 1816. His parents were John and Mittie Wilbur Norcross. By 1876 George and his wife had moved from Walworth County, Wisconsin to settle on a 75-acre farm in Section 34 of north Grand Haven Township, where he raised fruit. He also owned 20 acres in Section 35. On July 4, 1845 he married, Jane [Jael] Taylor, who was born in 1824 in Yorkshire, England and died on November 19, 1896 in Grand Haven. Among their children, all born in Wisconsin, were Ellery G., who was born in 1846 and died on September 13, 1893; George E., who was born about 1847, died around September 15, 1893, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Ruth L., who was born about 1848; Almeda [Media], who was born about 1850 and married Oran Tracy in Ottawa County; Louisa R., who was born in

1851 and married John Lockie of Grand Haven; Silas E., who was born in August, 1854; Orrin E., who was born about 1855; John who was born around 1858 and drowned near Grand Haven about June 6, 1874; and Florence, who was born around May, 1860 and married George F. Orcutt in Ottawa County. Ellery was married at least twice, once to Mary Morrell and then to Addie C. Conger. George died in Walworth County, Wisconsin on July 14, 1910 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Jane.

Silas Elmore Norcross [1854-1917]

A machinist and woodworker in Grand Haven, Silas was born in Whitewater, Wisconsin in August, 1854. He was the son of George and Jane [Jael] Taylor Norcross. George married Ida S. Dunbar on June 1, 1882 in Grand Haven. They lived at 1246 Pennoyer. Their children were Daisy, born in January, 1884; Theresa E., who was born in Grand Haven on October 12, 1886, became a nurse, and married William Fant of that city; George Stanley, who was born in June, 1889 and worked in the car service department of a Grand Rapids railway; Laura, who was born in March, 1892 and entered nurses' training; Esther, who was born in February, 1894 and became a dental assistant; Isabelle [Bella], who was born in April, 1899 and became a stenographer in a railroad office; and Clifford, born in Grand Haven on August 24, 1903. Silas died around October 11, 1917 and Ida, who was born in New York in August, 1861, died about January 26, 1933. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Warner Norcross was Silas's cousin.

Warner A. Norcross [1848-1918]

Born in Wisconsin in April, 1848, Warner Norcross moved to the Grand Haven area where he followed his trade of carpentry. On April 22, 1874 in Grand Haven, he married Ella C., the daughter of James and Carolina Knight of Robinson Township. Ella was born in Walworth County, Wisconsin in January, 1853. By 1880 the Norcrosses were located on Elliott Street in Grand Haven. Twenty years later their residence was 1241 Pennoyer. A daughter, Carrie K., was born about 1876. Silas Norcross was Warner's cousin. Warner passed away around July 12, 1918 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ella died around December 4, 1933 and was buried with Warner.

Cornelis [Cornelius] A. Nordhuis [Noordhuis] [1816-1882]

See Cornelius Northouse.

Harold Noren [1919-1997]

Harold Noren and his brothers George and Herbert started Noren Pattern & Manufacturing Company on Apple Drive in Fruitport in 1946. Harold, a Fruitport

resident, was born on April 15, 1919 and died in Muskegon on April 24, 1997.

Herbert Noren [1916-1996]

Herbert Noren and his brothers Harold and George started Noren Pattern & Manufacturing Company on Apple Drive in Fruitport in 1946. Herbert, a Fruitport resident, was born on September 16, 1916 and died in Fruitport on January 9, 1996.

Edward O. Norris [1891-1978] and Mae Farley Norris [1902-1984]

In the 1920s Ed and Mae Norris lived in a boarding house at Bass River. Ed worked as dredgeman at the nearby gravel pits. Construction Materials Company in Ferrysburg owned the gravel pits and the boarding house. Mae managed the boarding house and cooked and cleaned for twenty to thirty boarders who also worked at the gravel dig. Mae later took a job as cook at Yellow Jacket on M-45, a place owned by Myrtle Littrell, Ed's sister. In 1931 the Norrises purchased a farm on M-45. In the same decade they traded the farm for Schmedtgan's Roadhouse in Section 1 of Grand Haven Township. The Roadhouse, then owned by Molenkamps, was located near Potawatomie Bayou in Grand Haven Township [14990 Mercury Drive]. They changed the name to Potawatomie Tavern. After fire destroyed the tavern in 1937, the Norrises rebuilt and operated the tavern until 1947, when they renamed their business Holiday Inn Restaurant. Mae learned the cooking business at the Bass River boarding house, and furthered her culinary skills in the kitchen of Hotel Gildner in Grand Haven, where she worked for nine years. She also had experience at the Fiesta Café [625 Washington] and Charlie's Lunch [515 North Seventh]. In 1969 the Norrises sold the business to Vernon and Charlotte Austin of Ravenna.

Mae Farley was a native of Springfield, Illinois, where she was born on May 18, 1902. There she met her husband, Edward Norris, and they were married in Springfield on July 12, 1920. They came to the Grand Haven area the next year and took up residency at the boarding house. Mae died in Grand Haven in July, 1984. Ed lived from November 18, 1891 [1893] to September 7, 1978. Myrtle Littrell [Bronkhorst] was credited with starting the Yellow Jacket Inn on Lake Michigan Drive [M-45] in the mid-1930s. Ed and Mae had two adopted children, Budd of Kalamazoo and Maureen, who married Fred Leach of Coopersville. Ed served with the Marines during WWI. [*Tribune* article, "Mr and Mrs Norris honored Sunday," July 10, 1970.]

James H. Norris [1830-1900]

Born in Washtenaw County, Michigan, in 1830, John Norris lived in Kent County before moving to Grand

Haven in 1869. He worked for the Friant & Hall Sawmill as engineer for seven years. He was also tugboat engineer for several years. On April 6, 1853 he married Carolina A. Friant. Carolina was born in Wayne County, New York, on April 7, 1835, the daughter of Cornelius V. and Hulda Hatch Morrison Friant and the sister of George W. and Thomas Friant, early Ottawa County pioneers. Cornelius and Hulda were married in Wayne County in 1827 and were settled in Kent County by 1837. James and Carolina had one child, Lydia Estelle, who survived childhood. Lydia was born about 1854 in Michigan. James died on October 5, 1900. Carolina died in Grand Rapids on June 5, 1928.

Henrietta S. North [1853- ?]

Henrietta North owned a 40-acre farm in Section 14 of Spring Lake Township, where she also raised fruit. She arrived in the Spring Lake area in 1898, but was gone by the mid-1910s and in 1930 she was residing with her son-in-law and daughter, Marcus A. and Winifred B. Coykendall, in Grand Rapids. Winifred was born about 1883 in Michigan. Henrietta was born in Michigan in September, 1853. Her husband, Therman, was born in The Netherlands in April, 1852. A farmer, Therman came to the United States in 1872.

John D. North [@1833- ?]

According to *Pioneer Collections*, Dr. John North was James and John Barnes's uncle. He arrived in the area in 1858, when he treated cases of meningitis in the "Rosamound" area. He didn't stay long because "the climate did not agree with his health," he wrote. On January 4, 1864 he enlisted as an unassigned Private with the 1st Michigan Light Artillery, but there was no further record of his military experience. After the Civil War he opened a medical practice in Jackson County, Michigan, where he resided with his wife, Ada, and their two children. John was born about 1833 in New York [Michigan] and Ada about 1838 in Michigan. By 1880 John's wife was listed as Emily A., born about 1842 in Michigan.

Albert Cornelius Northouse [1853-1908]

Born in Grand Haven Township in January, 1853, Albert was the son of Cornelis and Effie Vanmaren Northouse [Noordhuis]. On August 21, 1883 in Grand Haven Albert married Ella Jane Wilcox. She was born in 1858 and died on May 28, 1897. They had two children, Alfred and Pearl. Albert and his brother, Peter, owned 55 acres of lake front property in Section 5, and Albert had another 30 acres across Lakeshore Drive in Section 4, originally part of his brother's holdings. Albert was a well-known horticulturist. He also raised honeybees. The *Grand Haven Tribune* of July 3, 1900 noted that "Albert Northouse, the veteran bee man of Rosy Mound, says there will be an unprecedented amount of honey

this year. The bees have been fairly in clover all spring.” Albert was Clerk of Inspectors for the Grand Haven Township School Board, County Inspector in 1881, and Township Clerk from 1887 to 1895. He was Director of School District #2 for Rosy Mound from 1898 until his death, and for about ten years he held the post of justice of the peace. He died in 1908.

**Cornelis [Cornelius] A. Northouse
[Nordhuis/Noordhuis] [1816-1882]**

Born in The Netherlands on December 11, 1816, Cornelis Nordhuis settled on 120 acres in Section 4 of Grand Haven Township. He also owned 66 acres in Section 5. Cornelis came to America aboard the *Katherine Jackson*, which arrived in New York on May 17, 1848, after a 41-day journey. Passengers then took a steamboat to Albany, a canal boat to Buffalo, a steamboat to Chicago, and then a sailboat to Holland, where Cornelis evidently spent some time. On April 1, 1850, he bought 40 acres in Allegan County.

Cornelis married Altje “Effie” Vanmaren in Grand Haven on June 13, 1852. She was born in The Netherlands about 1825 and passed away in 1879. On their 120-acre plot in Section 4 of Grand Haven Township the Nordhuises cultivated sugar maples, with about 50 to 75 large trees near the south base of Rosy Mound. Around 1876 Cornelis built a two-story, frame home across the road from today’s Rosy Mound School, which later became the home of the Steele family. Eventually the house was razed. A son, Albert, was born around 1853 in Michigan and became a fruit grower. Another son, Peter, was born in 1855. Albert remained in the family home after his parents’ deaths, and Peter lived nearby. Cornelis was an active member of the First Christian Reformed Church of Grand Haven. He died on August 17, 1882 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Between 1880 and 1900, the Nordhuis surname was changed to Northouse.

Harm Northouse [Noordhuis/Nordhuis] [1827-1899]

Harm Northouse was born in The Netherlands on November 2, 1827 and died in Grand Haven on July 2, 1899. After his death, his widow, Luiktje “Lucy,” remained in the family home at 401 Lafayette, which she shared with her son, Louis. Lou, a plumber, had an office at 22 Washington in the early 1900s. Lucy, a native of The Netherlands, lived from November 6, 1832 to June 14, 1914. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. Harm and Lucy had six other children beside Lou, including Ylko, who lived from May 30, 1856 to February 21, 1886, and Jante, who was born on December 25, 1868 and died on November 29, 1879. Ylko and Jantje were buried at Lake Forest, too.

Louis Northouse [Nordhouse] [1876-1956]

In the early 1900s Lou Northouse had a heating and plumbing business at 22 Washington Street. He resided at 401 Lafayette with his mother, Lucy, the widow of Harm Northouse. On February 2, 1911, in Holland, Michigan, Lou married Sara, daughter of Albert and Marie Loker Manting [Mantingh]. Sara was born on February 2, 1886 in Allegan County and died at her home at 410 Wallace on May 10, 1940. Maynard Manting of Grand Haven was her brother. Lou and Sara had a son, George Louis Nordhouse, who married Rebecca Shane and resided in Spring Lake. The family resided at 410 Wallace and attended the Second Reformed Church. Lou was born on September 14, 1876 and passed away around July 2, 1956. He was buried at Lake Forests Cemetery. His parents were Harm and Lucy Northouse.

Peter C. Northouse [Nordhuis] [1855-1920]

By 1900 or earlier, the spelling of Nordhuis had changed to Northouse. Peter, the son of Cornelis and Effie Nordhuis, was born in Grand Haven Township in September, 1855 [1857]. He inherited 90 of the original 120 acres owned by his mother and father in Section 4. There he planted 50 to 75 sugar maple trees near the base of the south side of Rosy Mound. In the early 1900s he sold the 90 acres to John Majerus. Majerus, in turn, in 1911 donated three-quarters of an acre of the land as the site for a new school called Rosy Mound. In addition, Peter and his brother, Albert, owned 55 acres of lake front property in Section 5. Peter became an insurance agent and a notary public, and he also dealt in real estate. His office, called Western Michigan Realty Company, was at 9 Washington, and he lived at 424 Slayton with his wife, Jessie. In 1912 he advertised “Resort Property a Specialty.” Peter was Township Clerk from 1887 to 1895 and also Clerk of the Board of School Inspectors. Around 1900 he was a Director of Rosy Mound School. Peter and his brother Albert owned jointly the acreage that had belonged to Cornelis and he owned an additional 20 acres across Lakeshore Drive in Section 4. Peter died in 1920 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Jessie, who lived from September, 1862 [1864] to 1924. She was born in The Netherlands and immigrated to the United States in 1873. The Northouses’ children, both born locally, included Agnes, born in August, 1887, and Alberta, born in March 1893.

Edward Northrup [? - ?]

In 1885 Edward Northrup bought a newspaper business in Grand Haven and published his first issue in spring that year under the name *Evening Venture*. As early as 1876 Edward was publisher of the *Coopersville Courier*. His brothers were in the newspaper business with him. They sold their business to Charles R. Esler in 1887. The name of the local paper eventually was changed to *The*

Evening Tribune and then to *The Grand Haven Daily Tribune*.

John Nortier [1927-2009]

John Nortier served as Supervisor of Grand Haven Township from 1996-2004. Before that Township Trustee for 12 years and clerk for four years. John, the son of Pieter and Johanna Van Hoorn Nortier, was born in Grand Rapids on October 16, 1927. On March 4, 1955 he married Margaret Heyboer in Grand Rapids. Their children were: Sandra of Quincy, Massachusetts, and Jane of Ann Arbor, Michigan. John and Margaret resided at 13083 Lakeshore Drive. John served in the Navy from 1946 to 1947. He graduated with a bachelor degree from Western Michigan University and completed requirements for a master degree at the University of Michigan. In Grand Haven, he taught U.S. history, civics, and social studies until his retirement in 1986. Margaret and John attended Trinity Reformed Church. John died on September 3, 2009 and was buried at Grand Haven Township Lakeshore Cemetery. [Tribune obituary, September 4, 2009.]

Amos “Colonel” Norton [1789–1861]

Amos, the son of David Norton, was born in Hampshire City, Massachusetts on September 15, 1789. Amos settled in Spring Lake Township subsequent to the 1837 rebellion in Canada, where he had moved from Sangerfield, New York. In association with Jabez Barber, he built a sawmill at what later became known as Nortonville, four miles up the Grand River from Grand Haven. In 1844 he planted a fruit orchard there. A post office was authorized for the small town on January 5, 1846, and Amos was named Postmaster. The office closed on March 22, 1859. Norton’s mill burned down in 1854 and was rebuilt the next year. Norton Township, then a part of Ottawa County, was named for him. In 1852 he was elected County Supervisor. Amos chaired the organizational meeting of the Ottawa County Agricultural Society, held at Steele’s Landing [Lamont] in 1856. Amos’s wife, Lydia Barton, was born in Hampshire City, Massachusetts, on April 24, 1793. She died in Nortonville on April 5, 1866. Amos also died in Nortonville on November 19, 1861, about five months after his son, George.

George L. Norton [1813–1861]

Born in 1813 in Sangerfield, New York, George Norton died July 11, 1861. He was the son of Amos and Lydia Barton Norton. Together the father and son formed the A. & G. L. Norton Sawmill in Nortonville. The mill burned down, but the father and son had it rebuilt. George was Sheriff of Ottawa County in 1851. He first married Caroline Ferrier in Toronto, Canada in 1837. She was born in England about December 20, 1818 and died on March 7 [17], 1853 and was buried at Spring

Lake Cemetery. They had at least five children, all born locally: Clarise, born about 1841; Mortimer, born about 1842; Lucy H., born about 1846; Almira, born about 1848; and Walter, born about May, 1850. George and his second wife, Maryette, had at least two children. Maryette was from Ohio, where she was born in 1835.

Jelmer Nuismer [1862-1947]

A native of Ontinwedde, The Netherlands, where he was born on February 2, 1862, Jelmer Nuismer arrived in Spring Lake in the early 1880s. He married Elizabeth Boelens, also a native of Ontinewedde. Elizabeth, who lived from 1859 to 1936, arrived in Spring Lake about the same time as Jelmer. Their home was located at 306 Visser Street. Jelmer owned and farmed an island in the Grand River, which he also used as pasture for cows and horses. He got to the island on his personal ferryboat. The Nuismer family had six children. One of them, Anna, was born on September 10, 1889 and married Henry Zuidema of Spring Lake. Another was Joseph, who was born in Spring Lake on January 12, 1895. Jelmer died on May 10, 1947 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as was Elizabeth.

Joseph J. Nuismer [1895-1966]

The son of Jelmer and Elizabeth Boelens Nuismer, Joseph was born in Spring Lake on January 12, 1895 [1893]. In 1930 he was employed as a blacksmith at Johnston Boiler. On April 19 [10], 1917 he married Henrietta Tona Pippel, the daughter of Anthony Pippel I of Grand Haven. Henrietta was born in Grand Haven on May 8, 1894 and died on May 4, 1974. Their children were Joseph Anthony, who was born on March 2, 1918 in Spring Lake, married Ruth Louise Olsen, and died in Petoskey on January 20, 1995; Cornelia Elizabeth; Vivian Tona, who was born in Grand Haven on October 24, 1921 and became Deputy County Clerk of Ottawa County; and Norman Jack. The Nuismer family resided at 902 Elliott. Joseph died in Grand Haven on April 27, 1977 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Henrietta.

Glen Vernon Nygren [1922-2005]

Glen, the son of Harold Henning and Maude Peterson Nygren, was born in Pontiac, Michigan on October 27, 1922. After their father’s death in 1945, Glen and his brother Henning Leigh Nygren ran the family business, Ottawa Steel. They were co-owners of the business. Glen served with the Army Air Corps during WWII, and in 1948 graduated from Purdue University. His first wife, Mary E., was born on October 29, 1925. passed away in West Olive on November 18, 2002, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Mary K. Van Slooten on November 27, 1976. Glen belonged to the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church, and was a member of the Spring Lake Country Club, Elks Club,

and American Legion Post 28 in Grand Haven. His children included Karin Poret of Mesa, Arizona; Kim, who married Mike Montgomery of Norton Shores; Erik of Grand Haven; and Matt of Ada, Michigan. Glen also had a stepdaughter, Carol King of Holland, Michigan, and two stepsons, Jeffrey and Jerry King, both of Fennville. Glen died on March 4, 2005. [*Tribune* obituary, March 5, 2005.]

Henning Harold Nygren [1890-1944]

Henning Harold Nygren was born in Askesta, Sweden on May 24, 1890, the son of Erik and Sofia Larson Nygren. He was educated in the public schools of Sweden and became an apprentice in the pattern and tool trade. At the suggestion of Henning's father, Henning came to America from Bergen, Norway, landing in New York on November 17, 1911. On September 30, 1916 in Muskegon he married Maude Peterson, who was born in Michigan about 1892. A son, Henning [Harold] Leigh Nygren, was born in Michigan on October 14, 1917, and Glen Vernon Nygren was born in Pontiac, Michigan on October 22, 1922. In 1918 Henning was working in Muskegon as a toolmaker.

Henning and his family settled in Grand Rapids, where he was employed by Grand Rapids Showcase and other companies. In 1922 he established the Detroit Piston Ring Manufacturing Company and moved the business to Grand Haven in June, 1928, when he changed the company name to Ottawa Steel Products. About the same time the Nygrens bought a residence at 519 South Seventh Street. Henning returned to Sweden, but when World War II started he came back to America and again was employed by numerous factories as a tool and die craftsman. Located at 745 Woodlawn, the company during World War II manufactured parts for hydraulic wing controls for heavy airplane bombers, navy guns, and Army trucks. Henning was an avid hunter, a member of the Elks, Masons, Spring Lake Country Club, Peninsula Club, and Grand Haven Stag Club. H. Leigh Nygren ran Ottawa Steel from the time of his father's death about May 16, 1944 until his retirement in April, 1962. H. Leigh Nygren and his brother Glen became co-owners of Ottawa Steel and ran the business after their father's death. Henning was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Henning Leigh Nygren [1917-1995]

H. Leigh Nygren was born on October 14, 1917. He was the son of Henry H. and Maude Peterson Nygren. The young Nygren served in the Air Force in the Supply Department from 1942 to 1945. With his brother, Glen, H. Leigh ran the family business, Ottawa Steel, from the time of their father's death in 1945 until H. Leigh's retirement in April, 1962, when he moved to Arizona. He and his wife, Vivian, were married about 1944 and

lived at 1710 Hillcrest in Grand Haven. Their children were Steven and Susan, who married Robert Velsin. Leigh died in Arizona on December 19, 1995. Vivian passed away in Tucson on January 29, 2007 at the age of 89. Henning was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Arend John Nyland [Nylon] I [1828-1898]

Born on October 9, 1828 and schooled in Eibergen, The Netherlands, Arend Nyland came to America at the age of 18, landing in Baltimore, Maryland and proceeding by stage and canal to Buffalo where an older brother, Henry, was working in a tannery. Arend served a seven-year apprenticeship there. Leather he had tanned took the gold medal at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition in 1876. He worked for a number of tanneries throughout Michigan, including Kalamazoo, Breedsville, the Wallin Tannery at Saugatuck, and in 1863 he was Foreman at the Albee Tannery at Grand Haven. After the Albee Tannery was destroyed by fire in 1865, Arend went into the tannery business in Grand Rapids with two partners. When the uninsured business was destroyed by fire, he returned to Albee's employ and soon after accepted a position as Superintendent for the Herman Zohrlaut Leather Company at Milwaukee. Seven years later he moved to Holland, Michigan, where he was Superintendent of the Cappon and Bertsch Leather Company for fourteen years. Upon settling in the Grand Haven area, he and his oldest son, Cornelius, purchased the interest of Frederick Metz in the Metz Leather Company. During that year they changed the name to Grand Haven Leather Company with an authorized capital of \$100,000 and Arend was made President. The company tanned sole, harness and saddlery leather, and eventually added shoe leather. The plant was closed down within a year and sold to Eagle Tanning Company of Whitehall and Chicago. It reopened under the name of Ottawa Leather Company. Arend also served on the Grand Haven City Council in 1895 and 1896.

On June 22, 1851, in Buffalo, New York, Arend married Dena Schouwenaar, who was born at Kruningen, Netherlands on August 2, 1831, the daughter of a Dutch engineer and dike contractor. Dena died of a paralytic stroke at her home 1208 Washington Street on January 22, 1908 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Of their seven children, all except Herman were born in Michigan, including Jennie, who was born in January, 1858 and died June 16, 1934; Cornelius, born on April 23, 1860; Arend John II, born on January 17, 1866; Herman, born in Milwaukee in February, 1872; and Minnie, who died July 1, 1929. Arend died in Grand Haven on November 21, 1898 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, January 24, 1908.]

Arend John Nyland II [1866-1940]

The son of Arend and Dena Schouwenaar Nyland, Arend II was born in Grand Haven on January 17, 1866. He was educated in area schools and eventually became the Superintendent of the Grand Haven School System. Both Cornelius and Arend John II served their apprenticeship under their father while he was in Holland, Michigan. Like his father, Arend II was an Alderman for the City of Grand Haven, serving in 1897 and 1898, and he was elected Mayor in 1908. Arend II died on August 8, 1940. His wife, Minnie, lived from February 18, 1868 to June 28, 1929. Their children were Arend John III, born in July, 1886; Daisy M., who was born in July, 1887 and married Cornelius "Case" J. Ver Brugge of Grand Haven; Dena N. who was born on November 29, 1888 and died on September 10, 1929, Jennie D., born in May, 1890; Albert, born in December, 1891; Ruth Cornelia, who was born about 1892 and died on September 21, 1904; Minnie E., who was born in November, 1894; Edward J., born in September, 1896; and Madeline M., born in May, 1899. Arend died August 8, 1940 and buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery, where his wife also was interred.

Cornelius Nyland [1860-1923]

Cornelius Nyland was born in Holland Township on April 23, 1860. In March, 1887 Cornelius and his father, Arend John Nyland I, purchased the interest of Frederick Metz in the Metz Leather Company, reorganizing it under the name to Grand Haven Leather Company with an authorized capital of \$100,000. Arend I was President and Manager and Cornelius was Foreman of the curriery and finishing department. They were well-established in harness and saddlery leather and in the 1890s added shoe leather. Cornelius succeeded his father as President and Manager after his father's death in 1898. Because of the cost of changing over equipment for shoe leather production, the panicky times of the 1890s, the slump in the market, and tightening of financial conditions all over; a meeting of the stockholders was held. At that meeting, Nelson R. Howlett was elected President and placed in charge of fiscal affairs for the purpose of liquidating the company. The plant was closed down within a year and was sold to Eagle Tanning Company of Whitehall and Chicago, which reopened it under the name of Ottawa Leather Company. Arend J. Nyland II was placed in charge as Superintendent. Cornelius was interested in lumbering and also took up fox farming.

Cornelius died on January 11, 1923. He married Maria Van Patten in Holland on October 13, 1882. Mary lived from May 9, 1862 to November 29, 1913. The family resided at 1200 Washington. Among their children were Dena, who died November 28, 1887, about three months beyond her fifth birthday; Jamitji "Jennie" W., who was born on August 5, 1884 and married George T. vanden

Berg of Grand Haven; Mary Martha, who was born on January 17, 1888 and married John J. Gleason; Arthur J., born on February 5, 1890; Dorothy, who married Nelson Van Tol and moved to Birmingham, Alabama; Ruth C., who lived from September 1, 1892 to September 21, 1904, and Dorothy Lenora, who was born on December 11, 1902. The Nylands were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. [*Tribune* obituary, January 11, 1923.]

Esther Dean Nyland [1899-1997]

Born January 1, 1899 to Herman Z. and Elizabeth McMillan Nyland, Esther Dean graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1916, and went on to earn bachelor and master degrees from the University of Michigan in 1922. She was a long-time English teacher in the Grand Haven school system, and she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Gamma Phi Beta. Later she did post-graduate work at Columbia University. Before coming to Grand Haven in 1947, she taught school at the Old Hickory Powder Plant near Nashville, Tennessee toward the end of World War I, at Mount Clemons, Michigan, and at Paw Paw, Michigan. Esther Dean organized history clubs in the Grand Haven Junior High School, and she gave an "Old Timer's" coffee each year to commemorate Grand Haven's birthday on November 2. She was one of the founders of the Tri-Cities Area Historical Society, and she also belonged to the Free Bed Guild and the League of Women Voters. She retired from teaching in 1964. She was baptized in the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven and remained a member all her life. In 1936 Esther Dean wrote a book titled *100 Years*, combining a century of church activities with early Grand Haven history. She died in Grand Haven on November 21, 1997 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Herman Z. Nyland I [1872-1943]

Born in Milwaukee in February, 1872, Herman was the son of Arend and Dena Schouwenaar Nyland. Herman became road agent for the Grand Haven Leather Company after it was incorporated in 1885. In 1887, he was in charge of Dake Engine Company, which was located on the corner of Seventh and Monroe Streets. On February 20, 1888 he enlisted as Corporal in Company F, 2nd Michigan Regiment, and he enlisted for another three-year term in 1891. He left the outfit with the rank of Sergeant, under Captain Baltus Pellegrom, in February, 1894.

In 1896 Herman married Elizabeth McMillan, who was born in Canada in March, 1868. She was the daughter of Neil [Neal] McMillan. The Nylands lived at 121 Lafayette in Grand Haven. Around 1900 Herman went into partnership with Neal McMillan and opened the McMillan & Nyland Ice Cream and Confectionery Store

at 100 Washington with McMillans' daughter, Mate, in charge. Esther Dean, born on January 1, 1899, was the Nylands' daughter and a son, Herman Z. II, was born in Grand Haven on December 19, 1906 and died in Contra Costa, California on April 23, 1996. Other children were Neal McMillan Nyland, who was born in Milwaukee on August 30, 1896 and moved to Detroit, and William Aaron, who was born about 1905 and relocated to New York City. Elizabeth and Herman I were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, where she taught Sunday School for 27 years, served on the Executive Committee of the Ladies Social Society, and was President of the Missionary Society. Elizabeth taught at an elementary school located at 513 Jackson, and she served on the Grand Haven School Board in the mid-1910s. Herman I died about July 28, 1943 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elizabeth passed away about December 11, 1950 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, May 1, 1996.]

Cornelius [Cornelis] Nyson [Nyssen] I [1835-1896]

Cornelius Nyson was born in The Netherlands in February, 1835 and arrived in Grand Haven in 1848. In 1869 he married Martha Myer, who was born in The Netherlands about 1845. He and Martha had eight children, all born locally, including William I, who was born in August, 1860; Cornelius II, who was born in 1862 and died on September 18, 1884; and Jennie, born in February, 1879. After Martha's death, he married Cornelia Van Hall on November 3, 1886 in Grand Haven. They resided at 606 Fulton. Cornelia was born in The Netherlands in November, 1840 and passed away around August 2, 1916. Cornelius, a carpenter, was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as a "millwright." He and Cornelia continued living at 606 Fulton, where she remained after her husband's death. Cornelius's father, Adriannus Nyson, a Grand Haven lumberman, lived from 1805 to January 6, 1896. Cornelius's mother, Wilmina, was born about 1814 in The Netherlands. Cornelius died on November 4, 1896 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Cornelia. *Tribune* obituary, November 4, 1896.]

William M. Nyson [Nyssen] I [1860-1949]

William Nyson, the son of Cornelius and Martha Meyer Nyson, was born in Grand Haven in August, 1860. He operated a laundry in Muskegon for two years and was proprietor of the Kempf House in the same city for two more years. William opened the Grand Haven Steam Laundry in 1893 at 12 Washington, the first steam laundry in the city. He offered pickup and delivery with his horse and cart. By 1908 he was working for the Challenge Machinery Company. He and his wife, Barbara, lived on Elliott Street around 1900 and later moved to 221 North Third. Barbara was born in Michigan in May, 1868. Their son, William II, who also

worked at Challenge, was born November 5, 1889 and died in January, 1963. William I died around February 7, 1949 and Barbara passed away about January 23, 1950. She and her husband were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was their son William II.

Dustin C. Oakes [1853-1903]

A native of St. Joseph, Michigan, where he was born on June 19, 1853, Dustin was the son of David II and Mary S. Oakes. He graduated from Michigan Agricultural College [MSU] in East Lansing. When he died he was Cashier at the National Bank of Grand Haven, forerunner of Grand Haven State Bank [Fifth Third], a position he had held for about three years. Prior to coming to Grand Haven, Dustin was in the banking business in Coopersville for about 10 years, and before that he was in Shelby, Michigan. Dustin married Lenora "Nora" Kelly in Ionia on December 27, 1876. She was born in Michigan about 1860. They were still residing in Lyons, Ionia County, in 1880. Their children were Ruby, born in 1882 and died in the State of Washington; Archie, born in 1884 and died in 1919 in Flint; and Stanley, who lived from 1888 to 1976. Dustin died on September 26, 1903. Lenora was born in 1859 and died on June 22, 1910. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband and other family members. [*Tribune* obituaries September 26, 28, and 29 1903.]

Edwin Charles Oakes [1899-1974]

Edwin, the son of Harry and Jane Oakes, was born in Grand Haven on December 22, 1899. His wife, Helen, was born on November 17 the same year. By 1920 the couple was residing in Detroit. They had a daughter, Ruth, who was born around 1929. In 1930 Edwin was living in Kalamazoo and had a job as salesman of school supplies. Edwin died in Berea, Kentucky on July 17, 1974. Helen died in the same place on April 14, 1984.

Harry J. Oakes I [1860-1919]

In the 1893 *Compendium* Harry Oakes was listed as a "Marl Dealer." Marl was a form of fertilizer, or rich soil. A few years later he joined Dake Engine Company. By 1908 he was listed as a mechanic and deputy oil inspector. In a 1912 newspaper he advertised that he was a "Buyer and dealer in Copper, brass And Old rubber. ALSO Inside and Outside Auto Tires. Highest Prices Paid." A few years later he was an insurance agent for the Prudential Company. Harry was born in Manchester, England in September, 1860 and died on March 31, 1919. He came to the United States in 1879. His mother's name was Harriet. On November 15, 1883, in Grand Haven, Harry married Jane Luikens of Grand Haven, who lived from June 16, 1863 to March 3, 1937. They moved into a home at 121 Howard Street in 1907 and ten years later were at 417 Leggat. Prior to that they lived in a house across the street. Harry and

Jane also had lived previously at 304 Columbus [approximate number], which was lost in the fire of 1889. By the 1920s Jane Oakes and a son, Edwin Charles Oakes, born on July 22, 1899, had moved to 219 Columbus. Other sons were James W., born on October 21, 1884, and Harry II, born on October 17, 1890. Harry I and Jane also had a daughter Louise, who died young, and another daughter, Sarah L., who was born on September 23, 1887. Harry and Jane were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elizabeth Kirkland of Grand Haven was his aunt.

James William Oakes [1884–1954]

James was born in Grand Haven on October 21, 1884, the son of Harry J. and Jane Oakes. James started a real estate and insurance business in 1903 with James E. Scott as his partner. In January, 1907 he went into partnership with Henry J. Boer to form the Grand Haven Realty Company. In 1927 James bought the Studebaker dealership, located at 9-11 South Second Street, from the Charles E. Soule family. In April, 1933 he merged with Beers Motor Company, and the combined operation offered Dodge, Plymouth, Packard, and Rockne automobiles, as well as Studebakers. He also owned Auto Fill, a Standard Oil service station at 20 North Third Street, with John Van Schelven as the attendant. James retired from the automobile business to devote his full time to real estate and insurance. Originally located at 228 Washington in downtown Grand Haven, the Oakes office moved to 234 Washington in 1974, one year after the property was vacated by the McLellan store. After James retired in 1954, John Van Schelven managed the real estate office until 1978. Oakes's nephew, Jim Oakes, also was associated with the business.

James married Mary M. "Mate" McMillan in Grand Haven on October 21, 1909. Mate, the daughter of Neal [Niel] and Elizabeth McMillan, was born on March 11, 1873. As a young girl, Mate worked as an operator for the fledgling telephone company, and later she worked at her father's ice cream store at 101 Washington. Later she was an active member of the Grand Haven Woman's Club, and served as its President from 1920 to 1930. James and Mate were residing at 314 Second Street as early as 1920 and sometime after 1930 they moved to 803 Lake Avenue. He was a director of the Chamber of Commerce and active on the Board of Commerce and Industry that helped bring new industries to Grand Haven. James also served as Secretary of the Spring Lake Country Club, and he and Mate were members of the First Presbyterian Church. Jim owned several downtown buildings. In partnership with Bruno Peter, he also owned much of the unimproved residential property along Sheldon Road, south of Taylor Street. Jim and Mate had a daughter, Inez. Jim died on August

12, 1954 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery on August 14. Mary died on February 24, 1965 in Grand Haven and was buried with her husband.

James "Jim" William Oakes [1914-1997]

James, nephew of James W. Oakes, was born in Grand Haven on December 9, 1914. After graduating from Grand Haven High School in 1932 he attended the University of Michigan and then worked with his uncle in the insurance and real estate business. During WWII he was a Major in the Air Corps. Between 1959 and 1962 James was elected to four consecutive terms as President of Spring Lake Village. Jim was a charter member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Treasurer of the Spring Lake Yacht Club, Exalted Ruler of the Grand Haven Elks' Club, and member of the American Legion. He attended St. Mary's Catholic Church. He and his wife, Margaret Buckley, in 1953 bought a home at 217 North Buchanan. Margaret, the daughter of W. Lloyd and Elsie Buckley of Spring Lake, was born on June 2, 1918 and passed away on August 16, 1997 in Florida. The Oakeses had a daughter Miki Carter and a son Timothy. James died on June 14, 1997 at Marco Island, Florida. [*Tribune* obituary, June 17, 1997.]

Stanley B. Oakes [1888-1976]

Stanley Oakes was a conductor on the "dummy" line serving Highland Park. He was the son of Dustin and Lenora Oakes, and was born in Grand Haven on June 6, 1888. On September 2, 1916 in Grand Haven, he married Helen A., the daughter of Daniel and Anna Angel Andrews. Helen was born in Grand Haven about 1881. Stanley and his family were residing there by 1930. Stanley sold life insurance at that time. They had a son Daniel, and two daughters, Julia and Cynthia. Stanley died in St. Louis, Missouri, in August, 1976.

Adrian [Adrien] O'Beck [Obeck] II [1846-1932]

Adrian O'Beck was born on a farm in The Netherlands in May, 1846 [1845] and came to Grand Haven in 1849. He was the son of Adrian and Cornelia Mieras O'Beck. His first job was selling fish, and eventually he had his own commercial fishing business. Other members of the O'Beck family who were part of the business were his sons: Adrian, Martin [Martine], and Roy. Adrian II was born about 1846 and began fishing from a sailboat when he was 17. With Henry Fase, John Ball, and Cornelis Van Zanten, Adrian operated a commercial fishing business out of Grand Haven called O'Beck & Company. One of their fishing tugs was the *Pear* and another was the *C. A. Meister*. The O'Becks were reputed to be the first local fishermen to install a gasoline motor in a fishing boat. Adrian retired in 1905 and died on March 20, 1932.

Adrian married Johanna De Gloppe, who was born in The Netherlands on November 19, 1842 and died in Grand Haven on March 20, 1909. She was Martinus De Gloppe's sister. They both arrived in America with their parents in 1849 and not long afterward came to Grand Haven. Johanna and Adrian were married on January 18, 1867 in Buffalo, New York. The O'Becks lived at 421 Clinton. Their children were Cornelia, who lived from April, 1868 to 1938, married Christopher Fetz, and had a second husband, Alexander Kaatz, whom she married on April 3, 1920 in Grand Haven; Jacob, born in May, 1870; Anna, who lived from September, 1872 [1874] to 1960 and was a teacher in Grand Haven; Adrian III, born in August, 1875 [1873] and died in 1941, leaving his widow, Eleanor May; Roy Lawrence, who was born on March 23, 1878 and died in 1949, and whose wife, Marie, was born in Michigan around 1885; an infant son, John, who was born and died in 1880; Jeanette "Nettie," who lived from November, 1881 to 1942 and married James W. Cheesman about June 30, 1906; James, who was born on October 5, 1883 and worked as a machinist at Keller Tool; Martin, who was born on June 27, 1884; and Marie, who was born May 23, 1888 and died in May, 1879. Johanna, her husband, and their children were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Jacob O'Beck [1870-1922]

Like his father Adrian, Jacob O'Beck was Captain of a fishing tug in Grand Haven. He was born in Grand Haven in 1870 and died in a Muskegon Hospital on May 25, 1922. Jacob also served as mate on the Crosby Transportation Company steamer the *E.G. Crosby*. In the years prior to his death he worked with his brothers, Roy and Martin, in operating the fishing tug *Johanna*, named for their mother. [*Tribune* obituary, May 26, 1922.]

Martin O'Beck [1884-1951]

Martin was the son of Captain Adrian and Johanna O'Beck. He was born in Grand Haven on June 27, 1884, died on May 4, 1951 in Grand Rapids, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He had a brother, Roy, who was born about 1878, and two sisters, Anna and Marie, all of Grand Haven. About 1910 Martin and Roy, built the tug *Marie*, and in 1914 they built one of the first steel tugboats in the area, the 42-foot *Johanna*. In 1971 the tug became the last commercial vessel to fish out of Grand Haven.

Martin married Evalina Zimmer on November 20, 1905. They lived first at 521 Grant Street and later at 312 South Fourth Street. Evalina, who was born in Spring Lake on July 28, 1881, died in Ferrysburg on April 7, 1954. She was the daughter of Matthias and Katharina Spinner Zimmer. The O'Becks' had one son and one

daughter, Marjorie Louise, who lived her entire life, from June 21, 1911 to October 24, 1999, in Grand Haven. She married George A. Barnard of Grand Haven, who died in 1979. Their son, Adrian, born on December 17, 1922 moved to California, where he died on April 10, 1997. Young Adrian married Jeanne Fochtman on April 2, 1942. Marjorie Louise was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

George W. O'Brien [1860-1926]

A native of Chicago, George O'Brien was born in 1860 and for a number of years operated a mercantile business in Grand Haven. In 1886 he became state agent and adjuster for the Phenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn, New York. Seven years later he had an insurance office in Grand Haven. In 1908 Joseph was an agent for Home Insurance Company and he was President of Grand Haven State Bank, then located at 218 Washington. He and his wife, Mary, resided at 534 Clinton. Joseph passed away around May 7, 1926, and Mary died around May 24, 1945. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Hugh O'Brien [O'Brian] [Hugh "Bud" Krampe] [1925- living]

In 1942 Hugh John Krampe, his wife Edith Lillian, and their sons resided at Arbutus Banks in Spring Lake, then at 115 Barber Court, and finally at 316 South Fifth in Grand Haven, before moving away permanently. One of their sons, Hugh Charles Krampe, worked at Camfield's one summer and helped make wooden trays. He also caddied at Spring Lake Country Club and worked at a gas station. The other Krampe son, Donald, attended school in Grand Haven. Young Hugh moved to California, where he became known as Hugh O'Brien, best known for playing the role of Wyatt Earp in the television series of that name that ran from 1955 to 1961. He was born in Rochester, New York, on April 19, 1925 [1923] and served with the U.S. Marines during WWII. Hugh John Krampe was born in Ohio on June 4, 1890 and died in Alameda, California on June 30, 1958, and Edith lived from June 18, 1895 to December 26, 1949. Like her husband, she was born in Ohio and died in California.

Jeremiah "Jerry" O'Brien [1854-1905]

Born in Wisconsin on August 29, 1854, Jeremiah O'Brien resided at 127 Clinton with his wife, Anna "Annie." Their children were Elizabeth "Lizzie," a nurse, who was born in January, 1885; William, who was born in Grand Haven in February, 1887 and worked at the glove factory; and Mamie, who was born in November, 1888 and worked at a "bean factory." Jeremiah, a sailor, died on July 19, 1905, but his family continued to live at 127 Clinton. Anna was born in Ireland in May, 1862.

Joseph W. O'Brien [1860-1926]

Born in Chicago on October 11, 1860, Joseph was the son of John O'Brien. His mother's family name was Donovan. Joseph came to Grand Haven in 1871 and later joined the law firm of Healy C. Akeley at the corner of Washington and Second Streets. He also was agent for the Home Insurance Company and President of Grand Haven State Bank in the early 1900s. Joseph served as Mayor in 1886, 1900, and 1901, and he was chairman of the first Ottawa County Red Cross Chapter, organized in Grand Haven in the fall of 1909. His wife, Mary Gillen, was born in Racine, Wisconsin on September 18, 1862. They were married on November 26, 1884 in Grand Haven. In the early 1900s the O'Briens resided at 534 Clinton, but in 1915 they purchased the Boyden House at Fifth and Lafayette Streets. Their children, all born locally, were Joseph P., born in May, 1886; Eugene G., born in December, 1887; and Margaret [Marguerite], born in July, 1889. Margaret served overseas as an army YMCA worker during WWI. About 13 years after Joseph's death on May 4, 1926, Mary moved to Grand Rapids.

Richard H. O'Brien [1910-1981]

In the 1920s Dick O'Brien operated a sign painting business at 19 South Third Street, where he also resided with his widowed mother, Jenny. By 1930 Dick was managing a jewelry store in Grand Haven. Jenny was born in Michigan on November 9, 1889 and died in Grand Haven on May 8, 1982. Dick was born on December 5, 1910 and died in Ferrysburg on October 11, 1981.

Daniel O'Connell [1826-1891]

See Daniel O. Connell.

James O'Connell [1842-1932]

James O'Connell was born in West Meath, Ireland on May 22, 1842 and settled with his family in Wisconsin when he was three [seven]. He dealt in brass and ironware, wrought iron pipe, pumps, rubber goods, and other items at a store located at the corner of First and Franklin Streets [29 Franklin], where he and his wife, Kate, also lived. James was still in business in 1908. He was working in Whitehall when the Civil War began and on August 21, 1862 enlisted as Private in Company F of the 5th Michigan Cavalry, raised by Noah Ferry. He later served under Phillip Sheridan and George A. Custer until the end of the Civil War. James was close to Ferry at Gettysburg when the latter was killed by Confederate shots. He was mustered out on June 22, 1865. After the war, during a stopover in Grand Haven, he literally bumped into Heber Squier, who offered him a job as engineer on one of his tugboats. James eventually

earned his engineer's license and served on several vessels, including the *Snoek* and *New Era*.

The *Muskegon Chronicle* provided a story about James's decision to settle in Grand Haven after the Civil War: "Mr O'Connell was visiting at the farm of his brother Bernard O'Connell in Montague Township [Muskegon County]. He decided to go to Chicago to look for work and took the train to Grand Haven, intending to cross the lake. While awaiting the sailing of his boat that night, he set out on a stroll up the main street of the town, then unlighted. He had not gone far when he bumped smack into a portly citizen, who demanded to know, in not too pleasant a humor, 'Why don't you look where you're going?' 'Why don't you blow a whistle?' was Mr O'Connell's retort. 'Well, where are you going?' the man asked. 'I'm going to Chicago to look for a job,' said Mr O'Connell. 'I'll give you a job,' his new acquaintance replied; and Mr O'Connell went to work for Capt. Heber Squires, then a prominent figure in the business life of Grand Haven."

James married Kate [Catherine] Kearnan in 1869. Kate was born in Ireland in March, 1853. Their children, both born in Michigan, were Susan, born in August, 1871; William, who was born in December, 1875 and moved to Detroit; and Chester A., who was born on February 22, 1883. James was the area's last surviving Civil War veteran when he died on March 14, 1932, and had been an early member of the Weatherwax G.A.R. Post. He also belonged to the Odd Fellows and Elks. James was a member of the Unitarian Church until its dissolution. Kate lived from 1849 to 1922. She and her husband were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Muskegon Chronicle* obituary, 1932.]

John O'Connell [1821-1899]

See John O. Connell.

Mary Malone O'Connell [1808-1880]

See Mary Malone Connell.

William R. O'Dwyer [1928-2002]

Bill was born on March 10, 1928 to William E. and Henrietta Grosnick O'Dwyer in Chicago, Illinois. He married Patricia Carmody in 1950. She was born January 18, 1928 and passed away on October 17, 1995. They resided at 414 Howard Street in Grand Haven. Bill was a graduate of Carl Schurz High School in Chicago and Marquette University in Milwaukee. He served with the Army Air Corps during WWII. Bill moved to Grand Haven in 1974 and retired from the Internal Revenue Service in 1984. He was active with St. Patrick's Catholic Church, the Tri-Cities Historical Museum, the American Legion, the YMCA, and the Genealogical Society. The O'Dwyers had seven children: Catherine Noonan, Elizabeth Des Noyer, Sister Margaret

O'Dwyer, William O'Dwyer, Mary Bridget Kiddy, James C. O'Dwyer, and Patrick O'Dwyer. Bill, who died in Grand Haven on November 16, 2002, was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 18, 2002.]

Engelbert Christian Oggel [1841-1905]

Engelbert Christian Oggel was Pastor of the First Reformed Church in Grand Haven from 1872 to 1876. He was born in Axel, The Netherlands, on September 28, 1841, the son of Johannes Pieter and Adriana de Pree Oggel. Following his father's death in February, 1856, Engelbert immigrated to the United States with the encouragement of his older brother, Professor Pieter J. Oggel [1829-1869] of Hope College. Engelbert attended Holland Academy and Rutgers University, where he graduated in 1863. He next studied for the ministry and was ordained in 1866 as Pastor of the First Reformed Church in North Holland, Ottawa County. He left that position three years later, the same year his brother died, to become Treasurer of Hope College and editor of a religious newspaper called *The Hope*, which his brother had begun. Oggel left two years later and became minister at the Reformed Church in Graftschaap. It was in June the next year that he came to Grand Haven. Just prior to his arrival, Engelbert married Elizabeth, daughter of Aldert Plugger of Holland. Engelbert next took the pastorate at the First Presbyterian Church in Kankakee, Illinois. He died about September 2, 1905. [*Tribune* obituary, September 2, 1905, and *American Biographical History of Eminent and Self-Made Men.*]

Old Blackbird [? - ?]

Old Blackbird was Chief of the "Ottawahs and Potawatomes" and lived to be at least 103. His wife was "Blue Eye," from the Ottawa tribe. He lived on Potawatomie Bayou, named for his Indian Nation. [*Portrait and Biographical Record of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties.*]

Gail L. Olger [1897-1978]

In 1933 Gail Olger and Edward "Bill" Koster opened the O-K Grocery Store in Spring Lake Village. Gail was born September 26, 1897 and died in Spring Lake on February 7, 1978. He married Gertrude Mathilda Minuth. They resided at 225 South Buchanan. Gertrude, the daughter of Fred and Mathilde Minuth of Grand Haven, was born on October 4, 1896 and passed away in Grand Haven on April 17, 1994. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Edwardine Van Hall Olsen [1918-2003]

Edwardine, the daughter of Edward and Nellie Donselaar Van Hall of Grand Haven, was born on March 31, 1918. She was named Miss Grand Haven in 1938. Edwardine married George L. Olsen II on August 19,

1938 in Grand Haven. The son of George and Kathryn Olsen I, he was born on December 13, 1911 and died on June 21, 1984. Edwardine and George moved to Michigan City, Indiana. Edwardine died at the home of her daughter, Casden Chapman, in Erie, Illinois, on May 22, 2003 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Olsens also had a son, Jens C. [*Tribune* obituary, May 27, 2003.]

George Lawrence Olsen I [1886-1947]

George, born in Grand Haven on February 5, 1886, was the son of Jens and May Olsen, who emigrated from Norway and settled in Grand Haven in the 1870s. George saw extensive service in Europe during WWI as Captain of Company F of the 126th Infantry. He was mustered out with the rank of Major. After the war he was selected as the first Company Commander of the Michigan National Guard and continued to be active with Company F. George was Postmaster of Grand Haven from 1924 to 1936. He and Orrie Sluiter purchased the Turner Abstract Company from George D. Turner in 1923, and opened an office at 226½ Washington. George sold the business two years later to the Michigan Title Company. He also started the Olsen Insurance Company. George was a Republican and was Treasurer of the State Republican Committee.

On June 16, 1909 in Grand Haven George married Kathryn, the daughter of Sherman S. and Elizabeth Dickinson, who originally were from Potsdam, New York. Kathryn was born in Coopersville on March 18, 1886, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1904, died in Grand Haven on February 5, 1971, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Sherman Dickinson was commanding officer of Company F during the Spanish-American War. The Olsens had three daughters and three sons, all born locally: George L. II, who was born about 1912, relocated to Michigan City, died on June 21, 1984, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery ; John S. who was born about 1915 and moved to Memphis, Tennessee; Betty K., who was born on March 7, 1918 and married Frederick Hickey of Grand Haven; Jessie, who was born on January 15, 1923 married John H. Cole of Houghton Lake, Michigan, and died on February 6, 1995 in Denton, Michigan; Virginia, who was born about 1925 and married Donald P. Le Fevre of Hesperia; and Robert F., who was born about 1926 and moved to West Redding, Connecticut. The Olsen family resided at 301 Sherman. George passed away on October 15, 1947 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Glenn Holger. Olsen [1898-1984]

Born in Remus, Michigan on June 20, 1898 to Hans and Mariane Olsen, Glenn graduated from Edmore High School and Central Michigan University and received

his master's certificate from the University of Wisconsin. Glenn also did some graduate work at the University of Michigan. He married Gladys Sylvia Joy on April 30, 1921. Gladys was born on May 23, 1897. The Olsens' children were Bruce, who was born about 1924 and became a medical doctor; Robert who was born about 1931; and Robert L. The family lived at 433 Slayton Street in Grand Haven. Glenn joined the school system in 1923 and became Principal of Grand Haven High School two years later. He retired in 1964 after handing out more than 6,000 diplomas. Glenn served on the Planning Commission for the redevelopment of the waterfront, North Ottawa Community Hospital, and the Y.M.C.A. He was a charter member of the Grand Haven Rotary that was founded in 1929 and he was instrumental in establishing the Tri-Cities Educational Foundation, of which he was Director. He never recovered from a fractured hip after falling in his driveway, and he died on November 26, 1984. Gladys passed away on October 27, 1995 in Grand Haven. [Tribune November 26, 1984.]

Jens A. Olsen I [1851-1933]

A native of Norway, where he was born in January, 1851, Jens immigrated to the United States and settled in Grand Haven. In 1880 he was a freight checker. Twenty years later he was listed as a steamship agent. His wife, May, was born in Ireland around 1859. Among their children were Pearl M., who was born in December, 1877; Jens A. II, born in October, 1880; Jessie Elizabeth, who was born on August 13, 1881 and married Myron Kingsbury Scott of Grand Haven' and George Lawrence, who was born in Grand Haven on February 5, 1886. In 1880 Jens's brother Andrew was living with the Olsen family. Jens I was residing with Kingsbury and Jessie Scott in 1930. He died about June 29, 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery in June, 1933.

Jessie E. Olsen [1923-1995]

The daughter of George and Kathryn Olsen, Jessie in 1939 was selected the first-ever U.S. Coast Guard Queen. Appropriate to her heritage, she joined the SPARS during WWII. She and her husband, John H. Cole, moved to Houghton Lake. John lived from June 9, 1920 to January 4, 2002. Jessie was born on January 15, 1923 and passed away in Roscommon County on February 6, 1995. Jessie's sister, Betty, was part of the Queen's Court during Grand Haven's Centennial Celebration in August, 1934.

Claude Olthof [1905-1979]

A resident of the Ferrysburg area, Claude Olthof lived at 19080 Glendale Circle in Spring Lake Township in his later years. In 1946 Claude started North Shore Machine Works [17796 North Shore Drive]. Prior to that he had

worked at the Keller Tool Company in Grand Haven. He was born on July 16, 1905 and died May 18, 1979.

Sybrant Olthof [1895-1982]

Olthof family members were early residents of Ferrysburg. Sybrant Olthof was born in the Village on July 6, 1895, and died on March 1, 1982. He worked at the Johnston Brothers Boiler Company in Ferrysburg. By the mid-1950s he resided at 520 Jackson Street in Grand Haven. On May 8, 1918 in Spring Lake, he married Mary, the daughter of Corneilus and Kate Yonker Westerhouse. Born in October, 1894, Mary died two years after her marriage. She and Sybrant were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

William Olthof [1900-1976]

William Olthof spent his entire life as a resident of the Ferrysburg area, where he was born on January 6, 1900. In 1930 he was residing with his parents and was a die maker at a tool factory. His parents, John and Jennie Olthoff, both were natives of The Netherlands, where John was born about 1869 and Jennie about 1871. William died in Ferrysburg on April 5, 1976 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He lived at 17752 North Shore Drive.

Paul Oltman I [1910-1958]

Paul Oltman was born on June 24, 1908. He worked for the Herpolshimer Company in Grand Rapids, and in 1938 bought a cottage in the Wilderness, a few miles south of Grand Haven. Around 1950 Paul purchased from William D. Baltz the Addison-Baltz Department Store business in Grand Haven, but leased the real estate. About the same time Paul and his wife, Elizabeth Knappen, moved into a newly-built home at 191 Grand Avenue with their daughter Shirley and son Paul II. After her husband's death on May 28, 1958, Betty sold the house and returned to Grand Rapids, but kept the Wilderness cottage. Betty, who was born on April 1, 1912, died on May 19, 1987. After her death, the cottage was deeded to their son Paul.

Raymond F. O'Malley [1920-2007]

Born on May 4, 1920 Raymond O'Malley was one of two hands to survive the sinking of the *Escanaba* in June, 1943. Seaman 1st Class at the time of the incident, Raymond, who was from Chicago, returned to Grand Haven each year to attend a ceremony sponsored by the Coast Guard that commemorated the sinking of the *Escanaba*. Raymond passed away in Chicago on March 8, 2007. [Tribune obituary, March 8, 2007.]

Chief Onamontopay [? - ?]

In the early part of the nineteenth century Onamontopay was Chief of the Ottawas at Battle Point, an Indian

village on the Grand River a few miles east of Grand Haven. His name meant "Old Rock."

Louis [Lewis] H. Oosterhouse [1882- ?]

See Louis Osterhouse.

Charles Orchardson [1836- ?]

Born in Scotland around 1836, Charles Orchardson by 1870 owned a 64-acre fruit farm in Sections 13 and 24 of Spring Lake Township. The property later was known as the Krueger Place, along M-104. Charles married Lurissa [Louisa] Worlon, who was born in Ohio in May, 1841, died in 1917 in Spring Lake, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. One of their daughters, Louise Bernice, was born in Scotland on June 12, 1864, married David Lorimer, and ran the Lorimer Resort on Spring Lake after her husband's death. Another daughter, Flora Mabel, was born on September 16, 1872 and married Len Patterson of Spring Lake. Charles passed away before 1900.

James Wilson Orr [1875-1935]

In 1892 James Orr was Secretary of American Mirror and Glass Beveling Company, near the intersection of Harbor and Howard Streets. By 1918 he was working for Nathaniel Robbins and residing with the William F. Harbeck family at 538 Lafayette. James and his wife, Gertrude, were married about 1921 and resided at 539 Pennoyer. She was born in Michigan around 1880. James lived from September 24, 1875 to 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. James's sister Mary married William Ferdinand Harbeck of Grand Haven.

George Henry Osgood [1829-1871]

Born in November, 1829 in Rockingham County, New Hampshire, George was the son of Hiram and Eliza Edgerly Osgood. His father, an attorney, died on November 29, 1840, and his mother lived from April 6, 1803 to September 14, 1857. They both died in Grandville, Michigan and were buried there. Another early arrival in the area was Chase Edgerly, Eliza's brother, who was born in Rockingham, New Hampshire on December 18, 1811. Chase Edgerly and George Osgood were the "Edgerly & Osgood" Lillie referred to as Proprietors of the Washington House in Grand Haven [12 Washington], which they were operating by 1850. George was listed as Barkeeper in the 1850 census and, like his partner, was residing at the hotel. Also residing there at that time was his mother, Eliza Osgood, and his wife's sister, Mary Brown. In 1852 Chase and George sold the business to Clark Albee. Chase returned to the Grand Rapids area, where he died on December 9, 1854.

By 1858 George was Proprietor of Mill Point Hall in Spring Lake. On November 24, 1861, not long after the start of the Civil War, he became Quartermaster

Sergeant of the 3rd Michigan Cavalry. George was promoted to First Lieutenant and Quartermaster on December 13, 1862, and was mustered out on October 31, 1864. George was listed as a saloon keeper in Grand Haven in the 1870 census.

George married Mary D. Miller. Mary, the daughter of Captain Harry and Elizabeth Miller, was born in Detroit on May 14, 1836 [1835], died in 1916 [1915], and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her parents. George died November 3, 1871, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His widow, three years later, on September 30, married Isaac Hull Sanford of Grand Haven. About June 21, 1911 Mary applied for a widow's Civil War pension, citing George Osgood's service. George and Mary had a daughter Eliza "Lizzie," who married John Wiles of Grand Haven. Lizzie was born in April, 1858.

J. S. Osgood [? - ?]

Osgood was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886.

George Osipoff [1923-1991]

Born on July 14, 1923, George Osipoff founded Grand Haven Pattern at 1555 Marion Street in October, 1955. He later became District Superintendent for the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power. His home was at 14896 Bignell in Grand Haven Township. George died in Grand Haven on December 3, 1991 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

William Osner I [1859-1942]

Born on May 2, 1859 in Ethenheim, Germany, William Osner immigrated to Chicago, where he manufactured shoes. He arrived in the Grand Haven area in 1904 and soon bought property on the south side of Stearns Bayou in Section 6 of Robinson Township. By 1915 he owned 40 acres, and within the next 15 years acquired an additional 45 acres from Dr. Winfield Hall, his neighbor to the west. Phoebe, William's wife, was born in New York State in 1864 and died in Robinson Township on December 1, 1930. The Osners moved to Grand Haven around 1909. Among their children was Sophia, born about 1898. Her salary as a sixth grade teacher at Central School in 1919 was set by the School Board at \$800 a year. She died in 1925. Other children were William II, who was born on April 14, 1901, and a daughter, Pauline, who died about the same time as her mother. William passed away in Grand Haven about February 15, 1942 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. Osner Drive, along the south side of Stearns Bayou, was named for the family.

William Osner II [1901-1977]

The son of William and Phoebe Osner, young William was born in Chicago on April 14, 1901 and moved to the Grand Haven area with his parents in 1904. He was employed by the Ottawa County Road Commission for 35 years, and was Manager when he died on October 3, 1977 while on a hunting trip with his family in Wyoming. William's wife, Suzanne Kosch, was born on June 18, 1919 in Chicago. They were married in Grand Haven on March 6 [4], 1937. Suzanne, who ran a Christmas tree farm after her husband's death, died on October 6, 1985. They had two daughters, Phoebe Shutler, who lived in New York, and Susan Larson, who remained in Grand Haven. One son, William Osner III, moved to New Jersey.

Hessel D. Osterhoff [Osterhof] [1827-1904]

A laborer, Hessel Osterhoff resided in Spring Lake Village. On January 1, 1864 he enlisted as Private in Company G of the 21st Michigan Infantry. On June 9, 1865 he transferred into Company G of the 14th Michigan Infantry. He was mustered out on July 18, 1865. On November 25, 1904 his wife, Willemtje [Willhelmina] "Minnie" Zwiers Osterhoff, applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Minnie was born in The Netherlands about 1841. The Osterhoffs had a daughter, Jantje "Jane," who was born on November 4, 1868. Another daughter, Minnie, married Andrew Vanden Bosch, also of Spring Lake. They had two more children besides these two. Hessel, a native of The Netherlands, lived from February 14, 1827 to October 7, 1904. Willemtje was born in The Netherlands on March 14, 1841 and died on July 15, 1915. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Roelof "Ralph" Osterhoff [Osterhof] [1830-1902]

Born in The Netherlands on July 2, 1830, Roeloff Osterhoff immigrated to Ferrysburg in 1855, working first as a carpenter on the Ferry residence. He then worked seventeen years in the pattern shop at Ottawa Iron Works, also in Ferrysburg, and in 1874 he opened a mercantile business. He married Jane Griede in 1857. She was born in 1836 and died on October 28, 1874, leaving her husband and eight children, including Jane, who lived from 1859 to 1925; Delia, 1861 to 1925; Hannah, 1863 to 1885; Martha, who was born on July 21, 1869; Raleigh, 1872 to 1915; and John, 1874 to 1928. Roeloff died on June 27, 1902. He and his wife were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with five of their children.

Louis [Lewis] H. Osterhouse [Oosterhouse] [1881-1954]

By 1908 Louis Osterhouse had opened a law office at 232 Washington in Grand Haven. Later he had an office on the second floor of 118 Washington. He was Ottawa County Prosecuting Attorney in 1912 and City Attorney

in 1914 and again from 1920 to 1926. On December 14, 1910 in Chicago, Louis married Adeline J. Rosenberg. They lived at 820 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven from the 1910s into the 1960s. Louis was born in Michigan on December 7, 1881, and Adeline, a native of Illinois, was born around 1884. They had two children, Marian and Louis John, who was born about 1916. Lewis passed away about November 26, 1954 and she around October 19, 1959. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Eleanor Mae Larson Ostradick [1936-2001]

Born in Grand Haven on September 9, 1936 to Carl and Marian Poel Larson, Eleanor married Theodore Ostradick in Muskegon on February 12, 1960. Eleanor was an Avon representative in the Spring Lake area for eight years. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and its Women's Club. She also was Coordinator for the St. Lazare Retreat House in Spring Lake Township. Eleanor died in Muskegon on January 29, 2001. [*Tribune* obituary, January 30, 2001.]

Henry A. Oswald [1853- ?]

In 1880 Henry Oswald was a saloon keeper in Grand Rapids. In 1908 he left Grand Rapids, and opened a confectionery and ice cream store in Grand Haven at 118 Washington, where he also resided with his wife, Ardell [Della]. He married Ardell Kingin in Grand Rapids on January 1, 1890. She was born in Michigan in May, 1870. Their business was called Oswald's Sweet Shop. Henry also ran a saloon at 38 Washington in the 1910s. By 1917 he was General Manager of the Panhard Motor Company at 1301 Fulton Street. A native of Canada, Henry was born in March, 1853 and moved to the United States in 1865. In 1910 he was widowed and living alone. Henry and Ardell resided at 631 Lake Avenue in 1932 and continued to own and operate the Sweet Shop.

Gertrude Otley [1898-1998]

See Gertrude Otley Mersbach.

Thomas Fryer Otley I [1880-1938]

Thomas F. Otley was born on August 7, 1880 on a Lake Michigan steamer as the boat came into Grand Haven harbor from Chicago. His parents, Samuel and Matilda Cox Otley, lived in Grand Haven for awhile, but later settled in Chicago, where Thomas became a salesman for a paint company. Thomas visited Highland Park every summer and formed the Highland Park Tennis Association in 1920, because he loved the game and the youth that played it. Leon Harburger and Eldred G. Bentley assisted in organizing the club. The organization functioned for 32 years under Thomas's leadership. Eldred, also a Chicago resident, was born about 1875. The Highland Park Cottage Association

added the Highland Park Tennis Club in 1922, nestling the two courts between dunes. Highland Park Junior tournaments were played here starting in 1926 and lasting to 1937. The tournaments drew top players from the United States and were played according to rules of the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association, which sanctioned the tournaments. Each year Thomas donated the coveted Otley Cup to the tourney champion. A paint manufacturer, he married Freda [Frieda] B. Miller of Grand Rapids on September 17, 1909. Thomas died January 27, 1938 at his home in Chicago. Freda was born about 1886. Thomas F. Otley II, born on August 19, 1916, was their son. Benjamin Otley was Thomas's brother.

Thomas Fryer Otley II [1916-2000]

Thomas F. Otley, a one-time resident of Grand Haven, died in Palm Coast, Florida on September 15, 2000. He was born August 19, 1916, the son of Thomas and Freda Miller Otley I. The Otley cottage was located at 1407 Lake Avenue in Highland Park. Not long before his death Thomas had been honored by the Highland Park Tennis Association, which inaugurated the Otley Memorial Tennis Tournament. Thomas Otley I, was one of the founders of the Highland Park Tennis Club. Thomas II was a member of the Elks and Masonic Lodges. He and his wife, Darlene, had two sons: James, who lived in Brighton, Michigan, and Thomas F. Otley III, who was born on June 27, 1938.

Thomas Fryer Otley III [1938-1990]

Born on June 27, 1938 in Chicago, Thomas F. Otley graduated from Grand Haven High School and then received his bachelor degree at Western Michigan University. He was the son of Thomas and Darlene Otley. On February 8, 1960, Consumers Power Company made him Lakeshore District Manager and responsible for planning, directing, and controlling five county districts. He married Pat Schuett on July 23, 1960 and they had two daughters, Erin and Caroline, and one son, Thomas IV. The Otleys lived in Spring Lake. Otley was a member of the Muskegon Economic Growth Alliance Board, the Employers Association Board, and the Muskegon County Community Energy Advisory Committee, and he was Vice President of the Muskegon Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Chairman of the Muskegon Civic Theatre, Chairman of the Muskegon Rotary Club Classifications Committee, and co-Chair of two United Way Campaigns. Thomas died on February 22, 1990 while playing tennis and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 23, 1990.]

Eugene Ott [1932-2008]

When Eugene was born on February 3, 1932, his parents, Julius and Emilie Bethke Ott, lived in Section 5

of Robinson Township [14111 Green]. Julius was born on November 24, 1900 and died on May 14, 1977. Emilie, the daughter of Emil and Katherine Bethke of Robinson Township, lived from August 5, 1903 to October 18, 1996. Gene married Julia Warner on October 22, 1955. She was born July 2, 1937 and passed away on April 20, 2000. Gene was employed as an electrician for Whittaker Electric and Grand Haven Board of Light & Power. While working for the Board, Gene designed the Christmas Star, which is still displayed during the Holidays. Gene served with the Air Force during the Korean War and was a member of the local American Legion. He attended St. John's Lutheran Church. Gene and Julia had two daughters, Sandra, who married Kurt Myers of Freesoil, Michigan, and Karen, who married Bruce Marshall of West Olive. They also had a son, Steven, who was born on June 19, 1958 and died on July 25, 1998, and another son, Richard, who moved to Canby, Oregon. Gene died on February 23, 2008 in Marquette, Michigan. [*Tribune* obituary, February 27, 2008.]

Frank Ott [1898-1973]

Frank, the son of Julius and Magdalena Ott, was born on October 23, 1898. Julius lived from 1859 to 1920, and Magdalena from 1862-1931. Both were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Frank married Caecilia [Cecelia] Otilie Wacker on August 29, 1921. The daughter of Johanna and Anna Zacher Wacker, Caecilia was born in Chicago on May 15, 1904. The Otts resided at 1642 Waverly. Their children, all born in Michigan, were a daughter Ruth, who was born about 1922 and passed away in 2001; Raymond C., who was born around 1923 and died in 1962; and Howard, born about 1926. Frank, who was a metal worker at a foundry, died on March 8, 1973 and his wife died on March 26, 2002 in Grand Haven. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Rudolph Ottenstraer [1886-1968]

Born in Illinois on August 28, 1886, Rudolph Ottenstraer became a machinist in Grand Haven. He married Helen Wencek in Chicago on November 26, 1913. She was born on May 7, 1888 and died in Grand Haven on May 26, 1977. Rudolph died, also in Grand Haven, in February, 1968. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had a daughter, Marie, who was born in Michigan about 1921. The family resided at 828 Washington.

Abel Outman [Oudman] [1851- ?]

Abel and Boutje "Bessie" Snyder Outman, natives of The Netherlands, arrived in the United States in 1880 and settled in Grand Haven at 621 North Fifth Street. Abel was born in July 1851 and Bessie in 1846. Among their children were Walter, born in October, 1874, Effie, born

in January, 1877, and Merino "Menno," in May, 1881, just before the family left for America. Their other children, born locally, were Henrietta "Hattie," born in 1887, Menno, born on April 19, 1888, and Elizabeth, born on October 16, 1893. Abel was listed as a teamster in the 1900 census. Menno was employed at the Higman Basket Factory. Walter died about May 5, 1911, Bessie passed away about August 12, 1929, and Menno died about February 6, 1963. All were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Abel died between 1900 and 1910.

John Ovens [Owens] [1847-1922]

The John Ovens farm was located in Section 14 of Olive Township. John, who arrived in the area in 1866, also raised livestock. He owned a total of about 200 acres. John was born in Canada on May 13, 1847 and died in Olive Township on July 29, 1922. He was reputed to have participated in Fenian's Raid, an invasion of Canada by a small American group in June, 1866. His wife, Caroline Eding, was born in Michigan and lived from March, 1855 to 1921. They had a son, Freddie, who died on September 6, 1882, about three and half years old. Freddie and his parents were buried at Olive Cemetery. Another son, William, was born on August 18, 1887. They also had two daughters: Mamie, born in June, 1884, and Maude, born in August, 1892. All the children were born locally.

William J. Ovens [1887-1968]

Born on August 18, 1887, William, the son of John and Caroline Ovens, apparently inherited his father's 250 acres, which was still in the family in 1930. On December 17, 1913 in Grand Haven, William married Maggie, daughter of John and Ida Zeerip Vander Meulen. Maggie was born on November 19, 1889 and died in Ottawa County on August 24, 1981. William died in Holland, Michigan on September 15, 1968. Both were buried at Olive Cemetery.

William Overton [1829-1899]

William Overton resided in Crockery Township as early as 1860. In the census of that year he was residing with John Eckhoff. William was listed as Mulatto, John as White. Both were laborers. On February 16, 1865 in Grand Rapids, William enlisted in Company E of the 102nd U.S. Colored Infantry. He filed a pension application in June, 1891, while living in Baldwin, Michigan. He also resided in Ottawa County and Manistee after his discharge. William was born about 1833 [1827] in Louisiana. He died on February 14, 1899 and was buried at the Soldier's Home in Grand Rapids.

Arthur William Page [1890-1975]

Born in Muskegon on July 3, 1890, Arthur Page and his wife, Lavinia, lived in Grand Haven before moving into

a home at 102 Ann Street in Spring Lake around 1917. They resided there most of their married lives. John used his boat to deliver groceries along the shore of Spring Lake for Andy Falls. He also worked in the automobile industry. John died on April 6, 1975. Lavinia was born on July 8, 1895 in Michigan and passed away in Spring Lake in February, 1979. Their children were Catherine B., born about July, 1916, and Pauline M., born about July, 1917.

Charles T. Pagelsen [Pagelson] [1830-1904]

Born July 1, 1830 on the Island of Sylt, Denmark, where his father was minister of the Lutheran Church, Charles Pagelsen was schooled in Denmark and when a young man sailed around the world two times on schooners and clippers. He journeyed up the Orinoco River in Venezuela in the early 1850s and visited other exotic places, nearly dying of Yellow Fever in the West Indies. In 1848, on a trip up the Mississippi River, Charles sailed Lake Michigan and came upon Grand Haven. He liked the area and gave up his sailing career, but continued his interest in sailing by owning such ships as the brig *Sebastopol*, partly owned and piloted by Captain Harry Smith, who eventually settled in Grand Haven. By 1860 Charles was a resident of the area. He was admitted to the bar in 1866 and in 1867 he became Grand Haven's first City Recorder, an office he held on and off until 1885. He also was Circuit Court Commissioner for two terms, and he was Justice of the Peace until his death in 1904. In 1871 King Charles XV of Sweden appointed Charles Vice Consul of the State of Michigan for Sweden and Norway and a Knight of Wass. Charles was a firm believer in higher education, and all his children graduated from the University of Michigan. He was one of several Grand Haven residents to help organize St. John's Lutheran Church in 1866. He was a member and Secretary of the Masonic Lodge #189 and helped with its organization, the German Workingmen's Society.

Charles married Ernestine [Earnestene] Kent of Grand Haven on December 8, 1858. She was born in Germany in January, 1838 and came to the United States in 1857. They had several children, including Emily, who was one of the first women to graduate from the University of Michigan Medical School. Other children were Louise, who was one of the first women to graduate from the University of Michigan Dental School; Ed, an attorney, who was born November 3, 1866 and died in Panama City, Florida in July, 1969; Otto, born about 1871, Henriette, who was born in Grand Haven on November 14, 1875; and Daniel F., who was born in Grand Haven on September 26, 1873. The family lived at 415 Lake Avenue. Charles died on March 6, 1904. His wife lived from 1838 to 1933. Both were buried at

Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 7, 1904.]

Daniel F. Pagelsen [1873-1939]

Born in Grand Haven on September 26, 1873, Daniel was the son of Charles T. and Ernestine Kent Pagelsen. He attended local schools, graduated from Concordia College in Milwaukee, graduated from Michigan Agricultural College [MSU], and studied law at the University of Michigan, where he graduated in 1898. He had the distinction of being the first man from Grand Haven to make the University of Michigan football team. Daniel returned to Grand Haven, joined the law office of Walter I. Lillie, and studied law under him for two years. He was Ottawa County Circuit Court Commissioner. Daniel was credited with saving a young Louisville woman from drowning in Spring Lake. Upon his father's death in 1904, Daniel became Vice Consul of Michigan for Sweden. He was agent for the U.S. Fidelity & Guarantee Company of Baltimore. He and his wife, Nancy, lived at 411 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. Daniel died January 31, 1939.

Louise [Louisa] M. Pagelsen [1877-1966]

A daughter of Charles T. and Ernestine Kent Pagelsen, Louise distinguished herself by being one of the first women to graduate from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. She set up practice in Detroit. Louise was born in 1877 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1894. She died about January 19, 1966 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Margaret "Emily" F. Pagelsen [1859- ?]

Born in October, 1859, Emily was a daughter of Charles T. and Ernestine Kent Pagelsen. She was a member of the first class to graduate from Grand Haven High School in 1876, and she was one of the first women to graduate from the University of Michigan School of Medicine. She opened a successful practice in Boston, where she lived with her husband, Herbert B. Howard. He also was a physician. Their children were Charles P., born in December, 1887, and Sarah E., born in April, 1891. Both children were born in Massachusetts. Herbert was born in Massachusetts in March, 1855. By 1900 Emily had given up her medical practice. The couple was residing in Reading, Massachusetts in 1920.

R. M. Paget [? - ?]

In 1870 Paget platted the Village of West Olive. Its first Postmaster, John P. Hanchett, was appointed November 1 that year.

W. Paine [Payne] [1825- ?]

Hailing from Philadelphia, Paine, a physician with 40 years' experience, arrived in Grand Haven around 1870 to help Willard C. Sheldon organize the Magnetic

Mineral Springs resort. Evidently his stay in Grand Haven was short lived. *Michigan Medical History* noted that the doctor "... came with a great flourish of trumpets, but failed to relieve pain so signally, that he left the sanitarium in better hands after his second season." The doctor returned to Philadelphia to be a hotel proprietor. Paine was born about 1825 in Massachusetts.

Edwin [Edward] R. Painter [1853- ?]

Edwin Painter was a lumber inspector who lived in 1880 resided in Spring Lake. His wife, Adelia A., was born in Illinois in October, 1861. By 1900 the couple was residing in Charlevoix, Michigan, where Edwin continued his career as a lumber inspector. Living with them at that time was a daughter Cally, who was born in April, 1883, and Mildred, who was born in July, 1889. Both daughters were born in Michigan. Edwin came from Vermont, where he was born in July, 1853.

William H. Painter [1837- ?]

Formerly a resident of Chicago. William Painter no later than 1864 opened an office in Grand Haven and lived in Spring Lake. He was a lumber inspector and commission dealer in lumber. William was born about 1837 in Virginia. His wife, Mary, was born around 1840 in Ohio. The Painters had three children: Ella, born about 1864 in Illinois; Florence, born about 1867 in Michigan; and Charles, born about 1875 in Illinois. The family was still residing in Spring Lake in 1880.

Frederick C. Palmer [1869-1946]

In the early 1900s Fred Palmer ran a house moving business from his residence at 1309 Washington. His wife, Helen, was born in Michigan about 1873 and Fred was born in Pennsylvania around 1869. They had a daughter Carrie who was born in Grand Haven about 1892. Sharing the house with them was Fred's father, Dr. Philander Palmer. By 1920 and into the 1930s Fred and his family resided at 1330 Columbus. In the 1920 census Fred was listed as a building contractor, but ten years later he again was classified as a house mover. He passed away about December 31, 1946 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Helen passed away around June 2, 1962 and was buried with her husband.

Joseph Palmer [1835-1908]

Joseph's parents were Othniel and Almira Thompson Palmer, who moved from New York State to Wright Township in Ottawa County. Othniel was born around 1806 and died October 6, 1855, still in New York State, while Almira lived from about 1815 to approximately 1886 and died in the Grand Rapids area. On September 17, 1861 Joseph traveled to Grand Rapids to enlist in Company C of the 2nd Michigan Cavalry. He was promoted to Corporal on October 12, 1861 and to First

Lieutenant with Company E on October 22, 1864. Joseph was listed as a prisoner of war from December 25, 1862 to December 12, 1863. He was mustered out on August 17, 1865 and returned to Wright Township. In 1878 he became a saw filer for the Emlaw Mills in Grand Haven. In the 1880s he was a lamplighter for the City of Grand Haven. Joseph was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. He was listed as an engineer in the 1893 *Compendium* and by the early 1900s he was a station engineer.

Joseph's wife was Fanny Anne [Anna] Cook, who was born in March, 1835 [1836] and died in 1908. They lived at 124 Columbus and had two children: Mary Jane, who lived from 1859 to 1930 and married Baltus Pellegrom of Grand Haven; and John A., who was born in Berlin [Marne], Wright Township, on September 26, 1868, became a carpenter, and married Mintie M. Clark in Grand Haven. Mintie lived from 1870 to 1925. Joseph, born in April, 1835, died on February 16, 1908. He and his wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

Philander [Phylander] Palmer [1837-1914]

Born in Pennsylvania on October 11, 1837, Philander Palmer came to Michigan when a boy. He married Ruth A Green of Burr Oak, St. Joseph County, Michigan, on December 5, 1859. While living in Allegan County, Palmer enlisted as Private in Company I of the 13th Michigan Infantry on October 22, 1861. On April 10, 1864 he transferred to Company E of the 2nd Michigan Infantry. He was discharged on January 16 the next year. After the war Philander returned with his wife, Ruth A., to Allegan County, where he farmed for awhile. Ruth also was from Pennsylvania, where she was born in January, 1837. In 1874 they arrived in Grand Haven and Philander opened a medical office. By the early 1900s his office was on the second floor of 135 Washington. He was a Grand Noble of Odd Fellows and he belonged to the Knights of Pythias, the Grand Haven Weatherwax Post of the G.A.R. [Grand Army of the Republic], and the Grand Haven and Spring Lake Medical Society. Philander resided at 1309 Washington with his son, Fred Palmer, who was born in Pennsylvania about 1869. Philander and Ruth had another son, Edwin, who was born in Pennsylvania about 1867. Philander died in 1914 and was buried at Burnips in Allegan County.

Leendert "Leonard" Pals [1861-1936]

Leonard Pals, who was born in The Netherlands in April, 1861, lived at 906 Madison with his wife, Kate, and their family. Also from The Netherlands, Kate Scholten was born in September, 1860. Leonard and Kate came to the United States in 1865 and were married in Grand Haven on April 17, 1883. Their children, all born locally, were John, who was born on October 28,

1886 and spent most of his working years in Chicago, where he died about January 14, 1967; Kate, born in March, 1888; Sena, who lived from May 8, 1890 to September 12, 1979; and Mary, who was born January 23, 1893 and died on October 27, 1977. Leonard was a laborer. The family belonged to the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Leonard died around April 4, 1936. Kate lived from 1860 to about April 30, 1937. Leonard, Kate, John, Mary, and Sena were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Louis Papp [1878-1963]

Louis Papp was born in Hungary on November 9, 1878. By 1908, and possibly earlier, he was the owner of some acreage in Section 9 of Grand Haven Township, later given the address of 13146 Lakeshore Drive. Part of his land included the southeast corner of Lakeshore and Ferris Streets, at one time the site of a township school. The school was destroyed by fire in January, 1909, to be replaced by Rosy Mound. Louis's wife, Rose, was also from Hungary, where she was born around 1882. They were married about 1908. Louis died in July, 1963.

George W. Pardee [1869-1912]

Captain George Pardee was U.S. Inspector of Hulls out of Grand Haven. Born in Buffalo, New York, in February, 1869, George retired because of poor health in September, 1909. On May 16, 1900, in Ottawa County, he married Helena [Helene/Lena] Boone, and they resided at 307 Franklin. George died on September 30, 1912. Helena was born in Michigan in August, 1880. In 1910 she was residing in Holland with her brother-in-law, Frank Pardee, and his wife Emma. Frank was born in Illinois about 1872. Living at the same address was Helena's son George F., who was born in Holland on February 3, 1902.

John F. Pardee [1871-1918]

Born in 1871, John Pardee became a ship's captain and worked out of Grand Haven. He married Emma, the daughter of William and Bertha Thieleman of Grand Haven. Emma lived from 1880 to 1917. Both Pardees were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Rolla John Paris [1890-1969]

Rolla Paris, who was born in Michigan on December 19, 1890, married Katherine [Catherine] Mudrak. Katherine was born in Illinois about the same year as her husband. They moved to Grand Haven in 1918, where Rolla was First Assistant of the Grand Haven lighthouse under Lighthouse Keeper Joseph Kilgore. When Joseph died in 1920, Rolla filled in as Keeper until Charles Bavry took over in 1922. Rolla continued as Assistant under Charles and Charles's successor, Nels Engbergr. Rolla and his family lived at 900 South Harbor, which served as the lighthouse [until 1905] and as the keeper's

residence [until 1939]. Rolla retired in 1947 and died in Milwaukee on October 29, 1969, five years after Katherine passed away, who passed away about January 17, 1964. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Rolla was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and the American Legion. He served in the military during WWI. Rolla and Katherine had three children, all born locally: Elisabeth K., born in 1917; Rosemarie, born in 1919; and a son, Robert, who was born about 1923 and was killed about August 20, 1943 while serving as Corporal in the Army. Robert also was buried at Lake Forest.

A. S. Parrish [Parrish] [? - ?]

Parrish was engineer at the Webster Batchellor Sawmill in Ferrysburg, beginning there in July 1881. He came to Grand Haven in 1878, and for two and half years he was master mechanic of the Grand Haven Railroad. Prior to that he was master mechanic of a branch of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway. He was in the U.S. Navy from 1864 until the Civil War ended in 1865.

Amos Parrish [Parrish] [1818-1887]

Born in 1818 in New York State, Amos Parrish enlisted in Dygert's Company of Michigan Sharp Shooters on November 12, 1861 as Private. He was discharged on October 2, 1862. After the war he farmed 40 acres in Section 23 of Robinson Township. Amos died on April 8, 1887. An undated monument noting his Civil War service was erected in Robinson Township Cemetery. His wife, Mary E., applied for a widow's Civil War pension on June 8, 1887. Mary was born in Canada about 1828. Eli, born in Michigan in 1860, was their son. Their other children were Enos, Lucy, Adeline, Elizabeth [Elisabeth], and William. William, who was born in 1855, married Mary Roxine Toogood, and lived in Coopersville. Elizabeth was born in Michigan about 1868.

Damon Wells Parrish [1854-1934]

Wells Parrish farmed 100 acres in Sections 16 and 17 Allendale Township, and eventually added 10 more in Allendale Center. By 1918 he owned 250 acres in Allendale Township. His major land holdings and residence continued under the name Spring Hill Farm. Wells, the son of Amos and Valerie Waite Parrish, was born in Polkton Township on August 1, 1854. On May 14, 1879, in Allendale, he married Harriet Stevens [Stephens], a native of New York. Hattie's parents, Ransom and Maria Smead Stevens, settled in Allendale Township in 1867. Harriet was born in New York about 1857.

Wells and his family later resided on the ten acres in Allendale Centre, where he opened a sawmill business, while at the same time running a feed mill. In April,

1892, with Frank A. Parker of Allendale Township as a partner, Wells built a new sawmill, which had a capacity of twelve thousand feet daily. Wells was active in the formation and management of the Allendale Creamery Company, formed in 1893. Wells and Hattie had eleven children. Wells passed away in 1934 and was buried at Allendale Cemetery.

Eli Parrish [Parrish] [1860-1919]

Eli, the son of Amos and Mary E. Parrish, was born in August, 1860 in Michigan. On August 5, 1889 Eli married Mary E., the daughter of Samuel and Belvia Goodrich. The Parrishes settled on a 40-acre farm in Section 23 of Robinson Township. They had several children, all born in Michigan, including Belvia F., who was born in September, 1890 and married Chester Fellows; Anna M., born in October, 1892; and Sidney, born in June, 1895. Mary, who was from Illinois, lived from 1863 to November 25, 1897. She and her husband were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery.

Enos Parrish [Parrish] [1827-1902]

Enos Parrish, who was born July 25, 1827 in Vermont, migrated to Washtenaw County, Michigan, but was a resident of Ottawa County by 1860, settling first in Polkton Township. His first military service was during the Mexican American War, 1846-1848. On December 31, 1863 he enlisted in Battery E of the 1st Michigan Light Artillery as Private. He served until July 30, 1865. After the war he accumulated 240 acres in Section 16 of Allendale Township, some of it later taken over by his son, Wells, who was born in Polkton Township on August 1, 1854. The Parrishes called their home Spring Hill Farm. Enos had two wives. First he married Valerie Waite in 1852. Four years after her death he married Harriet Mazuzan, who lived from January 29, 1829 to July 5, 1909. Enos died on April 16, 1902. He and Harriet were buried at Allendale Cemetery. Enos and Louis Parker operated a gristmill in Section 27 of Allendale Township. [Tribune obituary, April 17, 1902.]

Thomas A. Parrish [Parrish] [1843-1913]

Thomas Parrish was born about 1843 in Canada. On November 5, 1861 he enlisted as Private in Company B of the 1st Michigan Cavalry Lancers. He was mustered out the following year on March 20. He located in Grand Haven about 1880 and in the spring of the next year Thomas corresponded with the Telephone and Telegraph Construction Company regarding the feasibility of bringing telephone service to the area. By 1882 he had made long distance connections with Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Whitehall, and Montague, among others. He operated the telephone business from his home at 324 Washington.

Thomas's first wife was born in 1854 and died in Grand Haven on March 17, 1889. The next year, on June 3, 1890, in Grand Haven, Thomas married Ruth, the daughter of Hiram and Hannah Moore Beckwith and the widow of John B. Hancock of Spring Lake. She was instrumental in organizing the Grand Haven Woman's Club in 1891. The Parrish's house, at 324 Washington, was one of many destroyed in the 1889 fire.

Thomas also worked with the Ottawa Iron Works in Ferrysburg and later joined Parish Manufacturing Company in Ashland, Newaygo County, as Secretary and Treasurer. He served as Grand Haven Postmaster from 1894 to 1898. In addition, Thomas was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886 and was its first President in 1892. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Royal Arcanum, and he was High Priest of Corinthian Chapter and active in the Republican Party.

By 1909 Thomas and Ruth had left Grand Haven and moved to Seattle, Washington, where Ruth's brother Andrew Beckwith and her sister Elizabeth Cross already were located. Thomas died on August 22, 1913 in Seattle. In 1930 Ruth was still residing in Seattle with her daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth B. and Howard A. Hanson. Elizabeth was born in Grand Haven about 1879.

Wells Parish [1854-1934]

See Damon Wells Parish.

William F. Parish [? - ?]

A native of Elgin, Ontario, Canada, William Parish was manager of the Ottawa Iron Works, located in Ferrysburg, in the 1880s. The Iron Works was owned by William M. Ferry II, Thomas W. Ferry, Andrew Thompson, and Parish.

Bethel "Bert" Parker [1898-1970]

Born November 13, 1898, Bert Parker was the last stationmaster of the Grand Trunk depot in Spring Lake, which ended passenger service in 1957. The station closed in November the next year. He started as a messenger boy in Ionia, worked for a short time as a baker in Grand Rapids, and then went into the railroad business as a telegraph operator. At Spring Lake he handled baggage, freight, and passengers. He resided at 207 South Prospect and later at 110 West Exchange. Bert died in Allegan County in June, 1970.

Henry T. Parker [1912-1980]

Born in La Cross, Florida on August 28, 1912, Henry Parker was the only brother among six sisters. His father died when he was seven, and Henry dropped out of school when he was fifteen. He settled in Grand Rapids at age nineteen. During WWII he developed

with a doctor in Grand Rapids a Quality Control procedure for General Motors and the use of an X-ray machine to examine the chambers for large guns on naval boats before they were loaded with ammunition so they wouldn't explode upon firing.

Henry married Norma Bowman on June 23, 1936, and they had four sons: Ted, Tom, Denny, and Greg. In 1946 the family moved to Grand Haven and bought the Ferry depot and buildings on Harbor Drive from Nyle Eggert. Henry formed Harbor Industries with Norwood Hubbel of Zeeland, and manufactured "point of purchase" advertising equipment. The business relocated to Grand Haven Township in 1972. In June, 1951 Henry, Norwood, William Wendell Vivian, and John Wierenga started Fleetwood Furniture Company, which specialized in the manufacture of juvenile "Swing-Line" furniture. It was located at 8 North Seventh Street.

After Norma died on February 15, 1966, Henry married Eleanor Hyde on September 3, 1966 in Grand Haven. They moved to Tucson, Arizona where he passed away on November 26, 1980. Tom and Ted Parker, his sons, continued the family business. Henry was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Grand Haven Rotary Club, Centurian Club of Tucson, Spring Lake Country Club, and Skyline Country Club of Tucson. He was a member of the board of the Point of Purchase Institute and selected Man of the Year in 1976. He was President of the United Fund [United Way], the Chamber of Commerce, and Junior Achievement. Henry also served on the Board of Directors of the Committee for Economic Development, the Y.M.C.A., the American Red Cross, and Goodwill Industries. [*Tribune* obituary, November 26, 1980.]

Orlando [Orando] J. Parker [1835-1910]

A native of New York State where he was born in March, 1835, Orlando Parker enlisted at Oswego as Private in Company A of the 147th New York Infantry on August 13, 1862. He was transferred to Battery L of the New York 1st Light Artillery, but his mustering-out date was not recorded. In 1880 Orlando was working as a cooper on Dowagiac, Michigan. He became a Great Lakes sailor, with Grand Haven as his homeport. In 1854 he married Zilpha Ann Farnham, who was born on November 27 [25], 1835 in Onondaga County, New York. She was the daughter of Truman [1805-1910] and Sybil Moon [1808-1882] Farnham. The family lived at 902 Fulton. A son, Edward Everett Parker, was born in 1866 and died in Burlington, Washington on April 17, 1955. A daughter, Nellie, was born on March 3, 1877 in Dowagiac, Michigan and married Benjamin O. Holbrook in Grand Haven on September 18, 1899. Orlando died in 1910 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Shortly after his death, Zilpha applied for a widow's Civil War pension.

Adelbert F. Parkhurst [1858-1929]

Adelbert Parkhurst, who lived from March, 1858 [1857] to 1929, moved from his native New York to Northwest Ottawa County in the fall of 1880. With his brother William he opened a retail business in Nunica with the name Parkhurst Brothers. Adelbert later moved to 537 East Savidge in Spring Lake. On October 15, 1884 in Nunica, he married Frances "Fanny" E. French, also from New York. She lived from April, 1855 to October 28, 1901. She also was from New York. Their son Claude, who was born in July, 1887, owned a fox farm on the north side of Savidge east of Fruitport Road [approximately 15545 Cleveland]. On October 24, 1911 in Nunica, Adelbert married Mary E. Welton, who was born in Canada in 1847 and died in Spring Lake in 1939. Adelbert, Frances, and Mary were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

William B. Parkhurst [1844-1915]

William Parkhurst, who lived from July, 1844 to 1915, moved to Spring Lake from his home state of New York about 1875 and arrived in Ottawa County in the fall of 1880. He and his brother Adelbert opened a retail business in Nunica under the name Parkhurst Brothers. William also worked for John B. Perham. He died in Nunica in 1915. He married Olive E. Cole in Spring Lake on January 3, 1875. She lived from June, 1845 to 1916. Their children included Florence, born in December, 1882, and Ola, born in June, 1885. William and Olive both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

George B. Parks I [1817-1880]

Born in Cayuga County, New York on October 17, 1817, George was the eighth child of Robert and Polly Smith Parks. Robert lived from February 12, 1776 to June 29, 1863 and Polly died on June 30, 1844. The family moved to the Detroit area, where they arrived on May 23, 1823. George moved on to Grand Haven with his wife in August, 1844. In 1852 he erected a two-story commercial building two doors west of the "Washington House," near the site of the later Grand Theater. In 1855 he erected another building in the neighborhood of the Washington House, which became the offices of the *Grand River Times*, County Clerk, Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, and the post office. Captain Parks was County Supervisor and owned the schooner *Michigan*, which made its trial trip down the Grand River on May 17, 1853. The *Michigan* operated as a passenger boat between Grand Rapids and Grand Haven. He was elected Treasurer of Ottawa County in 1854 and served several terms. He also was Justice of the Peace. His office was located in his home. George was charter member of the Ottawa County Agricultural Society. In

1862 he became a Trustee of the new Grand Haven Union High School. Working with Ebenezer W. Barnes, he went into the freight forwarding business in 1864, and was affiliated with Captain Jesse Ganoe in the Grand Haven & Grand Rapids steamboat line. Also in 1864 he was elected Judge of Probate. On April 1, 1867 the new City Council of Grand Haven met for the first time and George was elected Mayor. About the same time, George and his son Bryon W. built the first steam-powered planing mill in Grand Haven for the production of shingles, blinds, doors, and window sashes. It was a short-lived business. Byron became a bookkeeper.

George married Permella Wattles in Troy, Michigan on January 14, 1840. She was born in New York State on December 15, 1819, the daughter of Alexander and Mercia Bennett Wattles. George and Permella had two sons and two daughters: Byron H., who lived from June 10, 1844 to June 30, 1915 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; George II, who was born on November 13, 1852; Julia Spencer of Los Angeles, California; and Frances, who was born about 1859 and married John H. Reynolds of Grand Haven. The family lived at 225 Franklin Street. George passed away on November 27, 1880 and his wife died on December 29, 1891. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery in the family plot.

George B. "Burt" Parks II [1852-1907]

Born in Grand Haven on November 13, 1852, George was the son of George and Permella Wattles Parks. Known as Burt, young Parks was educated in the Grand Haven school system and started in the railroad business when he was 20. He was cashier for the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad Company. Being in poor health and needing a warmer climate, he spent some early years as a cowboy between Nebraska and Utah. Upon returning to Grand Haven, he became Purser for the Goodrich Lines and the steamer *Michigan*. On March 19, 1885, this steamer became imprisoned in the ice many miles offshore from South Haven. The crew made its way to shore by walking over the ice flows. The *Michigan* went to the bottom before it could be saved.

On October 15, 1879, Burt married Frances "Frankie" Boyce of Lowell, Michigan. She was born April 17, 1854. He served at different times as Assistant Collector of Customs for the Port of Grand Haven; was one of the original organizers of the Grand Haven Street Railway Company in 1895; and had an interest in the Spring Lake Boat Line, which operated the *Fanny M. Rose* and the *Hazel*. Burt died May 18, 1907, and Frances passed away on April 23, 1929. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other members of the Parks family. [*Tribune* article, May 18, 1907.]

Paul H. Parks I [1919-2003]

Born in Chicago, Illinois on March 8, 1919, Paul was the son of Burritt A. and Helen Parks. The family spent summers at a cottage they purchased about 1900 in Highland Park in Grand Haven. By 1930 the family was living in Grand Rapids, but continued to use the cottage. It was while visiting Highland Park that he met his future wife, Jane McCrea, the daughter of Fred and Gladys McCrea. Paul and Jane were married in 1943 at St. John's Episcopal Church. During WWII Paul worked for Pratt & Whitney Engine Co. in Hartford, Connecticut, helping maintain armed forces aircraft. He and Jane made Grand Haven the family cottage at 111 Poplar Trail their permanent home in 1945. The cottage was winterized and remodeled to make it suitable for year-round living. Paul worked as a mechanical engineer for Eagle Ottawa in Grand Haven, Wolverine World Wide in Rockford, and Whitehall Leather Company in Whitehall, where he retired in 1978. He also was Plant Engineer for the Genesco Corporation.

Paul was an ardent environmentalist, particularly regarding the Great Lakes. He fought against offshore drilling for oil and gas beneath the Great Lake. He was an avid sailor and boater, and was Commander of the Grand Rapids Power Squadron. He also volunteered for the Ottawa Shores Humane Society. Paul and Jane had four children: Rick Parks, Paul ["Huck"] Parks II, Mary Worker, and Christopher Parks, who died in March, 2003. Barbara Sherwood, wife of Miller Sherwood, was his sister. Jane, who was born in Grand Haven on November 27, 1920, died on November 27, 1988. Paul passed away on August 23, 2003. [*Tribune* obituary, August 28, 2003, and *Tribune* article, "Environmentalist Paul Park Dies," August 26, 2003.]

Ida Parpart [1907-2001]

A few years after the Spring Lake Village Hall was constructed in 1937 the library was given a room there. After Avis Stults retired in 1964, she was replaced by Ida Parpart. Ida, who worked at the library for more than eight years, retired in 1972. She was born on December 19, 1907 and died in Spring Lake on July 15, 2001. She and her husband, Herbert, resided at 211 South Lake Street. Herbert passed away around April 1, 1957. He and Ida were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Enos Parrish [1827-1902]

See Enos Parish.

Jean Baptiste Parrisien [Parisien] [1812-1912]

Jean Baptiste Parrisien, a Chippewa Indian and Voyageur, arrived in Grand Haven with Louis Campau and Richard Godfroy in 1835, and the next year he became the first mail carrier between Grand Rapids and Grand Haven. Campau and Godfroy were both fur

traders. Jean followed Indian trails, starting at a little frame building that stood on the corner of Washington and Second Streets, then proceeding in a southerly direction to Rosy Mound, roughly following today's Lakeshore Drive, thence southeasterly through the townships of Grand Haven, Robinson, Allendale, and Georgetown to Jenison. His path later became known as the Grandville Road, eventually paralleling the south side of the Grand River. Between 1836 and 1841 Jean carried the mail twice a week along that route on foot between Grandville and Grand Haven. Some of the roads he blazed no longer exist. He later entered the service of Nathan White, carrying mail between the Grand Haven Company and their mills at Grandville. On one occasion, around 1838, he carried \$6,000 cash for Clark Albee from Grand Haven to Grand Rapids. Wrapped in a blanket and strapped to his back, the cash was equivalent to about \$125,000 in 2012 money.

According to Esther Dean Nyland, Jean was born on December 22, 1812 in Wisconsin near Lake Superior. His father was of French heritage and his mother was a Chippewa [Ojibway]. Jean had four brothers and two sisters. He was brought up on an Indian reservation in northern Wisconsin until he was six or eight, when he moved with his mother to Sault Ste. Marie. When he was 16 they moved to Mackinac Island, where he again lived among the Indians and eventually married there. He died September 8, 1912 at his home in Grand Haven. A daughter, Josephine, was born in Hart on January 8, 1872, and married Charles Rumsey. Josephine died about 1938. As recently as 1999 a descendant of Jean's lived in Arizona. By then the spelling of the family name had changed to Perysian. [*Tribune* obituary, September 9, 1912.]

James Manley Patchin [Patchen] [1803-1883]

Born in New York [Vermont] in 1803, J. Manley Patchin was an early settler in Crockery Township, arriving there from Grandville in 1836. With one of his brothers, Manley worked for Ringuette & Boland Sawmill. He was credited with floating the first pine logs down Crockery Creek to the Grand River in 1836. On August 1, 1837 he bought 40 acres in Section 24 of Georgetown Township and he purchased another 40 acres on November 2 the same year. On June 1, 1848 he purchased 80 acres in Section 3 of Crockery Township. Manley later added property in Sections 19, 20, 29, and 30 in Crockery, and he also owned acreage bordering the bayou that originally carried his name, but was renamed Lloyd's Bayou. Manley farmed his land, and he was in the lumber business. His wife, Julia, was born in Ireland around 1826. They had five children living at home in 1880, all born in Michigan: James, born about 1851; Edward, born about 1853; Julia, born about 1860; George, born about 1856; and Harry, born about 1869.

Other children, also born in Michigan, were Lyman, born about 1854, and Richard, born about 1856. Carrie Patchin, a Grand Haven school teacher born in 1857, probably was another daughter, and Dr. D. W. Patchin of Spring Lake may have been yet another relative. Manley died on June 9, 1883 in Grand Rapids and was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Kent County.

Sarah Caroline Patten [1832-1921]

See Sarah C. Savidge.

Frank Raymond Patrick [1878- ?]

Around 1938 Frank Patrick purchased Haven Laundry at 401-403 Fulton. A year or two later he moved the business to 208 Columbus. Frank was born in Michigan on September 6, 1878. On June 18, 1902 he married Maud Ella Buyer in Allegan. Maud, also a native of Michigan was the same age as her husband. In 1930 they resided in Niles, Michigan, where Frank was listed as a "laundry man."

Isabelle [Isabella]"Belle" B. Patterson [1847-1930]

Born in Scotland on December 25, 1847, Belle Patterson immigrated to the United States in 1851. In the 1880s she took over Louisa Bentham's millinery shop at 213 West Savidge Street in Spring Lake. By 1900 she was operating a millinery shop and residing in the first Washington Street in Grand Haven. Eight years later she was still in the millinery business and living at 113 First Street. Belle, the daughter of Scott and Catherine Patterson of Spring Lake, died on March 17, 1930 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. She lived with her mother after Scott's death in 1877, and then moved in with her sister Catherine and Catherine's husband, William Barrett, after their mother died in 1880. By 1920 she was in her own home on Park Street.

Len R. Patterson [1866-1940]

Shortly after moving from Grand Rapids to the Spring Lake area, Len Patterson started a fruit farm on approximately 12 acres in Section 11 of Spring Lake Township. He then began a successful career as a building contractor. One of the residences he constructed was the Presbyterian Manse at 205 East Savidge, which he completed in 1906. On January 8, 1898 in Spring Lake, Len married Mabel Orchardson, whose sister, Louise Orchardson Lorimer, ran the Lorimer Resort, also in Section 11 in Spring Lake [approximately 17901 Fruitport Road]. Len was born in New York in 1866 and died in 1940, while Mabel, a Michigan native, lived from 1872 to 1927. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Marvin R. Patterson [1917-2002]

Marvin, the son of Jerome and Myrtle Brooks Patterson, was born in Muskegon on May 11, 1917. He and Pearl

Elizabeth Powers were married in that city on May 29, 1942. Pearl was born about 1922. After graduating from Muskegon Heights High School and the Mergenthaler School of Printing, Marvin attended John Hopkins University, where he earned a business degree. He saved enough money selling newspapers to start Patterson Press in Muskegon in 1930. Thirteen years later, prior to joining the 80th Division of the Army during WWII, he sold the business. While in the service, Marvin earned a Bronze Star. He moved to Grand Haven in 1947 and purchased a partnership in the JR Pippel Printing Co. Four years later the business name was changed to Pippel Patterson. Eventually Marvin bought John R. Pippel's and Jack Reichardt's interests in the firm and became sole owner. Marvin was a Rotarian and earned the Paul Harris Fellow Award. He also was involved in scouting, and he served as President of the Chamber of Commerce and the Grand Haven School Board, was Chair of the Grand Haven Parks & Recreation Board, and Trustee of Adrian College. He was commissioned as a Stephens Minister. Marvin served on the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation and on the YMCA and United Methodist Church of the Dunes Building Committees. He and Pearl resided at 1213 South Beechtree. Marvin passed away on August 17, 2002. Their children were Phyllis Dickmann, Diane Lehman, Tom Patterson, and Doug Patterson. [*Tribune* obituary, August 22, 2002.]

Scott Patterson [Pattersen] [1800-1877]

Scott Patterson was born on December 8, 1800 in Scotland and died in Spring Lake on March 2, 1877. His wife, Catherine, also a native of Scotland, was born on December 16, 1811, and died on October 22, 1880. Scott was the first Station Master of the Detroit & Milwaukee Railway Depot in Spring Lake. The Pattersons' daughter, Catherine, was born in Canada on December 11, 1856 and married William Barrett of Spring Lake. Another daughter, Isabella, was born on December 25, 1847 and became a milliner in Spring Lake and Grand Haven. After Scott's death, Catherine and Isabella resided together. Scott and Catherine were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Scott Patterson [Pattersen] [1876-1903]

Scott Patterson, born on September 2, 1876, died at the age of 26 on April 25, 1903 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery

William James Patterson [@1853- ?]

William James Patterson was born in Canada about 1853. On December 25, 1880 in Grand Haven, he married Mary Elizabeth Bouley [Boulley/Boulet]. Born in Detroit about 1862, Mary was the daughter of Charles and Ann Bouley of Spring Lake. The Pattersons lived in Spring Lake and had a daughter, May Adeline, who was

born in Spring Lake on May 8, 1881. May died in Ontario, Canada on September 19, 1930. The Pattersons moved to Canada around 1890.

Clarence A. Paull [1892-1939]

Clarence, born in Hancock, Michigan in 1892, was the son of Thomas H. and Elizabeth Jane Opie Paull. Clarence and his wife, Laura, were married in Marquette, Michigan on May 19, 1917 and had two children, both born locally: Marie, born about 1919, and Robert, born about 1928. Clarence worked in a machine shop. The family resided at 718 Pennoyer. Clarence died about March 30, 1939. He and Joseph Paull were brothers. The family was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Joseph H. Paull [1889-1982]

Joseph Paull operated a painting and decorating business from 1125½ Pennoyer. He later lived at 830 Washington and 927 Slayton. The son of Thomas H. and Elizabeth Jane Opie Paull, Joseph was born on August 13, 1889 and died in Grand Haven on July 18, 1982. His wife, Mae, lived from April 1, 1898 to October 27, 1984. Clarence Paull was his brother. The family was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Thomas Hart Paull [1864-1941]

Thomas Paull lived from 1864 to about March 11, 1941 and his wife, Elizabeth Jane, from 1867 to around April 9, 1940. Joseph, born in 1889, and Clarence, born in 1892, were their sons. A daughter, Castella R., was born in 1902 and married Clinton H. Kitto in Grand Haven on June 6, 1925. Clinton, born in 1902, lived in Flint. Thomas was a laborer at a local stamping factory. He and Elizabeth were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

James William Payne [1882-1929]

James, the son of Joseph and Eliza Ann Deremo Payne, was born in Fruitport on May 2, 1882. On October 28, 1902, in Ottawa County, he married Letty [Letta] Adello, the daughter of John Quincy and Isabella Sarah Hale Deremo. Letty and James were cousins. Letty was born in Crockery Township on November 3, 1884. She and James lived on a 20-acre farm in Grand Haven Township, which grew to 30 acres by 1918. Of their six children, only one remained in Ottawa County: Floyd James Payne, who was born at Grays Harbor, Washington on February 28, 1909 and died in November, 1987 in Grand Haven. James Payne died on August 8, 1929 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Letty then married John Goldberg in 1931 and moved to Florida. Nine years later she married Lewis McCune, who was born about 1880. Letty died in Michigan in 1986.

Frederick Forest Peabody [1858-1927]

The son of Elve Chamberlain and Susan Lucretia Brown Peabody, Frederick was born on July 4, 1858 in Northfield, Vermont. As a young man he entered into a partnership with the Cluett family and formed Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc. The firm manufactured Arrow detachable cuffs and collars for men's shirts and later produced Arrow shirts. In 1915 Frederick hired Joseph C. Leyendecker [1874-1951], a noted American illustrator, and launched a nationwide advertising campaign. Leyendecker's work established the "Arrow Collar Man," and soon Arrow shirts became a household name throughout the country. In 1904 Frederick built a summer home in the northeast corner of Spring Lake [18777 Fruitport Road, Section 2]. The home was destroyed by fire in the winter of 2003. In 1909 Frederick and Jacob Dornbos helped start Peoples Savings Bank in Grand Haven. He and his wife, Sarah Blanche Griffith had seven children. They resided in Chicago and Evanston, Illinois. By the time Frederick died in Santa Barbara, California on February 23, 1927, he was known for his philanthropy.

C. Alton [Alton C.] Pearson [Pearsons] [1858-1928]

In 1877 C. Alton Pearson, with Henry H. Hungerford as partner, purchased Aloys Bilz's hardware business in Spring Lake. Alton, the son of Harrison C. and Mary M. Pearson, was born in New York and lived from 1858 to 1928. C. Alton helped start the Spring Lake Clinker Boat Manufacturing Company and was its first Vice President. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Harrison C. Pearson [Piereson] [1819-1898]

Ship builder Harrison Pearson left Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York in 1866 and started a shipyard in Ferrysburg. He had so many orders that he often employed 100 ships' carpenters at a time. The first year Harrison built the tug *Hunter Savidge* for William M. Ferry II and Captain Heber Squier and the tug *E.P. Ferry* for the man whose name she bore, Edward Payson Ferry. Ottawa Iron Works built the engine and Johnston Brothers of Ferrysburg provided the boilers. Later Harrison built the brig *F. M. Knapp* for a man by that name in Racine, Wisconsin, and in 1867 another brig, the *Major Noah H. Ferry*, named for Edward P. Ferry's brother. Harrison invented a solar attachment to the surveyor's transit and improvements to the propeller wheel, along with other creations. The shipyard closed in 1872. For the next 12 years he served as U.S. Inspector of Hulls.

Harrison was born on January 25, 1819 and died on March 19, 1898. His wife, Mary M., also a native of New York, died on April 7, 1897 at the age of 75. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. C. Alton Pearson, born in New York in 1858, was their son. Other children were Eva, who was born in New York around

1859 and became a music teacher, and Harry, born in New York about 1866. The family resided in Ferrysburg.

C. H. Peck [? - ?]

As early as January, 1856, Peck was proprietor of the Mill Point Drug Store in Spring Lake. Approximately two years later Dr. James Singer, who had been the pharmacist, took over the business.

Emmet H. Peck [1858-1922]

Born March 17, 1858 on a farm one mile from Coopersville, Emmet Peck attended classes in the Old Brown School House near his home. When he was 16 years old, he and some other boys cut 100 cords of wood and earned 35 cents a cord. With that money, he purchased a book on North American Birds. At age 21, Emmet was stricken with spinal meningitis and then seriously injured by a runaway horse. During his convalescence he busied himself by stuffing as many varieties of birds as he could secure and mounting them in cases. His work resulted in one of the best private collections of birds in this part of Michigan. At age 23, he and his brother, Albert V., engineered and constructed 56 miles of railroad from Goshen, Indiana to Benton Harbor, Michigan. Albert lived from 1842 to 1912. Emmet continued working for numerous railroads in various positions and in 1888 was elected County Surveyor of Ottawa County and held that position for 34 years. He surveyed most of Holland, Zeeland, Grand Haven, and Spring Lake. Emmet lived with his widowed mother, Julia Peck. Julia was born in New York around 1818. She had six children, beside Emmet.

Emmet married Mary Clark and they lived on the Scott farm, which he later purchased. After Mary's death in 1911 at the age of 36 he married Flora Burke, who came from Indiana, where she was born in 1868. Emmet was President of Coopersville Bank for eight years and also served on the School Board. He died on April 18, 1922 and was buried at Coopersville Cemetery. Flora died in 1944 and also was buried at Coopersville Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 18, 1922.]

Lewis [Louis] Henry Peck [1884-1952]

In the early 1900s, Louis Peck was Manager of the "Poor Farm," located in Section 9 of Polkton Township. Louis was born in Michigan on March 15, 1884. He died about September 24, 1952. His father, Henry Peck, was a resident of Coopersville.

William F. Peck [@1850-1921]

William Peck owned a 30-acre farm in Section 32 of Grand Haven Township. He first arrived in the township in 1894. By the early 1900s William R. Peck held title

to the property. William F. Peck died on October 13, 1921 at the age of 71.

John Pedley [1829-1906]

Born in England in 1829, John Pedley moved to Spring Lake in 1865, and then to Grand Rapids, where he died on September 22, 1906. He married Sarah Fisher, who was born about 1835 in England. They had six children, including Arthur, the oldest, who was born in England about 1861. The other children were all born in Michigan. John was classified as a laborer.

Clyde Arthur Peel [@1910-1965]

In 1915 Clyde Peel and his brother Earl moved with their parents from Evart, Michigan [Osceola County] to Grand Haven. Clyde was born about 1910 and Earl around 1905. They were hired as teamsters for Bronsema Transfer and for Vyn Company. Clyde and Earl started the Peel Brothers Trucking Company in the 1930s. At one time the business was located at 431 North Griffin in Grand Haven, but later it was moved to 14375 172nd Avenue in Grand Haven Township.

Clyde married Virginia Frances Gallagher, daughter of Captain Owen Gallagher of Grand Haven. Virginia was born on March 25, 1910 and died in Spring Lake on April 9, 2000. They lived at 807 Washington in the 1930s, later at 726 Grant, and then at 219 South Prospect in Spring Lake during the 1950s and finally at 126 North Fruitport Road. After Clyde's death in 1965, his sons Don, Dick, and Tom took over the business. Don, who became President of the trucking company, died on May 25, 2000, at the age of 69. Clyde and Virginia were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Peels sold their business to Ryder Truck Rental Company in 1982. [*Tribune* obituary, May 26, 2000.]

Earl R. Peel [@1905-1958]

In 1915 Earl Peel and his brother Clyde moved with their parents from Evart, Michigan [Osceola County] to Grand Haven. Earl was born about 1905 and Clyde around 1910. They were hired as teamsters for Bronsema Transfer and for Vyn Company. Clyde and Earl started the Peel Brothers Trucking Company in the 1930s. At one time the business was located at 431 North Griffin in Grand Haven, but later it was moved to 14375 172nd Avenue in Grand Haven Township. Earl married Rose Smith in Grand Rapids on October 29, 1923. She was born in Michigan about 1905. They resided at 429 Jackson in the 1930s, and by the 1950s were located at 219 South Park Street in Spring Lake. Earl died about May 6, 1958 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Baltus [Baldus/Boltus] Pellegrom [Pilgrim] [1858-1946]

Born in Michigan September, 1858, Baltus Pellegrom was the son of Mathias and Jane Pellegrom of Grand Haven. Baltus worked on the railroad before becoming a ship's carpenter and then a building contractor. He was hired in the late 1890s to construct the Nat Robbins mansion at the northeast corner of Franklin and Fifth Streets. In 1887 Baltus was chosen First Lieutenant of Company F of the Grand Haven Guards. By 1894 he was Captain of the company, which then was part of the Second Infantry. He served on the Grand Haven City Council from 1910 to 1913 and again from 1929 to 1932.

Baltus was married twice. He married Sarah Jane Busby in Grand Haven on April 19, 1882. She was born in Canada in 1859 and died on January 28, 1883, less than a year after their wedding. Their one child, an unnamed daughter, died on January 24, 1883 at the age of two months. On September 19, 1888, Baltus married Mary Jane, the daughter of Joseph and Fanny Anne Cook Palmer of Grand Haven. Mary Jane lived from November, 1859 to 1930. The Pellegroms had a son Howard, born on January 9, 1893; another son, Nelson, born on December 30, 1894; and a daughter Ruth, born on November 1, 1901. The Pellegroms made their home at 421 Columbus, later the site of the Community Center. Baltus died around September 15, 1946 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as were his two wives.

Gerrit Pellegrom I [1850-1903]

In 1874 Gerrit Pellegrom immigrated to Grand Haven from his native Netherlands, where he was born in September, 1850. He owned a 128-acre farm in Section 3 of Grand Haven Township. Gerrit died in Grand Haven on December 24, 1903 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On October 27, 1875 in Grand Haven, he married Maggie Sleutel, a Michigan native, who lived from April, 1858 to 1916. She was buried in the same plot as her husband. Among their children, all born in Michigan, were Phillip, born about 1876; Minnie, born on September 29, 1877; Peter, who was born in August, 1880 and on September 7, 1905 married Dena Van Burg in Grand Haven; William, who born in September, 1883 and on May 30, 1906 married Minnie Singerling; Gerrit II, born in September, 1884; John Henry, who was born on July 24, 1886 and on September 4, 1913 in Grand Haven married Marie Strahsburg, the daughter of William and Marie Leiscert Strahsburg; Margaret, born in February, 1889; Marian, born in March, 1893; Addo, a son, born in August, 1895; Edward, born on May 24, 1897; Leon, who was born in Grand Haven in 1901 and married Angie Bonema in Grand Haven on March 30, 1921. Marian married Nicholas Vyn of Grand Haven, whose wife had died six years earlier.

Hendrik "Henry" Pellegrom I [1853-1917]

Born in February, 1853 in The Netherlands, Henry was the son of Mathias and Jantje Van Weelden Pellegrom of Grand Haven. Henry became General Superintendent of the Milwaukee Elevator Company. He married Hester [Esther] O. Vande Meiden, who was born in The Netherlands in 1853. The Pellegroms resided at 215 Lafayette in Grand Haven. Among Henry's and Hester's children, all born in Michigan, were Jennie, who was born on January 29, 1876 and married Fred McEachron of Jamestown Township; William, who was born on January 1, 1878 and became a store clerk; Angie [Anje] Kate, who was born in 1879 and became a teacher; Mathias "Matthew," who was born in May, 1883 became a telegraph operator, and married Marie Van Dyke in Zeeland on June 29, 1910; Henry II, who was born in May, 1887 and became a carpenter; and Esther, who was born on August 6, 1890. Henry I passed away about September 18, 1917. Hester died on January 21, 1907. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Howard H. Pellegrom [1893-1938]

The son of Baltus and Mary Jane Pellegrom, Howard was born in Grand Haven on June 9, 1893. He served as First Lieutenant with Company F of the 126th Infantry during WWI and afterward. According to cemetery records he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. His wife, Jo, the daughter of Leonard and Tan Fisher of Grand Haven, was born about 1895 in Michigan. By the mid-1920s Howard was President of the Addison, Pellegrom, & Colson Furniture and Undertaking Company, located at 304-306 Washington. Edward D. Kinkema later joined the furniture store as partner. Howard died in 1938 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Johannes "John" Pellegrom [Pellegram/Pilgrim] [1870-1917]

John Pellegrom married Sena [Stijntje] Beekman in 1889. The daughter of Elbert and Aartje "Alice" Van Den Hoek Beekman, Sena was born in Gelderland, The Netherlands, on October 1, 1870, immigrated to the United States with her parents when she was two, and died in Grand Haven in 1957. John, also a native of The Netherlands, was born in May, 1870 and arrived in the United States in 1884. The Pellegroms owned a 35-acre farm in Section 33 of Grand Haven Township. Their children were Bertha, born in January, 1891, Molly [Nellie], born on November 21, 1896; and Aartge, born on November 15, 1902. John died about December 31, 1917 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Mathias [Matthew] J. Pellegrom [1823-1907]

In 1868 a new Ottawa House was built on the northeast corner of First and Fulton Streets [Lot 92, 105 Fulton], replacing the one located at 1 Washington Street that had

burned down in 1860. Mathias Pellegrom was Proprietor until at least 1892. Born in The Netherlands in February, 1823, Mathias left Rotterdam for the Port of New York and arrived in Grand Haven around June, 1855. He married Jantje [Jentje] "Janey" [Jeanette] Van Weelden in 1849. She lived from February, 1826 to approximately September 25, 1907. They had 11 children, all born in Michigan, except Hendrick, who was born in The Netherlands in February, 1853. The others were Baltus, who was born in September, 1858; Katherine, who was born on August 26, 1862 and, on February 22, 1911, married Edward Vaupell in Grand Haven; Minnie [Hermina], who was born on August 26, 1862 and married Albert Rysdorp, a Grand Haven dentist; Ella, born in July, 1866; and Gertrude [Geertje], who was born about 1870 and married James J. Danhof, a Grand Haven attorney. Mathias died about May 2, 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife.

Nelson Pellegrom [1894-1957]

Nelson, the son of Baltus and Mary Jane Palmer Pellegrom, was born in Grand Haven on December 30, 1894. He and his wife, Margaret, resided at 302 Sherman. They were married about 1928. Among their children were Rodger, born about July, 1929, and Nelson II "Sandy," who was born on September 26, 1933 and passed away in Spring Lake on February 13, 2004. Nelson, a tanner, was employed at Eagle Ottawa. Margaret lived from March 6, 1906 to August 21, 1987. She also died in Spring Lake. Nelson died about December 14, 1957. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Ruth Pellegrom [1901-1977]

The daughter of Baltus and Mary Jane Palmer Pellegrom, Ruth was a music teacher in Grand Haven for half a century. She graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1919 and obtained a degree from Hope College four years later. Ruth, a native of Grand Haven, lived from November 1, 1901 to November 29, 1977.

William H. Pellegrom [1878-1962]

William, the son of Henry and Hester Pellegrom, was born in Grand Haven on January 1, 1878. He married Lilly, the daughter of Marshall and Emma Finch McCluer. Lilly was born on December 1, 1884 and died on July 3, 1953. William, who was Cashier at Peoples Bank, died on April 21, 1962. The Pellegroms resided at 319 East Savidge in Spring Lake. A son, Marshall H., was born on January 2, 1910 and died in Spring Lake on January 21, 1982. William, Lilly, and Marshall were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Aldridge Wells Pelton [1847-1917]

Listed as a "Farmer and Stockraiser" in the 1912 *Atlas*, Aldridge Pelton's 80 acres was located in Section 33 of Robinson Township. He was born in March, 1848 in Ohio, and arrived in the Ottawa County area in 1865. On July 5, 1870, in Robinson Township, Aldridge married Maria Ann, the daughter of Alonzo and Dorliska Prentice of Robinson Township. Maria was born in New York in March, 1850. Their six children included Nathan Elmer, who lived from September, 1871 to 1942; Jason, who was born on January 1, 1874; Ada, August, 1876 to 1942; Otis, February 16, 1880 to 1928; Arminta, January 1, 1885 to September 2, 1979; and Cort, July 7, 1889 to August, 1962. Arminta married Hugo Kuhlman on November 19, 1904 in Chicago, and Cort married Nettie Freh in 1918. Nettie was born on December 31, 1900 and died in Robinson Township on August 17, 1980.

Fred O. Pelton [1908-1987]

In the late 1940s Fred Pelton and his wife, Alice S., resided at 318 Wallace, which became 318 South Beacon Boulevard in the mid-1950s. Around 1940 Fred owned and operated Fred Pelton's Super Service gas station at 200 North Seventh Street. The business also was called Pelton's Deluxe Service Station and Fred's Super Service. He was still at the Seventh Street address in 1957. By 1969 he was running a lawnmower repair shop with his son at 1318 Fulton. Fred was born on January 7, 1908 and died in Robinson Township on October 8, 1987. Alice lived from December 27, 1909 to May 24, 1990. Fred was the son of Jason and Nellie Stearns Pelton of Robinson Township.

Jason Aldrige Pelton [1874-1918]

The son of Aldridge and Maria Ann Prentice Pelton, Jason was born in Robinson Township on January 1, 1874. He served with Company F of the 32nd Michigan Infantry during the Spanish American War. On January 1, 1900 he married Nellie, the daughter of Charles and Maria Elizabeth Stearns. Jason and Nellie settled on an acre of land in Robinson Township. They opened a grocery store in the front of their home in the early 1900s. The first telephone switchboard in the Robinson Township area was installed in their home as well, with Nellie as the operator. She lived from 1878 to 1967. Jason died in 1918.

William N. Penn [Penne] [c1810- ?]

Closely associated with Hezekiah Lucinda Smith and living nearby on Smith's Bayou were William and Hester Penn. William Penn was born in Virginia [Ohio] about 1810 [1815]. Hester was born in Virginia in 1807 [1820] and died on February 12, 1892 in Grand Rapids of a brain tumor. She was buried at Valley City Cemetery in Grand Rapids [now part of Oak Hill Cemetery]. On August 1, 1853, the same day that

Hezekiah bought 40 acres in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township, William purchased Lot 5 in the same section. William then was working for Henry Pennoyer as a cook at the Washington House in downtown Grand Haven [12 Washington Street]. In her journal, Lettie Teeple wrote of him, "He was a great grumbler which caused either merriment or discontent among the help." ["Between Hope and Fear," *Michigan History*, Fall and Winter 1974 issues.] Henry operated the hotel between 1852 and 1856. In 1860 William was still a cook, and Hester worked as a servant. An undated newspaper article said of her, "[She] had been reared in a wealthy Southern family and was one of the most agreeable colored women that has ever come under the writer's observation." [Kitchel, p. 185.] In the 1860 census the Penns were living on 80 acres in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township, just north of Hezekiah. William, Benjamin Campbell, and eight White worshipers established the First Baptist Church in Spring Lake on December 7, 1867. Three years later William and Hester were living with Hezekiah and Lucinda Smith. William was classified as a farmer and Hester as housekeeper. The couple was still located in Section 10 in 1880, although by 1876 William's land holdings were reduced to less than 40 acres. The 1880 census listed him as a Milk Peddler. Living in 1880 with William and Hester was Phillip Smith, who was born in Canada about 1864. There is no indication Phillip was related to the Penns' neighbors, Hezekiah and Lucinda Smith.

Augustus Pennoyer [Penoyer] [1810-1841]

See O. Augustus Pennoyer.

Edwin T. Pennoyer [1870-1914]

Born on March 15, 1870 in Grand Haven, Edwin was the grandson of Henry Pennoyer and the son of John Pennoyer, who were known for the roles they played in the early history of the area. Edwin at the age of 23 was a bank clerk. Later he became manager of numerous hotels in the Shelby and Muskegon areas, but returned to Grand Haven and managed the Cutler House.

On July 12, 1893 Edwin married Pieterella "Nellie" De Gloppe. Nellie, the daughter of Martinus and Maria De Gloppe, was born February 18, 1870. She died April 14, 1920 in Ann Arbor, but was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Nellie taught in the Grand Haven Public Schools until her marriage. Edwin was a member of Company F and an official of the Grand Haven Athletic Club for 20 years. The Pennoyers had one son, Clarence Theodore, who was born on October 30, 1896, graduated from the University of Michigan, worked for the U.S. War Department in Detroit, and died in 1950. The Pennoyers lived at 209 Washington. After Edwin passed away on March 26, 1914, Nellie moved to 122 Franklin.

Edwin, too, was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 26, 1914 and April 14, 1920.]

Henry Pennoyer I [Penoyer] [1809-1886]

Born in Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut on February 8, 1809, Henry moved with his parents, John and Sarah "Sally" Fox Pennoyer, to Cayuga County, New York when he was ten. John who was born about 1783, in 1837 settled in Cook County, near Chicago, with two of his sons, Stephen, who was born about 1812, and James, born about 1819. A daughter Susan also settled there with the family. In 1834 Henry and his wife, Harriet, went to Chicago, where they remained for two years before settling in the Muskegon area. In Muskegon Henry and his brother Augustus built a sawmill in 1836. Henry later moved to Grand Haven, where in 1843 he became Proprietor of the first Ottawa House Hotel, situated on the northeast corner of Water Street [Harbor Drive] and Washington Streets [1 Washington] in Grand Haven. The hotel, which burned down on November 13, 1860, also functioned as a stop for the Grand Rapids stagecoach.

In 1837 Henry was named postmaster of a new office at the mouth of the Muskegon River. The next year he was appointed to a commission charged with building a state road along the south side of the Muskegon River, and in the same year he was elected Ottawa County's first Sheriff. In 1850 he was Commissioner of the Grand Haven and Black River Plank Road Company, and in 1851 he was part of a commission charged with laying out a plank road between Grand Haven and Holland. Also that year, Henry began to manage Clark Albee's Washington House [approximately 24 Washington], a position he gave up on July 12, 1856. In 1853 he replaced Thomas Ferry as Deputy Collector of Customs for Grand Haven. He was Treasurer for Grand Haven before it became a city. He served in the State House in 1849 and ten years later in the State Senate. In the early 1850s Henry was editor of the *Grand River Times*, and in 1856 he helped found and became a charter member of the Ottawa County Agricultural Society. In 1857 he was President of the Grand Haven Lyceum, which presented public discussions of the time's important topics. Because of his size 14 shoes, the Indians and voyageurs nicknamed him "Big Foot."

Henry's first marriage was to Harriet Kells of Mentz, New York. After two years in Chicago, the couple moved to the Muskegon area in 1836. Harriet and Henry had four children: John, born in Muskegon on September 20, 1839; Sarah M., who was born in Muskegon on April 29, 1841 and married Peter Ross of Crockery Township; Mary Arms, born in Grand Haven on September 23, 1847, and Clara, born in Grand Haven on April 8, 1852. Harriet died on May 4, 1852, and the next year, on April 14, Henry married Aletta "Lettie"

Teeple, who was born on November 20, 1829 in Plymouth, Michigan. Her parents were Peter and Sarah Losey Teeple, who had moved to Cascade Township in Kent County in late 1836. Lettie moved to Grand Haven in 1849 to be with her sister, Jane, and Jane's husband, Thomas Merrill. Jane, born on January 30, 1826, was about three years older than Lettie. The Merrills were married in 1846, and later moved to Ferrysburg. Lettie tended to Henry's children after Harriet's death and also worked for him at the Washington House. Lettie and Henry had five children: Lettie May, born October 25, 1856; Henry II, born January 24, 1860; Susan Amanda, who was born on August 18, 1861 and died in March, 1863; Perry, born on January 15, 1864; and Frederick Anson, born on February 8, 1866. Also a member of the household was Lettie's girl, Sarah Jane, from her short-lived marriage to William Rellingston. Lettie and William were married in Grand Haven on Christmas Day, 1849, and by July 12 the next year he was gone forever. Lettie later filed for divorce. In August, 1858 the Pennoyer family moved from Grand Haven to Crockery Township, where Henry tried his hand at farming. He bought 600 acres in Sections 13 and 24. Henry died on April 25, 1886 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Lettie left Michigan for Oregon a few years after his death and died in Seattle, Washington in 1911. Pennoyer Street in Grand Haven was named after Henry. ["Between Hope and Fear: the Life of Lettie Teeple," Part I, *Michigan History*, Fall 1974, and Part II, *Michigan History*, Winter 1974.]

Henry Pennoyer II [1860-1930]

Born in Crockery Township on January 24, 1860, Henry was the son of Henry and Harriet Kells Pennoyer. He inherited the family farm after his father's death in 1886, but sold it to Joseph Gibbs five years later and headed west. He spent a few years in Washington State, then went on to Alaska and the Klondike, where he searched for gold. In 1899 he lost several of his toes to frostbite. Henry died about June 27, 1930 on board a ship bound from Fairbanks to Sitka, Alaska.

John Pennoyer [1839-1893]

John, the son of Henry and Harriet Kells Pennoyer, was born in Muskegon on September 30, 1839. Like his father, and later his son, Edwin T., John developed an interest in the hotel business and became proprietor of the Ferrysburg Hotel by 1864, after working briefly the previous year at the Rice House in Grand Haven. The Rice House was located on the northwest corner of Pine and Second Streets [Lot 7, Block 11], near the train depot, and was owned by Thomas Merrill of Ferrysburg. By 1880 John and his family were residing on Washington Street in Grand Haven, where he worked as a store clerk. John married Mariette Stone in August, 1863. She was born in Ohio on January 2, 1844 and

died on February 11, 1892. John died on October 19, 1893 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. Edwin, their son, was born in Grand Haven on March 15, 1870. A daughter, Stella, also a native of Michigan, was born about 1876. She married John W. Hamm and moved to Jackson, Michigan. A second son, Charles Leonard, was born on October 21, 1880. He worked as a chef on a carferry out of Grand Haven. On August 17, 1911 in Grand Haven, Charles married Alice Breamer, who was born in Michigan in 1888.

O. Augustus Pennoyer [Penoyer] [1810-1841]

Augustus was Henry Pennoyer's brother and the son of John and Sarah "Sally" Fox Pennoyer. About 1836 Augustus and Henry built a sawmill near Pennoyer Creek and the Muskegon River in Newaygo County, and he was included in the 1840 census for Oceana County. Late in 1836 Augustus partnered with Alexander Fulton to form the Muskegon Lumber Company. In 1841 Augustus purchased approximately 160 acres in Muskegon County. He was born on May 15, 1810 and died on October 22, 1841 while en route from Chicago to Muskegon on the boat Post-boy, loaded with supplies for a sawmill.

Edwin Percival [1878-1941]

The uncle of actress Norma Shearer, Edwin Percival spent summers in Highland Park for six summers and then moved to Grand Haven in 1905. In 1917 he started work as Chief Clerk with the Grand Trunk Railway for the next 12 years. The cottage was located at 20 Crescent Hill and called Baldpate Inn. His year-round residence was located at 526 Pennoyer in 1918. Living with him then was Gertrude Percival. Edwin resided at 312 South Fifth in 1920, later at 321 Columbus, and then at 300 Franklin, where he resided in 1928. Edwin's 75-year old widowed mother, Emily Fisher, lived with him for awhile. She came to Grand Haven from Canada in 1919. In 1928 Edwin was listed as a cashier. Edwin retired in 1929 and moved to San Antonio, Texas. Ten years later he was living in San Pedro, California. His niece visited him at Highland Park several summers. Edwin was born on November 25, 1878 in Staymer, Ontario, Canada and died in Santa Barbara, California on March 9, 1941.

John T. Percival [1839- ?]

A native of Scotland, where he was born around 1839, John Percival came to America in 1865 and continued on to Grand Haven from Lyons in Ionia County in 1871. He was agent for the Detroit, Grand Haven, & Milwaukee Railroad from the time of his arrival to 1875, when he opened a flour and feed store. John was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. He attended the Presbyterian Church. His booklet, "Railroads of Ottawa County,"

published in 1884, summarized the early years of the railways in this area. He and his wife, Emily, had two daughters, Emily, born in 1872, and Margaret, born in 1875. Emily, the mother, was from New York, where she was born about 1849.

John B. Perham [1836-1896]

John B. Perham was born in Mayfield, New York in October, 1836. At the age of 17 he was a government surveyor, working in Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. He taught school in Grundy County, Illinois for three years, and in 1860 moved to Spring Lake to be a teacher. After three years of teaching in Spring Lake, he opened a grocery and dry goods store at 213 West Savidge in Spring Lake with Judge Allan C. Adsit of Ottawa and Kent Counties as his partner. John bought out his partner eight years later. John Koster, who settled in Spring Lake in 1869, worked for John Perham at the store and in 1894 purchased the business.

John married Catherine "Cassie" Gross in Rockford, Michigan, on November 4, 1867. Cassie was born in 1840 in Portage County, Ohio and came to Spring Lake in 1846, where she died 52 years later. Prominent in business and politics in the Village of Spring Lake, John twice represented the local district in the State Legislature and was considered a staunch Republican.

When only 17 years old John joined the Good Templars and later raised enough money to build the first Temperance Red Ribbon Hall in Michigan and was its President for many years. In addition to being a member of the Liquor Committee, John was Township Clerk and Supervisor, member of the Spring Lake School Board for 15 years, and was Director in the 1870s. He was elected to the State Legislature in 1880 and served from 1881 to 1884. He was Chairman of the Fifth District of Michigan, President of the Ottawa County Sunday School Association, and dealt in real estate in Ottawa County. John died on November 13, 1896 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Loren Perham, his brother, was a Spring Lake druggist, and a sister, Phebe, married Henry W. Cleveland of Spring Lake and Nunica. [*Tribune*, November 13, 1896.]

Loren O. Perham [1833-1920]

Loren Perham, who was born in Mayfield, New York in February, 1833 [1835], came to Spring Lake in the early years of its development. In 1852 he built a three-story brick building at 213 West State Street [Savidge], where he had a grocery and drug store. He was elected the first Treasurer of Spring Lake Village when it was incorporated in 1869. He served as Postmaster of Mill Point from 1861 until the Village was renamed Spring Lake on March 28, 1867, and he continued serving in that position until 1885. The post office was located in the rear of his drug store at 222 Savidge. On May 3,

1877 in Spring Lake, he married Hester Ann Rose. She was born in Canada in February, 1842. They had a daughter, Leilla, born in Michigan about 1878. There is some evidence that the family resided at 120 West Exchange. Loren passed away on February 19, 1920 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He and John Perham were brothers. [*Tribune* obituary, February 19, 1920.]

Louis Waite Perkins [1894-1983]

Lieutenant Commander Perkins was the first commanding officer of the first *Escanaba*. He was born in Waltham, Massachusetts on March 9, 1894 and graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut in 1918. He worked his way through the ranks to Lieutenant Commander by 1925. Louis from 1932 to 1935 commanded the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Escanaba* when it was based in Grand Haven. He was promoted to Rear Admiral before his death on May 13, 1983 in St. Louis, Missouri. Louis's wife's name was Gertrude. They were married on June 6, 1926 and had two daughters, Patricia Ann, born about 1929, and Sue Denise, born about 1931. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. [*Tribune* obituary May 18, 1983.]

Miner [Minor] Gaylord Perkins [1816-1910]

Born in Herkimer, New York on November 4, 1816, Miner Perkins and his wife, Sallie [Sarah] Morse, came to Grand Haven in March, 1874. They had been married, presumably in New York, on March 31, 1841. Miner was a carpenter. He and Sallie were instrumental in establishing the Methodist Church in Grand Haven and were called the father and mother of the church by the congregation. Their daughter, Harriet E., was born in Herkimer in 1843 and died in 1917. She married George S. Leland [Lealand], who practiced medicine in Grand Haven around 1880. Harriet was a milliner. George, also from New York, was born about 1816. Miner died at his daughter's home at 15 North Fourth Street in Grand Haven on November 9 [11], 1910. After his death Harriet continued to reside at the family home on Fourth Street, which had been converted to a four-unit apartment complex. Sallie was born in Fulton County, New York on March 16, 1824 and died on March 7, 1911. Miner and Sally were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 9, 1910.]

Noah Perkins [1822-1862]

In 1853 in Adrian, Michigan, Noah Perkins married Ellen W. Turner. Ellen was born in Seneca, New York, on March 3, 1827 and died in Spring Lake on August 23, 1897. Noah and Ellen moved to Spring Lake shortly after they were married. In the late 1850s Noah built a grocery store at 215 West Savidge in Spring Lake. On

September 17, 1861, at the age of 39, Noah enlisted as Sergeant in Company D of the 1st Michigan Engineers and died of disease in the hospital at Louisville, Kentucky, on March 14, 1862. On January 7, 1867 Ellen applied for a widow's Civil War pension, with George Lovell signing as her guardian. W. Henry Millard, a native of England, bought the building on Savidge from Perkins's widow in 1865 and opened a meat market. Noah and Ellen had at least three children, all born locally: James Edgar [Edgar J.], born March 3, 1847; Ella, who was born on October 13, 1853 and died on June 17, 1912, and May [Ida May], born on May 1, 1859. According to his cemetery records, Edgar lost his life on May 6, 1863 at the Battle of Chancellorsville. He enlisted as Private in Company A of the Third Michigan Infantry on May 13, 1861. Edgar gave his age as 18 at the time of enlistment. The Perkins family was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Ellen in 1866 became George Lovell's second wife.

Felix M. F. Perl [Pearl] [1854-1934]

In 1905 Garry Messenger and his brother Clifford sold their pharmacy in Spring Lake to Felix Perl. Three years later Felix sold the business to an employee, Leon Campbell. Felix then joined the Lott Hannah Resort as Manager. Felix was born in Germany [Saxony] on November 30, 1854 and immigrated to the United States on October 12, 1882. On October 20, 1884 in Medford, Wisconsin, he married Victoria M. E. Ihne. By 1900 Felix was a widower and living in Chicago. In 1920 he was a laborer at a Grand Haven factory, and by 1930 he was residing in Jacksonville, Florida with his widowed daughter, Dolores Walker. He died in Jacksonville on July 26 four years later and was buried at Evergreen Cemetery.

Bruno Emil Peter [1882-1950]

A native of Saxony, Germany, where he was born on February 25, 1882, Bruno Peter came to Grand Haven to work for the Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. He served as Alderman from 1920 to 1922 and as Mayor of Grand Haven in 1929 and again in 1930. In partnership with James W. Oakes, Bruno helped develop much of the residential property along Sheldon Road, south of Taylor Street. Peter was a member of the Masons, Grand Haven Rotary Club, Spring Lake County Club, and the Grand Haven Stag Club. He married Clara Conrad on June 27, 1906. They had a daughter, June, who was born about 1915. The family resided at 519 Sheldon and 416 Ottawa Street. Bruno died in 1950. Clara, who was born on December 21, 1893, died in St. Petersburg, Florida in December, 1972.

Edward Peters [1873-1968]

Ed Peters owned Highland Park Pavilion, which he purchased from August Boseker in 1909. He sold the

property to Russ Baltz of Grand Haven in 1956. Ed, who was born in New York on October 18, 1873, married Jane Van Herwyn in Grand Haven on October 18, 1923. Jane was owner of the Herwyn Inn at 58 Highland Drive. The Inn started as a boarding house and was converted to a cottage. Ed died about October 1, 1968. Jane, a Michigan native, was born on November 20, 1884 and died in Grand Haven on August 26, 1977. She and Edward were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Andrew Peterson [1900-1985]

Born on April 15, 1900, Andrew was the son of Onne and Katerina Peterson of Grand Haven. Andrew and his wife, Helen, resided at 116 North Park in Spring Lake. Helen was born in Kalamazoo on December 31, 1901, the daughter of John and Anna Huizenga Vander Zwaag. The Petersons were married in Spring Lake on June 28, 1922. Helen belonged to the Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church. Their children were Owen, who was born in 1925; Fred, who was born in 1928; Helen, who was born on May 16, 1930, married Wesley C. De Witt of Spring Lake, and passed away on September 8, 2001; and John. By 1918 Andrew was employed as an accountant at Johnston Boiler Works in Ferrysburg. He died on February 14, 1985 in Spring Lake, and Helen passed away on February 12, 1997. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Lambert Vander Zwaag of Spring Lake was her brother. [*Tribune* obituary, February 13, 1997.]

Carl Uno Peterson [1887-1943]

Carl Peterson was born in Sweden on May 3, 1887 and later resided in Newtonville, Massachusetts. He was Captain of the *Escanaba* when it went down in the North Atlantic Ocean on June 13, 1943. He assumed command of the vessel on March 19, 1942 and held the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He previously had been Executive Officer of the ship. Commander Peterson was posthumously awarded the Legion of Merit. A monument was erected in his name at Battery Park in New York City.

Charles [Carl] W. Peterson [1864-1947]

Charles Peterson was born in Sweden in November, 1864 and immigrated to the United States in 1880. By 1900 he was Surfman with the United States Lifesaving Service in Grand Haven. He held to that career until sometime after 1910. By 1920 Charles was listed as a sailor, and by 1930 was a bridge tender. His wife, Annette, also a native of Sweden, was born in March, 1865 and arrived in the United States in 1891. The Petersons had at least four children: Agda V., who lived from March, 1894 to 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Carl Arnold, born in August, 1896; Louis E., who was born in October, 1897; and George Spencer,

born on June 29, 1900. All the children were born locally. The family resided at 343 Fulton, then 1243 Fulton, and finally at 625 Franklin. Charles passed away about June 2, 1947 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Annette died about December 11, 1950 and was buried with her husband.

Onne Rikkerts Peterson [Pietersen] [1849-1927]

Onne was born in Groningen, The Netherlands, on August 16 [15], 1849, the son of Rikkert Berends and Dietje Harms Medendorp Pietersen. Dietje was born in The Netherlands on March 20, 1819 and married Rikkert on December 29, 1845. Onne's first wife, Johanna, died on July 2, 1882. He then married Katerina [Catherina/Catherine/Katherine] De Rijke on September 10, 1885 in Grand Haven. Katerina was born in The Netherlands in October, 1862. By this time Onne spelled his family name Peterson. Early in the 1900s he and his family resided at 1018 Elliott. By 1918 the family lived at 218 De Spelder, where Katerina still resided in 1930, living as a widow with one of her sons, Barney [Barnard], who was born in May, 1898. Their other children, all born locally, were Jennie, born in December, 1887; Jacob, born in January, 1888; Dena, born in March, 1889; Gertie, born in April, 1891; Nellie, born in April, 1893; Katie, born in December, 1896; and Andrew, born in January, 1900. Onne, who immigrated to the United States in 1852, was a laborer. He died about September 13, 1927 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The couple had seven children, including Andrew, who was born on April 15, 1900. Katerina died around September 16, 1941 and was buried with her husband.

John Pett [1876-1929]

John Pett, who was born in Muskegon in 1876, lost his life when the ferry *Milwaukee* went down in a storm on October 22, 1929. Captain Pett was Third Officer aboard the vessel at the time it sank. Early in his sailing career he had worked with his uncle, Captain Thomas Honner.

Thomas F. Petty [@1828- ?]

Born in England about 1828, Thomas Petty immigrated to Spring Lake Township. He settled on approximately 45 acres in Section 11, where he grew fruit. His wife, Mary, also a native of England, was born around 1840. The Petty property was near an arm of Spring Lake, once called Hammond's Bayou, but more recently named Petty's Bayou.

William E. Pew [@1868- ?]

William Pew owned and operated the Colonial Flower Shop at 13-15 North Seventh Street in Grand Haven. He also resided there. With him in 1930 was his sister, Caroline L., born in Michigan about 1857. William was

born in the same state around 1868. Neither one was married.

Charles J. Pfaff I [1829-1887]

Charles Pfaff was born in The Netherlands [Oldenburg] on January 8, 1829, arrived in Grand Haven in 1849, was elected Sheriff in 1864, became the City's first Marshal in 1867, and served as Alderman in 1887. He married Geertruida [Gertrude] Strang in Allegan County on September 1, 1850. She was also from The Netherlands, where she was born in October, 1830. They resided in a house at the corner of Howard and Second Streets. In 1870 Charles worked for the railroad. Later he worked with his son at Fred Pfaff & Company Hardware Store at 115 Washington. Fred was born around 1859. Other children were John, born about 1851; Fritz, born about 1860; Charles II, born in October, 1863; August, born about 1868; Christian, born about 1872; and Geertruida "Gertrude," born in May, 1875. All the children were born in Michigan. Gertrude, the daughter, married Robert De Bruyn, who was born in December, 1873. Gertrude and Robert had at least one child, Francis, born in July, 1896. Gertrude the mother lived from October 16, 1831 to January 17, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Charles I died on November 14, 1887 and was buried at Lake Forest with his wife.

Charles J. Pfaff II [1863- ?]

Charles Pfaff II worked with his brother Fred at the Pfaff Hardware Store, located at 115 Washington in Grand Haven. The son of Charles and Gertrude Stang Pfaff, Charles II was born in Grand Haven in August, 1863. On September 1, 1887 in Grand Haven, he married Gertrude Gale. They resided at the corner of Howard and Second Streets. The daughter of Presson R. and Lucy Adams Gale, Gertrude was born in Brookfield, Vermont on February 28, 1864, passed away around January 20, 1916, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Lucy was born in Vermont in February, 1817 and died in Grand Haven on June 16, 1900. Charles and Gertrude had a daughter, Emma, born in July, 1889. Charles died after 1920.

Clifford J. Pfaff I [1876-1961]

With George De Young and Robert De Bruyn, Clifford Pfaff started the Grand Haven Baking Company at 214 Washington about 1901. De Young and Pfaff bought out De Bruyn's interest in 1905. Clifford was bookkeeper and managed the retail store. The son of John and Emma Gale Pfaff, Clifford married Katherine [Kathryn] Pippel in Grand Haven on June 14, 1909. She was the daughter of Englebert and Adirana Pippel. Clifford built the residence at 602 Lafayette in 1901 and after their marriage he and Katherine lived in it for a few years. He also constructed the houses at 532 Pennoyer

and 414 Howard about the same time. In 1930 the family resided on Lake Avenue in Spring Lake. Among the Pfaffs' children were John A., born on August 22, 1913, and Clifford J. II, born about 1924. Clifford I was a lifetime Mason and a charter member of the Grand Haven Stag Club. He lived from June, 1876 to about May 27, 1961, while his wife was born in 1866 and died around August 10, 1934. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Frederick Pfaff [1859-1932]

Born in 1859, Fred was the son of Charles and Gertrude Strang Pfaff. Around 1900 Fred opened the Fred Pfaff Hardware Store, also known as Pfaff & Co., located at 115 Washington. Fred married Clara Gale Little, who previously had been married to Angus Little I. Angus died in 1881. Clara Gale was born in Stowe, Vermont, on October 9, 1856 and came to Grand Haven in 1874. She was the daughter of Presson R. and Lucy Mary Adams Gale and the sister of Sawin and Daniel, John Pfaff's partner in a store located at 114 Washington. Clara's sister Emma Gale married John Pfaff. Fred and Clara lived at 414 Howard in Grand Haven. They had a daughter, Vera, who moved with her husband, Walter Kirkland, to Milwaukee. Vera, was born in September, 1889. In 1930 Angus Little and Vera were living at the Pfaff home. Angus assumed ownership of Pfaff Hardware after Frederick's death on October 24, 1932. Clara died three years later. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune*, September 1, 1920.]

John A. Pfaff [1851-1920]

A native of Michigan, John Pfaff was born to Charles and Gertrude Strang Pfaff in Saugatuck on June 15, 1851. The family moved to Grand Haven when John was a boy and his father was elected Ottawa County Sheriff. Young John started out in the mercantile business, and then opened a general insurance and real estate business with partner Daniel Gale. They had offices in Grand Rapids, and in Grand Haven. Among other downtown locations, they were on the second floor of 214 Washington for fifteen years. John next purchased an insurance business from John Wyman, which he ran with his only son, Clifford. John and Daniel Gale also were partners in a General Store at 114 Washington. John was City Treasurer for one term and a director of the Grand Haven State Bank.

John's wife, Emma Gale, was born in Brookfield, Vermont on September 28, 1854. She was the daughter of Presson R. and Lucy Mary Adams Gale and the sister of Sawin and Daniel Gale, both of Grand Haven. Daniel was Pfaff's partner. The Pfaffs lived at 602 Lafayette in Grand Haven. Their son, Clifford, was born in June, 1876. John died around September 1, 1920 and Emma died about August 17, 1933. She and her husband were

buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 1, 1920.]

John A. Pfaff [1913-1999]

The son of Clifford and Katherine Pippel Pfaff, John was born in Grand Haven on August 22, 1913. He married Evelyn Luhrs on December 12, 1936. Evelyn, who was born on October 27, 1910, died in Muskegon on October 31, 1997. John served in the U.S. Army 2nd Infantry Regimental Band from 1933 to 1936. Later he was Personnel Manager for the Ramsey Corporation in Fruitport, and then he went to work for the Gardner-Denver Company in Grand Haven, where he remained for the next 27 years. He retired in 1977 as Manager of Employee Relations. John was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, where he served as Elder and Deacon. He was a charter member of the Tri-Cities Historical Society and served as President of that group for two years. He chaired the committee that in 1971 took over the Grand Trunk Depot at One North Harbor and converted it to a museum. He became the Museum's first volunteer Director, a post he held for two years. He also was a Mason. John died on July 23, 1999 at his brother's home in Muskegon and was buried with other family members at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 16, 1999.]

Pieter "Peter" Frederick Pfanstiehl [1807- ?]

In 1851 Peter Frederick Pfanstiehl of Kalamazoo established the first stagecoach line between that city, Holland, and Grand Haven for the purpose of carrying passengers and mail. By 1864 he owned an 80-acre farm in Section 22 of Olive Township, and by 1880 he was a resident of Holland. He was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as a retired merchant in Holland. Peter was a native of The Netherlands, where he was born about 1807. His wife, Helena, also from The Netherlands, was born around 1813.

William Wallace Phelps [1826-1873]

William Phelps was born in Oakland, Michigan on June 1, 1826, and later moved to Minnesota. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from that state in 1858 to 1859. He died in Spring Lake on August 3, 1873.

Alfred Earl Phillips [1926-2005]

Al, the son of David and Nettie Barnett Phillips, was born in Portland, Oregon on August 18, 1926. He married Henrietta Vanderstelt on March 11, 1948. Henrietta was born in Muskegon County about March, 1929. Al served with the Army in the Philippine Islands during WWII. In Grand Haven he was employed as a woodworker and craftsman at the Gordon Laughead and Story & Clark Piano Companies until 1972. That year he opened Cobbs Chicken Take-Out at 305 North

Beacon Boulevard. Al sold the business in 1990 and then started another enterprise, Confidential Paper Shredding. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Spring Lake. The Phillips' children were Roger of Holland; Kendal of Gaylord; and Beverly, who married Warren Van Kampen of Spring Lake. The Phillipses resided at 1502 Hillcrest in Grand Haven. Al died on October 11, 2005. [*Tribune* obituary, October 24, 2005.]

Walter R. Phillips [1833-1907]

Walter Phillips, who was born in Ohio on October 17, 1833, raised grapes on about 20 acres of land near Townsend Gidley's extensive holdings in Section 27 of Grand Haven Township. The land was owned previously by Albert O. Ewing. Walter died on March 24, 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Mary Jane, a native of New York, lived from August, 1838 [1839] to 1917 and also was buried at Lake Forest. They had four children, all born in Michigan: Edward W., born about 1864; Charles H., born about 1866; John F., born about 1868; and Jenny, born about 1871. Walter, President of the West Michigan Fruit Growers' Society, authored an article sketching the history of "Fruit Culture in Ottawa County." The article appeared in Volume IX of the Michigan Historical Society Records.

William Levi Phillips [1875-1955]

From 1906 to 1913 William Phillips was Special Deputy Collector of Customs, working under Walter I. Lillie. After all five customs collection districts in Michigan were consolidated in 1913, Lillie gave up his post and William continued as Deputy Collector. He also was the resident manager and treasurer of the New Era Association, which offered life insurance. His office was in the new post office building, built in 1905 at the northwest corner of Washington and Third Streets. William was a member of the Masons and the Grand Haven Stag Club. On October 6, 1903 in Grand Haven, William married Frances Finley. Frances, born in New York in October, 1874, resided in 1900 at the residence of Thomas and Mary Scott at 227 Elliott Street. In the census of that year Thomas and Mary were listed as Francis's parents, but the variation in surname was not explained. Frances graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1894 and taught beginning reading at Jackson Street School [606 Elliott Street]. The couple resided at 14 South Third and 301 South Fifth. William was born in Lamont on May 25, 1875, died in Grand Haven about April 1, 1955, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Frances passed away around December 28, 1961 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

John D. Pickett I [1824-1898]

John Pickett was born in White River, Vermont, on January 13, 1824, but moved to Wapello County, Iowa. On October 24, 1844 he married Eleanor Griswold. She was born in Ontario, Canada, on November 5, 1826 and died in Crockery Township on February 20, 1897. On September 3, 1861 John joined Company K of the 3rd Iowa Cavalry as First Sergeant. On July 1, 1862 he was promoted to Quartermaster Sergeant. John was discharged for disability on September 29, 1862 and settled on 80 acres in Section 15 of Crockery Township the next year. The Picketts had 11 children, four of whom survived, including John II, who was born on December 15, 1861. John I died on November 17, 1898, in Crockery Township, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery.

John D. Pickett II [1861-1931]

John Pickett II was born in Iowa on December 15, 1861 and died February 23, 1931. He came to Nunica with his parents, John and Eleanor Griswold Pickett, when he was two years old. In the 1890s he owned a grocery store in Nunica offering "Fancy Groceries, Provisions, Flour and Feed," and he also was Postmaster from 1891 to 1895. He married Clara Mines in 1888. The daughter of William and Phoebe Mines, Clara was born in Michigan in March, 1865 and passed away in 1950. They had one son, William, born on April 13, 1890. John was Justice of the Peace and Crockery Township Treasurer, as well as a member of the I.O.O.F., No. 54, and the Maccabees. He and Clara were buried at Nunica Cemetery.

William H. Pickett [1890-1964]

William, the son of John and Clara Mines Pickett II, took over his father's business in Nunica, the Pickett Farm Equipment Company. William was born on April 13, 1890 and served in the military during WWI. His first wife, Charlotte, died in 1969. He then married Laura Smith on December 14, 1963. Laura, who lived from January 5, 1910 to October 15, 1999, died in Muskegon. William died at home on May 5, 1964 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery.

Mary E. Pierce [1842-1895]

Around 1896 Mary Pierce of Grand Haven, then 13, was found guilty of choking her mother to death on July 8, 1895. The mother, Mary Pierce, was born in New York in 1842 and resided near Berlin [Marne] in Tallmadge Township with her husband Levi at the time of her death. An accomplice, eighteen-year old George Cheseboro [Cheeseboro], had earlier been found guilty and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Levi, a farmer, was born in New York in October, 1839. Levi and Mary had at least two other children.

Abram [Abraham] W. Pike [1813-1906]

Abram Pike was clerk of the Port Sheldon Company when that development started in 1836. When the project failed, around 1840, Pike stayed on as sole occupant and agent. He lived there for several years and eventually sold the hotel and thirty lots for less than the cost of the paint and glass used in constructing the building. He subsequently moved to Grand Rapids, where he built a residence that included exterior columns from the front of the Ottawa House Hotel at Port Sheldon. Those columns later became part of the first Grand Rapids Art Museum building. Born in 1813, Abram died in Grand Rapids in 1906 and was buried at Fulton Street Cemetery.

W. D. Pike [1872-1910]

Pike was a telegraph operator at the Pere Marquette station in Grand Haven and later represented the North American Union Insurance Company for the Tri-Cities area. Pike was born in 1872 and died on December 12, 1910.

Erwin Pikulik [@1912-1929] and Rudolph Pikulik [@1907-1929]

Brothers Rudolph and Erwin Pikulik were among ten people who drowned at Grand Haven State Park on July 4, 1929. Rudolph was 22 and Erwin 17. They were sons of Joseph and Aurelia Pikulik of Robinson Township and were visiting from Detroit for the holiday. Both were employed at the Ford Motor Company. Joseph I was born on September 18, 1881 and died about November 22, 1954. Aurelia was born about 1884 passed away around March 23, 1933. Joseph and Aurelia were born in Bohemia and immigrated to the United States, Joseph in 1911 and Aurelia the next year. The brothers and their parents were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Warren Clark Pilling I [1925-1990] and Marcia Travis Pilling [1926-2011]

Born in Toronto, Canada on April 19, 1925, Warren Pilling came to the United States in 1930 and became a medical doctor. He married Marcia Travis. The daughter of Charles Clinton and Rose Travis, Marcia was born in Grand Rapids on May 23, 1926. She was active in a variety of roles in Grand Rapids, and in Grand Haven she opened Mailboxes, Etc. at 101 Washington Street, was the first president of the Board of the Central Business District in 2000, and was a docent at the Tri-Cities Historical Museum. Their retirement home was in the Wilderness at 12779 Lakeshore Drive. Originally a cottage built in the mid-1920s by the Travises, Warren and Marcia substantially remodeled it, adding a full basement, garage, new bedrooms, and a library. They were able to enjoy the remodeled home for the first time around the Thanksgiving Holiday in 1983. The Pillings had four

children: Warren II, Cathy, Susan, and Amy. Warren died in Grand Haven on November 5, 1990. Marcia passed away, also in Grand Haven, on April 11, 2011. [*Tribune* obituary, April 16, 2011.]

John Pinto [@1897- ?]

John and Luella Pinto resided at 1329 Franklin Street in Grand Haven in 1930. Living with them was Luella's daughter Esther, Esther's husband Eugene, and the Wolfes's two children, Charlene and Tyrie [Terry]. John Pinto, who was born in Portugal about 1889 and immigrated to the United States in 1909, was a laborer in a machine shop. He and Luella were married about 1922. Luella was born in Arkansas about 1892 and had been married previously. Esther, born about 1912, was her daughter by the earlier marriage. Also living with the Pintos in 1930 was Albert Rouse, who was born in Illinois about 1896. Like the other members of the household, Albert was African American, unmarried, and did odd jobs to make a living. Apparently Albert, the Pintos, and the Wolfes arrived in Grand Haven around 1930. After the 1930 census, the Pintos and Albert disappear. The Wolfes remained.

Anthony Pippel I [1851-1914]

A Grand Haven cabinet maker, Anthony Pippel I was born in The Netherlands on September 25, 1851 and arrived in Ottawa County with two brothers, Cornelius and Engelbert, in 1867. Anthony, his wife, Cornelia, and their children resided at 446 Slayton Street in Grand Haven. Among the children were Anthony II, born on May 28, 1880; Cornelius "Neal," born in August, 1884; and Henrietta [Hendrika] Tona, who was born on May 8, 1894 and married Joseph Nuismer. Cornelia was born in The Netherlands in May, 1853 and died on June 2, 1909. Anthony I died in Grand Haven on July 13, 1914. Husband and wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Anthony Pippel II [1880-1933]

The Common Council [City Council] appointed Anthony Pippel as Chief of the Grand Haven Fire Department and Police Department in 1913. Born on May 28, 1880, he was the son of Anthony Pippel. Anthony II died on June 19, 1933, three years before the new building on North Fifth Street was dedicated. Under his leadership, the Police Department purchased its first motorized vehicle, a converted touring car. Six years later the first motor driven pumper truck was added to the Fire Department's vehicles. It had a four-speed transmission and could speed off to a fire at 45 miles per hour. When the two departments were separated in 1919, Anthony stayed on as Police Chief, a post he held until 1931, when he retired for health reasons. Anthony was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Cornelius Pippel [Peppel] [1845-1920]

Three Pippel brothers, Cornelius, Anthony, and Engelbert, came to Ottawa County from The Netherlands in 1867. Cornelius, who was born in April, 1845, settled in Robinson Township, where he and his wife, Johanna, maintained a 120-acre farm. Their residence and 40 acres was located in Section 10, with the remaining acreage in nearby Section 9. Johanna was born in The Netherlands in February, 1848. They had ten children, all born in Michigan, including Henrietta, born about 1869; John H., born in July, 1872; Cornelius J., born about 1875; Anna, born about 1876; Teunis, born about 1879; Nellie, born in September, 1880; Engelbert, born in May, 1883; and Jans, born in May, 1885. Cornelius died in 1920.

Cornelius "Neal" Pippel [1880- ?]

The son of Anthony and Cornelia "Kate" Hobeke Pippel I, Neal was born in August, 1884. He worked at the Piano Factory. On September 3, 1907 in Grand Haven, Neal married Nellie Vanden Bosch, who lived from October 27, 1885 to June 22, 1982 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The couple lived at 716 Elliott Street. Nellie was the daughter of Tamme and Cornelia Duiser Vanden Bosch of Grand Haven. At the time of her death she resided at 704 Pennoyer.

Englebert Pippel I [1851-1909]

Englebert was one of three Pippel brothers that immigrated to Ottawa County from The Netherlands in 1867. Englebert was born in September, 1851 and worked in a local sawmill. By 1900 he was working as a carpenter. His wife, Adirana, was born in The Netherlands in December, 1852 and arrived in the United States in 1869. Their children, all born in Michigan, included Cornelius, born in March, 1873; Gomme, born about 1874; Henrietta, born about 1876; Edward, born in September, 1879; Cora, born in February, 1882; Matilda, born in July, 1884; Katharine, born in August, 1886; Henry, born in October, 1888; John, born in October, 1889; Antony H., born on December 13, 1892; and Englebert II, who was born in June, 1896 and drowned in the Grand River on June 14, 1909. Englebert I died about June 15, 1909. Adriana passed away around December 11, 1942 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

John Robert Pippel [1890-1963]

John, the son of Englebert and Adirana Pippel of Grand Haven, was born near Big Rapids, Michigan on April 20, 1890. After working eight years at the *Grand Haven Tribune* in the printing department, John went to work for the *Coopersville Observer*. He next attended a graphics art school in Brooklyn, New York, followed by employment at Corson Publishing and two Buffalo, New York newspapers. In 1916 he was hired again by the *Tribune*, this time as Plant Superintendent of Printing.

He left the Grand Haven paper in 1930 and the next year started a printing business of his own on Seventh Street. Marvin Patterson joined him later as a partner. John and Claude and Fern Ver Duin began operating a printing business from the Ver Duin home and published a weekly newspaper, the *Grand Haven Searchlight*. John retired from the printing business in 1953, died on April 3, 1963, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On October 20, 1915 he married Eileen "Nellie" Bevins on October 20, 1915. She was born on October 27, 1885, died June 22, 1982 while residing at Christian Haven Home, and also was buried at Lake Forest. The Pippels had one son, Robert, who was born about 1920. The family resided at 612 Lake Avenue and later at 17288 West Spring Lake Road.

Cornelius D. Plaggemars [1895-1970]

Cornelius Plaggemars was born in Olive Township on September 19, 1895. His parents were George and Maggie Plaggemars. Cornelius married Elizabeth "Bessie" Weener in Grand Haven on November 9, 1916. They lived at 727 Franklin Street in Grand Haven and raised one son, Virgil, who moved to Central Lake, Michigan. Cornelius worked as a maintenance man at Central School. Ill health forced his retirement in 1943 and he died on March 20, 1970. Elizabeth was born in Michigan on March 28, 1900 and died in Grand Haven on March 11, 1989. They were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Charles E. Plant [1845-1864]

Charles was born in Oswego County, New York, in 1845, the son of Henry and Charlotte Matee Plant I. The Plant family arrived in Crockery Township in 1854, settling first on 40 acres in Section 28, deeded to him by his father. Eventually Charles deeded 40 acres to each of six children. On December 28, 1863, Charles Plant traveled to Grand Rapids to enlist as Private in Company I of the 2nd Michigan Cavalry. There was no further military record of him after being reported as ill in Detroit, but he evidently was wounded since he applied for a Civil War invalid's pension on July 22, 1863. By that time he had returned to Crockery Township, where he died on July 10, 1864 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. By 1893 his wife, Margaret, was the head of the household in Section 15 of Crockery Township. She died sometime before 1908 at the age of 79 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery with her husband.

Ernest Lloyd Plant [1883-1959]

Ernest Lloyd, the son of Henry and Jennie Plant, was born on September 8, 1883. He operated an 80-acre farm in Section 28 of Crockery Township that he inherited from his parents. During WWII he worked at Continental Motors in Muskegon. In 1925 Ernest was

hired by the Spoonville School Board to drive Ottawa County's first school bus, a Nash automobile, enlarged and fitted with bench seats. The few students were transported to the Nunica school. Ernest died on October 31, 1959 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. His wife, Inez, lived from 1892 to 1971 and was buried with her husband.

Francis James Plant I [1821-1896]

Francis was born in New York on December 13, 1821, the son of Henry and Charlotte Matee Plant. He came to Crockery from Oswego County, New York around 1855 and appeared in the 1860 census as a resident of Crockery Township. He soon owned a 40-acre farm in Section 21, deeded to him by his father. Francis was mustered as Corporal into Company F of the 14th Michigan Infantry on November 1, 1861 and mustered out as Private. He may have been wounded, since he applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. On April 22, 1896 Francis's wife, Margaret Schults, born in New York in April 1828, applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Like Charles Plant, Francis had a monument at Nunica Cemetery, where his wife also was buried. In 1913 Margaret moved to Grand Rapids to live with her daughter, Mrs Vanderburg. Margaret died on July 29, 1916. The Plants' children included Alfred, born in New York about 1848; Frances E., born in New York about 1849; Loretta and Alvin, twins who were born in New York about 1851; Rosella, born in Michigan about 1856; Galen, who was born in Crockery Township on December 13, 1857 and eventually moved to Minnesota and Iowa; Stephen, who was born in Michigan in December, 1861 and married Henrietta, born in England in January, 1870; Peter, who was born in Michigan about 1866, resided in Nunica, died in 1951, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery; and Francis II, who was born in Michigan, in August, 1873. Francis I died on February 18, 1896. Francis was a member of Bartholomew GAR [Grand Army of the Republic] Post #136 of Nunica.

Francis James Plant II [1873-1944]

The son of Francis and Margaret Plant I of Crockery Township, James II was born locally in August, 1873. He married Alta Hayward, died in 1944, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. In 1918 Francis II and Alta, were listed as owners of the Plant farmstead in Section 21 of Crockery Township. Their children, all born locally, were Edward Lewis, who was born on March 16, 1897 and married Mabel Argetsinger in Coopersville on January 19, 1924; Ella, who was born about 1899 and on August 25, 1923 in Nunica married Arie Molendyk; Julia, who was born about 1902 and married Edward Barnett in Grand Haven on February 28, 1920; Bertha, born about 1906; and Alfred J., born

about July, 1918. Alta was born in Michigan in January, 1875, died in 1948, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery.

Henry Ebenezer Plant II [1841-1925]

Henry was born in Oswego County, New York, on October 11, 1841, the son of Henry and Charlotte Matee Plant. Eventually Henry I deeded 40 acres to each of his six children. Henry I had homesteaded four 40-acre parcels in Section 28 of Crockery Township, and he acquired additional acreage in Section 21. On February 13, 1862 Henry II enlisted in Company F of the 14th Michigan Infantry as Private. On March 19, 1865, at the Battle of Bentonville, North Carolina, Henry rescued the colors from the midst of the enemy after the designated bearer had fallen. For that action, he was awarded the Medal of Honor, although it was not issued until April 27, 1896. He was the first resident of Ottawa County to receive the award. Henry was mustered out on July 18, 1865 as Sergeant. He died in Crockery on April 16, 1925, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery with his wife, Jennie S, also a native of New York, who lived from October, 1844 to 1921. Jennie's sister, Leah, married George Van Etten of Crockery

The Plants had seven children, all born in Michigan, including Carrie M., who was born about 1869 and married Walter D. Rosie of Muskegon; Emma Myrtle, who was born about 1870 and resided in Chicago, Portales and Albuquerque, New Mexico; Lewis C., who was born about 1871 and taught at Michigan Agricultural College [MSU] in East Lansing; Pearl [Perl], who was born on November 26, 1872, married Ward Mills in Nunica on August 25, 1898, died on December 30, 1903 in a fire at the Iroquois Theater in Chicago, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery; Bessie Charlotte, who was born on March 30, 1880, married Adelbert Parkhurst of Muskegon, and moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico; Jessie, who was born on February 17, 1881, died of scalding, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery; and Ernest Lloyd, who was born on September 8, 1883. The Francis Plant farm, called Golden Glo, was located on 77 acres in Section 28 of Crockery Township [southwest corner of 120th Avenue and Leonard Road].

William Plant [1842-1864]

William was born in Oswego County, New York, around 1842, the son of Henry and Charlotte Matee Plant I. The Plant family settled in Crockery Township in 1854, settling first on 40 acres in Section 28, deeded to William by his father. Like other members of the Plant family in Crockery Township, William enlisted in the army during the Civil War. On April 11, 1863 he was mustered into Company M of the 7th Michigan Cavalry. He was captured near Richmond, Virginia on March 1, 1864 and died at Andersonville Prison in Georgia on

September 16 the same year. He was buried at the National Cemetery in Andersonville.

Henry C. "Hank" Plantenga [1927-2003]

In 1962 Henry Plantenga founded Plantenga's Cleaners in Grand Haven and Spring Lake. He was born in Oak Park, Illinois on October 23, 1927, the son of Henry and Catherine Ploeger Plantenga. He served with the Navy during WWII and the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the American Legion and Christ Community Church. He moved to the Grand Haven area in 1947, where he met and married Bertha H. Hoekstra. Bertha died on November 3, 1969. Hank then married Nancy A. Riley in 1970. Hank and Nancy resided at 419 South Lake Avenue in Spring Lake. He retired from his business in 1989. Hank and Bertha had five sons and three daughters: Henry G. Plantenga, Allan Plantenga, Richard Plantenga, William Plantenga, Peter Plantenga, Deborah Eaton, Cindy Hoffman, and Le Ann Glasser. Hank died on November 2, 2003. [*Tribune* obituary, November 3, 2003.]

Stephen A. Platt I [1903-1998]

Stephen was born June 25, 1903 in Rock Island, Illinois, the son of Alfred and Fay Burk Platt. He married Vernet B. Anderson on April 24, 1926 in Decatur, Illinois. In 1930 Stephen was Chief Engineer for a pump company in Macon, Illinois. He was an inventor, and many of the wire heating coils in modern household conveniences were made by Stephen Platt Company, a family business founded in 1953 in Grand Haven. Vernet, was Secretary-Treasurer of the company. The Platts' children were Gwendolyn, who was born in Illinois about 1927 and married a Mr Burns of Greenfield, Indiana; Jeanine, who married Walter G. Wolff of Grand Haven; and Steve of Spring Lake. Jeanine was Vice President and Walter was Manager of the family business, and they resided at 709 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. The Platts resided at 19639 North Shore Road. Stephen died on December 14, 1998. Vernet, who was born about 1905 in Illinois, passed away on November 21, 2000. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Julius P. Pleines [1875-1953]

Julius Pleines was born in Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania on March 11, 1875. He rose to the rank of Captain in the Army. He retired to Grand Haven about 1924 and was seriously wounded during the robbery attempt at Peoples Bank on August 18, 1933. Julius married Ethel G. Terry in New Orleans, Louisiana on January 4, 1918. She was born in 1879 in Oregon and died about April 19, 1927. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Julius passed away around June 25, 1953 and was buried with his wife.

Charles L. Plowman [1903-1992]

In 1930 Charles Plowman was stationed at the Coast Guard Station in Grand Haven as a crew member. Two years earlier he had married Edna, the daughter of August and Henrietta Podein Boseker. Edna was born in Grand Haven on February 4, 1904. In 1930 she was living with her mother at 1308 Lake. By the mid-1950s Charles and Edna were residing at 1318 Lake Avenue and later at 1319 Lake. Charles passed away on October 13, 1992, and Edna died on February 5, 1993. A son, Jack C., was born on January 2, 1929 and died in Spring Lake on July 20, 1993.

Walter "Wally" A. Podein [1917-2001]

Wally was born in Grand Haven on October 20, 1917, the son of Karl and Marie Neitring Podein. He served with the Army Air Corps during WWII, was an employee of Story & Clark for 10 years, and then worked for Michigan Brass for 32 years. On November 15, 1952 he married Marian [Mayron] J. Kamhout in Grand Haven. Marian was the daughter of Lewis and Grace Kamhout of Grand Haven. The Podeins lived at 11822 West Olive Road [U.S. 31] in Grand Haven Township. Both were members of St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Wally died on May 24, 2001. Marian was born on January 20, 1915 and passed away in Grand Haven on October 18, 2002.

Foster D. Poe [1898-1975]

Foster Poe was born in Roachdale, Indiana, on January 21, 1898. He came to Grand Haven in 1955 and became President of Automatic Spring. Foster served on the first YMCA Board of Directors, organized in 1963, on the Board of the Community Chest, and he was active with the Chamber of Commerce. Foster married Helen A. Ramsey in Indiana, on June 20, 1923. Helen was born in Sheridan, Indiana, on March 29, 1900, the daughter of John and Anna Ramsey. She was a Director for Automatic Spring Products and a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Hospital Guild, and the Grand Haven Garden Club. She also was active with the Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross and Meals on Wheels. The Poes' daughter, Phyllis, married Darrell Moreland of Grand Haven Township. Foster died on July 13, 1975 and Helen died in Grand Haven on January 11, 1987.

Abel Poel [1841-1917]

In the 1890s Abel Poel advertised himself as a "merchant tailor" in Grand Haven. By the early 1900s his son, Melle [Mel/Mellie], had joined him in the tailoring business on the second floor of 209 Washington. Abel and his wife, Eilke [Elke] "Elsie," lived at 615 Fulton. They were members of the Second Christian Reformed Church of Grand Haven, founded in 1882. Abel, who was born in August, 1841, died around August 1, 1917 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Elsie, a native of The Netherlands, lived from October, 1841 to about June 6, 1918 and was buried with her husband and other family members at Lake Forest. Melle was born in Michigan in February, 1869. Other children were Fred, born in January, 1882, and Grace "Gertie," born in April, 1884.

J. Nyhof Poel [1901-1993]

Born in Grand Haven on April 3, 1901, J. Nyhof was a life-long resident of the area. Before taking up residence in Grand Haven, he was an accountant at Consumers Power in Muskegon. In Grand Haven, he was Office Manager at the Michael George Pen Company, located on Washington Street near Beechtree. He was City Clerk in Grand Haven from 1931 until his retirement in 1966. During that time Poel initiated many reforms in the city government, including three revisions to the city accounting system. On April 25, 1925 he married Christine, the daughter of John and Alice Bonema. The Poels had three children: Stuart and Ron of Spring Lake and Richard, a physician in Texas. The family resided at 1139 Washington in Grand Haven.

J. Nyhof was a member of the Grand Haven City Charter Revision Committee and the prime person responsible for establishing the use of voting machines in Ottawa County, among the first in the state. He was a member and President of the Michigan Clerks Association, an avid hunter and fisherman, and he belonged to the Second Christian Reformed Church. J. Nyhof passed away on November 13, 1993 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Christine was born January 18, 1902 and died on March 3, 1999. [*Tribune* obituary, November 13, 1993.]

Klaas [Klass] Poel [1862-1954]

Klaas Poel was born in The Netherlands in April, 1862 [1863]. On January 7, 1885 in Grand Haven, he married Neltje [Cornelia] De Kok. She also was a native of The Netherlands, where she was born in August, 1863. They came to America with their parents. Klaas owned a barbershop at 431 Jackson and lived for many years next door at 433 Jackson. The couple had eleven children, ten of whom survived, including William, who was born on June 28, 1891. A daughter, Willemina, was born in 1898 and married John Workman in Grand Haven on August 13, 1920. Later in life Klaas and Neltje ran a fruit farm on Wallace Street [Beacon Boulevard].

Melle Poel [1869-1949]

Melle Poel started as a tailor when he was a young man and earned a reputation for excellence. He started his clothing business in the back of Lehman's Barber Shop at 209 Washington, and later moved to 101 Washington where his shop was called People's Clothing and Tailoring Company. A Mr Fonger was in business with

Melle at this address. Several years later Melle became a partner with Tony Hoebeke and started Poel & Hoebeke Clothing Store at 702 Washington, remaining there into the late 1930s, when Tony was elected Treasurer of the City of Grand Haven.

Melle and his wife, Jennie, resided at 414 Elliott and later at 925 Washington. She was born in Michigan on April 9, 1870, died in Grand Haven on March 21, 1972, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Among their children were Abel, born on May 19, 1893, and Roelvina K., who was born on December 19, 1898 [1897] and died in Grand Haven on April 17, 1974. Melle was born in Michigan in February, 1869 [1870] and passed away around September 29, 1949 and was buried at Lake Forest.

William H. Poel [1891-1986]

William, one of ten children of Klaas and Neltje [Cornelia] De Kok Poel, was born in Grand Haven on June 28, 1891. William, who worked at the Piano Factory while in his teens, married Marie C. Bos in Grand Haven on April 20, 1916. Marie, born in November, 1893, was the daughter of Cornelius and Maria De Bruyn Bos of Grand Haven. The Poels resided at 503 Fulton. Their children were Clarence W., born about 1921, and Mary E., born about 1923. In the 1920s and into the 1930s William and his brother, Jacob, operated Grand Haven Vulcanizing Company at 705 Washington. Marie's mother, Maria Bos, was living with them in 1930. William died in Nunica on February 12, 1986.

Eugene F. Pofahl [1924-2000]

Eugene Pofahl started the Pofahl Electric Company, located first at 1123 Washington, then at 1621 Marion Street, and finally at 1720 Marion. Eugene and his wife, Florence, resided at 17625 Brucker Street in Grand Haven Township. Eugene was born on August 17, 1924, passed away on October 6, 2000, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He was the son of Harry and Jeanette Pofahl of Grand Haven.

Harry C. Pofahl [1900-1965]

Harry Pofahl was employed at Grand Haven Brass in 1930 and resided at 618 Wallace with his wife, Jeanette, and their children. Harry was born in Illinois about 1900. Jeanette, a Michigan native, was born on October 21, 1899 and passed away in Grand Haven on October 10, 1990. Harry and Jeanette were married in Spring Lake on November 19, 1921. Living with them in 1930 were his parents. Both of them were natives of Germany, where Charles was born about 1855 and Amelia about 1858. By the late 1940s the Pofahls had moved to 14687 Lakeshore Drive and later to 17625

Brucker. Harry passed away about June 18, 1965 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Chief Pokagon [Pogagun] [? - 1899]

One of several local Indian chiefs, Pokagon was leader of the Potawatomes as early as 1827. He died on January 27, 1899. The town of Pokagon in Cass County was named for this chief. [*Tribune* obituary, January 28, 1899.]

John Pol [1859-1960] and Jacob Pol [1861-1941]

John, the son of Johannes Pol, was born in The Netherlands on February 9, 1859. He and his brother Jacob came to Grand Haven with their parents when John was nine years old. Jacob, a tinsmith, was born in The Netherlands in October, 1861 and died in 1941. He never married. John, a carpenter by trade, lived at 398 Howard Street in Grand Haven, across the street from his childhood home [319 Fourth Street], which burned down in April, 1940. John, who remained a bachelor, died about January 18, 1960, just short of his 100th birthday. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Jacob and Johannes, who died about February 19, 1902. [*Tribune* article, "Bachelor John Pol," February 9, 1959.]

Johannes Pol [1818-1902]

Johannes Pol brought his family from The Netherlands to Grand Haven in 1868. Johannes was born in February, 1818 and his wife, Heintje, in March, 1822. Their children were John, born on February 9, 1859; Jacob, born in 1861; and Maria, born about 1865. Johannes took up the carpenter's trade. The family home was located at 319 Fourth Street. Johannes died in 1902.

Jacob Ponstein [1909-1984]

Judge Jacob Ponstein resided at 1705 Wisconsin Street in Grand Haven. He maintained a law practice in the Peoples Bank Building [Bank One] at 300 Washington. Judge Ponstein was an active member of the Tri-Cities Historical Society and helped obtain the Grand Trunk Depot as its main building. He was born on August 16, 1909 and died in Grand Haven on October 5, 1984.

Calvin H. Pooler II [1871-1959]

A native of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where he was born about 1871, Calvin Pooler began commercial fishing as a boy and moved to Grand Haven around 1928 because of the better catches. He owned and operated the tug *Smith Brothers*. He earned his Captain's papers in 1892. His record catch for a day exceeded 1,000 pounds, mostly trout. His wife, Margaret [Maggie], was born in Wisconsin around 1872. They were married in Wisconsin about 1892. Calvin died around September 9, 1959 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Margaret

passed away about December 28 the same year and was buried with her husband.

Joseph Porenta [1910-2001]

Joseph Porenta was born in Rock Springs, Wyoming on February 13, 1910. His parents were John and Mary Terringer Porenta. Joseph married Alice C. Engle in Grand Rapids on October 28, 1944. Alice was born on April 4, 1912 and died in Grand Haven on April 29, 1999. Joseph served in WWII with the 32nd Infantry Division. After the war, he and his brother Stanley started Grand Haven Furniture on Third Street in Grand Haven in 1946. The Porentas were members of the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church. They had two daughters: Virginia, who married Michael Nielsen and moved to Saskatchewan, Canada, and James, who took over management of the furniture business, renamed Porenta's. The Porentas resided at 541 Woodlawn. Joseph passed away in Grand Haven on December 5, 2001 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Stanley Porenta [1917-1998]

The son of John and Mary Terringer Porenta, Stanley was born in Ferry, Michigan on October 12, 1917. He married Lorraine M. Streng on May 28, 1949 in Grand Haven. Stanley was Supervisor at the Willow Run plant of the Ford Motor Company during WWII. He and his brother Joseph opened Grand Haven [Porenta] Furniture store on North Third Street in Grand Haven in 1946. Stanley was a member of St. Patrick's Church, the Spoonville Gun Club, and North Ottawa Rod and Gun Club. Stanley died in Grand Haven on December 1, 1998 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Alice.

Alfred G. Porter [1869-1941]

Alfred Porter married Anna Ellen Corl in Nunica on March 21, 1895. She was born in Ohio [Indiana] in February, 1878, settled in Crockery Township on a farm adjacent to Alfred's parents, Edmund and Emily Porter in Section 8. Alfred and Anna had at least two children, both born in Crockery Township: Virginia May, born in November, 1896, and Ernest, born in March, 1898. Alfred was born in Steuben, Indiana in August, 1869 and passed away in 1941. Anna died in 1972 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery with her husband.

Edmund [Edmond/Edward] R. Porter [1847-1920]

On December 7, 1863 Edmund Porter enlisted as Private in Company G of the 68th Ohio Infantry. He was mustered out on July 10, 1865 and eventually settled on an 80-acre farm in Section 8 of Crockery Township. Sometime after 1907 they moved from the farm to a house in Nunica. His wife, Emily, a native of Indiana, lived from March 6, 1847 to March 26, 1935 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery with Edmund, who was born

in Ohio in October, 1847 and died in 1920. A son, Alfred, was born in Indiana in August, 1869.

John Post [1873-1955]

In 1907 John Post moved to Grand Haven as an employee of William Heap & Sons, makers of plumbers' supplies. By 1918 John and his wife, Effie were residing in a home they built at 1252 Fulton. Before that they resided at 1040 Fulton. John was born on January 1, 1873. Effie was born about 1878. Both were born in Michigan. A son, Dornan, was born locally about 1911. John died about October 7, 1955, and Effie passed away around September 16, 1959. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Harry Ephraim Potter [1882-1948]

Born in East Jordan, Michigan on July 14, 1882, Harry Potter grew up and married in Duluth, Minnesota, where he served as Postmaster for two terms. In 1910 Harry was working in Charlevoix, Michigan, still as a post office employee. He and his wife, Claribel L., moved from Charlevoix to Spring Lake, where in 1918 Harry built the first garage in the Village for the sale and servicing of automobiles at 401 West Savidge. He sold Nash, Whippet, and Willys-Knight cars. Harry built another garage on Franklin Street in Grand Haven, which later became the site of Martin Erickson's grocery store [416-418 Franklin]. In 1930 he left the automobile business and started working for Sealed Power Corporation. Harry and Claribel resided on Church Street. They had a daughter, Jacqueline J., who was born in East Jordan on August 18, 1909. Harry died about February 28, 1948 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Claribel, who was born in Scotland about 1898, passed away on March 21, 1965 in Orlando, Florida, and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Harry and Claribel were married around 1908. Jacqueline married R. E. Mroczkowski and resided in Orlando, where she died on October 24, 1980. [*Holland Sentinel* obituary, March 25, 1965.]

Hiram Y. Potts [1848-1939]

In 1875 Hiram Potts started and edited the *Ottawa County News*, located in Nunica. Two months later he moved the paper to Coopersville, where it was called the *Coopersville Courier*. In April, 1877 he moved to Spring Lake, calling his newspaper the *Ottawa County Courier*. In August three years later he moved to Grand Haven and changed the name of his newspaper to the *Grand Haven Courier Journal*, which was a voice for the Democratic party. His residence, located at the northwest corner of Washington and Fourth Streets [333 Washington], was destroyed in the fire of 1889. Hiram also was in business with Charles Conger, another Grand Haven printer. Together they published the 1893 *Business Compendium* for Ottawa County. Well-known

poet James Whitcomb Riley visited Grand Haven in the late 1880s and met Hiram. After his visit, Whitcomb wrote a poem dedicated to Hiram, whom he called "The Artemus of Michigan."

Hiram was born in a lumbering camp in Polkton Township on October 20, 1848, the son of Jacob Potts. His mother died 18 months later, when she was only 18. On April 7, 1880 in Spring Lake, Hiram married Florence, the daughter of James and Lucy Adams Emery of Spring Lake. She was born around 1859 in Wisconsin. Hiram and his wife moved to Detroit in 1895, where they were still residing in 1920. He died in Sebring, Florida on April 28, 1939 and was buried in a Detroit cemetery. Their one son, Seward, who was born in 1886, died in Detroit at the age of 38.

John Powell [1837-1913]

John Powell owned a meat market at 207 North Seventh Street. His two story frame residence was located at 215 North Seventh. John was born in The Netherlands in February, 1837 and passed away about November 14, 1913. His wife, Catherine, was born in the same country in April, 1835 and died around July 24, 1918. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John and Catherine immigrated to the United States in 1869. They had at least three children, all born locally: Lizzie, born in June, 1875; Margaret "Maggie," born in August, 1878; and Jennie, born in March, 1881. Margaret married Richard Bolt I of Grand Haven. Dick Bolt took over the meat market after his father's-in-law death in 1913.

John J. Powell [1846-1934]

John Powell, a native of Canada, was born in January, 1846 and his wife, Ida [Angel] C., was born in February, 1848 in New York State. They settled on an 80-acre farm in Section 22 of Robinson Township. John died in 1934. A daughter, Josephine D., lived from 1879 to 1901. Their other children, all born locally, were Edward B., born in 1868; Walter F., born in August, 1874 [1873]; Archie A., born in 1877; Rebecca, born in 1882; Anna, born in April, 1887; and William, born in June, 1890 [1889]. John, his wife, and their daughter Josephine were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery.

John Powers [@1837-1877]

John Powers, a sailor, drowned off the *Golden Harvest* on August 7, 1877, somewhere near Grand Haven. He was a native of Waterford, Ireland, where he was born about 1837. Friends and shipmates erected a stone in his memory at Lake Forest Cemetery.

George Pravda II [1912-2006]

Born in Chicago, Illinois on December 12, 1912, George was the son of George and Julia Sabo Pravda. The family moved to the Grand Haven area about 1924 and

farmed 119 acres in Section 10 of Township. George I died about January 25, 1958, and Julia passed away around November 12, 1952. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After graduating from Grand Haven High School, the younger George worked for Eagle Ottawa Company, where he was employed for 44 years. George joined the National Guard in 1930 when Grand Haven's Company F was activated as part of the 32nd Division, 126th Infantry. In 1940 he was assigned to guard manufacturing facilities in Louisiana. There, he married Pauline Farrar on December 3, 1941. Later, he saw combat in the South Pacific, where he was seriously wounded in a battle on New Guinea. He was awarded the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Purple Heart. By the end of the war he held the rank of Captain. He was mustered out in 1945. George and Pauline had four children: George, who moved to Holland, Michigan; Kurt, who stayed in Grand Haven; Lisa, who married Kent Holman and moved to Spring Lake; and Drew, also of Spring Lake. George died on June 8, 2006 in Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, June 8, 2006.]

Ignatz "James" Prelesnik [Prelesnick] [1870-1954]

Natives of Yugoslavia, James and Mary Zaitz Prelesnik and their six children moved to a farm in Colorado in 1895. Later they settled on an 80-acre farm in Section 35, Grand Haven Township, in 1911. They bought the property from Otto Mienhardt. One son, William, continued to live on the site until his death in late 1999. Another son, James R., operated the Glo Barbershop in downtown Grand Haven for 28 years. James's and Mary's children were Maria, who died in 1901 at the age of one; James Robert I, who was born on December 2, 1901; Christine, who was born on June 15 1903, married John Van Hall, and died on June 14, 2001; Robert Albert, who was born March 31, 1905, married Ann Elizabeth Maar, and died December 1, 1989; John Michael, who lived from December 11, 1906 to February 17, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Rudolph A., who was born on July 26, 1908; Louis John, who was born in May 2, 1910; married Helen Lucille Wagner [1916-1996], and died on March 14, 1999; Mary, who was born in 1912 and married Adolph Schmidt; Joseph Frank of Spring Lake, who was born on August 18, 1913, married Lorraine Rickert [February 9, 1921-December 10, 1990], and died January 8, 2001; Rose, who was born in 1915 and married George Jedlicka of South Haven; William, Anthony, who was born on December 5, 1916, married Hannah Helen V'Dovick [July 14, 1921-March 15, 1997], and died on December 9, 1999; Julius Michael, who was born on September 13, 1918, married Emma Marie Groth, and died on November 28, 1994; Leo, who was born on March 29, 1921, married Joyce Hefferman, and died in Fairfield County, Connecticut in March,

1986; and Walter Louis, who was born on April 20, 1922, married Anthonia Kadlec, and died on January 29, 2001. Two of the sons, William and Leo, served in the military during WWII. James was born about 1871 and passed away around July 31, 1954. Mary died around March 9, 1963 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with James.

James Robert Prelesnik I [1901-2002]

Jim was born in Pueblo, Colorado on December 2, 1901. His parents were James and Mary Zaitz Prelesnik, who relocated to Grand Haven Township in 1911. Young Jim married Beatrice Isabelle Nelthorpe on March 1, 1924 in Grand Haven. She lived from May 12, 1905 to August 25, 2002. James retired in 1962 after 28 years as Proprietor of the Glo Barbershop at 209 Washington. His son Ronald took over the shop when he retired. Jim was a member of the Methodist Church of the Dunes, Elks, Eagles, and Grand Haven Golf Club. The Prelesniks' children were Mary, who was born in 1926 and married George Lee Nelson, who was born in 1924; James F. II, who was born in 1931 and married Isla Haringsma [b. 1931]; and Ronald L., who was born in 1943 and married Gail McKay. Another daughter, Lillian Mae, was born in 1924 and died in 1931. Jim passed away on April 20, 2002 in Grand Haven. He and Beatrice resided at 515 Leggat in Grand Haven from at least the mid-1950s. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 23, 2002.]

Julius Michael Prelesnik [1918-1994]

Julius was born on September 13, 1918, the son of James and Mary Zajc Prelesnik. By 1966 he was Manager of the Sam Garvin Company at 402 South Harbor and later at 722 Taylor. He married Emma Marie Groth, who was born on December 9, 1921. They resided at 12312 Lakeshore in Grand Haven Township. Julius died on November 28, 1994 in Grand Haven and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery with Emma.

Louis John Prelesnik [1910-1999]

Louis, born on May 2, 1910, was the son of James and Mary Zaitz Prelesnik of Grand Haven Township. Louis's wife, Helen Lucille, lived from July 10, 1916 to August 6, 1996. Louis, who was a machinist, died on March 14, 1999. He and Helen were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The couple resided at 534 Waverly in Grand Haven. Their children were Barbara Ann, who was born in 1936 and married Mr Kline; Roger Louis, born in 1940; David Jon, who was born in 1943 and married Yevonne; and Larry Alan, who was born in 1945.

Rudolph A. Prelesnik [1908-1983]

Rudolph, the son of James and Mary Zaitz Prelesnik, was born on July 26, 1908. On May 19, 1934 he

married Ruby Irene Marble, who was born in West Olive on September 17, 1915. Ruby was the daughter of Raymond and Josephine Ruch Marble. Rudolph, a tool and die maker, was employed by Anderson Bolling most of his working life. The Prelesniks were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven. They had two children: Donald, who settled in Bradenton, Florida, and Warren L., who resided in Norton Shores, Michigan. In early 1942 the family moved into a house at 517 Fleser Court in Spring Lake, where Rudolph and Ruby remained until she moved into a nursing home near the end of her life. Rudolph died on February 16, 1983 and Ruby passed away on October 2, 2008. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 3, 2008.]

Walter Louis Prelesnik [1922-2001]

Walter was one of James and Mary Zaitz Prelesnik's eight sons. He was born April 20, 1922 at the family farm in Section 35 of Grand Haven Township. On January 12, 1946, he married Anthonia "Tony" Kadlec in Grand Haven. Walter served with the Army during WWII and was a key fitter for Story & Clark for many years. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Eagles Aerie #925, V.F.W., and Slovenian Farmers' Club. He and his wife had two sons, John and Daniel. The Prelesniks lived at 1519 Grant in Grand Haven most of their married lives. Their children were John Walter, born in 1947; Daniel Lee, born in 1949; and Judy Kay, born in 1952. Walter died in Grand Haven on January 29, 2001 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery with Tony. [*Tribune* obituary, January 30, 2001.]

William Anthony Prelesnik [1916-1999]

The son of James and Mary Zaitz Prelesnik, William was born on the family farm in Section 35 of Grand Haven Township on December 5, 1916. After serving in the U.S. Army during WWII, William married Hannah H. V. Dovick on October 15, 1945. She was born July 14, 1921 and died on March 15, 1997. William worked for the Bastian Blessing Company until his retirement in 1979. He also grew crops on his farm. The Prelesniks were members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Their four children were Naska, who was born in 1946 and married Jerry Tappe of Grand Haven; Leonard, who was born in 1949 and moved to Holland; Donna, who was born in 1952 and married Doug Wehrmeyer of Holland; and Leroy, who was born in 1957 and married Janice Marsh, of Galesburg, Michigan. William died in Grand Haven on December 9, 1999. [*Tribune* obituary, December 10, 1999.]

George W. Prentice [1845-1876]

George Prentice was born on October 29, 1845. On April 29, 1863, while living in Crockery Township,

George enlisted in Company M of the 7th Michigan Cavalry. He was mustered out of this unit on November 16, 1865 and joined Company I of the 1st Michigan Cavalry. He left that regiment on March 10, 1866 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery, but there were no dates on his headstone.

Raymond G. Presley [1893-1983]

Born on February 8, 1893, Raymond Presley owned and operated Presley Drug Store, located on the southeast corner of Seventh and Washington [701 Washington], from 1919 to 1961, when he sold his business to pharmacist Jay Casemier. Raymond earlier owned the Square Drug Store on Seventh and Fulton with a Mr Hendricks. Raymond was the son of William J. Presley, a Grand Haven doctor who moved to Grand Haven in 1909. The younger Presley married Sara Streng in 1917. She was born June 18, 1893 and died in Grand Haven on May 20, 1981. They were members of St. John's Episcopal Church, and resided at 1021 Sheldon Road. Raymond died on May 10, 1983 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 11, 1983.]

William J. Presley [1867-1950]

William Presley was born in Montgomery County, New York, on October 20, 1867. Two years later he moved with his parents to a farm near Jackson, Michigan. William became an Allendale resident in 1900 and arrived in Grand Haven nine years later. A graduate of the Grand Rapids Medical School, William had an office in his residence at 315 Washington in Grand Haven. He delivered more than 3,000 babies during his career. In 1919 William constructed a building on the southeast corner of Seventh and Washington Streets that became the site of his son's drug store. The doctor moved his office to the second floor of the new building in 1923. William and his first wife had two sons, Ernest, born about 1889, and Raymond, born on February 8, 1893. Ernest moved to Grand Rapids, and Raymond operated the drug store. After his first wife died, the elder Presley married Amelia J. Moler on December 27, 1899. Amelia, who taught school in Kent County, was born in Illinois on April 11, 1879. They had one daughter, Gladys, born in 1903, and two sons: Elwood E., who was born on May 25, 1912 and died in Grand Haven on October 27, 1976, and Randolph J. who was born on November 2, 1913 and died in Grand Haven on July 26, 1980. William died in Grand Haven on April 2, 1950. Amelia died in Grand Haven in August, 1969.

William E. Preston [1876- ?]

In late September, 1930, outside of Muskegon, Boatswain William Preston led the Coast Guard rescue of two men from the storm-damaged barge, *Salvor*, which was hauling stone. One of the men rescued was

Lyman Nedeau. Captain Preston entered the Coast Guard in Chicago in 1904 and retired on February 1, 1939, after 34 years of service. He was born in Wisconsin about 1876. In 1916 was assigned to the Beaver Island Station. He went from there to Louisville, Kentucky in 1918. After service in New York during WWI, he was sent to Michigan City, Indiana, and from there to Grand Haven, where he was Keeper of the Grand Haven Lifeboat Station from 1922 to 1939.

Richard Prins [1910-1986]

Richard and Arthur "Arie" Prins opened Prins Heating Company at 104 North Third Street in 1939. Members of the Prins family had been in the heating business in Holland since 1908 and later in Muskegon. Two years later the brothers purchased the Crescent movie theatre building [1101-1103 Washington]. He and his wife once resided at 946 Franklin, but later relocated to 12898 Lakeshore Drive in Grand Haven Township. Richard was born on September 15, 1910 and passed away in Grand Haven on September 6, 1986. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His son, Richard II, continued to operate the family business, which was renamed Wolverine Heating & Cooling, and moved it to 13750 172nd Avenue. Arie, who moved to Georgetown Township, lived from May 21, 1917 to May 28, 1992.

Harry B. Proctor [1892-1923]

Harry Proctor was born in Tacoma, Washington in May, 1892. On November 20, 1912 he married Ethel May Viges in De Witt, Michigan. By 1921 he and Ethel were residing at 312 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. At that time Harry owned and managed Proctor Farm and Home Company, a real estate office located at 17 Washington. Two years later the Proctors had moved to Prospect Street in Spring Lake. Harry disappeared the night of October 30, 1923. With him was Edna Fullager, the 14-year old daughter of Rose Fullager, who resided at 831 Pennoyer Street. Rose had a house built on land Harry had sold her, and Howard had gone there to collect a payment, stayed for dinner, then left with Edna. Apparently, Rose was divorced from Arthur Fullager, Edna's father. Nearly six weeks after their disappearance, Harry's automobile was found in the Grand River at the end of Park Street. Near the automobile were Harry's and Edna's bodies. Because Harry had been drinking heavily on the night of his disappearance, he had asked Edna to drive him home. In the Village of Spring Lake, she had taken a wrong turn on a street that ended on the banks of the river. When Edna shifted into first gear instead of reverse the car catapulted into the water.

Harry was buried at Bath Cemetery, near Lansing. He and Ethel had three children, all born in Michigan: Earl, born about 1915; Esther, born about 1918; and Ralph,

born about 1920. Apparently Esther died as an infant and also was buried at Bath Cemetery. Ethel was born in Michigan about 1897. [Tribune article "River gives up Bodies of Girl and Proctor," December 10, 1923.]

Jacob Prucha [1877-1926]

Jacob Prucha owned 40 acres in Section 1 of Grand Haven Township and an abutting 60 acres in Section 12. Born in 1877, Jacob died in 1926 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. His wife, Freda, who was from Czechoslovakia, lived from 1876 to 1931 and was buried with her husband. Fred, one of their children, was born in Wisconsin and lived from February 26, 1896 to January 14, 1972. Fred was buried with his wife, Ruth [July 11, 1904 to March 26, 1987], at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Jacob and Freda had another son, Charles, who was born in Illinois on September 30, 1903. A sheet metal worker at Bastian Blessing, Charles in 1930 was residing in Section 9 of Crockery Township with his widowed grandmother, Albina Tocenne [Tocaner]. He passed away in Muskegon on November 17, 1982. Jacob and his family resided in Illinois before moving to Grand Haven.

Ed Pruim [c1875- ?]

See Evert J. Pruim.

Enno J. Pruim [1843-1929]

Enno Pruim was born in The Netherlands in January, 1843 and came to Spring Lake with his parents as a child. He worked in the local mills. On August 4, 1862 he enlisted in Company G of the 21st Michigan Infantry and participated in the Battle of Missionary Ridge and was with General Sherman in the March to the Sea. He was mustered out with the rank of Sergeant on June 8, 1865. On February 18, 1876 Enno applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. For over 30 years Pruim was a millwright for the Cutler & Savidge Mill, and he then worked at William Buckley's hardware and undertaking business at 214 West Savidge. Later Enno and his son, John, opened their own hardware store, "Pruim & Son." In 1919 John sold the business to Cornelius Ringold and his son Gerard A., who started the Ringold Hardware & Furniture Co. and Funeral Home.

In 1867 Enno married Jane, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Finch. The Pruims lived at 217 West Mason. He was Township Supervisor for 19 years, and he also at various times filled the posts of Township Treasurer, Highway Commissioner, Street Commissioner, and Justice of the Peace. Pruim Street in Spring Lake is named after him, but with an obvious misspelling. Among the Pruims' children was a son, John B., born about 1871, and a daughter, Maud [Maude] M., who was born in October, 1873 [1874] and married George

Schwab II of Spring Lake. Maud and George divorced not long afterward, and she returned to her parents' home and resumed use of the Pruim name. Apparently Maud never remarried. Enno donated a cup and chain to the fountain at the corner of Savidge and Jackson Streets. The fountain was sponsored by the Women's Christian Temperance Union [W.C.T.U.] to provide drinks of water to thirsty passersby. After Enno died in 1929 Jane applied for a widow's Civil War pension. She was born in April, 1848 and died in 1934. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Evert J. "Ed" Pruim [1872- ?]

In 1920 Ed Pruim owned a music store in Zeeland. On June 23, 1899 he married Alyda B. Everhard in Zeeland. They resided with their daughter, Iola G., at 350 East Central Avenue in Zeeland. In the 1920s Ed opened the Ed J. Pruim Music House at 135 Washington in Grand Haven, while continuing to operate the outlet in Zeeland. He also had a shop at 18 Monroe Avenue in Grand Rapids. In the early 1930s he moved his Grand Haven store to 201-203 Washington. Ed was born in Spring Lake around 1872, and Alyda was born in Michigan about three years later. Iola was born locally around 1903.

Hiram Pruim I [1852- ?]

Born in The Netherlands about 1852, Hiram Pruim was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. His wife, Kate, was the daughter of Jan and Tryntje Kieft of Grand Haven. Kate was born around 1860. They were married in Grand Haven on April 20, 1878. By 1880 the Pruims were living in Spring Lake, where Hiram was a bridge tender. On November 15, 1884 in Grand Haven, Hiram II was born.

John B. Pruim [1870- ?]

John and his father, Enno Pruim, started an undertaking and hardware business in Spring Lake. Eventually young Pruim took over the business, which he sold to Gerard Ringold in 1919. John was born in Spring Lake in December, 1870 [1871]. On June 21, 1894 in Spring Lake, he married Mildred, the daughter of William and Sarah Dennison Millard. Millie was born in Michigan in February, 1869.

Klaas [Klaus] Pruim [Pruin] [1841-1913]

Born in The Netherlands January 4, 1841, Klaas Pruim came to Grand Haven in June, 1853. On August 19, 1871 in Spring Lake he married Alberdina "Delia" Huizenga, who was born in The Netherlands in March, 1851 and died on July 9, 1907. Their children were John K., who was born in May, 1872 and died in 1929; Henrietta "Ettie," who born in 1873 and married Clarence D. White of Spring Lake; Reka, born around 1876; Sarah, who was born in September, 1878 and

married Edward De Vries of Spring Lake; Jane, born in December, 1880; and Celia, born in November, 1888. Klaas was a member of the Masons. He was found dead in a boat on the Grand River near Spring Lake on October 21, 1913, probably the result of a continuing heart problem. He and his wife were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Godfrey E. Pufal [1894-1993]

Godfrey Pufal was in charge of operations at Oxford Varnish until the plant moved out of the building at 1401 Fulton in January, 1949. The company started business in 1943. Godfrey and his wife, Florence B., resided at 320 South Griffin Street. Ronald Pufal, a son, lived with them. Ronald was born on October 12, 1919 and died in Grand Haven on June 26, 1989. He worked for Michigan Plastic Products. Godfrey was born on January 9, 1894 and died in Grand Haven on May 21, 1993. Florence lived from October 12, 1900 to December 26, 1983. Godfrey, Ronald, and Florence were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Samuel Purchase II [1825-1894]

Samuel Purchase was born December 26, 1825 in Canada and died in West Olive on August 20, 1894. His parents were Samuel and Huldah Parshall Purchase, who settled in Hillsdale County. Samuel II on April 18, 1852, married Martha, daughter of James and Patty Dale Eastway, also of Hillsdale County. Martha was born in 1832 and died on June 1, 1905. The Purchases had a 64-acre farm in Section 2 of Olive Township. They had three children: James Edwin, who was born in Hillsdale County on April 29, 1853, married Sarah Elizabeth Misner [Mizener] [born June 8, 1861 in Canada] in Grandville on December 21, 1887, had six children, and died in 1942; Laban T., who was born September 23, 1857 in Olive, first married Mary Lick [September, 1860-December 10, 1901] on August 29, 1878 in Olive and then Alice Parker, had a total of three children, and died on March 10, 1907; and Milo Delos, who was born October 7, 1864, also in Olive Township, on September 19, 1888. He married Lillian Nevins [born 1868] and then Clara Albine Conger [March 20, 1873-October 9, 1955], had three children, and died in Grand Rapids on April 30, 1929. The Purchases also had an adopted daughter, Emma Kirkland, who was born in Greenville, Michigan in 1869 and married Milo Tubbs of Olive Township on April 1, 1883. Samuel and Martha were buried at Olive Cemetery with other family members.

Gerald "Gomer" Pyle [1936-2001]

The son of Albert and Metta Kemme Pyle, Gerald "Gomer" was born in Zeeland, Ottawa County, on August 4, 1936. About 1966 he married Mary Jane Bredehoft, daughter of Harold Bredehoft, who owned a 40-acre farm on the northwest corner of Lincoln and

168th Streets in Grand Haven Township [16865 Lincoln Street]. Mary Jane was Gomer's second wife. Gomer served in the National Guard for 12 years, and was employed by the Grand Haven Police Department for 22 years, Michigan Bell Telephone for 12 years, and Fricke Marina. He moved to the Grand Haven area in 1955. With his first wife, he had three sons: Michael of Holland; Thomas of Longwood, Florida; and Steven of Kalamazoo. He and Mary Jane had a son, David, who moved to Howard City. Around 1990 Gomer contracted Multiple Sclerosis and eventually became a resident of the North Ottawa Care Center in Grand Haven, where he spent the last seven years of his life. He died there on January 5, 2001. [*Tribune* obituary, January 6, 2001.]

Andrew [Anderere] Pytlinske [1844-1912]

Andrew Pytlinske, born in Germany in 1844, married Anastasia Klemke, who lived from 1856 to 1943. They immigrated to the United States in 1884 and purchased a 60-acre farm in Section 13 of Grand Haven Township. One of their children, Felix I, was born on September, 23 1892 and lived in Chicago and Grand Haven Township. Another son, Leo, lived from March 17, 1886 to February 2, 1983. Their other children were Hattie, born on October 6, 1887; Elizabeth, born in July, 1889; Bruno, born in December, 1890; and Josephine, born in February, 1896. Andrew died in 1912.

Felix Bernard Pytlinske I [1892-1972]

Felix, the son of Andrew and Anastasia Pytlinske, was born on September 23, 1892 in Grand Haven Township. Felix married Elfrieda Schultz in 1923. She was born June 28, 1902. The couple lived in Chicago before returning to the area in 1929. At that time they purchased the Fritz Quade property on the northwest corner of Green Street and Stearns Bayou [Section 6 of Robinson Township, 14023 Green Street], where they ran a restaurant and dance hall and also rented boats. The previous owners operated the Quade Resort, where Felix and Elfrieda had been summer guests. At the end of Grand Haven's Centennial Celebration in August, 1934, Felix purchased the log cabin that had been used in the parade as a replica of the first Ferry home. He moved it to his property on Stearns Bayou and remodeled it into a tourist cabin. Eventually Felix and Elfrieda's son, Felix II, took over the business at the northeast corner of Stearns Bayou and the Grand River, and the remaining property in Section 6 was sold. Felix I died on October 6, 1952 and his wife passed away on June 19, 1975.

Palmer Quackenbush [1908-1987]

Palmer Quackenbush, a violinist, was Band Director in the Grand Haven schools, beginning in the fall of 1938. The next year he organized the West Shore Symphony Orchestra, raising most of the needed funds himself, at a

time when the effects of the Depression still had an impact. Palmer also conducted the choir and glee club and organized a swing orchestra that played for student events. Born in Grand Rapids on September 8, 1908, he died in Virginia in February, 1987.

John J. Quayle [Quail/Quale] [1856-1882]

John Quayle, a sailor, died in Chicago of pneumonia on May 8, 1882. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery under a large concrete monument adorned with nautical symbols and the word "Mizpah," an apparent reference to several places of that name in Israel and meaning "watchtower." The monument, like the other two in Block 16, was manufactured by the F. O. Gross Company at 341 Wabash Avenue, Chicago. John's parents were Thomas and Mary Quayle of Grand Haven. Mary died on January 17, 1879 at the age of 39 and was also was buried at Lake Forest.

Isaac John Quick [1850-1926]

Born in London, Ontario on July 11, 1850, Isaac Quick opened a general store in Allendale. In 1894 he sold the store to John Wolbrink and his cousin, Charles E. Wolbrink. In the 1890s Isaac was Allendale's Postmaster. On November 23, 1877 in Allendale, he married Mary B. Purdy. She was born in Canandaigua, New York. Isaac died in Marquette, Michigan on April 11, 1926. See also Charles Edward Wolbrink [1875-1946], John Wolbrink [1842-1899], and John J. Wolbrink [1878- 1955].

Anthony Quinton [1853-1932]

Anthony Quinton and his wife, Mary [May], daughter of Thomas and Bridget Brady, owned a 40-acre farm in Section 24 of Spring Lake Township. Anthony settled there as early as 1892. He and Mary were married in Grand Haven on October 24, 1895.] Anthony was born in New York in June, 1853 and died in 1932. Mary, a Michigan native, lived wife from October 15, 1866 [1867] to May 1, 1933. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their children were George, born on September 2, 1897, and Margaret Mary, born on January 10, 1900.

George Quinton [Quintin] [1835- ?]

On August 14, 1862, George Quinton enlisted in Company I of the 22nd Wisconsin Infantry as Private. He was wounded at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia, on June 27, 1864, and was listed again as wounded and missing on June 12, 1865. At the time of his enlistment, George was a resident of Beloit, Wisconsin, but he moved to Spring Lake Township after the war, where he took up farming and was active at least as late as 1918. George also was attached to the 17th Veteran Reserve Corps. He was born in Ireland in March, 1835 [1845]. His mother, Bridget, was born in

the same country about 1820 [1810] and was widowed before 1870. She died on September 22, 1903 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with George and other Quintons. William and George Quinton were brothers.

William Quinton [Quinten] [1838-1873]

During the Civil War, William Quinton was wounded at a battle near Atlanta, Georgia on August 7, 1864. He had enlisted in Company F of the 14th Michigan Infantry on October 11, 1861 as Private. There was no further record of his service after the injury. Born about 1838 in Ireland, William was a resident of Crockery Township at the time he enlisted. On September 15, 1876, Bridget Quinton, listed as his mother, applied for a Civil War pension, indicating his probable year of death. Bridget was born in Ireland about 1820 [1810] and was a widow by 1870. She died on September 22, 1903 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with William and other Quintons. William, a farmer, applied for an invalid's pension on August 9, 1865, died in March, 1873, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He and George Quinton were brothers.

John C. Quintus [Quintes/Quintis] [1852-1912]

Born in The Netherlands on April 2, 1852, John Quintus settled in Grand Haven area. In 1880 he worked at George Miller's Hardware Store [approximately 200-202 Washington] in downtown Grand Haven and resided with the Miller family. He also worked as a painter until he sold his stock to O. A. Zautner. He then entered the furniture and undertaking business. He was Justice of the Peace for many years, served as Clerk of the School Board for several terms, and was Town Clerk for two terms. John was a member of Emmanuel Congregational Church, where he performed janitor's duties without pay from the time it was organized. He passed away on October 14, 1912. [*Tribune* obituary, October 14, 1912.]

Albert Raak [1819-1907]

Born in Overijssel, The Netherlands on August 7, 1819, Albert Raak married Klaasje Kisterman in their native country on February 28, 1845 and immigrated to America in 1865. Albert's parents were Geert Harms and Marje Alberts Prinz Raak. Klaasje also was born in Overijssel on December 18, 1825 and died on March 22, 1910 in Olive Township. The Raaks settled on 60 acres in Section 35 of Olive Township. Albert's and Klaasje's children were Gerrit, who was born about 1847; Arend, who lived from July 24, 1848 to February 25, 1921; Lambert, who was born about 1863; Klass "Charley," who was born in July, 1869; Jan "John;" and Geerling. Gerrit and his wife, Lucy, maintained a 30-acre farm in Olive Township. Arend and Lambert moved to Holland Township. Albert died on March 26,

1907. Charley took over the family farm in Section 35, which grew to 110 acres by 1918.

Albert Raak [1890-1961]

Albert, born on February 25, 1890, was the grandson of Albert Raak, who settled in Olive Township, and the son of Arend and Roeltje Brower Raak, who were married in Ottawa County on February 25 [28], 1876. The young Albert married Reka Hop, who was born in Olive Township on January 10, 1891. After moving to Grand Haven, the couple resided at 211 Madison in the early 1900s. Living with them was Martha, widow of John Raak, Albert's brother. Martha, the daughter of Gerrit and Jennie "Jane" Nordhuis Gringhuis, lived from 1858 to 1914 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Albert worked with the Grand Haven Fire Department, but by 1918 also leased 80-acres in Olive Township, part of his grandfather's original farm in Section 35. By 1930 Albert's brother Charley was farming the land. Reka died on October 9, 1960 and her husband passed away on February 14 the next year.

Donald E. Rabidoux [1921-1990]

Donald E. Rabidoux owned 30 acres on Spring Lake at 18522 Fruitport Road as early as the mid-1950s [Section 2 of Spring Lake Township]. Donald was born on October 23, 1921 and died in Florida on September 1, 1990. He served with the Army from March 31, 1943 to March 31, 1945 and was buried at Florida National Cemetery. When he passed away he was living in Bushnell, Florida.

Robert W. Radeke I [1857-1916]

According to the 1880 census, Robert Radeke was a saloon keeper. In the 1893 *Compendium* Robert was listed as "government clerk," but the nature of his affiliation was not noted. By the early 1900s he was a tobacco merchant at 24 Washington in downtown Grand Haven. The building was one of several torn down in 1927 to make room for the Grand movie theater. He married Cornelia De Vlieger in Grand Haven on February 20, 1879. They lived at the corner of Second and Fulton Streets [206 Fulton]. Cornelia lived from August, 1858 to about December 9, 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. One of their children, Julia C., was born in October, 1884 [1882] and married a Ver Hoef. Another daughter was Cora L. [Anna], who was born on November 23, 1887 and died in Grand Haven in December, 1968. They also had a son, Robert W. II, who was born in December, 1898, died about April 6, 1960, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Robert I was born in Michigan in February, 1857, died about December 7, 1916, and was buried at Lake Forest.

Harold P. C. Radikopf [1914-1993]

Born on March 7, 1914 in Chicago, Harold Radikopf was Chief of the Grand Haven Township Fire Department around the time of its founding in 1946. Harold died on December 31, 1993. On October 9, 1937, in Grand Haven Township, he married Marie M. Ott. Born on May 21, 1917 in Grand Rapids, Marie was the daughter of John R. and Rose Hancq Ott. Harold and Marie five children: Judith Essenyi of West Olive; Cheryl, who married James Potter and relocated to Grand Rapids; Ronald, who moved to Florida; Mark, who remained in Grand Haven; and Brian, of West Olive. Harold and Marie resided at 14912 160th Avenue. Marie passed away in Grand Haven Township on July 30, 2005 and was buried at Grand Haven Township Historic Cemetery. Harold's mother, Ida, was born September 2, 1896 and died in Grand Haven on September 7, 1986. [*Tribune* obituary, August 1, 2005.]

Albert Radspieler I [1916-2005]

The son of John and Julia Silverhorn Radspieler, Albert was born in Grand Haven on July 27, 1916. He married Antoinette [Ann] Agnes Wapienik in Grand Haven on February 14, 1940. She was born on June 18, 1921 and passed away in Grandville on July 30, 1993. Their children included Phyllis, who married David Jones of Allegan, and Albert II, who moved to Arkansas. Albert served with the National Guard in the late 1930s. At one time was employed at Bastian Blessing in Grand Haven and Continental Motors in Muskegon. He owned and managed Anchor Motel, and also was a real estate broker. He and Ann moved to Grandville, where he died on February 1, 2005. [*Tribune* obituary, February 3, 2005.]

John Radspieler [1874-1949]

John Radspieler was born in Austria on July 28, 1874. He married Julia Silverhorn, who was born about 1880. They settled on an 80-acre farm in Sections 15 and 22 of Grand Haven Township. Their children were John II, born on February 12, 1913; Rudolph, born on October 30, 1914; Albert, born on July 27 1916; Ernest [Barnett], born in 1919; and Martha born in 1921. Another son, Anthony, was born about 1927 and appointed American Consul in Frankfurt, Germany in the mid-1960s.

John Ernest Radspieler [1913-1993]

Like his brothers, John Radspieler attended Stone School, located at the southeast corner of 168th Avenue and Ferris in Grand Haven Township. John, the son of John and Julia Silverhorn Radspieler, was born February 12, 1913 and died in Ferrysburg on April 5, 1993. He and his wife, Olive, lived at and operated Grade A Cabins at 17501 Ridge in Ferrysburg. Olive was born on April 15, 1909 and died, also in Ferrysburg, in June, 1983.

Rudolph Radspieler [1914-1971]

Rudolph Radspieler attended Stone School, located at the southeast corner of 168th Avenue and Ferris in Grand Haven Township. From the 1940s to the time of his death he resided at 1310 Waverly. Rudolph, the son of John and Julia Silverhorn Radspieler, was born on October 30, 1914 and died in Grand Haven on January 11, 1971. A brother, Anthony, born about 1927, was appointed by President John F. Kennedy as American Consul in Frankfurt, Germany. Rudolph had two other brothers: John, who lived in Ferrysburg, and Albert, who moved to Grandville. In 1938 Rudy earned \$4.20 for cutting firewood for Carlotta Ewing, who had a summer home at the nearby Wilderness.

James Rae [1837- ?]

James Rae was born in Canada in June, 1837 [1836] and immigrated to America in 1865. He was a farmer in Crockery Township as early as 1880. He married Elizabeth Miller Lidelle in Nunica on February 17, 1891. Elizabeth was born in Hillsdale County, Michigan in April, 1846 [1847]. She was born a Miller and must have been previously married to a Lidelle, although no record was found of the marriage. James and Elizabeth were residing in Crockery in 1893. At that time James was farming 30 acres in Section 14. In the 1900 and 1910 censuses they were still on the farm. Elizabeth was a correspondent for the *Tribune* in 1909 and 1910, and possibly longer, covering Nunica, Dennison and Crockery. In 1918., James was farming 18 acres in Crockery. No record was found of him after that. Elizabeth was listed in the 1920 census as a resident at the Clarke Memorial Home in Grand Rapids. She was widowed.

Charles W. Ralya [1844-1915]

Charles Ralya, born in February, 1844, owned a 40-acre farm in Section 13 of Robinson Township. His wife, Celia E., lived from February, 1854 to 1922. Charles died in 1915. He and his wife and other family members were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. Leonard Ralya, born in 1872, was their son. Another son, George W., lived from April 14, 1881 to 1965. They also had a daughter, Maud, who was born in 1874, married John Conant, and died in 1946. John was born in 1869. The Conants had two children. A second Ralya daughter, Hazel P., was born in 1891, married Robert H. Scott, who was born in 1885, and died in 1965.

Leonard Foster Ralya [1872-1960]

Leonard, the son of Charles W. and Celia E. Ralya of Robinson Township, was born in June, 1872 [1873]. He married Mary Amanda, the daughter of Luman and Alwilda Smith Van Drezer of Grand Haven. Mary, also a Michigan native, lived from February, 1870 to 1936

and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. Mary may have been previously married. Living in the Ralya household in 1900 was her daughter, Georgia Sheldon, born in May, 1890. The Ralyas owned an 80-acre farm in Section 23 of Robinson Township. Mary lived from 1870 to 1936 and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. Leonard and Mary had five children: Lawrence Rolland, born on December 30, 1897 and died in Spring Lake on April 1, 1979; Iris, born September 6, 1904 and died thirteen months later; Harold L., who lived from October 13, 1907 to November 27, 1989; and Lillian Evelyn, who was born on August 13, 1909, on February 25, 1927 married Hugh Spencer Rowell [April 14, 1905-February 25, 1981], and died in Holland on May 8, 1993. Leonard died in 1960 and was buried with other family members at Robinson Township Cemetery. Mary had been married previously to George Sheldon, who was born on October 2, 1863 and died May 26, 1890.

Robert L. Ralya [1931-2005]

Grand Haven native Robert Ralya was born on June 3 1931. He served in the Navy during the Korean conflict, belonged to the Second Christian Reformed Church in Grand Haven, and was President and Chaplain of the Gideons. In July, 1959 Bob opened a two-chair barbershop in a new building at 1000 Robbins Road, and appropriately named his business Bob's Barber Shop. He sold to his partner, Art Schout of Coopersville, who had filled the extra chair since 1960. After selling his business, Bob worked for Screw Machine Specialties for a number of years, but eventually rejoined Art Schout at the barbershop. Bob retired in 1996. Bob and his wife, Edith M., had several children, including David, of Orlando, Florida; Kathy, who married David Newhof of Zeeland; Tom, who moved to Jamestown; Daniel, who moved to Hamilton in Allegan County; and Mary, who relocated to Indiana. The family resided at 1120 Taylor before moving to 17242 Burkshire in Grand Haven Township. Bob died in Zeeland on January 28, 2005 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 31, 2005.]

Dexter Ranney [1808- ?]

Dexter Ranney, who was born on June 5, 1808 in Ashfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts, settled in Robinson Township before 1839. In the mid-1830s Dexter was hired by the Grand Haven Company to handle logs at the juncture of Crockery Creek and Grand River. Dexter's wife, Laura Robinson, was born in New York about 1820. His parents were Samuel Hall and Polly Stewart Ranney, and his sister, Lucretia, married Nehemiah Hathaway, another early Ottawa County settler. George, another member of the Ranney family from Ashfield, worked with Dexter for the Grand Haven Company. George, evidently a cousin, lived from 1828

to 1911 and was buried at Cannon Township Cemetery in Kent County with his wife, Cornelia, who was born in 1830 and died in 1921. Dexter purchased 40 acres in Polkton Township on February 1, 1848 and another 40 acres on the following June 1.

Frederick Thompson Ranney [1820-1885]

Frederick Ranney about 1858 succeeded Charles Hathaway as part owner of the Grand Rapids Ax Factory, which produced tools for the lumbering industry. The other principal was Daniel Alcumbrack. Six years later Frederick sold his interest back to Hathaway. Around 1860 Ranney became owner of Colonel Norton's sawmill in Nortonville. He sold his interest in the mill to George Cole of Blendon Township in 1867. Frederick was among the first Justices in Robinson Township when it was formed in 1865.

Around 1843 Frederick married Elizabeth [ElizaAliza] Garrison, who was born in New York in 1818, died on August 16, 1856, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Frederick and Elizabeth had at least one child, Mary H., born in Michigan about 1846. After his wife's death Frederick married Frances "Fannie" Bates in Grand Rapids on November 3, 1857. Also a native of New York, Fannie was born in 1838. Frederick's sister-in-law, Lucy Bates was hired to teach at Ottawa Center School in 1859. While living in Spring Lake, Frederick helped organize the First Presbyterian Church in 1861, along with Hunter Savidge, John Newcomb, and Aloys Bilz. Frederick was born March 12, 1820 in Ashfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts and died December 19, 1885. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members, including his mother, Polly, who died on November 26, 1850 at the age of 74. His parents were Samuel and Polly Stewart Ranney, and his sister, Lucretia, married Nehemiah Hathaway, another early Ottawa County settler. Dexter Ranney, who settled in Robinson Township before 1839, was his brother.

Cyrus B. Raymond [1850- ?]

Cyrus Raymond was born in New York about 1850 and was residing in Spring Lake Township by 1870. His wife Mary was born about 1847 in New York. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Mary, born about 1859; Hiram, born about 1862; and Mira, born about 1866. Cyrus helped organize the Baptist Church in Spring Lake. By 1880 he was living with the Jay McClure family in Spring Lake and classified as a laborer. Living with him was a son, George, born in Spring Lake on June 28, 1873.

Nelson W. Read [Reed] [1829- ?]

A sailor by trade, Nelson Read was born in Jefferson County, New York, in 1829. On March 20 [26], 1853, in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, he married Adeline M.

Calhoun [Calhoon] of East Cleveland. The couple came to Grand Haven in 1862. They had four sons and four daughters. Adeline died between 1873 and 1880.

Daniel F. Realy [Realey/Really] [1819-1893]

In 1837 Daniel and his brother-in-law Captain Henry "Harry" Miller obtained through pre-emption from the federal government 175 acres on the Grand River. The south line of the property was bordered by the Grand River, where he had a landing. Previously, he had resided in Ann Arbor, where he moved in 1832. In 1838 Daniel sowed and harvested the first crop of wheat in Ottawa County, grown on about three acres of the land. Captain James Dalton of Chicago helped him bring in the crop. Daniel thrashed the wheat with a flail and transported it to market by canoeing up the Grand River to Grandville, a 22 mile trip. By 1840 Captain Miller and his wife, Elizabeth, were living on the site. In 1842 they built a permanent home, which also served as an inn for people traveling by coach between Grand Rapids and Grand Haven. It was called the Mid-Way House. On May 1, 1851 Daniel bought 40 acres in Section 33 of Polkton Township, and by 1864 he owned substantial acreage in Section 4 [south] of Polkton. In 1865 he sold his Polkton Township acreage to the County for \$6,000. The County built a Poor Farm [Infirmary] on the 175 acres. Elizabeth Miller was Daniel's sister.

After Daniel sold his farm, he bought land from Timothy Eastman, and by 1876 he owned two 37-acre parcels in Section 3 of Polkton Township. Daniel built the foundation for a new Eastmanville School in 1868 for \$115, and he built his home directly across the road from the school. He served as Highway Commissioner for the Township. Daniel was born in Germany on July 18, 1819 and died on March 28, 1893. His wife, Lucinda, a native of New York, lived from August 18, 1826 to February 27, 1876. Both were buried at Eastmanville Cemetery. They married in 1843. [The *Tribune* in its March 25, 1893 obituary noting Daniel's passing reported that he married "Mrs Sarah Hatch in 1843."] Five Realy children died in infancy or childhood and are buried with their parents at Eastmanville Cemetery. A daughter, Mary, was born in Michigan about 1853 and married Nathaniel Garrison. Two other surviving children were Carrie, who was born about 1864 and on September 2 [21], 1883 married John Woodcock in Eastmanville, and Artie Belle, who was born in 1868, and on August 14, 1891 married Walter Edwin Miller in Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituary, March 28, 1893.]

Eugene Henry Reed [1856-1931]

Eugene Reed was born in Spring Lake on October 10, 1856 and died in Oregon on November 5, 1931. He married Emma Sanora, the daughter of Benjamin and Abigail Chittenden on October 16, 1878 in Spring Lake.

Emma was born in Spoonville [Ottawa County] on September 1, 1858 and died in Oregon on May 27, 1941.

Eva Reed [1866-1930]

Born in Alpena, Michigan on August 18, 1866, Eva Reed lived most of her life in Spring Lake and was best known as the owner of the "Little Gray Tea Room" in Spring Lake. Her fame as a cook spread beyond local limits and travelers from far and wide sought out her eating house. Eva was the first hostess at the Spring Lake Country Club, serving meals in the little green clubhouse. A member of the Spring Lake Baptist Church, she died in Detroit on July 21, 1930. [*Tribune* obituary, July 21, 1930.]

Grosvenor [Grovenor] Reed I [1814- ?]

Grosvenor Reed was born in New York State about 1814. On November 24, 1849 he purchased 120 acres in Section 22 of Robinson Township, where he settled for awhile. On October 17, 1854, he purchased 80 acres in Section 26, and on March 23, 1860 he bought an additional 40 acres in Section 22 and 80 acres in Section 27. In 1854 he became the first Prosecuting Attorney of Ottawa County, and from 1865 to 1866 he was Robinson Township Supervisor. He also surveyed much of the land around Allendale and Lamont. Grosvenor was credited with bringing the tugboat *Elisha Bliss*, into Grand Haven harbor, the second one to work in this port.

Grosvenor's first wife was Caroline Amanda Abel, whom he married in Grand Rapids on November 3, 1842. Caroline was born on February 24, 1819 and died October 15, 1852. She was the daughter of Julius Caesar and Rachel Bristoe Abel. Julius was born September 13, 1793. The Reeds' children were Helen [Elmira Helen/Amelia Helen], who was born in Grand Rapids in 1847 and married William Rutledge Lewis, and Joseph, born in 1849. Grosvenor's second wife was Lucy. Their children were Wellington John, born in New York in 1854; Grosvenor II, who was born in New York in 1855 and drowned on September 17, 1888; Minerva, born in Indiana in 1857; Kate [Alma/Elma], born in Michigan in 1859; George, born in 1860; Mary, born in Michigan about 1865; and Julia, who was adopted. The wife of Grosvenor II, Susan, was born in New York about 1850. [*Tribune* article, April 16, 1902.]

Hiram A. Reed [Read] [1805-1883]

Hiram Reed, who lived from May 3, 1805 to May 13, 1883, was an early settler in Spring Lake. He was a ship's carpenter and Justice of the Peace. Hiram held several township and village offices, and was Village Postmaster from March 4, 1858 until May 10, 1861. One of his daughters, Laura M., married George L. Schwab of Spring Lake. Another, Caroline, married John

Dixon of South Carolina. Hiram was residing with George Schwab by 1880.

Abraham [Abram] Reenders [1885-1961]

Abraham Reenders was an employee of Peerless Glove Company as early as 1910, when it was located at 13 Soputh Second. By the early 1940s, he and Arthur Elliott were co-owners of the business, then located at 633 Elliott. Abraham, the son of Alle and Grietje Nederveld Reenders of Grand Haven Township, was born on July 25, 1885. On November 3, 1909 in Grand Rapids, he married Johanna Dobb. They resided at 535 Colfax. Abraham died on January 10, 1961.

Alle [Alli] Albert Reenders [Reendir] [1843-1905]

On September 14, 1876 Alle Reenders and Grietje [Maggie] Nederveld were married in Grand Haven. Alle was born in Eenrum, The Netherlands on May 29, 1843, the son of Klaas Martens and Martha Eilderts Nienhuis Reenders, who owned a farm in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township. Alle came to the United States with his parents in 1854. On August 22, 1862 Alle enlisted in Company I of the 25th Michigan Infantry as Private. He was mustered out on June 24, 1965. After the war Alle was classified as a laborer in the census of 1880. He died in Grand Haven on August 2, 1905. Grietje, the daughter of Abraham and Neeltje Rychel Nederveld, came from Ouddorp, The Netherlands, where she was born on April 24, 1855 and immigrated to the United States when she was ten. She died in Grand Haven on April 22, 1935. She and Alle were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They owned a 10-acre farm in Section 33 in the north part of Grand Haven Township. Their children, all born in Grand Haven Township, were Klaus, born on August 21, 1877; Martha, who was born on January 12, 1882, married Dirk Van Doorne, and died on July 31, 1950; Abram [Abraham], born July 25, 1885, married Johanna Dobb, and died on January 10, 1961; and Nellie, who was born April 19, 1892 and married Daniel Meeusen.

Clarence Reenders [1902-1980]

Clarence, the son of Klaus and Minnie Van Doorne Reenders, was Assistant Fire Chief of the Grand Haven Township Fire Department about the time it was formed in 1946, and later he became Township Supervisor. He married Angie Fisher on April 4, 1922. She was born on March 9, 1890 and died in Grand Haven on December 22, 1984. They resided at 14031 168th Avenue. With the assistance of his sons Clarence opened and operated Reenders Blueberry Farm at 10012 West Olive Road. Clarence lived from March 14, 1902 to February 8, 1980 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where Angie also was buried.

Eildert [Eddert/Eldert] Reenders [@1838-1862]

While a resident of Grand Haven Eildert Reenders on August 14, 1862 enlisted as Private in Company G of the Michigan 21st Infantry. He died on November 20, 1862 at Danville, Kentucky at the age of 24 and was buried at the National Cemetery at Lebanon, Kentucky. His parents were Klaas Martens and Martha Eildert Nienhuis Reenders of Grand Haven Township.

Evert [Edwald/Edward] Reenders [@1850- ?]

Evert Reenders arrived in Grand Haven around 1870 and found work as a laborer in the sawmills. In 1874 he started work for the Bakker mill. Evert was born in The Netherlands in September, 1849. By 1880 he was married to Minnie Helder, who was born in Michigan about 1857 and died of consumption on August 6, 1888. Their son, John, was born in Grand Haven on January 12, 1878.

Klaas Martens Reenders [1800-1874]

Klaas Reenders purchased 160 acres in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township on June 1, 1860. He was classified as a farmer and gardener. Klaas married Martha [Matra] Eilderts Nienhuis, in Gronigen, The Netherlands, on June 2, 1835. She was born in Gronigen on January 13, 1809. Their surviving children, all born in Gronigen, were Martin, born in 1836; Eildert, born in 1839; Reindert, who lived from 1841 to 1921; Alle "Albert," born on May 29, 1843; Evert, who was born about 1847 and died on November 28, 1872; Jacob, born about 1848; and Mary, born about 1852. Klaas was born in The Netherlands in 1800 and died in 1874.

Klaus [Claus] Reenders [1877-1962]

In Grand Haven on April 5, 1900 Klaus Reenders married Minnie, the daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Balgooyen Van Doorne. The Reenders had a 20-acre farm at the northeast corner of Comstock and 168th Avenue [Section 34, North Grand Haven Township], not far from the future Grand Haven airport. Clarence Reenders was one of their children. Klaus, the son of Alle and Grietje Nederveld Reenders, lived from August 21, 1877 to February 28, 1962. Minnie was born on May 7, 1877 and died on September 25, 1938 in Grand Haven. She and Klaus were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Martin Reenders [@1838- ?]

Martin Reenders, a carpenter, was born in The Netherlands about 1838. His parents were Klaas and Martha Eilderts Nienhuis Reenders, who immigrated from The Netherlands to Grand Haven Township. Martin's wife, Emma Stokes, was born in London, England in July, 1847. She was the daughter of Frederick and Harriet Stokes of Grand Haven. Martin and Emma lived on Third Street in Grand Haven and had two surviving children, John, born about 1868, and

Alice, born in October, 1872, and at least four who died before the age of eight. Alice married Charles Van Norman of Grand Haven. In 1891 Emma married Orson Vander Hoef of Grand Haven.

Martin F. Reenders [Rynders] [1842-1914]

Martin Reenders, who was born in The Netherlands, lived from October, 1842 [1841] to 1914. In Grand Haven in 1880, he worked as a teamster, but by the early 1900s he was employed at Eagle Ottawa. His first wife, Anje [Anna/Annie/Anja] was born in The Netherlands in 1834 and died in Grand Haven on April 5, 1884. They and their children emigrated from The Netherlands in the mid- to late-1860s. Martin and Anje had at least five children: Elizabeth, born about 1860; John [Jan] L., born in 1862; Alice [Altje], born about 1864; and Alida, who born on November 28, 1870 and died three years later, on November 16. Not long after Anje's death, Martin married Remke [Rena], who was born in The Netherlands in March, 1856. By the early 1900s Martin and Remke were residing at 527 Fulton. Living with them were their two daughters, both born locally: Alida, born on November 27, 1885, and Alice, born in July, 1888. Remka was born in 1856 and died in 1917. Both she and Martin were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Reender Reenders [1839-1920]

In the 1893 *Compendium* Reender Reenders was listed as a sewing machine agent in Spring Lake. He also owned and operated an ice cream store at 110 West Savidge Street. In 1871 he married Martje, daughter of Cornelius and Jantje Visser Brongersma. The Reenders were the parents of Klaas, who was born in Spring Lake on September [November] 10, 1874; Jennie, who was born in March, 1877 and married Jacob Braak, founder of Braak's Bakery; and Cornelius "Neil," born in September, 1879. Reender was born in The Netherlands in December, 1839, came to the United States in 1859, and died in 1920, while Martje, a native of Michigan, lived from July, 1855 to 1915. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Nathaniel Reese I [1835- ?]

Nathaniel Reese, a ship's carpenter, built at least two ships in the Grand Haven area: *Spray*, a 40-ton scow built in 1870, and *Augustus*, an 80-ton scow, built at Spoonville in 1883. Nathaniel was owner as well as builder of both vessels. He was born in Wales in November, 1835. His wife, Sarah, was born in Canada around 1843. Their children were Augustus, born in Ohio about 1856; Henry, born about 1858; Mary A., born about 1859; and Nathaniel II, who was born on July 7, 1866 and died in Crockery Township on November 14, 1889. The three younger children were born in Michigan. In Grand Haven, the family resided on Fourth Street. Sarah died after 1880. On August 26,

1893 in Grand Haven, Nathaniel married Clara Blom Johnson in Ottawa County. She was born in Michigan in May, 1868. Nat and Clara were residents of Crockery Township by 1900.

William H. Regelin [1820- ?]

In 1860 William Regelin was Proprietor of the Ottawa House located at 1 Washington Street in Grand Haven. The hotel burned down on November 13 that year. William was born in New Jersey about 1820. His wife, Esther, was born in New York around 1822, and their son Charles was born in the same state about 1849.

Charles H. Reghel [1864-1935]

Charles Reghel was born in Corunna, Michigan on August 18, 1864. On September 22, 1892, shortly after arriving in Grand Haven, Charles married Bertha, the daughter of John and Sarah vanden Berg Luikens of Grand Haven. Bertha was born on December 1, 1871 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1890. Charles was employed by the Cutler House for three years, before moving to Grand Rapids, where he remained for the next eight years and became known as "Reddy the Oyster King." About 1902 he returned to Grand Haven and purchased the building at the southeast corner of First and Washington Streets [204 Washington], where he operated a saloon. He and his wife also resided there. Charles bought the River View Hotel at 10 Franklin, which he subsequently sold to Herbert Hillman. In 1932 Charles and his widowed sister-in-law, Lucy Callister, bought the KarmelKorn store at 110 Washington. Charles died on January 14, 1935 while working at his KarmelKorn business. The Reghels had two sons: Frank, who was born on July 3, 1893, and Lewis, who was born on January 14, 1905. Bertha passed away on November 4, 1941 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. [Tribune obituary, November 5, 1941.]

Frank Bernard "Bernie" Reghel [1893-1964]

On September 6, 1917 Bernie Reghel married Florence Perl Knapp in Grayling, Michigan. A veteran of WWI, he went to work for the James W. Oakes Insurance Company in 1919, and in 1927 began his own insurance and real estate business, F. B. Reghel & Co., in Grand Haven, with an office located first on Seventh Street, then at 210½ Washington Street, and later at 222½ Washington. Ruby McCracken worked with him in the business for 34 years. In 1926 Bernie and Florence purchased and managed the new 14-unit Oval Inn, located on Harbor Drive [1030 Harbor], across the street from the State Park in Grand Haven. The Inn had been owned by William Blakeslee, a building contractor from Spring Lake. Later they added the "Grand Haven Apartments" next door and the "Miami Apartments" across the street [then 27 Prospect, now 20 Prospect], for

a total of 40 rooms and four apartments. They piped in music by telephone from Grand Rapids and served food from 9:00 a.m. to midnight. They resided in one of the Miami Apartments. The Reghels sold their interest in the property in 1955, and in 1961 Frank sold his insurance business to R. K. Mitchell of Muskegon. Frank was a Mason, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and President of the Area Resort Committee. In 1933 he was Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge. The son of Charles and Bertha Luikens Reghel, Frank was born in Grand Haven on July 3, 1893 and died on March 5, 1964. Florence lived from June 30, 1893 to June, 1983. [*Tribune* obituary, March 5, 1964.]

Lewis W. Reghel [1905-1960]

The son of Charles and Bertha Luikens Reghel, Lewis was born on January 14, 1905. He became Proprietor of the Franklin Hotel, located on the southwest corner of Franklin and First Streets in Grand Haven. On May 29, 1932 in Crown Point, Indiana, Lewis married Martha, the daughter of Emil and Johanna Meschke. Martha was born in Grand Haven on March 15, 1905. She served on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army in Grand Haven and was a member of the Hofma Trust at its inception in 1938. She also was employed as an interior decorator at Daugherty Furniture in downtown Grand Haven. The couple later resided at 514 Grand. Martha died in Grand Haven on December 26, 1988 [1987], 28 years after her husband, who passed away in Cleveland, Ohio on June 20, 1960. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Elizabeth “Libby” Field Reichardt [1920-2004]

In 1943 Elizabeth “Libby” Field married John “Jack” Reichardt of Grand Haven. Jack was the son of John and Erma Joyce Lynn Reichardt of Grand Haven. Libby was born in Dallas, Texas on February 6, 1920, the daughter of Earle J. and Augusta Field Watterworth. She and Jack moved to the Tri-Cities at the end of WWII. From 1926 until the late 1950s Jack Reichardt and Libby operated The Abigail, a woman’s dress shop and “Beauty Studio” at 218 Washington. Later they opened Ad Lib at 222 Washington. Libby was a member of St. John’s Episcopal Church, Kandu Industries Board of Directors, and the Muskegon Museum of Arts. She and Jack had two children: Tempe Lynn, who married Reiner Van Heusden of Spring Lake; John Field, also of Spring Lake; and Shelton Sumner of Silverthorne, Colorado. Libby died in Spring Lake on June 9, 2004. [*Tribune* obituary, June 11, 2004.]

John Henry Reichardt [1884-1961]

Born in Troy Grove, Illinois on January 9, 1884, John Reichardt graduated from Northern State Normal College [Northern Illinois University] in DeKalb. After teaching four years he worked for Butler Bros. and A. C.

McClurg & Co. in Chicago, selling stationery, office supplies, and gifts. A newspaper ad offering Charles Boyden’s Book Store in Grand Haven caught John’s eye. Around 1909 he borrowed \$1,200 from his mother and, using \$113 of his own money, he bought Charles Boyden’s bookstore business at 222 Washington. In 1914 he purchased the building. On July 19, 1913 he married Erma Joyce, the daughter of Elbert and Delia Lynn of Grand Haven. Erma was born locally in March, 1892. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in the Canadian Rockies. From about 1920 to the early 1930s the family resided at 523 Slayton in Grand Haven. In 1931 John and Erma purchased and occupied a home at 308 North Buchanan in Spring Lake. Their children were Margaret Lynn, born about 1915, and John “Jack” Lynn, who was born on April 13, 1917 and joined his father in the business. Erma, who graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1911, passed away in 1955. Two years later, on April 22, 1957, John married Mildred Henry Merrill of New York City.

In 1917 John and Carl Daniels established Daniel’s Office Supply Store in Muskegon. John sold his interest in that business and opened The Abigail, an exclusive woman’s dress shop named for Abigail Bos, Fashion Editor of the *Grand Haven Tribune*. Reichardt also established a wholesale magazine sales business, later known as Hostetter’s, and was a partner in the Pippel-Patterson Printery Company. His first buying trip abroad in 1928 made the two Reichardt stores an unusual gift shop and clothing store and their prestige grew throughout the state. He purchased the Style Shop from John Grubinger, which allowed him to broaden the price range of women’s fashions. Eleven years later he opened a Men’s Store and made an office supply company below the Gift Shop, which became known as Reichardt Enterprises. John also was an organizer and Director of the Chamber of Commerce and Director of Security First Bank & Trust [Old Kent/Fifth Third] for 33 years. He was a member of the Spring Lake Country Club, Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven; Spring Lake Yacht Club, Peninsular Club in Grand Rapids, Grand F. & A.M. Lodge, and the Elks. He died about June 2, 1961 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 2, 1961.]

John L. “Jack” Reichardt [1917-2008]

Jack, the son of John H. and Emma Joyce Lynn Reichardt, was born in Grand Haven on April 13, 1917. He attended Dartmouth College and enlisted in the Navy at the beginning of WWII. While stationed in Dallas, Texas, he married Elizabeth “Libby” Field Watterworth in 1942. Libby was born in Dallas on February 6, 1920, the daughter of Earle J. and Augusta Field Watterworth. After the war, Jack continued in the business started by his father. Libby worked with him. From 1945 until his

retirement in 1974 Jack ran several businesses: The Gift Shop, The Abigail, Reichardt Office Supply, Savile Row, The Style Shop, The Men's Shop, and Topside, a gift shop in Whitehall. In 1962 he introduced tartan plaid slacks for men, a fashion trend that spread across the country. Jack and Libby had two sons, Field of Spring Lake, and Shelton S. of Colorado. They also had a daughter, Tempe, of California. Jack and Libby resided at 301 Buchanan. Libby died on June 9, 2004 in Spring Lake, and Jack passed away on January 19, 2008. [*Tribune* obituary, January 21, 2008.]

William Rellingston [? - ?]

See Aletta Teeple.

Clayton Rettinhouse [1927-2001]

Born on November 30, 1927 in Ada, Michigan to Clarence and Mary Corl Rettinhouse, Clayton was a rural mail carrier for the Spring Lake Post Office from 1967 to 1989, when he retired. Prior to that he had been employed by Gardner-Denver and Construction Aggregates. He married Connie J. Hull on May 18, 1951 in Angola, Indiana. Clayton served with the Army during the Korean War. He was a member of the local American Legion, V.F.W., Eagles, Am-Vets, and the North Ottawa Rod and Gun Club. His children were Kay of Grand Haven and Tony of Spring Lake. The Rettinhouses resided at 15419 148th Avenue in Spring Lake Township. Clayton died on January 28, 2001. [*Tribune* obituary, January 30, 2001.]

Henry W. Retzlaff [Retzloff] [1887-1951]

Henry Retzlaff was born in Ottawa County on July 26, 1887 and his wife, Mabel, in Illinois about 1897. They resided on an 80-acre farm in Section 14 of Grand Haven Township. Their children were Russell, born in Indiana about 1920, and Howard, born in Michigan on November 9, 1923. Henry's father, Frederick Retzlaff, was residing with the family in 1930. Frederick was born in Germany about 1846. Henry's mother, Amelia, lived from 1849 to 1924 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Henry passed away around June 29, 1951 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Howard H. Retzlaff [1923-1991]

Howard, the son of Henry and Mabel Retzlaff, was born November 9, 1923 and married Helen A. Yettaw in Denver, Colorado on November 25, 1944. Returning to Grand Haven, the newly-weds lived at 12320 152nd Avenue in Olive Township. Helen, the daughter of Almond and Lena Alexander Yettaw, was born in Charlevoix on January 31, 1925. The Retzlaffs had seven children: Beverly, who married Jerry Warner of Spring Lake; Arlene, who married Bernie Bennett of Holland; Charyn, who married Roger Conant of

Phoenix, Arizona; Jerry, who lived in Katy, Texas with his wife, Nancy; Roger of Grand Haven; and Gary, who remained in Grand Haven with his wife. Another son, Scott, died earlier. Howard died on December 7, 1991, and Helen passed away on June 12, 2001 in Grand Haven. They were buried at Pine Ridge Cemetery in Grand Haven Township. [*Tribune* obituary, June 13, 2001.]

Kennith [Kenneth] Clark Retzlaff I [1908-2001]

Kennith, born on February 10, 1908, was the son of Orry and Minnie Emma Beier Retzlaff of Finley, Washington. On June 29, 1932 in Muskegon he married Virginia E. Coles. She was born on March 26, 1911 and, died on October 9, 1993. The Retzlaffs moved to Grand Haven in 1948, where Kennith, an electrical engineer, was co-founder with Maynard Heyboer of Grand Transformers. The Retzlaffs were members of the United Methodist Church. Kennith was a ham radio operator, President of the Ottawa County Chapter of the American Red Cross, member of the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power, and President of the Community Chest [United Way]. The family resided at 950 Franklin Street in Grand Haven in the 1950s and later at 1306 Hillcrest. Kennith died in Grand Haven on July 18, 2001. Kennith C. II, born on March 6, 1933, was their son. Other children were Jerry and Greg of Spring Lake. [*Tribune* obituary, July 20, 2001.]

Kennith Clark Retzlaff II [1933-1996]

Kennith, the son of Kennith and Virginia Coles Retzlaff, was born on March 6, 1933 and died on October 27, 1996. In the late 1950s he lived on the second floor at 106 Savidge.

Rex [? -1927]

On February 23, 1927, the *Grand Haven Tribune* ran this obituary: "Rex, the big black city fire truck horse, is dead and no more will respond when the siren screams. He died this morning and will be buried on city property with all the respect and pomp any horse could wish." See "Hope" for an earlier similar obituary.

Asa Reynolds [1830-1892]

Born in Essex County, New York on January 12, 1830, Asa Reynold and his family lived in several places before settling in Grand Haven in 1865. When he first arrived he was involved in the brick business. His office initially was located in Senator Ferry's office on First Street. Later he moved to the Odd Fellows Block [136 Washington] and then he worked from his home. He was a member of the Grand Haven Fire Department and was Assistant Fire Chief for a time. From May 19, 1877 to October 21, 1881, Asa was Postmaster of Grand Haven. In 1880 he was elected City Marshal, and he was on the Republican ticket for the office of City

Recorder, a position he held in 1889. On March 6, 1862 he married Frances Drusilla Chaffee, who was born June 27, 1836. Her parents were Jonathan Skinner and Mary W. Russell Chaffee. At least two of their four children, all born in Grand Haven, died in infancy. One surviving child, Frederick M. was born in Grand Haven on December 20, 1867, and another, Ernest R., was born on March 10, 1875. Asa passed away on March 14, 1892 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1900 Frances and Ernest were living on Washington Street. Ernest was listed as physician and surgeon. Frances died in 1925 and was buried with her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, March 15, 1892.]

Charles Reynolds [1827-1890]

Charles Reynolds, a lumberman, was born on November 19, 1827 and died in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, on October 23, 1890. He and Eliza Storrs were married about 1852. Eliza was born on November 6, 1827. She and Charles had at least one son, William, born in Grand Haven on February 6, 1869 and married Rose Gutner in Menominee, Michigan on February 2, 1925, and a daughter, Mattie Maria, born in Grand Haven on March 25, 1871. At the Eliza of 15 she started teaching African-Americans in the South. She was active in her church, and from 1873 to 1874 she was one of a group of women who were concerned about the menace of intemperance. They visited various drinking establishments and knelt before the bar, amid the dirt and joking, to pray that God would lead the misguided men away from alcohol. She was the first President in Grand Haven of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, formed in 1877. [However, see Frederick C. Stratton.] She died in Sturgeon Bay on October 22, 1890. [Woman's Christian Temperance Union.]

John Nelson Reynolds [1844-1924]

John Reynolds was born in Porter County, Indiana on August 24, 1844. When he was about eight his parents moved to Ingersoll, Canada. At the age of 20 he studied medicine for one year under Dr. Springer, a prominent homeopathic physician of Ingersoll. He subsequently entered the Cleveland Homeopathic College for six months, and then returned to study under Dr. Springer for another year. John graduated from the Missouri Homeopathic College in St. Louis in 1867. After opening his practice in Baltimore, Michigan, he moved to St. Clair six months later, where he went into partnership with Dr. G. Palmer.

On September 14, 1868, in Wayne County, John married Emma Florence [Frances], oldest daughter of Captain S. C. Keeler, of Detroit. The next year the couple moved to Grand Haven. John was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. His medical office was at 116 Washington, and he and

Frances lived at 408 Franklin with their two daughters, both born in Grand Haven: Anna [Annie] L., born in January, 1873 [1875], and Jessie M., born on November 18, 1877. They also had two sons, Roland, born August 18, 1869, and Arthur J., born in June, 1880. Frances was from New York, where she was born in August, 1849. She was still living at 408 Franklin in 1930. The Reynolds family attended the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, where Frances served for 32 years as an officer of the Ladies Social Society and was one of the first two deaconesses. John died in 1924 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Enoch L. Rhoades [Rhodes] [1832-1902]

Enoch Rhoades was born in Dutchess County, New York, on September 20, 1832 [1842]. When he was two his father, Benjamin Rhodes, moved to Montcalm County, Michigan. While in Newaygo County, on November 2, 1863 Enoch enlisted as Private in Company K, 4th Michigan Cavalry and served until his discharge on August 15, 1865. He reportedly participated in the capture of Jefferson Davis. On February 7, 1870 he married Jennie L. Connor [Conner], who was born in Ionia County, Michigan, on January 16, 1848. Enoch and Jennie had one child, Carrie Mabeth, who was born on March 13, 1872 in Newaygo County, married Hiram J. Fletcher [January 3, 1865-November 4, 1932], and died October 26, 1908. The Rhoades family lived at Ottawa Station in Olive Township, where Enoch was a blacksmith. He died on April 18, 1902 and was buried at Olive Cemetery, where his wife, daughter, and son-in-law also were interred. His wife's name was listed as Susan J. in the 1900 census. She died November 3, 1903 at the age of 55.

Martin Ribbink [1896-1988]

Martin Ribbink was born in Grand Haven on October 1, 1896. He had two sisters and a brother. While in the seventh grade he started work in the tannery, and then learned the machinist's trade at Dake Engine Company. From there he went to Keller, back to Dake, then to Peerless Novelty, and retired from American Brass. Martin died on December 21, 1988 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Eber Rice [1842-1910]

Born in Pelham, Ontario on April 6, 1842, Eber Rice came West when he was 14 years, learned the printing trade and settled in Crockery Township. On September 3, 1862 he enlisted as Private in Company G of the 21st Michigan Infantry. He was a member of the Color Guard in March, 1865 and was mustered out as Chaplain the following June. After the war, Eber worked at the *Grand Haven Herald* until 1872, when he moved to Grand Rapids and purchased the M. A. True Printing Company, later named the West Michigan Printing

Company, which specialized in book binding. Eber died in 1910 and was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Grand Rapids Township. He and Margaret L. were married in 1878. She was born in Michigan in 1845 and buried in the same plot, but her date of death was not recorded. Margaret applied for a widow's pension on February 13, 1911. Their children, were Charles, born in Grand Haven in 1869; Birdie Y., born in New York about 1870; and William E., born in Grand Haven, about 1871.

James Alexander Rice [1824-1878]

James was born in Riceburg, Canada on October 12, 1824, the son of Martin and Lucy Wheeler Rice. Martin was born on March 8, 1781 and died in June, 1852, while Lucy was born around 1782. Martin and Lucy were married in Massachusetts on January 10, 1804. In 1859 James opened the Rice House, a hotel on the northeast corner of Washington and Harbor Streets [Lot 22]. In later pages of his history, Leo Lillie wrote that the hotel opened in 1862, but it clearly was in business by the time of the July 31, 1860 census, when James was listed as Proprietor. In 1862 James became Trustee of the new Grand Haven Union High School, and in 1867 he was Alderman for the First Ward on Grand Haven's first City Council. James died on January 2, 1878 in Kalamazoo.

James's wife, Margaret, the daughter of Michael and Hannah Mitchell Vincent of Grand Haven, was born in Vermont on August 10, 1828 and died in Kalamazoo on May 28, 1889. Two of her sisters married James Rice's brothers: Permillia to Martin and Maria to Charles; both of these families remained in Quebec. Margaret and James were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. One of their daughters, Mary K., was born on June 6, 1850 and married Frederick Mansfield of Grand Haven. Another was Lucy Vincent, who was born in Michigan in early 1860 and married Edward Reynolds. A third daughter, Martha Jane "Mattie," was born on September 2, 1862 and married Otis Dickinson. Mattie and Mary were the first managers of Highland Park Hotel, which opened on July 4, 1890.

Martha Jane "Mattie" Rice [1858-1940]

Martha Jane Rice was born in Lovell, Maine on January 22, 1858. Her obituary stated that she "married young," but her husband's name was not revealed. Martha had at least one child, Florence "Kitty" Rice, who was born in Swanton, Vermont on October 14, 1876 and died in Grand Haven on November 20, 1896. Martha worked for the Singer Sewing Machine Company in Milwaukee for 15 years and later opened and managed the Juneau Café in that city. By 1920 Martha was residing at 226 Franklin Street, where she remained the rest of her life. She, along with John Worsfold, appeared in several Coast Guard Festival Parades as Grand Haven's oldest

citizens. She died in Grand Haven on May 8, 1940 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 20, 1896 and article, "Death Claims Mrs Martha Rice Today," May 8, 1940.]

Martha Jane "Mattie" Rice [1862-1940]

Mattie Rice taught in Grand Haven schools and later in Duluth, Minnesota. The daughter of James and Margaret Vincent Rice, she was born September 2, 1862. As a child, she went to Wisconsin with her parents, two sisters, and six brothers. One of the sisters was Mary K. Rice, who married Frederick Mansfield of Grand Haven. A niece, Martha J. Mansfield, married Richard Cook of Grand Haven. Mattie and her sister Mary were the first managers of Highland Park Hotel, which opened on July 4, 1890. On September 19, 1895 Mattie married Otis Bowman Dickinson [Dickenson] in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. Following the wedding, the Dickinsons moved to Kansas City, Missouri. Otis had once worked for Huttly & Dickinson drug store in Grand Haven. He was born in Michigan on August 18, 1855 and died on November 21, 1937 in Kansas City. She passed away in Kansas City on August 16, 1940. They were buried at Mt. Washington Cemetery in Independence, Missouri. The Dickinsons had one child, John A., who was born in 1901. [*Tribune*, September 17, 1895.]

Gabriel Richards [1764-1832]

Born in France on October 15, 1764, Gabriel Richards sailed to Baltimore in 1792 and went on to Michigan, where he arrived in Detroit in June, 1798. He was one of the first missionaries to work with the Grand River Indians, starting around 1799. He published the first newspaper in Michigan, called *Michigan Essay and Impartial Observer*, on August 31, 1809. During 1816, Rev. John Monteith and Father Richards were appointed to look into the idea of forming a "University of Michigan." Seven years later he was elected to represent the Michigan Territory in Congress. Father Richards died on September 13, 1832.

John Richards [@1838-1916]

John Richards was born in The Netherlands about 1838. He was listed in 1860 as a servant in Clark Albee's home and in 1880 as a lumberman. Richard's wife Kate was born in The Netherlands about 1841. John and Kate Richards were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, he in 1916, she in 1918.

John S. Richards [@1821-1897]

Although never a resident of Grand Haven, Captain John Richards was well known by local mariners as captain of the steamship *Milwaukee* in the early 1860s. He is reputed to have made his first voyage into Grand Haven harbor in 1850. Among his local acquaintances were

Captain Heber Squier, Captain McBride, and Captain John Stark, who was Chief Engineer on the *Milwaukee*. Captain Richards was born in Pennsylvania about 1821, resided in Erie, Pennsylvania, and died in Chicago on April 24, 1897. [*Tribune* obituary, April 28, 1897.]

Benjamin Franklin Richardson [1832-1906]

A native of Maine, where he was born in August, 1832, Benjamin Richardson worked in the lumber industry in Traverse City and relocated to Spring Lake in the 1860s. From 1873 to 1879 and again beginning in June, 1881 he was employed at the Batchellor & Thomas Mill in Ferrysburg as saw filer. The 1882 history of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties claimed that Benjamin was “the oldest saw filer in the State of Michigan” and that he settled in Spring Lake in 1838. He was still listed as saw filer in the 1893 *Compendium*. His wife, Eveline, was born in July, 1840 in New York. Their daughter, Harriet “Hattie,” was born in November, 1859 and married William Buckley of Spring Lake. Harriet, a teacher, began her career in a rural Spring Lake school when she was 14. The Richardsons had six other children, all born in Michigan, including Martha, who was born in March, 1872 and married a Mr. Thomas. Martha’s husband died before 1900, leaving her with a son, Donald R. Thomas, born in December, 1894. Benjamin died about March 14, 1906.

James Richardson [1831-1902]

Born in Ohio in June, 1831, James Richardson and his wife, Ruth, settled in Robinson Township. Ruth was a native of Indiana, where she was born in November, 1829. James’s Civil War monument at Robinson Township Cemetery cited his service with Company A of the 44th Indiana Infantry, but the veteran’s record of 1890 for Ottawa County noted that he served with company E of the 9th Indiana Infantry and later in the 134th Indiana Infantry. A daughter, Lucinda Wheat, was born in Indiana in May, 1858. In the census for 1900 James, Ruth, Lucinda, and three of the Richardson’s grandchildren were living on an 80-acre farm in Robinson Township. Lucinda’s husband was not included in the household. James died on May 18, 1902.

Ephraim Stiles Richmond [1820-1896]

Ephraim Richmond was born in Deerfield, Pennsylvania on December 2, 1820. He married Susannah [Susan] Readfield, of Leroy, New York, on October 19, 1843. She lived from September 30, 1824 to 1916. The couple moved to De Kalb County, Illinois in 1860 and six years later came to Nunica to enter the hotel business. Ephraim died on July 16, 1896. Husband and wife were buried at Nunica Cemetery. Their children, all born in New York, were Mervin, born about 1847; Emery, born about 1851; and Viola, born about 1855..

Karl “Charles” Richter I [1835 -1904]

Grand Haven resident Charles Richter, a tanner by trade, started the Richter Tannery in 1889. It was located at the east end of Fulton Street near the Grand Haven Leather Company [Eagle Ottawa]. In 1898 he sold to Grand Haven Leather. Charles was born about 1835 in Germany and died on July 21, 1904. His widow, Fredericka [Freeka] Haase Richter, lived at 901 Fulton. She also was a native of Germany, where she was born about 1838. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Fredrike, born about 1867; Anna, born in 1869; Karl “Charles” II, born on April 18, 1871; Mary, born about 1872; and William, born about 1877.

Karl “Charles” A. Richter II [1871-1932]

Charles Richter was Captain of the Corps of Engineers’ dredge *General Meade*. His nephew, Les Brinkert, served as a deckhand under him. Charles, the son of Charles and Fredericka Haas Richter I, was born in Grand Haven on April 18, 1871. He and his wife, Martha, lived at 214 North Second Street. Martha, the daughter of Johannes and Caroline Hartman Behm of Grand Haven Township, was born in Michigan in April, 1877. Their children, all born locally, were Martha, born in June, 1898; Arthur C., born on May 6, 1900; Vera A., born about 1903; Harold C., born about 1905; Anna C., born about 1908; and Carl, born about November, 1909. Arthur died on November 11, 1918 and was interred at Lake Forest. The family resided at 626 Clinton. Charles died on June 25, 1932 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his son.

Sylvester Sylvanus Rideout [1845-1922]

On December 9, 1861 in Castle Hill, Maine, Sylvester Rideout joined Company C of the 15th Maine Infantry as Private. He was mustered out on January 19, 1865 and came to Grand Haven in 1868. He moved two years later to Spring Lake. Sylvester purchased the Sinclair House from a Mr Dickson in March, 1879 and renamed it the Rideout. With accommodations for about 30 guests, the hotel was located on the northeast corner of Division and Exchange Streets in Spring Lake [Lot 4, Block 14, Bryant’s Addition]. Sylvester was Village Postmaster from July 27, 1889 until May 23, 1893. From 1887 to 1892 he was in the drugstore business with Peter De Witt. On November 24, 1870 in Grand Haven, Sylvester married Charlotte L. Johnson, who was born in New York in September, 1846. Sylvester was born in New Brunswick, Canada on December 23, 1845, died on February 27, 1922, and was buried at Rosedale Cemetery in Los Angeles, California. His parents were Jacob and Mary N. Kearney Rideout.

Frank J. Riemer [Reimer] [1892-1946] and Helena Kluempel [Klempel] Riemer [1891-1971]

Frank Riemer was born in Austria in 1892. On April 23, 1918 he married Elsa Hentschel in Grand Rapids. In 1921 he opened a jewelry store at 28 Washington, and moved to 128 Washington about six years later when the Grand Theater was built on his original site. In the 1930 census Frank was residing with August Kluempel and August's daughter, Helena Kluempel. Helena was born in Grand Haven Township on March 20, 1891, and reportedly married Frank on October 1, 1920. However, in the 1930 census she was listed as a single woman using her maiden name, and Frank was listed as a widower. By the mid-1930s Frank and Helena were listed as husband and wife. They resided at 215 Columbus Street. Helena ran the jewelry store for a short time after Frank passed away in 1946. She was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, where she taught Sunday School. She also belonged to Downtown Unlimited. Helena, who continued to live at 215 Columbus, passed away on September 21, 1971. She and Frank were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 21, 1971.]

Albertus "Bert" [Burt] Riemersma [1875- ?]

Born on April 5, 1875, Bert Riemersma owned a 280-acre farm in Section 26 of Olive Township. He was born locally in April, 1875 and continued to occupy the family property into the 1930s. Bert also raised livestock. He married Minnie Lamers, who was born in Michigan in September, 1880. They had ten children, including Richard, born in Michigan in December, 1898.

Jacob Riemsma [@1846- ?]

The Jacob Riemsma 40-acre farm was located in Section 26 of Olive Township. Jacob, who was born in The Netherlands about 1846, settled in the township in 1874 and was still on the property in 1918. Like others in the area, he also raised livestock. He and Mary [Maria] Bareman [Baarman] were married in 1877 in Ottawa County. She was born around 1858 in Wisconsin. Among their children were Christian, who was born about 1878; Joldert "Joe," who was born May 17, 1880 and died May 21, 1943; Jacob M., who lived from October 2, 1889 to March 20, 1963 and died in Florida; and John, who died on June 3, 1898 at the age of 12. The three sons were buried at Olive Cemetery.

Gerrit Riepma [1916–1997]

Born on January 13, 1916, Gerrit Riepma immigrated to Grand Rapids with his parents in 1927. Twenty-five years later he found work in Muskegon, but lived in Grand Haven at 1351 Waverly. He and his wife, Emilia, had three sons: Martin, John, and Robert. Martin and his wife, Anne, who was the daughter of Ed and Kathleen Dahlstrom of Grand Haven, moved to Florida. The other two sons remained in the Grand Haven area. Emilia, who was born on May 3, 1914, died in May,

1969. At the time Gerrit died, on June 28, 1997, he was living in Grand Rapids. He and Emilia were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Daniel E. Riley [1857- ?]

In the early 1900s Dan Riley operated a livery and boarding stable at 20 North Third Street in Grand Haven. Called the Cutler House Barn, the structure was destroyed in the fire of 1889, but was rebuilt. Daniel and his wife, Emma, lived at 325 Franklin. In the early 1920s Dan and his partner, Ralph Van Toll, purchased from Edward C. Smith the Washington Garage at 11 Washington, Grand Haven. Dan was born in Canada in August, 1857 and came to the United States when he was three. Emma, a Michigan native, was born in February, 1866.

Daniel W. Riley [1879-1929]

Dan was born in 1879 and died around November 25, 1929. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

James F. Riley [1861-1898]

James Riley ran the "omnibus line," a horse-drawn bus, in the 1890s. His primary route was from the ship landings and train depots to Highland Park. On September 17, 1887 in Berlin [Ottawa County], he married Catherine, the daughter of "Captain" Jack Walker of Grand Haven. She was born in Michigan in May, 1861. They had two children: Joseph, born in July, 1888, and a daughter, born in August, 1893. The Riley residence was at 313 South Second Street in Grand Haven. James, who was born on February 28, 1861, died on December 2, 1898 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

William Ewing Riley [1929-1999]

William Ewing, the son of William H. and Frances Ewing Riley, was born in Grand Rapids on January 17, 1929. He moved to the Tri-Cities area in 1960, where he joined the Presbyterian Church of Spring Lake, sang in the choir, and was hired as its custodian. He and his wife, Nancy, had two children: Cynthia Nanette, who drowned in Lake Michigan in Grand Haven on June 27, 1961 at the age of 12, and William Harm, who was born in Grand Haven on November 17, 1961. Other sons were Peter and Michael.

Adrian Henry Ringelberg [1890-1969]

Adrian, born in Grand Haven on June 1, 1890, was the son of Henry and Gertrude Fondse Ringelberg. At age 16 he began working at the Challenge Refrigerator Company, eventually becoming purchasing agent. When that business was discontinued in 1929 he and others started Challenge Stamping & Porcelain Company to manufacture porcelain products and refrigerated display cases. In 1940 Adrian worked with Andrew Johnson in

bringing the Puffer Hubbard Company to Grand Haven., and began the production of beverage coolers and meat counters.

On May 8, 1917 Adrian married Dora Smith in Grand Haven, where she was born in Grand Haven on September 10, 1893. They had four children, all born in Michigan: Ruth D., born in 1918; Harold A. "Buss," born on December 9, 1919; Mildred L., who was born in 1928 and married a Mr Pierce; and Glenn S., born in 1929. Around 1930 the family resided at 422 North Sixth Street and later at 215 Grand. Adrian died in April, 1969 and Dora passed away in September, 1977. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Harold A. "Buss" Ringelberg [1919-2004] and Eleanor Shaw Ringelberg [1919-2002]

After WWII Harold Ringelberg was named Vice President and elected to the Board of Challenge Porcelain, and in 1955 he was elected President of the firm. The Puffer Hubbard Company was a division of Challenge. Buss was born on December 9, 1919. In 1941 he married Eleanor, the daughter of Robert L. and Annie Smith Shaw. Eleanor was born in Detroit on August 24, 1919. After graduating from Michigan State College [MSU] in 1941, she taught school in Dearborn, where her parents had moved. Following the war, the couple made their home in Grand Haven. Eleanor was active with the First Christian Reformed Church in Grand Haven. In 2000 she was awarded a silver medal by the Eli Lilly Company for being an insulin-dependent survivor for more than 50 years. They resided at 16095 Harborview Drive in Ferrysburg and active members of the First Christian Reformed Church. Buss was on the boards of Grand Haven Christian School and Western Michigan Christian High School. He also served as a board member and chairman of North Ottawa Community Hospital during the expansion of 1967 to 1971. He was a director of Pacesetter Bank [Fifth Third], President of the Committee for Economic Development, President of Grand Haven Chamber of Commerce, President of the Porcelain Enamel Institute, and was named Young Man of the Year in 1955. In addition, Buss was a director of the Michigan Colleges Foundation. Their two children were Carole Dvorak and Thomas Ringelberg. Eleanor passed away on March 25, 2002 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Buss passed away on January 18, 2004 while wintering in Arizona and was buried with his wife at Lake Forest. [Tribune obituaries, March 26, 2002 and January 20, 2004.]

Hendrik "Henry" Ringelberg [1839-1909]

Hendrik Ringelberg was born in Kerkwerpe, The Netherlands, on December 23, 1839. He married Gertrude Fondse in their native country before coming to

Grand Haven. Hendrik was a truck gardener, who grew and sold the produce he raised. He died on April 17, 1909 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Gertrude lived from May 28, 1850 to November 19, 1918 and was buried with her husband. Their eleven children, most born locally, included John, who lived from 1867 to 1964; Annie, who lived from 1876 to 1949; Nellie, who lived from 1877 to 1837; Nickolas, who lived from 1878 to 1957; Josie, who lived from 1881 to 1973; Minnie, who lived from 1882 to 1916; Mattie, who lived from July, 1883 to 1941; Henry, born in November, 1884; Lena, who lived from June, 1887 to 1975; Adrian, born on June 1, 1890; and Martin Henry, who lived from July 1, 1894 to 1986. The family resided at 611 Columbus.

Henry Ringelberg [1884-1955]

Born in Grand Haven on November 24, 1884, Henry was the son of Henry and Gertrude Fondse Ringelberg. He owned a meat market at 708 Washington Street and in the early 1900s lived with his parents at 611 Columbus. On April 4, 1911 he married Anna [Hanna] Koster in Grand Haven. She was born in August, 1887, the daughter of John and Gertrude Ekster Koster of Spring Lake. The Ringelbergs had five children and resided at 630 Columbus, where by 1930 Henry had opened a real estate office. Among the children was Harriett A., who was born in Grand Haven on September 2, 1917, became a teacher in the Grand Haven schools, and passed away in Grand Haven on June 6, 2006. Anna died around January 20, 1943. Henry died about June 15, 1955 [1955]. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Tribune obituary, July 1, 2006.]

Gerard Abraham Ringold [1888-1985]

Born in Grand Rapids on November 12, 1888 [1889], Gerard, was the son of Cornelius and Sarah Soutjesdyk Ringold. Cornelius was born in The Netherlands about 1859, and Sarah, a native of Michigan, was born about a year later. Cornelius and Sarah moved to Spring Lake and resided on West Savidge near Jackson. Gerard attended schools in Grand Rapids. He was employed for 15 years by Berton A. Spring, who was a funeral director and became a licensed embalmer. In 1919, Gerard and his father purchased from John Pruim a hardware and undertaking business located at 114 West Savidge Street in Spring Lake and in 1930 erected a building at that address that still bears the Ringold name. His father, Cornelius, worked for him at the hardware store. Gerard owned ambulances and funeral cars and answered ambulance calls. On June 26, 1912 in Montcalm County Michigan, he married Emma Hazel Rindfleisch. She was born in Michigan about 1888 and died in Spring Lake about March 25, 1952. Their son, Howard C., was born locally in 1923 and died in Shanghai, China, on December 26, 1946. Gerard then married Dora, the daughter of Lily Van Anrooy. The Ringolds resided at

231 East Savidge. Gerard passed away on June 15 1985. Howard, Emma, and Gerard were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Klass Cornelius Rink [1888-1976]

Born on February 26, 1888, Cornelius Rink married Ida Van Dongen, who was born in Grand Haven about 1883. She was the daughter of Johannes "John" and Ida Van Dongen of Grand Haven. Cornelius, a commercial fisherman, died on June 28, 1976 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ida passed away around October 28, 1950 and also was buried at Lake Forest. The Rinks resided at 425 North Seventh Street.

Lois Brown Risher [1928-2002]

The daughter of John and Agnes Miles Brown, Lois was born in Grand Haven on July 25, 1928. She married Gerald E. Risher on August 22, 1947 in Ferrysburg. Lois worked as secretary for Construction Aggregates in Ferrysburg, and also as an accountant for Taylor and Associates in Grand Haven. She and Gerald owned the Idle Hour Lanes and Dairy Delite at 213 West Savidge in Spring Lake. They also were partners in the Century Bowling Lanes in Holland. The Rishers resided at 318 Maple in Ferrysburg. Lois graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1945 and was a member of the American Legion Post 28 Auxiliary. The Rishers' children were Beverly Taylor, Belinda Wright, Bruce Risher, and Brad Risher. Gerald lived from June 29, 1926 to January 27, 1990. Lois passed away on August 31, 2002 at her home and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 3, 2002.]

Hunter Savidge Robbins I [1892-1969]

Born in Grand Haven on June 23, 1892, Hunter was the son of Nathaniel and Esther Savidge Robbins V and a graduate of Grand Haven High School. He graduated in 1917 from the University of Michigan and served as 1st Lieutenant with the Signal Corps at Selfridge Field in Mt. Clemens, Michigan during WWI. On July 29, 1918 he and Major Boots made the three and a half hour trip from Selfridge Field and landed a large Army airplane at Spring Lake Country Club to the delight—and awe—of hundreds of spectators, who were not accustomed to such a sight. The two men took off without incident the next morning.

Hunter was married in 1919 in Las Vegas. He and his wife Margaret R. Fuller, had three sons and a daughter: Hunter Savidge II, born on April 27, 1920; Dr. Jack Kinkelin of Pasadena, California, who was born May 28, 1921 and married Margaret Miller on November 11, 1944; William Savidge of Spring Lake, who was born October 19, 1923 and married Millie Randall on May 6, 1948; and Virginia Marie, who was born February 9, 1929, married Fred Boyd Hansen, whom she divorced in

1959, and then married Kenneth Robinson, also of Oakland, on April 2, 1960. In the winter the family lived in Pasadena, California and in the summer they resided at 221 North Cutler [400 West Liberty] in a home built by Hunter's parents and presented to him and his first wife as a wedding gift. Margaret was born about 1898 in Michigan. In 1947 Hunter married Clara Belle Sullivan. Hunter died in September, 1969.

Hunter Savidge Robbins II [1920-1994]

Hunter Robbins was born April 27, 1920 in Grand Haven, the son of Hunter Savidge and Margaret R. Fuller Robbins I. Not long after his birth, the Robbins family returned to California. He enrolled at the University of California in Berkeley in 1938 and was graduated early because of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. As a member of the Naval Reserve Office Training Corps, Hunter was commissioned Ensign and saw service in the South Pacific. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for helping save the badly-damaged destroyer *Anderson*. Next Lieutenant Robbins was assigned as Communications Officer aboard the destroyer *Hugh W. Hadley* [DD774]. The *Hadley* was credited with shooting down more enemy planes than any other ship in the Navy during a single engagement. For his valiant effort, Hunter was given his second Bronze Star.

Not long after the war's end, Hunter married Barbara Woglum on February 10, 1946 and started working for the *Berkeley Gazette*. Three years later he obtained a realtor's license and in 1956 opened his own office, Robbins Realty. Hunter II died on July 14, 1994 in Alameda, California. Barbara was born in California in 1921. She and Hunter II had two daughters, Donna and Laurel.

James E. Robbins [1897-1986]

James E. Robbins owned Robbins Modern Dry Cleaning at 217 West Savidge. In 1961 he sold the business to Henry Plantenga. James was born on April 7, 1897 and died in Spring Lake on April 13, 1986. In 1947 he and his wife, Esther V., bought the house at 326 South Street. After 1961 they moved to 212 North Park Street. In the house on South Street James is said to have invented the coin-operated dry cleaning machine. Esther lived from June 7, 1897 to August 29, 1991.

Nathaniel Robbins IV [1829-1898]

Born on September 5, 1829, Captain Nathaniel Robbins came to Michigan from Cape Cod, Massachusetts [Barnstable County] in 1882. He was the son of Nathaniel and Cynthia Kelley Robbins III. At 19 years of age Nathaniel IV sailed to the West Indies as Master of a full-rigged ship. In 1856 he purchased a Gloucester schooner called the *Thomas Bradley*, the first salt water

schooner in the Great Lakes, and started up the Atlantic coast for the mouth of the St. Lawrence River carrying everything he needed, including a complete flourmill, to start life in Benton Harbor. His ship hit a sandbar outside Benton Harbor and he lost everything he owned. He started life anew in Benton Harbor, and by 1863 he was piloting the passenger steamer *Barber* between St. Joseph and Chicago. [Nathaniel was listed as a grocer in the 1870 census.] During 1870, he was agent for the Goodrich Line in Benton Harbor. When the office was transferred to Grand Haven he moved his family to the area. He succeeded Captain William R. Loutit and served as the second Superintendent of the 11th U.S. Life Saving District from 1882 to 1898.

On April 14, 1848 Nathaniel married Hannah Doane Nickerson. She was born in Harwich, Massachusetts on December 24, 1829. Nathaniel built three steamers and named them for their daughters: *Cynthia*, *Addie*, and *Ora*. Cynthia was born at Cape Cod, Massachusetts in 1850. She married Henry H. Coats in Benton Harbor on October 18, 1871. On February 22, 1877 she married Charles B. Winslow, who had ties to Grand Haven. Addie was born in Michigan about 1861 and Ora, also in Michigan, about 1864. Nathaniel and Hannah also had a son, Nathaniel V, who was born in Benton Harbor on September 29, 1866 and spent most of his life in Grand Haven. The older Robbins owned a fleet of sailing boats that hauled lumber out of Grand Haven to the Benton Harbor sawmills. His office was located on Water Street [Harbor Drive] at the foot of Franklin Street. Nathaniel died on August 3, 1898 at Bailey's Harbor, Wisconsin, while on duty inspecting ports of call. Nathaniel V erected a memorial wharf in Benton Harbor in honor of his father. Nathaniel was the tenth in his family line to bear that name, but tradition has given him number "IV." Cynthia married Charles B. Winslow, who owned the C. B. Winslow Company in Grand Haven that was later purchased by his brother-in-law, Nathaniel Robbins V.

Nathaniel "Nat" Robbins V [1866-1940] and Esther Savidge Robbins [1866-1920]

Born on September 29, 1866 in Benton Harbor, Nathaniel was the son of Captain Nathaniel and Hannah Nickerson Robbins IV and Addie Downey. He was the eleventh member of the seafaring Robbins family of Cape Cod, Massachusetts to bear the name Nathaniel. He sailed with his father before the age of 10 and at age six cooked meals for a crew. When he was 13 he took full-time employment as a clerk in a peanut stand for \$1.50 a week. Before coming to Grand Haven, he successfully drove a delivery rig, worked in a tobacco store and had other jobs in Minneapolis. He came to Grand Haven in June, 1884 to join the firm of H. L. Chamberlain & Company, later renamed C. B. Winslow

& Company, which dealt in cement and coal. The same year he became agent for the Goodrich Steamship line, with an office located at Washington and Harbor Streets and soon purchased the Winslow Company. He also dealt in hair, firebrick, and clay, and handled anthracite, smiting, bituminous, and cannel coal.

Nat was elected Mayor of Grand Haven in 1914. He was a member of the Red Cross and was one of the founders and promoters of the Ottawa County Chapter, which began local operations in 1909. In 1925 he became a director of the Goodrich, Graham, and Morton Steamship Line. He owned three hundred feet of wharfage near the foot of Washington Avenue and leased it to the Goodrich Transportation Company. All railroads entering the city had tracks leading to those wharfs, which were known as "Robbins Docks." He also owned a large warehouse, located on the site of Rix Robinson's fur trading post, which he used for his commercial fishing operation. The warehouse was later used as "The Barn," managed by Mom and Pop Davis and used for roller skating and bowling [215 Harbor]. The warehouse was destroyed by fire in 1946. In 1933, Nat operated the steamer *Grand Rapids* of the Goodrich Line and transported passengers to Chicago and Milwaukee during the World's Fair that year and the next. He also had a 60' commercial steam fishing tug called *Robbins III*, captained by U.S. Cornell. During the early 1930s, Nat was instrumental in landing a contract to ship new automobiles to Milwaukee on steamers, after the cars arrived in Grand Haven by truck. On July 15, 1935, "Robbins Day" was celebrated when the steamer *Missouri* resumed cross-lake passenger service to Chicago. Nat was a member of the Elks; Director of Grand Haven National Bank; Treasurer of the old Board & Trade; Director of the Chamber of Commerce; and a major stockholder in the Vyn Trucking Company, where he became President in 1927. He also had an interest in the Keller Tool Company. He was helpful in establishing the Grand Haven Coal & Dock Company, owned by Louis H. Breitels.

On September 3, 1891, Nat married Esther Savidge, daughter of, Hunter and Sarah Savidge. Born in Spring Lake on May 17, 1866, Esther attended Spring Lake schools and high school in Grand Rapids. She graduated from Vassar College in 1887. In 1899 the couple purchased the Reuben Vander Hoef property at 20 North Fifth, tore down the existing house, and about a year later moved into a large home they had constructed. They had two sons, Hunter I, who was born June 23, 1892, and Nathaniel VI, who was born on February, 1896. A daughter, Dorothy, was born on December 20, 1898 and died on December 4, 1915.

Esther was a charter member of the Grand Haven Woman's Club and was President from 1900 to 1901. In

1916 Esther provided the Village of Spring Lake with funds to pave State Street [Savidge] for the first time, in memory of her brother William, who died in 1916. Esther died June 20, 1920 after surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Minneapolis. The widower was remarried in 1923 to Alice Hood, who was born about 1872 and died in 1936. They had one son. Nat died on June 6, 1940 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Esther and their daughter Dorothy. A street south of Grand Haven was named in his memory and a city playground, now gone, between Madison and Elliott, was named Robbins Field.

Nathaniel Robbins VI [1896-1952]

Born in Grand Haven on February 25, 1896 and educated in local schools, Nathaniel Robbins inherited the fortune left when his father died in 1940. In his third year at the University of Michigan during World War I, he enlisted with the 339th Ambulance Company and was stationed at Brest, France. He also served as an interpreter. On June 20, 1919 he married Helene De Pree of Holland. For a while after his marriage, Robbins was associated with the DePree Chemical Co. of Holland. Later he moved to California and made his home in Beverly Hills. In 1940 his daughter, Joan, was queen of the Coast Guard festival. Nathaniel took his own life in February, 1952, leaving his wife, his daughter, Joan, who was born around 1924 and married William Barkan of San Francisco, a son Nathaniel VII, who was born about 1924 and resided in Minneapolis, and a brother, Hunter Savidge Robbins, of California and Spring Lake.

Sherman Robbins [1922-1994] and Marshall Robbins [1915-1997]

Brothers Sherman and Marshall Robbins purchased a photography business from Charles Rudershausen after WWII and named it Robbins Studio. Located first at 5 North Seventh Street, Sherman moved the business to his home at 15175 Boom Road in Spring Lake after he became the sole owner. Sherman was born on September 1, 1922 and Marshall on May 11, 1915. Their father, Samuel, was from Kentucky where he was born about 1883, and their mother, Elizabeth, also a native of Kentucky, was born about 1887. Samuel and his family, which included five other children, resided at 1308 Washington. Sherman died in Grand Haven on April 17, 1994 and Marshall passed away in Cocoa Beach in May, 1997.

Richard Roberts [1811-1875]

A native of Wales, Richard Roberts was born on November 22, 1811. He arrived in Ottawa County in 1842. Richard married Rebecca, from another Roberts family, when he returned to Wales in the next year. In June, 1843 he returned with his wife and a "hired man."

He and Rebecca became the first permanent settlers in Allendale when they took ownership of 160 acres and built a home with logs donated by Clark Albee and Nathan Throop. Richard's property was in Section 11, but he purchased additional land in several other sections. Joining Richard in Allendale were his brother-in-law Thomas Jones, who arrived in 1844 with John Hanna and Ephraim Pierson, and Robert Scott, who brought his mother and brother, Alexander, and James. Roberts and his wife operated a rustic inn for travelers called the "Half-Way House," since it was midway between Grand Haven and Grandville. Richard built a sawmill, opened a store, ran a blacksmith shop, and constructed a mill to craft spokes for horse-drawn vehicles. Their house also functioned as the post office. He and Rebecca had seven children, four of whom survived. Richard moved his sawmill to Beech Tree Landing near Grand Haven in 1873 and died on July 25 two years later at the age of 63. Rebecca lived from 1813 to March 4, 1903. Both were buried at Allendale Cemetery, on land they had donated.

Duncan Robertson [1838-1913]

Builder and designer of one hundred ships, schooners, steamers, and tugs of the Great Lakes, Duncan Robertson's shipyard was famous for the vessels that were launched in the South Channel, including the *David Macey*, *Charles E. Wyman*, *Willie Loutit*, and the *Hunter Savidge*. Later Duncan was joined in his business by Paul McCoil, Peter Sinclair, and Captain John Budge, all originally from Scotland. Many of the city's best ship builders acquired their knowledge of the craft from Duncan. Among their ships were the 136' *City of Grand Rapids* and the 160' *H. C. Hall*. Duncan was born in Sterling, Scotland, on March 24, 1838. He worked in the shipyards of Clyde, Scotland, before coming to Detroit in 1866 and to Grand Haven the next year. The first ship he built was for Thomas Hefferan of Eastmanville. In later years he also designed the steel boats built at Johnston Brothers in Ferrysburg. He married Elizabeth Bloomfield in the 1870s, and they lived in the Spring Lake area. She was born in 1845 and died in 1876. Duncan was born in Sterling, Scotland on March 24, 1838, passed away on October 9, 1913, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Elizabeth and other family members, including his sister, Mary Raddock, who lived from June, 1835 [1840] to 1915. [Tribune obituary, October 9, 1913.]

George Robertson I [1848-1933]

Born in the Orkney Islands, Scotland in March, 1848 [1849], George Robertson sailed as a seaman to ports in Europe, North Africa, and Northern Russia and completed his apprenticeship for salt-water navigation on British Ships. He settled in the United States in 1866 and came to Grand Haven seven years later to command

vessels such as *Willie Loutit*, *Sidney O'Neff*, *Lou A. Cummings* and *Alice M. Gill*. Two of the ships he captained were built in the shipyards at Grand Haven. He was also instrumental in influencing many young seafaring men from this area. In 1877 he went to Scotland to marry Mary Mainland, who was born in October, 1857, and then returned with his new wife to Grand Haven. They owned a home at 515 Lafayette Street near the Ferry home, where they raised a son, John Mainland. Mainland Robertson, who was born in October, 1895, served at Camp Custer in Battle Creek during WWI. Other children were Lydia, born in May, 1878; Margaret, who was born on May 11, 1883 and died on September 6, 1976 in Grand Haven; and George II, born in September, 1885. Margaret married Thomas Swan, who was a Realtor in Highland Park, Michigan. George I died in 1933.

George Wallace Robertson [1914- 1999]

Born in Wisconsin on May 28, 1914, G. Wallace Robertson served as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven from 1952 to September 1, 1960. His residence was at 515 Park Street. During his term the congregation approved construction of a new sanctuary, which was dedicated in December, 1955. He died in Grand Ledge, Michigan on August 19, 1999.

Lois E. Boyink Robertson [1932-2002]

Lois Robertson retired from the *Grand Haven Tribune* in 1998, after 21 years of employment. She previously had worked at Security First Bank [Fifth Third] and the Trophy House. Lois was born on October 13, 1932 in Grand Haven, the daughter of Albert and Dora Jansen Boyink. Lois won the first Miss Coast Guard Festival contest in 1950. She belonged to Christ Community Church, was a Stephens minister, worked with "Kids Hope," and served on the Ferrysburg Recreation Board. She had a daughter, Linda Cramblet, and two sons, Scott Roberson and Hugh Robertson. Lois died in Holland, Michigan, on December 6, 2002. [*Tribune* obituary, December 9, 2002.]

Samuel Robertson [? - ?]

Samuel Robertson, a Scot, was Captain of the one-masted, 45-ton British vessel *Felicity* that moored briefly in Grand Haven harbor on October 31, 1779. The boat with her crew of eight was patrolling Lake Michigan and entered Muskegon and Grand Haven harbors looking for supplies.

Alfred Robinson I [1823-1888]

Alfred Robinson owned an 80-acre farm in Section 2 and 30 acres in Section 3 of Robinson Township. He built a house in Section 2, that later became known as the Robinson Farm Resort. Born in Cayuga County, New York in 1823, he was the son of John and Eliza

Fowler Robinson who settled in Robinson Township. Alfred died on March 31, 1888. His wife, Julia Ann [Juliane] King, also was a native of New York, where she was born in 1829. She died in 1886. Like her husband, she was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. They had a daughter, Louiza, who was born in Michigan about October, 1849, a son, Alfred II, who was born in Robinson Township in 1854, and a second daughter, Emma, who was born in March, 1858 and married William Foster of Robinson Township. Alfred II married Alice Hosford, also born in 1854.

Benjamin Franklin "Frank" L. Robinson [1842-1901]

Frank, the son of Johyn and Eliza Fowler Robinson, was born in Robinson Township on March 15, 1842. On April 20, 1863 he enlisted as Private in Company M of the 7th Michigan Cavalry. He was admitted to Harper Hospital in Detroit on September 18, 1865 and was mustered out three days later. He subsequently settled on a farm in Section 32 of Robinson Township, where he died on March 5, 1901. He married Adelaide [Ada] "Addie" Griswold. She applied for a widow's Civil War pension on April 15, 1901. Addie was born in Vermont and lived from May, 1847 [1848] to 1930. Their children, all born locally, were Julia, who was born around 1870 and married Charles L. Cutler of Grand Haven; Dora, born about 1878; Irving, who lived from 1879 to 1882; Bertha, born in August, 1880; Ira A., who lived from about 1882 to 1904; Charles, born on July 27, 1882; and Garnsie, born in February, 1891. The Frank Robinson family was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery with other Robinsons.

Edward G. Robinson [1824- ?]

In 1859 Edward Robinson was given the right to run a ferryboat from a spot near his home in Robinson Township across the Grand River to Crockery Township. He also provided timber for the Ferry & Sons Sawmill, at the foot of Columbus Street in Grand Haven. Lillie reported that Robinson killed a sizeable black bear at Battle Point on September 29, 1862. Edward's wife, Marie, was born about 1832 in New York. Edward was born in the same state about 1824.

Hiram Robinson [1833-1905]

Hiram, born in New York in September, 1833, was the son of Rodney Robinson, one of Rix Robinson's brothers. Rodney Robinson settled in Kent County, but Hiram continued west and settled in Robinson Township in 1860, where he farmed and timbered. He married Elizabeth A. Boggs, who was born in Indiana in October, 1838 [1839]. They had six children: Edwin F., who lived from 1857 to 1865; Mary F., who was born in October, 1860 and became a teacher in Robinson; Frank L., who lived from 1862 to 1910 and whose wife's name

was Hattie; Frederick, who married Frances Kalaska; Ida M., who was born in 1838, married Charles Phillips, and died in 1952; and Lucinda "Lulu" L., who lived from 1875 to 1877. Hiram's land holdings in Section 32, on the south side of the Grand River, consisted of approximately 150 acres and included Robinson Bayou. He died on May 24, 1905. [*Tribune* obituaries May 25 and 26, 1905.]

Ira Robinson I [1808-1891]

Ira, born in 1808, was one of two of Rix Robinson's brothers to settle in Robinson Township, where he arrived from New York State in 1835. That year, on July 1, he purchased more than 136 acres in Section 1. Franklin Everett relates that during his first winter there, Ira cut 996 logs with an ax, on a promise that the Grand Haven Company would buy them at 50 cents each. The company did not follow through, and finally, after the logs had lay on the river bank for several years, Ira sold them all for a barrel of pork and two barrels of flour.

On April 7, 1856 the township was organized at Ira's home, located at 104th Avenue and North Cedar Street. Ira and Phebe Cortwright were married in New York. She lived from 1810 to 1886. They had at least five children: Ransom, who was born in New York in 1833; Ira Earl II, who was born in 1839, married Emma Marian Julian [Julene] [1849-1878], and died in 1910; Abbie, who was born about 1844, married Judd Dickson, and moved to Sault Ste. Marie; and Jennie, who lived from 1868 to 1885. Ira died on March 25, 1891.

James Robinson [1855-1915]

James Robinson came to the area in 1903 and settled in Section 26 of Crockery Township, where he farmed 86 acres and raised livestock. His wife, Laura, was born in New York about 1862. James was born in Missouri about 1855 and died before 1915. Laura remained in Ottawa County.

John Robinson [1798-1857]

John, born in 1798, was another of two of Rix Robinson's brothers who settled permanently in Robinson Township, where John arrived from New York State in 1835. That year he bought almost a quarter section [159 acres] in Section 2 of Robinson Township. He married Eliza Fowler, who died in 1849. They had five children: Alfred, who was born in Cayuga County, New York in 1823; Erastus, who was born in Cayuga County, New York on June 6, 1826 and married Maryette Wheelock, who lived from 1832 to 1881; Benjamin Franklin, who was born on March 15; James, who was born in 1847; and Analiza, who was born in 1848. John died in 1857.

John Rix Robinson [1826-1897]

John, the son of Rix Robinson and Flying Cloud, was born at Duck Lake, Muskegon County, on March 5, 1826. In 1851 he used his rights as a Native American to secure a United States patent for 4,500 acres of wooded land, which he sold to Ransom Wood of Grand Rapids. Area residents opposed the transfer of title, and John was able to reverse the sale and retain the property. John became a Methodist minister and worked with Indians in the Mount Pleasant area. He married Lucy Withey, who was born in Vermont about 1831 and died in Isabella County on August 4, 1883. John died on April 23, 1897 in Isabella County, Michigan. They had at least two children: Harriet, born in Michigan about 1849, and J. Buchanan, born in Michigan around April, 1860.

Lucas [Luke] Robinson [1804-1876]

A brother of Rix Robinson, Lucas was born on April 2, 1804. On July 1, 1835 he bought in excess of 80 acres in Section 1 of Robinson Township. The next year he settled in Allendale Township. Lucas died in Kent County on February 14, 1876. His wife, Delia Shaw, was born about 1808.

Ransom H. Robinson [1833-1920]

The son of Ira and Phebe Cortwright Robinson, Ransom was born in New York State in 1833. He married Rethe [Ruthe] Blaksley, who was born in 1854 and passed away in 1935. On August 13, 1862, Ransom enlisted as Sergeant with Company G of the 21st Michigan Infantry. He was mustered out with a disability on February 5, 1863. Like his father, Ransom became a farmer in Robinson Township, settling in Section 35. Ransom and Rethe had a daughter, Maud P., born locally about 1874, and a son, Sheldon R., born around 1878. Ransom died in 1920. He and Rethe were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery.

Rix Robinson [1789-1875]

Rix Robinson was born in Richmond, Massachusetts on August 28, 1789, the third of thirteen children. His parents were Edward and Eunice Rix Robinson. Edward was born on June 17, 1763 and died in 1836, while Eunice lived from July 3, 1765 to August 24, 1835. In 1812 young Rix abandoned his nearly completed law study and came to the Michigan Territory in order to avoid the war with England that his father opposed. Four brothers, John, Ira, Luke, and Rodney, later settled in nearby locations. After two years as Sutler to U.S. troops in Detroit, Rix began to trade supplies with the Indians, and in 1821 he assumed proprietorship of all John Jacob Astor's American Fur Trading Posts when Madam La Framboise retired. His territory included the Grand, Kalamazoo, and Muskegon Rivers. Mackinac was the main depot. In 1821 he helped form a treaty between the U.S. Government and the Potawatomie

Indians. Another treaty in 1836 ceded all land north of the Grand River to the U.S. Government. Respected by both Native Americans and Whites for his fairness, intelligence, and knowledge of the wilderness, Rix was credited with founding West Michigan. It was said “he could speak Indian better than the Indians.” In 1821 he married Pemissquotoquay, “Flying-Cloud Woman,” the daughter of a Chief of the Pere Marquette Indians [Chief Hazy Cloud], followed Indian rites, in September, 1821. Flying Cloud was born in 1800 and passed away in Ottawa County in 1848. She gave birth to Rix’s only child, John Rix Robinson, who was born on March 5, 1826. Rix and Pemissquotoquay separated after “100 moons” [about 101 months]. In 1850 he married his second wife, Sebequay [Sippi Quay], “River-Woman,” also reputed to be a daughter from the same Chief; her nickname was Sippy. She lived from 1829 to April 3, 1876 and was buried at Ada.

Rix established a trading post at the mouth of the Grand River, which he visited once a year between 1821 and 1834. The area was surveyed in 1832, and in 1833 the U.S. Government gave Rix title to all of the local land. He named the area Grand Haven, and it was recorded as such on April 14, 1835. Rix, who had studied law, gained fame as a State Senator from 1847 to 1849 and later turned down the nomination to become Michigan’s governor. He died on January 12, 1875. A large monument overlooking the Grand River marked his gravesite in Ada. His family gave Robinson Township and its elementary school their names.

Rodney Robinson [1800-1875]

A brother of Rix Robinson, Rodney on July 1, 1835 purchased 80 acres in Section 1 of Robinson Township. He was born March 29, 1800, probably in Massachusetts, and died December 11, 1875. His wife, Mary Shaw, was born about 1806. One of their children, Lucas, was born in Robinson Township between 1835 and 1837. Rodney eventually settled in Allendale Township.

George Rogers [1844-1910]

George was born in Grand Haven in 1844, the son of William and Margaret Bowles Rogers. According to relatives, George served in the Civil War and married Clarinda Reed. A number of George Rogers from Michigan enlisted, but a George W. Rogers was the only one from the West Michigan area. He signed up in Grand Rapids on December 22, 1863 as Private in Company E of the 1st Michigan Engineers and was mustered out on September 22, 1865. A farmer by trade, George and his wife moved to Barron County, Wisconsin, where he died in 1910.

Edwin John Roland [1905-1985]

Edwin Roland graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1929 and became a Lieutenant Junior Grade. He was assigned as navigation and gunnery officer aboard the Coast Guard ship *Escanaba* when it was based in Grand Haven just prior to being called into service during World War II. He was the first commanding officer of the *Mackinaw* when it was commissioned in December, 1944. The *Mackinaw* was the first heavy-duty icebreaker ever designed and built in the United States for Great Lakes work. Rodney then was promoted to Coast Guard Commandant in Washington, D.C. from 1962 to 1966. He retired with the rank of Admiral. Born on February 11, 1905 in Buffalo, New York, he died in Florida on March 16, 1985.

Derk Roossien [1850- 1932]

Born on May 5, 1850 [June 7, 1850] in The Netherlands, Derk Roossien worked in the Boyden & Akeley Shingle Mill shortly after his arrival in Grand Haven sometime before 1880. Later he was classified as a gardener, and probably grew celery and other small crops in northeast Grand Haven. On March 17, 1876 in Grand Haven he married Anje “Anna” Dykema of Grand Haven Township. Anna, a native of Michigan, was born about 1856 and died in Grand Haven on December 27, 1899. Among their children were Peter, born on December 19, 1876; Alfred, born in March, 1880; and Richard Anthony, born on September 27, 1892. All the children were born in Michigan. By 1900 the family resided in Holland, Michigan. Derk died on January 8, 1932 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Derk and John Roossien were brothers.

Haarman “Harm” Roossien I [Rosien/Roussien/Roosje] [1844-1935]

Harm Roossien, born in The Netherlands on August 17, 1844 [1846/1847], was a celery farmer in Grand Haven. His father, Pieter Roossien was born in The Netherlands on July 15, 1811 and married Annachien Gringhuis on May 26, 1834. They settled in Grand Haven, where Pieter died on December 23, 1897. Annachien was born on October 15, 1815 and passed away in Grand Haven on September 11, 1872. Both parents were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Harm and Johanna “Dena” Boyink were married in Grand Haven on July 10, 1875. Dena was born in The Netherlands on October 27, 1850. Harm first worked for the Boyden Shingle Mill, and then was employed by the Grand Trunk Railroad. He served as Grand Haven Alderman from 1902 to 1909. Harm and Dena owned property at 323 North Ferry, and their sons, Henry and Peter, later had acreage across the street at 332 North Ferry, part of “Pigtail Alley,” as the area was called. They also owned property on the northwest corner of

Beechtree and Marion Streets [811 Beechtree] where they raised celery. In 1896 Harm built a windmill on top of a shed to pump irrigation water for his crops. The shed, located at 811 Beechtree, was replaced and the blades of the windmill were changed three times. Around 1922 the pump was converted to electricity and the windmill fell into disuse, but the structure was still visible on top of a double-shed as late as 2009. At that time Harm's grandson Henry, who was born about 1910, and Henry's daughter June lived in the house at 811 Beechtree.

Harm I and Dena had several children, all born in Grand Haven: Peter, who was born on July 10, 1875; Aaltje "Ella," who was born in 1878, married John Welling of Grand Haven, and died in 1960; Anneke "Anne," who was born on December 24, 1880, married Louis Heinz, and died on May 14, 1956; Hendrika "Reka," who was born on December 4, 1883, married Peter Rycenga, and died on November 22, 1948; Antje, who lived from July 6, 1885 to July 30, 1967 and was the wife of George Meyers; Arend John, who was born on December 7, 1888, married Helen Arkema in Muskegon on March 31, 1910 died on December 27, 1947, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Garret, who was born on and Gerritt, who was born on July 1, 1893, married Hester Van Willington on November 8, 1919, and died on July 19, 1957. The elder Harm died on August 14, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, Dena, who died on October 13, 1922

Harm Roossien II [1889-1971]

The son of Harm and Dena Roossien I, Harm II was born in Grand Haven on March 17, 1889. In addition to raising celery commercially, Harm sold flower and vegetable plants. The 1941 *Directory* also listed him as Proprietor of Rosema Dairy. He served on the Grand Haven City Council from 1940 to 1948. In 1909 he married Emma Koats, who died on May 24, 1966. They had at least one child, Henry William, who was born on March 4, 1910. Henry and his daughter June continued to reside in the family home at 811 South Beechtree after the death of Harm II on June 22, 1971. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Henry William Roossien [1910-1999]

In the early 1900s several Roossien families lived on the fringe of "Pigtail Alley" at 332 North Ferry, near Hancock's greenhouses. At that time, most of the area was devoted to celery farming and several windmills dotted the landscape. Henry, the son of Harm and Emma Koats Roossien, was born in Grand Haven on March 4, 1910, died on June 7, 1999, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In June 14, 1941 he married Henrietta Baker of Spring Lake, who was born in Grand Haven on September 12, 1916 and died on October 14,

1986. Henry retired from Gardner-Denver in 1975 after 32 years. His daughter, June, continued to reside in the family home at 811 South Beechtree in Grand Haven. A son, Jack, was a physician in Grand Haven, and another son, Robert, lived in Humble, Texas. Henry was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John J. Roossien [1853-1933]

John Roossien raised celery on land he owned in the area around 329 North Ferry. He was born in The Netherlands on April 28, 1853. On October 28, 1882 in Grand Haven, he married Hendrika "Helen" Bottje. They had several children, all born in Michigan, including Berdean H., born about 1911; Harriet, Selma, who lived from 1915 to 1941 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members; Josephine; and Lorraine Helen, who was born about 1925. They were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. John and Derk Roossien were brothers.

John Hendryk Roossien [1855-1933]

A native of The Netherlands, John Roossien was born in February, 1855. After settling in Grand Haven he worked at the Boyden & Akeley Shingle Mill, then became a gardener, as he was classified in the 1893 *Compendium*. By 1908 he was employed at the Piano Factory. In 1882 John married Henrietta, the daughter of Anthony and Henrietta Gringhuis Bottje of Grand Haven. Henrietta was born about 1858, died about November 19, 1939, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. One of their children, Peter, was born in Grand Haven on September 6, 1883. A daughter, Henrietta, was born in September, 1885. They also had a daughter, Ella, who worked at a printing office. John died about January 11, 1933 and also was buried at Lake Forest. The Roossiens resided at 220 South Seventh.

Peter Harm Roossien [1875-1971]

Peter, the son of Harm and Johanna Gringhuis Roossien, was born on January 10, 1875. Peter was credited with clearing and developing the area known as the "flats," around the intersection of Ferry and Jackson Streets, north to the Grand River. He married Josephine La Porte in Detroit on May 30, 1898, and died on September 13, 1971. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Peter Roossien [1883- ?]

Peter Roossien was born on September 6, 1883. In 1908 he was employed at Challenge Machinery. Ten years later he worked at the Basket Factory in Grand Haven and resided at 220 South Seventh Street with his mother, Henrietta. Henrietta was the widow of John Roossien, who died in 1933.

Peter Roossien II [1884-1935]

Peter Roossien II lived from February 10, 1884 to about March 9, 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members. In 1918 Peter was employed as a truck driver and resided with his parents at 408 North Ferry. [*Tribune* obituary, December 3, 1896.]

Richard Anthony Roossien [1892-1979]

Richard, born on September 27, 1892 [1891], was the son of Derk and Anna Roossien of Grand Haven. In 1918 Richard was employed at Dake Engine Company and residing at 1132 Fulton. On October 14, 1914 in Grand Haven, he married Anna [Ann] Singerling, who was born on October 20, 1889, died on May 22, 1963, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. By 1930 the family was living at 819 Franklin, with their son, Jack Richard Roossien, who was born June 15, 1919, died in Grand Haven on April 30, 1992, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Richard, the father, was a machinist. He died on February 16, 1979, in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Richard P. Roossien [@1851-1932]

Born in The Netherlands about 1851, Richard Roossien owned a dry cleaning shop at 821 Franklin Street in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. He traded under the name Dick Roossien and lived at the same address as late as 1930. He passed away around January 11, 1932 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife lived from August 21, 1856 to December 27, 1899.

Phillip Rosbach I [Rosback] [1838-1914]

Phillip Rosbach, born in Prussia on October 23, 1838 and died in Grand Haven on May 7, 1914, was the owner-manager of the National Hotel that he built in July, 1870 on the southeast corner of Columbus and Water [Harbor] Streets [Lots 19 and 20] in Grand Haven. He paid \$3,500 for two lots that were very swampy and needed heavy pilings to support a building. Prior to 1900 he managed the Kirby House [2 Washington Street]. He married Sophia Kroller, a native of Germany, lived from April 16, 1840 to December 31, 1899. They both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had a daughter, Lillian, born in Wisconsin in November, 1865, and a son, Phillip II, who was born in Wisconsin in November, 1868. On October 28, 1916, in Grand Haven, Phillip II married Mary Theiler, who graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1899. Mary was the daughter of Xavier and Marie Stoeckel Theiler of Grand Haven, and lived from November 26, 1882 to March, 1967. Philip II was Steward aboard the steamer *Naomi* when it caught fire in mid-lake on May 21, 1907. Other children, all natives of Michigan, were Kate, born in 1860, and Lillian, born in 1864.

Charles W. Rose I [@1820-1882]

Charles Rose arrived in Crockery Township in 1843 [1844], making him one of the early settlers. He was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania about 1820 and died on July 10, 1882. He was buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery. On June 7, 1870 he married Sarah Glop in Grand Haven. Sarah was born in London, Ontario, in 1836. Charles II was their son.

Charles Wesley Rose II [1876-1956]

Born in Crockery Township on April 25, 1876, Charles was the son of Charles and Sarah Glop Rose I. Charles II became a mason, carpenter, and caretaker at Spring Lake Country Club. The family had been encouraged by Aloys Bilz to move to Ottawa County. Clara, Charles's wife, was a cook in both Grand Haven and Spring Lake restaurants for many years. She owned and operated "The Blue Bird Inn" in Nunica and was an expert chair caner. Clara learned the art of cooking from her mother at the age of five while living in Vermont and followed her craft for nine decades. The parents of 14 children, Charles and Clara both died in 1956. Clara was born about 1888.

David E. Rose [1838-1912]

David Rose arrived in Grand Haven in 1861 as a ticket agent for the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad. He then was employed by the Ferry & Son Bank on Water Street [Harbor]. He was Supervisor in 1872, City Alderman in 1875, and Justice of the Peace from 1865 to 1869. David lived from 1838 to 1912 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Martha, was born in Massachusetts around 1838. They had four children.

Harvey K. Rose [@1813-@1880]

Harvey Rose was Captain of the *Algoma*, a ship that operated between Grand Haven and Grand Rapids in the late 1840s. His name appeared in the Kent County census for 1850 and 1860. Harvey was born around 1813 in New York and died before 1880. His wife, Lucy M., also a native of New York, was born around 1818. The Roses had two sons.

Howard Folger Rose [1917-2005]

The son of Myron and Alice Van Zanten Rose, Howard was born in Grand Haven on July 20, 1917. On October 4, 1941 he married Berdean Huttenga, who was born on November 29, 1913 and passed away on April 29, 1998. Her parents were Jacob and Grace Huttenga of Grand Haven. Howard, an Air Force pilot during WWII, was badly injured in an airplane crash near Anchorage, Alaska in 1944. After the war, the Roses returned to Grand Haven and lived with his parents before moving to 107 South Fourth. Howard became bookkeeper for Oldberg Manufacturing Co. Twenty years later he was

appointed Business Manager at North Ottawa Community Hospital, a position he held until his retirement in 1977. Howard attended the First Reformed Church and later the Second Reformed Church. The Roses had one son, Roger Alan Rose. [*Tribune* obituary, September 20, 2005.]

Myron Edgar Rose [1888-1961]

Myron E. Rose was born in Reed City, Michigan on March 24, 1888. On June 21, 1916 he married Alice Van Zanten in Grand Haven. The couple resided at 916 Fulton Street and later at 525 Columbus. Alice, the daughter of Folgert and Aaltje "Alice" Van Zanten, was born in Grand Haven about 1890. The Roses had four children, including Howard Folgert, who was born in Grand Haven on July 20, 1917; Robert, who was born about 1922; Helen, who was born about 1924 and married Allen Van Oordt of Grand Haven; and Paul. Myron was employed at Dake Machinery before 1920, and then became a telephone repairman. He died around October 26, 1961 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Alice died about October 27, 1964 and was buried with her husband.

William James Rose II [1867- ?]

Toward the end of 1905, William and Bess Rose purchased an ice cream store at 14 South Second Street from Henry Haines and his wife. The Roses added an ice cream manufacturing capability and sold their product throughout the area. They also sold candy. William, the son of William J. and Mary Elizabeth Clarke Rose, was born in New York State in May, 1867 and moved to Chicago when he was 10. William knew of the Ottawa County area from visiting his grandmother in Spring Lake. She was Mary Elizabeth Millard Clarke, the widow of Rev. Ethan Ray Clarke, who died in 1895. When serious illness prompted a change of residence, William selected Grand Haven. William and Bess also made their home at 14 South Second.

Gerald B. Rosema [1926-1989]

Born on April 29, 1926, Gerald Rosema and Jacob Kuiper helped found the Ferrysburg Christian Reformed Church. Gerald and his wife, Marian G., resided at 17339 Roosevelt Road in Ferrysburg. He was a lab technician for GPM Industries in Holland, Michigan. Marian was born on January 4, 1926 and died in Spring Lake on February 16, 2000.

Maurice Rosema [1911-1982]

Maurice Rosema was Manager of Lakeshore Millwork at 220 Fifth Street in Ferrysburg. The company specialized in display woodworking. Maurice was born on August 14, 1911, died in Ferrysburg on November 10, 1982, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He and his wife, Janet, resided at 17710 North Shore Drive.

Wilhelm "William" Rosie [1866-1947]

William Rosie was born in Grand Haven in October, 1866 and attended local schools. He went to sea as a cabin boy at the age of 17 on the Goodrich Line steamer *Sheboygan*, when the ships were paddle wheel crafts. He served many years on the car ferries and received his master's papers in 1900. He became skipper of the U.S. Engineering Dredge *General G. Meade*, which was a sand sucker for dredging channels. He was well known in virtually every harbor of Lakes Huron and Michigan for more than twenty years.

William married Lena "Emma," the daughter of Frederick and Otilie Bethke of Robinson Township. Lena lived from 1870 to about March 12, 1889 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Captain and his second wife, Margaret, lived at 705 Franklin Street in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. Margaret was born in New York in September, 1870. They had at least three sons, Thomas W., born in September, 1899; Marvin H., who was born October 14, 1903, became a physician, and died in Muskegon on April 26, 1980; and William. Captain Rosie later made his home in Muskegon with Marvin. He died about December 4, 1947 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Margaret passed away around August 1, 1944 and also was buried at Lake Forest. He had a brother, Walter, who married Carrie Plant in Nunica on February 26, 1902.

Peter Ross [1834-1903]

Peter Ross had a 40-acre farm in Section 27 of Crockery Township when he enlisted as Private in Company G of the 21st Michigan Infantry. He was discharged for disability on January 1, 1863. Peter was born in New York in April, 1834 and died around October 5, 1903. On May 23, 1875 in Crockery Township he married Sarah Pennoyer. The daughter of Henry and Harriet Kells Pennoyer, she was born in Muskegon on April 29, 1841 and died on May 18, 1875. Peter and Sarah had a daughter, Mary, born in October, 1876. In 1900 the three were residing in Spring Lake. Peter and Mary were buried at Nunica Cemetery.

Donald Eugene Rosso [1923-1980]

Born on April 24, 1923 in Battle Creek, Don was the son of George Donald and Grace Kathryn Christine Smith Rosso. A graduate of Grand Haven High School in 1941, he served in the military during WWII. From 1948 to 1957 he worked for the Detroit Transmission Company. He then bought Carl Berg's business at 9-13 Washington Street and opened the Rosso Oldsmobile, Buick, and Pontiac dealership. The business later expanded to include the properties at 9-19 Washington. The Rossos resided at 1900 Sheldon Road. They had three sons: Ronald and Michael of Spring Lake and Steven of Grand Haven. Don was a member of the

Spring Lake Presbyterian Church, the American Legion, the Grand Haven Rotary Club, and the National Automobile Association. Grace passed away about August 12, 1977, and Don died on January 21, 1980. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 29, 1980.]

George Donald Rosso [1896-1991]

George Rosso was born on February 23, 1896. He moved to Grand Haven from Macomb County, Michigan, and manufactured wooden crates at 626 Madison sometime after the Grand Haven Basket Factory went out of business in 1925. On August 12, 1922 in Grand Haven, he married Grace Kathryn Christine Smith. Grace, the daughter of William and Katherine Dykehouse Smith, was born in Grand Haven on December 25, 1893. She graduated from Western State Normal College in Kalamazoo [WSU] and taught in Battle Creek and Nunica. She was a teacher in the Grand Haven school system from 1931 to 1947, and she also was a substitute elementary teacher for many years. Donald Rosso, who owned a car dealership in Grand Haven, was their son. They also had a daughter, Helen, who married Melvin E. Stull of California, and a second son, James. George died in San Diego, California on February 18, 1991. Grace died in Grand Haven on August 12, 1977. [*Tribune* obituary, August 13, 1977.]

Eugene A. Rothi [1921-2004]

The son of Albert and Gretchen Hall Rothi, Eugene was born in Fairbault, Minnesota on September 4, 1921. He married Ruth Casemier in Ft. Stockton, Texas, on July 27, 1943. The daughter of Henry and Nana Casemier, Ruth was born in Grand Haven on February 6, 1921 and passed away in her hometown on July 28, 2000. Eugene was a pilot with the Air Force from 1942 to 1945. He taught in Grandville schools from 1946 to 1949 before moving to Grand Haven to teach English and history. He also served as a guidance counselor from 1950 to 1984. He coached football, basketball, and tennis for Grand Haven High School, and was at the helm in 1953 when the football team went undefeated. He was an elder, deacon, and Sunday School teacher at the Second Christian Reformed Church. In 1956 he was selected as Man of the Year and Administrator of the Year. Eugene was President of the YMCA during the its building campaign in the mid-1970s, and he was President and board member of Christian Haven Home, charter member of Wigginton Foundation, and he served on the Education Committee of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. Eugene was regional director of the Luke Society for 23 years. He also served as a basketball official for many years. He belonged to the Grand Haven Kiwanis Club, the Michigan Education Association, and the National Education Association. He was a member of American Legion Post #28 in

Grand Haven, where he served on the Scholarship Committee.

Gene and Ruth had two daughters, Sharon Yonker of Grand Haven and Nancy, who married Jack Misner and moved to Lowell, Michigan. They also had two sons, Mike of Ferrysburg and Pat of Lawton, Michigan. Gene died in Grand Haven on November 23, 2004 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 24, 2004.]

Charles Rouwhorst I [Rowhorst] [1902-1942]

Charles Rouwhorst was born in Holland, Michigan on November 17, 1902 and died in Grand Haven on December 12, 1942. His wife, Susan Marie, was the daughter of Dick and Jennie Luloffs Bolthouse. Susan Marie was born May 3, 1906 in Ferrysburg and died in Grand Haven on March 5, 1976. Charles owned an auto repair business at 812 Washington in the 1940s. One of their sons, Harvey R., was born June 11, 1925 in Grand Haven and died December 25, 1995 in Florida; his wife was Louise Virginia Pytlinske, who was born March 18, 1927 and died in Grand Haven on March 21, 1989. Another son, Charles II, was born in Grand Haven on March 3, 1934 and died in Muskegon on January 18, 1965.

Joseph N. Ruch [1858-1933]

Joseph Ruch was farmed 188 acres in Section 35 of Grand Haven Township. His family arrived in the township in 1865. His father, Kasper Ruch, who owned 120 acres in Section 15 of Grand Haven Township, was born in Switzerland about 1824. Kasper's wife, Mary, also a native of Switzerland, was born about 1830. Joseph's wife, Amanda, lived from 1872 to 1937. Joseph was born in Switzerland in 1858 and died in 1933. Both Joseph and Amanda were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

Charles F. Rudershausen [1887- ?]

Born in New York on January 1, 1887, Charles Rudershausen, owned a photography studio at 515 North Seventh Street in Grand Haven and later at 5 North Seventh. However, he started in the 1920s with a diner at 515 North Seventh called Charlie's Lunch, and took up photography before 1930. He taught the photography business to his nephew, Harold Bretschneider, who made a career in the same business. After WWII Charles sold his studio to Sherman and Marshall Robbins, who opened Robbins Studio. Charles married Frieda [Freda] Braun, the widow of Ewald Braun, who died in 1930. Charles had been a roomer at the Braun home. Frieda was born on October 21, 1896 and died in Grand Haven on May 24, 1979. At the time of her death she was living at 1333 Franklin.

Joseph N. Rue [1856- ?]

On September 1, 1891 Joseph Rue became Proprietor of the Andres House, located at the southeast corner of Franklin and Water [Harbor]. Just prior to that date Edward Andres had leased the Andres House to Joseph and sold him the furniture and fixtures. Joseph was born around 1856 in Ohio.

Alfred Ruiter [1891-1969]

Born in Ferrysburg on November 14, 1891, Alfred Ruiter married Stena, the daughter of Albert and Frances Start Kruizenga of Ferrysburg. Stena lived from March 3, 1893 to February 24, 1983 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Alfred ran a plumbing contracting business. The Ruiteres resided in Muskegon around 1930. Later they were located at 212 North Buchanan in Spring Lake. Alfred died in Spring Lake on December 6, 1969 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Roelof [Ralph] Ruiter [1864-1951]

In 1905 Roelof Ruiter purchased Cornelius Westerhouse's general store at the northwest corner of Maple and Third Street in Ferrysburg. Roelof was born in The Netherlands on July 12, 1864, immigrated to the United States in 1882, and died in Ferrysburg on January 25, 1951. On December 9, 1886 he married Jane [Jennie] Borgman, also a native of The Netherlands. She lived from February, 1865 to September 25, 1935. Their children were Roelf, born in August, 1888; Jennie, who was born in March, 1890 and married Derk Groenevelt; Alfred, born in November, 1891; Thomas, born in August, 1893; John, born in June, 1894; Henry, born in April, 1898; and Anna, who was born on June 28, 1899 and married John Groenevelt, Derk Groenevelt's brother. Ralph and Jane were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Thomas B. Ruiter [1870-1941]

A concrete contractor, Thomas Ruiter married Maggie, the daughter of William and Anje Cleveringa Helder, the widow of Jacob Bouwman. Maggie was born in November, 1869. About 1907 Thomas joined Eilko Wierenga in the concrete business. They continued as partners for eight years as Wierenga and Ruiter. About 1915 Wierenga bought out Thomas's share. The Ruiteres lived at 322 North Seventh Street in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. Their children were Elizabeth "Lizzie," born in 1888; Alice, born in 1891; and Deana, born about 1895. Thomas was born about 1870 and passed away around July 5, 1941. Maggie passed away around March 13, 1967 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

Thomas R. Ruiter [1893-1994]

Born in Ferrysburg, Michigan on August 27, 1893, Tom was one of twelve children born to Ralph and Jennie Borgman Ruiter. On June 3, 1913 he married Jennie

Voshel. They resided at 935 Franklin in 1926 and had two sons, Leon and Kenneth. Tom was employed by Keller Tool Company as the first resident to work for the new company after its move to Grand Haven from Milwaukee. Later he worked in the meat department at Fred Strahsburg's Meat Market at 1322 Washington Street. In 1924 Tom paid \$3,500 to Charles Salisbury for a grocery store located at 1120 Washington, later the site of Cook's Hardware Store. He also operated a store at 21 South Beechtree. His sons joined him in the business and in 1958 took over management of the business, when their father retired. They sold the business in May, 1968. Jennie passed away on March 9 that year and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Tom was a member of the Grand Haven Gospel Chapel and a charter member of the Gideons, which was formed in 1936 with his guidance. Tom handed out over 4,400 Bibles to local servicemen during WWII and the Korean War. His home in Grand Haven was at 935 Franklin, but on November 13, 1969 he moved to Rest Haven Home in Grand Rapids. Tom died on August 16, 1994 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His son Kenneth died on November 27, 1980 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, August 16, 1994.]

Hussein "Sam" Rukieh [1895-1978]

Sam Rukieh owned Rukieh's Recreation at 8 Washington Street in the mid- to late 1920s. He offered billiards, tobacco products, candy, and soft drinks. Sam was born on April 12, 1895 and died in Muskegon on January 26, 1978. In the mid-1920s, he resided at 307 Clinton in Grand Haven.

Ralson [Ralston] M. Russell [? - ?]

Ralson M. Russell is mentioned only in *History of Ottawa County* [1882] as Grand Haven's first barber, which would have made him an early settler. Nothing was found to confirm his presence in the area at any time.

Charles T. Rust [? - ?]

Charles Rust was Secretary and Manager of the Milliman Manufacturing Company, which opened in March, 1907 and was located at the corner of Howard and Harbor in Grand Haven. Like Herbert G. Milliman, the owner and President of the company, Charles came from Chicago where he had been in the lumber and milling business for 20 years. Charles and his wife, Mary, lived at 603 Franklin. A school-age daughter, Marguerite, lived with them.

Monroe Rutty [1860-1911]

On February 25, 1907 a half-clothed man was found wandering near Lamont, close to hypothermia. He had no identification, was penniless, and could not account

for himself. The stranger was taken to the Ottawa County Poor Farm. He believed he was 44 years old. He had worked briefly in the lumbering camp at nearby Steel's Landing. He remembered two oxen named "Duke" and "Dime." Not knowing what to call him, the Poor Farm keeper dubbed the amnesiac "Joe", and because he had worked at Steel's Landing, the surname "Steel" stuck. Joe Steel was recorded as "insane" in the old infirmary ledger and admitted.

By 1965 Joe had been at the infirmary for 58 years. That year a journalist from the *Holland Sentinel* was doing a feature story on the institution. The reporter wondered, "Who was the oldest resident?" Nobody knew Joe's age, but all were sure he should be credited. Joe's strange story unfolded on the front page of the May 13, 1965 edition. Days later Saugatuck citizen Monroe Eaton called. As a child he had frequently heard his mother, Elihue Ruty Eaton, lament the disappearance of her brother, in whose memory Monroe had been named. His missing uncle sought employment in the north woods in 1882, and was never heard from again. Joe and Monroe soon met. Eaton asked, "Who were 'Dime' and 'Duke'?" "Oxen," exclaimed Joe. "Did 'Little Money' ring a bell?" Yes, it was his mother's affectionate nickname for her small boy. No doubt, Joe Steel was Monroe Ruty. A notation in the family Bible confirmed Monroe Ruty was born in 1860, making him 104 years old when identified. Joe turned 110 in 1970, and received greetings from Governor William Milliken and President Richard Nixon. NBC news anchor David Brinkley even kept tabs on Joe. When Monroe Ruty/Joe Steel died at 111 on May 30, 1971, he was the oldest man in Michigan. He was interred at Riverside Cemetery in Saugatuck next to his mother, Polly Ruty, who died one year after her son's disappearance.

Charles Rycenga I [1893-1941]

The son of Jakob and Emma Wiersema Rycenga, Charles was born on the family farm in Spring Lake Township on May 13, 1893 and attended the one-room De Witt School through the sixth grade. He died in an accident in Muskegon County on September 3, 1941, while driving a truck loaded with oak slabs. Chuck married Sena Tysman of Grand Haven on October 15, 1913. Sena, the daughter of Louis Tysman of Grand Haven, was born on December 5, 1890 and died on March 7, 1983. She and Chuck were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Sena was the daughter of Louis Tysman, who lived from 1862 to 1944, and Angie Lenninga, who lived from 1855 to 1936. The Tysman family lived in the area called "Pigtail Alley" in Grand Haven, in the neighborhood of Madison and De Spelder Streets. Chuck worked at Dake Engineering as a machinist and at Challenge Machinery, where he learned

how to assemble printing presses and was promoted to foreman. Chuck and Sena had several children, all born locally: Emma, who was born on November 20, 1914 and on July 24, 1941 married Roy F. Correll [October 3, 1914-February 11, 1959] of Grand Haven; Louis E., who was born June 18, 1917 and on July 6, 1944 married Dotty Groneveld [born on January 12, 1920]; Chuck II, who was born on May 25, 1921 and on January 15, 1942 married Eleanor Doris Kieft [born on August 4, 1921], and Betty A., who was born on March 1, 1930 and on June 10, 1980 married Alfred Rodrigues [born September 6, 1932] of Grand Haven.

In 1925 the Rycengas bought a seven-acre farm at 720 South Griffin Street in Grand Haven. During the Depression Chuck sold firewood for \$1.75 a cord. Eventually his sons, Louis and Charles II, helped with a two-man crosscut saw. Chuck increased his wood production by building a sawmill in Grand Haven Township, using a Model T Ford engine, with a direct connection from the drive shaft to a rotating saw blade. This rig also allowed Chuck and his sons to mill railroad ties, which they sold for 65 to 95 cents apiece. The two Rycenga sons went on to found the Rycenga Lumber Company in Grand Haven.

Edward Rycenga [1894-1976]

Edward, the son of Jakob and Emma Wiersema Rycenga, was born on July 7, 1894. He married Deborah Valom, who lived from September 13, 1892 to November 10, 1972. She was the daughter of Klass and Jane Valom of Grand Haven. Ed worked with the Zeeland Police Department and was Under-Sheriff in Ottawa County. He also had an interest in his brother. Peter's insurance business. Ed died on November 18, 1976. He and Deborah were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They resided at 1022 Washington.

Jakob [Jacob] Rycenga [1854-1928]

The first local Rycenga to immigrate to America from The Netherlands was Jakob, who came with his parents. Born on February 15, 1854, Jakob came to West Michigan when he was 18, settling first in Muskegon. He married Emika [Emma] Wiersema on July 17, 1875. She was a native of The Netherlands, where she was born in March, 1855 and immigrated to the United States in 1873. About 1887 Jakob bought 80 acres of farmland in Spring Lake Township. Fifteen years later Jakob, Emma, and their children moved to a newly constructed home at 426 Seventh Street, in the same block that the Van Zylens Lumber Company and later the Meijer store would be located. Jakob managed rental properties in Muskegon and worked for the Van Zylens Lumber Company in Grand Haven. Emma, a year younger than her husband, died in 1923, and Jakob died on April 11, 1928. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Jakob and Emma had eight children including Martha, who was born in 1876. Next was Peter, who was born on March 2, 1880, and on November 4, 1903 married Henrietta Roossien. She was born December 4, 1883 and died on November 27, 1948. On September 5, 1951 Peter married Anna Musk, who lived from July 7, 1887 to October 2, 1979. Peter died on March 27, 1970. Jakob and Emma next child was Thomas, who was born on October 2, 1883, and married Anna Katt on April 4, 1905. Anna lived from March 18, 1884 to January 19, 1915. After her death, Thomas married Kathryn Vander Vere, from whom he was divorced. Thomas in February, 1923 married Laura Bohlender, who was born on February 7, 1899. They resided in Muskegon. The Rycengas' fourth child was John, who lived from March, 1888 to 1951. In April, 1912, John married Clara Verschore, who lived from January 26, 1894 to 1976. John and Clara moved to Detroit. Next was Lee, born on August 9, 1889, followed by Charles, born on May 13, 1893, and Edward, born on July 7, 1894. Finally there was Albert, who was five years old when he died of pneumonia in 1903.

Lee J. Rycenga [1889-1918]

Lee, the son of Jakob and Emma Wiersema Rycenga, lost his life in WWI while going through a tunnel on top of a railroad car. He lived from August 9, 1889 to July 25, 1918 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Martha Rycenga [1876-1948]

Martha was the first child and only daughter of Jacob and Emma Wiersema Rycenga. She was born in 1876 and lived until 1948. Martha lived most of her life with her parents, not marrying Edward Hoekstra until after both her parents had died. Ed was from New Era, Michigan. During the depression years Martha earned extra money by offering rooms and breakfast to tourists for \$1.00 a night.

Peter J. Rycenga [1880-1970]

Peter, the son of Jacob and Emma Wiersema Rycenga, was born in Grand Haven on March 2, 1880. He owned and operated a grocery store at 434 Fulton in Grand Haven in the early 1900s and later opened an insurance office at 1036 Columbus. His brother, Edward, worked in the insurance business with him. Peter also served as City Assessor and surveyor. On November 4, 1903 he married Henrietta, the daughter of Harm and Dena Boyink Roossien. I They lived at 306 North Seventh. One of their children, Emily, was born on September 6, 1904 and married Ray E. Johnson of Grand Haven. Henrietta was born on November 4, 1883 and died on November 27, 1948. Three years later, on September 5, 1951, Peter married Anna [Anne] Musk, who lived from July 7, 1887 to October 2, 1979. Peter passed away in

March, 1970 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Anna.

Franklin Ryder [1898-1989]

Frank Ryder owned a business at 1113-1115 Washington that he called Frank's Barber & Beauty Shop. Frank was born in Michigan October 9, 1898. In 1918 Frank was a finisher at Heap & Sons in Grand Haven, and he resided at 1126 Franklin. His wife, Ruth, was born on January 21, 1899 and died in Grand Haven on April 2, 1989. Frank passed away before 1971. They resided at 607 South De Spelder.

Martin [Marten] Ryerson I [1818-1887]

Born to a farming family in Paterson, New Jersey on January 6, 1818, Martin Ryerson was a pioneer lumberman in Grand Haven and Muskegon. He came to Detroit in 1834, worked in the fur trade, and moved, along with Richard Godfroy, to Grand Rapids. There he worked for Godfroy until May, 1836, when he moved to Muskegon and worked for three years with Joseph Troutier, an early settler in that community. In 1845 Martin, in partnership with J. H. Knickerbocker, bought a sawmill from Theodore Newell in Muskegon, where he had worked as a paid employee since 1841. The next year he cut a road to Ravenna from Muskegon to connect with Grand Rapids. In 1848 he became a permanent resident of Chicago.

Martin was married at least twice and maybe three times. His first wife may have been a full-blooded Indian, who died in childbirth, but the child, named Mary, apparently survived. On May 15, 1844 in Grand Haven married Loiza [Louise] Duvernay, the daughter of Pierre and his Indian wife, Julia. Loiza died in childbirth on March 14, 1855, at the age of 30. In 1855 Martin was married again, this time to Mary Campau in Grand Rapids. Mary Ann, the daughter of Antoine Campau and the niece of Louis Campau, was born about 1822 in Michigan. She died on January 8, 1907 in Los Angeles, California. They had a son, Martin Antoine, who was born in Grand Rapids on October 26, 1856. By 1860 Martin I resided in Chicago with his wife and children. There he was classified as a lumberman, and merchant. He died there on September 6, 1887. In 1901 the younger Martin, who had become a successful Chicago attorney, donated \$150,000 to Grand Rapids for the construction of a new library building, to be named for his family. He also was one of the founding trustees of the Art Intsitude of Chicago and a benefactor of the Muskegon Art Museum. Martin II married Carrie Hutchinson in Chicago on October 26, 1881. She was born in Gloversville, New York on June 19, 1859.

Floyd Stanley Rymal [1930-1998]

Born in Jackson, Michigan on February 6, 1930, the son of Edward and Alma Ferris Eames [1915-1947], Floyd was adopted by Milton Rymal. A sister, Dolores, was born in 1934 and also was adopted by Rymal. Floyd served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He worked for Atco Rubber Company and later opened his own business, Rycut Tool & Design. He retired in 1987. He and his wife, Mary, were divorced. They had five sons: Randy and Russ, both of Grand Haven, Richard of Coopersville, Ronald of Nunica, and Robert of Spring Lake. Floyd passed away on September 16, 1998 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Frank Rymer [1850-1937]

Frank Rymer owned an 80-acre farm in Section 23 of Grand Haven Township, where he arrived in 1906. He lived from 1850 to 1937 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery with his wife Bertha, who lived from 1870 to 1934. Bertha was the daughter of Henry and Sophia Smith Bierman.

Sampson R. Rymer I [1822-1900]

Born in Canada on September 4, 1822 [1823], Sampson Rymer brought his family to Fruitport in 1865, where seven years later, on September 2, he purchased an 80-acre parcel. In 1847 he married Barbara E. Lovie, who was born in Scotland on May 13, 1824. Their children included William of Detroit, who was born about 1848; Sampson II, who was born about 1850; John, who was born in 1852 and died on March 30, 1900; Isabel Loosemore, who was born about 1854 and relocated to Los Angeles; Cora Loosemore of Fruitport, who was born about 1858; and Mary Hovey of Fenton, Michigan. John was the father of Clydie, Sampson, and Versie Rymer. Sampson I died on March 25, 1900 in Fruitport and Barbara passed away on March 19, 1911. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 20, 1900.]

Martin F. Rynders [1842-1914]

See Martin F. Reenders.

Albert Rysdorp [Rysdorpt] [1862-1959]

Albert Rysdorp, a prominent dental surgeon, was born in Grand Haven on April 11, 1862, the son of Henry and Aberdina Rysdorp I. Bert graduated from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 1886 and started his practice in Grand Haven on August 12 that year. His office then was on the second floor of 136 Washington, where he remained for 25 years before moving to 223 Washington. He was a member of the Grand Haven School Board, and he was its President in 1901 when the old Central School burned down and its replacement built. His daughter, Clare, was also a dentist and they shared an office at 136 Washington.

On October 20, 1886 in Grand Haven, Bert married Minnie [Hermine] Pellegrom. Born on August 26, 1862, she was the daughter of Mathias [Matthew] and Janey Van Weelden Pellegrom. She and Bert were married in Grand Haven on October 20, 1886. In the early 1900s they resided at 803 Washington, but they lived most of their married lives at 320 Washington, where Bert also maintained a dental office after moving from 223 Washington. They attended the Second Reformed Church. The Rysdorps had six daughters, including: Clarissa [Clare/Clara] who was born in Grand Haven on August 15, 1887; Ella Louise, who lived from November, 1890 to 1913 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Ardene, who was born in January, 1893, married a Mr Prisener, and moved to Clyde, Ohio; Jeanette, who was born in February, 1895, married a Mr Hines, and resided in Detroit; Gertrude M., who was born in July, 1899, married M. J. Barnes, and moved to Mayfield Heights, Ohio; and Alberta W., who was born on October 20, 1900, married Clarence J. Poppen, moved to Hillsdale, Michigan, and died in Lee County, Florida on September 2, 1990. Minnie died October 17, 1938 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After her death, Bert moved his home and office to 325 East Savidge. He died about February 11, 1959 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

Clare [Clarissa/Clara] A. Rysdorp [1887- ?]

In the 1908 *Directory* Clare [Clarissa/Clara] Rysdorp was listed as a dentist working with her father, Albert Rysdorp, in his dental office at 136 Washington. The family resided at 803 Washington. Clare graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1905, married George Everett Haggas on September 3, 1913 in Spring Lake and moved to Portland, Maine. George died in Portland on November 3, 1964 at the age of 78. At the time Clare appeared in the 1920 and 1930 censuses, she was not working as a dentist.

Henry Rysdorp I [@1831-1913]

Born in Appledouren, The Netherlands about 1831, Henry Rysdorp came to Holland, Michigan, with Rev. Van Raalte in 1847 and moved to Grand Haven seven years later. He learned the trade of millwright and also worked as a carpenter. In 1863 he formed a partnership with Harmon Bosch, John Sprick, and Johannes Vos, and built a sawmill at the east end of Fulton Avenue. Soon they were operating a sawmill, a shingle mill, and a stave factory. The mill burned down in 1877 and the business was liquidated. Henry, in partnership with Healy C. Akeley, purchased the Friant mill and continued business as the Grand Haven Lumber Company, and Henry managed the company's Beech Tree Mill. When the lumbering business began to diminish, he sold his interest to Charles Boyden. Henry

went to Grand Rapids and then retired to a farm in Coral, Montcalm County, Michigan.

In Grand Haven, Henry was a staunch Republican and member of the Common Council. He worked on the first structure that housed the congregation of the First Reformed Church. His wife, Alberdina, was born in The Netherlands about 1837. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, included John H., who was born in 1856; Herman, born in April, 1858 and died on July 2, 1871; Henry II, born in 1859; Albert, born on April 11, 1862; George, who was born on March 1, 1870 and died a year later on March 7; Mary C., who was born in 1877, married Nelson Lovett, moved to Coral, Michigan, died in 1954, and was buried at Coral Cemetery; and James Martin, who was born on April 16, 1879, died on December 29, 1940, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Herman, George, and James all resided in Grand Rapids. Henry I died in Coral on October 26, 1913 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife died at the age of 65 on May 22, 1902. [*Tribune* obituary, October 28, 1913.]

Henry Rysdorp II [1859-1913]

Born in Grand Haven in 1859, the son of Henry and Aberdina Rysdorp I, young Henry joined the Grand Haven Lumber Company, and became bookkeeper at the Beech Tree [Fourth Ward] Mill, where his father was Manager. Henry II passed away around October 28, 1913 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 28, 1913.]

John [Jan] Henry Rysdorp [1856-1939]

Born in May, 1856 in Grand Haven, the son of Henry and Aberdina Rysdorp I, John became a saw filer by trade and worked at the Beech Tree [Fourth Ward] Mill, operated by the Grand Haven Lumber Company and managed by his father. On January 1, 1879 in Grand Haven, he married Jan "Jennie," daughter of John and Lucy Boer. Jennie was born in Drenthe, Michigan, about 1858. In 1889 John and Jane moved to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. While working in a sawmill in Sturgeon Bay, John lost his right hand when he tried to save other workers from being injured. He was able to continue work, however, and provide support for his wife and eight daughters. Their daughters were Albertha B., born on February 23, 1880; James, born August 10, 1881; Jenna G., born on August 5, 1882; Henrietta, born on March 2, 1883; Lucy, born in 1885; Marion C., who was born on September 28, 1889 and died in Sturgeon Bay on May 11, 1995; Ruth, born in 1892; Helen, born on September 25, 1893; and Dorothy, who was born in 1895. The last three children were born in Sturgeon Bay, the others in Grand Haven. John died in 1939. Jane passed away in 1928. [*Tribune* obituary, October 28, 1913.]

Benjamin Delop Safford [1837-1920]

Benjamin was born in Wayne County, Michigan on April 23, 1837, the son of James and Eveline Adams Safford and the brother of Joseph. James was born about 1803. He and Eveline were married in Windham, Connecticut on August 29, 1829. The family lived on a farm the Saffords had purchased from the government. Eveline was a grandniece of President John Adams, and both parents were school teachers in Norwich, Connecticut in the 1820s. Around 1830, James and his family moved to Wayne County, Michigan, where on January 1, 1831 he purchased a quarter-section [160 acres] in Canton Township and resumed farming. Benjamin and his four brothers and two sisters lived with their parents on the family farm. On August 15, 1862 Benjamin enlisted as Sergeant in Company E of the 17th Michigan Infantry. On May 12, 1864 he was captured at the Battle of Spottsylvania by the Confederates, but escaped by cutting a hole in the side of the train car carrying him to prison. At the close of the war Benjamin was discharged on June 3, 1865, just a month after being assigned to the staff of General Wilcox, First Division, Ninth Army Corps. Locally he was noted for achieving the rank of Major, a promotion not substantiated by his service record. He did, however, act as Provost Marshal of the First Division, beginning in November, 1863.

After the war, Benjamin settled in Grand Haven. He was elected Alderman of the First Ward in 1867. For a three-year period around 1869 he was Principal of Grand Haven High School. He formed a partnership with Nazarie I. Beaudry and entered the dry goods business in 1871 at 224 Washington, but in 1879 went in business for himself. In 1878 Benjamin was elected Mayor of Grand Haven, and reelected in 1879 and 1881. He moved to Lansing in 1891 and 15 years later moved to Detroit.

In 1868 Benjamin married Melissa [Melisa], the daughter of Hamilton and Jerusha Jones of Grand Haven. Melissa was born in New York on April 17, 1841, died in Grand Haven on March 21, 1874, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. She and Benjamin had one son, James Hamilton Safford, who was born on April 24, 1869. About the time of his birth, James and his parents were living with the Joneses in Grand Haven. Four years after Melissa's death, Benjamin September 1, 1878 in Grand Haven married Mary Belle Duncan, who was born in Michigan about 1853 and had been a teacher in Grand Haven. Belle's sister, Lucy Duncan, married James Albee of Grand Haven. The Saffords continued to reside with Hamilton and Jerusha into the 1880s. Benjamin and Belle Safford had four children, all born at the Jones residence on Fifth Street: Louis A., who was born around 1879 and moved to St. Louis; Mary, who

was born around 1881, married Peter E. Ruppe of Calumet, Michigan and died before 1920; Robert D., who was born about 1885 and moved to Detroit; and Lucy, who was born about 1887 and married Dr. Stewart T. Hamilton of Detroit. Benjamin died in Detroit on June 27, 1920 and was buried at Elmwood Cemetery there. [*Tribune* obituary, June 29, 1920.]

James Hamilton Safford [1869-1937]

Benjamin and Melissa Jones Safford of Grand Haven had one son, James Hamilton, who was born on April 24, 1869 and, died in 1937. James's wife, Cora E. Cairns, the daughter of Averille [Thomas] and Florence Cairns of Grand Haven, was born in May, 1869 and was buried at Lake Forest with her husband. In 1920 and 1930 the Saffords were residing in Detroit, where James was a proofreader for a newspaper.

Joseph Adams Safford [1841-1894]

Joseph was born in Wayne County, Michigan on May 21, 1841, the son of James and Eveline Adams Safford and the brother of Benjamin. James was born about 1803. He and Eveline were married in Windham, Connecticut on August 29, 1829. The family lived on a farm the Saffords had purchased from the government. Eveline was a grandniece of President Adams, and both parents were schoolteachers in Norwich, Connecticut in the 1820s. Joseph's parents moved to Wayne County, Michigan, where on January 1, 1831 James purchased a quarter-section [160 acres] in Canton Township and resumed farming. On August 13, 1862, Joseph enlisted as Private in Company C of the Michigan 24th Infantry. On March 15, 1864 he transferred to Company F of the Veteran Reserve Corps. He was discharged on August 15, 1865 and settled in the Grand Haven area. Joseph and his wife owned acreage south of Cornelius Bayou in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township, part of which he sold to Hial Gray in 1874. The parcel was rich in clay that Gray used for his brick-making business. Joseph died on May 28, 1894. His wife, Phebe E., a native of Michigan, lived from October, 1846 to 1911. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Daniel Sanders [?-1880]

Daniel Sanders, a sailor aboard the schooner *Rosabelle*, was crushed to death when he was caught in a small boat between the schooner and the dock during the loading process. He died the same day as the accident, November 8, 1880.

John [Jason] J. Sanders [@1836-1871]

See John J. Saunders.

Warren Sanders [1847-1916]

Warren Sanders was born in New York State in June, 1847. On March 13, 1870, in Crockery Township, he

married Agnes S., the daughter of Benjamin and Abigail Chittenden. Agnes was born in New York State in 1853. Their farm was in Section 29 of Crockery. Warren died in Crockery in 1916, and Agnes died there on September 30, 1890. Both were buried at Nunica Cemetery. They had at least two daughters, both born in Michigan: Bertha, born in November, 1873, and Maud, born in August, 1883.

David Platt Sanford [1844-@1901]

David, the son of Isaac and Mary Royall Sanford, was born in Ohio on December 18, 1844. On February 6, 1863 he enlisted as Corporal in Company B of the Michigan 1st Sharpshooters. He was mustered out on July 28, 1865 as Sergeant. He married Anna "Annie" B. Dykhuis on September 10, 1870. Annie was the daughter of Jurrien and Johanna Zuidema Dykhuis of Grand Haven. The Sanfords lived in Spring Lake. Anna, who was born on January 17, 1849 and died on January 8, 1915, applied for a Civil War pension on May 20, 1901. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband and other family members. David died after 1910.

George Davis Sanford [1842-1909]

Born in Kent, Ohio on Jan 7, 1842 [1843], George was the son of Isaac Platt and Mary Royall Sanford. George attended schools in Kent until 1859, when he moved with his parents to Grand Haven. In 1860, he started in business for himself, buying out the newsstand of George D. Harvey for \$50.00. During the Civil War years, when his supply of newspapers was exhausted, he would mount a store box and read the news to the assembled crowd. In 1865 he entered the political arena as candidate for Clerk of Grand Haven Township and won over Henry Brouwer, who had never before been defeated. By the 1890s he had a real estate, insurance, and loan office in the post office building at 100 Washington. George was on the Board of Supervisors of Ottawa County for ten terms; served as a member and President of the Board of Education for nine years; was a member and officer of five secret orders; was appointed Postmaster of Grand Haven by President Cleveland, a position he held from 1889 to 1894; and was a staunch Democrat, and served several years as a member of the State Central Committee.

George married Frances Stoner in Grand Haven on May 1, 1873. Frances was born in Ripley, New York, on June 24, 1852. The Sanfords made their home at 427 Columbus, which was lost in the fire of 1889. They then moved to 620 Washington Street, where George also transacted his insurance business. Harry Ewing, Frances's nephew, was living with the Sanfords in 1900. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, were Grace Royall, who was born November 22, 1874, died January

31, 1876, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; Lillian Webb, who was born July 7, 1876, and on July 28, 1903 married Charles A. Colwell [born @1872]; George Deroy, born February 29, 1880; Mary Frances, born November 26, 1881; Charles Guy, who was born June 26, 1883 and died February 20 the next year; and Francis Stoner, born on October 22, 1890. Grace Royall was buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery. George was still in business in Grand Haven in 1908. He died the next year, around January 26, and was buried at Lake Forest with other family members.

George Deroy Sanford [1880- ?]

George Deroy, the son of George Davis and Frances Stoner Sanford, was born in Grand Haven on February 29, 1880. On November 16, 1903 he married Anna Cavanaugh, who was born about 1884 in Iowa, died about January 12, 1915, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Her mother, Catherine Cavanaugh, was born in Wisconsin around 1850. In 1920 and 1930 the Sanfords were residing in Milwaukee, where George was Foreman at a cement company. They had four children.

Henry Carlton Sanford I [1846- ?]

Born in Akron, Ohio on June 14, 1846, Henry arrived in Grand Haven in 1859 with his parents, Isaac Platt and Mary Jennings Royall Sanford. He clerked for Colonel Ferry until 1868. While driving a well for Wyman & Buswell, he struck the first mineral water in the area at 180 feet. Henry was an engineer with the Grand Haven Fire Department, where his brother Isaac also volunteered. He married Eugenia Beckwith in Grand Haven on February 14, 1870. Eugenia was born in April, 1850 in Racine, Wisconsin. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, were Isaac Hull, born November 8, 1870; Carlton Wheeler, who was born on August 21 1872 and died on July 24 the next year; Henry Carlton II, born November 18, 1875 [1876]; Eugene, born March 12, 1881; Eugenia Beckwith, born on March 12, 1882; and James Brayton, born on September 9, 1883. Henry was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as "engineer." Eugenia died in 1924 in Sedro, Washington.

Isaac Hull Sanford [1836-1911]

Born in Elmira, New York on September 27, 1836 [1837], the son of Isaac Platt and Mary Royall Sanford, young Isaac arrived in Grand Haven from Akron, Ohio, with his family in 1856 [1859] and became a merchant and tailor in his father's clothing store in downtown Grand Haven, reputed to be the first in the area. He also was in the real estate and insurance business. In 1867, he became First Chief Engineer of the newly organized "Rix Robinson Engine Company." In 1867 Isaac was elected Alderman to Grand Haven's first City Council, and he was elected City Marshal in 1877.

Isaac's first wife, Mary, was born in New York about 1837. They had at least seven children, three of them born in New York and the other four in Ohio. One son, David Platt Sanford, was born in Ohio on December 18, 1844 and married Anna, the daughter of Jurrien and Johanna Zuidema Dykhuis of Grand Haven. Mary died before 1870, and in 1874 in Grand Haven Isaac married Mary D. Miller Osgood, daughter of Captain Harry and Elizabeth Miller and widow of George Osgood, who died in 1871. Mary was born in Detroit on May 14, 1836 [1835], died about February 2, 1915, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other Sanfords. The Sanfords' home was at 114 South First Street. They attended the Episcopal Church. Isaac was instrumental in organizing the Yates Light Infantry, which became known as Company F. He was a member of the Grand Haven Masons, the I.O.O.F., and Free & Accepted Masons, and he was a staunch Democrat. Isaac died August 10, 1911 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 10, 1910.]

Isaac Hull Sanford [1871- ?]

The son of Henry and Eugenia Beckwith Sanford, Isaac was born in Grand Haven on November 18, 1871. He married Anna [Ana] Wendt on February 2, 1901. She also was born in 1871. Their children were Helen E., Clayton E., and Henry C. By 1910 Isaac was residing in White Pines County, Nevada.

Isaac Platt Sanford [1811-1887]

Isaac was born in Redding, Connecticut on November 22, 1811, the son of Lemuel and Charlotte Platt Sanford. Lemuel lived from November 20, 1781 to April 26, 1826, spending his entire life in Redding. His wife, whom he married in 1802, was born in November, 1785 and died on January 14, 1846. Isaac, a tailor, married Mary Jennings Royall on August 27, 1834. She was born on December 1, 1814 in New York State, and died in Grand Haven on October 6, 1883. The family moved from New York to Akron, Ohio, and then on to Grand Haven in 1859. The Sanfords had nine children, all born in Akron: Royall Timothy, who was born on June 13, 1835, married Mary MacDonald, lived in Grand Rapids, and died on March 18, 1886; Isaac Hull, born on September 27, 1836; Josiah Bennett, who lived from April 30, 1838 to April 22, 1887; Mary Frances, born March 4, 1840; George Davis, born on January 7, 1842; David Platt, who was born on December 18, 1844; Henry Carlton, born on June 14, 1846; Emma Maretta, who was born on August 6, 1849 and married James P. Brayton of Grand Haven; and Adeline, who was born in 1851 and lived one year. Isaac, who was tailor, died in Grand Haven on March 10, 1887.

James Brayton Sanford [1883-1921]

The son of Henry and Eugenia Beckwith Sanford, James was born in Grand Haven on September 9, 1883. On February 12, 1907 in Grand Haven, James married Elizabeth Goss, who was born about 1887. He died in March, 1921.

Richard [Dick] Sanford [1846–1911]

As a boy Dick Sanford followed the printer's trade. He later learned the art of tinning and worked in many of the largest tin shops. He became known for his fine quality of tinsmithing throughout the area. Dick, who was born in Ohio about 1846, died on March 4, 1911. His wife, Ann, a native of The Netherlands, lived from 1849 to January 8, 1915.

Samuel R. Sanford [1822-1899]

Lumberman Samuel Sanford arrived in Grand Haven in 1856 and was elected Sheriff two years later. He was born in New York in 1822 and died on September 7, 1899. Samuel's wife, Ambrosia P., was born in New York about 1835. Their children, both born in Michigan, were Nellie S., born around 1861, and Arthur H., born about 1865. The family was residing in Muskegon by 1880. [*Tribune* obituary September 8, 1899.]

Eli Hovis Sankey [1867-1931]

Eli Sankey was born in Pleasantville, Pennsylvania on March 6, 1867, the son of Patterson and Amelia Hovis Sankey. On September 15, 1888 in Grand Haven, Eli married Fannie, daughter of Rinder and Marta Van Ess Vander Molen. Fannie was born in Grand Rapids on September 12, 1869 and died in Olive Township on June 11, 1921. Eli passed away on September 10, 1931. Both were buried at West Olive Cemetery. The Sankeys farmed 120 acres in Section 1 of Olive Township, where they had settled in 1892. A son, William John, was born in Olive Township on February 15, 1893 and died there in March, 1970. The Sankeys also had a daughter, Gracie, born in January, 1890.

Patterson Sankey [1838-1920]

Patterson Sankey was born in Pennsylvania about March 4, 1838. On January 1, 1864 he enlisted as Wagoner in Company K of the 4th Pennsylvania Cavalry. After the war he settled on 37 acres in Section 1 in Olive Township, where he continued to live until at least 1900. His wife, Amelia P. Hovis, was born in Pennsylvania in March, 1836 and died on March 24, 1913. Patterson died in Isabella County, Michigan, on May 31, 1920, but was buried with his wife at Olive Township Cemetery. A son, William J., was born in Pennsylvania about 1860. Eli, born on March 6, 1867, was another of their four children. Patterson and William Sankey were brothers.

William Henry Sankey [1831-1895]

While residing in Young America, Illinois, William Sankey enlisted on July 17, 1861 as Private in Company B of the 59th Illinois Infantry. He was mustered out as Corporal on December 8, 1865. Some years after the war he came to Olive Township, where he owned a farm in Section 2. On February 12, 1880 William applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. He was born on September 10, 1831 in Mercer County Pennsylvania,, died on September 30, 1895, and was buried at Olive Township Cemetery. On August 4, 1860 in Pennsylvania, he married Caroline H. Monjar [Monzar]. After his death Caroline applied for a widow's Civil War pension. She was born on May 2, 1845, died on January 16, 1926, and also was buried at Olive Cemetery. Their children were Mary Elizabeth; Robert S., who was born in Pennsylvania about 1870, married Melissa Tuttle in Holland, Michigan on October 10, 1891, died on June 14, 1944, and was buried at Olive Township Cemetery; Loretta "Retta" A., who was born in Pennsylvania in 1873, married Thomas Cole in Grand Haven Township on December 18, 1892, and died in 1953; Anna, who was born in Pennsylvania about 1875 and married Albert Lafayette in Grand Rapids on September 30, 1896; Isabelle;, and Sara "Sadie" Ellen, who married George W. Smith in Grand Rapids on June 21, 1898. William and Patterson Sankey were brothers.

William John Sankey [1893-1970]

William was born in Olive Township on February 15, 1893, the son of Eli and Fannie Vander Molen Sankey. On December 14, 1914 in Holland, he married Ruth Eliza Hugger, who was born in Oakland County, Michigan on March 8, 1892. Her parents were John and Maude L. Smith Hugger. William and Ruth owned a 40-acre farm in Section 1 of Port Sheldon Township [originally part of Olive Township]. William died March 1, 1970 and was buried at West Olive Cemetery. Ruth died January 18, 1989.

Heinrich [Henry] Leonard Saul [1834-1918]

Henry, the son of Nicholas Saul and Elisabeth Charlotte Koning, was born in Hofgarten, Germany on February 7, 1834 and arrived in Grand Haven Township with his father and brothers in 1854. He owned a considerable quantity of land [400 acres in 1918] in Grand Haven Township. He was one of the first 23 members of the German Immanuel Church and one of its original elders when the church was organized in 1870. The church was located on the northeast corner of Warner and 168th Streets. The pupils of Saul School, forerunner of Rosy Mound, used the church's schoolhouse when their school burned down in 1900. Saul's granddaughter, Myrtle Kieft, recalled that he built the school and hired and boarded the teacher so his ten children and their neighbors' children could get an eighth grade education. The church was moved to Agnew in 1952, and then to its

present location on M-45 when U.S. 31 was expanded to four lanes in the mid-1950s.

In 1866 Henry became one of the trustees of the new Evangelical Lutheran-St. John's Church in Grand Haven. He was Supervisor of Grand Haven Township from 1880-81, Clerk of the Grand Haven Township School Board in 1899, Chairman of School Inspectors in 1906, and in 1908 he was Treasurer of the Rosy Mound School District. At one time he owned the land surrounding the school at the southeast corner of Ferry and Lakeshore stood, so it was referred to as the Saul School for awhile. On June 4, 1858 he married Mary, the daughter of Louis and Margrieta Ehlers Bredehoft, from Hannover, Germany. Mary, a native of Germany, lived from June, 1837 to December 20, 1921. She immigrated to the United States in 1856. Henry died in Grand Haven Township on May 20, 1918. Both Henry and Mary were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Their 11 children, all born in Michigan, included Mary, who was born in 1861, married Frank Miller of Grand Haven Township, died in 1921, and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery; Louis, born in January, 1869; Henry Saul II, born on April 19, 1871; Henrietta, who was born in August, 1873 and married Frank Kaatz II of Grand Haven; Laura, who was born about 1875 and married Baldwin Hery of Grand Haven; and Bertha, who was born about 1876 and married Charles Bierman of Grand Haven Township.

Henry Saul II [1871-1923]

The son of Heinrich Saul and Mary Bredehoft, Henry II, was born on April 19, 1871, died on June 6, 1923 in Grand Haven, and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. On November 14, 1900 Henry II married Martha Maria Helene Berg, who was born on April 26, 1876 in Grand Haven Township and died on May 17, 1907 after giving birth to her third child, Edward. Wilhelm and Frederick died earlier as infants. Her parents were Frederick and Wilhelmina Krull Berg, who came to the area in 1872 from Germany. Edward Walter, born on April 7, 1907, married Fern Luella Hammond [born August 2, 1913 in Boyne City, Michigan], and died in Muskegon on July 28, 1977. Henry on July 5, 1913 in Grand Haven Township married Augusta Fisher [Fischer], and they had two sons: Arnold, who was born on January 20, 1915, and Henry III, who was born on May 13, 1917 and died September 20 three years later when run over by a threshing machine. Augusta was born about 1883. After Henry's death, August married Herman Zimmerman, also of Grand Haven Township.

Johann Nicolaus "Nicholas" Saul [1803-1891]

A native of a Hofgarten, Germany, Nicholas Saul was born on February 28, 1803. He was a carpenter and was one of seven organizers and original member of a village Lutheran Church built in 1834 in Holfgarten. He married Elisabeth Charlotte Koning, who lived from September 17, 1807 to December 16, 1850. Four years after her death Nicholas settled in Grand Haven Township with his four sons: Heinrich, age 20; Wilhelm, 18; Theodor, 15; and Friedrich Martin, five. The family farm was on Lakeshore Drive in Section 16, where the Christian Conference Grounds later were located. The four boys were Friedrich, who was born May 28, 1849 and died in Muskegon on December 9, 1912, also had a farm along Lakeshore Drive in Section 9 of Grand Haven Township. Nicholas died of "old age" on May 29, 1891 at the age of 88. He was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary June 1, 1891.]

John [Jason] J. Saunders [Sanders/Sander] [1836-1871]

John J. Saunders [Sanders], an African American, was born in Virginia [Maryland] about 1836 and settled in Grand Haven before 1860. He worked as a blacksmith. On November 24, 1863 in Detroit, he enlisted with Company E of the 1st Michigan Infantry, which later was designated the 102nd U.S. Colored Infantry. He was mustered out on September 30, 1865. His birth year at the time of enlistment was estimated at 1821, his burial record gave his birth year as 1810, the 1860 census put it at 1836, and the 1870 census at 1805. Although it is difficult to reconcile these wide variations in birth years, the mid-1830s seems the more likely. John continued as a blacksmith when he and his wife, Elizabeth [Elisabeth], returned to Grand Haven after the war. Elizabeth was born in Delaware [North Carolina] on September 23, 1826. [The 1860 and 1870 censuses place her birth year at about 1837.] Their children, all born in Michigan, were Susan, born about 1856; John H., born about 1858; and Mary Y., born about 1860. Military records reveal that two of John's children died in Grand Haven while he was in the military. Living with the family in 1860 were Penn White, born in Michigan about 1840, and Penn's wife Sophia, who was born in New York about 1842. Penn and Sophia were early arrivals in the county. John died in Grand Haven on November 2 [3], 1871 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery in the G.A.R. plot. By 1880 Elizabeth was a laundry lady living on Madison Street with her daughter Susan, who had married a Mr Brigg. Also living in the house on Madison was Jessie E. Brigg, Susan's son, who was born about 1877. Elizabeth died in Grand Haven on August 4, 1885 and was buried in Potter's Field at Lake Forest Cemetery. Her parents were William and Rebecca Murray. In 1910 son John and his sister Susan were living at 621 North Sixth Street. At that time John

was widowed and Susan was divorced. John worked at the Eagle Ottawa leather plant in Grand Haven. In 1930 Susan was still residing in the family house, but John was gone. Living with Susan were two boarders, Eulyses Fordham, born in Michigan about 1875, and Charles Brown, born in Michigan about 1885. Eulyses was working as a laborer, but Charles was unemployed. Neither was African American.

William John H. Saunders [1832-1904]

Born in London, England on September 24, 1832, William Saunders began his career with British railroads. He came to Grand Haven by way of Canada in the early 1860s. William was employed by the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad as Cashier when the office was located on the north side of Grand River. He later joined and then retired from the National Bank of Grand Haven as Bookkeeper. William was a member of Blue Lodge, Knights of Templar, the Mystic Shrine, and Knights of Pythias. He died on August 25, 1904 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On June 6, 1871 in Grand Haven, he married Jennie Maria Kirkland, a native of England. The daughter of George and Elizabeth Kirkland of Grand Haven, she lived from 1850 to about September 17, 1915 and was buried with her husband.

Esther [Ester] Savidge [1866-1920]

See Nat Robbins [1866-1940].

George Patten Savidge I [1871-1913]

Born in Spring Lake in November, 1871, the younger son of Hunter and Sarah Patten Savidge, George became a leader in the Spring Lake Yacht Club and was its Secretary and Treasurer. He and his brother, William, sailed a 55-foot schooner call the *Sallie*, which was built in Spring Lake. George was Village President in 1897. On October 26, 1904 he married Maybelle [Mabelle/Mabel] Louise Moore of New York City. They had a son, George P. II, born in 1905. George I died in 1913, when only 42, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. His widow married Clarkson Rollins and moved to Minneapolis for awhile. By 1920 Maybelle and Clarkson were residing at 614 Clinton in Grand Haven and were in Spring Lake in 1930. Clarkson was born in Missouri on November 8, 1882. Maybelle lived from 1881 to 1957.

George Patten Savidge II [1905-1963]

Born and schooled in the Spring Lake area, George was the son of George and Maybelle Louise Moore Savidge. George II studied art at the University of Chicago under Walter Sargent, head of the Art Department. After graduation, he went to Paris and specialized in architectural design, portraits, and flower designing. Later he went to Hollywood and was associated with one

of the big studios. In 1934 he wrote a ten-episode pageant for the four day Centennial Celebration featuring early life in the City of Grand Haven. George donated the funds needed to put lights along four blocks of Savidge Street in Spring Lake. The lights were dedicated on June 21, 1935. George moved to California, where he died in 1963.

Hunter Savidge [1828-1881]

Born in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, Hunter's parents moved to Turbotville, Northumberland County when he was about six years old. Born on April 6, 1828, Hunter was the fifth son of thirteen children of Benjamin and Esther Hunter Savidge. In his hometown Hunter attended school in the wintertime and worked in construction during summer at a rate of \$10 per month. In 1850 he moved to Rockford, Illinois to teach, but soon was back in the contracting and building business. In 1856 he came to Spring Lake to purchase lumber for his business. He liked the area and the next year returned to manufacture lumber. He formed an association with men by the name of Young and Montague and opened the Young, Savidge & Montague Sawmill, formerly known as the Hopkins Sawmill. The enterprise was short lived. A financial panic of 1857 forced the enterprise out of business. Between 1858 and 1861 Hunter became a partner with Dwight Cutler of Grand Haven an another lumbering business. Their firm began to thrive as one of the most extensive and best known lumber firms in the midwest. Hunter and Dwight did not formalize their partnership, however, until August 31, 1863.

Dwight and Hunter bought the Hopkins Mill, located on the shore of Spring Lake west of the north end of Main Street [Cutler Street]. They then built a new mill to the west of the Hopkins Mills, on land later known as the Savidge Estate. In August, 1870, the partners bought a controlling interest in the Haire & Tolford Sawmill on Spring Lake, a lumbering business once known as Hopkins Mill. The officers were Hunter Savidge, President; Dwight Cutler, Treasurer; Hiram W. Pearson, Secretary; and John B. Hancock. They prospered from the beginning, and Hunter became owner of a large amount of valuable real estate. The discovery in 1870 of mineral waters on the site of the old sawmill led to the construction of the Spring Lake House, one of the most popular summer resorts in West Michigan. On January 1, 1874 he sold his interest in the hotel to others. By 1874 the lumbering business had half a million dollars in capital and was processing 50,000,000 board feet per year. It was large enough that a stock company was organized. The Cutler & Savidge yard stretched from the shore of Spring Lake, where the mill itself was located, to the foot of Division Street and west to the bridge. Much of the ground in that area was composed

of sawdust and cuttings. Hunter and Dwight also owned considerable acreage in Sections 12 and 13 of Spring Lake Township, and Hunter was sole owner of additional acres in Sections 8 and 9 of Crockery Township. Other holdings were in Muskegon County and probably elsewhere. Presumably the land was purchased for its trees. Cutler & Savidge became one of the largest lumbering businesses in West Michigan.

When Hunter died in 1881, Dwight became President of the business, and his two sons, along with Hunter's sons, George and William, operated the business. A diminishing supply of lumber forced it in 1899 to close the Spring Lake operation and move it to other sites, first in Leroy, Michigan and then Cutler, Ontario.

In 1871 Hunter was named Director of the First National Bank of Grand Haven. Also that year he loaned Aloys Bilz \$10,000 to help him restart his business after a devastating fire. In 1873 Hunter constructed the Odd Fellows Building at 136 Washington in Grand Haven. He was a long-time member of the organization. Hunter organized a fire department to protect his sawmill. He was elected Supervisor of Spring Lake in 1876, was President of Greenville Lumber Company, became President of Ottawa Booming Company, served twenty years on the Spring Lake School Board, and was a Democrat, but never ran for public office. He gave this advice to a man who found himself in a financial emergency: "Cut down your expenses and keep cool."

Hunter married Sarah Caroline Patten of Grand Rapids. She was born in West Winfield, New York on March 19, 1832. Sarah Patten came by prairie schooner with her family in 1845 to the small frontier hamlet of Grand Rapids on the edge of Michigan's great pine forest. She became a teacher in Grand Rapids Public Schools under the direction of Jeannette Hollister, who married William M. Ferry II. Sarah saw her first railroad train in Grand Haven after embarking on a trip down the Grand River on her way to Chicago. She met Hunter in Rockford, Illinois and married him in Grand Rapids on February 12, 1857. Their honeymoon included a stage coach trip along River Road on the south side of the Grand River from Grand Rapids to Grand Haven. They arrived the evening of February 22, in time for a Washington's Birthday Party at the Washington House, an early Grand Haven inn. In spite of their fatigue, they joined the festivities and made lifelong friendships. The next morning they took the ferry across the Grand River to Mill Point [Spring Lake] and on to their home, probably a temporary abode. Before long Hunter constructed a house on Mason Street. After living in that modest home for ten or twelve years, the Savidges built a large, two-story frame home near the lake [303 North Park Street]. He gave the house on Mason Street to Jay McCluer, along with five lots on Barber Street,

where Jay moved the house. Jay was a substitute for Hunter during the Civil War, when buying a replacement for military service was not uncommon.

After failing in an attempt to improve his failing by visiting California, Hunter returned to Spring Lake, where he died April 11, 1881 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. After Hunter's death Sarah lived alone in the house on North Park until her death on September 17, 1921. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Hunter and other family members. She was an active member of the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church and other organizations and a charter member of the Grand Haven Women's Club.

Thomas Savidge [1839-1907]

A native of Pennsylvania, where he was born in January, 1839, Thomas was the son of Benjamin and Esther Hunter Savidge and Hunter Savidge's brother. Thomas arrived in Mill Point [Spring Lake] in 1866, but almost immediately left the area for two years. He returned in 1868 to join the Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company, where his brother, Hunter Savidge, was President. Thomas owned and operated the Floral Stock Farm, breeding some of the fastest horses in the state. His advertisement in the 1893 *Directory* noted that his farm was "The Home of Michigan's Champion 3-Year-Old, Geo. St. Clair." The farm was located on the south side of Leonard Road, opposite the end of 148th Street. The farm's office was moved to 117 South Lake Street and converted to a home, which still stands today. Thomas followed in his brother's footsteps, and was President of the Village for eleven terms: 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1887, 1888, 1895, and 1896. He ran the Savidge Livery and Sale Stable at 109 Washington Street in Grand Haven, but lived at 303 East Savidge in Spring Lake. Thomas was credited with planting the trees west of the 500 block of Savidge Street, which led to its nickname "Willow Drive."

Thomas's first wife, Mary, was born on August 3, 1841 and died May 10, 1877. Thomas and Mary had three children, all born locally: Benjamin R., born about 1870; Hunter, born about 1874; and Herbert Jasper, born on February 4, 1875. On February 18, 1879 in Spring Lake, Thomas married Armetta "Nettie" Moore [Hunt]. She was born in Toledo, Ohio in March, 1854. Nettie was a charter member of the Grand Haven Woman's Club, formed in 1891. Thomas died in 1907 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Nettie, who died the same year. Nettie's mother, Louise S. Moore, lived from 1852 to 1928 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, where Mary also was buried.

William Savidge [1863-1916]

Born in Spring Lake on September 30, 1863, William Savidge was the older son of Hunter and Sarah Patten

Savidge. He attended high school in Grand Rapids, graduated from the University of Michigan in 1884, and then attended Harvard Law School from 1886 to 1887. William was a Republican, and in 1896 served as State Senator from the Ottawa-Muskegon District. After his father's death in 1881, he took charge of the Savidge interests and also served on the Board of Directors for the Challenge Corn Planter Company. When the local lumbering business died out, the Savidge mill closed in 1889. At that time the company bought the White & Friant Mill at Leroy, Michigan, which produced lumber until 1893. The business then moved to Ontario, Canada, where it closed for good five years later. William was the largest stockholder of the Challenge Refrigerator Company and was active in the Grand Haven State Bank. He was one of the founders of the Spring Lake Yacht Club and the Spring Lake Country Club. He helped to negotiate the purchase of the Country Club acreage from Fred Soule.

William, who never married, died on May 9, 1916 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

James Sawyer [1840- ?]

A farmer, surveyor, and teacher, James Sawyer owned approximately 100 acres in Section 13 of Polkton Township as early as 1864. He was born in New York about 1840 and had settled at Eastmanville by 1857. His wife, Ansta [Austa] was born around 1841 in Illinois. Their son, Robert, was born about 1863 in Michigan.

Randy A. Sawyer [1952-2008]

Randy Sawyer owned and operated the Sawyer Family of Homes, which included Sandpiper, Seville, Simarron, Sorrell, and Sierra Adult Foster Care Homes. Randy was born in Grand Rapids on May 2, 1952, the son of Carl and Frances Barrett Sawyer. In 1980 he left the real estate business in Grand Rapids to purchase Sandpiper, an adult foster care home in Nunica. A few years later he opened homes in Grand Haven, including one for Alzheimer patients. Randy married Sandra C. Frank on August 27, 1994. Randy was a member of Covenant Life Church in Grand Haven and was president of Ottawa/Allegan Alzheimer's Association. Randy and Sandy had three children: Erin Elisabeth, Cameron Carl, and Ethan Mark. Randy died on February 20, 2008 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Tribune obituary, February 22, 2008.]

William Wade Scagel [1875-1963]

Photographs of William Wade Scagel are hard to find. He seldom allowed one to be taken. One time a child pretended to snap his picture with a toy camera. Bill "snapped" back at her in no uncertain terms. William was a reclusive, sullen, ultra-right winged Republican, who was beholden to no one. He could be

argumentative, cantankerous, fiercely independent, and was a self-proclaimed atheist. In equal dose he was a perfectionistic, creative, generous man who, during the polio epidemic in the 1930s, made ornate braces to mobilize and encourage these stricken kids. No pay was accepted. Bill Scagel was an artist and genius who would never fully realize the fame and regard he had achieved. He is remembered fondly by the few who truly knew him.

Bill was born in Canada about 1875 and immigrated to the United States in 1900. Ten years later he became a naturalized citizen. Bill began his career as a bridge builder and wrought iron craftsman. After two failed marriages, he headed for the relative isolation of northern lumber camps, where in 1910 he began making knives. Later Bill honed his skills in a small shop established in Muskegon and eventually relocated to north end of Spring Lake Township. By 1920 Scagel had emerged as an uncommonly good bladesmith. He sold camp and sport knives, fighting knives, pocket knives, and related hardware to Abercrombie and Fitch in New York and other upscale dealers. His sharpware was used on Smithsonian expeditions. He is regarded as "The Father of 20th Century Cutlery," and as one who has profoundly influenced the cutlery trade for over a century, Bill is a member of the Blade Cutlery Hall of Fame. A number of factors make Scagel knives the standard by which all others are measured. First, after having heated words with the local power company, Bill pulled the plug at his "Dogwood Nub" home and shop. His knives were then made with power he squeezed out of an old windmill, submarine batteries, and a gas engine connected to a system of pulleys and belts. Bill selected only the strongest steel and other fine materials for his knives. The artistry in his stag and leather grips was unmatched; the grip itself was contoured to the human hand before anyone had heard the word *ergonomic*. There were few, if any, straight edges in Scagel knife design, only subtle curves melting into the hand. Single Scagel knives have exceeded \$20,000 in value and are sought after worldwide. A legend in the cutlery trade, Bill Scagel died a poor man in 1963. [Adapted from an article by Marjorie Viveen.]

Andrew Schaafsma [1875-1966]

Born in The Netherlands on October 18, 1875, Andrew Schaafsma owned a harness store at 11 North Second around 1900. His residence at that time was nearby on Second Street, but sometime before 1916 he moved his family to 410 Howard. On August 31, 1905 in Grand Haven, he married Jennie Wierenga. Jennie lived from June 27, 1881 to December 23, 1973, and died in Grand Haven. The Schaafsmas had six children, including Ida Mae, who was born in the house on Howard Street on May 31, 1916. She and her sister, Catherine Lake,

continued to reside in the Howard Street home until June, 2001. Catherine was born about 1914. The Schaafmas' son, Herman, was born on August 22, 1910 and died in September, 1971. Herman and his wife resided at 501 Leggat. Andrew and Jennie's other daughters were Jeanette, who was born about 1907, and Julia, who was born around 1918 and lived in Washington, D.C. Andrew passed away around January 12, 1966 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Leonard C. Schaden [1880-1968]

Born in New York City on August 21, 1880, Leonard Schaden at the age of fourteen started in the shoe business with Pingree Shoe Company as a pattern boy. He lived for many years in Dearborn, Michigan, next door to Henry Ford. He married Mary Jo Erlacher on May 16, 1905. Leonard formed a partnership with Roy & Everett Pingree, but later sold the company and moved to Whitehall, Michigan in 1922 to join Carl E. Schmidt's organization as sales technician for drying calfskins and processing into shoes. In 1932 William Hatton of Eagle Ottawa Leather Company persuaded him to come to Grand Haven as Sales Manager of the Shoe Leather Division. Leonard retired from that position in 1954. His hobby was photography. He and his wife resided at 436 Ottawa Street. Leonard died about October 18, 1968, and Mary passed away ten years later on July 13. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John A. Schaub [1882-1933]

Born in a log house on September 15, 1882 in Missouri, John Schaub came to Michigan in 1899. He attended school and was salutatorian of Coopersville High. He taught school for seven years, four of those in the Ferrysburg School as Principal and then became Director for eleven years. He was stricken with a malady of the spine, which left him unable to use his legs, and underwent many treatments and operations during the year 1910. A fellow teacher suggested that he start a subscription magazine agency. After a slow start, he became known far and wide as "Michigan's Wheel Chair Magazine Man" through articles written in several state newspapers. John developed a very large magazine and insurance business, which extended into every state. He survived the destruction of his house by fire in 1928, and with the help of friends and neighbors he built his dream home in Spring Lake. About the same time John became interested in many hobbies, including horticulture. He sent a number of arrangements to the Grand Haven Flower Show for judging. John was Treasurer of Spring Lake Township for 17 years. He died May 29, 1933 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. At that time his home was on Park Street.

Howard J. Schaubel [1917- ?]

A medical doctor and Grand Rapids native, Howard Schaubel purchased lakefront property near Rosy Mound from Carlotta Ewing, but eventually sold the lot and moved into a home at 10843 Lakeshore Drive, a few miles farther south. He received his medical degree from the University of Michigan.

Ray C. Schaubel I [1907-1991]

Born in Grand Rapids on April 15, 1907, Ray Schaubel attended school there. He graduated from Michigan State College [MSU] and received his master degree from the University of Michigan. During World War II he was in the Air Force, and served a total of 36 years, both active and inactive. Ray retired from the service as Colonel in 1967. Grand Haven High School employed him as a boys' counselor, teacher, and principal from 1934 to 1969. Ray was Recreation Director for the City of Grand Haven and a Red Cross swimming instructor. Upon retiring, he moved to Venice, Florida where he died on February 23, 1991. Ray and his wife, Eda, had two children, a son, Ray II, and a daughter, Judy. The family lived at 1710 Sheldon and later at 1148 Harbor. Ray was a member of the Retired Officers Association, B.P.O.E. [Elks] #1854 of Venice, Florida, American Legion of Venice, the Michigan Education Association, and the National Education Association. Eda, who lived from November 10, 1912 to March 23, 1997, died in Grand Rapids.

Harm [Hiram] Schemper [1827-1894]

In the early 1890s Harm Schemper owned a 100-acre farm in Section 16 of Olive Township, where he also raised livestock. Charles Schemper was a co-owner, and by 1908 he was the owner of record. Harm arrived in the area in 1878 and was still farming in 1912. He was born in The Netherlands on September 24, 1827 and died in Ottawa County on December 27, 1894. He married Tryntje Prince. They had several children, including Henryetta, born about 1868, and Klaus, born about 1868. By 1908 Klaus [Klaas] Schemper and his wife, Maggie, held title to the 100 acres, and they remained there into the 1930s. Maggie, a native of Michigan was born about 1872. Klaas and Maggie had two daughters, Janet, born about 1906, and Berdiena, born about 1909.

Rudolph Schenk [1859- ?]

Rudolph Schenk was born in Baden, Germany, in 1859. He studied engineering at the Stuttgart Polytechnic Institute and immigrated to Chicago in 1880. He joined the Ottawa Iron Works in Ferrysburg on January 1 the next year. That business closed in 1883 and four years later became Johnston Boiler Works.

J. Kenneth Schepers [1908-1983]

Born on January 6, 1908 in East Lansing, Michigan to Jacob and Henrietta Schepers, Kenneth graduated from Michigan State College [MSU] and Midwest School of Banking. He served in the Armed Forces after WWI. He took his first job in the banking field in Ionia, Michigan. Schepers married Dorothy Chinneck in Grand Rapids on September 1, 1932. They moved to Spring Lake, when Kenneth became President of Spring Lake State Bank in 1952. After the merger between Peoples Bank & Trust and Spring Lake State Bank, he was named President and CEO. He and Dorothy were members of St. John's Episcopal Church and the Spring Lake Country Club, and he served on the Chamber of Commerce and Community Economic Development Committee. Kenneth passed away on July 31, 1983 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Dorothy was born February 13, 1908 and died in Spring Lake on January 8, 1972. [*Tribune* obituary, August 1, 1983.]

Herman A. Scherping [1874-1958]

Herman Scherping was born in Saginaw on August 20, 1874. He moved to Grand Haven around 1949 and lived at 215 North Second Street. In Saginaw, Scherping worked for the Eaton Manufacturing Company, where he retired in 1944. Prior to that, he was employed by the City of Saginaw for 19 years. His wife, Hattie Giddings, whom he married in Marion Springs, Michigan on April 22, 1905, was born in 1883 and died in 1948. They had two sons, Lloyd of Saginaw and Willis of Seattle, Washington. Herman died at home on January 8, 1958.

Edward A. Schewe [1909-1990]

Edward Schewe and John Hyde started Ottawa Laboratories in 1946 on Taylor Street in Grand Haven to produce DDT-based insecticides. It closed two years after opening. Ed was born on September 3, 1909 and passed away in Grand Rapids on June 6 1990. In Grand Haven, he resided at 319 South Fifth.

Popko Schipper [1870-1936]

Born in 1870, Popko Schipper owned an 80-acre farm in Section 8 of Crockery Township, where he settled in 1899. He also grew fruit. His wife, Jakomina "Minnie," was born in 1879. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, along with a son, Peter, who lived from 1899 to 1917.

Heinrich "Henry" Schippers [1872-1936]

Born in Zeeland on December 28, 1872, Henry Schippers was one of nine children. He was educated at Hope College and Western Theological Seminary, where he graduated in 1902. He served many pastorates before coming to Grand Haven on October 3, 1918 to become Pastor of the First Reformed Church, which was the largest church in the community. He was Pastor of that church for fifteen years and served as State Clerk in the

Muskegon Classis of the Reformed Church for ten years. Henry also was a member of Hope College Council and Vice President of Hatton Hospital. After a few years of ill health he resigned as Pastor and died in 1936.

Henry [Hendrick] Schippers [1840-1913]

Born in Zeeland, The Netherlands, on January 1, 1840, Henry Schippers arrived in Grand Haven in 1856, where his brother Kryn had settled earlier. Kryn, a commercial fisherman, was born in The Netherlands about February, 1823, died in Grand Haven on November 29, 1884, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. A sister, Lena, also preceded Henry to Grand Haven. She was married to Harry [Henry] Smith, Captain of the schooner *Sea Gull*. Henry Schippers started sailing at age 16 under a captain's tutelage. After sailing ships owned by William R. Loutit, Charles T. Pagelsen, and Galen Eastman, he became Captain of his own vessel, the *D. A. Wells*. In 1896 Henry teamed with Captain John De Young of Grand Haven to purchase the schooner *Ellen Stevenson*. Henry had many "perilous adventures" aboard his various ships. On December 24, 1864 he married Yskje [Isa] De Boer, who was born in The Netherlands in May, 1844 and passed away in 1924. They lived with their daughter Hazel at 126 Elliott. Other children were John, born in November, 1875, and Willie, born in April, 1886. Henry died on February 8, 1913 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife and other family members. [*Tribune* obituary, February 10, 1913.]

Herman C. Schmedtgan

[Schmedtgen/Schmidtgan/Schmidtgen] II [1868- ?]

Herman Schmedtgan opened Schmedtgan's Roadhouse at 14990 River Road [Mercury Drive] around 1900. The two-story frame building sat on six or seven acres. As early as 1908 Herman was a truck farmer on six acres in Section 35 of Grand Haven Township. By 1918 the Roadhouse was referred to as a resort. Schmedtgan was born in Illinois about 1868. He married Mary A. Heisterkamp, also from Illinois, where she was born around 1877. In 1920 Herman was unemployed, and it isn't clear when he sold the Roadhouse/Resort.

Edward Schmidt [1865-1947]

Born in January, 1865 [1864] in Michigan, Edward Schmidt owned a 120-acre farm in Sections 10 and 14 of Grand Haven Township. He married Ida Clagues in Grand Haven on September 13, 1893. She was born in Michigan in November, 1873 and died on November 23, 1902. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Friedrich, born in November, 1895; Martha, born in May, 1897; Hattie, born in February, 1899; and Carl, born in April, 1900. Edward's father, Carl Schmidt, was born in Prussia about 1833. Edward died in 1947 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

Fredrich C.Schmidt [@1859-1926]

Fred Schmidt's farm was located on 30 acres in Section 10 of Grand Haven Township, where he settled in 1881. His wife, Mary, died around March 16, 1920. Fred, who was born in Michigan about 1859 passed away around June 24, 1926. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Herman Martin Schmidt [1876-1949]

Herman Schmidt's farm was located on 80 acres in Section 9 of Grand Haven Township. He was born in Michigan on March 4, 1876, died in 1949, and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. His wife, Caroline, lived from 1885 to 1958 and was buried at the same cemetery. Herman was the son of William and Dorothea Schmidt, who started the farm, which in 1997 became the site of Grand Haven High School [17001 Ferris Street]. Herman and Caroline had a son, also named Herman, who lived from 1907 to 1971. Caroline lived from 1885 to 1958 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

John Schmidt [1822-1904]

See John Smith [1822-1904].

Rudolph Schmidt [1881-1972]

Rudolph Schmidt and his wife, Minnie, farmed 40 acres in Polkton Township. Rudolph was born on October 15, 1881 and died in Crockery Township on December 23, 1972.

Rudolph Schmidt [@1859- ?]

Born about 1859 in Russia, Rudolph Schmidt was Superintendent at Story & Clark Piano Company in the early 1900s. He and his wife, Lydia, lived at 112 Eighth Street. Lydia died about April 30, 1952.

William C. Schmidt [1841-1923]

William and Dorothea Schmidt immigrated to the United States from Germany in 1866. By 1876 they owned an 80-acre farm in Section 9 of Grand Haven Township [approximately 17001 Ferris Street]. William was born on September 28, 1841, and Dorothea was born on May 2, 1844. Among their six children, all born in Michigan, were: Herman, who was born on March 4, 1876; Friedrich "Fred," born about May 1881; and Martin, born in April, 1883. Dorothea passed away on January 30, 1903, and William died on February 15, 1923. Both were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Herman I took over the family farm, later the site of Grand Haven High School.

**Herman C. Schmidtgan
[Schmedtgan/Schmidtgen/Schmidtgen] II [@1868- ?]**

See Herman C. Schmedtgan.

Louis C. Schneider [@1871- ?]

In the early 1900s Louis Schneider had a plumbing and heating business at 131 Washington in downtown Grand Haven. He was born in Michigan about 1871, as was his wife, Laura A. They lived at 182 Washington in 1910 and later at 212 Columbus.

Albert Schoenmaker [Schoemaker] [1849-1909]

A native of The Netherlands, where he was born on May 29, 1849 [1848], Albert Schoenmaker settled on 120 acres in Olive Township. He married Hendrika Habers, born Netherlands on July 20, 1858, also in The Netherlands. They were charter members of the Haarlem Reformed Church in Olive Township. Albert died on March 3, 1911 and Hendrika on April 8, 1905. Both were buried at Olive Township Cemetery.

Levi Schofield [1826- ?]

Born in New York State in 1826, Levi Schofield came to Grand Haven from Wisconsin and around 1870 worked as Superintendent for the Wait Manufacturing Company. Wait was the forerunner of the Challenge Corn Planter Company. Levi was responsible for many inventions that helped the company succeed, including improvements to the corn planter, a check rower, and a refrigerator, patented in 1890, that became known as the Challenge Refrigerator. Levi was listed as Superintendent of Challenge in the 1893 *Compendium*. His wife, Mary, was born about 1827. The Schofields had at least two daughters, both born in Wisconsin: Hattie, born about 1858, and Daisy Blanche, born about 1872. [*Tribune* obituary, August 31, 1903.]

Frank Scholten [1882-1953]

Frank Scholten, who was born in Michigan on January 26, 1882, attended local schools and was employed in area lumber mills until age 19. He then worked for H. J. Heinz Pickle Company in New Era, Michigan and had a retail business in that city. He spent two years in the U.S. Custom Service, was Manager of Consumers Power of Spring Lake for 29 years, served on the Debt Adjustment Board of Farm Security Administration, and was Secretary of the Community Chest. When Spring Lake State Bank moved to new quarters at 210 West Savidge in Spring Lake, Frank joined it as Cashier and Vice President. He was elected President of Spring Lake Village in 1923 and 1924. On November 17, 1908 in New Era, Michigan, he married Millicent Harvey, and they had two children, a daughter Marjorie and a son Harvey. The Frank Scholten family resided at 227 East Savidge. Frank died in 1953. Millicent was born March 10, 1883 in Newark, England and died in Spring Lake on November 21, 1971. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Scholtens lived at 227 East Savidge.

Harvey L. Scholten [1912-2002]

Harvey, the son of Frank and Millicent Harvey Scholten of Spring Lake, was born on November 11, 1912. He graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1930 and from Hope College four years later. He then attended the University of Michigan Law School, where he received his degree in 1937. After working as law clerk for Justice North of the Michigan Supreme Court for little more than a year, Harvey then joined the office of Grand Haven attorney Leo Lillie in 1939 and stayed until 1940. He established his own law office in January, 1941, but World War II interrupted his career. In July, 1942 he entered the Naval Reserve as a commissioned officer and served in the Caribbean and South Pacific. He left the Navy in 1945 and reopened his law office in Grand Haven. In 1957 he and Howard Fant formed the Scholten & Fant Law Office.

On November 21, 1941 Harvey married Gail E. Everest in Grand Rapids. Gail was born on August 27, 1914 in Grand Rapids. Her parents were Charles and Minnie Everest. Harvey and Gail attended the Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, where Harvey served nine years as elder and was Clerk of Sessions for two years. Harvey was a founding member of the Kiwanis Club of Grand Haven, a member and Director of the Spring Lake County Club, member and President of the Ottawa County Bar Association, member of the Michigan and American Bar Associations, Director and Chair of the Board of Peoples Bank & Trust [Bank One], and Director of Union Bancorp of Grand Rapids. In addition, he served on the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District Board of Education from 1947 to 1991 and was its President at one time. From 1977 to 1991 Harvey was President of the Michigan Association of School Boards. His other memberships included Grand Haven Rotary and Chamber of Commerce, where he served as Director. He was Trustee for the Loutit Foundation from its start in 1957 until 1991 and was its Vice President from 1977 to 1991. He was a member of the Salvation Army for many years. The Scholtens had a son, Dr. Paul D. Scholten, who lived in Oxford, Ohio with his wife, Linda. Harvey died in Grand Haven on February 23, 2002. Gail passed away in Holland on September 3, 2003. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Harvey Scholten, co-founder of prestigious law firm, dies at 89," February 25, 2002, and *Tribune* obituary, May 9, 2003.]

Wilbert F. Scholtz [1911-1973]

Wilbert Scholtz was born in Michigan on July 17, 1911 and died in Spring Lake on November 27, 1973. He and his wife resided at 526 East River in Spring Lake. His brother Harold married Grace Johnston, the sister of Tom Johnston II. Following the death of Tom Johnston II in 1957, Harold took over management of the firm.

John Schoonveld I [1906-1971]

John Schoonveld was listed as a meat cutter in 1928. By 1940 he owned Schoonveld's Market and Schoonveld's Superette at 222 North Seventh. Born on January 12, 1906, he died in Grand Haven on March 30, 1971. His wife, Cornelia, passed away around December 22, 1948. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After closing the grocery store, John worked at Story & Clark. The couple resided at 711 Elliott in the late 1920s and in an apartment over the grocery store in the late 1940s. At the time of his death, John resided at 15042 Lakeshore Drive. John and Cornelia had a son, John II, who was born on October 7, 1934 and passed away in Spring Lake on February 22, 1993.

Hubrecht Schout [1851-1920]

Hubrecht Schout was a farmer and raised stock on 64 acres in Section 24 of Olive Township, where he was born in December, 1851. He married Gerietta "Hattie," Wonnink, who was born in The Netherlands on November 13, 1855, came to the United States in 1871, and died on October 21, 1955. Their children, all born in Michigan, included Jan, born in October, 1881; James, born in June, 1885; Benjamin, born in November, 1887; and Gertruda, born in January, 1888.

Johannes Schout [1885-1958]

Johannes, the son of Hubrecht and Hattie Wonnink Schout, was born in Olive Township on June 20, 1885. He married Jessie Stiegenga, who lived from September 15, 1888 to January 11, 1985. She was the daughter of Jacob Harmens and Aukje Ruurds Van Der Meer Stiegenga. The Schouts owned a 40-acre farm in Section 24 of Olive Township. Johannes died on November 18, 1958. Their daughter, Carrie, was born locally about 1912 and married George P. Vanden Bosch on September 20, 1934. George was born October 20, 1909 and died in Borculo on September 9, 1984.

Wallace Schroeder [1942-1999]

Wallace, born on September 22, 1942 in Grand Haven, was the son of George and Ada De Vries Schroeder. He married Linda Bakale on September 30, 1960. Wallace worked for the Ottawa County Road Commission for 34 years and 16 years for the City of Grand Haven. He was a member of Hope Reformed Church, the West Shore De Colores, and the Grand Haven Golf Club. The Schroeders had two daughters, Paula, who married Mark Bekins, and Lisa, who married Dan Luckey. Both daughters remained in Grand Haven. Wallace died on January 15, 1999. On December 20, 2004 Linda married Raymond G. Mieras of Grand Haven.

Oscar Schubert [1853-1929]

Oscar Schubert, born in 1853, was located in Grand Haven in the 1880s and became Superintendent of the Kilbourn Package Company, a post he held until 1896.

Oscar then became a self-employed cooper [barrel maker] until his retirement in 1910. He died about August 9, 1929, in Grand Haven. His wife, Mara, was born in 1860 and died on January 10, 1901. [*Tribune* obituary, August 9, 1929.]

Del Schuiteman [1907-1971]

Del Schuiteman, a Grand Haven Realtor, was born on May 18, 1907, died in Grand Haven on August 12, 1971 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In the 1940s his office was at 101 North Griffin. Around 1950 Del bought the Loutit home at 333 Washington to house his Grand Haven Real Estate office and to use as his residence. He sold it to the Sun Oil Company, who tore it down around 1959 to make room for a Sunoco Gas Station. Del moved to 325 Washington. His wife, Margaret, was born on May 13, 1907, died on January 10, 1981 and was buried at Lake Forest. She was residing at 109 South Lake Avenue in Spring Lake at the time of her death.

Jacob Schuld [1863-1911]

Jacob was born in Steinback, Germany, on July 25, 1863, the son of Joseph and Catherine Schuld. Jacob moved to Chicago and on January 7, 1885 he married Anna Seibel. She was born in Chicago on January 21, 1861. Her parents were Charles and Caroline Kramer Seibel. Jacob and Anna as early as 1908 owned approximately 108 acres of lake frontage in Section 8 of Grand Haven Township [approximately 13215 Lakeshore Drive]. There was a farmhouse on the site, occupied by previous owner Theodore Stabelow, which Robert Van Kampen tore down in the mid-1980s when he constructed Stonegate compound. Jacob died in Chicago on November 17, 1911 and Anna moved to 400 Clinton in Grand Haven no later than 1927. While living on Clinton, she maintained ownership of the township property. She died in Grand Haven on November 29, 1955 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Of the Schults' eleven children, three died in the summer of 1894: August, Anton, and Phillip. Three other children Rose William, Caroline, and James became residents of Grand Haven. William was born in Chicago on August 26, 1890 and died in Grand Haven on September 12, 1947. Caroline, was born in Chicago on May 29, 1894, married Francis George Rank in Chicago on November 25, 1920, and died in Grand Haven on November 16, 1982. Rose was born in Chicago on February 13, 1898. James was born on November 28, 1900.

James Joseph Schuld [1900-1961]

James, the son of Jacob and Anna Schuld, was born in Chicago on November 28, 1900 and died on August 30,

1961. On June 8, 1935 he married Helen, the daughter of Joseph and Barbara Meyer of Chicago. Born on December 30, 1900, Helen passed away on April 19, 1994. James and Helen had a daughter, Mary Jo, who resided in Chicago, and a son, James J., who lived in Ferrysburg. After James's death on August 31, 1961, Helen lived with her sister-in-law, Rose Schuld, at 400 Clinton in Grand Haven. James was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Rose Schuld [1898-1988]

Rose, the daughter of Jacob and Anna Schuld, was born in Chicago on February 13, 1898, died in Grand Haven on August 17, 1988, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and employed in the accounting department of Challenge Machinery most of her working life. She retired from Challenge in 1966. After her father's death she and her mother shared a home at 400 Clinton. Rose remained in the home after her mother died. A sister-in-law, Helen, also lived in the home.

Albert W. Schuler II [1912-1995]

Born on October 11, 1912 in Marshall, Michigan to Albert and Emily Baty Schuler, young Albert attended schools in Marshall, starring in track and basketball. He graduated from Albion College in 1934 and went into the Navy for three and a half years as Lieutenant. After the service, he owned and operated Downs Golf Course in Marshall with his brother Winston J. He then went into the restaurant and hotel business in Marshall, Traverse City, and Grand Haven, at the site that later became the Kirby Grill [2 Washington Street]. He married Marian Banfield in 1938 in Hillsdale. They had a daughter Jill and a son Jeffery. The Schulers built a home atop a dune at 201 Grand around 1950. In 1962 he sold his interest in the Grand Haven business to his brother, Win. Al died on April 18, 1995 and was buried at Oakridge Cemetery in Marshall. Marian, who was born on September 1, 1919, died in Hillsborough County, Florida on November 28, 1995. [*Tribune* obituary, April 18, 1995.]

Winston J. Schuler [1908-1993]

Win Schuler who lived from April 29, 1908 to May 13, 1993, died in Harbor Springs, Michigan. He and his brother Al bought the Ferry Hotel at 2 Washington in Grand Haven in 1947 and a few years later converted it to a restaurant. Win bought out his brother's share in 1962. Win removed the third floor and converted the business to a restaurant that operated under various names. He sold the business about the mid-1970s.

August Schulke [@1868- ?]

August Schulke raised crops and livestock on 80 acres in Section 3 of Crockery Township, where he settled in

1907. He was born about 1868, and was still in Crockery Township in 1910. He married Matilda Sangpeal in Germany. She was born in Germany about 1870. Their children, both born in Germany, included Martha, born about 1892, and John, born about 1899. The couple and their children migrated to the United States in 1906.

George Vincent Schultenhoffer [1906-1953]

See George Vincent Hoffer.

Louis F. M. Schultz [@1870- ?]

Louis Schultz had a farm in Section 15 of Grand Haven Township. He was born in Illinois around 1870 and arrived in the area in 1907. His wife, Annie, was born in Germany around 1872 and immigrated to the United States when she was four. They had at least three children, all born in Illinois: Albert L., born about 1892; Lawrence, born about 1894; and Edwin, born about 1904. Residing with the family in 1910 was Louis's father, William C., who was born in Germany about 1832. He arrived in America in 1851.

Jerome Roger Schultz [1922- 2001]

Born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin on February 18, 1922, Jerome Schultz moved to Grand Haven as a boy and resided at 621 Jackson most of his life. He was the son of Joseph M. [born on August 17, 1896 in Winona, Minnesota] and Mary Schultz [born on February 19, 1896 in Grand Haven]. After graduating from Grand Haven High School in 1940, Jerome went to work for Keller Tool Company. From 1942 to 1946 he served with the Tenth Armored Division of General Patton's Third Army. He was wounded in Belgium and awarded two Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart. After the war he was a driver for Grand Haven Coal & Dock. He died November 14, 2001.

Henry Scutcheon [Scutchens] [1860-1907]

According to newspaper reports, Henry Scutcheon on July 21, 1907 used an axe to kill his paralytic son, his wife, and his father-in-law. After his rampage Henry threatened a neighbor, who shot him dead. Henry was born in England in October, 1860. He immigrated to the United States in 1887. Two years later, on October 30, 1889, he married Mary Vonels in Nunica. Mary, also a native of England, was born in April, 1867. They owned a 40-acre farm in Section 20 of Polkton Township. A son, Charles, was born in October, 1890; another son, William, was born in September, 1893; and a third son, George, was born in May, 1897. The newspaper report did not specify the dead child's name.

George Louis Schwab I [1837-1921]

A native of France, where he was born in February, 1837 [1838/1839], George Schwab came to America as a

child with his parents and lived in New York State. In 1860 he came to Spring Lake and on October 3, 1864, he enlisted as a substitute for Anthony J. Simmons in Company C of the 14th Michigan Infantry. He held the rank of Private. He was mustered out July 18, 1865. Schwab returned to Spring Lake, where he married Laura M. Reed [Read]. The daughter of Hiram Reed of Spring Lake, Laura was born in New York in January, 1846. Hiram resided with his daughter and son-in-law around 1880. George and Laura had seven children. In 1868 George opened a china, crockery, grocery, and feed store in the Village. The store was located at 207 West Savidge, on the northwest corner of Jackson and Savidge Streets. He owned several lots on the northwest corner of Savidge and Jackson Streets. Their children were Laura E., born in January, 1868; Henrietta J., born in October, 1869; Madeline E., born in September, 1872; George L. II, born in February, 1875; Gertrude J., born in October, 1880; Edward H., born in January, 1882; and Will E., born in October, 1885. George II stayed in the grocery business, as did a grandson, George III. Laura passed away 1906 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. George I died in 1921 and was buried with his wife.

George Louis Schwab II [1875-1935]

George, the son of George and Laura Read Schwab, was born in Spring Lake on February 9, 1875. He took over his father's grocery business, located at 207 West Savidge. When George II died in 1935, his son, George III, assumed management of the grocery store. On February 7, 1898 in Spring Lake, George married Maud, the daughter of Enno and Jane Pruim. Maud lived from October, 1873 [1874] to 1924 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [George II is listed as a married man living with his parents in Spring Lake in the 1900 census, but Maud's name was not included. In 1910 she was living with her parents in Spring Lake, using the Pruim name and listed as divorced.] On May 8, 1902 in Spring Lake, George married Minnie Kieft. She died about June 5, 1905 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On May 10, 1906, also in Spring Lake, he married Robena Hayden, who lived from 1882 to 1934 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. George III was born in Spring Lake on July 6, 1903 and married Josephine Bennett on April 22, 1935. Josephine had two daughters from a previous marriage.

Elizabeth Warber Schweitzer [1881-1939]

The daughter of Charles and Caroline Warber of Spring Lake, Elizabeth married Gerhardt Schweitzer from Germany. They lived on the Warber farm from 1926 to 1938. Born in 1881, she died in 1939 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Levi Scofield [1815-1903]

Born in New York on January 1, 1815, Levi Scofield settled in Grand Haven. Between 1873 and 1885, while a Grand Haven resident, he applied for and received six patents. After a short time away, Levi returned to Grand Haven, and was elected Mayor in 1885. He served one term. By 1893 he was Superintendent for the Challenge Corn Planter Company. Levi's wife, Carrie, was born May 10, 1815 in Volney, New York. Levi died on August 27, 1903 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery in Block 16. The Scofield marker was one of three large, ornate concrete monuments made by F. O. Gross Company at 341 Wabash Avenue in Chicago. Three of the Scofield's infant children were buried in the same plot: Rhoda, Kate, and Ida. Carrie died in her birth town, but her name appears on the monument at Lake Forest.

Ahira Scott [1840-1930]

Born in Dresden, New York on June 19, 1840, Ahira Scott enlisted in the Navy during the Civil War. After the war he settled in Grand Haven and worked for the Duncan Robertson Shipyards as a ship's carpenter. Robertson built some of the large wooden ships, which made Grand Haven famous. He also helped organize the Weatherwax Post for local veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic [G.A.R.]. He married Isabel "Belle" Parker in 1871. She was born in New York March, 1852. The Scotts had at least two children, both born in New York: Walter, born in August, 1872, and Maude, born in February, 1876. About 1897 Maude married Thomas Johnston, who died before 1900. They had a son, Herold Johnston, who was born in August, 1898. Ahira died on August 25, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 25, 1930.]

Augustus Eugene Scott [1868- ?]

Eugene Scott was born in Grand Haven on December 2, 1868. He was the son of Myron and Mary Kingsbury Scott I of Grand Haven, and brother of Myron Kingsbury Scott II. On February 14, 1900 Eugene married Eleanor C. Avery, who lived from July, 1870 [1872] to about January 4, 1922 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. She was the daughter of James C. and Mary Murray Avery of Grand Haven. Eugene was a Marine Engineer and a resident of Grand Haven.

Ernest K. "Scotty" Scott [1900-1978]

Born in Grand Haven on September 16, 1900, Ernest was the son of Isaac and Jean Wareham Scott. Scotty married Tina [Tena] Gankema in 1933. A postal clerk for 29 years, Scotty retired in 1965. He also worked part-time at Frank's Flower Shop. He and Tina lived at 1045 Pennoyer for 40 years or so. One of their children, Ruth Ann, married Edward Paul Suchecki, who started Grand Haven Gasket Company in 1969. Scotty died in 1978, six years after his wife, and was buried at Lake

Forest Cemetery. Tina, who was born on February 27, 1907, passed away on November 25, 1972 and also was buried at Lake Forest. Scotty was Gladys Scott's brother.

Gladys Scott [Vinkemulder] [1897-1967]

Gladys, the daughter of Isaac and Jean Wareham Scott, was born in Grand Haven on September 14, 1897 and married Arnold Vinkemulder on June 27, 1925 in Grand Haven. She was employed at Keller Tool Company, the forerunner of Gardner-Denver, in 1921. That year, Gladys lived at 124 South Eighth Street, and she continued to live in the home with her husband after her parents died. Gladys died in Ann Arbor on July 5, 1967. Arnold was born in the Grand Haven area in April, 1889 and passed away around October 3, 1961. He and Gladys were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ernest Scott was Gladys's brother.

Horace D. Scott [1819-1910]

Horace Scott arrived in the area in 1848, settling on 58 acres in Section 22 of Crockery Township in 1849. He was born in Vermont in May, 1819 and died in 1910. His wife, Artemissa [Artemia] M., a native of New York, lived from June, 1825 to 1910. Both were buried at Nunica Cemetery. Their children, natives of Michigan, were Lillian, born about 1858; Kate, born in March, 1861; and Sid, born in February, 1866. Both Lillian and Kate became teachers.

Isaac Walter Scott [1855-1923]

Born in Buffalo, New York on January 2, 1855, Isaac Scott arrived in Grand Haven around 1879. He and John Scott were brothers. Isaac married Jean [Jennie] Elizabeth Wareham on August 30, 1880 in Holland. He was a ship's carpenter in local shipyards. Their children, all born locally, were William, born in July, 1886; Frank, born in November, 1885; Blanche, born in January, 1890; Leonard, born in May, 1894; and Gladys, born on September 4, 1897. Isaac owned the wooden schooner *Ellen Stevenson*. For the last ten years of his life, he was employed by Story & Clark. Isaac died in 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jean, a native of England, lived from September, 1861 to 1940 and was buried with her husband at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 15, 1923.]

James B. Scott I [1911-1989]

James was born in Chicago, Illinois on March 10, 1911 to William and Lillian Scott. At ten years of age he was orphaned and wandered from farm to farm looking for work and food, eventually moving to the Nunica area, where he was raised by his aunts. At 19 he went back to Chicago and met Louise Schuett. They were married in Chicago in 1936. The couple settled in Grand Haven and had six children, including a daughter, Joan Gray.

James worked for Bastian Blessing as a welder and in 1942 formed Welded Products with Duane Brady in the Spring Lake area. They soon outgrew that building and built a new factory at 335 North Griffin Street in Grand Haven, which became Technology, Inc. [Spectra Products] in 1969.

James was on the steering committee for the building of St. Patrick's and St. Mary's churches, of which he was a member, and he also was President of the local C.E.D and Rotary Club. He was a member of Knights of Columbus, the Elks, and Spring Lake Country Club. He was Director of Peoples Bank and Trust, and Ermanco Roll Form & Design. He was involved in the planning of the Musical Fountain, a leader of the United Way Fund, and Vice President of Visiting Nurses Association. He passed away on March 6, 1989 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

James Perrin Scott [1814-1897]

A resident of Grand Haven, James Scott enlisted as Battery Quartermaster of the 2nd Michigan Cavalry on September 2, 1861. He was promoted to First Lieutenant and Regimental Quartermaster on August 1 the next year. James was mustered out on November 30, 1864. He was born about 1814. On January 4, 1898, James's son William H. Scott "et al" applied for a minor's Civil War pension in Illinois.

John Scott I [1849-1923]

Born in Buffalo, New York on October 4, 1849, John Scott settled in Grand Haven around 1879 as a ship's carpenter and helped build many of the wooden ships for which Grand Haven was known. He sailed with his brother Isaac, who owned the lumber schooner *Ellen Stevenson*. His wife, Anna [Annie], was born in Ohio on December 15, 1849 and passed away on September 19, 1905. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children, all born locally, were Robert, born in February, 1872; Charles, born in May, 1875; Edward, born in October, 1877; Mabel A., born in April, 1880; James, born in January, 1883; and John II, born in September, 1888. John I was a member of the Presbyterian Church and Modern Woodman Lodge. He died about January 17, 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, September 20, 1905.]

Leonard Scott [1894-1918]

The son of Isaac and Jean Wareham Scott, Leonard spent most of his life in Grand Haven. He died of pneumonia in 1918, when he was serving during WWI with Company F, 310th Engineers, 85th Division. Leonard was born in May, 1894.

Myron Scott I [1845-1894]

Born in West Dresden, New York on March 3, 1845, Myron Scott worked aboard small steamers in the east when still young. On May 1, 1861 he enlisted as Private in Company H of the 33rd New York Infantry. A report that he was captured and held in Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia for some time was not verified by his service record. Myron was mustered out on June 2, 1863, the same year he came to Grand Haven, and was employed by White, Friant & Tempest. Myron sailed on every Great Lake and was appointed Steamboat Inspector of Boilers and Hulls for Ottawa County. Myron was a member of Grand Haven Lodge #139, Masons, and Knights Templar, and he was a charter member of several marine engineers' lodges. On December 16, 1867 in Grand Haven, Myron married Mary E. Sullivan. She applied for a widow's Civil War pension on the following July 16. Myron Kingsbury Scott, born on August 13, 1882, was their son, and Augustus Eugene Scott, born on December 2, 1868, was another. A third son, A. Arthur., was born about 1871. Mary, a native of New York, was born in 1849. She managed the Milwaukee House in Grand Haven in the early 1870s. Her sister Margaret married Ed Killeen of Grand Haven. Myron passed away on June 15, 1894. Mary died on September 24, 1918 at the home of her son, Arthur, in the State of Washington. Both Myron and Mary were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 16, 1894.]

Myron Kingsbury "Scotty" Scott II [1882-1943]

Born in Grand Haven on August 13, 1882, Myron "Scotty" was the son of Myron and Mary Sullivan Scott. He graduated from Grand Haven High School. In 1900, after two years at the University of Michigan, he started his journalism career, working first for the *Milwaukee Journal*. He then returned to Grand Haven in 1912 to become editor of the *Grand Haven Tribune*. In 1915 he and Horace Nichols became part-owners and co-publishers of the newspaper. Scotty sold his interest in 1927, but continued with the *Tribune* as Editor-in-Chief until he joined the staff of the *Detroit Free Press* in 1932. He left the *Press* four years later. In June, 1929, the magazine *Argosy* printed Scotty's novel, *Paradise Island*. It was a story of "intrigue and action among the islands of northern Lake Michigan." [*Tribune*, June 21, 1929].

During his newspaper career, Scotty became widely known in national publications throughout the U.S. as a writer of lake and sea stories. Being from a sea-faring family, he urged the establishment of a Harbor Commission and through his writings Scott constantly drew attention to the harbor that he thought was Grand Haven's greatest asset. After leaving Grand Haven, he became Public Relations Officer of the State Liquor Control Commission, had a position with the State Labor

Mediation Board and was Press Secretary for Michigan Governor Luren Dickinson and also served the Michigan Press Association in 1942. He was head of the press section for the Office of Civil Defense.

On September 25, 1907 in Grand Haven Kingsbury married Jessie Elizabeth Olsen, who was born in Michigan on August 13, 1881. Jessie's parents were Jens A. and May [Mary] Consins Olsen. The Scotts' children included Eugenia, who was born about 1909 and married Carl Christianson, and Myron Kingsbury Scott III, who was born on April 5, 1913 and passed away in Laingsburg, Michigan in August, 1978. In Grand Haven the Scott home was located at 426 Franklin and later at 533 Pennoyer Avenue. By 1930 they had moved to 803 Lake Avenue. Scotty died in Lansing on April 27, 1943 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jessie passed away around June 12, 1971 and was buried with her husband and other members of the Scott family.

Sid Scott I [1866-1931]

Sid Scott owned a farm next to his parents, Horace and Artemissa M. Scott, in Section 22 of Crockery Township. Sid was born in Crockery in February, 1866. He married Minnie Westover in Crockery Township on December 26, 1894. They had two sons, Harold, born in February, 1896, and Sid II, born in April, 1898. Sid I died in August, 1931 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. Minnie, was born in Nunica in November, 1866, passed away in 1938, and was buried with her husband.

Thomas J. Scott [1833-1903]

Born in June, 1833 in New York State,, where he spent most of his boyhood, Thomas Scott sailed on steamships early in his life and became an engineer and machinist. He was selected to place all the machinery on the *Detroit* and became her Chief Engineer. He also was a member of the crew of the "Black Boats" and was quite proud of that fact. He served eight years as Boiler Inspector for the Grand Haven District. He sailed the lakes for thirty years and made over 3,000 crossings on Lake Michigan. He served for two years after retiring as clerk in the Inspector's office. Thomas was a member and trustee of the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven for many years. He died on May 9, 1903 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Mary A., was born in Canada in August, 1848. She died around May 13, 1914 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, May 9, 1903.]

George Scranton II [1786-1859]

George, the son of George and Edee Baker Scranton, was one of the first settlers in Eastmanville, arriving there in 1835. He gave the town its original name of

Scranton, but in 1855 Galen and Mason Eastman, sons of Timothy Eastman, who had arrived in 1836, platted the village and changed it to Eastmanville. In 1836, George became the first physician at the short-lived Port Sheldon resort development. He was born on September 2, 1786 in Washington County, New York, died on November 9, 1859, and was buried at Marshall Cemetery in Kent County. His wife, Polly, who lived from August 24, 1794 to October 7, 1852, also was buried at Marshall.

George Seagrove I [1827-1902]

George Seagrove was born in England on January 25, 1827, and served with the British Navy for a few years before coming to Spring Lake in 1855 and working in the lumber industry. He and his family lived in the Charles Allen house at 341 South Lake, where George purchased additional land and maintained a fruit orchard. He died on September 30, 1902 and was buried near his wife, Priscilla [Drucilla], in Spring Lake Cemetery. Priscilla was born in England on February 16, 1827 and died October 21, 1888. Their daughter Agnes "Aggie" was born in Grand Haven on September 20, 1857 and married George W. Christman of Spring Lake. Another daughter, Emma A., was born on September 30, 1869. Emma passed away in Spring Lake on April 10, 1956. A son, George II, was born in 1862, and another son, Job, born about 1848, worked as an engineer on a railroad and resided in Spring Lake. George's second wife, Lizzy, was born in Germany [Michigan] in June, 1851. They were married in Spring Lake on August 3, 1889. [*Tribune* obituary, April 11, 1956.]

George Seagrove II [1862-1930]

George II was born in Spring Lake in 1862, the son of George and Priscilla Seagrove, and died there on June 21, 1930. George was buried in Spring Lake Cemetery next to his wife, Mary I. Kay, whom he married in Spring Lake on June 23, 1887. Mary was the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Scott Kay of Spring Lake. After their marriage, George and his wife moved to Chicago, where he worked for the Thiel Detective Service. In 1910 he started the George Seagrove Industrial Secret Service Company. For a short time the young George Christman worked for him.

John C. Sealey [Seeley] [1864- ?]

In the early 1900s John Sealey operated the Star Hand Laundry at 735 Columbus Street. Prior to that, he owned a laundry in Greenville, Michigan. On June 28, 1888 in Stanton, Michigan, he married Mary Vedenburg, who was born in Michigan in June, 1863. She worked in the laundry with her husband. John was born in England in February, 1864 and immigrated to the United States when he was 10. John and Mary lived at the same address as their business.

Asher Edward [Alfred/Elfred] Floyd Seaver [1887-1963]

On September 24, 1907, Edward Floyd Seaver married Gertruida "Gertrude" Bertha Danhof [Danhof] in Zeeland. Floyd was born on November 18, 1887 [November 19, 1888] in Iowa, and Gertrude was born in Grand Haven on March 11, 1886. Her parents were Peter and Johanna "Anna" Jonker Danhof. Known also as Berdie, she died in Wyoming, Michigan on November 20, 1979. James Seaver, also known as Junior W., was their son. Another son, Jene A., was born in Michigan, about 1917. In 1918 Edward worked at the Holland Furnace Company and lived at 260 East Ninth Street in the City of Holland with his wife and children. By 1920 the family resided in Zeeland, and ten years later they were living at 320 24th Street in Holland. In the census for that year, Edward was employed at a Holland pickle factory and James was a radioman at a radio factory. Edward died in November, 1963.

James Wesley Seaver [1908-1967]

James Seaver founded Seaver Industrial Finishing Company in Grand Haven in 1953. By the mid-1970s his son, Ronald Jay Seaver, was President of the firm. He earlier had worked in the polishing and buffing department at Camfield's. In 1960 he partnered with Leslie Vink, also a former employee at Camfields, to start Harbor Buffing at 117 South Harbor. The company later moved to 205 South Harbor and then to 1626 Marion. James, born in Michigan on April 12, 1908, was the son of Edward [Elfred/Alfred] Floyd and Gertruida [Gertrude] Bertha Danhof [Danhof] Seaver. James also was known as Junior W. Seaver. In the late 1940s he resided at 937 Grant in the City of Grand Haven and later at 15765 Ronny Road in Grand Haven Township. James died in October, 1967. His wife, Lila Gertrude Hieftje, lived from June 10, 1912 to January 7, 2002. She died in Grand Haven. Their children were Ronald Jay, born on January 10, 1933; James Michael, who was born in 1938, married Cynthia Maye Clark [born 1942], and died in 1988; and David Lee, who was born in 1940 and married Sharon Ann Jerovsek. Sharon, the daughter of John and Jane Watson Jerovsek of Grand Haven, was born in 1939.

Ronald Jay Seaver [1933-1994]

Born on January 10, 1933, Ronald was the son of James W. and Lila G. Seaver. Ronald became President of Seaver Industrial Finishing, a company founded by his father. Ronald died in Grand Haven on April 10, 1994 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Alice Joyce Kruizenga, who was born in 1934. They resided at 1602 South De Spelder Street.

William Sechrist [1852- ?]

Born in Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1852, where in 1880 he was a machinist, William Sechrist came with W. F. Parish to Ferrysburg and worked as Foreman at Ottawa Iron Works. William married Elizabeth Bibel of Erie in 1871. She was born in Pennsylvania about 1849. Two daughters and a son were born in Pennsylvania. Another daughter, Gertie, was born in Spring Lake in February, 1881.

Ralph Lewis Secory [1918-2003]

Ralph, the son of Lewis [Louis] P. and Gertrude M. Walsh Secory, was born in Mason City, Iowa on August 27, 1918. Lydia Secory, who married Vernon Verplank, was his step-sister. Ralph moved with his family to Grand Haven in 1930 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1936. He was a member of the basketball team that won the state championship. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII, and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Elks. He was an agent for Standard Oil. He married Rose Mary Marod in South Bend, Indiana, on September 9, 1936. Rose Mary was born about 1917 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1935. Ralph and Rose Mary had a daughter Judy Secory-Rideout and two sons, Michael and Steven Secory. The family resided at 427 Buena Vista Drive in Spring Lake. Ralph died in Spring Lake on March 20, 2003. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 21, 2003.]

James A. Seek [1840-1923]

James Seek, born in Michigan in June, 1840, moved to Grand Haven from Wisconsin, where he was counted in the 1855 census for Fond du Lac County. In Grand Haven he was a saw filer and Foreman of one of the departments at the Boyden & Akeley Mill. By 1876 his residence was on 20 acres in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township, near the Grand River, where he raised fruit. During the Civil War, James served with Company K of the 4th Wisconsin Infantry. On May 31, 1920, he applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. His wife, Mary, was a native of New York, where she was born about 1851. Their children, all born locally, were James Haney, born on July 15, 1873, Mary, born in 1875, and Minnie, born about 1877. By 1895 the family had returned to Wisconsin, where James continued to work as a saw filer at an Ashland sawmill. James died in Benton Harbor on February 8, 1923.

Cecil Lawrence Seery [Serry] [1894-1946]

Cecil, the son of Michael and Anna Seery of Holland, Michigan, was born on May 14, 1894 and died in Holland on July 25, 1946. On June 25, 1925, in Calhoun County, Michigan, he married Gertrude Vander Noot. The daughter of Cornelius and Nellie H. Vander Ploeg Vander Noot, she was born on December 29, 1897 in Grand Haven. Gertrude died on July 30, 1978 in

Holland. In 1930 the family resided in Holland, where Cecil was a pharmacist.

Ignatz Seifert [1851-1940]

Ignatz Seifert was born in Austria [Boehmia] on February 2, 1851. He immigrated to Milwaukee in 1870, and four years later he settled in Grand Haven, where he operated a meat market until his retirement in 1915, 41 years later. Twenty-eight of those years his shop was located at 124 Washington. Ignatz was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. He married Wilhelmena Muellemann in Milwaukee on May 6, 1884. She was born at New Philadelphia, Ohio, February 8, 1862, and came to Grand Haven with her parents when she was four. The Seiferts' children were George, born in August, 1885; twin daughters, Florence and Frances, born on June 9, 1887; William J., born on February 5, 1891; and Joseph, who was born August 19, 1897. Florence and Frances graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1904 with a class of 13. Frances, who taught briefly at Rosy Mound, married Oscar Bronson in Grand Haven on September 14, 1918. Florence married Dr. Arend Vyn, a Grand Haven dentist. The Seiferts lived at 115 Franklin for 44 years. Ignatz died about October 7, 1940 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Joseph [Josef] Walter Seifert [1897-1978]

Joseph, the son of Ignatz and Wilhelmena Mullemann Seifert, was born on August 19, 1897 in Grand Haven, where he died on October 31, 1978. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1930 he managed the billiard hall at 117 Washington with his brother, William.

William Ignatz Seifert [1891-1956]

William Seifert and his wife, Frances K., managed the first pavilion at the Oval around 1934. William, the son of Ignatz and Wilhelmena Mulleman Seifert, was born in Grand Haven on February 5, 1891 and Frances on October 3, 1893. Frances was a Michigan native. In 1918 William was managing the billiard hall at 117 Washington, and by 1930 his brother, Joseph, had joined him. A daughter, Sara, was born around 1924, and a son, Josef William, on January 20, 1935. The Seiferts resided at 601 Lake Avenue. William passed away around December 29, 1956, and Frances died in Grand Haven on March 28, 1984. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Edward [1860- ?] and Anna Therese Kretschmar Selbmann [Selbman] 1861 [1871]- 1915

In 1904 Edward and Anna Selbmann of Chicago paid \$10,000 for Ashley Heights, a 114-acre resort in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township, on the west shore of the lake [approximately 17800 West Spring Lake Road].

They renamed the resort Lott Hannah for their two children, Charlotte "Lottie" and Hannah. Felix Perl was Manager. Room rates were \$8 to \$10 per week in 1904, and the resort offered "unexcelled German Cooking." Anna worked on site during the resort season, while Edward remained in Chicago. The frame building burned down in 1918. The Selbmans purchased the site from Albert and Jeanette Ashley. In 1907 the property reverted to the Ashleys when Edward and Anna defaulted on a \$7,500 mortgage. Edward was born in Saxony, Germany in September, 1860 and Anna in the same country on August 28, 1861. Hannah was born in Chicago on January 5, 1884, and Charlotte "Lottie" on February 14, 1894, also in Chicago. Edward and Anna immigrated to the United States aboard *Amsterdam* on March 21, 1882. He became editor of a Chicago newspaper. The family was still in Chicago in 1920, where Anna passed away on January 19, 1915.

Charles Seligman [1843-1912]

Charles Seligman was Foreman of the Hubbard & Avery Cigar Manufacturing House in Grand Haven. In the early 1900s he opened his own cigar house at 118 Washington. His wife, Amelia, lived from December, 1846 [1849] to 1917. They were both born in Germany. Charles came to the United States in 1864 and Amelia in 1870. They had two sons, Alfred, a businessman who relocated to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Edward, who was born in April, 1886 and joined his father in the cigar business. The family resided at 403 Lake Avenue. Charles lived from April, 1843 [1847] to 1912. Both he and Amelia were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Edward Kuhn Seligman [1886-1930]

Born the son of Charles and Amelia Seligman on April 4, 1886, Edward attended local schools and was a football star with the Grand Haven Independents. He joined his father in the cigar business and helped organize the B.P.O.E. [Benevolent, Protective Organization of Elks] with his friend Arthur Van Tol. Edward built the cottage "Edrene" in Highland Park. In addition to the Elks, Edward was a member of the Spring Lake Country Club, Union Blue Lodge, Shrine Moslem Temple, and the Caravan Shrine Club. He was an enthusiastic golfer. He later moved to Detroit and became a special agent for the Missouri State Life Insurance Company and a salesman for a candy brokerage business, and then became associated with Detroit real estate. Edward died in Grand Haven after an appendectomy operation on July 11, 1930. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 11, 1930.]

Stephen Senn [1854-1934]

Stephen Senn and Alice Van Bemlen [Van Bemmelen] Lehman were married in Grand Haven on July 15, 1903,

after the death of Alice's first husband, Louis Lehman, in 1897. The Senns resided on an 80-acre farm in Section 10 of Grand Haven Township. Stephen, who was born in Switzerland, lived from 1854 to 1934. Alice, the daughter of John W. and Jacoba Van Bemlen [Van Bemmelen], was born in 1865, died in 1940, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Stephen. The Senns' daughter, Marie Laura, married Martin Vander Noot of Grand Haven on August 24, 1902.

Mandel [1865- ?], Jacob [1890-1968], and Ezra Sensibar [1905-1988]

In 1907 Mandel Sensibar, originally of Chicago, founded Construction Materials Corporation in Ferrysburg. The company later was known as Construction Aggregates. Mandel, who was born in Russia on April 27, 1865, became President of the firm in 1911. Mandel and his family immigrated to the United States in 1903. His son Jacob Rofel Sensibar, born in Russia on April 15, 1890, became President upon Mandel's death. When Jacob died another son, Ezra, filled the position. Ezra, who was born in Indiana, lived from July 2, 1905 to August 16, 1988. Jacob married Beatrice Mersin [Musik] in Chicago on November 28, 1918. He died in Chicago on October 20, 1968. The Sensibar family resided primarily in Gary, Indiana.

Job Smith Sessions [1812-1888]

Born in Onondaga County, New York in 1812, Job was the son of Amasa and Phoebe Robbins Smith Sessions. Job came with his brother Alonzo to Detroit, Michigan in October, 1833 and then walked along Indian paths to Ionia County. Being hard pressed for money, Alonzo went to Dayton, Ohio to teach while Job remained in Michigan to farm. In June, two years later, the brothers were in Berlin [Marne], where Job cleared two farms and put them in working condition. Job held the post of Treasurer of Berlin for several years, but eventually sold his property and moved to Spring Lake. Job was a farmer by trade, but also manufactured fruit packaging for the growers. His brother, Alonzo, was Lieutenant Governor of Michigan from 1876 to 1880. Another brother, Amasa, settled in Ionia County in 1836. Job married Phoebe Palmer on August 25, 1840, presumably in Onondaga County, New York. Their son, Frederick W., was born in Michigan in October, 1858 and moved to Benton Harbor. Job died on November 25, 1888. Phoebe, who was born in New York around 1817, died March 20, 1886. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Allyn Rodney Seymour [1819-1888]

Born in 1819 in Oswego County, New York, Allyn Seymour married Isabel Murray on March 8, 1852 in Oneida County, New York. Three years later the

Seymours moved to Crockery, where Allyn started farming. Isabel, who was born on January 3, 1820, died on December 17, 1865. Allyn and Isabel had a son, Lester, born around 1864. Allyn then married Margaret Ginkerson in February, 1869. She died two years later on June 19, and Allyn then married his third wife, Jane Mudge. Jane was born in New York around 1828. Allyn died on December 5, 1888 and was buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery with Isabel and other family members.

Thomas Seymour [1828- ?]

Born in England around 1828, Thomas Seymour joined George Sisson to form a sawmill business in Spring Lake in 1872. Two years later he sold his interest in the sawmill to Francis Lilley. In 1860 Thomas was listed as a resident of Georgetown Township, where he was an engineer. His wife at that time was Elbie, born in England about 1831. Their children were Lucy Ann, born in New York about 1853; John A., born about 1854; Ellen [Elner], born about 1857; Lawrence, born about 1864, and Frederick, born about 1866. The four younger children were born locally. In 1870 Thomas was employed at a Spring Lake sawmill, where he lived with his second wife, Bridget. Bridget was born in Ireland around 1834. Living with them in Spring Lake were all of Thomas's children except John. By 1880 Thomas was listed as a single man, living in Ferrysburg and still employed at a local sawmill. Ellen, Lawrence, and Frederick had moved to Paris, Portage County, Ohio and were living with Hattie Seymour, who was born about 1832 in New York.

Elmer Joseph Shabart [1909-2005] and Louise Stankiewicz Shabart [1912-2005]

Louise, born on May 10, 1912 in Illinois, was the daughter of Louis S. and Frances Stankiewicz. Louis was a Chicago realtor. Sometime around the mid-1920s the Stankiewiczes purchased an 80-acre farm in Section 22 of Grand Haven Township [11250 168th Avenue], but continued to reside in Chicago, while using the farm for vacations. Louise married Elmer Shabart, who was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1909. Elmer became a general and thoracic surgeon. He was in the Philippine Islands at the start of WWII and participated in the infamous "Bataan Death March" in 1942. He then was sent to Manchuria as a prisoner of the Japanese until the war's end in 1945. In 1996 he wrote a book about his experience, titled *Memoirs of a Barbed Wire Surgeon*. In 1950 he published a paper showing a link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer. He was the first physician to establish the connection. Elmer and Louise had at least one child, Craig Richard Shabart, who was born in Chicago on October 17, 1946 and died in Placer, California on June 1, 1992. Louise passed away in Berkeley, California on January 22, 2005. Louise's mother, Frances, resided on the farm after Lewis's death,

but later she moved to Berkeley, California to be with her daughter and son-in-law. Frances died there in October, 1982. She was born in Poland on November 28, 1888. Louis, also a native of Poland, lived from June 30, 1887 to June, 1969. Elmer passed away on March 13, 2005.

Levi Shackleton [Shackelton] [1817-1888]

Levi Shackleton was proprietor of the Ottawa House on Water and Washington Streets in 1856. The Ottawa House, which burned down on November 13, 1860, was a stagecoach stop with daily departures for Grand Rapids. On March 11, 1855 in Kent County Levi married Mary Elizabeth La Tarte of Grand Haven, who previously had been married to a Caldwell. Their children, all born in Michigan, were: Charles, born about 1852; Mary E. born about 1856; Wallace L, born about 1857; and Nellie J., who was born about April, 1860. Mary lived from 1832 to 1892. Levi was born in Canada [England] in June, 1817 and moved to the United States in 1849. Eleven years later Levi moved to Muskegon, where he was in business for eight years, and he then went to Ludington, where he operated a grocery store. Levi died in 1888.

Del Shannon [1934-1990]

See Charles Westover.

John Nelson Shannon [1827-1892]

Born in July, 1827 while aboard ship coming from Ireland, John was the son of John and Mary Grey Shannon. Young John moved to Tallmadge Township in 1852. He enlisted in Company B of the 5th Michigan Cavalry on August 13, 1862 and was discharged for disability on October 28, 1862. John married Lucetta Hudson Halstead [Halsted] in Ottawa County on February 10, 1852. She was born in New York around 1824, but apparently died before 1870. By then John and his children were residing on a farm in Olive Township. John moved to Nebraska, where he died in the town of O'Neill in February, 1892. The children, all born in the Grand Haven area, were George, born about 1853; Martha, born about 1854; Anette [Jenette/Jennie] born about 1858; and William, born about 1863. The children also moved away, although Anette remained in Olive Township until at least 1880.

Norma Edith Shearer [1902-1983]

Born August 10 [11], 1902 in Montreal, Canada, Norma was the daughter of Andrew and Edith Fisher Shearer. Norma became a well-known film actress, and as a young woman spent summers in Grand Haven at the cottage of her aunt and uncle, Edwin Percival, located at 20 Crescent Hill in Highland Park. Percival was an employee of the Grand Trunk Railway in Grand Haven, and had a permanent residence in the city as well as his

place at Highland Park. An article in the April 11, 1927 issue of the *Grand Haven Tribune* reported that Andrew Shearer, Norma's father, had visited Percival. Norma married Irving Grant Thalberg around September 29, 1927 and then, after his death in 1936, she married Marti Arrouge. Among her 61 full-length films were *The Flapper* in 1921 [her first], *The Actress* in 1928, *Strange Interlude* in 1932, *The Barretts of Wimpole Street* in 1934, and *Cardboard Lover* in 1942 [her last]. Norma was one of a few actresses to make a successful transition from silent films to talkies. She died June 12, 1983 and was buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Glendale, California.

Basil Sheehy [1896-1966]

In the early 1940s Basil Sheehy owned a shoe repair business at 216 West Savidge in Spring Lake. He was born in East Jordan, Michigan, on June 6, 1896. He died in October, 1966 in Coldwater, Michigan. He married Esther Burns in Coldwater on March 19, 1922.

Donald J. Sheffield [1910-2002]

Donald was born in Allendale on July 8, 1910, the son of Egbert and Nancy Cummings Sheffield. Donald married Lois Bjornstrom in South Bend, Indiana, in 1937. He served with the Army during WWII. Donald worked 17 years as a meat cutter with the Kroger Grocery Store, and put in another 17 years in the same capacity at Erickson's Supermarket on Franklin Street. By the late 1970s Don owned Butcher Boys market at 937 Robbins Road, where he offered "CHOICE MEATS POULTRY FISH EGGS." By 1984 it was known as Butcher Boys-Sheffield's Meat Market, located at 939 Robbins, and later as Sheffields. Butcher Boys also had a store in Muskegon. Donald and Lois were members of the First Congregational Church. They resided at 526 Pennoyer. Donald died in Muskegon on September 12, 2002. Lois was born August 21, 1916 and died in Muskegon on January 24, 2002. [*Tribune* obituary, September 14, 2002.]

Egbert M. Sheffield [1865-1957]

Born in Paris, New York [Michigan] on September 25, 1865, Egbert was the son of Harvey H. and Laura Ann Miner Sheffield. Egbert married Emma J. Rossin of Allendale on October 24, 1885. She died on June 27, 1895, a few months short of her 30th birthday. She was buried at Allendale Township Cemetery. Egbert then married Nancy Cummings on September 21, 1896 in Grand Haven. Nancy was born on June 7, 1878, died November 27, 1942, and was buried at Allendale Township Cemetery. Egbert started the Sheffield Brothers Food Shop at 6 North Seventh Street in the 1920s. Later, the store was called Sheffield Brothers Fruit and Grocery Store [Sheffield Brothers Fruit & Vegetables], which was operated by Egbert Sheffield's

sons, Ralph, Orin, and Donald. The brothers moved their business to 415 Franklin before 1932. Ralph later owned Sheffield's Cash Market in Spring Lake, and Donald, became a meat cutter and owned a butcher shop at 937 Robbins Road. In the early 1890s Egbert had a farm in Section 20 of Allendale Township. Later he and his brother ran a grocery store called the Food Shop at 416 Franklin Street in Grand Haven, which they sold to Martin Erickson in 1934. Egbert passed away in 1957 and also was buried at Allendale Township Cemetery.

Harvey H. Sheffield [1826-1899]

Harvey Sheffield, born in Ontario County, New York, lived from December 28, 1826 to January 30, 1899, when he died on his farm in Section 20 of Allendale Township. His wife, Laura Ann Miner, also was a native of New York State. Egbert Sheffield was their son. Harvey was buried at Allendale Township Cemetery.

Orin A. Sheffield [1905-1978]

Like his brothers Donald and Ralph, Orin Sheffield became a grocer. In the 1920s and early 1930s he was part owner of Sheffield Brothers Fruit and Grocery Store at 6 North Seventh and later at 416 Franklin. Later he worked for Henry Casemier's grocery store. The son of Egbert and Nancy Cummings Sheffield, Orin was born in Allendale on May 5, 1905, passed away on July 23, 1978, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Katie Deephouse on May 4, 1929 in Grand Haven. She was born on May 28, 1909 and passed away in Grand Haven on December 16, 1988. She, too, was buried at Lake Forest. Orin and Katie resided at 312 Davis.

Ralph E. Sheffield [1900-1980]

Just after the end of WWII, Ralph Sheffield opened a meat store at 226 West Savidge in Spring Lake called Sheffield's Cash Market. The son of Egbert and Nancy Cummings Sheffield, Ralph was born on July 21, 1900 and died in Grand Haven on January 25, 1980. He married Catherine [Katherine] F. Beekman in Grand Haven on May 6, 1922. Born in Grand Haven on May 28, 1900, she was the daughter of Reijer and Elsie Hoeksema Beekman. Around 1930 the Sheffield's lived at 104 North Griffin in Grand Haven, but by the 1950s they were residing at 102 Ann Street in Spring Lake, which at the same time was the residence of Mr and Mrs Arthur W. Page. After Catherine's death in Miami, Florida on February 19, 1963 [1964], Ralph moved to 107 South Park and then to 1230 Waverly in Grand Haven. Ralph and Catherine were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Horace L. Sheldon [? - ?]

Horace Sheldon built his residence on Lot 171, near the southwest corner of Elliott and Second Streets, and in 1838 constructed a tannery across the street on Lot 174. His undertaking was considered the first manufacturing industry established in Grand Haven, since previous businesses had been in merchandising and lumbering. Clark Albee took over the tannery in 1854. [This may be the Horace Sheldon who was a shoemaker and from 1850 through at least 1880 resided in Blissfield, Lenawee County, Michigan. This Horace was born in New York about 1812.]

Willard Carpenter Sheldon I [1839-1917]

A manufacturer of corn planters, Willard Sheldon in 1871 discovered at a depth of 161 feet the magnetic mineral springs that gave Grand Haven the name "Saratoga of the West." His two-story, palatial resort and hotel on the northwest corner of Washington and Third Streets attracted visitors for many years, offering them croquet, archery, lawn bowling, and other leisure activities, including bathing in the mineral water for its therapeutic value. Willard also built and lived in a large, lovely home with carriage house at 321 Washington. When the Challenge Corn Planter Company incorporated in 1882, Willard was named President. His son, Willard II, was the company's bookkeeper in 1893. Sheldon Road was named in honor of this family's contributions to Grand Haven.

Willard I was born in Essex, Middlesex County, Vermont, on June 1, 1839. On May 26, 1863, in Williston, Vermont, he married Mary Malvina Slayton. Born in Stowe, Vermont, on December 16, 1841, she was the daughter of Samuel Stowe and Malvina Carver Slayton and the sister of Nathaniel and Thomas Orlando Slayton, both of whom moved to Grand Haven. Willard and Malvina arrived in Grand Haven in 1864. The Sheldon's son, Willard II, was born in Grand Haven on March 4, 1865 and died in San Diego, California on July 4, 1956. Other children were Frances Slayton, born on August 22, 1869; and Dwight Cutler, named for one of Grand Haven's leading citizens, who was born May 9, 1873, married Dora D. Chase on June 14, 1893 in Smyrna, Ionia County, and opened a law office in Ionia. Dwight died on May 25, 1912. Dora was born about 1877 in Smyrna and died in Ionia County on November 6, 1926. Frances married Willard H. Edwards in Grand Haven on June 6, 1893. He was born about 1865. Malvina Sheldon died in Ionia County on November 22, 1912, and was buried with Dwight and Dora in that county at Highland Park Cemetery. Willard I passed away in Santa Ana, California, at the home of his son, Willard II, in May, 1917. The *Tribune* reported that he would be buried in an Ionia County cemetery, but the specific site was not located. [*Tribune* obituary, May 19, 1917.]

Fred J. Shepard [1867-1923]

The Fred Shepard 80-acre farm was located in Section 2 of Crockery Township. Fred, who was born in Nunica on June 21, 1867, also raised livestock. His parents were Orlando and Sarah Smack Shepard. Fred, married Anna Van Belkum in Cadillac, Michigan on March 30, 1909. He died on January 13, 1923 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery.

Homer Shepard [Shephard/Shepherd] [1874-1960]

By 1912 Homer and Howard Shepard owned the family's 80-acre farm in Section 2 of Crockery Township, previously owned by their father, Orlando J. Shepard. Homer and Howard also raised livestock. Homer, born in Nunica on July 26, 1874, was the sole owner by 1915. He and Howard were twin brothers. Their parents were Orlando and Sarah Smack Shepard. Homer died on April 5, 1960 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery.

Howard Shepard [1874- ?]

Howard and Homer Shepard were twin brothers. By 1912 they owned the family's 80-acre farm in Section 2 of Crockery Township, previously owned by their father, Orlando J. Shepard. The brothers also owned livestock. Howard was born in Nunica on July 26, 1874. His parents were Orlando and Sarah Smack Shepard. On January 1, 1906 Howard married Flora Kelsey in Sullivan, Ottawa County. By 1910 they had moved to Allegan County, and ten years later they were in Muskegon County.

Orlando J. Shepard [Shephard/Shepherd] [1829-1905]

On February 10, 1873 Orlando J. Shepard purchased an 80-acre farm in Section 2 of Crockery Township. By 1908 the property was held by his estate. Shortly afterward the farm went to his twin sons, Homer and Howard Shepard. Orlando was born in New York on January 2, 1829. He married Sarah Maria Smack in Edwardsburg, Michigan, on August 22, 1861. Sarah was born in Lockport, New York on August 15, 1842. The Shepards were settled in Crockery Township by 1870. The twins, Howard and Homer, were born in Crockery Township on July 26, 1874. Another son, Fred J., was born in Nunica on June 21, 1867. A fourth son, Hubert, was born locally about 1865. Orlando passed away on January 11, 1905 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. Sarah, who passed away on July 15, 1909, was buried with him.

John T. Sheridan [1862-1938]

Listed in the 1912 *Atlas* as a farmer, John Sheridan also served as Highway Commissioner. His 120-acre farm was located in Section 19 of Allendale Township. John

was born in 1862 in Ontario, Canada, the son of Thomas J. and Susan Sheridan. About 1850 the family came to the United States from Ireland by way of Canada and settled in Allendale Township in 1865. Thomas died in 1893 in Allendale. John's wife, Nellie E., lived from 1861 to 1900. John died in 1938. All three were buried at Allendale Cemetery.

Floyd Sherk [1890-1964]

Floyd Sherk was born on April 4, 1890, came to Grand Haven in 1914 as a pharmacist, served in the Army during World War I. He entered the real estate business at war's end, working as Manager at James W. Oakes & Company. In 1922 Floyd purchased the Studebaker business at 9-11 South Second Street and named it the Sherk Auto Company. In November, 1926 Floyd sold the property to Charles E. Soule and eventually located in Sandusky County, Ohio, where he died in April, 1964.

Benjamin Franklin Sherman [1835-@1901]

Benjamin Sherman was born in Canada in December, 1835. While living in Bridgeton, Newaygo County, Benjamin was drafted as Private on November 2, 1863 and assigned to Company C of the 4th Michigan Cavalry. He was mustered out on August 15, 1865. He later settled on two acres in Section 7 of Allendale Township, where he ran a blacksmith's shop. His wife, Sarah E., applied for a widow's Civil War pension on June 1, 1901. She lived from August, 1838 to 1911. Both were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery.

William [Willis] G. Sherman [@1840- ?]

A native of Maryland, where he was born about 1840, William Sherman came to Grand Haven to manage the Cutler House, which opened on July 4, 1872. He also ran the Kirby House when it opened in 1874. His wife, E.E., was born in the Cape of Good Hope, South Africa, about five years late than her husband. By 1880 he had moved to Danville, Illinois, where he again managed a hotel. They had a son, Ernest [Earnest], who was born in Michigan in September, 1872. Henry D. Irish replaced William at the Cutler House.

Bernath Pardee Sherwood I [1876-1960]

Born in Allegan on January 27, 1876, Bernath Sherwood attended Allegan schools and in 1898 graduated from the University of Michigan. His mother, Mary, was born in Batavia, New York, on May 21, 1841, the only daughter of Zenas L. and Martha Hovey Griswold. She moved to Allegan with her family not long after her birth, and on September 19, 1866 married Marion C. Sherwood, who was born in Tompkins County, New York, on November 25, 1839. Bernath worked in his father's store in Allegan until 1902, when he came to Grand Haven as Teller for Grand Haven State Bank [Old Kent/Fifth Third Bank]. In 1910 the bank merged with the National

Bank of Grand Haven, founded in 1891 and which traced its roots to the Ferry & Son private bank, established around 1855. A Republican, Bernath came up through the ranks and served as President of Grand Haven State Bank, beginning in 1918. He was President and Director of First State Bank of Ravenna; Director of Oldberg Manufacturing Company; Director of Grand Haven Stamped Products; a member of Blue Lodge, F. & A.M., Elks Lodge, Peninsular Club in Grand Rapids, Spring Lake Country Club, Spring Lake Yacht Club, Citizens Historical Association, and Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven.

On July 20, 1904 Bernath married Gertrude A. Miller of Bay City. She passed away about November 29, 1925. Their children included a daughter, Lucinda, who was born on February 14, 1906 and passed away in Evanston, Illinois on November 21, 2005. She married George I. Daniels, who lived from December 16, 1904 to January 25, 1995. Lucinda and George resided in Winnetka, Illinois. The Sherwoods also had three sons: Bernath II, born on October 7, 1907; Marion, born on December 5, 1909; and Miller, born on September 1, 1916. The family lived at 514 Sheldon Road. Bernath's second wife, Winifred, was born in Michigan about 1879 and passed away about May 9, 1960. Bernath died in Grand Haven on September 28, 1960 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as were Gertrude and Winifred.

Bernath Pardee "Budd" Sherwood II [1907-1993]

Born on October 7, 1907 in Grand Haven to Bernath Pardee and Gertrude Miller Sherwood, the younger Bernath joined his father at Grand Haven State Bank and was elected its President in 1947. In 1973 Pacesetter merged with Grand Haven State Bank and Budd became CEO until his retirement in 1976. Budd was member and President of the Michigan Bankers Association and a member of Grand Haven Rotary and Tri-Cities Industrial Foundation. He was Director of the JSJ Corporation, Gardner-Denver, Michigan Plastic Products Corp., Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and the Detroit Branch, Treasurer of the local Chamber of Commerce, United Fund, Ottawa Boy Scout Council, and Masonic Lodge #139 [F. & A.M.], and the First Presbyterian Church, where he became an elder, trustee, and clerk.

Budd's first wife, Elizabeth Krause was born on February 1, 1910. She was the daughter of G. Adolph Krause, one of the founders of a leather company that became known as Wolverine Corporation, makers of Hush Puppy shoes and other leather products in Rockford, Michigan. Elizabeth's sister, Ruth, married Budd's brother, Marion Sherwood. Budd and Elizabeth and their two sons, Bernath III and Peter, resided at 510 Park Street in Spring Lake. Elizabeth died on April, 6 1976. Bernath and his second wife, Helene N. Dodd, lived briefly in the Park Street home before moving to

18003 Fruitport Road in Spring Lake Township. Bernath passed away on June 17, 1993 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 17, 1993.]

Marion A. Sherwood [1909-1999]

The son of Bernath P. and Gertrude Miller Sherwood, Marion was born in Grand Haven on December 5, 1909. After graduating from Grand Haven High School in 1927, Marion earned his bachelor degree from the University of Michigan four years later. He then joined Grand Haven Stamped Products and in 1956 became its President. He also was a Director of JSJ Corporation upon its establishment in 1970 and served as its first President until 1977. He served on the Board of Security First Bank & Trust [Old Kent/Fifth Third] and was Trustee for the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. Marion retired from JSJ in 1984.

Marion married Ruth Krause on October 2, 1937, in Rockford, Michigan. A graduate of Olivet College, Ruth was the daughter of G. A. Krause, one of the founders of the Wolverine Corporation, makers of Hush Puppy shoes and other leather products. Her sister, Elizabeth, married Marion's brother, Budd Sherwood. Ruth taught elementary school in Muskegon for a brief period after graduation. She also participated in Michigan Trails Girl Scouts, Women's Club, and Tuesday Musicales. Marion and his Ruth were members of the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven and Spring Lake Country Club, and he also belonged to the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs. Their children were Mary Ann and Lynne, both of Spring Lake. The family resided at 602 Pennoyer in the 1950s, but later moved to 15570 South Prospect Point in Spring Lake. They were members of the Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven and the Spring Lake Country Club, where Marion once served as President. Ruth died on June 3, 1990 and Marion passed away in Grand Haven on October 21, 1999.

Miller G. Sherwood [1916-1985]

Miller, the son of Bernath P. and Gertrude Miller Sherwood, was founder of Michigan Plastic Products in 1946. Born in Grand Haven on September 1, 1916, Miller died on May 27, 1985. After graduating from the University of Michigan with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, he joined the Crane Company in Columbus, Ohio in 1937. Four years later he worked for Reynolds Molded Plastics Co., also in Ohio. He left that firm in 1946 to form his own company in Grand Haven, Michigan Plastic Products. Production started in the former Durant-Star-Flint automobile garage at 12 Franklin [later a parking lot], but moved to a new structure at 715 Robbins Road in 1951, and then moved another new building at 1500 South Beechtree in 1974.

Miller was President of the JSJ Corporation from 1980 to 1984 and remained a Director until his death. He was a member and President of Rotary and Grand Haven Stag Club and served on the boards of the Y.M.C.A., Community Foundation, United Fund, and Red Cross. Sherwood was a Trustee on the Grand Haven School Board for eight years. On September 10, 1938 he married Barbara, the daughter of Burritt "Burt" Parks. Paul Parks of Grand Haven was her brother. The Sherwoods lived at 520 Lafayette, but later moved to 18341 North Shore Estates Road in Spring Lake Township. They attended Grand Haven Presbyterian Church. Miller was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Barbara passed away on April 20, 2008 and was buried with her husband.

Paul R. Sherwood [1911-1986]

Paul Sherwood and his wife, Minna C., resided at 215 North Second Street in Grand Haven. Paul was born on September 14, 1911 and died in Grand Rapids on September 12, 1986. He was a tuner at Story & Clark. Minna, who was born on March 2, 1897, died in Saginaw on November 28, 1983.

Chief Shiawassee [? - ?]

Shiawassee was Chief of the Potawatomie at their village on Crockery Creek during the early part of the nineteenth century. Around 1839 he tried to start an uprising of all the Indians around the Great Lakes because the U.S. Government forbid an annual pilgrimage to the foot of Georgian Bay, east of Lake Huron, to receive presents from Queen Victoria. After listening to many other of his men discuss this, it is said that he pulled a blanket over his head and retreated to his canoe. The next day the tribe was seen heading for the big lake and departure to Canada, where the members settled and lived under the British flag.

Charles Webster Shippey [1859-1906]

Charles Shippey, the son of George and Sarah Batchellor Shippey I, was born in Pennsylvania on May 8, 1859. He came to Grand Haven with his parents in 1875. On October 9, 1895 in Chicago he married Lucy "Lula" [Lulu] Amelia, who was born January 24, 1862. She was the daughter of Joshua Childs and Amelia Raymond Richards. In 1880 Charles was working in a Ferrysburg sawmill. He also resided in Ferrysburg at that time. In 1900 Charley and his family were living in Chicago, where he worked in real estate. Their children were Webster Batchellor, born in Chicago on October 24, 1896, and Raymonde, a daughter, born in Chicago on December 27, 1898. In 1910 and 1920 Lula Shippey was a widow living with her two children in Chicago. George was a friend of Edgar Lee Masters, the poet who summered frequently in Spring Lake. Charles was killed in a railroad accident in Englewood, Illinois on August

10, 1906. Lula passed away in Chicago on April 23, 1941.

George Franklin Shippey[Shippey] I [1818-1876]

George Shippey was part of the Batchellor, Slaght, & Shippey firm, which began in 1866 in Chicago. He supervised the sale of the company's lumber in the Chicago area. In October, 1871, the firm bought the Ferry and Hopkins Steam Sawmill in Ferrysburg for \$32,000. George arrived in Grand Haven in 1875 to run the sawmill. Located at the confluence of Spring Lake and the Grand River, the mill was sold to the Grand Haven Lumber Company ten years later.

George, the son of Abiatha and Lucretia Danforth Shippey, was born in Glen Falls, New York, on June 10, 1818 and died on October 1, 1876. He married Sarah Dorah Batchellor on March 8, 1848. The daughter of Daniel and Martha Jennison Batchellor, Sarah was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, on October 13, 1822 and died on December 31, 1903. She was buried at Lake Forest with her husband. Her brother was Webster Batchellor, owner of the Ferrysburg sawmill bearing his name. The Shippeys' five children were George Frank II, who was born January 29, 1849; Martha "Mattie" Florence, who was born on July 3, 1851 and married Nathaniel Slayton of Grand Haven; Alfred B., who was born on April 5, 1854, died on September 21, 1905, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his parents; Charles Webster, who was born in Pennsylvania on May 8, 1859; and Clarence L., who lived from May 1, 1863 to April 26, 1871. The family resided in Ferrysburg.

George Franklin Shippey II [1849-1906]

George Frank Shippey II was born January 29, 1849. His wife, Mary R., was born in Vermont about 1855. George was the son of George and Sarah Batchellor Shippey I. In 1880 George II was a lumberman living in Grand Haven. In 1900 he was listed as a widower residing in Grand Haven with his mother, Sarah.

John A. Shire I [1853-1924]

John Shire was born in Indiana in September, 1853 [1852]. His wife, Addie C., a native of Canada, was born in September, 1862 [1859]. The Shires had an 80-acre farm in Section 15 of Robinson Township. Their children, all born locally, included Maude F., born in August, 1883; Mary M., born in November, 1885; Wesley W., who was born in August, 1887 and moved to Lansing, Michigan; Flora M., who died at the age of 11 on October 28, 1891; Ray M., who lived from September, 1890 to 1917; Russell A., who was born in Michigan on April 17, 1897 and died in Grand Haven in July, 1967; Ola R., born in August, 1898; and John II, born about 1901. John died in 1924 and his wife passed

away in 1939. They were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery with Flora and Ray.

Lena [Levina] Shoemaker [1869-1916]

Born in Spring Lake in June, 1869 as the oldest child of Michael Shoemaker, one of the early pioneers in the area, Lena graduated from Spring Lake High School in 1885 and went to work as a bookkeeper in Martin Walsh's general store. When Walsh became Postmaster in 1893, Lena joined him and served as Assistant Post Master, a position she held for almost 30 years, except for a four-year period when Leroy Heath was Postmaster. Lena retired in 1915 because of ill health. The next year she died and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

John Shoemaker [1871-1944]

The oldest son of Michael Shoemaker, an early Spring Lake settler, John was born in 1871 and died in 1944. After finishing high school in 1887 and working a year, he went to Cleary College in Ypsilanti with other Spring Lake men, including Winsor McKay, the cartoonist. In 1892 John went to work as bookkeeper in the office of Johnston Brothers, where he stayed most of his working life, except for a brief time when he worked for his brother-in-law, Fred Bertschy, in the brick business. John was on the Village Council. He married Lena Anstays of Kent City on June 28, 1905. Born in 1883, Lena became a teacher. Her first teaching position was at the Robinson Township School, and later at Patchin School in Crockery Township. She gave up teaching when she married. John and his wife moved into the Shoemaker family home at 316 East Savidge in 1919. He died in 1944.

Michael Shoemaker [1836-1904]

A native of Germany, where he was born on September, 30, 1836 [1835], Michael Shoemaker came to America with his family in 1841, settling first in Ohio and then coming to Michigan. He arrived in Nortonville in 1855, where Manley Patchin hired him. He worked on the construction of the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad, and then worked at the Nortonville Mill and later for eight years for Fred Ranney. He next worked for Haire & Cole, then Haire & Tolford, and followed by the Cutler & Savidge Sawmill. When the lumbering business began to die out, Michael joined others and planted 1,000 peach trees, all of which were lost to frost in 1872. He replanted and finally succeeded in growing a good crop.

In 1864 Michael married Ann Brady, oldest daughter of Tom and Bridget Morrissey Brady of Spring Lake. Ann was born on October 15, 1848 in Canada. One of their children, Helen "Nellie," was born in February, 1870 and became the wife of Fred Bertschy of Spring Lake.

Other Shoemaker children were Lena [Lavina] who was born in June, 1868 in Spring Lake, died in 1916, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; John L., born in December, 1871; Anna [Ann] E., who was born in October, 1876 and married Thomas Murphy of Chicago and Grand Haven; George H., born January, 1879; Elizabeth T., who was born on April 27, 1881 and married John W. Cusick of Spring Lake; Frances M., born in September, 1884; Mary [Mae Agatha], who was born in April, 1881 and married Peter De Vries, a Spring Lake mail carrier; and Frances. Ann passed away on August 6, 1902. Michael died on November 30, 1904 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife.

Fred Sholes [1862- ?]

A resident of Chicago, Fred Sholes was listed as Secretary for Challenge Machinery Company in the 1908 *Directory*. He was born in 1862 in Wisconsin. On January 24, 1901 in Chicago, he married Adeline Chamberlain. She was also a native of Wisconsin, where she was born around 1864. In 1930 the couple was still residing in Chicago. Fred was retired by that time.

Fred A. Showers [1895-1982]

A native of Beloit, Wisconsin, where he was born on March 2, 1895, Fred Showers came to Grand Haven in 1924 with the Kinney Sand Company, forerunner of the Standard Sand Company, which mined Rosy Mound. Fred was Superintendent. He and his wife, Emily, lived at 14207 Lakeshore, near Rosy Mound. Their daughter, Esther E. Blaksley, managed the firm's office and was its accountant for 41 years. She resided at 321 North Fifth Street. Esther lived from January 22, 1919 to May 11, 2002. Fred died in Grand Haven on May 22, 1982. Emily, who was born on April 14, 1897, passed away in Grand Haven on September 7, 1977. The house on Lakeshore was torn down in 1997. [*Tribune* obituary, May 13, 2002.]

Charles R. Shupe [1866-1927]

Born on December 18, 1866 in St. George, Canada, Charles Shupe came to Grand Haven when Challenge Machinery Company moved from Chicago to Grand Haven in 1903. Challenge was a large printer's supply company, which Shupe eventually took over as Manager. He also served 12 years on the Board of Education in Grand Haven, during which time a high school on Seventh Street was built. On June 15, 1892 in Chicago he married Lizzie Lee, daughter of James L. and Sarah Gadsden Lee. James was President of Challenge Machinery, then located in Chicago. In Grand Haven, Lizzie was active in various community organizations, and became the first Vice Chairman of the Ottawa County Red Cross when it was officially chartered in 1917. The Shupes lived at 704 Pennoyer,

later the site of Christian Haven. Their adopted children were Ellis Dean, who was born in Wisconsin and lived from 1907 to 1936; and Edith Laird, who was born in Michigan and lived from 1909 to 1925. Charles died on October 6, 1927 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where his two daughters also were interred. Lizzie, who was born in Illinois around September, 1869, continued living at 704 Pennoyer after her husband's death. In the early 1950s, Lizzie donated the house and six adjacent lots to be used as a home for the elderly. As a result, Christian Haven Retirement Home opened at 704 Pennoyer on February 15, 1961. After Charles's death, Lizzie married Joseph Oliver, an engineer. She died around March 21, 1958 and was buried as Lizzie Oliver at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Willard Sibley I [1800-1852]

Willard Sibley, born in 1800, arrived in the Grand Rapids area in 1834 and became one of the early steamboat captains on the Grand River. Around 1840 he commanded the *Governor Mason*, which was built by James Short for Richard Godfrey in Grand Rapids and made her trial run to Grand Haven on July 4, 1837 with William Kanouse as Captain. In 1842 Willard operated the *Paragon* for Horace Jennings. It ran for two seasons on the Grand. In 1847 he commanded the *Humming Bird*. One of his daughters married Aaron Turner of Grand Rapids. Willard died in Grand Rapids on December 26, 1852, the day before his son, Willard II, died at the age of 23. Both were buried at White Cemetery in Walker Township, Kent County.

Elmer Charles Sicard [1899-1958]

A native of Muskegon, where he was born on July 28, 1899, Charles Sicard in the 1950s owned a residence at 213 Rex Street in Spring Lake. He and his wife, Ruth, rented a similar two-unit log home at 201 Rex. In 1918 Elmer was an employee of the Brunswick Corporation in Muskegon. By 1930 he was a clerk in a Muskegon drug store and living with his parents. Elmer passed away about October 5, 1958 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Hendrick "Henry" Sickman [1860-1925]

Henry Sickman, a teamster, married Johanna Donker. They resided at 403 Elliot Street in the early 1900s. Henry lived from 1860 to 1925 and Johanna from 1863 to 1928. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Joe, born about 1890, Grace, and May.

Joe Sickman [1890-1971]

Grand Haven's first full-time firefighter was Joe Sickman. He was hired in 1919 at a wage of \$20 a week and was assigned the task of operating the city's first motor-driven pumper truck. His schedule was 14 days

on and then a day off. Joe, the son of Henry and Johanna Sickman of Grand Haven, was born on October 21, 1890, died around September 7, 1971, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Joe's wife, Alice, was born about 1894 in Michigan, died around December 18, 1976 and was buried at Lake Forest. The couple was married about 1914 and had three children, Johanna, born about 1916; Gertrude, born about 1918; and Marian, born about 1923. The family resided at 405 Elliott.

Henry Siems [Sims] [1833-1913]

Henry Siems married Eliza Wachter in Hanover, Germany about 1850. Eliza, who was born in Hanover in 1831, was the daughter of John and Dora Ronne Wachter. Henry and Eliza came to Ottawa County with Eliza's parents and by 1864 were settled on a 105-acre farm in Sections 20 and 21 of Crockery Township. Eliza died in 1912 and Henry lived from 1833 to 1913. They were buried at Nunica Cemetery. They had seven children.

Chief Sigganacouse [Magobie] [? - ?]

Chief Sigganacouse was one of four Indians to whom Pierre C. Andre transferred land at Battle Point, six miles up river from Grand Haven, on October 29, 1839. In 1860 Sigganacouse sold his interest to another Indian by the name of Pagotish. Other tribes of whom Sigganacouse was Chief lived on the Bass River, at Spoonville, and at the north end of today's Beechtree Street, a spot once marked by a large beech tree that grew near the river. Sigganacouse was reported to have been living near the future site of Ferrysburg from 1834 to 1836. Franklin Everett, in his early history *Memorials of Grand River Valley*, published in 1877, wrote this: "Fifty or sixty Indians lived at Battle Point where they purchased about 70 acres of land. The chief was named Magobie [nicknamed Sigganacouse or Saginaw Cosco—Black Bird]. He lived to a great age, and was supposed be near 100 when he died. His son, Ahmoos, was a man of influence among them."

George Simpson [1860- ?]

Born in Scotland in 1860, George Simpson was traveling representative for the Smith Granite Company of Westerly, Rhode Island. He learned the granite trade in Canada. George built the Cutler burial vault at Grand Haven and one in Grand Rapids.

John Simpson [1828-1913]

A native of Doune, Scotland, where he was born in August, 1828, John Simpson was educated at Edinburgh University. He was parish schoolmaster for 26 years, specializing in the classics. In 1871 he came to Canada and was employed by the Grand Trunk Railroad. John arrived in Grand Haven in 1882, where he became

billing clerk for the Detroit, Grand Haven, & Milwaukee Railway. John's wife, Annie, was born in Scotland in April, 1848 and died in 1929. He died in 1913. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were John, born in October, 1884, and Kenneth, born in May, 1887.

James Bryan Sims I [1898-1995]

Born on February 6, 1898 on a little ranch in Hico, Texas, J. Bryan Sims lived his early years at Temple in west Texas and studied at Texas A. & M. and Texas State University. He was inspired by his father, William L. Sims, a mechanical engineer, to be an engineer. He worked several years in Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia Power and Construction Companies. He was an experienced airman and was an instructor during WWI. He and his wife, Lucy, were married in October, 1922 and they had a son, James Bryan II, and a daughter, Marilyn. They lived at 538 Woodlawn. James I came to Grand Haven in 1937 under the tutelage of Hartger Jonker, President of Board of Public Works [Board of Light and Power]. James eventually became President and CEO of the light plant. When he retired in 1963, the Board decided to build a new power plant on Harbor Island and name it after him. James died on May 13, 1995. [*Tribune* obituary, May 15, 1995.]

Cecil R. "Sinnie" Sinclair [1888-1986]

Born on April 8, 1888 in Illinois, Cecil "Sinnie" Sinclair took his first airplane ride at age 22 and knew aviation was his avocation. He began his career at Lillie-Thompson Flying School at Cicero Field in Chicago in 1912 and soloed in 1915. He was acquainted with such early fliers as Orville Wright, Charles Lindbergh, Amelia Earhart, and Eddie Rickenbacker. Sinnie gave exhibitions at county and state fairs, was flying instructor for the U.S. Signal Corps in 1919, and organized the Universal Aviation Corps. in Detroit. He was Assistant Operations manager for Ford Airport and was a pilot for Universal Airlines from 1928 to 1934. In 1936 he opened Sinclair Flying Service in Muskegon. Hundreds of pilots earned their wings under his guidance. His life was chronicled in a book, *All God's Children Got Wings*, by Vivian C. Branyan of Spring Lake. Sinnie received many honors and awards for his contribution to the world of flight. He helped organize the Civil Air Patrol in 1942. The street in front of the air terminal in Muskegon was named for him. He was believed to be the oldest licensed flight instructor and longest licensed pilot in the world. Sinnie lived at 16661 Lakeview Road in Spring Lake Township with his wife, Florence K. He died on April 7, 1986 and was buried at Norton Shores Cemetery.

Peter Sinclair [1842-1916]

Another Scotsman who helped start the Robertson & Company Shipyard, Peter Sinclair was born in Argyshire on September 17, 1842. A ship's carpenter, he came to Grand Haven in 1870, returned to his native land from 1876 to 1880, then returned to Grand Haven to work again in the shipyard. On November 18, 1885 in Grand Haven, Peter married Ryntje Van Westrienen. Peter died in Chicago on January 25, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Walter G. Sinclair [1839-1925]

In the 1870s Walter Sinclair purchased from Lewis Barnum the boarding house on the northeast corner of Exchange and Division Streets in Spring Lake [Lot 4, Block 14, Bryant's Addition]. The new owner renamed it the Sinclair House. He sold the hotel to a Mr Dickson, who in turn sold it to Sylvester Rideout in March, 1879. In 1860 Walter built the house at 415 East Savidge. In 1870 Walter was listed as "Secretary of Mineral Spring." In 1880 he worked at a local sawmill and within two years he was Foreman and bookkeeper at the Sisson & Lilly Sawmill, also in Spring Lake. Born in 1839, he was a native of Illinois and came to Spring Lake in 1855 from Chicago. His wife, Mary, lived from 1844 to 1934 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery near her husband, who died in 1925. Their son, George, was born in Michigan around 1872.

James F. Siplon [1896-1983]

Born in Muskegon, Michigan on February 5, 1896, James Siplon married Katherine Fisher [Fischer]. The *Grand Haven Tribune* employed him for 45 years as Superintendent of the composing room. He was a member of the First Reformed Church, International Typographical Union, World War I Veterans of the U.S. Army, and Commander of V.F.W. post #3734. James died on January 1, 1983 in Muskegon and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery. Katherine was born on July 26, 1896 and passed away on Muskegon on August 17, 1973. [*Tribune* obituary, January 17, 1983.]

George D. Sisson [1839-1899]

George Sisson, who was born in Oxford, New York in 1839, arrived in Spring Lake in 1871 as Manager of the Spring Lake House, where he stayed for two years. He then became interested in lumbering, and in June, 1872 he formed a partnership with Thomas Seymour and opened a sawmill. Two years later Seymour sold his interest to Francis Lilley, and the firm of Sisson & Lilley was formed. George was President of Spring Lake Village in 1878. His home was at 319 East Savidge. His wife, Margaret, was born about 1840 in Scotland. They had seven children, born in Ohio and Michigan. George died on August 10, 1899.

Olof [Olaf] Skog [1868- ?]

Olof Skog was a farmer and fruit grower with 37 acres in Section 9 of Spring Lake Township. Born in Sweden about 1868, Olof came to the area in 1910. He married Hedda [Hilda] in Chicago on March 19, 1900. Also a native of Sweden, Hedda was born about 1871.

Nels Skogland [1862-1936]

Nels Skogland lived from September, 1862 to 1936. He married Caroline Urbom, who lived from October, 1861 to 1927. Both emigrated from Sweden in 1884. Nels was caretaker and coachman for the Savidge family all his working years, and he and his wife lived in the caretaker's home on North Park Street in Spring Lake. The couple was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with three of their four children, none of whom lived beyond four years. Their one surviving child was George, born locally in March, 1888.

Warren A. Skutt [@1844- ?]

Warren Skutt was Proprietor of the American House at 19 Washington Street in Grand Haven in the early 1890s. On December 14, 1863, while a resident of Concord, Jackson County, Michigan, Warren enlisted [as Warner Skutt] in Company H of the 1st Michigan Engineers and Mechanics as Private. He was mustered out on September 22, 1865. He married Lillian O. Doxey on July 20, 1873 in Allegan County and evidently lived for awhile in Shelbyville. In the 1880 census he was listed as a laborer. At that time he, Lillian, and two daughters were living in Martin, Allegan County. Ten years later they were in Wayland. Lillian, a Michigan native, was born about 1858. They were residents of Spring Lake Township in 1910. He was born in New York about 1844.

Harm [Herm/Hiram] J. Slag [Slagh] [1854- ?]

Harm Slag's 40-acre farm was in Section 29 of Olive Township, where he settled in 1891. He also raised livestock. He was co-owner of the property with his brother Anthony Slag, who was born in November, 1856. Harm was born in September, 1854, and their sister, Tonya, was born in December, 1862. All three were born in Michigan and shared the family home in Olive Township.

Jacob Slager [1849-1938]

Jacob, the son of Geert Julles [Julles Geert] and Elizabeth Jakobs Dijkema Slager, was born in September, 1849. He settled on Section 15 in Spring Lake Township in 1869, three years before his brother Julle. In 1880 Jacob and Julle were both employed at a local sawmill. On December 15, 1871 in Spring Lake, Jacob married Jantje "Jane" Pruim, who lived from February, 1845 to 1926. They both emigrated from The Netherlands in 1872. Jacob died in 1938 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife.

Julle Geerts Slager [1847-1927]

Julle, the son of Geert Julles and Elizabeth Jakobs Dijkema Slager, was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on June 1, 1847. On December 8, 1869 Julle married Anje "Annie" Bouwkamp, who lived from November 22, 1843 to 1914 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Julle and his family settled in the Ferrysburg area in 1873, a year after his brother Jacob. Julle's mother, Elizabeth, immigrated also. The Slager children included Henry, born in September, 1887, and Bessie, born in March, 1884. In 1880 Julle and his brother Jacob were both employed at a local sawmill. In the early 1900s the family moved to Muskegon County. On March 23, 1918, Julle married Annie Bos, daughter of Gerrit and Jessie Timmer Bos, in Muskegon County. Annie was born in The Netherlands on April 21, 1849 and died on December 28, 1923. Julle died on June 10, 1927. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his first wife, Anje.

Abraham [Abram] Slaghuis [1821-1873]

While living in Holland, Michigan, Abraham Slaghuis on September 11, 1861 enlisted in Company D of the 8th Michigan Infantry as Private. His service records listed him as "Abram Slaghers." He was discharged for disability on November 19, 1862. Abraham, a weaver, arrived in America from The Netherlands aboard the *Isabella Bath*, which docked in New York on December 19, 1846. He and the others were in Michigan by the following March. In 1855 he married Sarah Bosch. Born on June 19, 1821, Abraham died in Grand Haven on November 5, 1873. In the early 1900s Sarah was listed as his widow and living at 1008 Washington, a home she shared with their son Henry, who was born in April, 1866. They also had a daughter, Hattie, who married Jacob Baar of Grand Haven, and another son, John, born in January, 1873. A native of Michigan, she lived from April, 1836 to 1928 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

Frank E. Slater [1860-1940]

Frank Slater sold farm implements in Coopersville, where he was born in 1860. He married Marion B. Marfield in Lamont on October 14, 1886. She lived from 1866 to 1936. Frank died in 1940 and was buried at Coopersville Cemetery with his wife.

Leonard Slater [1802-1866]

Leonard Slater replaced Rev. Isaac McCoy as head of the Indian Mission in Grand Rapids around 1828, about two years after it was established. Leonard was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on November 16, 1802. His father, Captain Pela Slater, was reported by Franklin Everett to have been a participant in the "Boston Tea Party." In May, 1826, Leonard married Mary French

Ide. Directly after their wedding, the Slaters started for Michigan. Leonard died April 27, 1866. His wife had died in 1850. Their four children, born between 1827 and 1835, were considered the first white children to be born in the Grand River Valley.

Louis [Lewis] W. Slaughter [1876-1958]

Born in Michigan about 1876, Louis Slaughter married Elizabeth Marie Sophia Solms. The daughter of Henry and Henrietta Oosterhouse Solms II, Elizabeth was born in Grand Haven on September 8, 1877. Louis worked as a planer at Challenge Machinery. In the early 1900s the Slaughters resided at 632 Columbus and later at 1135 Columbus. They had three daughters, all born in Michigan, including Yetta M., who was born on September 6, 1902, married Louis Bonema of Grand Haven, and died in Grand Haven on May 9, 1986. Louis Bonema was born on October 30, 1899 and died in Grand Haven in June, 1970. Their other daughters were Marian, born about 1906, and Charlotte, born about 1908. Beginning in the early 1900s Lou was Director of the Grand Haven Concert Band for 14 years. He was an accomplished, self-taught musician who played the baritone, trombone, and cornet, arranged his musical selections, and taught music. During the summer months Lou and his concert band performed each Thursday evening "in a lighted wooden bandstand just up from the fountain in Central Park" [*Tribune*]. Lou was a member of Martin Vyn's band, the Elk's band, the Little German Band, and various orchestras. He also provided music on the packet *May Graham*. He was well known locally as the bugler for military events, military funerals, and civic programs. Louis died about September 6, 1958 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elizabeth Marie passed away around April 20, 1944 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

Ober [Obadiah] Slaughter [1848-1922]

Born in The Netherlands in 1848, Ober Slaughter came to America in 1851. He settled in Mill Point [Spring Lake] in 1870. Just prior to that he was living in Polkton Township, where he was a farm laborer. Ober opened a meat market in the year of his arrival in Spring Lake. He later moved to Eastmanville and died on January 5, 1922. He was buried at Coopersville Cemetery. Buried with him was his wife, Alice, who lived from 1855 to 1929, was a native of New York. They had two daughters.

Elva May Slayton [1860-1895]

Born in Stowe, Vermont, on September 21, 1860, Elva was the daughter of Reuben Decatur and Elizabeth Gale Slayton. Reuben was Nathaniel and Thomas Slayton's brother. Elva graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1880 and married Franklin V. Smith in Stowe on July 25 the next year. Their six children, Harry, Bessie,

Dwight, John, Minnie, and Mildred, all were born in Stowe, where Elva died on October 23, 1895.

Nathaniel Volney Slayton [1838-1889]

Born in Stowe, Vermont on September 15, 1838, Nathaniel was the son of Samuel Stowe and Millison Carver Randall Slayton. In 1858 he visited Michigan, liked what he saw, and returned to settle in Grand Haven. He was employed as a clerk at Dwight Cutler's store beginning January 28, 1862. With Willard Sheldon as partner, Nathaniel opened a dry goods store. Bad health forced him to close that business. In September, 1873, he opened a grocery store in the Cutler House block. Nathaniel was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. In 1877 he was elected on the Republican ticket as City Treasurer. Slayton Street was named for this early Grand Haven settler.

Nathaniel married Martha "Mattie" Florence, the daughter of George and Sarah Batchellor Shippey, on December 17, 1874 in Grand Haven. She was born in New York on July 3, 1851 and died in Grand Haven on July 12, 1928. The Slaytons had one child, Florence, who was born in Grand Haven on February 10, 1877. Martha, who married a man by the name of Berger some years after Nathaniel's death, died in Grand Haven on August 14, 1930. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Nathaniel's sister, Mary Malvina, married Willard Sheldon of Grand Haven. Caroline Fidelia, another of Nathaniel's sisters, married Vermont native Ebenezer Winslow Barnes, onetime Postmaster of Grand Haven. A second sister, Frances Eliza, who lived from October 12, 1831 to March 2, 1892, came to this area as well, and married Dwight Cutler, as did another brother, Osman Ogilvie, who was born on September 18, 1829 and died on September 20, 1900. After the death of Nathaniel's brother Thomas in Vermont, his widow, Susan Harris, joined the Slayton family in Grand Haven. Finally, to round out the Slayton family's Grand Haven contingent, Nathaniel's mother, Millison, came here to be with her sons and daughters. She lived from 1802 to 1874. Nathaniel died June 29, 1889, and was buried with Florence, Frances, Osman, and Millison at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Slayton home at 314 Washington, then occupied by his widow, was destroyed in the fire of 1889, a few months after Nathaniel died. Apparently his widow then moved to 410 Howard, where she remained until about 1916. [*Tribune* obituaries March 2 and 4, 1892, and September 28, 1900.]

Thomas Orlando Slayton [1828-1867]

Born in Stowe, Vermont on February 5, 1828, Thomas was the son of Samuel Stowe and Millison Carver Randall Slayton and the brother of Nathaniel Slayton of

Grand Haven. On March 4, 1852, in Stowe, Vermont, Thomas married Sarah Harris. One of their three children was Susan Cornelia, who married George A. Farr I of Grand Haven. After Thomas died in Stowe, Vermont on June 11, 1867, Sarah left her native Vermont and came to Grand Haven to live with her brother-in-law and his family. She was born April 24, 1830 and died in Grand Haven.

Steven Sluka II [1909-1995]

Born on February 21, 1909 in Newark, New Jersey to Steven and Anna Hornacek Sluka, Steve grew up in the East End of Grand Haven. He enjoyed organizing neighborhood football and baseball teams, and he snuck through the coal bin window of the Armory to watch the basketball games. Finally he was hired to take tickets and do odd jobs. He played prep sports as a fifteen-year-old freshman with basketball coach Gus V. Cohrs. Steve was Captain of the 1927 championship team as a senior. He attended Michigan State College [MSU], graduated from the University of Illinois in 1933, and earned his master degree in 1938 from the University of Michigan. He began teaching at Hemlock High School in 1939 and went to Morencin in 1942. He then went into the service during WWII, served in combat, was wounded, and received the Purple Heart. Steve returned to Grand Haven in 1945 and spent twenty-eight years in the capacity of teacher, coach, and Athletic Director of Grand Haven High School. He was instrumental in developing the baseball field on Beechtree Street on the east side of Grand Haven, which the city named after him in 1961. Steve also served on the first YMCA Board of Directors, organized in 1963.

Steve, a life member of Michigan High School Coaches Association, was named to that group's Hall of Fame in 1963. He was Commissioner of Officials for Lake Michigan Athletic Conference, honored with the Charles E. Forsythe award for outstanding service to the state high school interscholastic program by the Michigan High School Athletic Association in 1981, and named to the West Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. Steve retired from the school system in 1978 and died on May 6, 1995. Steve's wife, Beatrice, lived from June 30, 1906 to April 6, 1991. Steve I was born December 14, 1887 and died in Grand Haven on February 7, 1971, while Anna lived from August 20, 1889 to September 8, 1974 and also died in Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, May 8, 1995.]

Agnes Little Smallman [1849-1912]

After Grand Haven's destructive fire of 1889, the Magnetic Mineral Springs resort was renamed the Norris Hotel. Although the structure was not damaged by the fire, the destruction of the Cutler House across the street made the downtown less attractive to resorters. Agnes

Smallman was Manager of the Norris. Her husband, Joshua, was a boat captain who worked out of Grand Haven and helped as host at the Norris. They were settled in Grand Haven by 1870. Born in New Brunswick, Canada in 1849, Agnes died in 1912 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

Joshua F. Smallman [1834-1893]

Joshua Smallman was born on Prince Edward Island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence on August 15, 1834 [1837]. He took to the ocean at age 15 and became one of the youngest captains on salt water. As a member of the Navy during the Civil War, he commanded General Foster's staff boat. He bought the Goodrich steamer *Muskegon*, and for many years was its Captain. During the halcyon lumber day, when the Pomona House was in operation at Fruitport, the *Muskegon* made frequent excursions from there to Grand Haven. He married Agnes Little, and by 1870 they were residents of Grand Haven. In 1881 Joshua commanded the *City of Milwaukee*, the same year he had Robertson Ship Yards build the propeller-driven vessel *George P. Savidge*. Joshua was known as one of the safest captains on the lake, since not one man was killed or lost on his ships, and he always arrived in port on schedule. Joshua lived in Grand Haven for 25 years. He brought the tug *T. D. Dole* to Grand Haven from Erie, and he owned the schooner *Gertrude*. Joshua died on October 10 [12], 1893 of heart disease. He and Agnes were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Gerrit [George] Smant [Smank] [1861- ?]

Gerrit Smant's 50-acre farm was in Section 8 of Crockery Township. He also raised livestock. Gerrit married Finigjie "Fannie" Teunis in Spring Lake on June 13, 1884, two years after they both had immigrated to the United States. Gerrit was born in The Netherlands in December, 1861, and Fannie was born in the same country in July, 1862. They were still residing in Crockery in 1930. Their children, all born locally, were Jennie, born in January, 1890; Elsie, born in June, 1892; Henrietta, born in January, 1896; and William, born in May, 1898.

Ralph Smant I [1865-1948]

Ralph was born on September 25, 1865 in The Netherlands, the son of Henry [Henrich] and Jennie Kirk Smant. On September 18, 1891 Ralph married Johanna Bowman [Bouman] in Crockery Township, where they owned a 52-acre farm in Section 8. In August, 1892 the Smants had a daughter Jennie. Jennie married Homer Powers, who was born about 1888. On March 3, 1896 a son John was born to the Smants, and another son, Henry, was born on January 29, 1899 and died January 17, 1965. A daughter, Dora, was born in 1901 and married Arthur Bradley, also a native of Crockery

Township, where he was born about 1897. On November 24, 1905, the Smants had two sons, Gerald J., who died in Spring Lake on October 24, 1985 and, Ralph II, who was born around 1908. Ralph I died September 15, 1948 in Crocker. Johanna, who was born in The Netherlands on March 9, 1866 to John and Doro Schmidt Bowman, died December 13, 1944.

Alexander Smith [1844- ?]

Alexander Smith was born on November 5, 1844, in Scotland's Orkney Islands. After learning the blacksmith's trade early in life, he turned to navigation. At about the age of 21 Alexander moved to Canada and the next year to Chicago, where he began a lifetime career sailing the Great Lakes. Fairly soon he was Master of the schooner *Ottawa*, and then he took the helm of the *Charles E. Wyman*, one of the fastest sailing ships on the lakes. Later Alexander became Master of the *Mosher*.

On December 13, 1875, in Chicago, Alexander married Jean Garrioch of Grand Haven. A few years later they moved to Grand Haven. In 1883, Jean returned to the Orkneys to bring back the six orphaned children of her deceased sister and brother-in-law, Mary and John Watters. John Watters had died at sea on March 17 1881 at the age of 44, and his wife succumbed to pneumonia the next year on May 11. The Smiths wrote that they were willing to take Margaret Anne Watters, then four years old and the youngest of the children, and perhaps one other. John Watters, 16 and the oldest of the children, replied that they did not want to be separated. Captain Smith put an addition on the house and sent for the whole family, a substantial increase in their childless household. The other children's names were Janeabell, Mary Tait, William, and James Edward. The Smiths raised the children in Grand Haven until all of them were through with their schooling. John, the oldest, married Margaret C. Harper, and they had two daughters: Edith Margaret and May Isabella. Edith Margaret and Arthur E. Brown were married, and their two sons were named Richard Harper and Gordon. Richard Brown married Anne R. Brown, and one of their four daughters was Nancy, who married Robert Earnest and moved to Grand Haven, not knowing her ancestors had lived in the area a hundred years earlier.

In 1895 the Smiths returned to Chicago, and at about the same time Captain Smith retired from sailing and became a member of the tailoring firm of his nephew, John Harper. Alexander was a charter member of the Orkney and Shetland Society of Chicago and was a Mason. In August, 1908, the Smiths moved back to the Orkneys, where Alexander died some years later near his birthplace.

Arnold Edward Smith [1898-1971]

In January, 1950 Arnold Smith purchased Grand Haven Novelty and changed the company name to Wolverine Table. He ran the company until the plant burned down in 1955. Arnold, the son of William and Anna Kliintworth Smith, was born on July 11, 1898 and died in Spring Lake on April 13, 1971. As a youth, he and his brother Harold operated an ice cream parlor on the corner of Washington and First Streets, and he served in Company F of the 126th Infantry during WW I. Arnold married Grace Eleanore, the daughter of Oscar and Grace Schumann of Grayling, Michigan. The Smiths had an adopted daughter, Grace Ann. The family resided at 17754 West Spring Lake Road, then at 18028 North Shore Estates Road. Grace, the mother, passed away in California in 2003.

Charles Washington Smith I [1870-1950]

Charles Washington Smith was born on January 16, 1870. Sometime before 1917 he married Elsie Kraai Kieft, who had been married to Henry Kieft. Elsie, born on October 6, 1884, was the daughter of John and Marta Anne Rienks Kraai. Elsie and Charles had three children, including Lemuel Clifford, who was born in Los Angeles on January 19, 1917 and died there six years later, and Charles W. II, who was born in the same city on July 21, 1921 and died in 1989. Charles I died in Los Angeles on January 9, 1950 and was buried at Odd Fellows Cemetery. Elsie died on November 6, 1960 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Ed Smith [? - ?]

Ed Smith started the *Times* newspaper in Coopersville in the spring of 1880. It lasted barely a month.

Edmon Smith [1830-1903]

Edmon [Edmund/Edward] "Ned" Smith was born into slavery in March, 1830 [1826] in Lexington, Kentucky. During the Civil War he worked in various Union camps, and was with General Grant during the siege of Vicksburg, Mississippi. He was brought to Grand Haven towards the end of the Civil War by Rev. William Ferry. In 1893 Ned was working as a laborer in Grand Haven. Edmon's wife, Sarah, was born in Virginia in July, 1840 [1838]. They were married about 1870 and had five children, all born locally: Bernice, who was born about 1873 and married Robert D. Wilson of Grand Rapids; Edward "Ned," ["Ed"] who was born on October 7, 1874 and was blind; May C., born about 1875; Ida May, born on April 7, 1878; and Frank, who was born on April 10, 1880, died by drowning on July 22, 1893 in Grand Haven, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Smith family was classified as Mulatto in the 1880 and 1910 censuses and as Black in 1900. The family resided at 1115 Washington Street. Edmon died in Grand Haven on March 26, 1903 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Sarah passed away in Grand

Rapids on December 24, 1923. She, too, was buried at Lake Forest.

Edward “Ed” [“Ned”] Smith [1874- ?]

Edward, the son of Edmon and Sarah Smith, was born in Grand Haven on October 7, 1874. His visual disability earned him the nickname Blind Ed. Edward became a Grand Haven newsboy or news dealer, as he was sometimes called. Reported to be “despondent and blue,” in 1908 he tried to commit suicide, not for the first time, by laying his body in front of an oncoming Pere Marquette train. Alerted to the situation by some of the blind boy’s friends, two deputy sheriffs hurried toward the Rosy Mound area and took Ed to the sheriff’s office. Ed promised to make no more attempts on his life, but, he added, the “next time he decided to do it, he would not tell anyone. . . .” [*Tribune* article, “Wanted to Take His Own Life,” October 19, 1908.] Two years later the *Tribune* reported that Ed had lost two dollars between his home at 1115 Washington Street and Eighth Street. “The finder of the money would confer a great favor by returning to Ned as he can ill afford to lose the money,” the newspaper pled in his behalf. [*Tribune*, September 28, 1910.] In 1920 Ed resided with his mother at the family home on Washington Street. Ed’s father died in 1903, and Sarah passed away 20 years later, apparently leaving Blind Ed with no place to live. Another *Tribune* item, appearing on August 21, 1923, reported that Ed was sleeping at the Pere Marquette Depot on Jackson Street when lightning struck between two and three in the morning. “Ed,” the paper said, “and an unknown ‘bo’ [hobo] were the two occupants. Both were startled by the lightning.” The two men were shaken, but neither was hurt. [*Tribune* article, “Lightning Bolt Strikes P.M. Station,” August 21, 1923.]

Edward C. Smith [1868-1927]

Born in Grand Haven in February 1, 1868, Edward was the son of John and Christina Smith. Edward started working at the age of 13 for the Grand Haven Lumber Company and stayed with that firm for six years. He became proprietor of a saloon at 9-13 Washington Street in Grand Haven, and agent for the Grand Rapids Brewing Company at the same address. He erected the two-story, brick building at that site about 1897. In early 1909 Edward opened an automobile showroom for the Reo at this site, and also offered gasoline, Brunswick tires, and car repairs. The business was called the Washington Garage with an address of 9-11 Washington. He sold the business in 1926 to Dan Riley and Ralph Van Toll. This address became the site of Carl Berg’s Pontiac showroom. Edward was President and major stockholder of the Gildner Hotel Corporation. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Knights of Pythias, Arbeiter Verein, and the Royal Arcanum. He purchased his sister Minnie Ewald’s farm near

Ludington and raised livestock. On April 27, 1891 in Muskegon, he married Eva Yeager. Edward and Eva moved to the farm.. Edward died on December 17, 1927 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Eva was born in Germany in March, 1869, died in 1950, and was buried Lake Forest. Ed and William Smith were brothers.

Elva May Slayton Smith [1860-1895]

See Elva May Slayton.

George C. Smith [1917-1999]

George Smith formed a partnership with John Miller I in 1946 and started the Miller-Smith Manufacturing Company at 601 West Savidge. George served as President of Spring Lake Village in 1954 and 1955. He lived at 17819 Oakwood Drive. George was born on September 12, 1917 and died in Spring Lake on February 20, 1999.

George Washington Ashley Smith [1832-1906]

Born in Unity, New Hampshire in September, 1832 to a family of 12 children, George Smith left home at an early age and crisscrossed the country doing various jobs from gold mining to lumbering. He settled near White Lake and established the Smith & Fields lumber business. George lived in Grand Haven after the lumber era ended and became involved in the real estate business. As Secretary of the Board of Trade, which was formed in 1900, George was instrumental in bringing some of the more important industries to this area. His wife, Sarah Fields of Rome, New York, was born in September, 1839. In Grand Haven the Smith family lived at 414 [416] Franklin Street. Their only daughter, Jennie M., who was born in Rome, New York in September, 1864, died on March 10, 1923. She worked for the *Grand Haven Tribune* for 15 years as society editor, she was local correspondent for the *Grand Rapids Press* and for Detroit newspapers, and she was freelance writer, as well. George passed away on February 19, 1906 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Sarah died on September 23, 1922. [*Tribune* obituaries, March 1, 1906 and March 12, 1923.]

Henry “Harry” [Harry John] Smith [1823-1894]

Born in Denmark in 1823 on the island of Fernon, Harry Smith had a desire to go to sea at an early age. When he was thirteen he stowed away on an English ship bound for India. From then on he was on board ships carrying slaves, traded palm oil along the African Coast, smuggled opium from China to India, and went into the innermost heart of Africa. In 1836, only 13 years old, he served as a marine in the Seminole War in Florida and aboard American merchant ships. Harry met his wife on a voyage from Le Havre to New York. After marriage he began to sail the Great Lakes and captained such

ships as the *Michigan Belle*, *Three Sisters*, *Storm*, *Spartan*, *Sea Gull*, *Gladiator*, and *Sebastopol*, which he and Charles Pagelsen owned. After leaving the sea, he was lighthouse keeper in Grand Haven from 1875 to 1883, at a time when the beacon stood on the bluff overlooking the Oval. He also was bridge tender of the South Channel Bridge. On October 9, 1852 he married Lena Schippers, born in The Netherlands about 1824. Lena's brothers, Henry and Kryn Schippers, immigrated to Grand Haven around 1856. Captain Smith died on January 27, 1894 and Lena passed away three years later. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Nellie and Chris, born about 1861, Jennie, born about 1864, and Margareta, born about 1870. In 1880 Chris was Assistant Lighthouse Keeper. The family resided on Third Street. [*Tribune* obituary, January 29, 1894.]

Hezekiah G. Smith [1816-1896]

It was Hezekiah Smith who laid the path to Spring Lake that many other African Americans followed. By one account he was born in Steubenville, Ohio in 1816 [1815], but another says he was born into slavery in Kentucky, then freed by his owner. In 1842 he married Lucinda [Luvonda] J. Sisco, the daughter of Ephraim [Ephram] Sisco. The couple settled in Spring Lake Township in 1847. Hezekiah worked two years for Jabez Barber at Barber's sawmill in Spring Lake. He was included in the 1850 census for Spring Lake, and Dr. Mary Kitchel notes in her book that he had a blacksmith shop in Grand Haven in 1852 [*Spring Lake Community Centennial*, 1969, p. 116]. About that time he may have left the area with his wife and children, possibly under duress, but if so, he quickly returned. On August 1, 1853 he purchased 40 acres in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township. On the same day, his friend, William Penn, also bought land in Section 10. Hezekiah continued to buy or homestead substantial acreage in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township: 80 acres in 1853, 40 acres in 1854, and 120 acres in 1856, finally owning more than 240 acres bordering a body of water that still is known as Smith's Bayou. He raised fruit for commercial and retail sale, especially apples and peaches, as well as truck crops for his own use. In the 1864 *Map of the Counties of Muskegon and Ottawa Counties*, he was listed as a horticulturist. By 1876 his holdings were reduced to 100 acres, still in Section 10. Hezekiah was one of several local representatives to an Equal Rights convention that met in Grand Rapids in 1894.

In the 1850 census as residents of Spring Lake Township, Hezekiah was listed as a blacksmith. Living with him and Lucinda at that time were Charles H. Smith, born about 1829 in Canada; William H. Smith, born about 1838 in Canada; and John W. Smith, born about 1843 in New York. The relationship, if any,

among the Smiths was not revealed in the census, and Charles, William, and John do not again appear in Ottawa County records. There were nearly three dozen other Black families living nearby, including Jordan and Victoria [Victoire] Turpin [Turpen/Turpan]. Five years after the census Jordan was convicted of murder.

Hezekiah and Lucinda also were enumerated in the censuses of 1860, 1870, and 1880 as residents of Section 10. In the 1850 census, Hezekiah was listed as H.G. Smith, in the 1860 census his name was given as Hendrick Smith, and ten years later it was recorded as Richard Smith. The Smiths had at least two children: Jane [Louise], born about 1857 in Virginia [Michigan], and Annabel [Anabel/Anna], who was born in Ohio around 1863 [1865]. In the 1880 census Annabel was listed as adopted. Lucinda died on March 6, 1884 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. On her Ottawa County death certificate, Lucinda's age was given as 50 years and one month, making her birth date February, 1834, but her record at Spring Lake Cemetery cites that she was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1825. The earlier year seems more likely, or she would have been only eight at the time of her marriage to Hezekiah. As with Hezekiah, her birth state was cited as Virginia in the 1870 census. It is best to say her place and date of birth are uncertain. On September 10, 1884, about six months after Lucinda's death, Hezekiah married Helen Bennett Hicks in Grand Haven. Helen's first husband, Albert Hicks, had died in 1882. Helen passed away on December 1, 1921, but was buried as Mrs Helen Hicks with other members of the Hicks family. Apparently Hezekiah and Helen were divorced, because on July 28, 1894 Hezekiah obtained a license to marry 20-year old Sarah Henderson. The young woman had second thoughts and the wedding never took place. On September 8, 1894 in Ferrysburg he married Sarah Henderson Miller, young Sarah's mother. Sarah the mother was born in 1825 in New York. On December 19, 1895 the *Tribune* reported Hezekiah was very ill. He died on January 7, 1896. After his death, Hezekiah's widow and her daughter Sarah moved to Grand Rapids. Hezekiah's place of burial is unknown. [*Tribune*, September 23, 1894, and *Tribune* article, "Wouldn't Leave Until Scared Out," February 15, 1915.]

Jennie Smith [1883-1973]

Jennie Smith and her husband bought the Khardomah Lodge in 1937. She lived from 1883 to 1973, and her husband died in 1942. Jennie worked in the Lodge until she was 80. Her daughter, Helen Unger, took over management of the place until 1984, when Steve and Carol Loftis bought it. Jennie was a cook at the Oval Inn coffee shop and at other restaurants before she bought the Khardomah. Jennie died in 1973.

Jeremiah [Jaramiah] Smith I [1839-1873]

Jeremiah Smith, born in 1839 in Scotland, had the distinction of being the first recorded burial in the newly opened Lake Forest Cemetery. He was a sailor who lost his life on September 15, 1873 when the steamer *Ironsides* sank in Lake Michigan, just off Highland Park. A Grand Haven cigar maker, Jeremiah was returning from Milwaukee on a business trip. Sometime before 1864 he married Ellen Leonard, who was born in 1842 in England and died of cancer on June 6, 1886 in Ottawa County. They had six children: Susan, who was born December 15, 1864 in Oswego, New York, married James Richard Connell, the son of Richard and Margaret Gibbs Connell, and died in Milwaukee on August 15, 1902; Robert, born in 1866 in Illinois; John, born in 1868 in Wisconsin; Walter, born in 1870 in Michigan; William, born in Michigan on November 12, 1871 and died the next day; and Jeremiah II, who was born in Michigan in 1873.

John Smith [Schmidt] [1822-1904]

John Smith was born in Rostock, Germany in 1822. In his native land, he married Christina [Christena] Otto, who was born in Mecklenburg, Germany on April 18, 1823 [1824]. The couple came to the United States and settled in Grand Haven in 1857. Traveling with them were two daughters, Wilhelmina “Minnie” Elsie C. A., who was born in Mecklenburg on June 24, 1848, and Sophia [Sophie], who was born in Mecklenburg in August, 1855 [1856]. On December 1, 1868 Minnie married Gottlieb Heinrich F. Ewald and moved to Ludington [see Wilhelmina “Minnie” Smith Ewald, 1848-1925]. Sophie married Horrace G. Nichols of Grand Haven. A son William was born on February 1, 1863, and five years later Edward C. was born. Christina passed away on April 22, 1892 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John died about July 20, 1904.

John H. Smith [1849-1896]

Captain John Smith was for years a well-known marine man in the Grand Haven area. He lived from 1849 to September 26, 1896. His wife, Bridget, was born around 1856 in Grand Haven and died on June 3, 1921. Their children included James, David R. of Grand Rapids, and Mrs Charles Mosher of Detroit. The family resided at 832 Fulton Avenue. John was First Mate on the steamer *City of Milwaukee* and a close friend of Captain Joshua Smallman. He also sailed on other Goodrich Steamers from the port of Grand Haven. He was a member of Highland Tent, Maccabees, and Free Masons. Captain Smith died on September 26, 1896 in Milwaukee. [Tribune obituary, June 4, 1921.]

Le Moyne [Lemoyne] Seth Smith [1808-1894]

Born in Tompkins County, New York, on February 8, 1808, Le Moyne Smith arrived in Ionia County as a Presbyterian minister in 1837 and reportedly came to

Ottawa County ten years later. However, he married Bridget Ann Hopkins in Ottawa County on November 18, 1838. Bridget, born in New York in 1818, was the daughter of Benjamin and Catherine Lowe Hopkins. On April 2, 1849 Le Moyne was elected Moderator and Treasurer at the first meeting of electors for the organization of Mill Point, where he had lived for two years while running the Mill Point Cheap Cash Store on the northeast corner of Park and Barber Streets. He was first Postmaster of Spring Lake, from May 1, 1851 until his resignation in 1857, at a salary of \$75 per year. Le Moyne planted a small orchard of apple and peach trees in Spring Lake in 1852. He helped in the formation of the Presbyterian Society of Mill Point in 1853. On December 1, 1855 he bought 36.64 acres in Section 18 of Crockery Township. The next year he was on a committee of the Ottawa County Agriculture Society.

Evidently something happened to Bridget, because in 1859 Le Moyne married Phebe L. Parmelee of Lyons, Ionia County [Kitchel, page 120], where Le Moyne was known to have preached. Phebe was a native of New York, where she was born around 1821. Le Moyne and his new wife settled in Grand Haven in 1862, and the next year he became publisher and editor of the *Grand Haven Union*. Healy C. Akeley was a silent partner until Le Moyne bought out his share. Republican in its leanings, the paper was sold to Nathan Church in June, 1872, who ran it as an organ of the Democratic Party until after the 1872 election, when it ceased publication. Le Moyne was appointed by President Hayes to be Postmaster in Grand Haven, a position he held from 1881 to 1885. For a period of time, Le Moyne was also Assistant Revenue Assessor. He lived on the corner of Fourth and Washington. A great lover of nature, he wrote a number of poems for many occasions and conducted Sunday School at his home. Le Moyne died on January 23, 1894 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Tribune obituary, January 23, 1894.]

Lora Avery Smith [1853- ?]

Born in New York about 1853, Lora Smith began teaching at Grand Haven High School in 1877 and became Principal two years later, a position she held into the early 1900s. In the 1880 census she was listed under the name Laura Smith as a single woman and teacher residing with Healy C. Akeley and his family. At some point she apparently married a Mr Stuart. In 1911 she started a fund to finance the purchase of a set of Shakespeare's works as an award to be given to the winner of a “declamation” contest at Grand Haven High School.

Peter Smith [1835- ?]

Born in 1835 in Holstein, Germany, near Denmark, Peter Smith came to this country in 1854, settling first in

New Orleans, where he was a steamboat pilot. In 1873 he arrived in Grand Haven Township to raise fruit. He married Anna Katie Ahrens in 1855. Anna, also from Holstein, Germany, was born in 1832. They had one daughter, Ida Emma, born in 1865. Anna tended to the fruit farm while Peter continued to work as a river pilot out of New Orleans. In 1882 their fruit farm was for sale.

Raymond L. Smith [1907-1983]

Raymond Smith was Judge for the 20th Judicial Court of Ottawa and Allegan Counties for twenty-five years, at that time the longest tenure in the history of the district. Born in Holland on January 27, 1907 and schooled in Holland, Raymond received his law degree from Harvard in 1931 and returned to Holland to enter into a law partnership with Nelson A. Miles. Judge Smith replaced four Justices of the Peace when he was appointed Holland's first Municipal Judge in 1940 and held that appointment for eight years. He died on January 25, 1983 in Blue Lake, Kalkaska County, Michigan.

Robert A. Smith [1872-1949]

Born in Illinois around 1872, Robert Smith by 1920 owned and operated a grocery store at 1320 Washington. He resided at 1314 Washington with his wife, Laura, who was born in Michigan around 1873. Their children were Robert J., who was born on February 14, 1911 and passed away in Grand Haven on November 3, 1990, and Isabel M., born about 1914. By 1932 the family lived at 1221 Washington. Robert died about January 26, 1949 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Laura passed away around August 17, 1954 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

Theodore D. Smith [1854- ?]

Theodore Smith had a painting business in Spring Lake, under the name T. D. Smith. In the 1893 *Compendium*, he advertised "House and Carriage Painting, Paper Hanging, Decorating, Etc." Theodore, the son of William and Myrty Norton Smith, was born in New York about 1854. His first wife, Louisa, was born in New York about 1857. They had two daughters, Maud, born about 1878, and Ada, born about 1879. He later married Jenny [Jane] Marsh, who was born in Canada in 1858, passed away in 1939, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. By 1920 Theodore and Jenny were residing with their daughter Mildred in Muskegon. Theodore died before 1930.

Thomas G. Smith [1856-1923]

Born in Albion, Illinois on July 3, 1856, Thomas Smith attended the Wabash and McCormick Theological Seminaries. He became an ordained minister in Cairo, Illinois. He was Pastor of the Spring Lake Presbyterian

Church from 1915 to 1921 and passed away on May 26, 1923 in Mt. Plier, Ohio.

William "Colonel" Smith [1863-1924]

In William Smith's youth he worked at the Emlaw Sawmill in the Grand Haven area. He was a member of Company F, which mustered at the Grand Haven Armory on Second Street. On March 15, 1893, William Smith married Catherine, the daughter of Menke and Henrietta [Henretta] Van Zanten Dykhouse [Dykhuis]. Catherine died the following January 10 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. A daughter, Grace Kathryn Christine, had been born December 25, 1893. Grace married George Rosso of Grand Haven. After his first wife's death, William married Anna Klintworth, who was born in Michigan in March, 1871. Anna was the daughter of Barthold and Anna Dammann Klintworth, who had emigrated from Germany and settled on a farm in Section 29 of Crockery Township. Anna and William resided at 529 Columbus and later at 603 Franklin. Arnold Edward. Smith, born on July 11, 1898, was their son, as was Harold Heinrich, who was born in September, 1896 and later resided in Muskegon, where he owned a Schlitz Beer Distributorship. The son of John and Christina Otto Smith, immigrants from Germany, William was born in Grand Haven on March 7, 1863 and died in his hometown on December 4, 1924. He was a teamster and a fire fighter. Ed and William Smith were brothers.

William M. Smith II [1796-1877]

The son of William and Cordelia Smith, young William was born in Connecticut on December 25, 1796. His wife's name was Hannah. Among their children were Doncarlius, Sarah Ann, Hannah Emiline, Mary Olivia, and Harriet Corning. The family lived in Onondaga County, New York.

Hannah died in 1835, and the next year, in Oswego County, New York, William married Myrty [Myrta] Norton, who was born in 1814 in that state. In 1855 William and his second family moved to Spring Lake, where they were active in the Presbyterian Church. Their children, all born in New York, were Nathan, who was born about 1837 and in 1870 offered painting services in Spring Lake; Frances, born about 1840; Helen "Nellie," born in 1843; James, who was born about 1847 and was a painter; Theodore, who was born about 1854 and also had a painting business; Clarence, who was born about 1855 and joined his brothers in the painting business; Martha; and Gerrit. Nathan's wife, Celestia, was born in New York about 1841; they had a son, Vernon, born in Michigan around 1867 and by 1880 had moved to Shiawassee County. Nellie married William Fernando Robbins in Spring Lake on November 3, 1869. Fernando, who was born in Maine around 1840,

managed a Spring Lake hotel. Frances married George Wilmot, who owned a harness shop in Spring Lake. In 1870 William was listed as a gardener. He died on October 26, 1877 in Spring Lake. Myrty died in 1892.

John Smoes [1905-1990]

John Smoes of Coopersville was born on November 6 [5], 1905 and died on April 2, 1990. In 1930 he was a laborer in Polkton Township. John married Ruth, the daughter of Art and Alice Vander Meiden Kammeraad of Grand Haven. Ruth, a practical nurse, married John in the parlor of her family's residence near Lake Forest Cemetery. She was born on March 3, 1916 and died in July, 1969, in Coopersville. Their children were Paul Ernest Smoes, born on July 22, 1935; Glenn Arthur Smoes, born on January 9, 1940; and Leon Smoes, who was born on September 17, 1944, married Sharon Lenz on December 4, 1965 in Wayland, and died in Grand Rapids on August 31, 1995. [*Tribune* obituary, September 2, 1995.]

Febian "February" Snay [Snai] [1815- ?]

February Snay traveled with Louis Campau and his family from Detroit to West Michigan in 1830. The two were employed by the Hudson Bay Company. They established a fur trading post in the area later known as Grand Rapids. After reaching Grand Rapids, February married a daughter of one of the lesser chiefs of the Ottawa Indians, whose English name was Harriet. February was born in Michigan about 1815 and Harriet about 1822. February left the Hudson Bay Company and by 1850 was living in Spring Lake Township, where he built a home for his family. February and Harriet had at least eight children, all born in Michigan: Mary, born about 1838; Cicilia, born about 1840; Magdalena, born about 1842; Magareta, born about 1843; Joseph, born about 1845; Therdia [?], born about 1850; and John, born in November, 1854.

John Snay [Snai] [1854- ?]

John Snay was the son of February [Febian] and Harriete Snay, John Snay, born in November, 1854, was the seventh of their eight children. He left the area at age 12 to go on his own as a fisherman in northern Michigan. Three years later he returned to his hometown and found work as a ship's carpenter. Eventually he earned the title of Captain. In 1903 he commanded the steamer *Ottawa*, and in 1917 he was commander of the tug *Ida M. Stevens*, which went ashore half way between Grand Haven and Muskegon. His wife, Mary, was born in Allegan, Michigan on March 20, 1859. They were married about 1878. A daughter, Jennie, was born in January, 1880. The three of them resided at 211 Madison. John was listed in the 1893 *Business Compendium* as a Grand Haven resident, but he was not included in the 1908 *City Directory*. Mary died in

Grand Haven on October 1, 1924. [*Tribune* article, "Modern Youth Weak, Flabby, Oldest Grand Haven Man Says," undated, but about 1933, and *Tribune* obituary, October 2, 1924.]

James Howard Snyder [1909-1983]

James Snyder was born on July 11, 1909 and passed away in Spring Lake on April 15, 1983. On October 26, 1940 he married Hallie Elizabeth Ellis in Tallmadge Township. The daughter of Fred S. and Ruth E. Buck Ellis, Hallie was born in Grand Rapids on February 26, 1919. She received an associate degree from Grand Rapids Junior College and retired from Spring Lake schools, where she was an executive secretary. Hallie was a member of Spring Lake Presbyterian Church, and she was active with the Grand Haven and Coopersville historical museums. James's and Hallie's children were Phyllis, who married Dennis Simonis of Grand Haven, and James Richard, who was born on October 15, 1945, relocated to West Olive, died on November 24, 2008 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. James and Hallie resided at 306 North Lake Avenue in Spring Lake. Hallie passed away in Grand Haven on December 15, 2005 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 16, 2005 and November 26, 2008.]

William A. Snyder [1839 - ?]

Born in 1839 in Columbia County, Ohio, William Snyder spent most of his working life on steam boats. From 1861 to 1864 he was in the U.S. Navy, and during most of that time he was in charge of freight transportation on the Mississippi River. He came to Grand Haven in 1869. The next year he was classified as a steamboat engineer, and ten years later he owned his own tugboat. Captain Snyder ran the first winter boat on the east shore of Lake Michigan. He was Collector and Superintendent of the Grand Haven Tug Association. In 1874 he was Captain of the steamer *City of Duluth*, and he owned several boats. During 1879 and 1880 he built the tug *Lizzie Frank*. He retired from sailing the Great Lakes in 1875. He also built the first low-pressure walking beam engine to ply the Ohio River. William's wife, Alice, was born about 1858 in Germany. They had at least four children: Charles, born about 1860; Elizabeth, born about 1869; George, born in 1874; and Frank, born about 1878. The two older children were born Illinois, and the two younger ones were born in Michigan. The family resided on Second Street.

George C. Sole [1829-1901]

Born in Sacketts Harbor, New York in January, 1829 [1830], George Sole settled first in Eastmanville and then in Grand Haven, where he became a ship's carpenter. In his later years he was widely known as the best fisherman and guide in the area for summer tourists. His wife, Mary J., was a New York native, where she

was born in June, 1837. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Mary L., born about 1864; Jennetta, born about 1867; and George H., born in April, 1870. George the elder died on May 10, 1901.

Henry William Solms I [1815-1892]

Henry Solms, a native of Germany, lived from March 18, 1815 to March 7, 1892, and his wife, Elizabeth, also from Germany, lived from July 23, 1813 to November 15, 1882. Henry II was their son.

Henry William Solms II [1836-1910]

Henry Solms and his wife, Henrietta Oosterhouse, lived at 619 Washington in Grand Haven. Henry was the son of Henry and Elizabeth Solms I. He and Henrietta were married in New York City on October 2, 1859 and were in Grand Haven by the mid-1870s. Henry worked in a local sawmill in the 1880s. He was listed as a "laborer" in the 1893 *Compendium*. Their first two children, born in New York City, were Henry III, who was born on June 14, 1860 and died on April 27, 1862; and Matilda Elizabeth who was born on March 16, 1862 and died in 1930. Next was William Julius, who was born in Brooklyn, New York on July 5, 1864 and resided in Jersey City, New Jersey. The next two children were born in Brooklyn, New York: John Frederick "Fred," who was born on October 8, 1866 and died on May 23, 1913; and Henry Nicklous, born on November 15, 1868. The remaining children were born in Grand Haven: Clara Francis, born on December 19, 1871; John Martin, who was born on May 21, 1875 and died on June 28, 1882; Elizabeth Mary Sophia, who was born on September 8, 1877 and married Louis [Lewis] Slaughter; George Arthur, who was born on August 15, 1880, became a teamster, and died on August 22, 1928; and Charles William, who was born on May 9, 1883 and became a cornice maker. Henry II was born in New York on October 2, 1836 and died in Grand Haven on February 12, 1910. Henrietta lived from March 28, 1842 to July 17, 1916. They were buried with several of their children, George, John, and Matilda, at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Thomas Somerset [Sommerset] [1841-1900]

Thomas Somerset owned a 337-acre farm in Sections 30 and 31 of Crockery Township. His land, bordering the Grand River, was frequented by the Fort Village band of Ottawa Indians that once inhabited the adjacent area called Battle Point. Cobmoosa was their Chief. The Somerset farm was on part of the Indians' burial grounds. Thomas traveled to Grand Rapids, where on May 13, 1861 he enlisted as Private in Company I of the 3rd Michigan Infantry. He was wounded on May 12, 1864 at the Battle of Spottsylvania Court House and discharged the following June 20. Thomas, who was born on August 16, 1841, died on February 2, 1900. His

wife, Katherine, was born in New York around 1845 and died about February 10, 1893.

Jack Sommerville [Summerville] [@1816-1865]

On February 18, 1864, Jack Somerville [Summerville], an African American, enlisted as Private in Company E of the 1st Infantry Colored Regiment, later known as the 102nd United States Colored Infantry. He died on July 28, 1865 in Beaufort, North Carolina. [The date of his death was April 30, 1862, according to the 1882 history of Ottawa and Muskegon Counties.]

Frederick F. Sommers [1842-1912]

Born in Germany in 1842, Frederick Sommers arrived in Detroit at the age of two. Upon settling in Grand Haven he owned and operated the Grand Haven Match Factory in 1884 and another match factory in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. In 1889 the Diamond Match Company bought his business and in 1893 he moved to the Saginaw area and formed the Sommers Match Company. He left three sons and four daughters when he passed away in Saginaw on May 9, 1912. [*Tribune* obituary, May 9, 1912.]

Francis R. Sonrel I [1869-1948]

Francis Sonrel owned a 90-acre dairy farm in Sections 4 and 5 of Grand Haven Township [14371 Lakeshore Drive]. The dairy farm, south of Comstock Road, was split by Lakeshore Drive. Francis was born in 1869 in Switzerland and his wife, Rosa, was born in the same country in 1877. They immigrated to the United States in 1890, settling first in Milwaukee and coming to Grand Haven about 1903, the year their home was constructed. Frank Sonrel and Rosa had a son, Francis II, born in Wisconsin on August 24, 1905. They also had a daughter, Rosa, who was born in Grand Haven on August 18, 1907 and married Lewis Clark of Grand Haven Township. Another son, Robert, was born on September 4, 1913. Other children were Elizabeth; Julien, who was born in Wisconsin about 1900; Clara, who was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on October 4, 1901, married Robert C. Dunn, and moved to Muskegon; and Martha, who was born locally on March 27, 1909, married a Mr Blanchard, and died in Grand Haven on November 18, 1995. Francis died in 1948 and Rosa in 1931. Both were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

Francis R. Sonrel II [1905-1986]

Francis was born in Wisconsin on August 24, 1905 and died in Grand Haven on September 24, 1986. His wife, Georgie, was born in Washington on September 21, 1900 and died in Grand Haven on January 17, 1982. Both were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Francis and his brother Robert owned and

operated the Washington Garage at 11 Washington in the late 1920s and into the 1930s.

Robert R. Sonrel [1913-1996]

Robert Sonrel and his wife, Camilla N., lived at 14371 Lakeshore Drive. Robert, the son of Francis Sonrel I, was born on September 4, 1913 and died in Grand Haven on February 24, 1996. He and his brother Francis owned and operated the Washington Garage at 11 Washington in the late 1920s and into the 1930s. Camilla lived from August 18, 1916 to October 24, 1977. Their children attended Rosy Mound School, as had Robert.

Josephene A. Schippers Sorensen [1905-1994]

Born on September 26, 1905 to Dan and Anna Volkema Schippers, Josephene graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1923. She married Milo Sorensen on August 11, 1939. For 35 years she worked as legal secretary for the Misner & Ponstein Law Firm, located on the corner of Third and Washington Streets. After retiring from that job, she worked for Grand Haven Jewelry for ten years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. She died on November 30, 1994 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 1, 1994.]

Ambrose Latten Soule I [1801-1857]

Ambrose L. Soule I was a native of Dutchess County, New York, and lived from June 26, 1801 to June, 24, 1857. On March 10, 1824 Ambrose married Ruth Paddock Brown, a widow, in New York State. Ruth lived from 1804 to 1851. She and Rhoda Paddock, wife of Benjamin Soule, were sisters. Their sons were Ambrose II, born in Onandaga County, New York in 1838; Charles Edward I, born in Geauga County, Ohio on September 20, 1842; James Benjamin, born in Geauga County, Ohio on April 2, 1843; and Carlos, born in Ohio about 1848. Their daughters, all born in New York, were Annetta, born about 1832; Sarah J., born about 1834; Julia, who was born in Dutchess County, New York on October 16, 1836 and married Edward L. Crow of Spring Lake and Grand Rapids; and Julius M., born about 1839. After Ruth's death, Ambrose I married Sophia Everest in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, on September 9, 1851. Ambrose I was credited with helping in the development of Muir [Ionia County].

Ambrose Latten Soule II [1838-1905]

In 1860 Ambrose Soule II was a resident of Ionia County, where his parents resided. On September 17, 1862 he went to Grand Rapids to enlist in Company E of the Michigan 6th Cavalry as Second Lieutenant. On October 23, 1863 he transferred to Company G of the 10th Michigan Cavalry, and on September 2, 1865 he was promoted to Captain. He was mustered out on

November 11, 1865. Ambrose owned considerable acreage throughout Michigan. In 1860 he was residing in Lyons, Ionia County, in 1870 he was a horticulturalist in Spring Lake, and he remained in that area into the 1880s. By 1890 he was living in Minnesota. A monument was erected in his name at Spring Lake Township Cemetery.

Born in Onondaga County, New York, Ambrose lived from 1838 to January 13, 1905. The wife of Ambrose II was named Margaret. She was born about 1845 in New York. Ambrose and Margaret had at least two children, George and Anna.

Benjamin Soule [1810-1900]

In 1860 Benjamin Soule was a lumberman in Ionia County, Michigan. Five years later he purchased 90 acres in Section 14 of Spring Lake Township, land previously owned by William and Shirley Hammond. Benjamin and his wife, Rhoda Paddock, who lived from 1810 to 1882, moved from Muir, Ionia County, Michigan, to the Spring Lake farm in the 1870s. Benjamin operated a dairy farm there and raised fruit trees. Born on May 20, 1810, he died on January 27, 1900. Ten years after his death the Spring Lake Country Club purchased 140 acres of his land for \$6,000 and for 15 years or so used the farm house as its clubhouse. His wife, Rhoda, lived from 1810 to 1882. Benjamin, an attorney, was uncle to Charles Soule, who also was an attorney.

Benjamin Harrison Soule [1888-1967]

Benjamin Harrison Soule was born in Spring Lake in 1888 and died in 1967. He was the son of Frederick and Cassie Soule. In 1930 he was a die maker. He married Ruth L., the daughter of John and Louise Brunzell Linn of Spring Lake. The Soules had three children, including Virginia Soule Nichols, who moved to Fredonia, New York. Ruth, who was born in Illinois on November 5, 1896, died in Spring Lake on April 25, 1979. She and Benjamin were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Charles Edward Soule I [1842-1925]

A nephew of Benjamin Soule, Charles was born in Geauga County, Ohio, on September 20, 1842, the son of Ambrose Latten I and Ruth Paddock Soule. Young Soule moved with his parents to Ionia County, Michigan in 1855, when he was 13. He studied at Hillsdale College, graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1866, and was admitted to law practice the same year. Charles became Judge of Probate for Ottawa County, a post he held between 1885 and 1893, and he was Circuit Court Commissioner for three terms. On July 6, 1863 Charles enlisted as First Lieutenant in the 10th Michigan Cavalry and was discharged for disability

on December 21, 1864, almost nine months after he had transferred from Field and Staff to Company K of the same regiment. After the war, he was a prominent figure in the Grand Army of the Republic statewide and locally, including the local Weatherwax Post #75, which he helped organize. Charles continued his law practice, but also grew peaches on a 40-acre farm in Section 11 of Spring Lake Township, in an area later known as Stuart Point. On June 29, 1872 he attended a meeting of the Michigan State Pomological Society in Benton Harbor and delivered a paper on "The Best Peach." His wife went with him, as well as his brothers Ambrose and James. Charles also maintained a dairy farm.

On September 16 [20], 1867 in Grand Haven [Milwaukee], Charles married Lucinda [Lennie] Saxton Hall, who was born in Shelburne, Vermont, on July 12, 1843 and had come to Ionia, Michigan with her parents, Lyman and Lucinda Hall. The newly-weds moved to Spring Lake the year following their marriage, and then onto Grand Haven five years after that, following a fire that destroyed their Spring Lake home. With William Angel, Charles purchased a large piece of lake frontage in Section 19, which became known as North Shore. A portion of this land was bought by the U.S. Government on January 22, 1922 as the site for the new Coast Guard Station. About 1881 Charles contracted to have the family residence built at 527 Lafayette in Grand Haven. He and his wife had five surviving children: Mary Laura, born about 1870; Charles Edward, born on January 27, 1871; Fayette Fletcher, born on January 25, 1877; Julia, born on March 4, 1873; and Leila, born in September, 1881. Mary Laura, Julia, and Leila Ruth all became teachers. Mary became the first President of the Tuesday Musicales in Grand Haven. Charles and Lucinda also owned a cottage on the North Shore. Named Greystone Manor, the structure was built in 1892 and was inherited by Soule's daughter, Julia. When Julia died in 1945, the North Shore property [20053 North Shore Drive] went to Soule "Bill" Tryon Bitting, a grandson of Judge Soule. Thirty-one years later, in 1976, it was inherited by Bitting's widow, Peggy, who was still the owner of record in 1999. Charles died on January 3, 1925 and Lucinda died May 31 the next year. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Charles Edward Soule II [1871-1951]

The son of Charles and Lucinda Hall Soule, Edward was born on January 27, 1871 on the family's peach farm in Spring Lake. His formative years were spent at 527 Lafayette Street in Grand Haven, and he graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1889. Edward, as he was known, became an attorney and moved to Cleveland and then to Los Angeles, California. Edward at one time was Assessor for the City of Grand Haven. Ruth Walley was one of his children. Edward died in Orange County,

California on January 23, 1951. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Eva Jane Soule [1884-1968]

Eva was born in Spring Lake on November 10, 1884, the daughter of Frederick and Cassie Soule of Spring Lake. After graduating from high school, she married Peter J. Vander Meiden of Grand Haven and worked in Chicago as a secretary. When Peter retired from the police department, the couple moved to Holland. Eva passed away about December 4, 1968 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. He had died about September 27, 1955.

Fayette Fletcher Soule [1877-1946]

The son of Charles and Lucinda Soule, Fayette was born in Grand Haven on January 25, 1877. On October 19, 1901 he married Isabel Atkinson in Chicago. She was born on July 16, 1880 in Chicago and died in Pensacola, Florida on March 9, 1964. Fayette died in the same city on March 28, 1946. Their three children were all born in Illinois. In 1910 Fayette was living in Chicago, and by 1930 he was a bridge engineer in Escambia, Florida.

Frederick A. Soule [1852-1903]

Frederick Soule was born in New York in January, 1852. He and his wife, Cassie, raised four children on a 263-acre dairy farm in Section 14 of Spring Lake Township: Virginia; Rhoda Mae, born on November 21, 1883; Eva, born in November, 1884; and Benjamin Harrison, born in December, 1887. Carl A. Soule, who was born in Sweden on February 8, 1880 and died in Spring Lake on July 2, 1973, was half-brother to the others. Cassie, a native of Sweden, lived from May, 1855 [1856] to 1934 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her husband, who died on November 30, 1903. [*Tribune* obituaries, November 30 and December 1, 1903.]

James Benjamin Soule [1843-1928]

On August 28, 1863 James Soule enlisted at Muir, Ionia County, in Company G of the 10th Michigan Cavalry, the same unit as his brother Charles, with the rank of Private. He was promoted to Sergeant on October 6, 1863, and was mustered out on November 11, 1865. James was born in Geauga County, Ohio, on April 2, 1843. His parents were Ambrose L. and Ruth Paddock Soule. James died around June 6, 1928 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Julia Annette Soule [1873-1945] and Leila Ruth Soule [1882-1931]

Julia Soule was born in Spring Lake on March 4, 1873, the daughter of Charles and Lucinda Soule. She moved to Grand Haven when the family home burned down shortly after her birth, and for 64 years lived at 527 Lafayette. After graduating from Grand Haven High

School in 1891, she attended Hillsdale College and the University of Michigan. She received a lifetime teaching certificate from Central Michigan in 1918. Julia taught in Grand Haven High School from 1895 to 1904, taught in Evanston, Illinois for two years, and then returned to be Principal of the Ottawa County Normal School, located in Grand Haven, between 1908 and 1917, years when Dr. Lawrence vanden Berg was Superintendent of Grand Haven schools. In 1918 she taught under Dr. vanden Berg at Oswego, New York, then taught in Cleveland until 1921, when she returned once more to Grand Haven and taught American history at the Junior High School until her retirement in 1938. She was active in the Red Cross and the Woman's Club.

Julia's sister Leila Ruth was born about 1882 and on June 21, 1913 in Grand Haven married George L. Bitting I, who was born in Illinois around 1882. Their children were George L. II, born about 1914; Soule T., born about 1916; and James T., born about 1917. Leila passed away around June 24, 1931 and George died about October 4, 1949; they were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Soules and Bittings shared the family home at 527 Lafayette, and when Leila died as a young mother, Julia and another sister, Mary, raised the Bittings' children. In 1927 Julia bought Windydune, a two-story, cinder block cottage on the North Shore, when there were only two other cottages on that side of the river, one belonging to George and Cora Christmas of Grand Haven. The Life Guard Station also was nearby. At that time, the only direct access to the cottage from Grand Haven was by rowboat. Three cottages fronted the lake: Windydune, built in 1916 by Louise Andrews of Elsah, Illinois; Greystone Manor; and The Surf. Shortly after Julia died at her home on Lafayette Street on May 31, 1945, the cottage was sold to Henrietta Van Dyk. Julia was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Rhoda Mae Soule [1883-1969]

Born in Spring Lake on November 21, 1883, Rhoda Soule was the daughter of Frederick and Cassie Soule. In 1930 she was a stenographer for a lumber company in Grand Rapids. Rhoda died on February 25, 1969 and was buried at Spring Lake Township. She resided at 17347 Fruitport Road in Spring Lake Township.

Robert F. Soule [1922–1987]

A County Commissioner for Spring Lake Township, Robert Soule was active in the Tri-Cities Historical Society and served as its President. On January 18, 1946 he married Elizabeth Ann Carrithers, who was born December 17, 1912 and died in Spring Lake on March 5, 1979. Robert was born on November 6, 1922 and died on May 1, 1987 in Spring Lake. The Soules resided at

202 East Savidge. Husband and wife were buried at Spring Lake Township Cemetery.

Milo Douglas Sovis I [1909-1992]

A native of Cicero, Illinois, where he was born on September 4, 1909, Milo Sovis became a resident of Grand Haven. He married Jennie Helmers of Grand Haven in 1929. The next year the couple lived at 1044 Washington for a short time before moving to 1026 Washington. They resided in several other houses prior to relocating to 119 South Third in June, 1937. Jennie was born in Michigan on October 19, 1909 and passed away in Grand Haven on March 27, 1995. In 1930 Milo worked at the Brass Foundry. By the late 1940s he was Foreman at the Oldberg Company. The family belonged to the First Reformed Church. The Sovises had five children, all born in Grand Haven: Elaine, who was born on August 4, 1930 and married Jim Griswold; Robert, who was born on November 10, 1931 and retired to Jupiter, Florida; Beverly, who was born on May 24, 1939 and married Robert Avery of Grand Haven; Milo Douglas II, born on February 8, 1942; and Kenneth Charles, born on October 11, 1944. Milo died on July 2, 1992. He and Jennie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Charles Spadafore [@1882- ?]

Born in Italy around 1882, Charlie Spadafore owned a fruit and confectionary store at 126 Washington. He and his wife, Rose, resided at the same address. She was born in Italy the same year as her husband. Their children, all born in Michigan, were William, born about 1904, Virginia, born about 1906, and Louis, born about 1908. Charlie bought the business around 1908 from Hepple Spagnolo and sold it in 1911 to Louis Fortino. Charlie then opened another fruit outlet at 104 Washington.

Hepple Spagnolo [@1875- ?]

In 1908 Hepple Spagnolo sold his fruit and candy store at 126 Washington to Charlie Spadafore. Hepple and Amelia Spagnolo lived on the second floor at the same address. Hepple was born in Italy about 1886. Amelia was born in the same country about 1892. By 1910 Hepple and Amelia were sharing the upstairs apartment with Charlie and Rose Spadafore, and were listed in the 1910 census as Charlie's in-laws. A cousin, also named Hepple Spagnolo, was living at the same address.

Johann "John" N. Spangler [1850-1930]

Born in Bavaria, Germany on May 25, 1850, John Spangler arrived in the United States soon after. He held the office of School Director and Pathmaster in Robinson Township for nine years. He was the father of Jack Spangler, who was Deputy Sheriff of Ottawa County. His wife was Augusta Janke, whom he married

in Milwaukee. They lived on a 100-acre farm in Robinson Township. John died on January 28, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Spanglers' son, Johann Joseph Spangler, was born in Grand Haven on May 30, 1901.

Henry G. Spear [1854- ?]

Around 1900 Henry Spear and Clemens Bement owned Spear & Bement, "Manufacturers of Fish, Syrup and Pickle Packages, Flour, Fruit, and all kinds of slack barrels." The company was located in Grand Haven. Henry was born in Maine in September, 1854. He was a cooper by trade. He married Ida Williams, who, was a native of Nova Scotia, where she was born in September, 1857. She immigrated to the United States in 1880. Henry and Ida had six children: Ora M., born in Wisconsin in December, 1884; Grace, born in Minnesota in August, 1887; Henry, born in Grand Haven in July, 1890; Mabel, born in Michigan in December, 1891; Marian, born in Michigan February, 1894; and Marvin, born in Michigan in July, 1899.

Frank Spence [Spencer] [1835- ?]

A native of Scotland, Frank Spence was born about 1835 and became a machinist. He and Archibald Brown in 1867 started a machine shop called Iron Works, located on the northwest corner of First and Elliott Streets in Grand Haven. Spence and Brown sold their business to James Lewis, Otto Gronberg, and John Bryce in 1871. Frank's wife, Annie, was born in New York about 1843. They had at least one child, Isabella [Isabel], born in Scotland around 1859.

David Spencer I [1837- ?]

Spring Lake resident David Spencer was born in England [Canada] in November, 1837. He married Elizabeth M. Frink, who was born in England in November, 1846. After living for awhile in Canada, David and Elizabeth immigrated to Spring Lake and lived at 804 East Savidge Street. David I was a minister. Of their seven children, six were born in Canada, including David II, born about 1877. The other children were Emma R., who was born in February, 1875 and married Howard Gardner of Spring Lake; Agnes, born in July, 1885; Margaret; James Manley, who was born in May, 1888; Gertrude, born in May, 1890; Ruth; Agnes; William; John; and Mary, who was born in Canada in 1867 and married Chauncey Blakeslee of Spring Lake. David, Emma, and Agnes were born in England, and the remainder were born locally. James Manley Spencer, a mason and building contractor, worked with his brother-in-law, Chauncey. They constructed many buildings in the area, such as the Armory, Grand Theater, and former Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven. James also was President of Spring Lake Boat Company, founded in 1931.

In 1898 David II won the first race ever sponsored by the Spring Lake Yacht Club. The winning boat was owned by his brother-in-law, Chauncey Blakeslee.

John W. Spencer [1867-1938]

John, the son of Medad and Julia Williams Spencer, was born in Crockery Township in 1867. He was classified as "laborer" in the 1893 *Compendium*, and held the post of Justice of the Peace in Coopersville as late as 1912, where he remained a resident into the 1930s. John passed away in 1938 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery.

Medad [Meadad] Spencer [1837-1919]

Medad Spencer, who was born in New York in 1837, reportedly served in the Civil War with a Michigan regiment, although no service records were found under that name. He was said to be in charge of the lighthouse at Grand Haven for a time after the war, but again no evidence was uncovered to support the claim. Medad's 120-acre farm was situated in Sections 21 and 28 of Crockery Township. By 1870 he owned a general store in Nunica, but ten years later he was classified as a farmer. From 1894 to 1906 he was lighthouse keeper at Point Betsie, near Frankfort, Michigan. Medad died in Crockery on October 24, 1919 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. Medad's wife, Julia Williams, lived from 1844 to 1922 and was buried near her husband. Julia was Sarah Ann Easterly's sister. Their children were Emma, born in Michigan in 1864; John W., born in New York in 1867; Ned B., born in Michigan in 1872; and Leonard, born in Michigan in 1876.

William D. Spencer [1869-1945]

Born in Eastmanville on September 9, 1869, William Spencer became an engineer on the steamer *William H. Barrett*, which operated on the Grand River. In 1898 he went to work for the Spring Lake Basket Factory, which burned down that year. He then put in two years as a secret service agent, returned to Spring Lake and worked for the Story & Clark Piano Company until 1915, when he opened the S & S Grocery with John Slingerland, the two of them having bought Fred Bertschy's grocery at 200 West Savidge Streets. Eventually the owner, Julia Falls, Andrew's widow, sold the building to Leon Campbell for his drug store. In 1923 Spencer bought out B. Klouw & Son Grocery and Feed Store and moved into their building at 212 West Savidge. In 1935 William & Sons moved to 206 West Savidge, where Jacob Whitcomb had had a dry goods and grocery store. They enlarged their store and changed the name to Spencer's Super Market. William was Township Clerk for 20 years, and he also served on the Board of Trade and was President of the Spring Lake School Board. He married Frances S., the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Scott Kay of Spring Lake, who lived at 403

East Savidge. Frances was born in Illinois about 1863. William died on October 24, 1945 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Frederick Wilhelm Spindler [1822-1895]

In 1871 Frederick W. Spindler, a German, followed Rev. John Daib as Pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at 531 Franklin Street. Frederick had been a clergyman at a Lutheran Church in Bay City. He was born in Germany about 1822. Frederick committed suicide in Shakopee, Minnesota on October 30, 1895.

Joseph H. Spires [1853-1913]

Joseph Spires, Manager of the Cutler House, was one of the best-known hotel men in Michigan. He was injured when the gas plant at the Cutler House exploded on September 16, 1881, resulting in the death of the owner's brother, Charles Cutler. Joseph later left the area for California, where he died on January 4, 1913. His wife, Mamie, was born in Michigan about 1858. [*Tribune* obituary, January 4, 1913.]

John Spoelma [1884-1923]

Born in Crockery Township on January 20, 1884, John was the son of Peter and Hattie Spoelma, both natives of The Netherlands. John was employed at the Piano Factory and later at Dake Engine Company. He and his wife, Fannie, had several children, including Peter, Anna, Harriet, and Marian. Marian was born on November 24, 1912 and was married twice, first in 1936 to Ralph Ruiter, and then to Ross M. Knight after Ralph's death in 1980. John died of pneumonia following a severe attack of grippe at his home, 829 Grant Street, on February 22, 1923. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, February 23, 1923 and December 16, 2003.]

Peter Spoelma [1853- ?]

Both Peter Spoelma married Henryetta "Hattie" Helder. They were born in The Netherlands, he in April, 1853 and she in January, 1847. They immigrated to the United States in 1881 with a son, Ralph, who was born in December, 1878, and settled on a farm in Section 7 of Crockery Township. Their other children, all born in Michigan, were John, born on January 20, 1884; Herman, who was born in July, 1886 and settled in Grand Haven; and Katherine, who married John Klunder.

Daniel Spoon [1824-1904]

Daniel Spoon was born on a farm in Seneca County, New York, on March 12, 1824, four years after his brother John. Daniel arrived in Spoonville a few months earlier than John and worked at the Spoon & Becker Mill. Daniel married Helen [Helene] Lautenschlager on April 14, 1859. She lived from August 28, 1833 to

September 22, 1886. Their six children were all born in Michigan, including Mary, born in 1860. Daniel died on March 12, 1904, and both he and his wife were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

John Spoon [1820-1892]

Born on a farm in Seneca County, New York, in 1820, John Spoon learned the carpenter's trade. In 1856 [1857] he settled in what came to be called Spoonville, and eventually he owned a thousand acres of tillable land on the north branch of the Grand River in Crockery Township. He built a sawmill there, and also constructed a permanent residence for himself on 848 acres, the largest farm in Ottawa County at the time. His barn measured 100 feet by 40 feet, with 24 posts and measured 60 feet to the top of cupola. It cost \$2,000 to build. The sawmill had a large, circular saw, a gang edger, and a lath and picket machine. It was capable of milling 40,000 board feet per day, and in 1881 produced 7,500,000 feet. He also owned land in Muskegon and Illinois. John married Annie Margaret Bennett in Janesville, Wisconsin, in 1850. Among their children were Emma, born in New York in 1858, and Arthur J., born in Michigan in 1869. Annie was born in Janesville on September 2, 1828 and died April 21, 1914. John died on April 26, 1892 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. Daniel Spoon was his brother.

Francis Sprague [1838-1916] and Marietta "Mattie" Sprague [1848-1931]

In the 1890s Marietta Sprague advertised herself as a "Fashionable Milliner and Dealer in Fancy Goods" at her store in Grand Haven. Her husband, Frank, a native of Italy who arrived in the United States in 1848, lived from April, 1838 [1837] to 1916. He was a tallyman for a lumber company. Born in Illinois in September, 1848 [1849], Mattie died in 1931 and was buried with her husband at Lake Forest Cemetery. They resided on Columbus Street.

Henry [John] Sprick [Sprik] I [1837-1918]

Henry Sprick, born in The Netherlands in March, 1837 [1838], settled in Grand Haven in 1856 and opened the town's first livery in 1862 with a buckboard and one horse. By 1882 he had 36 horses and 12 single and four double buggies. He offered bus service between Grand Haven and Lake Michigan. He also bought and sold horses. The livery was located on Second Street near Washington, not far from Grand Haven's first school [approximately 16 South Second], and later at 216 Fulton. In 1915 Henry purchased from Charles Wilde and Andrew Falls a livery stable on the northwest corner of Division and Savidge Streets in Spring Lake.

Henry's wife, Johanna, lived from 1836 to October 28, 1856. Henry and his second wife, Martha [Wilhelmina]

Rysdorp, lived at 218 Fulton. Martha, a native of The Netherlands, lived from February 20, 1839 to January 22, 1917. Henry and both his wives were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He and Martha had at least four children, all born in Michigan: Henry II, who was born March 4, 1865 and died on April 7, 1899; Gertrude, who was born in February, 1869 and married George De Young of Grand Haven; Minnie, who was born in April, 1871 and married William Van Schelven of Grand Haven; and Martin, who lived from 1876 to 1928. Both sons were buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Martin Sprick [1877-1928]

On April 20, 1927 Martin, the son of Henry and Martha Sprick, married Alice Mulder Dake, the widow of Wilford Dake, who had died on June 5, 1913. Martin's first wife, Anna, the daughter of John and Trientje Meyer De Young, lived from 1871 to 1920 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They were married in Grand Haven on March 11, 1903. Martin and Anna lived at 425 Fulton. Martin, who was a machinist, lived from September 20, 1877 to April 20, 1928. He died in Rochester, Minnesota and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Alice passed away on September 26, 1944 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

James T. Sprott [1900-1989]

James Sprott was born on February 28, 1900. On July 22, 1922 he married Christian Watt in Detroit. They had three children: Chriss Gunn of Alpena; Jean Erdenberger of Dallas, Texas; and James A. Sprott of Grand Rapids. The Sprotts moved to Grand Haven in May, 1937, where James taught industrial-vocational subjects for 20 years in the evening adult classes in Grand Haven. He retired from Gardner-Denver as Chief Draftsman after 22 years. He also was Sunday School Superintendent at the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven. James was a Mason, and his wife was a member of the Eastern Star, and she was active with the local Girl Scouts for many years. Their home was at 1624 Hillcrest. James died on June 15, 1989. Christian lived from January 5, 1901 to April 12, 1998 and died in Grand Haven. She and James were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Anna M. MacDonald Squier [1858-1934]

Anna McDonald was born in Hillsburg, Ontario, on February 11, 1858. She moved to Grand Haven when she was 14 and did custom sewing for many of the local families, including Mary A. White, the Ferrys, and the Eastmans. On May 23, 1888 in Grand Rapids she married William L. Squier. They lived in Plainwell. Anna returned to Grand Haven after her husband's death, but in 1900, before her return, she was boarding at a home in Grand Rapids. She was listed as single at that time. By the time of the 1910 census she was listed as a

widow, living in Grand Haven and running a boarding house at 215 Columbus. Her 19-year old daughter, Elsie, was living with her. [Elsie was residing with her uncle in Whitehall in 1900.] Anna died in Grand Haven on August 1, 1934 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune*, August 1, 1934.]

Heber Vincent Squier I [Squiers/Squires] [@1822-1880]

Heber Squier was born in New York State about 1822. He came to Grand Haven in 1859 as the first agent for the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad when the terminal was in Muir, at the foot of Dewey Hill. Heber became Grand Haven's first Harbor Master in 1867. In 1867 he and Thomas White were tugboat owners and partners in a ship building enterprise named Squier & White. They also advertised their company as "Wreckers & Contractors." In 1844, in Buffalo, New York, Heber married Miranda Rose. She was born July 12, 1825 in Penfield, New York and died in Grand Haven on February 12, 1902. Their children were Anna, who was born about 1845 and married Volkert Wright Seeley of Milwaukee; Susan, who was born about 1847 in New York State and married Joseph Huty of Grand Haven; Heber II, born about 1850; and Birdie Miranda, who was born about 1864 in Grand Haven and married Fred Huty of Grand Haven.

Heber Vincent Squier II [@1850-1880]

Heber, the son of Heber and Miranda Rose Squier, was born in Dunkirk, New York about 1850. On August 11, 1870 he married Nellie G. Hubbard in Grand Haven. Nellie, the daughter of Alonzo and Elvira Poole Hubbard and the brother of George Hubbard of Grand Haven, was born in Cleveland, Ohio in December, 1850. Heber was a steamboat Captain. Heber and Nellie had three children, all born in Michigan: Maude E., who was born in December, 1871 and married a Mr Alexander; Nellie A., who was born about 1875 and married Ora Gale in Grand Haven on April 27, 1897; and Gertrude M., who was born in October, 1876 and married William N. McMillan, the son of Neil and Mary McMillan of Grand Haven. After Heber's death in the wreck of the *Alpena* on October 16, 1880, Nellie resided at or near 215 Washington at the time of the 1889 fire that destroyed much of Grand Haven. Later she lived at 400 Howard. She died March 20, 1924 in Glendale, California, where she had moved in 1913 to be with the family of her daughter, Gertrude McMillan. Nellie was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Elvira, Nellie's mother, lived from April 27, 1812 to March 11, 1894 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

Amanzo Stafford [1870- ?]

Born April 7, 1870 in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Amanzo Stafford was proprietor of the Riverside Laundry, which

operated at 205 South Harbor in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. He also had a drop-off station at Katt's General Store in Ferrysburg. Amanzo married May Williams in Kalamazoo on January 29, 1896. She was born in Michigan about 1874. In Grand Haven the couple, lived at 113 Washington and later at 109 North Second Street, where they were residing in 1910. By 1930 they were back in Kalamazoo.

Joseph E. Stalec I [1915-1987]

Joseph Stalec, one of the founders of Stan's Bar at 208 West Savidge in Spring Lake, in 1977 became full owner. Born on December 6, 1915, Joseph died in Maricopa County, Arizona on May 19, 1987. He married Mary Kramer and resided in Grand Rapids before moving to Spring Lake. The Stalecs' son, Joseph II, who was born on July 18, 1947, eventually took over management of the bar. Another son, Mike, resided in Greenville, Michigan. The Stalecs had two other children, a daughter Pat and a son Bob.

Joseph E. Stalec II [1947-2007]

Joseph, the son of Joseph and Mary Kramer Stalec, was born in Grand Rapids on July 18, 1947. Joseph II and his wife, Susan, resided at 206 Sidney Court in Spring Lake before moving to Nunica. Susan was the daughter of Anthony "Gus" and Dorothy Ringgold Carowitz of the Spring Lake area. Joseph I was one of the founders of Stan's Bar at 218 West Savidge in Spring Lake, a business that Joseph II eventually owned and managed after moving to Spring Lake in 1973. Joseph II served with the Marines during the Vietnam War. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spring Lake, VFW Post 2326 in Grand Haven, and American Legion Post 28, also in Grand Haven. Joseph and Susan had two sons, Joseph III of Nunica and Tony of Chicago. Joseph II passed away on March 26, 2007. [*Tribune* obituary, March 28, 2007.]

Rufus Kingborn Stallings [1860-1899]

Born in Kentucky on November 6, 1860, Rufus Stallings received his education at East Cedar Hills Institute, graduating in 1878. He was living in Kentucky with his parents around 1880, and by 1887 he was Secretary at the Louisville Silvering & Beveling Company. Rufus in October, 1892 established the American Mirror and Glass Beveling Company with a capital of \$50,000, and the next month arrived in Grand Haven. The plant was constructed near the intersection of Howard Street and Harbor Avenue. With Rufus as President and James W. Orr as Secretary-Treasurer, it became one of the largest institutions of its kind in the country. Rufus was also head of a large glass plant in Louisville. In 1896 he was elected Mayor of Grand Haven, running on the Democratic ticket and served one year. He died on

September 29, 1899 and was buried in Louisville. [*Tribune* obituary, September 29, 1899.]

Walter Dean Stannard [Stanard] [1839-1930]

While living in Jackson County, Michigan, Walter Stannard on August 29, 1862 enlisted in Company F of the 20th Michigan Infantry. He was discharged for disability on June 19 the next year, and then on March 10, 1865 he enlisted as Assistant Surgeon in Company S of the 2nd Michigan Cavalry. He was transferred to the 137th U.S. Colored Infantry, but there was "no further record" of his service after that. Walter applied for a Civil War invalid's pension on July 3, 1879. Apparently he settled for a brief time in Grand Haven after the war. By 1870 he was a physician in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Walter was born in Kirtland, Geauga County, Ohio on October 21, 1839, the son of Henry and Margaret Hoffman Stannard. On August 26, 1862 in Jackson, Michigan he married Narcena [Macena] Elizabeth Hunt. She was born in Michigan on March 30, 1843 and died on March 29, 1899. Their son Henry was born about 1865 in Michigan. After Narcena's death, Walter married Marian Burnell Payne, who was born in Michigan on September 14, 1858. Walter was residing in Elkhorn, San Joaquin County, California in 1910. He died in Alameda, California, on June 28, 1930 and was buried at Lodi Cemetery in California.

Warren Hastings Stansberry I [1871-1949]

Warren Stansberry moved to Grand Haven from Muskegon around 1907 and purchased Kamhout's Saloon at 133 Washington Street. He renamed it The Bank. He married Henrietta "Lidia" Dykema on December 4, 1912. They resided in an apartment above the saloon. Warren also was agent for the Miller Brewing Company. By 1915 he and two partners were manufacturing crochet needles, knitting needles, and button hooks at 133 Washington. Around the time of WWI they moved next door to 129 Washington and on January 1, 1917 officially opened as Peerless Novelty. When that building burned down in 1920, the company moved to 105 Fulton. Warren was a member of the Elks, Peninsular Club, Spring Lake Country Club, and Grand Haven Stag Club. His son, Warren H. Stansberry II, was born on March 13, 1916 and remained a lifetime resident of Grand Haven. Warren I was born in Fayette, Iowa on September 28, 1871 and died in 1949.

Warren Hastings Stansberry II [1916-1994]

Born in Grand Haven on March 13, 1916, Warren II was the son of Warren and Lidia Stansberry. He attended local schools and graduated from Babson College and Michigan State University. He married Natalie Stromsta on July 25, 1942 and they had two daughters, Dianne and Linda, and a son, Warren III. Their home was at 520 Clinton. Warren took over his father's business, the

Peerless Novelty Company, on June 21, 1937, when it was located on Jackson Street. Warren, who managed the business, later changed the name to Stanco Corp. He served in the Air Force during WWII, and he was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, American Legion, Golden Age, Eagles, Elks, Spring Lake Country Club, Peninsular Club, MSU Alumni, North Ottawa Rod and Gun Club, Long Timber Ranch, and Grand Haven Stag Club. Warren died on March 11, 1994 and was buried in Lake Forest Cemetery. Natalie lived from July 28, 1915 to September, 1982 and died in Grand Haven. She, too, was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, March 12, 1994.]

Robert Neal Stanton [1936-1996]

Grand Haven attorney Neal Stanton was 59 when he died on February 2, 1996. He was a member of the Scholten & Fant law firm, starting there in 1963. He acted as Assistant City Attorney under Howard Fant in the early 1960s and from 1971 to November, 1972 he was the City Attorney. Neal was recognized throughout Michigan for his expertise in municipal annexation law. Neal was born August 14, 1936. He and his wife, Gladys F., resided at 186 Far Hills Court in Grand Haven. Neal was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Anne [Anna] Temmen Stap [1852- 1933]

Anne Stap and his wife, Swaantje "Sadie," lived at 520 North Sixth Street in Grand Haven. Around 1905 Anne bought a feed store at the corner of Fulton and Third Streets [309 Fulton] from Enne Kraai, who had retired. Anne came to Ottawa County from his native Netherlands in 1880 and first found employment at a flourmill [probably Forrest Brothers on Second Street]. He worked there for seven years, then rented the mill for the next two years, when he purchased Cornelius Bos's flour and feed business. He stayed with that for eight years, then bought a farm in Crockery Township. After five years as a farmer he returned to Grand Haven and resumed residency in his house on Sixth Street. At that time Anne bought the feed store on Fulton and Third, but continued to live at 520 North Sixth. Anne was born in The Netherlands in February, 1852 and died in Grand Haven about June 14, 1933. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Sadie, also a native of The Netherlands, was born in February, 1850 and passed away in Grand Haven about June 12, 1937. She, too, was buried at Lake Forest. Among their children, all born locally, were Dora, born in February, 1885; Gertie, born in March, 1888; and Etta, born in October, 1889.

Martin [Marten] Tiemens Stap [1863-1935]

Martin Stap was born in January, 1863 [1864] on the Antilles Islands, a possession of The Netherlands, and immigrated to America when he was 19. He owned and operated a flour and feed store at 705 Washington in

Grand Haven during the early 1900s, but had left the business by 1920. He married Jacoba Pals in Grand Haven on May 4, 1887. Jacobawas born in The Netherlands in June 1866. Their children were Katie, born in February, 1888; Tieman "Tim," born in February, 1890; John, born in February, 1897; Martha, born in 1901; Maria J., born about 1904; and Anna Margaret, born about 1912. The family resided at 820 Franklin. The Staps were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Martin died in 1935 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John Staples [Staple] [1848- ?]

Born in The Netherlands in October, 1848, John Staples was a farmer and fruit grower with 36 acres in Section 13 of Spring Lake Township. He came to the area in 1870. Prior to his arrival, he was a teamster in his native land. His wife, Mary A., was born in May, 1845 in Ireland [Canada]. She died January 7, 1903 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Agnes Stark [1864-1931]

See Agnes Stark Koster.

Bernardus [Byron] Stark [1825-1898]

Bernardus Stark, who lived from 1825 to July 29, 1898, was listed as "laborer" in the 1893 *Compendium*. However, he and his wife, Grietje [Gracie] Kusta, lived on a farm in Crockery Township in 1870, but by 1880 had moved to Spring Lake, where Bernardus was employed in a sawmill. The Starks had a son, John, who was born in The Netherlands in 1855, and another son, William, who was born locally around 1859 and married Anna Workman in Spring Lake on March 20, 1889. Their daughter, Peterka [Anna], who was born in Crockery Township in April, 1862, married Peter De Witt of Spring Lake. Grietje was born in 1825 and died in 1891. She and Bernardus, both natives of The Netherlands, were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with other family members.

Henry Stark [@1853-1927]

Henry Stark, born about 1853, was a farmer and stockman with 100 acres in Section 11 of Crockery Township. He moved there from Green Valley, Wisconsin in 1910 and became well known for the ducks and geese he raised. His wife, Tryphena, was born in Indiana about 1854. Their children, all born in Wisconsin, were Flora, who was born about 1878 and settled in Green Valley, Wisconsin; Carmelle, born about 1879; Walter, who was born about 1881 and moved to Muskegon; Ellen, who was born in 1882 and married a Mr Capelle, of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; Josephine, who was born on March 6, 1886 and married John Klass Holtrop of Nunica; Myron, who was born in 1889 and settled in Warren, Michigan; Levi R., who was

born about 1892 and remained in Crockery; Eugene, born about 1893; Alvin, who was born in 1895 and moved to Muskegon; Rufus; and Meta. Henry died on January 13, 1927, at his home in Nunica.

John Stark [1822-1903]

John, who was born on December 7, 1822 in Montreal, was the son of Alexander Stark. Alexander, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, who lived from 1791 to 1873. John came to Grand Haven in 1869 and became one of the best known marine men of his era and was at one time Chief Engineer of the famous Detroit & Milwaukee steamer *Detroit*, known, with her sister ship, the *Milwaukee*, as one of the "black boats." Later he served as U.S. Inspector of Boilers of this district and acted as clerk of the local Steamboat Inspection Board. John and his brother-in-law, George W. Miller, opened a hardware store, Miller & Company Hardware, at 202-204 Washington in 1869.

In February, 1856, in Canada, John married Sarah Morse, who was born in October, 1828 in Chippewa, Canada. Her sister Nellie married George W. Miller of Grand Haven. She had another sister, Jane, who married Isaac Breckon of Chautauqua County New York, and a brother, Hiram Morse. Sarah was an early member of the Grand Haven Woman's Club and the Presbyterian Church. The Starks' children included Agnes Y., who was born in 1864 and married Louis F. Koster, and Margaret. Margaret, born in May, 1859, was the first librarian of record in Grand Haven. The family home was at 232 Franklin Street. Sarah died on November 16, 1909, and John died on May 9, 1903. They both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 17, 1909.]

John B. Stark [1855-1923]

John, the son of Bernardus and Grietje Stark, was born in Laanda, The Netherlands in 1855 and lived in the Spring Lake area most of his life. He was associated with the White & Friant Lumber Company. He passed away July 3, 1923 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He married Elizabeth Ricke in Spring Lake on March 26, 1884. She lived from 1860 to 1913 and was buried with her husband and other family members.

Margaret A. Stark [1859-1924]

Margaret, the daughter of John and Sarah Morse Stark, was the first librarian of record in the Grand Haven area, dating back to 1882. She worked for the Grand Haven Library Association, a subscription library with membership fees of 50 cents and books costing 10 cents a week. Edward P. Ferry was President, William H. Brown, Secretary, and Emma Alford, was a member of record. Margaret, who was born in May, 1859 in Michigan, lived with her parents at 232 Franklin. She

died about March 26, 1924 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Benjamin Franklin Starr [1826-1905]

Born in New York State in 1826, Benjamin Starr settled in Ottawa County. He opened the Pomona Hotel in Fruitport on Spring Lake in 1870, which was the first summer resort hotel in the vicinity. In 1871 he came to Grand Haven and opened the Cutler Hotel. Owned by Dwight Cutler, it was considered to be the finest hotel in the state. He married Isa J. Quigley on September 16, 1884 in Jackson, Michigan. According to the 1880 census, the Starrs were then residing in Allegan. Known coast to coast as a premier hotelier, Benjamin died in Denver, Colorado on January 20, 1905.

Hilbrant [Hildebrandt] Start [1841-1915]

Hilbrant Start, born in 1841 in The Netherlands, ran a boarding house in Spring Lake during the late 1880s. It was located at 410 River Street. On July 18, 1866 in Grand Haven, Hilbrant married Anje "Anna" Dobb. She was born in The Netherlands on January 24, 1841 and died in Spring Lake on May 24, 1935. Their daughter, Frances, married Albert Kruizenga. Hilbrant died on March 24, 1915. The other children were Jacob, who was born November 20, 1868; Urouwke, who lived from November 3, 1870 to August 17 the next year; Clara, who was born March 30, 1874 and married Peter Katt of Ferrysburg on September 28, 1893; Hipe, who was born on March 24, 1879, married Gertrude Geldersma [March 26, 1888-February 14, 1991], and died on May 29, 1862; and Neal, who married Jennie Bolthouse [April 9, 1905-February 22, 1985]. Hilbrant and Anna were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Martin Start I [1889-1936]

Born on January 19, 1889 Martin Start I died in 1936 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Martin and John Brongersma founded the Brongersma & Start Coal Company around 1912. Martin married Elize Bookhoudt in Crockery Township on May 15, 1912. Their son, Martin II, was born on June 30, 1922 and died, in Grand Haven on September 12, 1996. The Martin residence in Spring Lake was at 214 East Exchange.

Charles E. Stearns I [1840-1910]

Charles Stearns was born on October 5, 1840. His 100-acre farm was located in Section 8 of Robinson Township. Charles served as Township Supervisor from 1893 to 1901. In 1899 he was hired to build a permanent bridge over Stearns Bayou, which he accomplished by staking the existing float bridge with logs until they were nine feet above the water line and then covering them with sand. He died on October 4, 1910 and was buried at Robinson Township Cemetery

with his wife, Maria E. Fairbanks, who lived from 1846 to 1909. A son, Clinton R., who lived from August 12, 1874 to December 9, 1911, also was buried there. Another son, Charles II, was born in Grand Haven in 1883 and married Cora Seifert in Grand Haven on August 23, 1907. A daughter May married Richard Berg in Grand Haven on October 8, 1905. Richard was the son of Frederich and Minnie Krull Berg of Grand Haven Township. A daughter Nellie, born in 1878, on January 1, 1900 married Jason A. Pelton of Robinson Township. Two years later, on October 30, Nellie married Elwin G. Blakely, also of Robinson Township.

George Le Grande Stearns [1832- ?]

George Stearns came to Grand Haven from Iowa in 1873 and joined Mr Chaffee in forming the Chaffee, Stearn windmill manufacturing business. The next year he bought out Chaffee, and continued to produce regulator windmills, pumps, cylinders, windmill derricks, and tanks. By 1877 George had been joined by his brother Lawton, and the name of the business was changed first to Stearns Brothers and then to Stearns Manufacturing Company. It produced sashes, doors, and blinds. Apparently the factory, located on the corner of Seventh and Elliott Streets, was destroyed by fire in 1883. George was born on January 22, 1832 [1835] in Amsterdam, Montgomery County, New York and moved in 1856 to Wisconsin. He was the son of Asa and Anna Paddock Stearns. On March 20, 1859 in Eagle, Wisconsin, he married Marietta [Mary] E. Snyder, who was born on May 15, 1835 in New York State. They had five children, none born in Michigan. While living in Rockford, Illinois, George enlisted as Corporal in the 67th Illinois Infantry on June 13, 1862 and was mustered out the following September 27. He moved to Cedar Falls, Iowa, where he married Angeline, a sister of Marietta, who had died in Wisconsin on October 26, 1865. Angeline was born in New York in July, 1828. George and Angeline were residing in Los Angeles, California by 1900. George died between 1901 and 1909. In 1910 Angeline was living with her son, Jospeh, in Fairchild, Wisconsin.

John Fisk Stearns [? - ?]

John F. Stearns built a warehouse on the northwest corner of Washington and Water [Harbor] in the early years of Grand Haven's settlement. Clark Albee later purchased the building. In 1833 John was living in Chippewa County, Michigan. On September 10, 1838 John purchased 320 acres in Sections 6 and 7 in Robinson Township and additional acreage in Allegan County and elsewhere throughout Michigan, undoubtedly for lumbering purposes. His land in Robinson surrounded the inlet that was named for him, Stearns Bayou. In the 1840s he was active in the lumber business in Newaygo County and in 1850 gave the town

of Croton its name, when he was Postmaster there and sawmill owner. There is no record that John ever lived in Ottawa County.

Lawton Benson Stearns [1836-1911]

Born on March 11, 1836 [1837] in Amsterdam, Montgomery County, New York, Lawton was the son of Asa and Anna Paddock Stearns. Lawton started out as a harness maker. In 1855 he went to Wisconsin, and on August 14, 1862 he enlisted Company A of the Wisconsin 1st Heavy Artillery. He was mustered out on June 26, 1865, with the rank of Sergeant. He came to Grand Haven before 1877 to join his brother, George L., in the manufacture of wood products, such as windmills and tanks. Lawton married Frances Caroline Payne of Wisconsin on March 23, 1864. She was born in Wisconsin around 1841. Their children included James, who was born in Whitewater, Wisconsin on June 24, 1867; Edward, who was born in Wisconsin about 1868; and twins Frances Clara and Carrie May, who were born in Grand Haven on February 19, 1878. On August 22, 1890, while living in Oregon, Lawton applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. Frances died in Oregon on February 22, 1901. Lawton died in the same state on March 10, 1911.

Joe Steel [1860-1971]

See Monroe Ruty.

Gertrude Burmeister Steele [1899-1988]

Born on February 8, 1899 in Shelby, Michigan, Gertrude was the daughter of Chris and Hannah Burmeister. On January 23, 1924 Gertrude married Samuel Steele in Grand Haven. They lived in a farmhouse in Section 4 of Grand Haven Township, slightly southeast of Rosy Mound. The property formerly had been the home of John Majerus and his family. Gertrude was a self-employed housekeeper. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. Samuel was born on June 3, 1887, died on March 1, 1956, and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Sam served a Private with the Army during WWI. Gertrude, who moved to 222 Clinton, died on December 18, 1988. A son, Robert, was a Grand Haven resident.

Henry "Harry" Steele [@1804- ?], Zina Steele [@1807- ?], and George Steele [Steel/Stiles] [@1820- ?]

In 1841, a year after his coming to Tallmadge Township from New York, Henry Steele planted a fruit orchard near Lamont, one of the first in the county. On November 1, 1841 Henry and his brother Zina Steele combined to buy 140 acres in Section 7 of Tallmadge Township from A. D. Yeomans. Henry was born about 1804 in New York, Zina was born in Oswego County, New York, around about 1807, and George, another

brother who settled in Ottawa County, was born in New York about 1820. On April 1, 1850 Henry bought 40 acres in Section 1 of Allendale Township. Henry and Zina Steele platted the Village of Lamont in 1856, which was known as Middleville, then Steele's Landing, and finally as Lamont. On January 1, 1867 Zina bought 80 acres in Section 26 of Robinson Township. Henry's wife, Rebecca, was born in New York about 1805. All three brothers were farmers, but Zina also owned a store and grist mill. Harry was killed by a bursting millstone.

Albert Stegeman [Stegman] [1829-1901]

Born in The Netherlands about 1829, Albert Stegeman settled in Holland, Michigan in 1847 and moved to Grand Haven six years later, where by 1860 he was a merchant. In August, 1863, he bought Clark Albee's commission business and continued it in the same building on the northwest corner of Washington and Harbor Streets, later the site of the Grand Trunk Depot [Tri-Cities Historical Museum]. Albert also had a store in Allegan that carried \$60,000 in merchandise. He later moved to California and raised lemons and oranges. He died in National City, California on December 13, 1901. His wife, Isabella [Poubella], was born about 1835 in New York and died on September 1, 1865. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 3, 1901.]

Ale Popke Stegenga [1842-1867]

A native of The Netherlands, where he was born on June 28, 1842, Ale Stegenga settled in Holland with his family in August, 1847. Two years later he became a farmer and settled on Section 8 of Olive Township. He became Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, School Commissioner, Town Clerk for five years, and served at least seven terms as Supervisor. On December 12, 1868 Ale married Martje "Martha" Diekema, who was born on November 1, 1846. They had five children. Residing with them was Ale's father, Popke, who was born on September 6, 1801 in The Netherlands. On April 23, 1828, Popke married Johantje Blijstra, who was born on January 27, 1801. The older Stegengas celebrated 54 years of marriage in 1882.

Foeke "Frank" S. Stegenga [1872-1943]

Frank Stegenga, the son of Siebolt P. and Eke Douma Stegenga, was born in Grand Haven on December 6, 1872 and died there on April 12, 1943. On April 5, 1899 in Grand Haven he married Marie Van Doorne, who was born in Holland, Michigan, on July 31, 1876, died in Grand Haven on April 15, 1938, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Marie was the daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Balgooyen Van Doorne I. Frank was a building contractor. The Stegenga family lived at 1306 Columbus, where Frank also had his office. Later they lived at 932 Washington, with their daughters, Dorothy

A., born in 1912, and Marian Ruth, born in 1916. A third daughter, Elizabeth Frances, who was born October 21, 1904, married George V. Steketee in Grand Haven on October 12, 1929 and died in San Diego County, California on August 4, 1980. The Stegenga family attended the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven.

Jack W. Steigenga [1942-2002]

In the 1960s and early 1970s Jack Steigenga and his wife owned and operated the Lamplighter Restaurant at 20 Washington in Grand Haven. Their slogan was, "A Touch of Dutch." He married Hazel Bakker in Holland. Jack, the son of Jacob and Harriet De Koster Steigenga, was born in Holland, Michigan, on May 7, 1942. He served with the Navy and was a member of the Second Christian Reformed Church. Prior to opening the Lamplighter, Jack was chef for many years at one of Russ' Restaurants in Holland. He also was employed by the Grand River Inn and Christian Haven. After the restaurant closed Jack became sales representative for United Electric and Northern Electric. Jack and Hazel resided at 221 Clinton in Grand Haven and later at 14841 State Road in Spring Lake Township. The Steigengas had three children: Kendall of Spring Lake; Kimberly, who married Dean Mesman of Riverside, California; and Kristine, who married Stephen Spaulding of Enterprise, Alabama. Jack passed away in Spring Lake on May 11, 2002. [*Tribune* obituary, May 15, 2002.]

C. John Steinbach [1895-1959]

C. John Steinbach started Michigan Auto Parts in 1926. It was located at 14-16 North Seventh Street. After his death in 1959, John's sons John and George ran the business and renamed it Lake Michigan Auto Parts. John's widow Melissa worked in the business until her death on March 31, 1969. She was born as Melissa Schott on November 23, 1900 in Eggelston Township, Muskegon County. John was born in Missouri in 1895.

George W. Steinbach [1930-2002]

Born in Muskegon on April 15, 1930 to C. John. and Melissa Schott Steinbach, George became known in Grand Haven as the "Mayor of Centertown." He was a graduate of Michigan State College [MSU]. With his brother John, George owned and operated Lake Michigan Auto Parts at 14 North Seventh in Grand Haven and A to Z Auto Parts at 1329 Wilson Road in Spring Lake Township. Their father had started the auto parts business in 1926, when it was called Michigan Auto Parts. It took the name Lake Michigan Auto Parts when the business was incorporated in the early 1960s. George was a member of the Grand Haven Centertown Association and the Grand Haven Central Business Association. He married Pauline E. Clarke in Grand Haven on December 27, 1956. They had two daughters,

Christi Stenbach and Kathleen Neil, and a son, George C. Steinbach. George and Pauline resided at 18310 174th Avenue in Spring Lake Township. George died in Muskegon on November 9, 2002. [*Tribune* obituary, November 11, 2002, and *Chronicle* article "Popular 'Mayor of Centertown' Dies," November 12, 2002.]

Robert Steiner [1924-1991]

Born on May 29, 1924 in Muskegon, Robert Steiner received his pharmacist's degree from Ferris State University in Big Rapids. He moved to Grand Haven in 1950 to work at Mulders' Drug Store at 136 Washington Street. He then purchased the store in 1952 and changed the name to Steiner's Drug Store. He was a pilot in the Navy for three years, and a member of Kiwanis Club, American Legion, the Elks, and Grand Haven Rotary. He and his wife, Norma, resided in Muskegon. Robert died on June 14, 1991. [*Tribune* obituary, June 14, 1991.]

James A. Stephenson [Stevenson/Stephensen] [1842-1913]

James Stephenson, born in England in 1842, was Deputy Collector of Customs under Healy C. Akeley and one of the first managers of the Opera House that preceded the Armory Building on the corner of Second and Franklin Streets in Grand Haven. In 1880 he was listed as Customs Collector in Grand Haven. While a resident of Clinton County, Michigan, James enlisted as Private with Company D of the 2nd Michigan Cavalry on December 31, 1863. He was promoted to Corporal on January 5, 1864 and to Sergeant on November 1 that year. The next year he was mustered out on August 17. On August 15, 1868 he applied for an invalid's Civil War pension and on August 18, 1913 his wife, Anna F. James, applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Their son, George, was born in Michigan around 1872. James was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Alfred Lovett Stevens [1874-1925]

Born in Kansas on December 15, 1874, Alfred Stevens moved to South Haven, Michigan, where he classified himself as an inventor. By 1922 he was residing in Grand Haven, where he died in December three years later. Alfred, who was unmarried, worked as an architectural draftsman in Grand Haven.

George C. Stewart [1847-1885]

George Stewart was a partner in Healy C. Akeley's Grand Haven law office around 1870. George was born in Ohio in 1847, died in Grand Haven on March 22, 1885, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Carrie, also from the Buckeye state, was born about 1851.

Mary Amelia Stewart [1875-1963]

Mary was the daughter of William and Mary Nash Stewart. Her father was bookkeeper for the White, Friant, & Co. Sawmill in 1882, and later agent for the Grand Trunk Railroad in Grand Haven. Mary was a graduate of Akeley Hall. For 18 years she was Director of the Central School kindergarten in Grand Haven. Born in Dunnville, Canada, on August 1, 1875, she came to Grand Haven with her parents when she was a girl and lived with them at 609 Washington. William was born in April, 1839 and Mary in February, 1843. Mary, the daughter, died on May 23, 1963 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

William W. Stewart [1871-1906]

William Stewart was born in Niagara Falls, Ontario and married Mary A. Nash of Buffalo, New York in 1871. They had one daughter, Mary, a Grand Haven teacher. The family lived at 609 Washington. William was bookkeeper at the White, Friant & Co. Sawmill in 1882. In later years, he became the agent for the Grand Trunk Railroad and held that job for twelve years. He was also the purser for the steamer *City of Milwaukee*. William was instrumental in building the first permanent bridge over the Niagara River. He died March 14, 1906 and was buried at Niagara Falls Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 22, 1906.]

George Stickney [1838-1916]

When the First National Bank of Grand Haven was formed in 1871 and absorbed the business of Ferry & Son Bank, George Stickney was named Cashier. Prior to that George was Grand Haven agent for the Engelmann Transportation Company of Milwaukee. In 1881 he was named Secretary-Treasurer of the new Challenge Corn Planter Company, and four years later he became Treasurer of the new Grand Haven Leather Company. George was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886.

On October 14, 1869, George married Marion Louisa Burnett in Grand Rapids. Their children, both born in Michigan, were Lorine, born about 1861, and Marion [Marian], born in October, 1875. George's mother, Martha Burnett Stickney, resided with the family in the 1880s. She died on December 30, 1888, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Marion Louisa, the mother, died on July 4, 1879 at the age of 42 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. George was born on August 25, 1838 in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of William Henry and Martha Burnett [Branch] Stickney. He died on October 17, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest with other family members.

Leonard Stickney [1838-1917]

On August 29, 1864, Leonard Stickney enlisted in Company F of the 5th Wisconsin Infantry as Private. He

was mustered out on May 24 the next year. Leonard was born in Canada in 1838, settled in Plainfield, Wisconsin, and moved to Grand Haven about 1884 to take up the trade of carpentry. He owned more than 90 acres in two separate parcels south of Robbins Road and west of Sheldon [Section 32 of Grand Haven Township], including what came to be known as Stickney Ridge. He died in Grand Haven on February 3, 1917 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On April 26, 1867 in Plainfield, Wisconsin, Leonard married Charlotte Cook, a native of New York. She lived from 1848 to about February 20, 1922 and was buried in the family plot at Lake Forest. The Stickneys lived at 715 Sheldon. A son, William, was born in Wisconsin about 1869, and another son, Willard, also from Wisconsin, was born in 1874, and Anna, a daughter, was born in Wisconsin about 1878. Anna married Clarence H. Buhl in Grand Haven on October 12, 1895.

Willard David Stickney [1875-1936]

Born on June 29, 1875 in Wisconsin, Willard Stickney arrived in Grand Haven when he was 10 years old. He was the son of Leonard and Charlotte Stickney of Grand Haven. [Another Willard Stickney lived from 1849 to December, 1899 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.] On February 1, 1873, Willard's father bought a little more than 80 acres in Section 4 of Spring Lake Township. Willard, a carpenter and house builder like his father, was among the first to promote resort business through the development of Stickney Ridge, south of Highland Park, land also purchased by his father. Willard built a garage, store, and some cottages, doing most of the work himself, at Stickney Ridge. When viewing the wreck of a cottage undermined by a strong Lake Michigan surf, he was reported to have said, "I'da liked to seen her went." Willard married Tillie [Hellena/Helen] Gerow in Grand Haven on August 19, 1896. Tillie was born in September, 1878 in Michigan [Canada]. In 1918 the Stickneys resided at 522 Slayton. Willard died in 1936 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

A. William Stittgen [1854 - ?]

In the early 1900s William Stittgen was Proprietor of the Gildner Hotel, at the southeast corner of Washington and Water Streets [2 Washington]. William was a native of Germany, where he was born in February, 1854. He and his wife Anna made their residence in the hotel. By 1910 William was the Proprietor of a saloon in Milwaukee. Anna was born in Germany around 1870. She immigrated to America in 1875, ten years after her future husband. She may have died, because William married Anna Piplow Gill, in St. Joseph, Michigan on October 1, 1913. Both listed their residences as Milwaukee at the time of their marriage. This Anna was born in Michigan about 1863.

Luanne Lynn Stobb [1963-1978]

Born September 23, 1963 in Grand Haven Luanne was the daughter of Wallace and Betty Stobb. Her father was Principal of Grand Haven Christian School from 1957 to 1966. Luanne was sister to David, Sharon, Joy, and Judy Beth. The Stobbs resided at 1210 Oakes in Grand Haven. Luanne, an honor student, was valedictorian on June 7, 1978 of her Ninth Grade graduating class at Grand Haven Christian School. Two days after becoming ill with flu- like symptoms, Luanne died on October 22, 1978, of gangrene of the leg at age 15. No cause for the gangrene was found. Two paintings were commissioned by artist Bob Michmerhuizen depicting Luanne's scholastic achievements, her love of music as a pianist, her appreciation of nature, and especially growing violet plants. The panels were hung in the main entrance to Grand Haven Christian School, the one on the left showing her everyday mortal level interests and the one on the right portraying her experience of salvation. Her mother, Betty, later married Frank Nagy of Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, October 23, 1978, and *Tribune* article "Artist Brings Out Love and Eternity," December 18, 1979.]

Robert Stobbelaar [1918-1995]

Born on January 8, 1918 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Robert Stobbelaar graduated from Central High School and then attended Harvard University and the University of Illinois and graduated from Michigan Medical School. He served in the Medical Corps during WWII. Robert married Roberta Burns on December 25, 1944, and they had two children, Richard and Karen. The family lived at 78 Grand. Robert began his medical/surgical practice in Grand Haven in 1948, retired in 1976, and moved to Ft. Myers, Florida. Robert was a member and President of the Ottawa County Medical Society, Chief of Staff and Surgery at North Ottawa Community Hospital, and a member of Spring Lake Country Club, Grand Haven Rotary, Grand Haven Stag Club, and St. John's Episcopal Church. He died on April 7, 1995 in Ft. Myers.

Roberta was born in Grand Haven on November 20, 1920, the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Burns. She graduated valedictorian of Grand Haven High School in 1938, continued her studies at Eastern Michigan University, and attended graduate school at the University of Michigan. She was a member of the League of Women Voters, served as President of the Women's Club, was on the Ottawa County Mental Health Board, the Community Center Board, the Grand Haven Planning Commission, and the Human Relations Commission. She also volunteered as a Child Advocate for C.A.S.A. and was appointed to Citizens for Michigan by Gov. Romney. Roberta died in Ft. Myers on May 7,

2004. Her sister, Elizabeth, married Walter J. Draeger I of Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, April 10, 1995, and the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor *Herald-Palladium*, May 8, 2004.]

William Stoddard [?-1854]

William Stoddard was commander of the *Governor Mason*, the first steamboat to run between Grand Rapids and Grand Haven. Built by James Short for Richard Godfrey in Grand Rapids, the boat began service on July 4, 1837. William died in Barry County in 1854.

Edwin F. Stokes [1855- ?]

The son of Frederick Stokes, Edwin was born in Racine, Wisconsin in March, 1855 [1857]. He became a machinist in Grand Haven. He married Sarah Luikens in Grand Haven on October 2, 1880. She was the daughter of John and Sarah vanden Berg Oakes of Grand Haven. Edwin and Sarah resided on Elliott Street around 1900 and were at 114 [110] Howard by 1908. Their children, all born locally, were John Edwin., born on January 2, 1883 and passed away about March 29, 1918; Frederick L., who was born on July 15, 1886, and Edna E., who was born in June 25, 1888, married a Howard Bradley, and moved to Chicago. Fred and John were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Sarah lived from October, 1861 to May 26, 1926 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1930 Edwin was residing alone in the house on Howard Street.

Frederick Stokes [1815-1904]

Frederick Stokes was born in England on May 24, 1815. He immigrated to the Grand Haven area, evidently by way of Wisconsin. In Grand Haven he was listed in the 1880 census as a florist and in the 1893 *Compendium* as "farmer." Frederick's wife, Harriet, was born in England about 1822. Their daughter, Emma, was born in London, England in 1847 and married Martin Reenders. After Martin died, Emma in 1891 became Orson Vander Hoef's second wife. Frederick's and Harriet's other children were Edwin, who was born in Wisconsin in March, 1855; Walter, who was born in 1857, married Sena Helder, died about April 13, 1926 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; and James, who was born about 1861 in Wisconsin, became a resident of Grand Haven, and married Ella Sech. In 1906 August Boseker bought the Stokeses' farm, located at 1308 Lake Avenue. Frederick died in Grand Haven on April 27, 1904 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Frederick Louis Stokes [1886-1918]

Frederick L. Stokes, who was born on July 15, 1886, became a Grand Haven jeweler. His parents were Edwin and Sarah Luikens Stokes of Grand Haven. On June 26, 1910 he married Hattie M. Riley in Grand Haven. Hattie

was born in Muskegon in 1891. Fred died on March 13, 1918 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John "Jack" Edwin Stokes [1883-1918]

Born on January 2, 1883, John was the son of Edwin and Sarah Luikens Stokes of Grand Haven. John became a marine engineer, died on October 26, 1918, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On December 6, 1910 in Grand Haven, he married Emma Walsma. Emma died about May 17, 1974 and was buried at Lake Forest with her husband.

Enos Stone [1826-1905]

Born in Essex County, New York on August 10, 1826, Enos Stone was educated for a time in the English schools in New York until he was about 13 years of age, when both his parents died. He went to Summit County, Ohio where he worked in a sawmill and on a farm, and began dealing in horses, cattle, sheep, and real estate. On July 6, 1848 in Franklin County, Ohio, he married Mehitable "Hattie" Armstead. They had three children, including Mary J., who was born in New York about 1850 and Adelbert, born in Ohio around 1861. When Hattie died, Enos married Louisa Jane [Jennie] D. Trotter in Summit County, Ohio on October 7, 1864. Louisa was born in Ohio in October, 1835. Enos and Louisa had at least two children Raymond, born in Ohio in 1872. In 1872 Enos and his wife came to Grand Haven, where he purchased an interest in the Bigelow, Stone & Company Sawmill that manufactured pine lumber. When the company went out of business in 1890, Enos took advantage of his earlier experience with horses and bought a livery business at the southeast corner of Third and Columbus Streets [20 North Third] in Grand Haven, which became quite profitable. The 1893 *Compendium* carried one of his advertisements, in which he offered "The Finest Horses and Carriages in the City. Hearse and Hacks for Funerals." In 1894 he advertised in the *Grand Haven Tribune* that he had "on hand 400 cords of good hard and soft slab wood that formerly sold at \$1.50 a cord, but which now goes at \$1 per cord, cash." Enos died on December 23, 1905. After his death, his widow resided at 211 Washington.

George W. Stone [1830-1890]

George Stone, who was born in New York about 1830, moved to Grand Haven, and worked in one of the sawmills. His wife, Mehitable, also from New York, lived from April, 1832 to August 4, 1885. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children, all born in Ohio, were Clara, born about 1864; Lillie, who was born about 1865 and married John W. Barnes II of Grand Haven; and Erastus, born about 1868. In 1880 the Stone family resided on Washington Street. George passed away about January 12, 1890 and was buried with his wife at Lake Forest.

Stewart [Steward] Stone [1885- ?]

After the post office at the corner of First and Washington Streets moved to a new building at the northwest corner of Washington and Third Streets [235 Washington] in 1905, Stewart Stone and William Fant started a billiard hall and bowling alley in the east half of the old building. They called it the Ideal Pool Room. Stewart resided at 628 Fulton with his parents, Bert and Anna Stone. By 1920 Stewart was living in Detroit. Bert died about October 8, 1936 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Carlton L. Storrs [1824–1894]

One of the wealthiest and most influential lumbermen in Western Michigan, Carlton Storrs owned and lumbered a large portion of Blendon Township and surrounding townships under the name C. L. Storrs & Co., Lumbermen. His headquarters were located in Section 26 of Blendon. He was the moving spirit in the building of the Michigan-Ohio Railroad, which was to run from Grand Haven to Toledo, Ohio, but failed after thousands of dollars had been invested. Jerry Boynton finally succeeded in making Storrs's dream a reality. Carlton, born in 1824, died penniless on November 21, 1894 in Grand Rapids and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Mary J., lived from March 2, 1832 to December 30, 1872, and also was interred at Lake Forest.

Eliza A. Storrs [1827-1890]

See Charles Reynolds.

Edward Hampton Story [1866-1939]

When the Story & Clark Piano Company opened its Grand Haven factory in 1901, Edward Story was President. He resided in Riverside, Illinois. His father, Hampton Lovegrove Story, founded the company. After Hampton's departure, Edward worked with his brother Fuller [Frank] in running the plant. Edward was born in Vermont about 1866 and died on September 3, 1939. His mother was Marian L. Fuller.

Frank Fuller Story I [1873-1950]

The son of Hampton and Marian Fuller Story, Frank was born in Illinois in 1873. In 1908 he resided in Grand Haven with his wife, Ruth F., who was born in Illinois about 1880. They were married about 1902. In the early 1900s Fuller, as he came to be known, filled the office of Vice President at the Story & Clark Piano Company in Grand Haven. By 1920 and into the 1930s the family lived in Riverside, Illinois, and Fuller was Vice President and Treasurer of the piano company there. Their children were Edward F., born in Illinois about 1907, and Frank II, who was born in Illinois about 1912 and died in Spring Lake on October 7, 1961. Frank II

married Olive Duffield. They had two children, Frank Story III and Thomas Hampton Story. Frank passed away in Florida on January 29, 1950. [*Tribune* article, "Frank Story, Sr., Dies at Fla. Home.]

Hampton Lovegrove Story [1835- ?]

Hampton, the founder of the Story & Clark Piano Company, was born in Lemoille, Vermont, on June 17, 1835, the son of Andrew and Adeline Read Story. He served as Corporal with Company C of the 12th Vermont Infantry during the Civil War, and on December 19, 1904 he filed for an invalid's Civil War pension.

Hampton first started producing pianos in Burlington, Vermont, in 1857 and moved operations to Chicago in 1867. After a short association with Isaac Camp, Hampton sold his interest in 1884 to the Estey Organ Company for \$250,000 and then teamed up with Melville Clark and started to manufacture pianos under the name Story & Clark. The company moved its production to Grand Haven at the urging of the Grand Haven Board of Trade in 1901, where it remained until 1984, some twenty years after the Story family left the firm.

Hampton married Marian L. Fuller in Burlington, Vermont, on January 1, 1862. She was born in Vermont around 1843. Their sons were Edward H., born in Vermont about 1866; Robert, born about 1872 in Illinois; and Frank Fuller, born about 1874 in Illinois. Frank and Edward later took over management and ownership of the family business when their father moved to Los Angeles, California around 1896 with his new wife. Hampton divorced Marian, and in Chicago on March 26, 1876 he married his secretary, Adella B. Ellis. Adella was born in New York around 1842. Her mother, Charlotte Ellis, was born in New York around 1831. Hampton and Adella had two children both born in Illinois: Adeline, born about 1877, and Ellis, born about 1879. In 1880 the Storys were residing in Du Page County, Illinois. The couple was residing in Pasadena in 1910 and 1920.

William Stowe [1811-1899]

William Stowe was Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Grand Haven. He died in Menlo Park, California on July 13, 1899 at the age of 88. [*Tribune* obituary, August 22, 1899.]

Frederick C. Strahsburg [1879-1973]

In the early 1900s Fred Strahsburg owned a meat market at 1320 and 1322 Washington. The market was open until at least 1957. Fred, the son of William and Maria Strahsburg of Grand Haven Township, was born June 16, 1879 and died on April 8, 1973. His wife, Anna E., was born about 1886 in Michigan. Their sons, both born locally, were Chester E., born about 1911, and Albert C.,

born about 1913. The family resided at 1330 Washington from at least 1930 to the middle 1960s.

William F. Strahsburg [Strassburg] [1850-1926]

The land for the Stone School at the southeast corner of Ferris Street and 168th Avenue in Grand Haven Township was purchased from William Strahsburg for \$100 about 1911. He owned a total of 120 acres in Section 10. In 1900, William was called the “Rye King” of Grand Haven Township. The Strahsburg family owned the land as early as 1864. William was born in Germany in January, 1850, immigrated to the United States in 1864, died in 1926, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, Maria. Maria, also from Germany, was born in 1855 and died in 1928. She immigrated to the United States in 1875. Their children, all born locally, were John, born in April, 1878; Fred, who was born on June 16, 1879; Emma, born in February, 1883; Martha, who was born in 1885, married Donald Austin, and lived at 212 De Spelder; Maria [Mary], who was born in December, 1888 and married John H. Pellegrom; Henry, who was born on January 5, 1891 and died on October 28, 1987 in Grand Rapids; and Edith [Ida] Matilda, who was born on January 9, 1896, married Alexander Viau, and moved to San Bernardino County, California and later to Deschutes County, Oregon, where she died on December 15, 1988.

Frederick C. Stratton [1837-1904]

In 1877 Frederick Stratton was station agent for the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad. He married Charlotte Hervey, who was elected the first President of the local Woman’s Christian Temperance Union, formed in Grand Haven on April 23, 1877. [However, see Charles Reynolds.] The Strattons were located in Grand Rapids by November, 1882, when Frederick was still associated with the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad. Frederick, who died on January 29, 1904 at the age of 67, was born in England. Charlotte, who was born about 1840, moved to Muskegon after Frederick’s death.

Mary Stewart Nicholson Streeting [1923-2002]

Mary was the owner and operator of Spring Lake Ceramics in for over 30 years, and she was one of the organizers of the Spring Lake Arts and Crafts Festival, which she chaired for 20 years. She taught ceramics at her home. Mary was born in Oban, Scotland on August 17, 1923, the daughter of Frederick and Christine Nicholson Garner. She met Paul Streeting in London during WWII, and they were married on March 19, 1946. He was born on September 27, 1919 and died on March 2, 1997. He was a machine operator at Eagle Ottawa. The couple resided at 301 North Division in Spring Lake. Mary was a member of the Second Reformed Church while living in Grand Haven, and she

transferred her membership to Spring Lake Presbyterian Church upon moving to that community. The Streetings had two children, Ann Grossman and Stephen Streeting. Mary died in Spring Lake on December 6, 2002. [Tribune obituary, December 9, 2002.]

Walter Streeting [Strating] [1856- ?]

Walter Streeting was born in The Netherlands on August 23, 1856 and came to the United States in 1881. He married Arentje “Annie” [Anna] Kruizenga and they lived on 10 acres in Section 4 of Spring Lake Township. Walter worked at the Johnston Boiler Company. Annie was born in The Netherlands on March 17, 1860 and died on October 10, 1926. She had been previously married to a Mr Katt, and had three children with that name: Dick, born in August, 1882; Jenny, born in August, 1885; and Anna, born in March 1891. Annie and Walter had three more children: Peter, born in October, 1892; John, born in July, 1897; and Tina, born in May, 1900. By 1930 Walter was residing in Ravenna Township in Muskegon County.

John A. Streng [Strang] [1836-1915]

John Streng served with Company D of the 8th Michigan Infantry from September 11, 1861 to December 29, 1863. He entered as Private and was mustered out with the rank of Corporal. He was a cabinet maker in Grand Haven after the war, but by 1900 he was working as a teamster. His wife’s name was Sietske [Sarah]. John was born in The Netherlands in February, 1836, immigrated to the United States in 1848, and died in Grand Haven in 1915. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Sietske, also from The Netherlands, lived from September, 1850 to 1926 and was buried with her husband. Their children were Rosie, born in February, 1877; Louis, born in June, 1878; Richard, born in June, 1880; William, born on September 20, 1886; Frank, born on August 27, 1889; and Marion [Mary], born in February, 1896. The Streng family resided at 309 North Third.

William Louis Stribley [1904-1967]

William L. Stribley was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on November 26, 1904. By 1930 he was residing in Grand Haven, where he was Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. He also was one of the founders of Harbor Industries in 1938, and was still with the company in the mid-1940s. On August 6, 1933, William married Ona Wanda Sammon. They had a daughter, Mary Lou, who was born about 1936. The family resided at 15 North Fourth Street. William died in October, 1967. Ona was born on March 30, 1913, and passed away in Rock Island, Illinois in October, 1978.

Carl “Charles” Stroebe [Strobie/Strobe] [1831-1909]

Charles Stroebe, who was born in Saxony [Germany] on June 19, 1831, came to the United States in 1843, moved to Ferrysburg in 1864, and opened a store the same year at 209 Pine. For several years he was Postmaster of Ferrysburg, and in the 1860s and 1870s the post office was located in his store. Charles also owned the lot on Savidge Street in Spring Lake that Loren O. Perham bought as a site for his drug store. Charles died on January 6, 1909. On August 4, 1862 in Milwaukee, he married Mary Helen Susan Spindler, also a native of Germany. She lived from February, 1841 to 1920 and immigrated to the United States in 1848. Both Charles and Mary were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their children were Delos, born in Wisconsin in February, 1868; George, born in Michigan in October, 1877; and Ernest, also born in Michigan, about 1879. Delos's wife, Kitty, was born in Michigan in June, 1870. Delos and Kitty remained in Spring Lake.

Edward Sidney Struble [1852-1929]

Edward Struble was born on May 12, 1852 in Ionia County. He was the son of Sidney and Harriet E. Adams Struble. Edward married Clara Louisa Alvord [Alvard] in Bay City, Michigan on July 19, 1877. Clara was born in Gratiot County, Michigan on August 31, 1855. The Strubles moved to Spring Lake. Among their children were Maude Harriet, who was born in Spring Lake on February 6, 1881, married Henry Clay Calhoun, and moved to California; and Mildred Clara, who was born on June 19, 1895 in Menominee, Michigan, the Strubles' new home, and died in September, 1933. In 1920 Edward was residing in Spokane, Washington, where he was a buyer for a lumber company. He died in Los Angeles, California on March 29, 1929.

Maude Harriet Struble [1881-1949]

Maude was born in Spring Lake on February 16 [6], 1881, the daughter of Edward Sidney and Clara Louisa Alvord [Alvard] Struble. In August, 1904, Maude married Henry Clay Calhoun, who was born May 31, 1876 in Washtenaw County, Michigan. Maude died on July 24, 1949. After her death, Henry moved to Los Angeles, where he died on October 16, 1950.

Lora Avery Smith Stuart [@1853- ?]

See Lora Avery Smith.

Robert Stuart [1785-1848]

Robert Stuart was born in Callander, Scotland on February 19, 1785. At the age of 22, at the solicitation of his uncle, David Stuart, he immigrated to Montreal, Canada. He was fluent in French. In 1810, along with John Jacob Astor, Robert organized the Pacific Fur Company. In the same year he took the ship *Tonquin* on an expedition to the Columbia River and aided in laying the foundation of the city of Astoria, Oregon.

Washington Irving chronicled this voyage in his book about Astoria. Robert married Emma Elizabeth Sullivan on July 21, 1813, in New York City. She was born June 27, 1792, in Brooklyn, New York, and died in Detroit on September 26, 1866. Of their 12 children, none was born nor lived in Ottawa County.

In 1819 Robert went to Mackinac to manage the American Fur Company headquarters for 15 years. Rev. Ferry converted him to Christianity, and it was through Robert's urging that Ferry in 1833 made a circuit of Lake Michigan, beginning and ending at Mackinac, but stopping at the mouth of the Grand River along the way. Robert supplied much of the capital needed for the Grand Haven settlement that followed shortly. Ferry wished to name the community "Stuart" in his honor, but Rix Robinson already had registered the name Grand Haven. In 1834 Stuart was an equal partner with Robinson and Ferry of the Grand Haven Company for the purpose of buying pinelands, erecting mills, lumbering, etc. In 1835 Stuart was Government Indian Agent for the Northwest. In 1846 he and his wife conveyed Block 13 of Akeley's Addition to Ottawa County for public buildings. The county court house, offices, and jail were built on this site. Robert died in Chicago on October 29, 1848.

Edwin Stuberg [1907-1987]

Around 1940 Edwin Stuberg and Jack vanden Berg founded Grand Haven Awning Company at 20 South Second Street. They later moved their business to 707½ Washington. Edwin eventually started his own business, Grand Haven Screen Company, and moved to 117 North Third and vanden Berg moved Grand Haven Screen to 119 South Fourth. Stuberg relocated again, this time to 21 South Beechtree. He sold the business to John Kingma. Edwin and his wife, Fern, resided at 1033 Waverly. He was born on September 15, 1907 and died in Grand Haven on February 5, 1987. Fern lived from September 13, 1909 to August 11, 1981. She and Edwin were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Chauncey Stuck [1836-1924]

Chauncey Stuck worked for the Spring Lake Clinker Boat Company as a craftsman. Later he went into business for himself in a shop behind his residence on South Meridian Street in Spring Lake. He was born in New York in March, 1836 and died in 1924. Chauncey was married twice, first to Emma E., who was born in New York on April 2, 1843 and died May 4, 1880. His second wife, Florence Willoughby, a native of Ohio, lived from January, 1852 to 1920. All three were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Chauncey's and Emma's children were born in Michigan: Thomas, born about 1854; Alvin, born about 1857; Ida, who was born about 1859 and married John Dowline; Willie, born about

1862; Bert; born on September 7, 1875; and Ellen, born on September 10, 1877. Chauncey and Florence had at least one child, Doris, who was born about April, 1900.

Arend [Arden] J. Stuveling I [Stuvelling/Struveling] [1822-1895]

Like many other members of the Stuveling family, Arend was a contractor and builder. He was born in The Netherlands on May 22, 1822 and died on March 30, 1895. He and his family settled in Grand Haven in the mid-1860s, and for a number of years he had a partnership with Cornelius Glerum. By 1893 the two men claimed to have over 20 years experience in the building business. Arend married Anje "Ann" Bronkema. Ann, a native of The Netherlands, lived from June 21, 1829 to April 1, 1891. Among their children were Nella, born in The Netherlands about 1856; Annetje "An," who was born in The Netherlands on July 9, 1858 and married Nicholas Vyn; Egbert, born in The Netherlands on March 29, 1859; Reake, born in The Netherlands in 1862; Abigail, who was born in The Netherlands about 1863 and married Albert Vyn, Nicholas's brother; Johanna, born in The Netherlands in 1864; Simon, born in Michigan in 1867; Arend II, born about 1869 in Michigan; and Kina, born in Michigan in 1873. Arend's mother, Angemitta "Nellie," born on December 25, 1797, lived with Arend after her husband died. Angemitta passed away on November 22, 1882. Arend, his wife, and his mother, Nellie, were buried in the family plot at Lake Forest. Nellie was born about 1797 in The Netherlands.

Egbert A. Stuveling [1859-1905]

Born in The Netherlands on March 29, 1859, Egbert Stuveling became a building contractor like other members of his family. He was the son of Arend and Ann Stuveling and the brother of Simon. He died on January 27, 1905 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Simon [Simeon] A. Stuveling [Stuvelling] [1867-1908]

Simon was the son of Arend and Ann Stuveling and Egbert's brother. Simon, who was born in The Netherlands, lived from October, 1867 [1866] to 1908. He had a building business in the Grand Haven area. Simon was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Lena, was born in June, 1868 in Michigan. They had a son, Arend, born in October, 1893, and a daughter, Anjie, born in August, 1897.

Edward [Edwin] R. Styx I [1865-1947]

Edward Styx was born on March 23 [3], 1865. In 1920 Edward married Eleanor "Lena" Slonek [Sloneck/Slaner], who lived from August 29, 1867 to June 11, 1949. Around 1925 they purchased Fridrich's

Point Resort, a 100-acre parcel in Section 14 of Olive Township [later Port Sheldon Township]. Pigeon Creek formed the south boundary of the property. The Styxes also owned an abutting 20 acres in Section 11. A farm house on the main site was built in 1901 and had been converted to a resort hotel by the Fridriches. The Styxes restored and rebuilt the hotel, which had been idle for several years, and they added a dance pavilion. Their son William and William's wife, Phyllis, moved into the house and lived there from 1930 until his death in 1964. William was born on January 11, 1901. Their other children were Elenor, who was born on October 6, 1888, married Peter Schmidt, and died on April 20, 1954; Frances, who was born on June 4, 1890 and passed away on June 11, 1945 [1946]; Edward R. II, who lived from January 9, 1892 to October 2, 1971; George, who was born on December 13, 1893 and died on August 4, 1980; Lillian who was born on December 19, 1896, married Henry Schreiber in West Olive on April 26, 1916, and died on October 17, 1963; and Gertrude, who was born on March 20, 1898; married William Ebel, and died on April 9, 1969. Edward I died in Port Sheldon Township on May 9, 1947. He and Lena were buried at the Bohemian National Cemetery in Chicago.

William F. Styx [1901-1964]

In the 1950s William Styx owned and operated Grand Haven Auto Sales at 415 South Beechtree. William was born on January 11, 1901 and died in Grand Haven on March 14, 1964. His home was at 10030 152nd Avenue in West Olive, on property earlier known as Fridrich's Point Resort. On July 3, 1919 in Chicago, he married Phyllis C. Budgick. She lived from June 1, 1901 to June 25, 1997. After William's death, she resided at 1030 Grant in Grand Haven. Donald Styx of Grand Haven, their son, was born on July 6, 1931.

Edward Paul Suchecki [1935-2000]

Edward, the son of Frank C. and Elizabeth Czinder Suchecki, was born in Grand Haven on November 22, 1935. In 1969 Edward started Grand Haven Gasket Company at 1527 Marion. About 1955 he married Ruth Ann, the daughter of Ernest "Scotty" and Tina Gankema Scott of Grand Haven. Edward and Ruth had three sons. The family resided at 17830 Dogwood Drive in Spring Lake Township. Edward died in Grand Haven on June 11, 2000.

Edward E. Suits [? - ?]

Edward Suits platted the Village of Johnsville on May 16, 1889. It was named for John Behm, who settled in the area in the 1860s, but the town was renamed Agnew in 1889 for an executive of the Chicago & West Michigan Railroad, which serviced the area.

Marguerite K. Vayda Suits [1907-1998]

Marguerite Vayda suits owned Suits Furs & Variety, a retail shop located at 13906 Cleveland in Crockery Township. As early as 1944 she advertised herself as a furrier. Marguerite was born in Hungary on October 11, 1907 and passed away in Spring Lake on August 20, 1998. On December 18, 1925 in Grand Haven, she married Earl R. Suits I Earl, who was born on July 24, 1897. died in Grand Haven on May 6, 1976. Their children were Earl R. II, born around 1927, and Victor L., who was born on March 26, 1929 and died in Muskegon on October 1, 2009.

Archie Sullivan [? - ?]

Archie Sullivan was saw filer at the White, Friant, & Co. Sawmill in 1882.

Stanley C. Sutherland [1890-1966]

Stanley married Mabel Sutherland in Grand Haven on July 27, 1971. They ived in the home at 532 Pennoyer, later purchased by Bruce and Christine Baker. Stanley, who worked at Eagle Ottawa, was born June 22, 1890 and died in July, 1966. Mabel, who lived from July 29, 1893 to June 11, 1992, remained in the house until her death. The couple was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Raymond M. Swansen [1894-1986]

Raymond Swansen, born in Illinois on October 17, 1894, was a charter member and the first Treasurer of the Tri-Cities Historical Society when it was formed in 1959. He helped locate space for the first museum, which was in an upstairs room of the Masonic [Oakes] Building at 234 Washington. He also produced the Society's first newsletter, continued later as the *Grand River Packet*. In 1930 Raymond was purchasing agent at a local tool factory. He and his wife, J. Velina, were married about 1922 and resided at 19 South Ferry Street. Their daughter Adeline was born in Illinois around 1923, and another daughter, Eleanor, was born in Michigan about 1925. Raymond died March 23, 1986 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Velina, who was born in Illinois on January 22, 1895, passed away in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, in March, 1987.

Alfreda C. Swanson [1902-1989]

Alfreda Swanson was an insurance broker in Spring Lake. She lived in the house of her childhood at 441 East Savidge most of her adult life. Born on September 2, 1902, she was the daughter of Alfred and Christian Swanson, who had a fruit farm in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township and later at 441 East Savidge. Alfreda died in Spring Lake on September 26, 1989 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Alfreda's sister, Esther, was born about 1907.

Mary Elizabeth Swanson [1877-1958]

Born in Nunica on August 13, 1877, Mary Swanson was the daughter of John and Carrie Swanson, both natives of Sweden. John lived from January 14, 1846 to January 30, 1888. Carrie was born on May 1, 1844 and passed away on September 10, 1922. John and Carrie were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Mary served as Spring Lake Postmaster from September 13, 1918 until January 22, 1930. On November 29, 1929 she married Theodor Anderson. He was born in Sweden on April 2, 1873 and passed away on March 18, 1941. Mary died on October 22, 1958 and was buried with her husband at Spring Lake Cemetery. The couple resided at 121 East Savidge in a house Mary had built.

George Swart [1882-1974]

George Swart was born on October 8, 1882. On June 18, 1902 in Grand Haven, he married Alice Prins. In 1918 they resided at 625 Franklin. At that time George was a mail carrier. In the 1920s they built and lived in the house at 642 Pennoyer. George died on October 5, 1974. He later married Jane L. Emlaw, who was born on March 30, 1885 and died in Grand Haven on September 30, 1975. She was the daughter of Miner and Elizabeth Van Uithoven Emlaw. The Swarts had one daughter, Frances Mae, who was born December 14, 1911 and married a Mr Vander Sys II. Frances died in Norton Shores on July 26, 1985. Living with the Swarts in 1930 was George's father, George W., who was born in The Netherlands about 1851. His mother, Sena, lived from 1850 to 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Mary Salem Swayze [1841-1911]

Born in Bayham, Ontario, Canada on March 21, 1841, Mary Salem Swayze started teaching at age 15 and conducted penmanship classes at Grand Haven High School and Akeley Hall. Her maiden name was Mary Richards, but she taught under the name of Mrs Salem Swayze. Her husband, Salem, also a native of Ontario, was born in February, 1836. They immigrated to the United States in 1861. After working as a carpenter, Salem became a partner in a contracting and house moving business in Muskegon in the late 1880s. The business, named Ripley & Swayze, was owned and operated by Burnett Ripley and Salem Swayze. Mary and Salem moved to Muskegon from Champaign, Illinois between 1870 and 1880. She died of tuberculosis on March 1, 1911. A son, Glenn, was born in Buffalo, New York on April 16, 1881 and died on February 12, 1994 in Ohio. A daughter, Della F., was born in Illinois around 1864. After Mary's death Salem moved to a nursing home. In 1930, and the age of 94, he remained in a nursing home in Alma, Michigan.

Dana W. Sweetland [Sweetland] [1858- ?]

Dana Sweetland owned an 80-farm in Section 32 of Robinson Township, along the south side of the Grand

River. Born about 1858 in Illinois, he and his family settled in Robinson Township in 1909. His wife, Sarah W., was born in the same state and year. A son, Dana II, was born in Illinois about 1896.

Henry “Harry” Sweetman [1829-1873]

Harry Sweetman was Captain of the ship *Ironsides* when it sank in a storm off Grand Haven harbor on September 15, 1873, the day after it left Milwaukee with a load of wheat, flour, pork, and other items. He and 22 others lost their lives. The crew from the newly-formed United States Life Saving Service, led by Richard Connell, helped save about 20 passengers and crew, whose lifeboats managed to maneuver through the towering waves. Harry was born in Ireland about 1829. His wife, Mary, also a native of Ireland, was born around 1831. In 1860 the couple was living in Milwaukee.

Albert Swiftney [Swiftney] II [1878-1955]

Albert II, the son of Albert and Henratta Swiftney, was born in Spring Lake Township on September 22, 1878 and died in Grand Haven on July 21, 1955. In 1900 he married Jennie, the daughter of Albert and Anna Balcom Zuidema. Jennie, who was born in May, 1881, died in 1930, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Swiftneys had a number of children: Reka Pearl, who was born July 14, 1900 in Grand Haven, married Richard Breitels of Grand Haven, and died May, 1963, also in Grand Haven; Bert, who was born April 27, 1902 and died November 27, 1958; Ann, who was born June 15, 1903, married Wilford Van Hall [December 24, 1904-January 25, 1978] on November 21, 1923, and died June 19, 1989; Cornelius, who was born November 7, 1904 and died in July, 1956; Gerrit A., who was born May 7, 1906, married Christine M., and died July 2, 1985; John, who was born November 30, 1907 and died December 11, 1984; Charlotte, who was born April 16, 1909 and died February 14, 1992; Harry, who was born August 16, 1911 and died in July, 1929; Henry A., who was born September 2, 1913 and died April 13, 1994; Robert, who was born August 6, 1916 and died April 25, 1992; Richard, who was born August 26, 1919, married Ferol K., and died May 6, 1958; Earnest, who was born January 2, 1921 and died July 12, 1983; and Dorothy, who was born August 9, 1922 and died in Grand Rapids on March 19, 1994.

Evert Takken I [1796-1869] and Hendrik Takken [1839- ?]

Evert and Hendrik Takken, father and son, were wagon makers and blacksmiths. They were listed in the 1864 *Map of the Counties of Ottawa & Muskegon* under the Grand Haven Business Directory as “Wagon Maker & Black Smiths.” An H. and E. Takken were listed in the 1893 *Compendium* for the City of Holland, Hendrik as a “manufacturer of tables” and Evert as a blacksmith and

wagon maker. The Evert in this case undoubtedly is Evert Takken II. Evert I was born in The Netherlands about November 9, 1796 and died on January 12, 1869. He married Cebella Horst. Evert and Cebella had at least one other son, Ryk Takken, also a blacksmith, who was born in The Netherlands about May 26, 1833 and passed away on January 31, 1899. Hendrik was born in The Netherlands around 1839. His wife was born in the same year and country. They had three children. On October 21, 1891 in Holland he married Anna Dekraker. Anna was born in The Netherlands about 1841.

Ryk Takken [? - ?]

In 1859 Father Ryk Takken organized and held the first services for Roman Catholics in Ferrysburg. A year later he became the first resident priest of a new Roman Catholic parish and church building in Mill Point [Spring Lake], which served Catholics from Grand Haven and Ferrysburg until 1872.

Adrian Tanis [1916-2002]

Adrian was born on January 17, 1916 in Reeman, Michigan, the son of William and Jennie Droost Tanis. He married Marion Ruth Sullivan in Muskegon on August 26, 1940. She lived from July 25, 1915 to March 30, 2000. She died in Grand Haven. Adrian was employed at the Bennett Pump Co. of Muskegon for 38 years, and retired in 1978. He took time out during WWII to serve with the Navy. He was a member of the First Reformed Church and was one of the founders of Kandu Industries in Holland and Grand Haven. Adrian and Marion resided at 1242 Washington. Their children were Raymond and David Tanis. Adrian died in Grand Haven on July 24, 2002 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 26, 2002, and *Chronicle* article, “Kandu founder dead at 86,” July 26, 2002.]

Frederick W. Tasch [1864-1944]

Fred Tasch, who was born in Spring Lake on May, 1864, owned a 25-acre vineyard on South Lake Avenue in Section 23 of Spring Lake Township, along Lloyd’s Bayou. He was born in Canada [Michigan] and came to America with his parents when he was eleven. On February 6, 1894 in Spring Lake he married Amaretta “Retta” Godby, also from Canada. She lived from November 16, 1868 to May 23, 1944. Fred passed away on November 21, 1944. He and Amaretta were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Samuel Livingston Tate [1839-1914]

Samuel, one of nine children, was born in Leeds, England on January 14, 1839, the son of Henry and Elizabeth Haigh Tate. When he was four, his family moved to Massachusetts, and in 1853 they moved to Peoria, Illinois. Samuel helped his father make boots

and shoes after school hours. He went to a number of universities, and he taught school, sold books, and held a number of other jobs to meet expenses. On June 1, 1864 he volunteered in Chicago to serve as First Sergeant with Company I of the 132nd Illinois Infantry. He was mustered out on October 17, 1864. After the war Samuel continued his studies, received his Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Chicago and in 1869, and was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court of Illinois. Shortly after that time he came to Grand Haven and for awhile worked in Stephen Lowing's office. Samuel was elected Judge of Probate in 1872, and in 1878 he joined the Grand Haven City Council and served through 1883. The next year he was elected Mayor. Samuel, an active Republican, campaigned in support of Abraham Lincoln in the election of 1860. In 1872 he was a delegate to the Republican Convention. He actively participated in reorganizing the Grand Haven Congregational Church and helping to erect a new building. Samuel was Secretary of the Herald Publishing Company in 1882.

On June 16, 1869, Samuel married Frances Belle Wilcox of Coral, Illinois. She lived from May, 1849 to 1911. In 1900 they were residing in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Samuel died in 1914 and was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Sioux Falls. They had four children, including Mary Elva, born in October, 1870, Edith Susan; born about 1873; Frances, born about 1875; and Helen L., born in March, 1882. Mary Elva was born in Illinois, and the other three in Michigan.

Edward W. Tatum [1867- ?]

Edward Tatum had a 40-acre farm in Section 3 of Grand Haven Township. He was born in Dyer County, Tennessee on February 28, 1867 and was in Grand Haven Township by 1910, but moved away in the next few years. In 1899 he married Mary Ramsey, who was born in Tennessee around 1873. In 1910 they had three children: Louis, age 17; Edward D., age 9; and Elsebeth [Elizabeth] J., age five. In 1912 Edward was living in Grand Rapids, where he had a book binding business. By 1930 he was a widower, still operating his book binding business in Grand Rapids.

Augustus W. Taylor [1819-1893]

Augustus Taylor was born in Warren, Connecticut on July 16, 1819. He lost both his parents when he was eight, but managed to attend Williams College in Massachusetts and after graduation obtained a teaching position in New York State. In 1848 he married Alvira Smith of New York, who was born in 1819. The couple moved to Crockery Township in September, 1853, where Augustus taught in a log cabin school for \$16 a month. He was Superintendent of the Clinton Street School in Grand Haven from 1865 to 1867 and County

Superintendent from 1867 to 1869. He was named Principal of the Spring Lake school in 1870. He next took the position of Superintendent of Crockery Schools, a position he held until 1881, when he became the first member of the County School Examiners. He held that post for ten years. Around the 1860s he was Judge of Probate of Ottawa County, a post he held for eight years. Augustus was a Republican. He ended his career at Coopersville. The Taylors had two children. Augustus died at his home in Nunica on June 5, 1893, and his wife died on June 18 the next year. Both were buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery.

George W. Taylor I [1858-1930]

Although only 22 years old at the time, George Taylor was proprietor of a sawmill in Crockery Township in 1880. He was born in Michigan. By 1900 he was a farmer in Section 16 of Polkton Township, ultimately owning 100 acres. He and Ettie were married about 1886. Their five children were Phila, born on April 30, 1887, Bertha, born on December 25, 1888; George II, born about 1898; Glen, born about 1903; and Herold, born about 1904. Both children were born locally. George was born in Michigan on May 9, 1858 and died on July 16, 1930. Ettie, also a native of Michigan, lived from October 20, 1864 to August 17, 1952. Both were buried at Coopersville Cemetery.

Hollis Taylor [1834-1873]

On October 23, 1863, Hollis Taylor enlisted in Grand Rapids as Captain in Company C of the 2nd Michigan Cavalry, one of the first volunteer companies formed in this area subsequent to the firing on Fort Sumter. Hollis was promoted from Private to Corporal and then to Scout. He also saw service as Captain with Company C of the 136th U.S. Infantry. He was mustered out on July 15, 1865. He had originally enlisted in the Army on March 10, 1855, and the 1860 census for Grand Haven Township listed him as a soldier. At that time he was living with his parents, Pascal and Mary Taylor, and his wife, Ann, who was born about 1849 in Ohio. He and Ann had a daughter, Carrie, who was born "In a Reserve" about February 1860. In 1870 Hollis was living in Evanston, Illinois with his second wife, Lucinda, and their family. He was working as a carpenter. On December 9, 1872 he enlisted again, this time in Indianapolis. Hollis served as Postmaster of Grand Haven from May 26, 1866 to May 19, 1867. He was born about 1834 in Cleveland, Ohio and died on July 11, 1873. Lucinda in August, 1897 applied for a widow's Civil War pension. She was born about 1845 in Illinois. They had at least two children, Charles, born in Texas about 1868, and Cora, born in Michigan about August, 1869.

J. Rice Taylor [1818-1900]

Born in Niagara County, New York on October 3, 1818, J. Rice Taylor graduated from Kenyon College along with future U.S. President Rutherford B. Hayes. Taylor then entered the Theological Seminary in New York, graduated and was ordained in 1845. He married Henrietta Gambier on October 9 the same year, and they had five children. After his wife's death in 1858, he moved to Saugatuck in Allegan County. Rice served as Chaplain in the 123rd U.S. Colored Infantry in Washington D.C. during the Civil War. He enlisted in Louisville, Kentucky on December 15, 1864 and was mustered out on October 16, 1865. He was said to be the first Episcopal Rector of Grand Haven, where he served until 1868, the year he was called to formally organize a church in Holland. He stayed there until 1874, when he spent a year in New York State, but then returned to Holland. He passed away on June 21, 1900. [*Tribune* obituaries June 21 and June 27, 1900.]

William Taylor [1856-1933]

William was born in Ireland about June 4, 1856, the son of James and Elizabeth Taylor. William settled in the area in 1904 on a 40-acre farm in Section 12 of Olive Township. He also delivered mail. His wife, Anne [Mary] Hill, was a native of Ireland, where she was born on June 29, 1842. The daughter of Gregg and Mary Melanophy Hill, she died on May 27, 1930 in Polkton Township, and her husband died on April 7, 1933. Both were buried at West Olive Cemetery.

Aletta "Lettie" Teeple [1829-1911]

On April 14, 1853, Aletta Teeple married Henry Pennoyer, whose first wife had died the previous year. Lettie was born on November 20, 1829 in Plymouth, Michigan. Her parents were Peter and Sarah Losey Teeple, who had moved from New York State in 1827 to Wayne County and then to Cascade Township in Kent County in late 1836. Lettie came to Grand Haven in 1849 to be with her sister, Jane, and Jane's husband, Thomas Merrill. Jane, born on January 30, 1826, was about three years older than Lettie. The Merrills were married in 1846, and later moved to Ferrysburg. Lettie tended to Pennoyer's children after Harriet's death and also worked for him at the Washington House. Lettie and Henry had five children, plus a girl, Sarah Jane, from Lettie's short-lived marriage to William Rellingston, who was a native of Germany. Lettie and William were married in Grand Haven on Christmas Day, 1849, and by July 12 the next year he was gone forever. Lettie later filed divorce papers. A few years after Henry Pennoyer's death in 1886, Lettie settled in Oregon. She died in Seattle, Washington, in 1911. Her extensive memoirs of life in early Grand Haven were printed in the *Packet*, beginning with the Spring 2000 issue and continuing for several editions.

Abram [Abraham] Ten Hagen [1853- ?]

Abram, the son of Jan and Mary Ten Hagen, was born in Gelderland, The Netherlands 1853. He married Lavina Erskine, who was born in Indiana about 1859. Lavina and Abram had at four daughters, Sena, born in 1866, and Mary, born around 1879, Jennie, and Lucy, and two sons, Fred, born about 1890, and John, born about 1896. In 1893 and 1912 the family farm was in his brother John's name, including additional acreage in Section 22 of Olive Township. By 1918 Abram was the sole owner of the 300-acre farm. At that time, his wife's name was Minnie.

Jan [John] H. Ten Hagen [1810-1869]

Jan Ten Hagen bought a 40-acre farm in Section 26 of Olive Township on April 1, 1861, which he eventually expanded into Section 27 for a total of 540 acres. He also raised livestock. A creek flowing through his property was given the name Ten Hagen. Jan was born in Gelderland, The Netherlands, on August 1, 1810. On November 18, 1837 in The Netherlands, he married Gesina Maria "Mary" Wordes. Jan died in Olive Township on May 28, 1869. After Jan died, his wife Mary and their sons took over the farm. Mary was born in Gelderland, The Netherlands on August 20, 1813 and died sometime after 1900. Among their children were two sons, both born in The Netherlands: John in 1842 and Abram [Abraham] in 1853.

John Ten Hoeven [Ten Hoven] [1854- ?]

John Ten Hoeven's 120-acre farm was in Section 34 of Olive Township. He settled there in 1894, and also raised livestock. His wife, Johana "Anna," was born in The Netherlands about 1860. John was born about 1854 in The Netherlands. They had at least five children, all born in Michigan: Dick, who was around 1883; Will, born about 1886; Dena, born around 1884; Jennie, born about 1897; and Hannah, born about 1891.

Warren L. Tenny [Tenney] [1869- ?]

In 1894 Warren Tenny opened a photography studio in Grand Haven in association with Fred D. Brown. Warren was born on December 20, 1869 in Berlin [Marne], Wright Township. By 1910 he was residing in Muskegon Heights, working as an electrician. Ten years later he was a plumber. He married Alma [Alina] P. Mitchell in Muskegon on May 6, 1895. She was born in Ohio about 1874. They had a son, Dale M., who was born around 1903, and a daughter, Alice M., who was born about 1912. Both children were born in Michigan.

Roscoe Verl Terrill [1903-1980]

Roscoe Terrill, who was born on November 9, 1903 in Hillsdale County, Michigan, was City Manager for Grand Haven from June 18, 1945 to December 1, 1968.

He was active for more than thirty years with the Cub and Boy Scouts, a Registered Civil Engineer and Land Surveyor, Elder at the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church, and a member of MENSA. Roscoe died on August 10, 1980. On January 1, 1928, in Pittsford, Michigan, he married Pauline Dorothy Ladd, who was born in Pittsford on November 24, 1902 and passed away in Largo, Florida on June 21, 1990. They had at least four children Merlin Verl, who was born about 1927, and Paul Wilson, who was born on June 4, 1930 and died in Grand Rapids on March 21, 1977 of leukemia. Merlin moved to Muskegon, where he resided with his wife, Norma. The family resided at 111 South Hopkins in the 1940s.

Nellie S. Terry [? - ?]

Nellie Terry, who was known as an artist, had a summer home on about 56 acres along Lake Michigan in Section 5 of Grand Haven Township. Her residence was at the south end of 178th Avenue. She came to the area in 1907. Terry Trails, which continued from the end of 178th into the wooded dunes, was named for her family. Prior to the Terry family ownership, the land was in the name of Greenhouse. Mrs Nellie S. Terry was a pianist, and on February 14, 1915 performed as a soloist at the Detroit Institute of Art. There is a Nellie Terry who was born on lived April 25. 1881, lived in Detroit, and died on May 19, 1971.

George W. Teunis [1913-2001]

George was born to William and Anna Klaver Teunis on July 2, 1913. He married Clara Tjapkes on September 24, 1936 in Muskegon. He was a rural mail carrier for the Post Office and was a licensed contractor. George rebuilt the De Witt School, restoring it to its 1880s appearance. He served on the Spring Lake Township Board for 14 years and was on several committees. The Teunises belonged to the Christian Reformed Church in Grand Haven. They had a daughter, Beverly, and three sons: Stan, Milt, and Glenn. All their children were married. The Teunises lived at 18625 West Spring Lake Road. George died at his home on May 15, 2001.

Gerrit B. Teunis [1854-1939]

Born on December 7, 1854 in The Netherlands, Gerrit Teunis came to the area in 1893 and settled on 132 acres in Section 3 of Spring Lake Township. Before 1912 he purchased from Adelaide Thorp the west 20 acres of her property in Section 10. In addition to farming, Gerrit raised livestock. His wife, Clara, also was a native of The Netherlands, where she was born on August 22, 1858. The Teunises were still in Spring Lake Township in 1920. Gerrit passed away on June 29, 1939, and Clara died on March 24, 1943. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Edwin M. Thayer [1840- ?]

Born in Hillsdale County, Michigan on February 14 [15], 1840, Edwin Thayer came with his family to Eastmanville nine years later. He was the son of Ezra and Jane H. Shipman Thayer. The family settled on a 60-acre farm in Section 1 of Blendon Township where they remained until at least 1892. Edwin had additional acreage in Sections 10 and 14. He owned about a thousand acres in Polkton Township, and he bought other farms and stands of pine forest throughout the state. In 1868 he joined Adam Wagner and Galen Eastman as general merchants in Eastmanville. He was Township Supervisor for a number of years, and he also was listed as a shipping agent. In the 1880 census his occupation was real estate broker. Edwin married Almira [Elmira] Cunningham in Kent County on March 21, 1870. She was born in Michigan in September, 1847. Two of their children died as infants in the 1870s and were buried at Eastmanville Cemetery. Their other children were Maude H., born in April, 1876, and William C., born in February 1882. By 1900 the family was living in Grand Rapids. Edwin's sister Eugenia married Adam Wagner of Eastmanville.

Elmer Leroy Thayer [1873-1926]

Elmer, born on March 19, 1873, was the son of Porter and Sarah Abigail Randall Thayer of Spring Lake. Elmer was employed at William Buckley's hardware store in the Village [214 West Savidge]. Martin Thayer was his brother. Elmer died in 1926 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Buried with him were other members of his family.

Ezra Thayer [1816-1896]

Ezra Thayer married Jane H. Shipman in New York State on September 25, 1839. They moved to Polkton Township in 1849, where on March 1, 1852 he purchased 40 acres in Section 28. They then relocated to a farm in Section 1 of Blendon Township, where they remained until at least 1892. Jane was born on November 5, 1814 died on February 18, 1892, while Ezra, who was born on April 5, 1816, died on January 4, 1896. Edwin Thayer, one of their children, was born on February 14, 1840 in Blendon Township. A daughter, Eugenia [Eunice], was born on September 6, 1843 in Blendon and married Adam Wagner. The Thayers had five children in all.

Lester R. Thayer [1884- ?]

Lester Thayer, the son of Martin Thayer, was born in Michigan in December, 1884. He married Eliza "Anna" M. Aimer on August 1, 1904 in St. Joseph, Michigan. Anna, the daughter of William and Ella Wills Aimer, was born in Germany [Delta, Ontario, Canada] on May 28, 1885. She immigrated with her parents to Canada,

then to Grand Haven, and finally to Spring Lake in 1903. For awhile she was housekeeper for one of the area's early physicians, Dr. Cyril Brown of Spring Lake. Lester and Anna had two children: Cora, who was born on May 13, 1903 and died on November 26, 1907, and Pearl, who was born on February 23, 1907 and died on September 2, 1929. The Thayers were divorced on August 1, 1906. Three years later Anna married Arno "Andrew" Meinel.

Martin Thayer [1856- ?]

Martin Thayer had a boat building business in Spring Lake. The son of Porter and Sarah Thayer, Martin was born in Michigan about 1856. Elmer Thayer was his brother. On January 14, 1882 in Grand Rapids, he married Mary E. Howe. Lester Thayer, born in December, 1884, was their son. The family was still in Spring Lake in 1893.

Porter B. Thayer I [1831-1890]

On August 14, 1890 Sarah A. Thayer applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Her husband, Porter, on November 18, 1861 was a resident of Alpine Township, Kent County, when he enlisted as Private in Company G of the 3rd Michigan Infantry. On June 10, 1864 he transferred to Company A of the 5th Michigan Infantry. Porter was mustered out on July 5, 1865. In Spring Lake he ran a boarding house. He was born about 1831 in Michigan. Sarah was born in October, 1835 in the same state, and passed away in 1921. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Thayers were married about 1855 and had several children, all born in Michigan, including Martin, born about 1856; Mary, born about 1861; Porter II, who was born in 1864, died in 1895, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; Cora, born in February, 1863; and Elmer, born on March 19, 1873.

Albert Joseph Theiler I [1885-1962]

The son of Xavier "Joseph" and Marie Theiler, Albert was born in Switzerland on February 18, 1885. He became a machinist in Grand Haven, and about 1915 married Alice Elizabeth Lysaght. Alice, the daughter of Captain John and Mary Haney, was born in Grand Haven in September, 1888 and died around January 14, 1953. Their children included Albert II, who born locally on November 12, 1916 and died in Orange County, California on September 11, 1993, and John, who was born in Wisconsin about 1922. By 1928 the family resided at 417 Leggat. At that time Albert was a clerk in a local factory. He died about December 15, 1962 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Alice.

Xavier "Joseph" Theiler [Tyler] [1860-1892]

After Joseph Theiler died on October 18, 1892, his wife, Marie [Mary], continued living in the family home at

Clinton Street. Marie's maiden name was Stoeckel. She was born in Switzerland about 1865. By 1910 Marie and some of her children resided at 213 Howard. Joseph was an engineer, and brought his family from Switzerland to the United States in 1885. He was born in Switzerland in 1860. Their children were Mary, who was born in Switzerland on November 26, 1882, became a teacher, and married Philip Rosbach II of Grand Haven; Emily/Emilie, who was born in Switzerland in December, 1883 and became a nurse; Jane, who was born in Switzerland about 1884 and became a nurse; Albert Joseph, who was born in Switzerland on February 18, 1885 and died in 1962; Julia E., who was born in Illinois on June 3, 1887 and passed away in December, 1967; William, born in Michigan in July, 1889; and Rose C., who was born in Grand Haven in November, 1891 and entered the nursing profession. Marie was born in April, 1864 in Switzerland. By 1920 she and several of her children [Jane, Julia, and Rose] were living in Chicago at 843 Grace Street, and ten years later they were located at 5245 Kenwood Avenue. Marie passed away about November 8, 1937.

August "Gust" Thieleman [Thielman] [1885-1958]

Gust, the son of William and Bertha Wilburt Thieleman, attended Grand Haven schools and was employed by the Dake Engine Company. In 1911 he started the Thieleman Auto Company at 33 Franklin and sold Ford automobiles and other makes, as well as tractors. In the late 1920s he constructed a new showroom at 12-16 North Third Street. In 1952 Gust retired and sold the business to his Manager, Aubrey Ernst, and Arnold Redeker. In 1911 he married Blanche E. Albright of Grand Rapids. They lived at 119 Second Street and later at 824 Lake Avenue. After retiring and moving to Ft. Lauderdale, Gust and Blanche spent summers at 541 Leggat Street. Their children, all born locally, were Theodora, who was born on June 15, 1912, married Charles Leonard of Pebble Beach, California, and died in Monterey, California on April 1, 1996; Harriet, who was born about 1916 and married Robert Sproul of Grand Rapids; and Margaret Elizabeth, who was born March 1, 1917, married James Jardine of Ukiah, California, and died October 15, 1996 in Monterey, California. Gust was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, the Elks, the Spring Lake Yacht Club, Rotary Club, and the Grand Haven Stag Club. Gust also served on the Grand Haven Cemetery Board. Blanche was born on December 6, 1885 and died in Monterey, California on June 24, 1985. Gust lived from May 1, 1885 to February 16, 1958. He died in Ft. Lauderdale. [*Tribune* obituary, February 17, 1958.]

Wilburt [William] Thieleman I [Thielemann] [1854-1938]

Born in West Prussia [Germany] on May 28, 1854, Wilburt Thieleman came to Grand Haven in 1870, working first in the sawmills, where he hauled sawdust to the tanneries to be used as fuel. He worked for Julius Radeke in the wholesale liquor business, and in May, 1879, he became a saloonkeeper at 8 Washington, next to the Kirby House. He was wholesale representative for the Schlitz Brewing Company for 20 years at the same location. He also worked for three years with Ignatz Seifert as co-owners of Thieleman and Seifert Meat Market. Wilburt was Alderman from 1888 through 1894 and a member of the Board of Trade. In 1904 he sold his lumber business to Peter Van Zylén, who operated it under the name Van Zylén Lumber Company. In 1912 he and his son Gust opened a Ford garage and salesroom.

Wilburt married Bertha Wilbert on July 15, 1879. She was born in Prussia around 1858. They had three sons, all born in Grand Haven: William II, born on May 25, 1881; Charles, born in 1883; and Gust, born on May 1, 1885. Wilburt and Bertha also had two daughters, including Emma, who was born in Grand Haven around February, 1880 and married John Pardee of that community. The Thielemans resided at 111 South Second Street. They were members of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, which Wilburt helped organize. He died January 31, 1938 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Flora Quigley Thoma [1904-1985]

Born on August 11, 1904 in Grand Rapids to John and Flora Quigley, the younger Flora graduated from the University of Michigan and married Jack E. Thoma in 1932. They moved to Grand Haven in 1935. The Thomas had two daughters, Jane and Judie. Flora was a teacher of commercial subjects in the Grand Haven School system for many years, and was considered one of the best typing teachers on the faculty. She was a member of the Women's Circle, American Red Cross, and Mary Free Bed Guild. She was the first woman Trustee of the Presbyterian Church. Flora passed away on January 17, 1985 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, January 17, 1985.]

Jack Thoma [1905-1947]

Jack Thoma was born on December 30, 1905 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He graduated from Alma College with a Bachelor of Science degree. In 1928 he joined Grand Haven High School as a biology and chemistry teacher, and he was also Dean of Boys. Jack taught until his death. He married Flora Quigley in 1932, the same year the high school yearbook was dedicated to him, "whose buoyant humor has continually livened our high school." He and his wife lived at 400 Duncan Court.

They had two daughters, Jane and Judie. An avid tennis player himself, Jack coached the high school tennis team. Jack started and sponsored the "Saturday Nite Club" when he realized the need for youth recreation in the area. He organized and operated the information booth for the Chamber of Commerce; was in charge of cottage rentals; worked with Claude Ver Duin in setting up the Coast Guard Festival; and was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Duncan Park Board of Trustees. He died June 16, 1947 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Mathias Thomas [1836-1909]

Mathias Thomas was born in April, 1836 in Prussia and immigrated to the United States in 1842. On October 6, 1860 in Spring Lake he married Martha Jane Hunt. She was born in Michigan in 1837. On March 1, 1862, in Chicago, he enlisted as Private in Company G of the New York Marine Light Artillery. He was mustered out of that unit on January 20, 1863. In 1900 he and Martha were residing on Clinton Street in Grand Haven. Mathias then was working as a watchman. He died in 1909 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Martha passed away in 1922 and was buried with Mathias. A daughter, Hannah, was born in Robinson Township on June 13, 1872. In 1880 Martha's mother, was living with them. Mary was born about 1808 in Massachusetts.

Francis C. Thompson [1856-1923]

Frank Thompson owned a barbershop at 17 Washington Street in Grand Haven as early as 1879. He learned the barbering trade from his Uncle Rutson, his mother's brother. Frank married, Cora Banks in Grand Haven on April 15, 1879. They lived at 1227 Franklin. Cora, a White woman, was born in Ireland [Michigan] around 1856. On their marriage registration form they both were listed as White. They resided at 1227 Washington Street in Grand Haven and had at least one child, George E., who was born about 1874.

Although no record was found of Cora's death or of a divorce, Frank married Matilda [Mathilda] Bartlett on October 6, 1885 in Montague. She was born in Sweden in December, 1858 [1859]. Frank had a business in Montague around the mid-1880s, presumably a barber shop. Frank, Matilda, and their family moved to Grand Haven permanently in 1889. Frank was a member of the Negro Masonic Fraternity and Knights Templar. In Grand Haven by 1900, he and Matilda resided at 1227 Franklin, the house he earlier had occupied with Cora. Their children were Lyle E., who was born in Grand Haven on January 15, 1896, and Ethel T., who was born on June 13, 1898 and married Edward W. Nash. Lyle and Ethel were listed as White in the 1900 census, as was their mother. In the 1910 census the children were listed as Mulatto. By 1900 Frank's wife's name was

Matilda. Matilda was born in Sweden in December, 1858 [1859]. Frank and Matilda [Mathilda] resided at 1227 Washington. Their children were Lyle E., born in January, 1896, and Ethel M., who was born in June, 1899, married Edward W. Nash, and relocated to Chicago. Frank died in 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Matilda, who died in 1926. Frank, an African-American, was born in Spring Lake on March 16, 1856. His parents were Leonard and Mary Bennett Thompson.

George Thompson [1804-1861]

English-born George Thompson lived from 1804 to 1861. His sister Frances married Captain Robert Howlett of Grand Haven. George, who never married, was living at the Ottawa House at 1 Washington Street in 1860. His occupation was listed as farmer. George was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Leonard Thompson [Thomson] [1831- ?]

In 1850 Leonard Thompson [Tomson] was living on a 160-acre farm in Section 8 of Spring Lake Township with James Alexander, a laborer who was born in Tennessee about 1826, and Jakob Goodlow, also a laborer who was born in Kentucky about 1826. All three were African Americans. Leonard was from New York, where he was born about 1831. He married Mary J., the daughter of Alfred and Louisa Bennett, first of Spring Lake and later of Grand Haven. Mary was born in New York about 1839. Among their children were Francis C., born locally on March 16, 1856; Alfred, who was born about 1861 and drowned on September 2, 1881 [another son, named Alferd (sic) drowned on September 30, 1880 at the age of 20]; Lucy, who was born on June 29, 1869 in Spring Lake; and Richard, who was born on October 5, 1874 in Ferrysburg. In Spring Lake on April 19, 1894 Richard married Emma V., the daughter of Ephraim and Adelia Conner Molson of Spring Lake. Emma was born in Coloma, Michigan in 1878. By 1860 Leonard and Mary were residing in Grand Haven adjacent to the Alfred Bennett family. Leonard continued to work as a laborer. Mary died in Grand Haven on February 8, 1899 of pneumonia. On March 1, 1900 Leonard married Georgia Johnson, then 35 years old and a native of Maryland. Leonard was listed in the marriage record as 60 years old, which would make his birth year 1840. He and Georgia were classified as Mulattoes. Four months after their marriage, Leonard and Georgia were living in Fruitport, where he continued working as a farmer. In the 1900 census Leonard's birth date was cited as August, 1833 and Georgia's as January, 1865. No records were found for them after 1900.

Lyle E. Thompson [Thomson] [1896-1961]

The son of Francis and Matilda Bartlett Thompson, Lyle was born in Grand Haven on January 15, 1896. Lyle remained in Grand Haven, where he married Emma Chilcotte on January 5, 1916. Emma was born in Michigan on January 12, 1894. In 1918 Lyle was working as chauffeur for W. R. Baxter. He and Emma were living with Lyle's sister Ethel at 18 Washington. Ten years later Lyle was working as a mechanic at Kooiman Auto Co. [219 North Seventh Street]. In the 1910 census the children were listed as Mulatto. In the 1930 census Lyle was classified as Negro. He was still working as a mechanic. He and Emma then resided in Grand Haven Township. Lyle died about June 16, 1961 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Emma passed away on July 8, 1979 in Grand Haven, under the name Emma M. Chilcotte. Lyle and his sister Ethel were listed as White in the 1900 census, as was their mother.

Richard Thompson [1874- ?]

The son of Leonard and Mary Bennett Thompson of Spring Lake and Grand Haven, Richard was born in Ferrysburg on October 5, 1874. They were African Americans. In Spring Lake on April 19, 1894 he married Emma V., the daughter of Ephraim and Adelia Conner Molson of Spring Lake. They also were Black. Emma was born in Coloma, Michigan in 1878. No further record was found of Richard.

William Thompson [1818-1888]

William Thompson, who arrived in the area in 1843, was raising fruit in Sections 23 and 24 of Crockery Township in the late 1840s. He was born in Monroe County, New York, on March 25, 1818, and moved to Crockery in 1843 with his mother and father, Henry and Desire Thompson. Desire died on November 28, 1868 at the age of 84 and her husband passed away on January 15, 1857 at the age of 73. By 1864 William owned 540 acres in Sections 14, 16, 23, and 24 in Crockery and substantial acreage in Ravenna Township, Muskegon County, just north of Crockery. In addition to farming, William was an associate of John Spoon and his lumber business. William's wife, Emily, was born about December 3, 1825 and died on July 2, 1862. The next year he married Mary J. Tibbets, who was born about 1842 in New York. William and Mary had three children, all born locally: Emma, born about 1864; Edith, born about 1867; and Maud M., born about 1875. Mary's father, John Tibbets, was born in New York about 1800 and resided with the Thompsons in Crockery in 1880. William died on April 2, 1888 and was buried with Emily at Ottawa Center Cemetery.

Andrew W. Thomson I [Thomsen] [1824-1902]

Andrew Thomson was born in Dennyloan Head, Scotland on October 19, 1824. He married Charlotte Arkley while still residents of their native land and

where five of their children were born. Charlotte was born in Scotland in February, 1830. Andrew was liberally educated and found employment with the Summerlee Iron Company in Glasgow, where he remained for more than 22 years. In 1865, at the close of America's Civil War, he severed his connections with that company and brought the whole family to the U.S. They settled in Detroit for a time before coming to Grand Haven. On February 1, 1868 he became General Manager of Senator Ferry's lumbering operations and real estate business. He also was part owner of the Ottawa Iron Works in Ferrysburg and shareholder in the American Brass Novelty Company of Grand Haven.

The Thomson family lived on the corner of Fifth and Clinton [201 South Fifth]. Andrew and Charlotte had three children: Anna [Anne], who was born in Scotland in 1863 and married Charles H. Adams of Grand Haven; Isabel [Isabella], who was born in January, 1867 and became a city librarian; and Andrew W. II, born about 1870. The Thomsons were members of the Presbyterian Church, where Charlotte served as President of the Women's Missionary Society and Ladies Social Society. Andrew was a member of the Masonic fraternity. He died on November 25, 1902. Charlotte lived from February 5, 1830 to February 23, 1910. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Anne. [*Tribune* obituary, November 25, 1902.]

Andrew W. Thomson II [Thompson] [1870-1954]

Born in Grand Haven in 1870, Andrew II was raised at 201 South Fifth Street, where he lived with his parents, Andrew and Charlotte Thompson. As a youth he pumped the pipe organ for each service at the Presbyterian Church. He graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1887 and attended Alma College. Andrew organized and directed a boys' band, the first local high school ensemble that was known as the "Jackie Band." The group played concerts and parades throughout Michigan from 1915 [1917] to 1924. He evidently moved to St. Paul, Minnesota in the 1890s, where he owned a storage business, and returned to Grand Haven about 1902 to fill the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the American Brass Novelty Company [Michigan Brass] for the next 50 years. His wife, Helen, also was active in the Presbyterian Church, where, like her mother-in-law, she served as President of the Women's Missionary Society and Ladies Social Society. Helen was born in Iowa in May, 1872. They had a daughter, Helen A., who was born in February, 1895, and another daughter, Mary C., who was born in August, 1896. Both children were born in Minnesota. The Thomsons lived at 428 Clinton. Andrew II died about June 2, 1954 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Francis C. Thompson [Thomson] [1856-1923]

Francis "Frank" Thompson was born in Spring Lake Township on March 16, 1856. His parents were Leonard and Mary Bennett Thompson of Spring Lake. Mary was Rutson Bennett's sister. Frank, who owned a barbershop at 17 Washington Street in Grand Haven as early as 1879, learned the barbering trade from his Uncle Rutson. Frank married Cora Banks in Grand Haven on April 15, 1879. On their marriage registration form they both were listed as White. Cora was born in Ireland around 1856. Frank and Cora lived at 1227 Franklin. They had at least one child, George E., who, according to the 1880 census, was born about 1874. On October 6, 1885 in Montague, Frank married Matilda [Mathilda] Bartlett, who was born in Sweden in December, 1858 [1859]. No record was found of Cora's death. Frank had a business in Montague around the mid-1880s, presumably a barber shop. Frank and his family moved to Grand Haven permanently in 1889. Frank was a member of the Negro Masonic Fraternity and Knights Templar. In Grand Haven, he and Matilda resided at 1227 Washington. Their children were Lyle E., who was born in Grand Haven on January 15, 1896, and Ethel T., who was born on June 13, 1898 and married Edward W. Nash. Lyle and Ethel were listed as White in the 1900 census, as was their mother. In the 1910 census the children were listed as Mulatto. Matilda died about May 21, 1926 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Frank, who had died on October 18 1923.

Isabel [Isabelle] Thomson [Thompson] [1867-1952]

Born in January, 1867, Isabel was the daughter of Andrew and Charlotte Arkley Thomson of Grand Haven. At the age of 16 Isabel began library work for the Grand Haven and public school library, at that time combined. When fire destroyed the Central School library in 1901, she opened a substitute library in her home at 201 South Fifth on the second floor. She also offered music lessons at her home. In 1913 she became the first librarian of the new Carnegie Public Library at 315 North Third Street, later the site of a parking lot behind Fifth Third Bank. Isabel continued to work as both school and public librarian until 1924 when she left the public side of her profession. She was also a music teacher and had a master degree from Northwestern University. Her brother was Andrew W. Thomson II and the family home was located 201 Fifth Street. Isabel died about August 2, 1952 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John Thomson [Thompson] [1837-1912]

John Thomson, an early Spring Lake lumberman, was connected with Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company. He also had an interest in the Munroe, Thomson & Company Sawmill, formed in 1868 and located in Spring Lake at the foot of Jackson Street. He sold his share to Sherman Boyce in 1872. Born in 1837, John

married Mary Ellen Lovell, who was born in Grand Haven about 1843. She was the daughter of George G. Lovell, whose homestead on Spring Lake became known as Lovell Park. Born in 1840, she died at Ionia on January 16, 1922, but was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her husband, who died in 1912. The Thomsons were married in Ottawa County on July 27, 1864. [*Tribune* obituary, January 16, 1922.]

Conrad E. Thornquist [1906-1989]

Born on April 12, 1906 in Grand Rapids to Otto and Charlotte Thornquist, Conrad graduated from the University of Michigan in 1928 and Harvard University in 1931. He joined the firm of Warner, Norcross & Judd of Grand Rapids as a corporate lawyer and became a full partner in 1937. A veteran of WWII, he married Helen Moon Hopkins, the adopted daughter of Claude B. Hopkins, on July 2, 1949. Conrad was a member of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan. He was Director Emeritus of Guardsman Products, Inc., Crampton Corp., AGM Industries, and Great Lakes Oil and Chemical Corp. He was on the boards of Gerber, Inc. and JSJ Corp. He was also Director and Secretary of Michigan Bumper Corp., which became Gulf and Western Industries. Conrad was a member of the University Club, Peninsular Club, Kent Country Club, Chicago Club, and St. John's Episcopal Church. He passed away on January 3, 1989 at his home on Spring Lake, called Pinecrest [7437 South Walker Road, Fruitport Township]. He was interred at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 5, 1989.]

Helen Moon Hopkins Thornquist [1898-1986]

Helen was born in Chicago on December 26, 1898 to Samuel and Harriet Moon. Upon her father's death, her mother married Claude B. Hopkins on July 14, 1914. Hopkins adopted Helen when she was fifteen. Harriet was born November 29, 1870 in Prairie City, Illinois. Helen was a secretary for the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. She married Conrad Thornquist on July 2, 1936 and lived in the family home [Pinecrest] on Spring Lake until her death July 1, 1986. Pinecrest was located at 7437 South Walker Road, Fruitport Township. She was a member of the St. Elizabeth Guild and St. John's Episcopal Church, and she was President of Junior League. The King of England during World War II decorated her for aiding in the British War Relief. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 1, 1986.]

John H. Thornton [1845-1922]

In 1869 John Thornton was Foreman of the "Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company" in Grand Haven. A native of Geneva, New York, where he was born in 1845, John enlisted as Private with Company H of the 33rd New York Infantry on December 28, 1861. Discharged on

June 2, 1863, he immediately reenlisted in the 4th New York Heavy Artillery and served until the end of the war. In 1866 he came to Grand Haven and was a carpenter and builder from 1870 on. On November 7, 1887 he applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. He married Mary [Marietta] Mink in Grand Haven on March 3, 1868. She was born in Russia and lived from 1847 to 1912. Their son, Willy, was born in Michigan around 1870. John died in 1922 and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Muskegon.

Henry B. Thorp [Thorpe] [1827-1905]

Born in Connecticut in June, 1827, Henry Thorp farmed 31 acres in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township [approximately 18450 West Spring Lake Road]. Henry died about March 17, 1905. After his death, his wife, Adelaide L., ran Beechwood Resort on the eleven acres remaining after selling 20 acres to Gerrit B. Teunis, who already farmed 133 acres in Section 3, just to the north. Adelaide, also from Connecticut, was born in December, 1842. Henry and Adelaide had a son, Fred E., who was born in Michigan around 1876.

Nathan Throop [Troop] [1798-1850]

Nathan Throop was born on July 1, 1798 in Barnard, Vermont [Ontario, Canada]. He and his family were early settlers in Grand Haven, arriving by canoe from Canada in 1835. A carpenter by trade, he built his house at the northwest corner of Franklin and First Streets and Louis Campau's warehouse near Government Pond, then called the Lower Diggings. Nathan purchased the steam sawmill built by William Butts and William Hathaway in Grand Haven in 1836, which he subsequently sold to Francis and Thomas Gilbert. The first meeting of the County Board of Supervisors was held at Nathan's house on April 11, 1838. In 1839 Nathan became proprietor of the first public tavern in Grand Haven, located on the southwest corner of Washington and First Streets [Lot 76, 33 Franklin]. On November 1, 1841, Nathan purchased almost 250 acres in Allendale Township. Nine years later he bought 40 acres in Muskegon County. He was included in the census of 1850 as a resident of Ottawa Township [Grand Haven Township, which included the Village of Grand Haven].

On January 20, 1830 he married Mary E. Munshaw in Ontario, Canada. Nathan Mary had at least one child, Caroline, who was born about 1831 in Michigan. She married Francis Gilbert of Grand Haven. Nathan died in Grand Haven on August 23, 1850. Mary, who was born in 1811, passed away June 27, 1876. Both were buried at Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids..

Ferdinand Thum [@1855-1920], Hugo Thum [1853-1929], Otto Thum [1865-1943], and William Thum [1861-1941]

Hugo Thum was born in Detroit on December 22, 1853. His father, Karl Wilhelm "William" Thum, was born in Württemberg, Germany on April 12, 1824 and died in Grand Rapids on March 11, 1883. William became a druggist in Grand Rapids, where he owned a drug store in association with Hugo and three other sons: Ferdinand, Otto, and William II. Their mother was Christina [Christiane] Griner [Greiner], whom William married in Grand Rapids on September 28, 1850. She was born December 28, 1825 and died in Grand Rapids on December 29, 1909. She and William were buried at Valley City Cemetery. Shortly after their marriage, the Thums moved to Detroit, where William was in the drugstore business for the next 16 years before returning to Grand Rapids. About the time of their father's death in Grand Rapids, Ferdinand was developing an adhesive for flypaper much easier to work with and longer lasting than the typical product.

The brothers in 1885 formed the Thum Company and two years later started production of their broadly accepted innovation, which soon had world-wide distribution. In 1887 Hugo patented a holder for "Labels, Checks, and the Like," among other inventions he patented. The four brothers sold their business in 1909 and moved to Southern California. In 1911 Hugo was elected Mayor of Pasadena. Fourteen years later new owners changed the trade name to the Tanglefoot Flypaper Company [also known as the "Sticky Flypaper Co."]. Ferdinand died in Pasadena, California in 1920 at the age of 65. Apparently he never married. By 1900 the Thums owned a 40-acre summer estate, called Exmoor, on the west shore of Spring Lake [17500 West Spring Lake Road]. At different times, Ferdinand, Hugo, and Otto were each shown as owners of Exmoor. Otto was born in Grand Rapids on January 5, 1865 and died in Los Angeles, California on November 10, 1943. William lived from December 21, 1861 to May 10, 1941, and died in Los Angeles. On May 11, 1916 the *Tribune* reported that Hugo had donated *Exmoor* to the Village of Spring Lake to be used as a park. The gift included the yacht *Lorna Doone* and other property along the Grand River at the south end of School Street. Overall, the gift had a value of \$50,000 at that time. In 1931 the Spring Lake Yacht Club negotiated with the Village for a long-term lease on the property and soon moved there. The Yacht Club had been formed in 1897 with 23 charter members. Hugo's wife, Louisa, was born in Ohio about 1854 and married Hugo in 1878. Hugo passed away in San Diego, California, on August 9, 1923.

Edmund Tickner [1905-1970]

In 1946 the Tickner Company moved from Grand Rapids to Grand Haven with Edmund Tickner as General Manager. The firm produced radio cabinets. In

1952 he started Lakeview Manufacturing, which produced portable iceboats. Edmund resided at 16932 De Witt in Spring Lake. He lived from October 14, 1905 to November, 1970.

Wilhelm "William" Tietz [1857-1933]

William was born in Grand Haven on October 10, 1857, soon after his parents, August John and Augusta Kant Tietz, arrived in the United States from Prussia. On April 28, 1884, William married Anna Ladewig in Grand Haven on April 28, 1884. She was born on December 4, 1863. Anna, the daughter of Charles "Carl" and Wilhelmina Behm Ladewig, died on November 1, 1927. The Tietzes made their home at 118 Elliott Street in Grand Haven.

William also owned a 30-acre farm in the neighborhood bounded by Orchard Street north to Taylor and Ferry Street west to Wallace [Beacon]. His granddaughter, Dorothy Elizabeth "Bette" McGill and her husband, Norman Anderson, built their home on Ferry Street on two acres of the former Tietz farm [1209 South Ferry]. William and Anna had 14 children: Emily, who was born in October, 1884 and married Harry McGill and were Bette's parents; Hannah T., born in October, 1885; Mathilda, born November, 1886; William, born in July, 1888; Marian, born in October, 1889; Henrietta Willeminia, born in June, 1890; Emma Louise, who born in September, 1892; Elizabeth, born in December, 1893; Julia, born in July, 1895; Otto, born in May, 1897; Martha, who was born in August, 1898 and married Chester Brockway; Benjamin; Dorothy, who became the wife of Jack Bramer of Ferrysburg; and Isabel, who married Jay Poel. After his wife's death in 1927, William built a home at 1509 Sheldon Road, where he lived with several of his daughters until he died at home on August 21, 1933.

Jack Tighe [1913-2002]

Born September 1, 1913 in Kearny, New Jersey, Jack Tighe was Manager of the Detroit Tigers in 1957 and 1958. He continued to work for the Tigers until he was fired in 1990. Tighe was a minor league catcher with Charleston, West Virginia, in 1936. From 1940-41, he was a player-manager for the Muskegon Clippers of the Michigan State League. He coached other minor league teams, such as the Toledo Mud Hens. The *Sporting News* recognized him as minor league Coach of the Year in 1968, when the Mud Hens won the league championship. Jack was inducted into the Muskegon Area Sports Hall of Fame in 1988. In the early 1960s the Jack Tighe Hardware and Sporting Goods Store opened at 116 West Savidge in Spring Lake. Jack married Beverly Yeager in Muskegon. In 1983 they sold their home in Spring Lake and moved to Florida permanently. She lived from April 11, 1920 to March

28, 1990 and died in Pompano Beach, Florida. Jack died in Pompano Beach, Florida on August 2, 2002. Their son John continued to reside in the Grand Haven area. Another son, Bob Tighe, lived in Florida. [*Chronicle* article, "Former Muskegon, Detroit manager dies," August 3, 2002.]

Thomas T. Tilden [1930-1981]

Thomas Tilden was Chief of the Grand Haven Fire Department from 1963 until his death on July 23, 1981 at the age of 51. He was born on June 22, 1930. The Tilden home was at 124 South Eighth Street. His wife's name was Dianne J. Tilden.

Frank T. Tiles [1918-1998]

Frank was born on September 4, 1918 to Steven and Katie Duieks Tiles of Chicago. Frank died on August 19, 1998 at his home in West Olive [10095 128th Avenue] and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He married Wilma Peterson on November 25, 1942 in Flint. He owned and operated the Frank Tiles Excavating Company. Prior to opening that business, he worked for Continental Motors in Muskegon, and he served in the U.S. Army prior to World War II. A brother, Walter, died on May 25, 2000 at the age of 75.

Stefan "Steven" Tiles [1886-1997]

Steven Tiles was born in 1886 and died about September 18, 1957, while his wife, Katie Duieks, lived from 1879 to December 28, 1977. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The couple emigrated from Germany to Chicago, then moved on to Grand Haven in 1932, first owning a farm on Beechtree in Section 27 of Grand Haven Township, and then settling on 156 acres in Section 29 of Robinson Township [11184 136th Avenue]. Frank Tiles, born on September 4, 1918, was one of their children. Their other children were Annie, Elsie, John, Walter "Wally," Albert, Bill, and Betty.

Roelof "Ralph" Hendricks Timmerman I [1836- ?]

Roelof Timmerman was born in Drenthe, The Netherlands, on October 17, 1836 and arrived in this area in 1882. He was the son of Hendrick Eilerds and Henderkien Alting Timmerman. Roelof's 100-acre farm was located in Section 12 of Olive Township. He also raised livestock. While still in The Netherlands, he married Jentjen "Jenny" Albert Leuninga, who was born in The Netherlands about 1837. They had at least two sons: John, who was born in The Netherlands about 1874, and, Roelof II, who was born in Michigan around 1897.

Denver Todd [1913-1986]

Born in Kaleva, Michigan, on February 21, 1913, Denver Todd settled in Grand Haven around 1944 and was agent operator for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway,

with which his whole family was associated. He later became purchasing and job costing accountant for Grand Haven Harbor Industries. Denver was one of the founders of the Tri-Cities Historical Society and many times its President. He died December 29, 1986. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Denver and his wife, Ruth E., resided at 520 Pennoyer.

Nathan R. Tompkins [@1825-1864]

While a resident of Spring Lake, Nathan Tompkins on February 9, 1863 enlisted as Private in Company B of the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters. He was taken prisoner at the Siege of Petersburg on June 17, 1864 and died in prison on the following August 24. Nathan, who was born in New York about 1825, was buried at Andersonville Prison in Andersonville, Georgia. Just prior to the war, Nathan was a resident of Spring Lake and a carpenter. His wife, Celestia, was born in New York in 1831. Their daughter, Louisa L., was born in Michigan about 1852.

Franklin Pratt [E.] Torrance [@1842- ?]

A native of New York, where he was born about 1842, Frank Torrance moved to Ottawa County before the Civil War. He enlisted as Private in Company C of the 2nd Michigan Cavalry on September 7, 1861, and served until the end of the Civil War, when he was mustered out on August 17, 1865, in Georgia with the rank of Farrier [horse shoer]. In the military he also may have been listed as Torrance Franklin. In 1867 Frank came to Grand Haven from Georgia. He was with the Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company until 1881, when he joined the Grand Haven Lumber Company as engineer at the Fourth Ward Mill. On February 3, 1872 he married Clara Hudson in Spring Lake. Clara was born in Michigan about 1855. Their son, Franklin Harvey Torrance, was born in the Village on April 30, 1873, and subsequently lived in Shiawassee, Wayne, and Macomb Counties, Michigan. Franklin and Clara also had a daughter, Maud, who was born about 1877.

August [Augustus] Torrey [1850-1902]

August Torrey died in Detroit as the result of a train accident on August 20, 1902. At the time, he was Civil Engineer for Michigan Central Railroad. He was a friend of the Dunbar family in Grand Haven and may once have lived there. He was born in Beverly, Massachusetts on November 21, 1850. On December 10, 1885 in Detroit, he married Charlotte A. Foote. Apparently, that was his second marriage. Charlotte, was a native of Michigan, where she was born in August, 1865. August and Charlotte had two children, both born in Michigan: Helen, born in August, 1888;, and Charlotte, born in August, 1896. By his first marriage, August also had two children: Lottie, born in June, 1879, and Dana, born in August, 1881.

George Torrey [Torrey] [@1801- ?]

Captain George Torrey was the third keeper of the Grand Haven lighthouse [900 Harbor] when it was located at the bottom of the bluff. He replaced William Haucland. George tended the beacon from 1849 until it was destroyed by a storm on December 17, 1852. He was replaced the next year by Peter vanden Berg. George was born in Massachusetts around 1801. He had a son, Charles C., who was born in Massachusetts about 1828. Henry Griffin in an 1873 article about early Grand Haven, noted that by then George was a clergyman in Vermont.

Asher Tourison I [1916-2004]

Asher, the son of G. Bartle and Hazel Lambert Tourison, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 13, 1916. He married Jane Lee Stokes in New Jersey on December 6, 1947. Asher, an inventor who held several patents, worked as mechanical engineer and manufacturing manager with various companies. In 1965 he became Plant Manager at a Muskegon tool-making company. Three years later he started a charter fishing business with his son, Bruce. In 1970 Asher became Director of Buildings and Grounds for North Ottawa Community Hospital. He was a member of the Grand Haven Presbyterian Church and served as president of several associations. Asher's and Jane's children included Joan L. Tourison of Grand Haven; Susan, who married Dan Day of East Grand Rapids; Mary, who married Jim Dana of Grand Haven; Margaret, who married Kellen Berndt of Grand Haven; Bruce S. Tourison of Grand Rapids; and Asher Tourison II of Zeeland. Asher the elder died in Grand Haven on November 20, 2004 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jane lived from November 12, 1923 to March 17, 1997. She passed away in Grand Haven and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, November 22, 2004.]

Alfred A. Tracey [@1828-1895]

Alfred Tracey born in Ohio about 1828, arrived in Ottawa County in 1847. He was elected County Clerk of Ottawa County in 1868 and held that position for twelve years, until replaced by George D. Turner in 1881. Alfred married Orpha Emeroy Sumner in Ottawa County on March 28, 1855. Orpha, who came from Vermont, was born about 1838. Alfred and Orpha had at least two children, both born in Michigan: Anje S., born about 1861, and Williette, born around 1863. Alfred passed away in Grand Rapids on December 12, 1895 and was buried at a cemetery there.

Levi Tracey [Tracy] [1807-1882]

Levi was born in Orange County, Vermont [New London, Connecticut], on August 6, 1807, the son of

Perez and Olive Flint Tracey. He studied law and became a Justice of the Peace. In 1852 he went to Wisconsin to work as a carpenter and wagon maker, and in 1867 he settled in Section 34 of Grand Haven Township. He served as school commissioner for awhile. In May, 1840, he married Anna [Ann] Ford. She was born January 8, 1820, also in Orange County, the daughter of Elisha and Asenath Spear Ford. Levi and Anna had two children. Levi died in Grand Haven on January 15, 1882.

Hosea H. [@1823- ?] and Nathan O. Tracy [@1845- ?]

By 1860 the Tracy family was situated on an 80-acre farm in Section 10 of Crockery Township. On May 13, 1861 Hosea and Nathan Tracy traveled to Grand Rapids to enlist in Company I of the 3rd Michigan Infantry. Hosea, who was born in New York about 1823 [1826], was discharged for disability on November 4, 1862. Hosea's wife, Jane A., was born in Connecticut about 1827. Their son, Nathan O., was born in Ohio about 1845 [1840]. Another son, Austin E., was born in Illinois around 1853, and a daughter, Betsy J., was born in Michigan around 1857. Nathan was discharged for disability on January 5, 1864. He applied for an invalid's Civil War pension the following August 6. Both men have monuments at Ottawa Center Cemetery.

Thomas Traill [1856-1930]

Thomas Traill was born in the Orkney Islands in Scotland on November 10, 1856 to a family with a long history of salt-water sailing. He was the son of Peter and Catherine Millar Traill. Thomas was encouraged to come to Grand Haven by a fellow Scotsman, Captain George Robertson. He arrived in Grand Haven in 1880 and married Janet Mainland in Grand Haven on December 13, 1883. Janet, also a native of the Orkney Islands, was born on October 15, 1862. They had two sons, Thomas William, born on October 16, 1884, and Hugh Maisland, born on November 11, 1886. The Traills also had one daughter, Catherine Janet, born on November 26, 1890. All three children were born in Grand Haven. Thomas William married Helen L. Waggoner in Cleveland, Ohio on December 19, 1908. Helen was born in Ohio about 1884. She and her husband lived in Northville, Wayne County, Michigan in 1930. Thomas passed away in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, on April 25, 1962. Thomas and Helen had a daughter, Mary Janet, who was born in Toronto, Canada on December 27, 1909 and died on December 27, 2005 in Macedonia, Ohio. The Traills lost their daughter, Catherine Janet, to the influenza epidemic on November 18, 1918. Catherine had married William J. Martin in Grand Haven on January 27, 1917 and was living in Salvadore, Saskatchewan, Canada at the time of her death. William died the next year and was buried at

Lake Forest Cemetery. Hugh Traill died on April 11, 1919, a victim of the same epidemic. He also was buried at Lake Forest.

Captain Traill and his family initially lived in the 200 block of Lafayette Street. In 1898 Captain Thomas Traill and his wife bought part of the former Ferry property on Lafayette Street [514 Lafayette] from the heirs of John Furlong. Thomas was a sea captain, and he commanded some of the largest ships steaming out of Grand Haven harbor, including the passenger and freight steamer *Naomi*, a Crosby line freight and passenger steamer, the car ferries *Grand Haven* and *Milwaukee*. Those who sailed with Captain Traill considered him a "square shooter." On May 21, 1907 the *Naomi* caught fire in mid-Lake, as the vessel was traveling between Grand Haven and Milwaukee, with the loss of five lives. The burned-out hulk was towed back to Grand Haven.

Thomas died on January 22, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Janet passed away on March 10, 1941 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, January 23, 1930.]

Bastian Trimpe I [1852- ?]

Bastian Trimpe, who settled on 80 acres in Section 24 of Olive Township in 1894, also raised livestock. He was still on his farm in 1908. Bastian was a native of The Netherlands, where he was born in July, 1852. His wife, Carrie, was born in The Netherlands in January, 1852. Their children were James, born in February, 1883; Carrie, born in July, 1885; Johanna J., born in February, 1888; and Bastian II, born in August, 1895. By 1930 Bastian was residing in Georgetown Township. Bastian was born locally. The other children immigrated with their parents to the United States from The Netherlands in 1889.

Samuel G. Tripp [1836-1912]

A native of Massachusetts, where he was born in 1836, Samuel Tripp enlisted in Company G of the New York Marine Artillery during the Civil War. In 1860 he was single and living in Kalamazoo, working as a cooper. By 1880 he and his wife, Amelia, were living in Robinson Township. Amelia was born in New York about 1840 and died in 1917, five years after her husband. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Theodore, born about 1869; Albert, born about 1871; Myron, born about 1874; and Myrta, born about 1879.

Clinton R. Trotter [1896-1991]

Clinton Trotter, born March 30, 1896, was Richard Trotter's son and Leroy D. Heath's grandson. The Heaths raised their grandson after both his parents died when he was a boy. After graduating from high school, Clinton moved to Chicago, where he was enumerated in

the 1920 and 1930 censuses. In 1930 he worked as a clerk in an insurance office. Clinton remained in Chicago until he retired and returned to Spring Lake. He resided at 736 East Savidge, next door to the family home at 746. He was a veteran of World War I. Clinton died in Grand Rapids on March 28, 1991.

Richard Trotter I [1843-1925]

A native of Ontario, Canada, Richard Trotter came to Spring Lake in 1881, and worked at several sawmills. Richard married Eliza Balton, also from Canada, where she was born in July, 1850. They built a home at 746 East Savidge, which remained in the family for decades. The Trotters' children were Thomas, born in Canada in June, 1872; William H., who was born on November 18, 1878 and died on August 13, 1897; Ida E., who was born in January, 1879 and married Floyd H. Lee; Richard II, who lived from August 24, 1877 to August 20, 1897; Monford B., who was born February 15, 1881 and died July 27, 1898; and Esma, a son, born in June, 1884. All the children except Thomas were born in Spring Lake. Thomas, a carpenter, built a cottage in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township [15735 Littlefield Lane] in the fall of 1897. Richard I lived from February, 1843 to 1925 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with other family members.

William H. Trotter [1878-1897]

The son of Richard Trotter, William was born in Spring Lake on November 18, 1878. On January 14, 1896 in Spring Lake, he married Agnes, the daughter of Leroy and Susanna Heath of Spring Lake. Agnes was born May 8, 1877. They had one son, Clinton, who was born in 1896. After his parents' deaths, Clinton was raised by the Heaths. William died August 13, 1897, and his wife died on April 27, 1900. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. After the deaths of his parents, Clinton was raised by the Heaths.

Thomas Henry Truscott [1826-1905]

A St. Joseph boat builder had a strong presence at the Columbian Exposition, held in Chicago in 1893. The Truscott Boat Company manufactured the gondolas and small steam launches that moved many of the Exposition's millions of visitors between the various sights. The company in 1904 supplied thirty-foot electric boats to sail the lagoons of the St. Louis Exhibition, and the company's boats were used at the 1933-34 World's Fair in Chicago, as well. The Truscott Boat Company was St. Joseph's largest employer in the early twentieth century. Seven hundred Truscott craftsmen built 600 wooden boats a year, from simple rowboats to 85-foot yachts. By the early 1900s, Truscott had offices as far apart as Chicago and China. The company was sold to Thomas Temple of Chicago, who kept it going through WW II and up to 1950.

The founder of the company, Thomas H. Truscott, was born in Falmouth, England on August 11, 1826. In England, he married Mary E. Dorkes. They had at least four children, all born in England: John, born about 1866, Harry, born in December, 1867, James, born about 1869, and Edward E., who was born in 1870 and died in 1939. Apparently Mary died before Thomas and his sons immigrated to America in 1870 and by 1876 had settled in Grand Rapids, where Thomas started the Truscott Boat Company. They produced small wooden steam launches, sailboats, and rowboats. The company moved to St. Joseph in 1872. Prior to 1880 he married Elizabeth L. Smith in Ottawa County, apparently his second marriage. According to newspaper reports, they resided in Ottawa County for awhile before relocating to St. Joseph. Elizabeth was born in Wales around 1831 and died in Georgia in early January, 1896. By 1900 Thomas was living with his son, Harry and Harry's family in St. Joseph. Harry was Foreman of the Truscott Boat Company. Thomas died in 1905 and was buried at City Cemetery in St. Joseph.

Milo A. Tubbs [1861-1887]

The son of Ozias and Hellen [Ellen] Eastway Tubbs of Olive Township, Milo was born on March 13, 1861. On April 1, 1883 in Olive Township, he married Emma Kirkland. Emma, born in Greenville, Michigan about 1868, was adopted by Samuel and Martha Purchase of Olive Township. Milo and Emma had at least one child, Wilder D., who was born in Olive Township on April 6, 1884. Milo died on October 16, 1887 and was buried at Olive Township Cemetery.

Newton Isaac Tubbs II [Tubb] [1855-@1930]

The son of Newton Isaac I and Lucinda Goldsmith Tubbs, originally from New York State, Isaac was born in Charlotte, Michigan on August 25, 1855 and was in Shiawassee County at the time of the 1880 census. He came to Grand Haven in 1893 to set up a photography business, specializing in fine photographs, view work, and flash pictures. Prior to that he was a farmer and proprietor of a grocery store. On December 2, 1879 in Shiawassee, Michigan, he married Ella M. Lewis. She also was a photographer and assisted him in his new business. She was born in Michigan in August, 1853 and died about 1938. A daughter, Ruth, was born in November, 1895. Newton also was Justice of the Peace, an elected position, but one that did not require a legal education. He and his wife lived on Third Street around 1900, but by 1910 were located at 534 Lake Avenue. His mother, Lucinda, was born about 1828 and died around August 16, 1904. Newton died about 1930.

Ozias [Ozians] Tubbs [1830-1904]

Ozias Tubbs was born on November 23, 1830. On July 30, 1856 in Grand Haven he married Hellen [Ellen], the

daughter of James and Patty Dale Eastway. Ozias had a 40-acre farm in Section 3 and another 80 acres in Section 10 of Olive Township. Hellen was born on August 28, 1840 and died February 15, 1904. A son, Milo, was born March 13, 1861 and died October 16, 1887. Another son, George, was born in 1864. Ozias died on June 7, 1904 and was buried with his wife and other family members at Olive Township Cemetery.

William T. Tuer [1878-1969]

In the early 1900s William Tuer and his partner Emmet L. Wightman owned the Grand Haven Boat Company. Their business was located at the "foot of Clinton" and Harbor Drive. William and his wife, Katherine, lived at 123 Columbus. One of the company's advertisements said they were "Manufacturers of Boats and Launches and dealers in Boat and Engine Supplies, Stationary and Marine Engines, Boat Repairing and Boat Storage." William was born in Canada on May 15, 1878. Katherine was a Michigan native, where she was born around 1881. William and Katherine were married about 1902. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Ralph, born about 1904; Raymond, born about 1909; and Margaret, born about 1918. Their home in Grand Haven was located at 528 Lake Avenue. By 1930 the family was living in East Grand Rapids. When William passed away in November, 1969 he was residing in Wayne County, Michigan.

William Henry Tuggle I [1910-1978]

With Charles Anderson as his partner, William Tuggle in 1962 started ATCO Rubber Products at 14261 172nd Avenue in Grand Haven Township. Later the business name was changed to Atco Flex. After William's death on October 16, 1978 the company closed. He was born on January 12, 1910. He and his wife, Muerila [Helen], lived at 17639 Dogwood Drive in Spring Lake Township. Helen lived from February 13, 1909 to December 16, 1994 and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their son, William H. Tuggle II, owned and operated Western Packaging Corporation at 14260 172nd.

Herbert H. Tullson [1877-1923]

Herbert Tullson was born in Illinois in 1877 and arrived in Grand Haven on July 1, 1918 with the title of "meteorologist." He was in charge of the weather bureau in Grand Haven until August 28, 1922. They resided at 411 North Fourth Street. They had two sons and two daughters. He died on March 26, 1923. His wife, June [Juna], was born about 1882, also in Illinois. One of their sons, Rex, remained in Grand Haven and managed the Western Union office. He was born in South Dakota about 1908. His residence was at 308 Franklin Street. [*Tribune* March 26, 1923.]

Thomas Turnbull [@1829- ?]

Thomas Turnbull started Turnbull's Boiler Shop in Ferrysburg in 1859. The business failed, was abandoned in 1862, and later taken over by Johnston Boiler Works. Thomas was born in England about 1829. His wife, Jane, was born in New York around 1833. They had two children. Working with Thomas at the boiler works was his brother, Robert N. Turnbull, a blacksmith. Robert, also from England, was born about 1835.

Demetrius Turner [1815–1898]

The son of Elisha Turner and a native of Essex, Connecticut, where he was born on February 25, 1815, Demetrius was in Grand Rapids by 1835 and a landowner as early as 1839. About 1836 he became an engineer in the first sawmill in Grand Haven, where he remained for two years, and he was Engineer on the vessel *Owashtanong*, launched in 1837. For the next ten years he was employed as an engineer on steamboats on the Grand River. Demetrius developed the first steam whistle to be used west of Detroit. In 1864, he built an engine for Captain Ganoe's steamboat, the *L. G. Mason*. He returned to Grand Rapids and became Chief Engineer of the Grand Rapids waterworks, where he invented and built the necessary engines, for which he received a patent. He married Hannah Pickett in March, 1837. Hannah was a Vermont native, where she was born around 1815. Demetrius died on June 14, 1898 in Rochester, New York. [*Tribune* obituary, June 14, 1898 and Chapman's *History of Grand Rapids*, pages 1148-1149.]

George D. Turner [1849-1936]

Born in June, 1849 in Canton, New York, George came to Michigan in 1867 with his father, John W. A. Turner. Two uncles, Eliphalet and Isaac Turner, had preceded them by more than 30 years. In 1845 Eliphalet was instrumental in building the first bridge over the Grand River in Grand Rapids [Bridge Street Bridge] and took 40 acres of land in Berlin [Marne] for payment. Isaac built some of the early sawmills in Kent County. Both Eliphalet and Isaac remained in the Grand Rapids area. John Turner owned a farm in Section 1 of Tallmadge Township, where young George lived and taught school for awhile. After taking a course at Grand Rapids Commercial College he was elected on the Republican ticket to the post of County Clerk and held that position between 1881 and 1895. At one time George owned the only complete set of abstract books in the county and later ran an abstract office in the courthouse. He was one of the organizers and a director of Peoples Savings Bank, formed in 1909; Chairman and Secretary of the Republican County Commission for four years; and Deputy Collector of Customs until that position was abolished in 1913.

George married Lillian [Lilly] C. Marvin of Wright Township on September 14, 1873. They resided at 111 Howard and had two sons, including Marvin Walter, who was born on April 24, 1877, married Marian Stickney of Grand Haven, and died on July 4, 1935. The other son, Lynn D., was born in July, 1882. George died November 13, 1936. Lillian, who was born in October, 1853 [1852], passed away in 1924. George, Lillian, Marvin, and Marian, were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other Turners. Marian lived from October 8, 1875 to September 5, 1919.

Jordan [Jorden/Jordon/Juda] "Dick" Turpin [Turpen] [@1810-1868]

Jordan Turpin [Turpan/Turpen] committed one of the earliest murders on record in Ottawa County. He was born in Kentucky about 1810 [1806], and his wife, Victoria was born in the same state about 1810. They were residing in Spring Lake by 1850, where Jordan worked as a laborer, undoubtedly on a farm. [He may be the Judson Terrapin listed in the 1840 census under "Free Colored Persons."] Two years later, he took a job as a cook on a vessel named *Magic*. Aboard that boat he became friends with William Vandenberg, a member of the crew. Also known as Nigger Dock [a variant of Doc], Jordan was tried for murder before Judge Flavius J. Littlejohn. Thomas B. Church was Prosecuting Attorney. William Vandenberg was one of those called to testify. After a four-day trial Jordan was found guilty on October 27, 1855 of killing William Haskins in Spring Lake, possibly the result of an argument between the two men over William's wife, Sarah. According to the *Grand Haven Tribune* of March 14 and 15, 1894, the murder took place on the north side of Spring Lake in a log cabin owned by Turpin, across from the Monroe & Boyce sawmill, early Saturday morning, May 26, 1855. The newspaper reported that Jordan overtook Haskins and stabbed him in the back, but other witnesses said that Turpin killed Haskins by thrusting a knife into his chest. Hezekiah Smith was credited with capturing Jordan, binding him, and conveying him to Grand Haven in a canoe. According to later testimony by Grand Haven resident and lumberman Andrew Emlaw, Haskins's widow married G.W. Fox five weeks after the murder. No record of the marriage nor the couple's whereabouts was uncovered, however. Jordan was sentenced to life in Jackson Prison, where he died in 1868.

Frederick August Tusch [1854–1911]

Frederick August Tusch was a Grand Rapids resident who maintained a cottage on Spring Lake in an area later known as Veit's Landing. Frederick Tusch and Jacob Veit were joint owners of the point. With his brother, Frederick started a small brewery in Grand Rapids, which later merged with the Grand Rapids Brewing

Company. He held the office of Secretary-Treasurer when he died on October 24, 1911. He was born in Germany in 1854. His wife, Carrie, was born in Austria around 1860.

Charles Tuttle [1828-1923]

Charles Tuttle was born in Ohio on March 25, 1828. On March 31, 1864, while in Perryville, Indiana, he enlisted in Company C of the 1st Indiana Heavy Artillery as Private. He was listed as a deserter on May 31, 1865. He married Lucina Sagebie, who was born in 1848 and died in 1932 in Osceola County, Michigan. They had a farm in Section 8 of Olive Township. By 1918 they had moved from the farm and owned a house and lot in West Olive village. Charles died on October 15, 1923, and the next month Lucina applied for a widow's Civil War pension. One of their sons, James, died on October 10, 1893 at the age of 18, and another son, Vern, was born November 14, 1885 and died July 12, 1941. All four were buried at Olive Township Cemetery.

James H. Tuttle [1847- ?]

Born in March, 1847 in Ohio, James Tuttle in 1901 settled on a 40-acre farm in Section 15 of Robinson Township. In addition to farming, he raised livestock. On February 8, 1871 in Ashland, Ohio, he married Delilah Fast. Also from Ohio, was she born in October, 1847. Their children, all born in Ohio, were Elma, born in May, 1876; Elza J., born in October, 1878; and Howard, born in March, 1890. The Tuttles were still on the farm in 1918, but were deceased by 1930, when the land was in the name of the Tuttle estate.

Clarence C. Tuxbury [1851-1926]

Clarence Tuxbury of Grand Rapids owned a cottage in Highland Park. He was a partner with Edward Peters in developing Highland Park. Clarence was born in Alpine Township, Kent County, Michigan in 1851, died in 1926, and was buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Sparta Township, Kent County. On October 1, 1870 he purchased a 40-acre parcel in Section 2 of Muskegon County. On December 11, 1871 in Walker, Michigan, he married Anna "Annie" C. Saur [Sor], who was born in Sweden in 1848. Anna died in 1942 and was buried at Greenwood Cemetery with her husband. Buried with them was a son, Leonard, who was born on November 22, 1882 and lived thirteen months. They had at least one daughter, Eva, who was born in Sparta, Michigan, about 1885.

Henry Tysman [1886-1987]

Henry Tysman was born in Ulrum, The Netherlands on December 20, 1886 and died in Grand Haven in March, 1987. He worked at the piano factory, Kilbourn's, and elsewhere. Later he became a painter, and worked well into his 80s. He also taught Sunday School. Henry

married Jeanette Van Woerkom on April 16, 1913 in Grand Haven. They lived at 824 Madison. Their children were Margaret, who married Harold Le Tart; Gertrude, who married Albert De Haan; and Agnes Louise. Agnes, the wife of William Edward Graska, was born May 18, 1914 and died December 26, 1990. Sena, Etta, and Louis and his wife, Angie, also lived at the Tysman house on Madison. Jeanette was born in Grand Haven on May 25, 1890 and died on January 7, 1975. Sena, the daughter of Louis and Angie, married Charles Rycenga I. Born on December 5, 1890, she lived to be 92. Etta lived from 1888 to 1961.

Jacob "Jack" Tysman [1910-2000]

A Grand Haven native, Jacob was born on March 18, 1910, the son of Theo and Grace Exter Tysman. He married Jennie Baker, also of Grand Haven, on September 25, 1935. Jacob founded the Robbins Road Hardware in 1952 and managed it for 19 years. He also owned and operated a celery farm in the area for 20 years. Jacob was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church and was a deacon and elder for several years. He served on the Board of Christian Haven Home and was its President for a time. The Tysmans had two sons, William and Edward, both of Grand Haven. Edward married Joann, daughter of Bud and Bette Oosse Karsten of Grand Haven. Jack died on December 9, 2000 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jennie, who was born on December 18, 1910, died on February 11, 2004 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, December 11, 2000.]

Louis Tysman [Tisman] [1862-1944]

Louis Tysman and his wife, Angie [Antje/Annie], lived at 824 Madison in Grand Haven. Louis and Angie immigrated from The Netherlands to the United States in 1882. Lois made his living as a commercial fisherman, working out of Grand Haven. He also worked at Eagle Ottawa. Louis lived from September, 1862 [1863] to around January 14, 1944, and Angie from June, 1855 [1860] to about December 31, 1936. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children, all but Henry born locally, were Henry, born in December, 1887; Ettie, born in December, 1889; Sena, who was born on December 5, 1890 and married Charles Rycenga I of Grand Haven; Anna, born in December, 1893; Jennie, who was born on October 2, 1894 and married Giles Hiler of Grand Haven in 1941; and Albert, born in October, 1897.

Ollie [Allie] Tysman [1896-1993]

Born on October 20, 1896, Ollie Tysman was a veteran of World War I and fought in France. After the war he became a commercial fisherman in the Grand Haven area. He died on January 24, 1993 at the age of 97 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ollie's wife, Henrietta Swiftney, was born December 30, 1904, died

on January 27, 1997, and also was buried at Lake Forest. They were members of the First Christian Reformed Church.

Jasper Uitermark [Uitermarkt] [1857- ?]

Jasper Uitermark was born in Gelderland, The Netherlands, on March 29, 1857 and came to America with his parents when he was seven years old. They settled on a farm in Rockland County, New York, and two years later moved to Grand Haven. He started working for a commercial fishing firm at the age of eleven. By 1878, his last year in the fishing business, Jasper was working for Captain Adrian O'Beck, Cornelius Van Zanten, Henry Fase, and John Ball, owners of the fishing tug *Pearl*. From 1879 to 1883 Jasper worked in a local shingle mill, and then he shifted to similar work in Muskegon.

Jasper married Margaret Bymhold on July 14, 1866 in her hometown of Muskegon. Their two children were Mrs. W. E. Barr and Andrew B. Uitermark, both of Muskegon Heights. Andrew was born on November 27, 1892 and died in May, 1965. In 1891 Jasper and his family returned to Grand Haven, where he resumed employment as a woodworker. He built a cold storage building for Henry Dornbos, which was destroyed by fire. He constructed a similar building for Ed Kinkema. The Uitermarks then moved back to Muskegon, where they remained for the rest of their lives. Jasper worked at a variety of places, including Shaw-Walker for the twenty years preceding his retirement in September, 1934. In Muskegon, the family lived at 516 Allen Avenue. [*Chronicle* article, April 7, 1935.]

Rokus [Rochus/Drewes] Uitermarkt [1830-1905]

Listed in the 1893 *Business Compendium* as "farmer," Rokus Uitermark was born on August 23, 1830 and died in Grand Haven on April 9, 1905. Rokus's widow, Johanna "Anna," lived at 325 Lafayette with her son Geobert and his family after Rokus's death. Geobert was born locally on August 12, 1860. Anna died around November 27, 1914 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They also had a daughter, Eda, who was born in Grand Haven on October 12, 1876, and another son, Art [Aart], who was born in Grand Haven on March 16, 1871. [*Tribune* obituary, April 10, 1905.]

George Unger I [1878-1973]

George Unger, who was born on May 4, 1878 in Hungary, passed away in Pasadena, California around May 12, 1973 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mary Unger, his wife, was born in Hungary around 1877, died about August 1, 1951, and also was buried at Lake Forest. The couple immigrated to the United States in 1907 and by 1920 had settled on a farm in Section 11 of Grand Haven Township. Their son,

George II, who was born in Hungary in 1904, took over the family farm. They had at least three other sons, all born in Illinois: Edward, born about 1909; Robert, born about 1911; and Frank, born about 1913.

George Unger II [1904-1990]

George Unger II was born in Hungary in 1904 and immigrated to the United States with his parents, George and Mary Unger, in 1907. He took over the farm his father purchased at 15570 Ferris Street in Grand Haven Township [Section 11], which totaled 110 acres in 1930. The property was noted for its 160-year old stand of chestnut trees. The younger Unger died in 1990 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

Lucien B. Upham [1868-1949]

Lucien Upham was born August 15, 1868 in Saugatuck. He was Captain of various small boats that offered lake excursions. Later he worked for Construction Aggregates Company of Ferrysburg as Captain of the tugboats that brought aggregate down the Grand River from the gravel beds at Bass Creek. On June 14, 1922 he married Marie E. Beaudry of Grand Haven. Marie, born in 1876, was the daughter of Nazarie and Mary Beaudry, founders of the Beaudry Dry Goods Store. Marie ran the store at the southwest corner of Washington and Third Streets [232-234 Washington] after Nazarie died in 1915. The store closed permanently in 1930. The Uphams also operated Hillcrest Manor, a retirement home at 219 South Second Street that formerly was the Beaudry residence. Marie died on December 24, 1936, and her husband died on November 7, 1949. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

David J. Utter [1822-1897]

Born in New York in 1822, David Utter moved from St. Clair County, Michigan and settled in Grand Haven about 1866. He was a distinguished police officer and Deputy Sheriff in Port Huron, where he was listed in the 1860 census, and he also was an accomplished millwright and carpenter. In Grand Haven David entered into a contract with Clark B. Albee to erect the Albee Tannery, which became Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. He began construction in 1866 and finished in 1868.

David married Catherine [Caroline] De Vine on July 7, 1866. Caroline lived from 1842 to 1930. The Utters had two sons and two daughters. David passed away on June 27, 1897. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, June 28, 1897 and October 25, 1930.]

Isodoro [Isadore/Isidore] A. Valenti [@1888-1957]

Isodoro [Isidore] Valenti in the 1920s opened the Hitching Post Restaurant at 500 South Beechtree. On August 1, 1938 he sold the property and the business to Ray and Lorraine Harz of Chicago for \$400. During the 1920s Isodoro also owned a café, drug store, and grocery at 632 Fulton Street, where he sold home made candy. By 1941 his business was called Val's Café. His wife, Anna, lived from June 16, 1888 to April 29, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Isodoro, who was born in Italy about 1888, died around September 27, 1957 and was buried with his wife.

Klaus [Klass/Klaas] Valom [Valon] [1853-1918]

In Spring, 1892 Klaus Valom's tailor shop and Juistema's Shoe Store shared store space at 207 Washington in downtown Grand Haven. By the early 1900s Valom's shop was located at 103 Washington. On March 29, 1887 Klaus married Janna "Jane" Brons in Grand Haven. They lived at 719 Franklin Street with their children, all born locally: Rudolph, born in February, 1888; Anna, born in February, 1891; Deborah, who was born on September 13, 1892 [1893] and married Edward Rycenga of Grand Haven; Marguerite, born in February, 1895; and Roelph, born in January, 1899. Klaus was born in The Netherlands in June, 1853 and died around May 31, 1918. Jane, also a native of The Netherlands, was born in The Netherlands in March, 1862. She passed away on March 6, 1909.

Henry "Wayne" Van Agtmael [1946-2005]

Wayne Van Agtmael joined Peggy White as her partner at 216 Washington in a business first known as Peggy White Beauty and Health Salon, and later as Peggy White Plus Wayne. Wayne bought out his partner and renamed the business Wayne and Company Salon Hair Studio, operating in the rear of the building. He had graduated from the Peggy White School of Cosmetology. Wayne and Peggy also had a salon in Las Vegas, Nevada. Wayne was the son of Henry "Pete" and Frances "Sis" Herbst Van Agtmael, who lived at 133 Columbus in Grand Haven. Sis was born on September 3, 1918 and passed away in Grand Haven on May 27, 1993. Wayne was considered a master stylist and platform artist, and had an instructor's license in cosmetology. He attended St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Wayne, who resided at 307 Lafayette, was born on December 19, 1946 and died in Grand Haven on February 16, 2005. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 17, 2005.]

Henry Van Anrooy [1884-1973]

Henry, born on October 20, 1884 in Osceola County, Michigan, was the son of John and Mary Van Anrooy. Henry's wife, Lula B., was born on June 17, 1887. Henry, his father, his sister, and Lulu all lived at 628 Lake Avenue around 1930. Henry sold vacuum cleaners

from this home around 1918. By the 1930s he was District Representative for Speed Queen ironers and washing machines, still working out of his home, now located at 703 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven, where Henry and Lula resided into the late 1960s. Henry and Lula next resided at 520 Franklin Street in Spring Lake. He died in Spring Lake on April 17, 1973. Lula passed away on February 28, 1984 in St. Joseph, Michigan.

John Frederick Van Anrooy [Van Anrooi/Van Anroy] [@1858- ?]

John Van Anrooy was born in Michigan around 1858. He married Mary Vanderwilt in Ottawa County on July 18, 1881. They had at least two children: Henry, born on October 20, 1884, and Cornelia, who died on January 7, 1892 at the age of three months. Another daughter, Cornelia, was born in 1895. John, Cornelia, Henry, Henry's wife, Lula, and their son were living at 628 Lake Avenue in 1930. Mary died prior to 1930. John was City Assessor in 1930.

John W. Van Anrooy [@1887-1957]

John Van Anrooy and William J. Wipperfurth started Tri-Cities Fuel & Supply in 1948. John sold out to his partner in 1952. On March 31, 1924, John married Lily [Lilly/Lillie] S. McLellan, the widow of Perry McLellan, who died in 1922. Lily, the daughter of John B. and Ida Elskeneey Cournyer of Coopersville, was born on March 5, 1884 in Michigan and died on January 5, 1963. Born about 1887, John passed away on February 19, 1957. He was the son of William F. and Gertrude Dyck Van Anrooy. John and Lily were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They resided in Ferrysburg before moving to 209 Meridian in Spring Lake as early as 1948. They remained there into the 1950s. In 1930 Lilly's daughter Dora Jean McLellan was living with her mother and step-father. Dora Jean was born in Michigan in February, 1918. She married Gerard Ringold of Spring Lake.

Art Van Arendonk [1871-1932]

Art Van Arendonk married Maria [Mary] Johanna vanden Berg. The daughter of Albert G. and Johanna Hoffman vanden Berg, Mary was born in Grand Haven about 1871, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1881, and was a teacher prior to marriage. Art was a minister in a Grand Haven church. By 1930 the Van Arendonks and their three children were residing in Pella, Iowa, where Art was a clergyman. He lived from 1871 to 1932 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In Grand Haven the family resided at 425 Howard.

Clyde A. Van Arkel [1921-1997]

From the mid-1940s into the mid-1950s Clyde and Cora Van Arkel were the owners of Haven Floral at 332 North Ferry. Born on January 11, 1921, Clyde was the son of

Govert and Hattie Van Arkel of Grand Haven. Clyde died in Phoenix, Arizona on February 6, 1997.

Govert Van Arkel [1888-1969]

Govert Van Arkel married Hattie Laman in Grand Haven on August 20, 1913. She was born in Michigan about 1892 and passed away in Bradenton about June 5, 1965. Govert was born in The Netherlands on September 26, 1888, died in Bradenton, Florida around April 21, 1969, and was buried with Hattie at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had a son Clyde, who in Grand Haven on January 11,] 1921. A daughter, Margrethe A., was born about 1926. Govert and Hattie and their family resided at 1025 Madison, where they raised celery.

Herbert [Hendrick] Van Balgooyen [1828-1888]

See Herbert Balgooyen.

Clyde Van Bemelen [1915-1955]

Born in Grand Haven on July 11, 1915, Clyde was the son of John and Minnie Van Bemelen. He had a brother, Marvin, and two sisters, Mrs Ralph Martin of Ravenna, and Anna, who was born May 10, 1898, married Walter J. Bruhn of Spring Lake, and passed away in Grand Haven on March 20, 1971. Walter lived from March 28, 1890 to July 1, 1973. Clyde lived at 814 Pennoyer as a boy. He was seriously wounded in action in France on October 22, 1944 and received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Clyde was employed at the Bastian Blessing Company. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the American Legion. On August 21, 1940 Clyde married Thelma Grant in Muskegon. They had a daughter Thelma and lived at 515 Waverly. Clyde died March 20, 1955 from lymphoma at age 39 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 21, 1955.]

Gerrit Van Beukering [1913-1989]

Gerrit Van Beukering owned a paint and wall paper store at 11 North Seventh Street in Grand Haven in the 1940s and into the 1950s. He resided at 1201 Woodlawn. Gerrit was born on November 13, 1913 and died in Grand Haven on July 27, 1989. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Arie [Orrie] Van Coevering [Van Covering] [1893-1948]

With his brother John, Arie Van Coevering owned and operated the Van Coevering Shoe Store. The store first opened in 1913 at 113 Washington, but subsequently was located at several different sites in downtown Grand Haven. Arie was born in The Netherlands in 1893 and immigrated to the United States in 1908. He married Ida Casemier, who was born in Michigan on May 1, 1893 and died in Grand Haven on December 27, 1977. They

were married about 1918 and had at least three sons: Claude born on September 1, 1918; William, who was born on March 28, 1920 and died in Grand Rapids in December, 1984; and Russell J., who was born on October 26, 1925 and died in January, 1982 in Buffalo, New York. The Van Coeverings resided at 107 Sixth Street as early as 1920 and into the mid-1950s. Arie died about May 29, 1948. Arie and Ida were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Claude A. Van Coevering [1918-1993]

Claude, the son of Arie and Ida Casemier Van Coevering, was born in Grand Haven on September 1, 1918. He became part-owner of Metal-Wood Corporation, which started in 1972, and he was sales representative for the T. R. Miller Mill Company of Brewton, Alabama for 40 years. On August 25, 1941, he married Ruth D Ringelberg. During WWII Claude served in the Army. The Van Coeverings resided at 1814 Gladys. He died on September 15, 1993 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Patsy, who married Charles Postma of Clinton, Ohio; June, who relocated to Grand Rapids; and Jack, who moved to Detroit. [*Tribune* obituary, September 16, 1993.]

Christiaan Van Coeveringe [Van Koeveringe/Koeveringa] [1840-1905]

A native of The Netherlands, Christiaan Van Coeveringe was born on March 23, 1840. While still in The Netherlands, he married Cornelia vanden Berg on April 7, 1865, and the couple immigrated to the United States aboard the steamer *Heckla* four years later. Cornelia, a native of The Netherlands, was born in October, 1845 [1846]. Their daughter, Cornelia "Cora," married Fred Beukema of Grand Haven. Their other children were Chris, born in October, 1884, and Frank, born in June, 1886. Christiaan was listed as a laborer in the 1893 *Compendium*. Their home was located at 814 [820] Pennoyer. He died on February 8, 1905 and Cornelia in 1922. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Privately printed article "These Are Mine," 1988, by Cornell Beukema.]

Emil W. Van Cura [1914-2000] and Otto Van Cura [1919-1957]

In the 1940s the Van Cura brothers owned Van Cura Motor Sales located at 300 South Beechtree. In the late 1940s the company carried Kaiser/Frazer automobiles, and in the 1950s it offered Plymouths. Van Cura Motor Sales also offered Cooper tires and Frazer tractors. Emil and Otto were the sons of Joseph and Matilda Starman Van Cura, who resided in Necedah, Wisconsin before moving to Robinson Township prior to 1930. Joseph was born in Hungary about 1876 and Matilda was from Czechoslovakia, where she was born about 1879. Emil

was born on October 8, 1914 and died on October 9, 2000 in Sterling, Colorado. Otto was born March 23, 1919 in Necedah, Wisconsin, where his sister, Martha, also was born, about 1918. Otto died in January, 1957.

Ernest Vandam [Van Dam] [1921-1993]

Ernest was born April 17, 1921 in Grand Rapids to Dick and Fanny Buikema Vandam. He came to Grand Haven in 1973 and was owner and President of Riverside Gravel before retiring in 1985. A WWII Army veteran, Ernest was a member of Christ Community Church, Spring Lake Country Club, Hawk's Nest Country Club, Peninsular Club of Grand Rapids, Century Club, and Greater Grand Rapids Builders Exchange.

On January 27, 1971 Ernest married Doris De Vries in Grand Rapids. She was born in Grand Rapids about 1924. She received a degree in music, a subject she taught at Ferris State College [FSU]. Doris gave up her goal of becoming a physician in order to raise a family. She was occasionally organist at Central Reformed Church in Grand Rapids. She taught mathematics, chemistry, hydraulics, and chlorination at Grand Rapids Junior College [Grand Rapids Community College]. Doris was the chief chemist and Assistant Superintendent at the Grand Rapids Filtration Plant and was Michigan's only female Class A certified waste water plant operator. She also was Superintendent of the Grand Haven-Spring Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant. She had a son, David, who was born about 1951, and a daughter Anne, born about 1955. The Vandams resided at 10975 Lakeshore, West Olive. Ernest's children included Patricia, who married James Van Sprange of Hudsonville, and Dirk E. of West Olive. Ernest died on May 24, 1993 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Talented Woman Operates Plant," November 30, 1973, and *Tribune* obituary, May 24, 1993.]

John R. Van Dam [Vandam] [1857-1938]

John Van Dam was born in Overisel, Allegan County, on January 30, 1857 [1856]. His father, Roelof, arrived from The Netherlands with the Holland Colony in 1847, and moved his family to Grand Haven in 1876. Roelof, who lived from 1830 to 1912, married Maartje Broekman. She lived from January 21, 1835 to 1911. Both were buried at East Drenthe Cemetery in Zeeland Township. After studying for six months at Chicago Business College, John stayed to work in that city for two years. He returned to Grand Haven in 1880, opening a dry goods business on the corner of Washington and Second Streets [probably 135 Washington]. He sold out in April the following year and became an agent for the New Home Sewing Machine.

John on March 31, 1878 married Margaret "Maggie" Vanden Bosch. She was the daughter of Koene Vanden Bosch of Grand Haven, where she was born on February 17, 1859. The Van Dams had two daughters, Caroline and Esther, and three sons, including John II, who lived from 1889 to 1922. By 1910 the family had moved to Grand Rapids, where Maggie died in 1925 and was buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Kent County with her husband, son, and other family members. John I died May 28, 1938. He added an "e" to the family name, making it "Van Dame."

Henry V. Vandekoppel [1901-1955]

See Henry Koppel [1901-1955].

Albert Fred vanden Berg [1900-1965]

Born March 9, 1900, Albert F. vanden Berg started Michigan Specialty at 22 South Second Street in 1937, with Martin Van Schelven as his partner. Albert and his wife, Lavina, resided at 1015 Sheldon Road. Their children were Martha R., born about 1921; Peter M., born about 1925; and Jack R., born on August 16, 1926. After Albert died about July 8, 1965, his widow continued living at the Sheldon Road house into the early 1970s. Lavina was born on July 18, 1903 and died in Grand Haven on August 17, 1985. Albert was the son of Peter Martin vanden Berg.

Albert G. vanden Berg I [Vandenberg] [1838-1913]

Born at Overisel, The Netherlands on May 7, 1838, Albert was the son of Peter and Dena Kamphorbeek vanden Berg. The family came to the United States in 1847, living first in Chicago, then Holland, Michigan, and finally settling in Grand Haven in 1853. In his youth Albert served aboard the sailing craft *Lookout*, one of the largest sailing vessels coming into Grand Haven in the early days. Later he was prominently identified with the fishing industry, owning and operating a number of important outfits. After retiring from that business in 1886, he opened a meat market in Grand Haven. He also served on the Board of Education and was City Marshal and night officer. He was a Democrat.

On November 6, 1859 Albert married Johanna Hoffman, who was born in The Netherlands in November, 1841, arrived in America at the age of four, and died on March 30, 1907. Their children, all born locally, included Martin D., who was born on March 12, 1862, became a dentist in Grand Rapids, and died on September 28, 1931; John H., who was born about 1864 and relocated to Chicago, where he also was a dentist; Peter Martin, who was born about 1867, became a medical doctor, and remained in Grand Haven; Maria [Mary] Johanna, who was born about 1870, became a teacher, and married Rev. Art Van Arendonk of Grand Haven; Albert "Bert" G. II, who was born about 1872 and worked with his

father at the meat market; Dena [Dina], who was born about 1875, became a bookkeeper, and married William H. Mead of Grand Haven and later of Detroit; Lawrence H., who was born on February 26, 1877; Frank, born in September, 1879; and George T., who was born on December 15, 1881 and remained in Grand Haven. In 1912 Albert married Alice Van Tol, the widow of Antony Van Toll, who passed away on April 13, 1893. Albert died at his home at 423 Howard Street on October 14, 1913 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He and his family moved into the home on June 13, 1901. Daughter Dena and her husband, William Mead, also resided in the home in the early 1900s, before moving to Detroit. Living next door at 425 Howard in that period were his daughter Mary and her husband, Art Van Adrendonk. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 1, 1907 and October 14, 1913.]

Edward Vandenberg [1861-1933]

On April 26, 1882 in Grand Haven, Edward Vandenberg married Maarke "Maggie" [Margaret] Van Hall of Grand Haven, where she was born in 1864. Maggie was the daughter of Aart and Nellie Van Drunen Van Hall. They resided in Spring Lake and Holland. Edward lived from 1861 to 1933. Both Vandenbergs were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Essel Ruit Vandenberg I [1874-1930]

Essel, the son of Paul Francis Vandenberg, was born in Grand Haven on November 23, 1874. On September 28, 1895 in Grand Haven he married Cora Jane Buxton, who was born in Grand Haven in January, 1875. By 1900 Essel was working as an electrician. He started Grand Haven Electric Supply at 111 Washington, and Cora worked with him. They moved the business to 119 Washington Street after 1918, and they moved it again, this time to 113 Washington, where it remained into the 1960s. The family resided at 107 Clinton. Their children were Paul F., who was born on January 27, 1897, worked in the family business, married Theresa Workman in Grand Haven on September 21, 1918, and died in 1939; Margaret, born in June, 1898; Edward Burton, born on July 29, 1900; Essel II, who was born on October 15, 1902 and died in Grand Haven on December 4, 1980; Cora, who was born on January 29, 1905, married Weldon "Spike" Marks, and passed away in Grand Haven on June 25, 1977; and Searles, who lived from June 20, 1907 to July 13, 1975 and worked for the County Sheriff's Department after starting out as an electrician. Both Edward and Essel II worked as electricians in the family business. Essel I died on July 9, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After his death, Margaret and Margaret's brother-in-law, Weldon "Spike" Marks, ran the business. Spike lived from August 8, 1904 to August 23, 1975. He had been an electrician at Eagle Ottawa.

George T. Vanden Berg [1881-1942]

George, the son of Albert and Johanna Hoffman vanden Berg, was born in Grand Haven on December 15, 1881. George started a bus system in Grand Haven in the 1920s, which lasted about five years. He also owned a billiards and bowling facility at 117 Washington Street, and he started the Grand Haven Bottling Works at the same address before 1918. George was a charter member of the Elks Club. He and his wife, Jennie W., resided at 215 Columbus. Jennie, the daughter of Cornelius and Mary Nyland of Grand Haven, was born in August, 1885. She and George were married in Grand Haven on August 1, 1906. George passed away about October 5, 1942 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

George T. vanden Berg I [1908-1990]

Born in Grand Haven on November 6, 1908, George was the son of Albert H. vanden Berg, who lived from 1874 to 1923. He and his wife, Elaine E., lived at 200 Franklin Street and later at 15188 Lakeshore Drive in Grand Haven Township. One of their children was George II. George I died on October 11, 1990. Elaine lived from May 16, 1918 to March 17, 1993. [*Tribune* obituary, October 12, 1990.]

Jack R. vanden Berg [1926-1993]

In the mid-1950s Jack vanden Berg owned Grand Haven Screen Company at 119 South Fourth Street in Grand Haven, where he also resided with his wife, Lillian H.. The son of Albert and Lavina vanden Berg, Jack was born on August 16, 1926, died in Grand Haven on October 8, 1993, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Lawrence Hoffman vanden Berg [1877-1943]

Born in Grand Haven on February 26, 1877, Lawrence was the son of Albert G. and Johanna Hoffman vanden Berg. He graduated from Grand Haven High School and in 1898 from the University of Michigan. He went on for a master degree at Columbia University, and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Pedagogy from Albany Teacher's College. He served in local schools as teacher and succeeded Edward P. Cummings as Principal of Grand Haven High School in 1901, the year the high school burned down. His salary was \$700 that year. In 1902 Lawrence was offered the Superintendent's position with the Howell, Michigan school system.

At two different times Lawrence was Superintendent of Grand Haven Schools, first around 1905 and again from 1921 to 1925. He also held positions in the Owosso school system, was Superintendent of the teachers' school at Mt. Pleasant Normal College [Central Michigan University], and was at Oswego State Normal College in New York. He married Clara Vyn in Grand

Haven on March 31, 1903. She was born in August, 1880 and died about September 15, 1943. Lawrence and Clara lived at 415 Clinton. Lawrence was a charter member of the Grand Haven Stag Club. He died about September 30, 1943 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Clara.

Lendrick Vanden Berg 1808-1874]

An undated photograph identifies Lendrick Vanden Berg as Sexton of the Grand Haven cemetery when it was located at Central Park. According to the photograph, Lendrick was born on June 27, 1808 and died in June, 1874. No additional records were found.

Louis [Lewis] Vanden Berg I [1809-1875]

Louis Vanden Berg was born in the Netherlands on August 9, 1809 and arrived in Grand Haven on August 20, 1847. In The Netherlands, he married Sarah Snikens, who was born on July 26, 1818. Among their children was William, who was born in 1837; John, who was born in 1838; Sarah, who was born on November 28, 1840 and married John Luikens of Grand Haven; Lucy, who was born in 1844, and was married twice, first to a Mr De Keep [De Kiep] and then to Albert Kiel; Jane, who was born in 1846; Henry, who was born in 1852 and was classified as a sailor in 1880; Peter, who was born in 1857; and Louis II, who was born in 1859. The first five children were born in Zeeland, The Netherlands, and the others were born locally. In Grand Haven, Louis I worked as a butcher. He died on June 27, 1875 and Sarah, the mother, passed away on April 29, 1895. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Paul Francis vanden Berg [Vanden Berg] [1836-1901]

Born January 28, 1836 in Overisel, The Netherlands, Paul was the son of Peter and Dena Kamphorbeek vanden Berg who immigrated to America in 1847, settling first in Chicago, then going to Holland in 1849. Paul and his family remained residents of Holland until at least 1860. Paul was apprenticed to Mr D'Ooge in the painters' trade. He did not like the painting business and followed sailing for many years before becoming a fisherman. In the 1880 census he was listed as a sailor. About 1888 Paul opened a fish smoking and wholesale business, which he was still operating at the time of his death. He was a member of the Grand Haven Masons and a Democrat. He served on the Grand Haven City Council in 1895 and 1896. His wife, Johanna, was born in The Netherlands around 1830 and died before 1880. Their children included Fred of Sherwood, Washington, Peter of Ogdensburg, New York, and Essel, who was born in 1874 and remained in Grand Haven. Paul's wife in 1900 was Alice, who was born in Canada in January, 1852. Alice had previously been married to a Mr Roland and had a daughter, Claretta, who was born in

Michigan in November, 1876. Paul died of "grip and a complication of causes" on April 21, 1901. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 22 and 25, 1901.]

Peter vanden Berg I [1812-1866]

Born in The Netherlands on May 31, 1812, Peter vanden Berg was reputed to be a man of position and influence in his native country. He moved to America in 1847 with his family, residing in Chicago for two years, then moving to Holland, Michigan, and finally settling in Grand Haven in 1853. Peter received the first regular government appointment by President Pierce as lighthouse keeper at Grand Haven Harbor and was the first to tend the light that was built in 1855 on the bluff overlooking today's State Park [900 Harbor Drive]. He served for six years. Peter also was Register of Deeds and Justice of the Peace for many years. He married Berendiena "Dena" Kamphorbeek [Kamferbeek], who was born April 26, 1803 in The Netherlands and died in Grand Haven on May 1, 1864. Their children, all born in The Netherlands, included Paul F., who was born on January 28, 1836; Albert G. I, born on May 7, 1838; Martin, born about 1841; and Peter II, born about 1847. Peter I died in Zeeland on August 30, 1866 [1867], two years after his wife. Both Peter and Dena were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 14, 1913.]

Peter Martin vanden Berg [1867-1921]

Born in 1867 in Grand Haven, Peter was the son of Albert G. and Johanna vanden Berg. Peter graduated from the University of Michigan School of Medicine in 1894. He located in Chicago and later in Graafschaap, Michigan. About 1910 he came to Grand Haven, where he served as Health Officer. He was a Democrat. His children included Albert, who was born on March 9, 1900, and Ruth. Peter died at his home at the northwest corner of Fifth and Lafayette Streets [219 South Fifth] on March 2, 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 3, 1921.]

Vanden Boomgaard [Van Den Boomgaard]

See Boomgaard.

Andrew Vanden Bosch [1879-1949]

Born on November 10, 1879 in Michigan, Andrew Vanden Bosch in September, 1906 [1905] married Minnie [Willimina/Wilhelmina] Osterhoff. Born on July 27, 1878 in Michigan [The Netherlands], she was the daughter of Hessel and Willemte Osterhoff of Spring Lake. The Vanden Bosches were Spring Lake residents and lived at 213 West Mason, where they raised their children: Thomas, born on July 8, 1906; Winifred, born about 1909; and Ruth Mildred, who was born on January 12, 1916 and died on November 22, 1994. Minnie had previously been married to Jacob Le Febre of Grand

Haven Township and had a son, James Le Febre, born about 1902. James resided with the Vanden Bosches in Spring Lake. Jacob lived from October 16, 1875 to April 16, 1902 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his parents. Andrew passed away on February 12, 1949, and Minnie died on January 30, 1969. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Charles H. Vanden Bosch [1877-1942]

The son of Hendrik and Johanna Smit Vanden Bosch, Charles was born in Holland, Michigan on April 7, 1877. He married Hilda [Hattie] Kieft, who lived from July, 1879 to 1947. Hilda was the daughter of Fred and Anna Kieft of Grand Haven. Charles worked with other Vanden Bosches at the Vanden Bosch Store located at 100 North Third Street. He and Hilda lived on the second floor of the building at first, but later moved to 519 Slayton. Charles died about December 7, 1942 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Hilda passed away around April 1, 1947 and was buried with her husband at Lake Forest.

Gerardus "Gerrit" Vanden Bosch [1851-1911]

Born September 3, 1851 in The Netherlands, Gerrit was the son of Koene and Maijge Rook Vanden Bosch. Gerrit came to Grand Haven with his parents in 1856, and about 1875 he opened a grocery and dry goods business. The store was located at the northeast corner of Third and Columbus Streets [100 North Third] in Grand Haven. It was known as Vanden Bosch & Company and later as the Big Store. In 1884 a clothing department was added under the management of Gerrit's brothers, Thomas and Henry. Thomas died in September, 1894, and Martin retired in 1897. About that time Martin's and Thomas's sons, Charles, Conrad, and Bert, joined the firm, and it became known as G. Vanden Bosch & Sons. By 1908 at least six Vanden Bosches were associated with the business, and several others were part of Enterprise Clothing Company at 106-108 Washington. Gerrit also was Treasurer of Grand Haven Furniture, which operated between 1890 and 1895.

Gerrit and his wife, Neska "Nancy," in their early years resided above the retail establishment and later at 218 South Fifth Street. Nancy, also a native of The Netherlands, was born about 1850. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, included Mary, born in 1873; Johanna, born in 1876; Conraad, who was born in 1878 and died November 25, 1952 and whose wife, Daisy, died January 3, 1965; Martin G. Henry, who was born on March 28, 1883 and died in Grand Rapids on May 3, 1966; Henry, who was born December 20, 1887; Geraldine, born about 1895; Hermina, who died Oct 1, 1937; Thomas; and Mrs H. J. Schram of Mason City, Iowa; Gerrit died on April 2, 1911 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Nancy lived from 1850 to 1930,

at least part of the time in Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituaries October 28 1899 and April 5, 1911.]

Hendrik "Henry" K. Vanden Bosch [1844-1928]

Born in The Netherlands in January, 1844, the son of Koene and Maijge Rook Vanden Bosch, Henry came to Holland, Michigan with his parents in 1856 aboard the ship *Fairfield*. Henry later engaged in farming. In 1883 he moved to Grand Haven, and the next year he and his brother Thomas joined another brother, Gerrit, to open the Vanden Bosch Store at 100 North Third Street, later known as the Big Store. Henry and Thomas supervised the clothing part of the business.

Henry and his wife, Johanna Smit, lived at 509 Lafayette. Johanna, who was born in 1845, died at the State Hospital at Kalamazoo at age 67 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children, all born locally, included Mary, who was born in June, 1865, married Harry Bos, and died in 1938; Tena, born in January, 1867; Geesje "Anna," who was born on April 20, 1873, married Jacob Achterhof, and died February 21, 1943; Cora, who was born about 1874 and married Harry Zeldenrust of Grand Haven; Grietje "Gertrude," who was born on May 20, 1875 and married Jan "John" Dirkse; Koene "Charles," born on April 7, 1877; Gysbert, who was born in August, 1879, married Jacoba Van Zanten, and died in 1943; Harriet, who was born in September, 1882 and died on September 25, 1951; Thomas Cornell, born in January, 1885; and Albert. Henry died on November 6, 1928 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 6, 1912.]

Koene Vanden Bosch [1818-1897]

Born in Friesland, The Netherlands in February 20, 1818, Koene Vanden Bosch was educated for theology at schools in Overisel and Drenthe. In 1846 he was ordained Pastor in a church at Gelderland, The Netherlands and later at Noordeloos and Appeldoorn in South Holland. In 1856 he came to American and took charge of a church in Noordeloos, a new colony in southern Ottawa County. He later was Pastor of Christian Reformed Churches at Graafschap, Zeeland, Vriesland, Grand Rapids, Polkton, Milwaukee, and Grand Haven. In 1883 he retired.

Koene married Maijge [Moje] Rook, on December 26, 1840 in The Netherlands, where she was born about 1817. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, were Tamme "Thomas," who was born in 1841; Henry, who was born in January, 1844; Marinus "Martin," who was born in 1848; and Gerardus "Gerrit," who was born in 1851; Henrietta, who was born in February, 1853 and married Otse "Otto" Visser of Olive Township; and Grietje "Margaret," who was born in 1859 and married John Van Dame of Grand Haven and later of Grand

Rapids. Maijge died in Grand Haven on May 11, 1887. Koene died November 12, 1897 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 13, 1897.]

Koene T. Vanden Bosch [1864-1956]

Born on December 21, 1864 on a farm in Holland Township, Koene was the son of Tamme Vanden Bosch. He moved to Grand Haven with his parents at 19. He was employed by his father and his uncle Henry as a clerk at the Big Store. Later he became bookkeeper for his uncle Gerrit, and later with his brother, John, he organized the Enterprise Clothing Company in the 200 block of Washington Street. He was an original Director of the Grand Haven State Bank when it was organized in October, 1901 and served on the Board until 1914. In 1916 and 1917 he was City Treasurer and from 1918 to May, 1931 he was City Clerk and had an office in City Hall. Koene served as Deputy City Clerk until his retirement in 1947. During his tenure as City Clerk he augmented his salary by working at Story & Clark. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

In 1896 Koene married Cora Howe in Grand Haven. Born in November, 1866, Cora died in March, 1910. Their son, Ernest D., was born in Grand Haven on May 1, 1898. He served with Company F in France during WWI and was wounded at the Battle of Chateau Thierry. Ernest married Frances Mills and after the war became a Presbyterian minister. On October 22, 1925 Koene married Marguerite "Maggie" Groendal in Grand Haven. She died about September 28, 1960. Their children included Herbert of Grandville, Franklin of Dearborn, Kenneth of Silver City, New Mexico, Jeanette Benton of Denver, Colorado, and Emma, who married Duncan Poland of Muskegon. Koene died on February 7, 1956 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, February 7, 1956.]

Marinus "Martin" K. Vanden Bosch [1848-1916]

Martin, the son of Koene and Maijge Rook Vanden Bosch, was born in The Netherlands in 1848 and came to Holland with his parents in 1856. He took up the carpentry trade. His first wife, Hubertje, was born around 1845, died around September 9, 1901, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Martin then married Katie Douma in Holland on November 27, 1901. They lived at 732 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. Martin died about December 30, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest.

Martin Van Den Bosch [Vandenbosch] [1876- ?]

Martin Van Den Bosch raised livestock on his 170-acre farm in Section 15 of Olive Township. Born in Michigan around 1876, he and his family came to the area in 1906. His wife, Jennie, was born in Michigan

about 1880. They had two sons and a daughter, all born locally: Cornie, born about 1899; Herman, born in 1901; and Annie, born about 1904.

Tamme "Thomas" Vanden Bosch [1841-1894]

Born in The Netherlands in 1841, Tamme was the son of Koene and Maijge Rook Vanden Bosch. Tamme came to Holland with his parents in 1856 and first went into farming. On February 15, 1865 he enlisted in Company I of the 25th Michigan Infantry and four months later transferred to Company A of the 28th Michigan Infantry. He was mustered out on February 21, 1866. In 1883 he came to Grand Haven and in 1884 he and his brother Henry joined their other brother, Gerrit, to expand the Vanden Bosch store, also known as the Big Store, at 100 North Third Street.

Thomas married Cornelia J. Duizer in Ottawa County in 1863. She lived from October 7, 1846 to June 19, 1923. Thomas and Cornelia had 14 children, including: Koene T., born on December 21, 1864 in Holland Township; Mary, who was born about 1868 and married Alle Ekkens of Grand Rapids; Martin, who was born about 1880 and moved to Grand Rapids; Thomas H., who was born in January, 1882 and moved to Detroit; Cornelia, born in August, 1883; Nellie, who was born in October 27, 1885 and married Cornelius Pippel of Grand Haven; Jacoba, born in August, 1887; Bertha, who was born October, 1891 and married William Fox of Grand Haven; John; Henry of Grand Rapids; Gerrit; Cora, who married Dick Kieft; and Kate, who married D. Peterson of Redlands, California. The Vanden Bosches resided at 427 Columbus Street. Thomas died of typhoid malaria on September 2, 1894 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 4, 1894 and June 28, 1923.]

Thomas Cornell Vanden Bosch [1885-1961]

Born in January, 1885, Thomas was the son of Henry K. and Johanna Vanden Bosch. He studied at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston and at Harvard, Columbia, Wisconsin, abroad, and at the Interlochen National Music Camp. He actively participated in the birth of the Interlochen Music camp in 1928 while studying at Columbia University in New York. In 1929 he was appointed piano technician at Interlochen. He was active as Music Director in private schools and military academies and in New York and abroad. Thomas presented Interlochen with his own composition, the "Nu-Mu-Chi" song. He also wrote "Bells of Interlochen," "Three Ginger Snaps," "Jumping Jack," and "Hit That Ball! Oh! Boy!" which was written for Ted Williams, the famous baseball star. In 1935 he composed and played "Mackinac-Interlochen Suite" at the John Jacob Astor house on Mackinac Island. He rebuilt the antique musical instrument called

“McKeogh,” built in Buffalo and brought to Michigan by boat in 1824. For part of his composition he used this instrument, which had once brought pleasure to the early Courier-Bois and French Indian fur trappers. Thomas also wrote the March of Dimes song, “Our Presidents on Parade” for President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s polio balls held in major cities. In 1948 he wrote the coronation song “Juliana” for Queen Juliana of The Netherlands.

Thomas married Katherine Cook Kieft, who was born July 4, 1883, the daughter of Peter and Marjorie Sluiter Cook and the widow of Peter Kieft. Thomas died on March 1, 1961 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Katherine died in April, 1981. [*Tribune* article, “Local Musician Honored at Camp,” August 4, 1960.]

Thomas H. Vanden Bosch [1906-1988]

Born in Spring Lake on July 8, 1906, Thomas was the son of Andrew and Minnie Osterhoff Vanden Bosch of Spring Lake. As a young man Thomas was a well-known sailor, but later he became a dentist with an office in Grand Rapids. Thomas died on March 25, 1988 and was buried at the Fulton Street Cemetery in Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituary, March 28, 1988.]

Jacob Vanderberg [1848- ?]

A native of The Netherlands, where he was born in about 1848, Jacob Vanderberg came to Spring Lake in 1858. Beginning in 1869 he scaled lumber for a living. Jacob’s wife, Loretta, was born in New York about 1852. The Vanderbergs had two daughters, both born in Michigan: Margaret, born about 1870, and Olive, born the next year. They also had a son, Byron, born about 1874.

Louis P. Vanderberg [1883-1940]

Born in Grand Haven on March 9, 1883, Louis was the son of John Vanderberg. Louis was a marine engineer and worked many years for the Tomlinson Line out of Cleveland. His wife, Martha, died on January 23, 1899 in Detroit. In Grand Haven they lived at 109 Howard Street. Louis died in 1940. [*Tribune* “Years Events for 1899.”]

Teunis [Tunis] Van Der Berg [Vanderberg] [1837 - ?]

The Teunis Van Der Berg farm was located on 160 acres in Section 34 of Olive Township, where he settled in 1887. He also raised livestock. Teunis, who was born in April, 1837 in The Netherlands, immigrated to the United States with his wife, Doaria, in 1872. Doris was born in April, 1850. Their children, all born locally, were Dick, born in September, 1877; John, born in July, 1883; Herman, born in June, 1885; Gertie, born in February, 1891; and Theodore, born in July, 1894.

Cornelius Jannis Vanderboegh [1840-1921]

Cornelius was born in Zuidzande, The Netherlands on October 24, 1840, the son of Cornelis and Janna Vanderboegh. He settled in Grandville with his mother in 1847 or 1848 at the age of 7. He married Mary Elizabeth Dykema [Dyckmeester] in Ottawa County on November 16, 1864. She was born on September 19, 1841 and died on January 20, 1880 in Georgetown Township. On August 6, 1862, while living in Grand Haven, Cornelius enlisted as Private in Company G the 21st Michigan Infantry. He was discharged for disability on May 30, 1863. Cornelius died in Muskegon County on May 20, 1921.

Evert Van Der Hart [@1847-@1892]

When the Second Reformed Church of Grand Haven was formed on November 22, 1871, Rev. Evert Van Der Hart became the first Pastor. In 1880 he was minister at a church in Mason, Michigan and later he was called to Rochester, New York. He and his wife, Wilhelmina Everdina, had a son who was born in Grand Haven on December 4, 1874. Wilhelmina died February 25, 1875 at the age of 21, and on October 10, 1876 Evert married Jennie E. Brower, who was born on February 22, 1856 and died in Grand Rapids on January 20, 1892. She was the daughter of Hendrick and Aaltje Bolt Brouwer and the sister of Christina Brouwer. Evert and Jennie had a daughter, Lillie, born about 1889. In January, 1892 Evert died in Rochester, New York after preaching his Sunday morning sermon. [*Tribune* obituary, January 21, 1892.]

Orson G. Vander Hoef [Vanderhoof] [1836–1915]

Born in Homer, Ohio on January 9, 1836, Orson was the son of Samuel and Roxy Ann Vander Hoef and brother of Lorenzo of Washington, D.C.; Rueben of Grand Haven and Chicago; Orange; Ransom of Spencer, Ohio; Mrs E. S. McCrath of Grand Rapids; Lydia [Mrs. John M. Scoville of Pioneer, Ohio]; and Mrs M. L. Boughman of Lodi, Ohio. On September 6, 1862 Orson enlisted as Private in Company B of the 124th Ohio Infantry, was immediately promoted to Sergeant, reportedly was wounded at Chickamauga, and discharged on June 9, 1865, the year he came to Grand Haven. His service record did not mention his being wounded in battle, but he did apply for a pension on December 30, 1879. Orson was Engineer for the City Flour Mills on Second Street in Grand Haven, founded by the Forrest Brothers in 1879. In the early 1900s Orson was employed as a janitor at the Grand Haven Federal Building [Post Office].

Orson’s first wife, Mary M., died on November 1, 1879 at the age of 34 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mary was a native of New York State. The next year Orson resided with his brother, Reuben. On March 25, 1891 in Grand Haven, Orson married Emma Stokes

Reenders, the widow of Martin Reenders. Emma was born in London, England in July, 1847 [1846]. She was the daughter of Frederick and Harriet Stokes of Grand Haven, and sister of Walter, Edwin, and James Stokes. While under the care of her daughter Alice, Emma died in Grand Haven of “quick consumption” at the age of 55 on January 15, 1902. Alice, who was born in 1872, married Charles Van Norman. Another daughter, Laura [Lora], was born in Michigan in August, 1863, moved in with her uncle Lorenzo Stokes in Washington, D.C. after her mother’s death, married Frank O. Ladewig [Ladwig/Ludewig], moved to Chicago, returned to Grand Haven before 1900, and then relocated to Chicago before 1910, where they remained until at least 1920. Frank was born in Illinois in January, 1871. Bessie, their third daughter, was born about 1873 and married Arthur A. Wilcox in Grand Haven on April 19, 1893. A fourth daughter, Shirley [Shurly/Sherly] was born in Grand Haven about 1875 and married Charles Edmonds of Grand Haven. The Vander Hoefs lived at 318 South Second Street, in a house later habituated by Shirley and her family. Orson died on September 2, 1915 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 21, 1912.]

Reuben Vander Hoef [Vanderhoof] [1834- ?]

Reuben Vander Hoef moved to Berlin [Marne] in 1859 and a year later came to Grand Haven. He was a jailer until 1864, when he was elected Deputy Sheriff. In 1865 he ran the first steam ferry to cross the river to meet trains that ran along the west shore at that time. He owned the ferryboat *Phoebe*. Reuben piloted boats around Little Traverse Bay and all through the Mackinac country. Reuben was born in Homer, Ohio in 1834. Reuben’s wife, Phoebe [Phebe], was born around 1840 in New York. Their surviving children, both born in Michigan, were Ralph, born in May, 1861, and Helen, born about 1865. Another daughter, Mary, died on August 10, 1867, not quite six months old. The Vander Hoefs resided at 20 North Fifth, property that was bought by Nat Robbins around 1899. Orson Vander Hoef was Reuben’s brother. [*Tribune* article, “Portrait of Reuben Vander Hoef,” July 24, 1930.]

Robert Vander Hoek [1929-1997]

Robert Vander Hoek and Robert Jager purchased Arcadia lanes at 117 Washington in 1957. In 1960 opened Starlite Lanes with 20 alleys at 1305 South Beacon [U.S. 31]. The two continued to operate both Arcadia and Starlite until 1966, when Starlite was increased to 30 lanes and Arcadia was closed. Robert bought out Jager’s share of the partnership in 1965, and in 1992 he sold the business to his son David. The Vander Hoeks owned Driftwood Inn at the same address. Robert was born on September 21, 1929 and

died in Grand Haven on March 21, 1997. He and his wife, Betty, resided in Grand Haven Township.

Albert Vanderkolk [Vandercock] [1870 - ?]

A farmer and fruit grower, Albert Vanderkolk had 55 acres in Section 16 of Spring Lake Township, where he was born on January 1, 1870. By 1912 he was joint owner with his brother, Ralph Vanderkolk, of 120 acres in Section 17. They were the sons of Arndt [Arend] and Mary Vanderkolk, both from The Netherlands where they were born in 1830 and November, 1832 [1834], respectively.

Grace Vanderkolk [Vander Kolk] [1875-1964]

Grace Vander Kolk graduated from Michigan State College [MSU] and taught home economics in Lakeview High School in Battle Creek for five years before joining the Home Demonstration Extension Service of Michigan State College. She served Ottawa County for over 25 years, filling various state offices at different times. Grace resided at 504 River Street in Spring Lake. She died March 11, 1964 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Lambert John Vanderkolk [Vander Kolk] [1856-1921]

A resident of Ferrysburg, where he owned 15 acres in Section 16 of Spring Lake Township, John Vanderkolk was a boilermaker at Johnston Brothers. He was born in Michigan in November, 1856 and died in 1921. He married Ella Burley, who was born in Michigan in December, 1857 and passed away in 1931. Their daughter, Edna, was born locally in August, 1897. John and Ella were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Ralph [Roelf] “Louie” Vanderkolk [1865-1947]

Like his brother, Albert Vanderkolk, who resided in an adjacent section, Ralph Vanderkolk was a farmer and raised fruit on 120 acres in Section 17 of Spring Lake Township. By 1912 the property was held in the names of Ralph and Albert Vanderkolk. Ralph, the son of Arndt and Mary Vandercock, was born in Michigan in January, 1865. Ralph married Mina Vander Meiden in Spring Lake on October 16, 1901. She was born in Spring Lake on March 19, 1876. The Vanderkolks had at least two daughters, both born in Ferrysburg: Marian, who was born on February 6, 1909 and on December 23, 1936 married Henry Peter Beukema [May 13, 1897-March 15, 1974]; and Laura, born about 1913. Ralph passed away on April 29, 1947. Mina died on August 7, 1970. Ralph and Mina were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Richard Vander Kolk [1907-1983]

Born August 11, 1907 in Drenthe, Michigan, Dick was the son of Henry and Minnie Commisaris Vander Kolk.

Henry lived from April 14, 1878 to October 8, 1966 and Minnie from May 17, 1875 to July 29, 1938. They were married on October 10, 1900. Their son Dick graduated from Western Michigan College [WMU], attended Hope College, and earned a master degree from the University of Michigan. He taught school in Cedar Springs for 12 years and Wayland Schools for one and a half years. He then taught chemistry, biology, general science, math, and physics at Grand Haven High School for 30 years until he retired in 1972. In 1943 he started the Cedar Kraft Company at his home on Pennoyer and produced electric basketball scoreboards and 110-volt horns. Dick was also a school counselor. He was a member of the First Reformed Church, Missionary Society, Senior Citizens of the Church, Boy Scouts; Michigan National Education Association, Tri-Cities Historical Society, National Retired Teachers Association, Kiwanis, and Director of Teachers' Credit Union, and HiY Director at school.

On August 4, 1931 Dick married Ruth Breen in Holland. Ruth was born August 27, 1906 and died in Grand Haven on December 8, 1989. The Vander Kolks resided at 528 Taylor and later at 948 Pennoyer. Their children were: Donald, who was born on July 16, 1932 and relocated to Mt. Sinai, New York; Marilyn, who was born on February 2, 1935 and married James Peters; and Kenneth, who was born October 1, 1944 and moved to New York City. Dick died of cancer on April 12, 1983 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune*, April 14, 1983]

Robert Vander Laan [1917-1991]

Born February 20, 1917 in Muskegon to Henry and Henrietta Vander Laan, Robert moved with his parents to Grand Haven in 1922. He went to work for his father, who owned Van's Shoe Store at 116 North Third Street. Robert attended local schools and worked as a meat cutter for Henry Casemier's Grocery Store. He then went to work for Herrud Meat Company as a salesman. During World War II, he served with a cadre in the First Replacement Depot in Africa, and upon returning to Grand Haven he was an apprentice in the funeral industry until 1947. He was married and had three children, Philip, Frederick, and Brenda. He graduated from Wayne State University in 1949 and purchased a funeral home in Hudsonville, where he built a new facility in 1968. Robert was a member of the Medical School Board of Mortuary Science and the Hudsonville Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners and its Chairman. He helped organize the Hillcrest Christian Reformed Church and the Unity Christian High School and served 11 years as its President. Robert died on June 15, 1991. [*Tribune* obituary, June 15, 1991.]

Calvin Vander Meiden [1924-1981]

Born January 3, 1924 in Grand Haven, Calvin Vander Meiden was an auto mechanic for the City of Grand Haven. He also worked for the Rosso and Miller automobile dealerships. He was a member of the V.F.W. Calvin's wife, Grace, died September 9, 1952. Their children included Denise Glenn of Redwood City, California; Darcia, who married Donald Manning of Grand Haven; Kendra, who married Thomas Elwood of Hope Mills, North Carolina; Lynn, also of Hope Mills; Anita Gail Zimonick of Grand Haven; and Matthew John. Calvin resided at 726 Clinton and at 915 Columbus in Grand Haven. He died of a heart attack on January 16, 1981 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 17, 1981.]

Eugene Vander Meiden [1917-1983]

Born April 30, 1917 in Grand Haven, Eugene Vander Meiden was a general contractor and also served as Pastor of the Blue Lake Chapel for 19 years. He moved to Blue Lake and then to Holland. On November 1, 1938 he married Mildred Tatroe in Grand Haven. Mildred was the daughter of Percy and Hattie Tatroe, who resided at 820 Grant Street in Grand Haven. Eugene and Mildred resided at 431 Diekema in Holland, but in 1952 moved to the house on Grant Street. The Vander Meiden children included Nancy, who married David Hitsman; Sally, who married John Keeme; and Beverly, who married Terry Velik, all of Grand Haven. Other children were Linda George of Rohnert Park, California; Mary, who married James Bennes of Leander, Texas and toured with the "Varsity Vagabonds," a musical group from Western Michigan University; and Marty, who married Daryl Hassevoort of Holland. About 1975 the Vander Meidens returned to Holland. Eugene died at his home in Holland of myocardial infarction on March 16, 1983. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 17, 1983.]

John Vander Meiden I [1896-1975]

John Vander Meiden was a concrete contractor in the Grand Haven area. He was born November 12, 1896 and died in May, 1975. John married Anna Mulder in Grand Haven on November 17, 1915. She was born in Michigan about 1896. Their children, all born locally, were Marian J., born about 1917; John II, born on February 25, 1919, and Robert A., born about 1925. The family resided at 802 Fulton.

John Vander Meiden II [1919-2000]

The son of John and Ann Vander Meiden I, John II was born in Grand Haven on February 25, 1919. He teamed up with Michael J. Koteles to form Vander Meiden Koteles & Associates, an architectural firm located at 1203 South Beechtree. He and his wife, Eleanor, resided

at 1535 Pineridge Drive. John died in Florida on August 13, 2000 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Orrie [Arie/Warren] Vander Meiden I [1872-1921]

A Grand Haven cement contractor, Orrie Vander Meiden was born in Gelderland, The Netherlands in February, 1872 [1873] and died in 1921. Many Grand Haven sidewalks bear his bronze stamp. His parents were Jan and Jantje [Jennie] Pippel Vander Meiden, who immigrated to the United States in 1878 and settled in Grand. Orrie married Jennie Boyink in Grand Haven on January 18, 1893. They resided at 1030 [1014] Madison. Jennie was born in Michigan in July, 1874 [1875]. Their children, all born locally, were Janette [Jeanette], born in September, 1894; John, who was born on November 12, 1896; Johanna, born in November, 1898; Bessie, who was born in 1901 and married Arthur Stang of Grand Haven on September 11, 1918; Barnard, born about 1904; Ruth, born about 1908; Orrie II born on January 16, 1913; Lucille; Irene; and Eugene. Orrie I and Jennie were buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Orrie Vander Meiden II [1913-1977]

Orrie, son of Orrie and Jennie Vander Meiden, was a general building contractor. He was born on January 16, 1913, died on October 6, 1977, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. On April 7, 1937 he married Swannie Katt of Ferrysburg. They resided at 109½ North Fourth Street and later at 318 Lafayette and then 616 Grand. Swannie, the daughter of John and Reka Katt of Ferrysburg, was born about 1918. The Vander Meiden children were Orrie III, John, James, and David.

John Vander Meulen [? -1942]

John Vander Meulen, Pastor of the Second Reformed Church in Grand Haven for five years, came here from High Falls, New York. He left Grand Haven in 1913 to become Pastor at a church in Pueblo, Colorado. John died on October 24, 1942. His brother Jacob headed the Grand Haven church from 1900 to 1907. The Second Reformed Church was located on the southeast corner of Sixth and Washington Streets [600 Washington].

Barney Vander Molen [1907–1959]

Barney Vander Molen of Nunica on May 26, 1927 married Elizabeth Lauretta, daughter of Wilford and Alice Mulder Dake. The Vander Molens' children included Virginia, who became a registered nurse; Wilford, who went into electronic technology and nuclear weapons; David, who was a mathematician; and Sue, who was a social worker. Another daughter, Jean, died at birth. Elizabeth worked for Ventura County, California, and was an organist for various churches. Barney, who was born in Grand Haven on November 21, 1907, died in Ventura County on March 23, 1959.

Elizabeth lived from April 3, 1910 to April 8, 1997. She died in Santa Clara County, California.

Bourke “Barney” van der Molen [1842- ?]

Barney van der Molen was born in Gronigen, The Netherlands in December, 1842 and immigrated to the United States in 1879, six years after his marriage. He and his wife, Margaret [Mica] resided in Ferrysburg before moving to a 50-acre farm in Section 9 of Crockery Township. The couple had a daughter, Ida, who was born in Spring Lake Township on October 28, 1880 and was living with her father in Crockery in 1900. Ida married Egbert C. Doane in Grand Rapids on October 15, 1908.

Jan “John” Vander Molen [1850-1896]

John Vander Molen, who lived from 1850 to July 12, 1896, married Zwaantje Dornbos of Grand Haven. Zwaantje was born in 1849. John was listed as a laborer in the 1893 *Compendium*. The Vander Molens adopted Kate Vander Ploeg, who was born in Grand Haven on February 6, 1873 and died in the same place on March 14, 1963. Kate was the daughter of Harm and Grietje Vander Ploeg. John and Zwaantje were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Cornelius Vander Noot [Nood] [1873-1953]

Born in Grand Haven on February 26, 1873, Cornelius Vander Noot was Proprietor of the City Transfer Line at 109 Washington in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. His parents were Maarten and Francina Dronkers Vander Noot. Cornelius married Nellie H. Van Der Ploeg on March 1, 1893 in Grand Haven. Nellie was the daughter of Harm and Grietje Holstein Vander Ploeg. The Vander Noots lived at 629 Columbus and at 423 Howard. They had several children, including Frances, who was born on August 7, 1893 and married Walter Lehman; Martin, who was born on September 26, 1895 and married Marie Laura Senn; Gertrude, who was born on December 29, 1897 and married Cecil Seery of Grand Haven; Ann, who was born on November 30, 1900 and married Henry F. Klugas; Eleanor, who was born on December 16, 1908 and married George Vincent Hoffer of Grand Haven; and Johanna, who married Charles William Dake of Grand Haven. Cornelius died November 14, 1953 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Nellie, who was born in Grand Haven on September 12, 1870, died August 16, 1957 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

Maarten Vander Noot [Nood] [1851-1886]

Maarten Vander Noot was born in The Netherlands on November 15, 1851, died on March 20, 1886, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His first wife was Francina Dronkers, whom he married in Grand Haven on June 6, 1872. She was born in May, 1851 and died

on January 10, 1883. Their children, all born in Michigan, included Cornelius, born in 1873; Frank, born in 1876; Lavinia, who was born in 1880 and died about two years later; and Johanna, who died on August 20, 1887 at the age of six or seven. After Francina's death Maarten married Hendrika Vetcher in Grand Haven on March 23, 1883. Evidently Hendrika died and he then married Elizabeth Jonkers in Grand Haven on January 8, 1885. Elizabeth was born in Michigan in July, 1862. Maarten worked with the United States Lifesaving Service in Grand Haven.

Martin G. Vander Noot [1895-1990]

Martin, the son of Cornelius and Nellie Vand Der Ploeg Vander Noot, was born on September 26, 1895. He married Marie Laura Senn on February 12, 1927 in Grand Haven. Marie, the daughter of Stephen and Alice Van Bemmelen Senn, was born in Grand Haven on August 24, 1904 and died in Grand Rapids on March 9, 1963. Martin, who was a truck driver for an oil company, died in Grand Haven on May 13, 1990 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. The Vander Noots resided at 400 Howard. Their children were Neil, born about 1923; Marvin, born about 1924; Frances, born about 1927; and Nelson, born about 1928.

Harm Vander Ploeg [1835-1905]

Harm was born in Groningen, The Netherlands, on February 20, 1835 [1836], the son of Klaas Vander Ploeg. Harm married Grietje Holstein in Grand Haven on September 1, 1868. Grietje also was a native of Groningen, where she was born in 1843. Nellie, one of their daughters, married Cornelius Vander Noot of Grand Haven. Another daughter, Kate, was born in Grand Haven on February 6, 1873 and died in the same place on March 14, 1963. Kate was adopted by John and Zwantje Vander Molen. The Vander Ploegs also had a son, Klaas, who lived only a few months. Grietje died at the Kalamazoo State Hospital on February 5, 1916 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. However, Harm on April 15, 1887, in Grand Haven, married Aofke Apoll, who was born about 1839 in The Netherlands. Harm died in Grand Haven on May 30, 1905 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John Vander Sande [1868-1951]

Born in The Netherlands on October 29, 1868, John Vander Sande came to the United States about 1907. He was employed at various times by Braak's Bakery, Grand Haven Baking Company, Home Baking Company, and Spoelma's Bakery. He was a member of the First Reformed Church. John and Tillie Wessies of Grand Haven were married in Chicago. He died at his home, 528 Elliott Street, on March 24, 1951 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 26, 1951.]

Richard C. Vander Stel II [1912-1978]

Richard Vander Stel II was President of Di-X-Cell, a die-making company located at 1604 Marion. His wife, Patricia, was Secretary. Richard was born on March 31, 1912, died in Grand Haven on September 4, 1978, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He and Patricia resided at 1611 Colfax.

Arend Vander Veen [Vanderveen] [1840-1930]

Born in Amsterdam, The Netherlands on September 19, 1840, Arend was the brother of Christian, who became Minister of the First Reformed Church in Grand Haven, and Jacob, who became a druggist, also in Grand Haven. In 1847 Arend and his family joined the second Van Raalte colony that settled on Black [Macatawa] Lake near Holland. Arend studied for the ministry at Van Vleck Hall [Hope College], but did not become a preacher and began instead to study medicine under the tutelage of a local physician. On September 11, 1861, just months after the Civil War broke out, at age 18 he joined Company D of the 8th Michigan Infantry, called the "Wandering Regiment," and became known as the "boy surgeon." He was named Assistant Surgeon on February 26, 1863, and discharged in July, 1865. Arend was on guard duty in Washington, D.C. after the war and was a witness to the court martial of the group that assassinated President Lincoln and the hanging of David Herold, Mary Surratt, George Atzerodt, and Lewis Payne in the Capitol Prison Courtyard.

Following his discharge, Arend attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City and returned to Grand Haven in 1868 to begin his practice of medicine. He did a special study of malarial diseases at the University of Alabama where he obtained his medical degree. Arend was said to have delivered over 4,200 infants during the 60 years of his professional career, and he was called to nearby cities for consultations. He had a gold colored horse called "Ned" whom everyone loved and which he used even after the auto had been perfected. If the doctor was out on sick calls, his wife mounted the stairs to the tower in their home at 508 Washington Street, signaled him with a lantern to let him know there was an emergency call, and dispatched a man to tell the doctor where he was wanted. Arend was Alderman for the First Ward; a member of the first City Council in 1867, a member of the Board of Health, and a member of the Grand Haven Concert Band.

Arend married Kate Elizabeth Howard of Holland on September 14, 1869. Kate was born in Grand Haven in December, 1850 [1849], and became a physician after studying at Sacred Heart Convent in Detroit. She learned to speak Dutch so that she could understand the

medical needs of her local patients, many of them born in The Netherlands.

The Vander Veens built a home on the hill at 508 Washington, across from the later City Hall. The couple had two daughters: Marian, who was born on July 12, 1870 and married Henry Dubee of Grand Haven; and Marguerite, who was born in August, 1886, married Charles Floyd, and settled in Detroit. Dr. Vander Veen died on March 14, 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Kate applied for a widow's Civil War pension after his death. She died January 26, 1935 and was buried with her husband at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, March 15, 1930, and *Grand Rapids Press* article, "Veteran Doctor of G. H. Lives Eventful Life," June 15, 1929.]

Christian Vander Veen [1838-1896]

Born in Amsterdam, The Netherlands in 1838, Christian was the brother of Jacob and Dr. Arend Vander Veen. Like them, he came to Holland in 1847 with his parents. He attended Hope College and later went to Rutgers University in New Jersey, where he graduated with a degree in theology. From 1861 to 1868 he was the first minister of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. After various pastorates he returned to Grand Haven to serve the Second Reformed church for five years. He held many important positions in his synod and was once President of the Reformed Synod of America. Christian was a Democratic candidate in the 1880s for Regent of the University of Michigan. He retired in Grand Rapids, where he filled in for pastors in the area when his health permitted. His wife, Maria, was born in New York about 1838. Their children included Charlotte, born about December, 1869; Richard, born about 1872; Christian, born about 1873; Maria L., born about 1875 in Colorado; Hugh M., born about 1877; Theodore, born about 1879; Frank; Agnes; Edward; James; and Louise. Except for Maria, the children were born in Michigan. Christian died at his home in Grand Rapids on October 14, 1896. [*Tribune* obituary, October 17, 1896.]

Claude Friant Vander Veen [1879-1960]

Claude, the son of Jacob and Adelaide Vander Veen, was born in Grand Haven on September 29, 1879. He was a partner in the Vander Veen & Ehrmann Insurance Company and he served Grand Haven as Alderman in 1914 and 1915. On April 29, 1916 he married Katherine [Kathryn] Collins. They resided at 115 Sherman and attended St. John's Episcopal Church. Claude was a member of the Elks and a charter member of the Grand Haven Stag Club. He died July 22, 1960 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Katherine, who was born about 1887 in Michigan, died about September 18, 1959 and also was buried at Lake Forest. Their children, all

born locally, were Russell, born on January 20, 1920; Jane, born about 1913; Patricia, born about 1915; and Gretchen, born about January, 1920.

Jacob Vander Veen [1844-1938]

Born in January, 1844 in The Netherlands, Jacob came to Holland, Michigan in 1847 with his parents as part of the Van Raalte group. The trip took 56 days to cross the Atlantic and an additional 25 days to get from New York City to Holland. His father, who was a coppersmith, died in 1849 and his mother started a hardware store in Holland at Eighth and Lake Avenue. In 1861 Jacob and his mother moved to a house in Grand Haven on the southeast corner of Fifth and Washington Streets [502 Washington], next door to the house his brother, Dr. Arend Vander Veen, later built. Jacob was a member of the first graduating class of 1861 at Hope College, where he got his degree as a registered pharmacist. He then worked in New York with several drug companies and came to Grand Haven, where he started the Vander Veen Drug Store at 136 Washington Street. He operated the store for 35 years until 1918 [1914] when he sold it to John W. Mulder. Jacob was City Treasurer in 1920 and 1921 and again in 1923 and 1924. He also was Chief of the Fire Department. He and his wife, Adelaide [Adeline], were members of St. John's Episcopal Church. Adelaide was born in Michigan January, 1852. Their children included Claude F., who was born in September, 1878 in Michigan; Kate R., who was born in August, 1880 and married Edward Pippel; Arend, born in September, 1885; and Maurice, who moved to Grand Rapids. Jacob died on May 17, 1938 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 17, 1938 and *Grand Rapids Press* obituary, May 18, 1938.]

Russell J. Vander Veen [1920-1995]

Born on January 27, 1920 Russell was the son of Claude F. and Katherine Vander Veen. He graduated from Michigan State College [MSU] with a bachelor degree in economics. During WWII he served in the Pacific Theater with the Marines as a First Lieutenant and returned to serve as Alderman of Grand Haven from April 14, 1947 to April 23, 1951. He was employed as Manager of Norge Machine Products Corp. in Muskegon and later became a New York Life Insurance agent. Russell was a member of the Elks and St. Patrick's Church. He had three children. The family resided at 603 Lafayette Street and later at 607 Lake Avenue. Russell died June 27, 1995 in Dover, Delaware. [*Tribune* articles, Source: August 8, 1947 and "Vander Veen Given Award," April 24, 1951.]

Henry Vanderveere [Vandervere/Vander Veere] [? - 1898]

Henry Vanderveere was born in The Netherlands and sometime after 1845 became a commercial fisherman in

Grand Haven. His wife, Pieternella "Nellie" Young, lived from September 7, 1812 to February 24, 1904. Henry and Nellie had at least five children: Peter, who married Mary Ann Semple, resided in Muskegon, and died on February 25, 1899; Captain Cornelius, who lived from 1838 to 1914; Captain Tony, born in 1843; Maria, who was born in The Netherlands on July 2, 1845 and married Martinus De Gloppe of Grand Haven; and a second daughter, who married John De Hass of Muskegon. The home of Henry and Nellie Vanderveere was at 436 Slayton. Henry died about February 20, 1898 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery under the name Vanderveere.

**Henry Vanderveere [Vander Vere/Vander Veere]
[1869-1946]**

Henry Vanderveere was born in Grand Haven in May, 1869 and lived there all his life. He began his trade as a barber in the original Cutler House Barber Shop when he was 13 years old. He worked two years for Louis Lehman and then had his own shop at 701 Washington Street in the Central Business District. He conducted his business nearly half a century and became known as "Dean of Barbers." Henry was the son of Captain Tony and Nellie Vanderveere. Tony was a commercial fisherman who worked out of Grand Haven. Henry died about November 19, 1946 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Tony Vanderveere [1843-1923]

A Grand Haven fisherman, Tony was the son of Henry and Nellie Vanderveere. Tony's wife, Nellie, was born in The Netherlands in June, 1847 [1849] and passed away in 1933. Their children were Henry, born in June, 1869; Nellie, born in September, 1870; Herbert, born in December, 1880; Jennie, born in October, 1884; Peter, born in June, 1888; Mary, Peter's twin; and Edward, born in March, 1889 [1890] and died in 1922. Tony died in 1923. He, Nellie, and Edward were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other Vanderveeres.

William Vanderwall I [1890-1955]

Born February 6, 1890 in Spring Lake, William was the son of Claus Vanderwall, brother of Peter and Henry Vanderwall of Spring Lake, Mrs Robert Loosemore of Grand Rapids, and Susan, wife of Orrie De Bruyn, of Grand Haven. Claus was born in The Netherlands around 1848. William began work as a road builder in Muskegon County and in 1922 started a concrete block business known as Vander Wall Bros. Block Plant. He served in WWI and was a member of the American Legion. On June 29, 1921 he married Grace Cook in Grand Rapids. They resided on Route 2 in Spring Lake Township. Their children included Beverly, Kay Sue, William Vanderwall II, Debbie De Gram, and Gerald. William died on April 2, 1955 and was buried at Spring

Lake Cemetery. Grace was born on July 12, 1889 and died in Spring Lake on March 10, 1985. Gerald ran the concrete business after his father's death. [*Tribune* obituary, April 2, 1955.]

Donald A. Vander Wier [1930-1981]

In 1962 Donald Vander Wier started Beacon Steel Supply at 1600 Madison in Grand Haven. He was born on February 14, 1930 and died in Norton Shores on November 30, 1981.

James T. Vander Zalm I [1867-1938]

Born in Grand Haven on July 25, 1867, James Vander Zalm was Proprietor of the Novelty Store [Cheap Cash Department Store] at 208 Washington Street in Grand Haven in a structure called the Vander Zalm Building. He later renamed his business the Vander Zalm Variety Store. On January 4, 1888 in Grand Haven he married Johanna Moll [Mull]. Johanna was born on July 18, 1866 and died on June 25, 1937. Both Vander Zalms were natives of Michigan. James died one year later and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. They lived at 200 Clinton. Their son, James II, born on September 1, 1889, ran the store after his death. They had at least two other sons, Theodore P. and L. Edward, who both graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1911. Theodore was born on October 16, 1891 and died in Lansing on February 3, 1973. Theodore married Elida Marie Knudsen, who lived from November 8, 1893 to February 12, 1961. It was Elida's second marriage. Edward was born in November, 1895.

James T. Vander Zalm II [1889-1972]

James II, the son of James and Johanna Vander Zalm, was born in Grand Haven on September 1, 1889. He and his wife, Amelia M. Farmer, who was born about 1891, lived at 123 Howard Street. James took over the family store at 208 Washington after his father's death. James died on November 9, 1972 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Amelia passed away around November 9, 1955 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

Toney [Tony] Vander Zalm [1844-1880]

Toney Vander Zalm was killed accidentally, evidently in a mishap with a train at the Pere Marquette Station, on October 11, 1880 at the age of 36. His wife, Dora Voss, was born April 15, 1851 and came to the Grand Haven area with her parents when she was six. One of Vander Zalms' daughters, Nellie, was born in Grand Haven on November 15, 1875 and died in 1937. Another daughter, Jennie Mathilde, was born in Grand Haven in 1879 and married Henry Bolt of Grand Haven. Dora never remarried after her young husband's untimely death. She died at Jennie's home at 719 Pennoyer on August 14 1917 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, August 14, 1917.]

John Vander Zwaag [1918-1988]

John was born in Spring Lake on May 11, 1918. He was greenskeeper at Spring Lake Country Club. He died at his home at 317 East River Street in Spring Lake on August 8, 1988 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 11, 1988.]

John Lambert Vander Zwaag [1872-1958]

John, the son of Lambert and Gertrude Bolhuis Vander Zwaag, was born in Spring Lake on July 31, 1872. He started the first trash collection business in Spring Lake. He also worked several years for Johnston Brothers in Ferrysburg. On November 29, 1890 he married Antje [Anna/"Annie"] Y. Huizenga in Holland, Michigan. She was born on January 29, 1873 in Holland, Michigan and died in Spring Lake on November 3, 1949. They had ten children, all born in Michigan: Lambert, born on March 22, 1891; Margaret, who was born June 17, 1893 [1894] and married Hilbrand Bol of Grand Haven; Benjamin, born in May, 1897 [1897]; Gertrude, who was born in October, 1899 and married Edward Rosema; Helen, who was born in Kalamazoo on December 31, 1901 and married Andrew Peterson of Spring Lake; Minnie, who was born May 19, 1908 and married Ralph De Young; Edith, who was born about 1910 and married Gerrit Vander Lee; Jeanette, who was born about 1912 and married Louis De Young; Louise, who was born on May 21, 1914, married Stuart Vander Lee of Spring Lake, and died in Grand Rapids on January 5, 2000; and Della, who married Adrian Vanden Bosch. John died in Grand Rapids on December 24, 1958 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "J. Vander Zwaag Taken by Death," December 26, 1958.]

Lambert H. Vander Zwaag [Vanderswaag] [1844-1926]

Lambert Vander Zwaag married Gertrude Bolhuis in their native county, The Netherlands, in 1864. Gertrude lived from April, 1844 [1836] to 1883. Lambert who was born on April 5, 1844, came to America when he was 22, spent two years in Paterson, New Jersey, and then moved to Spring Lake. The Vander Zwaags owned a farm in Section 8 of Crockery Township. Among their 11 children were Henry, born in August, 1871; John L., born on July 3, 1872; Jane, born in August 17, 1880; and Jacob. Lambert died in Spring Lake on April 22, 1926 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* article, "L. Vander Zwaag Dies Thursday in Spring Lake, April 23, 1926.]

Lambert H. Vander Zwaag [1891-1965]

Lambert was elected President of Spring Lake Village in 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, and 1944. The son of John L. and Anna Huizenga Vander Zwaag, Lambert was born in Holland, Michigan on March 26, 1891 and

died on October 1, 1965. On August 11, 1916, he married Elizabeth Rose, who was born in Michigan on February 20, 1898. They resided at 317 East River in Spring Lake. In 1918 Lambert was a machinist at the Challenge Company, and resided in Spring Lake. In 1930 he resided in Crockery Township and was classified as a laborer. Lambert and Elizabeth had eight children. The couple was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Johannes "John" Van Dongen [Van Dong] I [1845-1934]

Johannes "John" Van Dongen was a mason by trade. Under the direction of homeowner Charles Soule, in 1881 he built the first central furnace in Grand Haven by laying a square of brick walls around a 4-foot stove at 527 Lafayette. This method was in common use in stores and large buildings. The stove was sufficiently large to take the regulation cordwood of the day, as well as slabs from the mills. Charles Soule's son, Edward, wrote that it "made a wonderful heating plant that soon became the talk of the town." John was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as a laborer. He and his wife, Ida [Eda], lived at 14 North Seventh Street. Born in The Netherlands in May, 1848 [1849], she died on March 30, 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John and Ida came to the United States in 1872. Their children included John II, who was born in The Netherlands in April, 1868; Philip, who was born in The Netherlands about 1870 and died on February 23, 1938; William, born in 1875; Cornelia Johanna, who was born on July 25, 1877 and married Peter Koopman of Grand Haven; Henry, who was born in September, 1884, married Augusta Hubert, and died on February 21, 1934; Abram [Abraham], who was born in November, 1885, took up the trade of masonry, and died on February 20, 1956; Ida, who was born in December, 1886 and married Klass Cornelius Rink of Grand Haven; Walter, who was born in December, 1888 and died on June 6, 1931; and Albert. All the children except John and Philip were born locally. The Van Dongens lived at 14 North Seventh Street and were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. John I, who was born in The Netherlands in November, 1845, died May 19, 1934 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* "Years Events for 1899" and *Tribune* obituaries May 21, 1900 and January 23, 1952.]

John Van Dongen II [1868-1916]

John II, the son of John and Ida Van Dongen, was born in The Netherlands in April, 1868. John, a bartender, married Josephine Smith on March 8, 1899. They lived at 703 Elliott. John died about 1916 and Josephine was born in Pennsylvania in May, 1869 and passed away on January 23, 1952. At the time of her death she lived at 510 Elliott. The Van Dongens were members of the

Second Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Their son, Clarence, was born in December, 1899.

William Van Dongen I [1875-1922]

Born in Grand Haven on January 21, 1875, William was the son of John and Ida Van Dongen. He was employed for many years at the Grand Trunk terminal. On October 20, 1897 he married Edith M. Johnson of Robinson Township. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, included Ida, who was born about 1899 and married John Timmer of Muskegon; Fred, who was born December 3, 1900 and died in Muskegon on June 8, 1973; Gertrude, who was born April 8, 1904, married Fred Rescorla of Grand Haven, and died September 14, 1980; Gerald, who was born June 16, 1911 and died October 11, 1967; William II, who was born April 30, 1917 and died February 28, 1971 in Windsor, Michigan; Alice; and Anna. William died at his home, 625 Elliott, on September 7, 1922 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune*, September 8, 1922.]

Cornelius [Cornelis] Van Doorne [1842-1903]

Cornelius Van Doorne was born in The Netherlands, in March, 1842. He was the son of Martinus and Maria De Bruin Van Doorne. At the age of nine, Cornelius immigrated to the United States with his parents and settled near Buffalo, New York.

In 1866 Cornelius married Anneke [Ameke] Verwy, who was born at Geldersmaalsche, The Netherlands, on February 24, 1849. Anneke moved to Buffalo with her parents when she was two years old, and her family arrived in Grand Haven the next year. Cornelius and Anneke lived on an 80-farm in Section 10 of Grand Haven Township. They were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Cornelius died at his home on January 27, 1903. At the time of her death on October 18, 1912, Anneke shared her home at 734 Washington with a son and his family. Among the Van Doornes' 15 children, all born locally, were Martje "Martha," who was born in 1858 and married Dick Gringhuis; Cornelius J., who was born in April, 1869 and after 1900 moved with his wife, Marie, to Snoqualmie, Washington and later to Vavenby, British Columbia; Martinus, born on December 25, 1870; Marinus S., born about 1871; John C., who born about 1874 and on February 23, 1898 in Grand Haven married Clara Warber; Annike "Anna," who was born in May, 1878 and married Adrianis Botybl in Grand Rapids on January 25, 1911; Dirk [Derk], who was born in February, 1880 and married Martha Reenders; Margae, born in February, 1882; Cornelia, who was born on September 9, 1885 and on December 5, 1907 married Benjamin Borgman; Annas [Annis] C., who was born in January, 1888 and on November 2, 1910 in Grand Haven married Mary, the daughter of George and

Fredrica Botbyl; Peter, born in June, 1892; and Haline, who was born about 1898 and married Benjamin Borgman of Grand Haven. Annas and his wife, Mary, remained in the family home at 734 Washington after Anneke's death. Her brother Derk "Dick" Verwy also lived in Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 28, 1903 and October 19, 1912.]

Dirk [Derk/Dick] Van Doorne [1881-1952]

The son of Cornelius and Anneke Ver Wy Van Doorne, Dirk was born on February 28, 1881. On June 15, 1904, he and Martha Reenders were married in Grand Haven. Martha, the daughter of Alle and Grietje Nederveld Reenders of Grand Haven Township, was born on January 12, 1882 and died in Grand Haven on July 31, 1950. Dirk was a carpenter. The Van Doornes lived at 523 Slayton Street in Grand Haven. He died about September 15, 1952. Martha had passed away on August 3, 1950. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Jason Van Doorne [1916-1992]

Jason, the son of John C. and Clara Van Doorne, was born on August 2, 1916. His wife, Maria, lived from August 31, 1917 to June 26, 1998. They resided at 316 Fifth Street in Ferrysburg. Jason was an agent for Allstate Insurance. He died on August 26, 1992.

John M. Van Doorne [1858-1929]

Born in Grand Haven Township on May 18, 1858, John was the son of Martinus and Maria De Bruin Van Doorne. Maria was born in September, 1821 and came to the United States in 1851. John owned 60 acres in Section 4 and 80 acres in nearby Section 3 of Grand Haven Township and served on the Township School Board and was Treasurer of the Stone School District from the time of its opening in 1911 until his death. Stone School was on the southeast corner of Ferris Street and 168th Avenue. On October 21, 1883 in Grand Haven, he married Olchercline "Dena" Tempel. Dena lived from March, 1862 to 1916. Their children included Martin Jay, who was born in December, 1885 and moved to Grand Rapids; Gertie, born in August, 1887; Maria, born in December, 1889; and Rena, who was born in December, 1895 and died on January 11, 1988 in Grand Haven. Gertrude and her husband, Ed Haan, moved into the Van Doorne homestead. John died at his home on September 23, 1929 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife and other family members. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 26, 1902 and September 24, 1925.]

Martin Van Doorne I [1853-1921]

Born in Grand Island, New York on November 2, 1853, Martin Van Doorne was the son of Martinus and Maria De Bruin Van Doorne and the brother Martinus of Grand

Haven Township. Martin I came to Grand Haven Township as a child. He served the township as Supervisor, Treasurer, and Justice of the Peace. On October 23, 1874 in Grand Haven, he married Elizabeth, the daughter of William Balgooyen of Grand Haven. Elizabeth was born in The Netherlands in May, 1855 and died June 1, 1908 in Grand Haven. Elizabeth's father, Peter Balgooyen, was born in July, 1849 and came to the United States in 1870 with his family, including Elizabeth. The Van Doornes' children were Marie, who was born on July 1, 1876 and married Frank Stegenga of Grand Haven; Martin II, born on June 2, 1885; Minnie, who was born on May 7, 1887 and married Klaus Reenders of Grand Haven; and Jeanette [Janette], who was born on August 9, 1890 and on November 19, 1901 married Leon Ver Way [Ver Wey] of Muskegon. The Van Doornes were members of the First Reformed church. They owned two 40-acre parcels in Section 4 of Grand Haven Township. Martin died on January 18, 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 18, 1921.]

Martin Van Doorne II [1885-1922]

Martin, the son of Martin I and Elizabeth Balgooyen Van Doorne, was born on June 28, 1885. In the early 1900s, he was a dealer in farm implements and buggies at 210 North Seventh Street in Grand Haven. By 1917 he had a contracting and building business at 1203 Columbus. On November 28, 1908 in Grand Haven, he married Kate Van Zanten. Martin died November 1, 1922 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Kate married Anthony Hoebeke of Grand Haven after her husband's death.

Martinus Van Doorne [1802-1882]

Martinus Van Doorne was born on September 13, 1802 in The Netherlands and died on December 19, 1882. His wife, also a native of The Netherlands, was Maria De Bruin [De Bruyn], who lived from September 14, 1821 to April 16, 1902. They immigrated to America about 1851, going first to the Buffalo, New York area, then settling on 80 acres in Section 4 of Grand Haven Township. Among their children were Gertrude, who was born in The Netherlands on July 12, 1833 and married Berend Middag of Grand Haven; Cornelius, born in The Netherlands in 1842; Maria, who was born in Grand Island, New York on January 26, 1852 and married Cornelius Bos in 1873; Martin, born in Grand Island, New York on November 2, 1853; and John, born in Grand Haven Township on May 18, 1858. Both Van Doornes were buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Martinus C. Van Doorne [1870-1960]

Born December 25, 1870 in Grand Haven Township, Martinus was the son of Cornelius and Anneke Van

Doorne. His brother, Peter, lived in Grand Rapids. Martinus was employed by the Story & Clark Piano Company for 25 years and then did carpentry work. He retired about 1955. He was a member of the First Reformed Church. On October 14, 1897 in Grand Haven he married Reka Laman, who was born in July, 1871 and died August 4, 1931. Their children included Hannah, who was born April 19, 1908 and married Joseph E. Kammeraad; Cornelius, born in September, 1898; and Arthur. Both Cornelius and Arthur resided in Spring Lake. Martinus died on March 20, 1960 and was buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 21, 1960.]

Dale Van Dort [1938-2003]

Dale Van Dort started Van Dort Insurance Agency, located at 515 South Beacon Boulevard. He was born in Holland, Michigan on November 13, 1938 and died in Winter Haven, Florida on December 12, 2003. He married Karen Byl. Their children were Michael, Anthony, Daniel, Matthew, Susan Allred, and Beulah Handwerg. [*Tribune* obituary, December 17, 2003.]

Louis N. Van Drezer [1872-1938]

Louis was the son of Luman and Alwilda Smith Van Drezer. Louis worked at the American Express Company. He and his wife, Hazel, lived at 449 Slayton. Louis was born in September, 1872 and died in 1938. Hazel was born in July, 1872. A son, Ross, was born in June, 1897.

Luman T. Van Drezer [1833-1903]

Born in Ohio on January 24, 1833, Luman Van Drezer came to Grand Haven from Illinois in 1843 with his parents. His father, Ezekiel [Eleazar] Van Drezer, in 1845 erected a sawmill on Crockery Creek, later known as the William Thompson Mill. Ezekiel married Ann [Anna] Shupe, who lived from February 6, 1818 to March 11, 1889 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Luman and his brother, Stephen R., worked at the Crockery Creek sawmill for a few years until they joined their father in a grocery business at Ionia. Stephen was born about 1831, probably in Ohio. Later Luman opened the American House at Saranac and then in 1848 took charge of the Union Hotel at Ionia until 1861. In 1861 Luman returned to Grand Haven and with his wife ran the City Hotel, located at approximately 108 Washington Street in Grand Haven, until it burned down in the February 22, 1866 fire. Luman then rebuilt the structure and reopened the hotel. It became one of the best known in the county. His advertisement in the 1893 *Business Compendium* quoted rates of \$1.00 a day. He was a Mason and Odd Fellow.

On May 17, 1862 Luman married Alwilda Smith, who was born in Indiana on July 25, 1847 and died on June 7,

1923. Their children included William Edward, who was born September 29, 1863 and married Anna White; Mary Amanda, who was born in February, 1870, first married George Sheldon, who died in 1890, then in July, 1896 in Allendale married Leonard Foster Ralya of Robinson Township, and died about 1936 in Wisconsin; Louis N., who was born in September, 1872; Stephen Richard., who was born on July 8, 1877, relocated to Los Angeles, and died in October, 1923; Alwilda Julia, who died on December 9, 1885, just under three years old; Edward, born about 1885; and Ross, who was born in January, 1897. The Van Drezer family lived on Columbus Street. On December 28, 1900 Luman suffered a stroke that left him paralyzed. He died on September 16, 1903. He and his wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery in the family plot. [*Tribune* obituary, September 16, 1903.]

William E. Van Drezer [1863-1935]

Born in Grand Haven on September 27, 1863, William was the son of Luman and Alwilda Smith Van Drezer. For 43 years William ran Van Drezer's Restaurant at 19 Washington. He related that William "Buffalo Bill" Cody at one time rented the building for the sale of buffalo hides. He was City Alderman from 1905 to 1908, and he served on several civic boards.

On August 20, 1882 William married Elizabeth A. Schmidt in Grand Haven. The daughter of Carl Schmidt, she was born on June 21, 1868. The Van Drezers lived above the restaurant at 19 Washington and they had a cottage on Potawatomie Bayou. Elizabeth, who was born on June 21, 1863, died on August 16, 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their son, Dr. Homer F. Van Drezer, a dentist in Grand Rapids for over 30 years, was born in August, 1885. William was injured in an automobile accident and died four months later at Doyle Sanitarium in Grand Rapids on May 1, 1935. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, August 16, 1923 and May 2, 1935.]

Jan "John" Van Drunen [Van Dreunen/Van Druinen] [1813 -1898]

Jan Van Drunen, who was born on November 26, 1813, came to Grand Haven with his wife and children about 1854. His wife, Manike, who was born on February 24, 1805, died of the "grippe" on December 10, 1893. The family resided on Pennoyer Avenue. They had a son, Peter, who was born about March, 1837 and died on April 9 [16], 1900, and a daughter, Neltje "Nellie", who was born about 1841 in The Netherlands and married Aart Van Hall of Grand Haven. Jan died December 21, 1898 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, December 12, 1893.]

Abram Van Dusen [Van Duzen] [? - ?]

Abram Van Dusen, a medical doctor, operated Griffin's Drug Store in Grand Haven before going to Lemoyne Smith's Drug Store in Spring Lake about 1856 to replace Dr. R. J. Collins. In 1857 Dr. Jacob McNett referred to him as "surgeon in chief" in Nortonville. After Abram's wife, Louise, died August 28, 1853, he married Laura Robinson. She died in Muskegon in 1861, the same year Abram opened his office in Spring Lake. It was on October 2, 1861 that William Abram Van Dusen was born in Spring Lake. He eventually moved to Tulare, California, where he died on October 31, 1919.

Henrietta Van Dyk [1881-1974]

Shortly after Julia Soule died at her home on Lafayette Street on May 31, 1945, the cottage she owned on the North Shore was sold to Henrietta Van Dyk. Henrietta had been a teacher in Grand Haven in the early 1900s, but at the time of her purchase she resided and taught in Detroit. She later returned to Grand Haven and lived at 426 Ottawa. Henrietta, the daughter of Jurrien J. and Johanna Van Dyk, was born on December 7, 1881 and died in Tucson, Arizona in February, 1974.

Jurrien J. Van Dyk [Van Dyke] [1850-1905]

Jurrien Van Dyk was born in The Netherlands on December 15, 1850 and died in Grand Haven on November 7, 1905. He and his wife, Johanna, and their children resided at 517 Jackson Street in Grand Haven. Among their children were Henrietta, who was born in The Netherlands in December, 1881, and Gertrude, who lived from 1884 to 1937. They also had a son, Jacob, who was born in April, 1887. Gertrude and Jacob were born locally. In the 1893 *Compendium* Jurrien was listed as a gardener. Johanna was born in The Netherlands in August, 1861. She and Jurrien immigrated to the United States in 1882.

Johannes "John" Van Dyk [Vandyk/Van Dyke] [1861-1948]

Born in 1861, John Vandyk married Henrietta, the daughter of William Helder. With Isaac Dornbos as his partner, John owned a shoe store at 703 Washington in the early 1900s. The business later moved across the street to 704 Washington. They sold the business in 1923 to brothers John and Henry Poel. John Van Dyk and Henrietta resided at 712 Washington and later at 901 Washington. She lived from 1860 to August 2, 1930. John passed away around September 8, 1948 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Henrietta.

Albert Van Dyke [1858-1919]

Albert Van Dyke operated a grocery store at 729 Columbus in the early 1900s. He and his wife, Gertrude [Griet], who lived from July, 1865 to 1919, resided above the grocery store. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Albert was born in The Netherlands in

May, 1858. Gertie also was a native of The Netherlands, arrived in the United States in 1882, a year after Albert. Their children, all born locally, were Katie, born in February, 1886; Mattie, born in January, 1890; Louis, born in February, 1895; and Etta, born in July, 1897.

George W. Van Etten [1821-1885]

A native of New York State where he was born July 28, 1821, George Van Etten settled in Crockery Township in 1855 with his brother Samuel. On August 11, 1862 George and Samuel enlisted as Private in Company H of the 4th Michigan Cavalry. On December 15 that year George was taken prisoner of war in Nashville, Tennessee. He was returned on May 15 the next year. George was promoted to Blacksmith on April 15, 1864 and mustered out on July 1, 1865. George was in Spoonville by 1877, where he worked for two years at John Spoon's Sawmill. George later went to work for White, Friant, & Co. His wife, Leah C., lived from June 2, 1832 to February 8, 1903. Leah's sister, Jennie, married Henry Ebenezer Plant of Crockery Township. The Van Ettens had three children and lived on approximately 120 acres in Sections 21, 22, and 27 of Crockery Township. George died on March 4, 1885 and was buried at Nunica Cemetery with his wife and other family members. His wife applied for a widow's Civil War pension on October 26, 1891.

Samuel Van Etten [1827-1891]

Samuel Van Etten was born in Tompkins County, New York in 1827. When he was five, his family moved to Seneca County, also in New York. In 1847 Samuel enlisted in Company K of the 8th U.S. Regulars and served in the Mexican War. He was discharged on August 8, 1848. He moved to Chicago and then on to Kalamazoo. He next relocated to Niles, Ohio, and in 1852 to Steubenville, Ohio, where he worked on the Erie Canal until 1856, when he arrived in Crockery with his brother George. On August 11, 1862 he and George joined Company H of the 4th Michigan Cavalry as Privates. Samuel was promoted to Corporal on July 12, 1863 and to Sergeant on May 21, 1864. Samuel was mustered out on July 1, 1865 and resumed residency on 95 acres in Section 22 and 27 of Crockery Township. He died on March 28, 1891. On March 4, 1927 Charles H. Van Etten, presumably his son and listed as a "Helpless Child," applied for a miscellaneous Civil War pension.

Lee Van Haaften [1930-1988]

Born April 30, 1930 in Kalamazoo, Lee was the son of Cornelius and Marion Wilcox Van Haaften. He served in the Coast Guard from 1951 to 1954, graduated from Kalamazoo College, and earned a Master of Education degree from Michigan State University. Lee came to Grand Haven in 1957 to work for Dornbos Fisheries. He

taught sixth grade in the Grand Haven school system and coached ninth grade basketball. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, American Legion, National Deer Hound Association, and he was active in sports.

On June 22, 1957 Lee married La Mar Ethel Dornbos, daughter of Harold and Beverly Mills Dornbos and a teacher in Grand Haven schools for many years. The Van Haaftens had two children, Virginia Mills, who married Brian McDowell, and Mark. The family resided at 6 McCrea Court. Lee died on October 13, 1988 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 14, 1988.]

Aart Van Hall I [1843-1894]

Born in The Netherlands in 1843, Aart Van Hall came to Grand Haven around 1849, where he later took up commercial fishing. He married Neltje "Nellie" Van Drunen, who was born in The Netherlands about 1841 and died on August 13, 1888. Elizabeth was the daughter of Jan and Manike Van Drunen. The Van Halls' children, all born locally, included John, who was born about 1862 and suffered from paralysis; Maggie [Manike], who was born in 1864 and married Edward Vandenberg of Spring Lake; another boy who also went by the name of John, born in 1865; Adriannus "Orrie"/"Arie", who was born in 1868 and died on March 15, 1923; Peter, who was born about 1870 and died on May 28, 1916; Henry [Hendrik], born in 1873; Aart II, born in 1875; Jacob, born about 1877; Lizzie, born in April, 1880; and Daniel, who was born and died in 1881. The family's home was on Fulton Street. Aart I died on July 24, 1894. [*Tribune* obituary, July 24, 1894.]

Edwardine Van Hall [1918-2003]

See Edwardine Van Hall Olsen.

Eugene Van Hall [1926-1999]

Eugene Van Hall was killed in an automobile accident in Spring Lake Township on September 2, 1999. He was born August 5, 1926 in Grand Haven, the son of Martha Kielberg and Lawrence W. Van Hall. His first wife, Jean, whom he married on January 17, 1948, died on June 22, 1971. Eugene then married Betty L. Wildey on June 27 four years later. Betty was born on March 6, 1926 and passed away in Grand Haven on August 9, 2001. Eugene was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and an employee of Story & Clark for 38 years, where he was a cabinetmaker. Later he worked for the Best Western Motel for several years. During WWII he served with the 40th Infantry Division in the Pacific and was wounded in action. He became a member of the V.F.W. and American Legion in Grand Haven. Eugene's children were David of Spring Lake, Donald of Grand Haven, Linda Fiorenzo of Spring Lake, and

several stepchildren. He also had a brother, Lawrence, and a sister, Barbara Schroedter.

George Van Hall [1899-1976]

Born on November 10, 1899, George Van Hall was a commercial fisherman with fishing shanties located at Muir, at the foot of Dewey Hill. Many were destroyed by fire the night of March 17, 1922. His wife, Henrietta C., was born on February 16, 1892 and died on May 19, 1978. They resided at 128 Fulton. George operated several tugs, including the *Bertha G.*, *Henrietta M.*, and *George Van Hall*. George died of gastrointestinal bleeding on February 18, 1976 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John Van Hall [1865-1915]

John Van Hall, who was a marine engineer, lived at 114 Fulton Street with his wife, Nellie, and their family. Nellie was born in Canada in April, 1868. Among their children were Arthur, born in August, 1890; Eratates "Ray," who was born on July 20, 1892 and became a commercial fisherman; Edward, who was born May 6, 1894 and died in Grand Haven on February 5, 1971; Lawrence, born in January, 1897; George, born in November, 1899; James, born about 1903; and Wilford, who was born on December 24, 1904 and died in Grand Haven on January 25, 1978. John, the son of Aart and Nellie Van Drunen Van Hall, was born in Grand Haven in 1865 and died in 1915. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John H. Van Hall [1897-1964]

John Van Hall was born on February 27, 1897. On August 21, 1920 in Grand Haven he married Christine, the daughter of James and Mary Zajc Prelesnik. Christine was born in Pueblo, Colorado on August 6, 1903. The Van Halls lived at 15916 East River Street in Spring Lake. In 1930 John was a dry tacker at Eagle Ottawa. He died on May 14, 1964 and Christine passed away on June 14, 2001. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Walter, born about 1921, and Evelyn, born about 1922. [*Tribune* obituary, June 16, 2001.]

Ray Van Hall [1892-1941]

Captain Ray Van Hall was a commercial fisherman out of the port of Grand Haven. In the early 1930s he operated the only gasoline-driven tug in the Grand Haven fishing fleet, the *Arlene*. [See also Adrian O'Beck I for a similar claim.] Earlier he had the steam tug *Viola*. He fished exclusively for whitefish. Ray, the son of John and Christine Prelesnik Van Hall, was born on July 20, 1892. He started his fishing career as a youngster in 1906. He worked for Captains Van Zanten, Fase, and O'Beck before setting out on his own. Ray was the son of John and Nellie Van Hall of Grand

Haven. He passed away on October 11, 1941 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Walter Van Hall [1902-1987]

Walter Van Hall had been an employee of the *Grand Haven Tribune* for 53 years at the time of his retirement in May, 1968. He added another 11 years of part-time work at the *Tribune*. His total of 64 years of service was the longest tenure in the history of the newspaper. Walter was born on May 6, 1902 to Henry and Ruth Van Hall. The family then resided on Second Street, not far from the Grand River. Henry was a veteran employee for Eagle Ottawa Leather Company.

Walter had a carrier route for a Grand Rapids newspaper, and his friend Sherm Palmer told him about a route opening for the *Tribune*. Walter got the job at the age of 13 or 14. His first paper route was the downtown district, at a time when the lake passenger boats and car ferries were making daily stops at port. At one time, he had 100 customers. In 1917 he quit school during the tenth grade to become a printer's apprentice for the newspaper. Walter taught himself how to operate a linotype machine soon after becoming an assistant printer and typeset all of the legal notices, city council proceedings, board of supervisors proceedings, township statements, and tax sales until his retirement in 1968.

When he began working full-time, his family moved to 411 Leggat Street. In 1933 Walter married Martha Verner of Grand Rapids and moved into a home at 1146 Pennoyer. They had one daughter, Marlene. Walter died in Ferrysburg on January 7, 1987 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Martha passed away on December 24, 1983 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

John A. Van Haver I [1893-1974]

Grand Haven mason John Van Haver was born on May 23, 1893 and died in Grand Haven on September 10, 1974. He and his family resided for awhile at 5745 Wilson Road, Fruitport Township, and later at 618 Elliott in Grand Haven. On December 7, 1914 in Grand Haven, he married Emma Seeman. They had at least two children: Margaret, born about 1916, and John II, born a year later. John II later lived at 1119 South De Spelder. Emma was born about 1893.

Henry A. Van Hees I [1917-1986]

Henry Van Hees married Florence Joan Dirkse in South Bend, Indiana, on August 16, 1934. Florence, the daughter of John and Gertrude Vanden Bosch Dirkse, was born in Grand Haven on July 2, 1910 and died there on November 19, 1971. Henry lived from November 22, 1917 to October 30, 1986. Around 1940 the Van Heeses owned a celery farm at 1203 South Griffin Street. By 1930 they resided at 1114 Oakes. They had at least one

son, Henry II. Henry I was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Florence.

Cornelius [Cornelis] “Nellis” Van Hemert [1879-1933]

Cornelius Van Hemert was born in The Netherlands in 1879. On April 28, 1910 he married Nellie Dykema in Grand Haven. After Nellie died, he married Mary Verberkmoes on April 23, 1919. The daughter of Adrian and Elisabeth Rogge Ver Berkmoes of Grand Haven, she was born in June, 1888. In the 1920s Nellis owned Van’s Economy Market at 800 Washington. It was replaced in the 1930s by Wolf’s Dairy Bar. Nellis and Mary resided in a house at 802 Washington, next door to the market. The Van Hemert family resided in the City of Holland prior to coming to Grand Haven. Nellis died about June 14, 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mary passed away around August 18, 1951 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

Jane Van Herwyn [1884-1977]

See Ed Peters [1873-1968].

Adriaan Van Herwynen [Herwijnen] I [1858-1923]

Adriaan and Neeltje “Nellie” Vander Meijden Van Herwynen resided at 829 Elliott Street in Grand Haven. Nellie was born in The Netherlands on October 20, 1865. They both immigrated to the United States in 1876 and were married in Grand Haven on April 10, 1884. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, were May, born in June, 1888; Adriaan II, who was born November 20 [September 20], 1889 and died in San Joaquin County, California on October 19, 1941; Jennie, who was born on July 25, 1892 and died on February 26, 1962; Johanna, who was born on May 20, 1895 and died in 1917; John, who was born on September 24, 1898 and died August 3, 1979; and Nellie, born on December 7, 1903 and died on May 29, 1968. Adriaan I was listed as “laborer” in the 1893 *Compendium*, but by 1900 he worked at Grand Haven Brass. He was born in The Netherlands on January 17, 1858 and died in Topeka, Texas on October 29, 1923. Some family members changed the spelling of their name to Van Herwyn.

Govert [Grover] Van Herwynen [Herwijnen] [1845-1923]

On November 28, 1882 Govert Van Herwynen married Areka “Reka” Van Der Meijden in Grand Haven. They both were natives of The Netherlands and immigrated to the United States in 1870. Their children were Adrian “Arie”/“Orrie,” who was born in July, 1883, became a cabinet maker, and died around March 20, 1931; Jennie, born in November, 1885; Kate, born in June, 1888; John, who was born in February, 1889 and passed away about December 13, 1931; Lena, born in October, 1892; and Govert, who was born in December, 1898 and worked at

the brass factory. The family resided at 905 Madison. Govert, a mechanic, lived from December, 1845 [1846] to about December 13, 1923. Areka was born in September, 1857 and passed away about December 14, 1943. Some family members changed the spelling of their name to Van Herwyn. Areka, Govert, Arie, and John were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John Van Herwynen [Herwijnen] [1889-1948]

Born in Grand Haven on February 20, 1889, John Van Herwynen worked for the City of Grand Haven for 30 years and became Superintendent of the Street, Sewer, and Water Departments. He served in the military during World War I. His wife, Gertrude L. Stang, was born in Chicago on December 7, 1891 and passed away on March 1, 1967. She previously had been married to Albert Boyink, who died around March 17, 1914 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1928 the couple resided at 1450 Pennoyer and later at 511 South Griffin Street. They had a daughter Jane K., who was born around 1924. John died December 11, 1948 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Gertrude. Some family members changed the spelling of their name to Van Herwyn.

Andrew Van Hoef [1859-1932]

Andrew Van Hoef was a commercial fisherman who worked out of Grand Haven. In 1884 in Grand Haven he married Helena [Lina], the daughter of Johannes “John” Behm of Grand Haven Township. The Van Hoefs resided at 222 Elliott. Andrew was City Marshall in Grand Haven in 1890 and 1891 and again in 1895 and 1896. The Van Hoefs had three children, all born locally: Claude, born on May 8, 1884; John Andrew, born in 1887; and Kate E., born in 1891. Andrew died in 1932. Helena was born in 1864 and passed away on April 2, 1919. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Andrew had two sisters: Clara, who married William Baker, and Dirkje “Delia,” who married Jurrien Ball. [*Tribune* obituary, April 3, 1919.]

Martin John Van Horssen [1888-1941]

On September 6, 1917 Martin enlisted as Private in Company F of Grand Haven, which merged with Company L of the 126th Infantry during WWI. He was wounded in France on July 31, 1918. Before the war, Martin worked with the Michigan State Telephone company and at a Grand Haven livery. He resided at 430 Slayton. The son of William and Maria Van Horssen, Martin was born in The Netherlands on March 5, 1888 and died about July 25, 1941.

Robert W. Van Horssen [1923-2002]

Robert, the son of Henry and Henrietta Erkes Van Horssen, was born in Grand Haven on January 23, 1923. He graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1941,

enlisted in the Army on July 4, 1942, and became a Paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division. He received five Bronze Stars, one Bronze Arrowhead, American Theater Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge, Silver Star, and Good Conduct Medal. He also was decorated with the Croix De Guerre Medal and Bronze Star from France, bestowed by French President Charles De Gaulle. He served as guard to General Eisenhower at Allied Headquarters in Frankfurt, Germany. In February, 2001 Robert went to Washington, D.C. with other members of the 551st Parachute Infantry to received the Presidential Unit Citation Award. He also served with the Army during the Korean War and left the military with the rank of Master Sergeant.

Robert married Virginia A. Raskiewicz in Grand Haven on June 15, 1946. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, the VFW, and the American Legion, where he served as Post Commander from 1969 to 1970. The Van Horssens had two daughters, Susan, who married Greg Fodrocy, and Melissa Marcinkus, both of Grand Haven. Their six sons were Kurt and Chad of Grand Rapids, Gunther of Ann Arbor, and Matthew, Leif, and Hans, all of Grand Haven. Robert and Virginia resided at 15120 Lakeshore Drive in Grand Haven Township. Robert died on May 24, 2002 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 28, 2002.]

William H. Van Horssen I [Van Harssen] [1858-1925]

William Van Horssen lived from February, 1858 to 1925 and his wife, Maria [Marie] H., from February, 1863 to 1927. They were both natives of The Netherlands, and immigrated to the United States in 1894. They resided at 430 Slayton. Their children included Martin John, who was born on March 5, 1888; Ettie, born in November, 1889; Toney W., who was born on September 21, 1891 and worked for Peter Klaver in Grand Haven; Johanna, born in October, 1893; Anna W., who was born about 1894 and became a clerk at the Ottawa County Court House; William II, born in October, 1896; Arthur, who was born on October 11, 1897 and became a clerk at Gerrit Ball's store on Washington; Henry, who was born on December 8, 1900 and died in Grand Haven on November 2, 1978; Marie, who was born about 1902 and in 1930 was clerk at a local motor company; Louise, who was born June 26, 1903 and died in Grand Haven on December 16, 1973; Howard, who was born November 11, 1905 and died in Grand Haven on November 13, 1975; and Eddie. The five oldest children were born in The Netherlands, the remainder in Grand Haven. Both Martin and William served with Company F during WWI. In 1920 William I worked as janitor at a government building.

William H. Van Horssen II [1896-1918]

A Grand Haven native, William was born in October, 1896, the son of William and Maria H. Van Horssen. On April 30, 1917 William II enlisted in Company F of Grand Haven, which merged with Company L of the 126th Infantry during WWI. He was promoted to Sergeant. He was wounded on August 28, 1918 in the Oise-Aisne Offensive in France and died in a Red Cross hospital five days later.

Robert D. Van Kampen [1939-1999]

Robert Van Kampen, a native of Illinois, graduated from Wheaton College in 1960. He was the founder of the Van Kampen Merritt investment banking firm, which he sold in 1984. He also was one of three general partners of VMS Realty from 1980 to 1992, and he established the Van Kampen Asset Management Company with offices in Grand Haven and Wheaton, Illinois. Robert held a controlling interest in Fitch Investors Service until 1997, and he also controlled Marseilles Brick Venture in Illinois from 1989 to 1999. He was a board member of the Master's Mission, located in North Carolina, and Zion's Hope, in Florida. He started Grace Church in West Olive.

In the mid-1980s Robert bought lake front acreage south of Grand Haven, farmland at one time owned by Jacob and Anna Schuld, whose abandoned farmhouse was razed. The Van Kampens built several large homes on the site and called the estate "Stonegate." Also on the property was a building, called the Scriptorium, designed to hold a private collection of ancient Bibles and manuscripts, which some years later was moved to Florida. Robert provided the funds for the annual fireworks display on Dewey Hill during the Coast Guard Festival.

Robert and his wife, Judith, whom he married in 1960, had three daughters: Kimberly, Kristen, and Karla. He died at the Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago while awaiting a heart transplant on October 29, 1999.

Christiaan Van Koeveringe [Van Koeveringa] [1840-1905]

See Christiaan Van Coeveringe.

Cornelius Van Loo [1838-1927]

Born in The Netherlands on August 7, 1838, Cornelius Van Loo immigrated with his parents to America, settling in 1849 in Ottawa County. The family moved to Montcalm County the next year and stayed there until 1856, when they returned to Ottawa County. From 1858 to 1859 Cornelius attended Michigan Agricultural College [MSU] in Lansing, and he attended Albion Seminary for two semesters. After teaching in Montcalm County from 1860 to 1861, on August 14,

1862, he enlisted as Corporal in the 21st Michigan Infantry and served in the Civil War until 1865. He was promoted from Corporal to First Lieutenant and then to First Sergeant on March 1, 1863, was twice wounded at Chickamauga, and was with General Sherman on his famous march to the sea. After the war, he returned to Albion College for three years. Cornelius was elected three times as Register of Deeds in Ottawa County, serving from 1869 to 1875, was Superintendent of Schools for four years, and Supervisor and Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors for two years. He was a farmer by trade and a Republican in politics. In the 1880 census he was listed as a farmer in Zeeland Township. Cornelius died September 22, 1927 and his wife, Jannetje, who was born November 24, 1845, died November 19, 1923. They had three children, including Rosalie H., who was born locally about 1884.

John Van Loo [1882-1943]

John Van Loo married Emma Smarty in Grand Haven on September 5, 1907. They resided at 922 Madison. They had at least one child, Clarence, who was born in Grand Haven around July, 1908. John was employed at Western Piano Supply in 1908. That business closed in 1910, and John then went to work for Challenge Refrigerator Company. Emma was born about 1883 in The Netherlands and came to the United States in 1888. John died around April 3, 1943 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Emma passed away around July 28, 1960 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

Josiah Van Loo [1821-1897]

Josiah Van Loo was born in s'Heer Arendskerke, Zeeland, The Netherlands on January 24, 1821. The son of Willem and Jannetje De Weerd Van Loo, Josiah married Cornelia Vermerris, also a native of The Netherlands. Corneilia lived from October 8, 1822 to October 17, 1864. Among their children was William Van Loo, who was born in The Netherlands in 1847. The family resided on Fifth Street in Grand Haven. Josiah passed away on September 7, 1897 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, September 7, 1897.]

Josiah [Joseph] William Van Loo [1877-1954]

Born on January 1, 1877 in Grand Haven, Josiah was the son of William and Katie Van Loo. He was named for his grandfather. In 1899 the younger Josiah married Minnie Fisher, who was born in Michigan in April, 1876, died about November 21, 1955, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They resided at 318 South First Street in Grand Haven. Josiah was employed as a clerk at Albert Bolt's grocery store. Their children included Katherine, who was born in 1900, married Walter Johnson, and had a son, Robert A. Johnson born on

February 25, 1920; Elizabeth, who was born in 1902 and died in 1970; Margaret, who was born about 1905; John William, who was born about 1910; and Franklin J., who was born on August 21, 1911 and passed away in Grand Haven on October 30, 1995. Josiah passed away about September 13, 1954 and was buried at Lake Forest with Minnie. [*Tribune* obituaries, November 21, 1955 and November 1, 1995.]

William Van Loo [1846-1927]

The son of Josiah and Cornelia Vermerris Van Loo, William was born in New Zeeland, The Netherlands on October 21, 1846. He settled in Grand Haven in 1872 and married Katherine Temple on May 26, 1875. Katie, also a native of The Netherlands, was born in 1855, came to the United States in 1868. William worked as a carpenter. At the time of his death he was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church, which he joined when the Second Reformed became an English speaking congregation. He had served as Deacon in the First Reformed Church, and was Elder for many years with the Second Christian Reformed Church, where he also was Acting Clerk of the Consistory. William died on January 1, 1927, exactly a week before Katie passed away. He and Kate were residing at 107 Eighth Street at the time of his death. He and Kate had a daughter, Grietje "Maggie," who was born in 1878 and married Dick Van Woerkom of Grand Haven, and a son, Josiah, who was born in Grand Haven on January 1, 1877. William and Kate were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

William D. Van Loo [1867-1943]

In 1906 William Van Loo became Cashier at the National Bank of Grand Haven, which later merged with Grand Haven State Bank. William was born in Michigan in February, 1867, and Dena, his wife, was born in The Netherlands in August, 1866. She sailed to America when she was two. The Van Loos resided at 614 Clinton. Prior to their arrival in Grand Haven, William and Dena lived in Zeeland, where he was an accountant. Their children, all born in Ottawa County, were Gertie [Gertje], born in September, 1886; Cora A., born in March, 1892; and Dora M., born in October, 1898. William passed away about November 30, 1943. [*Tribune* obituary, November 30, 1943.]

John Van Loozenoord [1870-1935]

John Van Loozenoord settled in Crockery Township in 1877 and eventually farmed 80 acres in Section 10. He also raised livestock. He married Dena [Dina] Steketee on February 2, 1893 in Holland, Michigan. The daughter of Jan and Fenna Rotman Steketee, she was born June 20, 1870 in Saugatuck, and died December 20, 1938. John was born in Holland on March 10, 1870 and passed away on December 19, 1935. Both Van

Loozenoords were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had at least seven children.

Anton/Antony/Antonie Van Lopik [1863-1902]

Antony was the son of Gerrit and Elizabeth Van Lett Van Lopik. He was born on June 7, 1863, in Grand Haven and died of consumption in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on November 20, 1902. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Before moving to Colorado in 1898 for his health Anton helped his father and brother in the grocery business in downtown Grand Haven. In the early 1890s he and his brother had a clothing store in Kalamazoo and in Athens, Michigan.

Evan Van Lopik [1901-1965]

Born on May 7, 1901, Evan Van Lopik joined the Coast Guard as a crewman before 1930 and was the only Grand Haven native to serve on the first *Escanaba*. During WWII he became a commissioned officer and made the Coast Guard his career. He married, Mary V., the daughter of Captain William and Cornelia Ver Duin of Grand Haven. Mary was born in Grand Haven on March 21, 1902 and passed away in Grand Rapids on February 10, 1998. Evan died in Grand Rapids in May, 1965. Their son, William C., was born in 1928 and later resided at 212 Sherman in Grand Haven.

Gerrit Peter Van Lopik I [1822-1907]

Gerrit Van Lopik was born in The Netherlands in 1822 [January, 1831]. He came to Michigan in the days of Rev. Van Raalte and settled in Grand Haven in 1855. Gerrit married Elizabeth Van Lett in Grand Haven in 1856. She was born on November 8, 1833, died on March 15, 1898, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Gerrit and two of his sons, Peter and Antony, operated a grocery and general store known as Van Lopik & Sons. Peter was born in 1861 and Antony in 1863. The Van Lopiks' other surviving children were Katerina, who was born on October 18, 1856 and married Wiebbe Ekkens of Grand Haven; Martin, who was born in 1865 and moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado; John, who was born in August, 1870 [1869]; Gerrit II, who was born on January 8, 1873, married Meetje [Elizabeth] Van Drunen [Van Druinen], moved to Zeeland, and died in February, 1964; and Roelof, born on September 27, 1879. By 1900 Gerrit I was married to Nellie, who was born in The Netherlands in July, 1840. Gerrit I died of complications from pneumonia on April 19, 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John Van Lopik [1870-1911]

John, born in Fillmore, Michigan in August, 1870 [1869/1871], was the son of Gerrit and Elizabeth Van Lett Van Lopik of Grand Haven. On May 22, 1895 in Grand Haven, he married Jennie, the daughter of John and Adriana Glerum. One of their children was Gerrit

M., who was born in Grand Haven on January 27, 1896. The Van Lopiks lived at 302 South Second. They had a son, Gerritt M., born in January, 1896, and a daughter, Adriana, born in December, 1897. John drove a delivery wagon in the early 1900s. He died in 1911 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery in the family plot. Jennie lived from February, 1875 to 1937 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

Peter Van Lopik [1861-1929]

Born in Grand Haven in May, 1861, Peter was the son of Gerrit and Elizabeth Van Lett Van Lopik. When he was 20 years old he opened a general store with his father and his brother Antony. Later Peter established and operated a factory making naval blouses and surfmen's supplies in one of the upper floors of the former Cutler House [234 Washington]. His middy blouses and uniforms were sold to the U.S. Navy and Coast Guard and to the girls at Akeley Institute. He also owned and operated the Central Clothing House in downtown Grand Haven [212 Washington]. Peter retired from business in February, 1915 when he was appointed Postmaster as a Democrat under President Wilson, a position he held until 1923. He was Director of the Grand Haven State Bank and a member of the Second Reformed Church. His son continued to operate the clothing store.

Peter was married twice, first to Cornelia Byl on November 29, 1883 in Grand Haven. Cornelia was born on July 28, 1861, died on February 8, 1899, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Among their children were Gerrit [Garrett] Peter, who was born on November 20, 1884 and bought the family business; Adriaan, who was born on May 5, 1886; Elizabeth, who died on June 11, 1888, not quite a year old; Andrew who was born on October 22, 1891, served with the U.S. Infantry as 2nd Lieutenant during World War I, and later lived in Detroit and Coldwater; another daughter named Elizabeth, who was born in August, 1893, married H. Austin Lucas of Grand Haven, and later moved to Los Angeles; Katherine, who was born on May 18, 1895 and married Maynard Manting of Grand Haven; and Cornelius, who died on October 31, 1899 at the age of two. On September 9, 1902 in Zeeland Peter married Martha Baert, who was born on November 15, 1865 in Zeeland to Dr. Daniel Baert [born in 1839]. Peter and Martha had one child, Lavina, who was born on July 18, 1903 and married Albert F. vanden Berg of Grand Haven. Martha died on January 19, 1951. The Van Lopiks lived on the corner of Sixth and Columbus Streets [101 North Sixth]. Peter died from heart disease at his home on January 10, 1929 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery [*Tribune* obituaries, January 10, 1929 and January 20, 1951.]

Peter H. Van Lopik [1897-1967]

Peter Van Lopik was born on December 19, 1897, Allegan County, Michigan. In 1918 he was Assistant Manager at the Central Clothing House, 226 Washington, owned and operated by Gerrit Peter Van Lopik. Peter resided at 100 Sherman. On June 19, 1921 he married Pauline Bolt in Grand Haven. They lived at 1044 Washington. At that time, Peter was Manager of Marland Oil Company, a service station located at the southeast corner of North Third and Fulton Streets [approximately 300 Fulton]. Peter died in March, 1967 in Lansing.

R. and L. Van Lopik [? - ?]

R. and L. Van Lopik were among the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886.

Charles H. Van Norman I [1872-1923]

Charles Van Norman was the brother of Abraham and George Van Norman, both of Grand Rapids. Charles for several years was proprietor of an oyster house near the corner of Seventh and Washington [703 Washington]. He later established himself in a modern brick building on Washington Street, around the corner from his old location, and called his new place Van's Quick Lunch. He was a member of the Eagles. Charles's wife, Alice, the daughter of Martin and Emma Reenders of Grand Haven, was born in October, 1872 and died on January 10, 1902. The Van Norman children, all born locally, included Edward M., who was born in August, 1892 and moved to Tomahawk, Wisconsin with his wife and family; Mabel R., who was born in 1895 and moved to Chicago; and Vernon O., who was born in May, 1896 and moved with his wife to Detroit. Charles married Maude Cooley in Grand Haven on June 28, 1902. She was born in Michigan about 1874. Their children were Maud, who was born in 1904 and married Russell Wilds of Grand Haven, and Charles II, born about 1906. By 1908 Charles had a painting and wallpaper business at 10 North Seventh Street, where he and his family also resided. Charles, who was born in 1872, died from influenza at his home on February 17, 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his first wife. [Tribune obituary, February 19, 1923.]

Allen Van Oordt I [1895-1987]

Allen Van Oordt was born on January 15, 1895. Allen's wife, Mabel, was born about 1897 in Ohio. In 1918 the couple resided in Spring Lake Township. In 1930 Allen was a marine engineer working for the United States government. The Van Oordts' son, Allen II, was born in 1923. Allen II and his wife, Helen Rose, lived at 15831 Lake Street near Potawatomi Bayou with their children, including Pat, who married James Best, Linda, Joyce, and James. Another son, Herald, was born about 1925. Allen I and his family resided at 18146 174th Avenue in Spring Lake Township. Allen died in Spring Lake on

October 26, 1987 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [Tribune article, January 9, 1970.]

Gerrit J. Van Oordt I [1859-1949]

Gerrit Van Oordt I was a farmer and fruit grower who owned 40 acres in Section 9 of Spring Lake Township. He came to the area in 1898. He married Anna Doctor in Grand Rapids in 1888. Anna "Annie," was born in The Netherlands on June 21, 1867. She passed away in Spring Lake on December 4, 1951 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Gerrit was born in The Netherlands on July 5, 1859 and died on December 18, 1949, and also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Gerrit J. Van Oordt II [1902-1986]

The son of Gerrit J. and Anna "Annie" Van Oordt, young Gerrit was born on June 9, 1902 in Spring Lake. Gerrit II lived at 18100 174th Avenue in Spring Lake Township with his wife, Genevieve Jean. They later resided at 200 De Witt Lane in Spring Lake. Gerrit died on July 31, 1986. Genevieve was born on January 20, 1916 and passed away in Spring Lake on May 29, 1993. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Arthur Leroy Van Pelt I [1879-1961]

In 1932 Arthur Van Pelt I started a business primarily for the manufacture of plywood boats. He started in a section of Van Zylens Lumber Company in Grand Haven and later moved to Spring Lake, where Stanco Company was located. In 1935 Art erected the building located at 612 West Savidge Street in Spring Lake, where the business remained. He designed the "crescent-type" sailboat, popular on small lakes. It had a V-shaped bottom and marconi rig. It was considered especially safe for children and inexperienced boaters. Art also made boats to be rigged with outboard motors and other flat-bottom boats. In 1936 he sold about 75 boats ranging in price from \$75 to \$175. After the elder Art's death, his son, Arthur II, took over. The name was changed to AVPI [Art Van Pelt Industries]. The company discontinued producing boats in the mid-1960s. Art was born around 1880 and resided in Monroe County, Michigan until 1930. Art first married Mary Albring in Lucas, Ohio on October 16, 1902. On November 4, 1921 in Hillsdale, he married Cora [Cara] Welsh in Hillsdale. She was born in Michigan about 1889. Art's children, all born in Michigan, were Vernal, born about 1909; Elwin, born about 1918; Art II, born in Grand Rapids on September 19, 1920; and Edith, born about 1923. The family resided at 211 Monarch in Spring Lake. Art died in 1961. [Note: the 1930 census cited the birth date of Art II as September, 1929.]

Arthur Van Pelt II [1920-1980]

Arthur II, the son of Art and Cara Van Pelt, was born on September 19, 1920 in Grand Rapids and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1939. He married Lorraine

Fleming on October 4, 1946 in Grand Rapids. After Arthur died on April 15, 1980, not quite 60 years old, his wife, Lorraine, managed the family business, Art Van Pelt Industries [AVPI] at 612 West Savidge in Spring Lake. Art and Loraine resided at 210 Dixie in the 1950s, and then moved to 17859 Channel View Drive in Spring Lake Township. Lorraine, the daughter of Emma and Edward Kerner, was born in Bismark, North Dakota, on October 24, 1921. She and Art were married in Grand Haven on October 4, 1946. They had three children: Jayne, who married Daniel Flaska; Nancy, who married Robert Johns; and Steven Arthur. Lorraine passed away on June 29, 2006 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, July 1, 2006.]

John “Jack” Wesley Van Schelven [1899-1981]

Born December 20, 1899, Jack was the son of William and Minnie Sprick Van Schelven of Grand Haven. Jack was associated for 62 years with the Oakes Real Estate Agency in Grand Haven, where he started as Office Manager in 1920. Also, in his early years, he was the attendant at James Oakes’ service station on the corner of Columbus and Third Street. Jack gave “radio reminiscences” of early life in the community and was well versed in local history. On November 28, 1925 in Grand Haven, he married Maleta, the daughter of Joseph and Louise Zeimet I. Maleta was born in Wisconsin on October 6, 1898 and died in Grand Haven on December 9, 1979. They resided at 210 Grand Avenue. Jack died on November 15, 1981 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* article, “Oakes Vision Begun 97 Years Ago,” December 11, 2000.]

Louis Henry Van Schelven [1904-1997]

Louis, the son of William and Minnie Sprick Van Schelven of Grand Haven, was born on September 23, 1904. Louis worked at Grand Haven State Bank, where he started as a teller, and worked his way up to vice president. He married Hazel Snell in Grand Haven on June 18, 1928. She was born in Muncie, Indiana on September 1, 1907 and passed away in Grand Haven on November 16, 1999. Louis died on June 21, 1997. Louis and Hazel resided at 317 South Seventh Street.

Martin George Van Schelven [1910-1971]

With Albert F. van den Berg as his partner, Martin Van Schelven in 1937 started Michigan Specialty, a sporting goods outlet located at 22 South Second Street in Grand Haven. In 1943, with Lewis Hodges as his partner, Martin started Grand Haven Novelty in a small building behind Grand Haven State Bank [Old Kent/Fifth Third]. The next year the novelty company purchased the assets of the Gerrit P. Van Lopik Company, then located in the 600 block of Fulton Street. In 1945 the partnership was dissolved and the business incorporated under Martin’s direction, who at the same time purchased the buildings

and equipment of Variety Woodworks at 407 Davis Street. He was on the faculty of Grand Haven High School, where he acted as Coordinator of Business Education. Martin later had an office at 226½ Washington and resided at 404 Duncan Court. Martin, the son of William and Minnie Van Schelven of Grand Haven, was born in Grand Haven on June 17, 1910 and died there on January 16, 1971. He married Aurelia Vanden Bosch of Grand Haven on June 26, 1935. She lived from October 24, 1911 to October 16, 2001. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

William Van Schelven I [Van Schelvan] [1869-1933]

William Van Schelven, who was born in The Netherlands on September 3, 1869, was listed as a butcher in the 1893 *Compendium*. In January, 1892 he had purchased a meat market on the corner of Fourth and Fulton streets, formerly owned by John Bottje, and named it People’s Market. William had worked as a butcher in Grand Haven and Grand Rapids. He married Minnie, the daughter of Henry and Martha Sprick of Grand Haven. Minnie was born in April, 1871. The Van Schelvans’ children were John W., born on December 20, 1899; William M., born on June 6 [8], 1902; Louis Henry, born on September 23, 1904; and Martin G., born on June 17, 1910. The family resided at 218 Fulton. William died in 1933 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Minnie. His father, John, a dock worker, was born in The Netherlands, about 1834 and was widowed by 1880. William had a sister, Wilhelmina “Minnie,” born on April 3, 1866 in The Netherlands.

William M. Van Schelven II [1902-1972]

The son of William and Minnie Van Schelven of Grand Haven, William II was born on June 6 [8], 1902 and died in Grand Haven on April 24, 1972. He married Lillian Ruch, who lived from January 24, 1905 to November 13, 1993 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

Frank Van Slooten [1884-1949]

Frank was one of ten children of Folkert and Betje Van Eyk Van Slooten of Holland, Michigan. Frank was credited with starting the Christmas tree industry in Ottawa County in the late 1920s. Born in Holland, Michigan on August 6, 1884, he owned 80 acres in Section 13 of Port Sheldon Township, where he started planting white pine and Norway spruce, and later added Scotch pine, red and white pine, and blue spruce. His wife was Pearl Parker, who was born about 1888. Frank died February 8, 1949. [*Whispering Sands*, p. 25.]

Cornelius Van Sluys [1872-1938]

Cornelius Van Sluys farmed 80 acres in Section 10 of Crockery Township, where he settled in 1887. He also

raised livestock. Cornelius lived from July, 1872 to 1938. He married Jennie Poller in Spring Lake on July 15, 1892. She was born in December, 1874. Both came from The Netherlands. Cornelius immigrated to the United States in 1882 and Jennie in 1880. A son, Gilles, was born in December, 1892, and a daughter, Nancy, was born in January, 1895. Cornelius and Jennie were buried at Nunica Cemetery.

Walter G. Van Slyck [1856- ?]

Walter Van Slyck, an attorney in Grand Haven toward the end of the 19th century, was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. On June 16, 1892 he married Jennie Apsey Miller in Grand Haven. Jennie was the widow of David Miller, who died on September 23, 1890. Jennie was born in England about 1850 [1857]. Jennie and Walter moved to Ontonagon, Michigan in 1892, where he became Judge of Probate. Walter was born November 27, 1856 in Ontario, Canada.

John Van Stratt [Van Straat/Van Strat] [1867-1930]

Born in Georgetown Township in October, 1867, John Van Stratt raised livestock on his 160-acre farm in Section 25 of Robinson Township. He settled there in 1904. John was the son of Abram and Lamena Gant Van Stratt. John married Jennie Huizenga, who lived from July 17, 1869 to November 9, 1910. They had at least seven children. John died on January 4, 1930 and was buried at Georgetown Township Cemetery with Jennie.

Aart Van Tol I [Van Toll] [1836-1899]

Born in 1836 in The Netherlands, Aart Van Tol came to America when he was 16 and to Grand Haven two years later. Adrian, John, and Anthony Van Tol were his brothers. Aart was always connected with the tug business as captain and engineer. In 1866 he built and operated the 17-ton tug *George Stickney*, formerly called the *Phoebe*. [According to the 1893 *Compendium*, Van Tol built the tug and Mr C. Fleming was the owner.]

On November 28, 1861 in Grand Haven, Aart married Jansje "Johanna" Mull, who was born about 1840. Johanna died in Grand Haven on November 23, 1872. On August 20, 1873 in Grand Haven Aart married Dirkje Vandenberg, who was born in The Netherlands about 1853. Aart and Johanna's children, all born locally, included Elizabeth, born about 1864; Adriana, who was born about 1866 and died February 10, 1953; Paulina, born about 1868; Aart II, born about 1870; and Arie, born about 1871. Aart and Dirkje had at least one child, Ralph, who was born on August 29, 1874, became Assistant Engineer of the Pantlind Hotel in Grand Rapids, and died February 7, 1966. Their other children were Arthur and Nelson. The family attended the Second

Reformed Church. Aart died on May 15, 1899 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Dirkje passed away in 1926 and was buried with her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, May 15, 1899.]

Aart [Arthur] Van Tol [Van Toll] [1868-1954]

Born in Grand Haven in November, 1868, Aart was the son of Adrian and Johanna Bentley Van Tol. Aart and his brother, Frank, had a hardware store at 704 Washington. Aart married Elizabeth "Lizzie" Bouwman on the courthouse steps in Grand Haven on July 4, 1894. She was born in May, 1874. Their children were Amelia, born in April, 1895, and Edna F., born in September, 1896. The family lived at 214 South Seventh. Aart died on July 13, 1954 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 4, 1893.]

Adrian [Adriannus] Van Tol [Van Toll] [1824-1893]

Born December 23 [26], 1824 in The Netherlands, Adrian Van Tol came to America in 1852, first settling at Grand Island near Niagara Falls and then coming to Grand Haven about 1854, where he became a commercial fisherman.

Aart, Anthony, and John Van Tol were his brothers. On December 26, 1853 Adrian married Johanna Bentley, a native of Munich, Germany, who was born in November, 1828 and died about November 21, 1907. Their children, all born in Michigan, included Elizabeth, who was born in October, 1855 and married Gerrit Bottje of Grand Haven; Frank Anthony [Antonie], who was born in 1857; Adrianna "Anna," who was born in 1863 and married Frederick Albers; Amelia, born in 1865; Aart, born in 1868; August, born in 1870; and Julia, who was born in March, 1875 and married Harry Nichols. All the children remained in Grand Haven. Adrian died November 3, 1893 from "bronchial troubles" and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, November 4, 1893.]

Anthony Van Tol [Van Toll] [1830-1893]

Born in The Netherlands about 1830, Anthony was the brother of Adrian, Aart, and John Van Tol. He came to Grand Haven about 1854. Anthony was one of the owners of the tug *George Stickney* and was tugboat captain. His wife, Aaltje "Alice," was born in The Netherlands in March, 1835. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Adriana, born in 1855; Elizabeth, born in 1857; Aart, born in 1858; Rika [Reka], born in 1861; Anna, born in 1863; Adrianus, born in 1866; Jan "John," born in March, 1869; Flora, born in 1872; and Maria, born in 1874. For many years the Van Tols lived at 213 Clinton Street. Anthony died of "inflammation of the bowels" on April 13, 1893 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1912 Alice married Albert G.

vanden Berg, a widower and resident of Grand Haven. Alice died at the Poor Farm near Eastmanville on June 12, 1922, at the age of 86. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 13, 1893 and June 13, 1922.]

Arie Van Tol [Van Toll] [1871-1936]

Born in 1871 in Grand Haven, Arie was the son of Aart and Johanna Van Tol. He went into business with Gerrit Ekkens and operated a grocery store at 208 Washington in Grand Haven. Arie and Gerrit were in business together until 1913, when Gerrit bought out his partner. Arie later became a partner in the Van Tol Clothing Store. He and his wife, Amelia "Millie" M., lived at 117 South Third Street in the early 1900s, 108 Washington around 1920, and later on Sherman. Amelia was born in Michigan about 1880. Arie was a Mason, Elk, and charter member of the Grand Haven Stag Club. He died January 13, 1936 and was buried in Lake Forest Cemetery.

August Van Tol [Van Toll] [1870-1954]

Born in Grand Haven on July 10, 1870, August was the son of Adrian and Johanna Bentley Van Tol. He worked for the Kilbourn Company and later was employed at Story & Clark Piano Company until his retirement. On June 8, 1896 August married Louisa [Louise] Dorthea, daughter of Henry and Matilda Ahrens of Grand Haven. Louisa was born in Michigan in May, 1876. They lived at 728 Washington in the early 1900s and for several decades after that. Later they resided at 739 Columbus Street. Their children, all born locally, were Clarence E., who was born in June, 1896; August "Smokie," who was born April 24, 1898, moved to Traverse City, and died in September, 1963; Caroline E., who was born about 1902 and married Harold W. Richter of Long Beach, California; and Paul Henry, who was born October 17, 1904 and died in Grand Haven June 14, 1984. August died on July 13, 1954 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Frank Anthony "Tony" Van Tol [Van Toll] [1857-1937]

Frank Anthony "Tony," who was born in August, 1857, was the son of Adrian and Johanna Bentley Van Tol. He and his brothers Anthony and Aart owned a hardware store at 704 Washington in Grand Haven. Frank and his wife, Magrieta "Maggie," lived at 210 South Seventh Street. Among their children, all born locally, were Frank, born in October, 1884; Andrew, born in March, 1885; Sherman, born in August, 1887; and Jeanette, who was born on April 17, 1891 and married John Verseput of Grand Haven. The Van Tols were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Tony died in 1937. Magrieta was born in November, 1858 and died in 1934. She and her husband were buried at Lake

Forest Cemetery with other members of the Van Tol family.

Paul Henry Van Tol [Van Toll] [1904-1984]

The son of August and Louisa Ahrens Van Tol, Paul was born in Grand Haven on October 17, 1904. About 1927 he married Margaret, whose parents were Adrian and Angenieta Briedels Klop. Margaret was born in Grand Haven on December 5, 1908 and died in the same city on December 1, 1996. The Van Tols' children were Angenieta Margaret, who married Donn Paul De Young of Grand Haven; Paul Louis; and Marlene. In 1930 Paul was a meter reader for the City of Grand Haven, and the family then resided at 433 Jackson. He died on June 14, 1984 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where Margaret also was interred.

Ralph Van Tol [Van Toll] [1874-1966]

Born in Grand Haven on August 29, 1874, Ralph Van Tol was listed in the 1908 *Directory* as a marine engineer. During the 1910s he and John Walsma owned the tugboat *Gunderson* and towed aggregate from their gravel pit eleven miles up the Grand River. In 1922 they sold the gravel pit to Construction Aggregates, which had recently located in Ottawa County. About that time, Ralph and his partner, Dan Riley, purchased from Edward C. Smith the Washington Garage at 9-11 Washington, Grand Haven. Ralph and his wife, Anna, lived at 120 South Third in the early 1900s, 307 Clinton around 1920, 512 Washington in the late 1920s, and then 108 South Second Street. Anna was born in New York in May, 1877. Ralph was a member of the Grand Haven Stag Club. He died in February, 1966 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Ralph M. Van Volkinburg [1907-1988]

Ralph Van Volkinburg was Superintendent of Grand Haven Public Schools in the 1950s. He was born on October 5, 1907 and died in Grand Haven on May 24, 1988. In June, 1938 in East Lansing he married Margaret, the daughter of William and Christina Ross Armitage of Greenville. Margaret was born on August 22, 1910. She earned a bachelor degree from Central Michigan University and taught at the elementary level in Grand Haven. Ralph and Margaret lived at 628 Lake Avenue in the 1950s, moved to 1850 Far Hills Court in the early 1970s and then to 808 South Beacon Boulevard. Their children were Jane, who married Jim Sexsmith, and John. The Sexsmiths and John and his wife, Pat, were residents of Ann Arbor. After her husband's death, Margaret moved to Freedom Village, in Holland, where she died on July 28, 2004. She and Ralph were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 7, 2004.]

Gerrit Van Weelden [1842-1910]

A butcher by trade, Gerrit Van Weelden was born in Gelderland, The Netherlands in March, 1842. He and his wife, Pieterella, resided at 113 South Fourth Street. Gerrit owned a meat market nearby at 115 South Fourth. Pieterella was born in The Netherlands in September, 1850. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Cornelia, who born on July 4, 1869 and died as an infant; Cornelius, born on December 21, 1871 [1872]; Lena, who lived from February 5, 1875 to May 10, 1896; and Isaac, born in July, 1885. Gerrit, Klaas, and Peter Van Weelden were brothers. Gerrit died in 1910 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Klaas Van Weelden [1839-1919]

Klaas Van Weelden was born in The Netherlands in June, 1839 and died in 1919. Gerrit and Peter Van Weelden were his brothers. Klaas's wife, Grietje "Margaret" was born in The Netherlands about 1839 and died in Grand Haven on December 12, 1885. They and their five children resided at 114 South Second Street. One of their daughters, Ida, was born in November, 1870, married Evert Zwermer of Grand Haven, and had a son, Evert J., who was born in July, 1899. Klaas was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Peter Van Weelden [1837-1900]

Born in Gelderland, The Netherlands on January 15, 1837, Peter was the brother of Klaas and Gerrit Van Weelden and Mrs A. Uitermarkt. He settled in Grand Haven in 1855. From 1865 to 1869 he worked with his brothers in commercial fishing. He was a member of the first City Council in 1867 and held the post through 1871. While he was City Sexton from 1875 to 1878 he resided near Lake Forest Cemetery. Peter also served a term as Deputy Marshal. In the 1880s he was Street Commissioner for a term and in the 1890s for three terms. He was a Democrat. After leaving the fishing business he learned carpentry with Mathias Pellegrom and followed that trade the rest of his life.

On March 10, 1857 Peter married Ida Kooiman of Grand Haven. She was born in The Netherlands in April, 1838 and died September 6, 1914. The family resided at 406 Clinton. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, included Isaac, who was born in February, 1865 and died on September 10, 1922; Orrie [Arie], born in January, 1868 [1867]; Elizabeth, born on September 14, 1869; Peter, born in December, 1870 [1869]; Cornelia, who was born about 1872 and married a Mr Brown of Coopersville; Elizabeth, born in September, 1873; and Jennie, born in June, 1877. Peter died "from paralysis" on March 3, 1900 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 5, 1900.]

James Van Wessem [1877-1963]

James Van Wessem was born on June 19, 1877. He owned and operated a "Candy Shop and Ice Cream Parlor" at 100 Washington in Grand Haven about 1907, and in 1918 he was a jewelry salesman in Chicago. On September 27, 1898 in Grand Haven, he married Katherine Smith. Born about 1875 in Pennsylvania, Katherine died on October 27, 1963. They lived at 622 Fulton. James served as Mayor of Grand Haven in 1941 and 1942. He died on October 27, 1963 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Gerrit [Garret] John Van Westrienen I [Van Wiestren] [1832-1891]

Gerrit Van Westrienen arrived in America on June 27, 1854. On November 25, 1855 he married Hester Van Allsburg, sister of Mrs S. Bolhuis and Arrie and Engle Van Allsburg of Coopersville. Gerrit was born in The Netherlands on August 18, 1832 [1828]. Hester, who was born in The Netherlands in August, 1832 [1833], died on January 16, 1922. Gerrit had a grocery store at the corner of Fifth and Franklin [434 Franklin], where he and his family also lived. They had seven children, all born in Michigan: Aartje "Alice" [Edna], who was born December 29, 1858 and married Egbert H. Hollestelle of Grand Haven; Reka [Reeka], who was born about 1861 and married Peter Sinclair of Chicago; John, born in 1864; Gerrit J. II, who was born in 1866; Aart, who was born in 1870, became a physician, and relocated to Kenosha, Wisconsin; and Peter, who was born in 1872 and died April 23, 1906. Gerrit died on December 25, 1891. [*Tribune* obituary, January 16, 1922.]

Gerrit John Van Westrienen II [1866-1930]

Born in Grand Haven in a home on the southwest corner of Franklin and Fifth Streets [434 Franklin] in July, 1866 [1865], Gerrit Van Westrienen worked as a youth in the lumber industry. Later he worked for Challenge Refrigerator Company for 45 years, starting as a young man and working up to the head of the production department. His parents were Gerrit and Hester Van Allsburg Van Westrienen. The younger Gerrit was a member of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven and Maccabees. About 1890 he married Elizabeth Van Dyke of Grand Haven, who was born in April, 1868. Their children, all born locally, included Harold J. who was born in August, 1897, worked with his father at the grocery store, and later became Supervisor of a Vocational School in Detroit; Henry A. who was born about 1902 and became a teacher in Kalamazoo; Charles M., who was born about 1919, died at home at 530 Franklin Street on December 5, 1930, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery; and Mildred. Gerrit II also died in 1930. [*Tribune* obituary, December 5, 1930.]

Daniel Van Woerkom [1898-1968]

Daniel, the son of Henry and Anna Kruidenier Van Woerkom, was born on December 28, 1898. He married Ada Van Loo and opened a medical practice in Grand Rapids, where he died on November 25, 1968. Daniel was the first Commander of the local American Legion, Charles Conklin Post # 28.

Dick Jan Van Woerkom [1873-1950]

Dick Van Woerkom was born in Grand Haven on April 16, 1873. His mother, Jennie, was born in The Netherlands in December, 1838. He had three brothers, Peter, born in The Netherlands in February, 1864; William, born in Michigan on May, 1875; and Arthur B., born in Michigan in November, 1884. He also had a sister, Nellie, was born in Michigan in March, 1870. On August 7, 1918 in Grand Haven, Dick married Maggie Van Loo. The daughter of William and Katherine Van Loo, Maggie was born in Grand Haven in 1878 and died about February 4, 1930. Dick was a varnisher at the Story & Clark Piano Company. The family resided at 437 Grant. Dick passed away on July 5, 1950 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife.

Henry [Hendryk] Van Woerkom [1863-1939]

Born in The Netherlands on February 4, 1863, Henry Van Woerkom arrived in the United States in 1870. In Grand Haven he started working at the De Spelder grocery store on Seventh Street and was later employed by Gerrit Vanden Bosch, who operated one of the first clothing stores in Grand Haven. Later Henry was hired by the Enterprise Clothing Company in downtown Grand Haven, and a few years after that he joined Peter Van Lopik, who operated one of the largest stores in the area. Van Lopik's business was reorganized as the Central Clothing Company at 212 Washington, and Henry became a partner in the business. The company was dissolved in 1931, and Van Woerkom retired at that time, although he was associated with Van Woerkom's Men's Shop at 126 Washington until at least 1934.

On September 11, 1888 in Holland, Michigan, Henry married Johanna "Anna," the daughter of Bastian Kruidenier. Anna was born in The Netherlands on February 12, 1866. The Kruidenier family settled in Holland, Michigan when Anna was five. She died March 19, 1951. The Van Woerkom children included Jeanette, who was born on May 25, 1890, married Henry Tysman of Grand Haven, and died on January 7, 1975; Bastian, who was born on March 6, 1894 and ran a clothing store in Grand Haven for several years before moving to Berkley, California; Gertrude, who was born on November 9, 1896 and married Lawrence Dornbos of Grand Haven; Daniel, who was born on December 28, 1898; and Nell, who was born on February 11, 1903 and married Carroll E. Ackerman on April 14, 1934. Henry

died on August 1, 1939 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife died on March 19, 1951 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, March 20, 1951.]

Orrie Van Woert [1906-1983]

Born September 2, 1906 in The Netherlands, Orrie was the brother of Gerrit Van Woert of Grand Haven. He was a machinist for Grand Haven Ottawa Steel Company and worked at Teledyne for 28 years. He married Christine Braak of Spring Lake who preceded him in death by 35 years. His second wife, Martha, died in July, 1982. His children included Mrs Frank Verna Di Giovanni of Wyoming; Gordon of Grand Rapids; Judy Steggerda of Missouri; Christina Sue of Florida; and Paul of Dearborn. Orrie died on February 17, 1983 and was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituary, February 18, 1983.]

Adlebert M. Van Wormer [1847-1910]

The brother of Edmond Van Wormer of Grand Haven, Adelbert was born in Auburn, New York on February 4, 1847. He moved with his family to Oxford, Michigan in 1856. He and three of his brothers, including Edmond, enlisted in Company F of the Ninth Michigan Cavalry on May 5, 1864. Adelbert was discharged on July 21, 1865. After the war, he married Mary Hybter in Oxford. She died in 1880, leaving Adelbert with three sons: Orrie, Edmond, and Bernard. Edmond was born in Oxford on April 9, 1871 and lived in Grand Haven until 1915. Edmond died in Oregon about March 30, 1931. Adelbert and his sons moved to Grand Haven in 1882. The same year, he married Louise Bollow. Of their four children, only Corabelle survived. Adelbert was an architect and millwright. He was a member of the Weatherwax Post of the GAR, International Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias. He died in Grand Haven on April 30, 1910. Louise died about June 15, 1939 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband and other family members. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 30, 1910 and March 31, 1933.]

Edmond Van Wormer [1841-1921]

Born in New York State on March 1, 1841, Edmond Van Wormer moved to Grand Haven. Adelbert Van Wormer was his brother. In the 1880 census for Flint he was listed as a railroad engineer. By 1900 Edmond had opened a restaurant at 18 Washington, where he also resided. He was a widower at the time of the 1900 census. Edmond was still in the restaurant business at the same address in 1908, but did not appear in the 1910 census, although he is mentioned in his brother's obituary as being a resident of Grand Haven. He and his wife, Julia, had at least one child, William. Julia was born in Flint about 1847. Edmond appeared in a census of Civil War veterans who were living in Grand Haven

in 1894. He and his three brothers served with Company F of the Ninth Michigan Cavalry, enlisting on May 5, 1864 and mustering out on July 21, 1865. He died at the Soldier's Home in Grand Rapids on February 5, 1921 and was buried there.

William Van Wormer [1872-1964]

See Martha Maude Mandi Kraai.

Jan "John" Van Wyk [Van Wyke] [1832-1909]

Jan Van Wyk was an early member and leader of the First Christian Reformed Church in Grand Haven. He was born in The Netherlands and lived from October, 1832 to 1909. He arrived in the United States in 1854. He was listed as a "retired laborer" in the 1893 *Compendium*. He married Tryntje Bakker in Grand Haven on October 28, 1867. Also from The Netherlands, Tryntje was born in March, 1842 and died in 1912. She immigrated to the United States in 1867. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Govert Van Wynen [Van Der Wynen/Wynan] [1861 - ?]

Born in The Netherlands about 1861, Govert Van Wynen owned a 120-acre farm in Section 36 of Olive Township later known as Port Sheldon Township. He came to the United States in 1893 and settled in Olive Township in 1908. He also raised livestock. His wife, Grace J., was born in The Netherlands about 1858. She came to the United States the year after Govert, bringing with her their sons Jacob Grover, born on February 7, 1887, and Peter Henry, born February 1, 1889. The Van Wynens had a third son, Gilbert Adrian, born September 10, 1895 in Michigan. The Van Wynens continued to own their Olive Township farm into the 1930s.

Cornelius [Corneil] Van Zanten [1838-1920]

Cornelius Van Zanten I was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on January 27, 1838. He and his wife, Frieka [Freerkjke] "Frances" Wierenga, whom he had married in Uithuizen, The Netherlands on May 14, 1864, crossed the Atlantic aboard the *Germania*. Frances was born in The Netherlands on September 30, 1837 and died in Grand Haven on July 26, 1902. They left Rotterdam on June 4, spent a brief time in New York, and arrived in Grand Haven on August 11 that year. Cornelius intended to go on to Muskegon, but a delay in Ferrysburg led to the young couple staying in the Grand Haven area. He found work loading vessels with lumber and later was employed at the Albee Tannery during the winter months. In 1869, in company with John Ball, Henry Fase, and Johannes Fisher, he invested in a small fishing sailboat that they purchased from the three Van Weelden brothers. In 1872 they bought the steam tug *Pearl* to use in fishing, with Captain Adrian O'Beck as master. Duncan Robertson built the tug at his shipyard,

Montague Ferry built the engine at the Ferrysburg shops, and the boiler was constructed at the Johnston shop, also in Ferrysburg. Cornelius secured engineer's papers and continued to engage in fishing the rest of his life.

The Van Zantens' children, all born locally, included Jan "Jane," who was born on November 15, 1865 and married Edward P. Kinkema of Grand Haven; Katie, who was born about 1867 and married Albert De Jonge; Dena [Dina/Wieberdina], who was born on January 13, 1869 and married John J. Bolt of Grand Haven; Cora, who was born about 1871 and married Jacob Dykema; Jennie, who was born about 1874 and married John Lang of Coopersville; Geertje "Gertrude," who was born in 1875, married William S. Gruys and moved to Riverside, Michigan; Cobia [Jacoba], who was born in 1878 and married Bert Vanden Bosch of Grand Haven; and Cornelia, who was born in 1880, married Bernard [Barend] K. Kuiper, and moved to Grand Rapids. The Van Zanten family attended the Christian Reformed Church of Grand Haven, which Cornelius helped organize in 1882. On November 5, 1891, Cornelius purchased the Johannes Golberg's 40-acre farm in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township [Peach Plains] for \$1,200. After Frances's death, Cornelius married Cornelia Veltkamp in 1905. She was born in The Netherlands on August 30, 1839, died on September 26, 1914, and was buried at Lake Forest. Cornelius died on December 13, 1920 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Frances. Folgert Van Zanten was Cornelius's brother. [*Tribune* article, "Nearly Half Century in America," August 11, 1913," and *Tribune* obituaries, May 7, 1910 and December 13, 1920.]

Corneil "Neil" Van Zanten II [1879- ?]

In the early 1900s Corneil Van Zanten II was part owner of a general store at 222 North Seventh. His partner was Charles Fisher. They carried primarily groceries, but also patent medicines, fabrics, and other items. On August 26, 1909 in Grand Haven, Neil married Henrietta "Etta" Cook. Etta, who was born in Grand Haven December 30, 1882, the daughter of John M. and Maggie Cook, died May 6, 1910 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Neil built and lived in the home at 620 Lafayette. Born on May 26, 1879, he was the son of Folgert and Alice Baar Van Zanten of Grand Haven.

Folgert [Folkert] Van Zanten [1849-1931]

Born in Groningen, The Netherlands on March 14, 1849, Folgert Van Zanten came to America alone at the age of 14 to join his older brother Cornelius, who was a commercial fisherman in Grand Haven. He worked in the sawmills and advanced to head sawyer. In 1892 Folgert went into partnership with Tyl Groenendal and started a coal and wood yard at 520 Elliott Street in Grand Haven, which they named Groenendal & Van

Zanten. A little later Folgert bought out his partner and renamed the business Van Zanten & Son. He also bought out an ice firm and made that industry a branch of his business, which he advertised as "The Coal and Ice Men." He was a member of the Board of Education and of the First Reformed Church.

On October 7, 1870 Folgert married Aaltje "Alice" Baar, who was born in May, 1852 in The Netherlands, the daughter of Simon and Helena Yonker Baar of Grand Haven. The Van Zantens lived at 520 Elliott, the same location as the business. Their nine children, all born in Michigan, included Charles, who was born in 1872, graduated from Grand Haven High School, became Assistant Postmaster in Grand Haven, and died of smallpox on January 20, 1903; Simon, who was born in 1877, moved to Kenosha, Wisconsin, and died on February 9, 1967; Corneil [Cornelius], who was born in May, 1879; Lena, born in October, 1881; Jacob, who was born in August, 1884, worked at the post office for many years, and died on December 20, 1954; Helena, who was born about 1882, worked for many years at the Addison Baltz store in downtown Grand Haven, and died on October 18, 1967; Kate, who was born in November, 1886, became a milliner, and married Martin Van Doorne II of Grand Haven, who died in 1921, and then Anthony Hoebeke, also of Grand Haven; Alice, who was born in November, 1889, and married Myron Rose of Grand Haven; and Jennie, who was born in May, 1897 and married Louis Loetz. Alice died of "a weakened condition and smallpox" on February 23, 1903, about a month after her son. In 1918 Folgert married the widow Gertrude Stevens of Grand Haven. Gertrude lived from 1864 to 1938. Folgert died at his home on Elliott Street on December 17, 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, February 23, 1903 and December 17, 1931.]

Govert Van Zantwick [Van Zantwyk] I [1836-1917]

Govert Van Zantwick and Henrietta Bartels were married in Grand Haven on July 3, 1861. They both were natives of The Netherlands, where Govert was born about 1836 and passed away around March 7, 1917. Henrietta lived from 1845 to around December 16, 1912. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had a daughter, Henrietta, who was born in Grand Haven on August 14, 1867, and two sons, Herman [Harmon], born in September, 1869, and Dirk, who was born on August 23, 1873. Govert was a laborer. He and his family were residing at 625 Columbus as early as 1880, where they remained into the early 1900s. Govert Van Zantwick II was their grandson.

Govert Van Zantwick II [1893-1944]

After working at the Story & Clark Piano Company, Dake Engine Company, and John Boer & Sons, Furniture and Undertakers on Washington Street in Grand Haven, Govert Van Zantwick opened Ottawa County's first funeral home at 208 Franklin Street in 1926. Two years later the business was located at 620 Washington, property they purchased from the George D. Sanford estate. In May, 1926, Van Zantwick conducted his first funeral. The funeral home on Washington, which also served as their residence, later became known as Van Zantwick, Bartels, and Kammeraad, operating in both Grand Haven and Spring Lake. The business remained at 620 Washington into the 21st century.

On December 11, 1916 Govert married Winifred De Witt. The daughter of Johannes and Jennie De Witt of Grand Haven, Winifred was born October 25, 1893. The Van Zantwick children included Herman L., who was born on September 27, 1917. Other children were Joan Katherine, born about 1921, and Allen M., born around 1925. Govert, the grandson of Govert and Henrietta Bartels Van Zantwick, was born in Grand Haven on December 3, 1893, died on September 4, 1944, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His parents were Herman and Alice Van Zantwick. Govert's widow, who married Jacob Cook in 1961, died on February 27, 1982.

Herman [Harmon] Van Zantwick [1869-1931]

The son of Govert and Henrietta Bartels Van Zantwick, Herman was born in Grand Haven in September, 1869 [1870]. His wife, Alice "Allie," was born in August, 1873. They had a daughter, Henrietta, born in March, 1892, and a son, Govert, born on December 3, 1893. Herman was a cook in the early 1890s, but later worked at Challenge. The family resided at 325 North Fifth.

Herman L. Van Zantwick [1917-1983]

Born in Grand Haven on September 27, 1917, Herman was the son of Govert and Winifred De Witt Van Zantwick. After graduating from Cincinnati College of Embalming in Cincinnati, Ohio, Herman was licensed as an embalmer in 1939. He then joined his father in the funeral home business. He served in the Navy during WWII as a hospital corpsman at Treasure Island and Fleet Receiving Hospital in California. After the war Herman assumed management of the business in place of his father, who had died two years earlier. In 1946 Charles M. Ayers joined Herman as part owner. In 1963 Herman contracted tuberculosis and was hospitalized for six months. He went into semi-retirement in May, 1981. He enjoyed golf and was a caddy master and assistant pro who shot in the 70s at Spring Lake Country Club in 1937 under Denny Allen.

On April 4, 1941 Herman married Geneva Jane Palmer of Muskegon, who died in Spring Lake of congestive

heart failure at the age of 70 on January 29, 1990. Their children included Kay, who married Geoffrey Bernd, became a nurse, and lived in Clinton, Michigan; Jane, who married Danny Miller of Spring Lake; and Dale Van Zantwick, who married Susan and took an active role in management of the funeral home. The family resided at 620 Washington, the site of the funeral home. Herman died on September 24, 1983 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Herm Sees Lots of Changes, Retiring at 63," May 8, 1981.]

Peter Van Zylén [Van Zijlen Van Zylín] [1818-1894]

Born in Groningen, The Netherlands in October, 1818 [1817], Peter Van Zylén came to Grand Haven around 1865 [1877]. His wife, Wiepke, was born in The Netherlands in October, 1817. They were married about 1854. Listed as Milkman in the 1880 census and as Drayman in the 1893 *Business Compendium*, Peter died at his home on October 22, 1894 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Wiepke died on March 20, 1904 and was buried with her husband. Their children, both born in The Netherlands, were Luther, born about 1852, and Mary, born about 1863. [*Tribune* obituary, October 23, 1894.]

Peter Henry Van Zylén [Van Zylín] [1877-1957]

Born in Grand Haven on June 9, 1877, Peter was the son of Heine [Henry] Pieter and Grietje Yonker Van Zylén, who both were born in The Netherlands, Cornelius. His grandparents were Peter and Wiepke Van Zylén of Grand Haven. Peter the younger went to work at the age of 14 in local industries before entering the produce business in Grand Haven in 1903. In 1904 he bought out William Thielemann II and went into the lumber business under the name of Van Zylén Lumber Company. He dealt in lumber, Pittsburgh paints and varnishes, sashes, doors roofing, cement, and coal. The company at first was located between Adams Street and the South Channel, near Sixth Street [701 North Sixth]. Later Peter moved his business to the corner of Seventh and Jackson Streets in Grand Haven [approximately 430-440 North Seventh]. For 53 years he operated lumber and coal yards at these two sites and another one on Davis Street, near Baker Lumber Company. He also erected and owned the coal sheds that serviced the Pere Marquette Railway system, located near the corner of Seventh and Jackson Streets in Grand Haven. He was a member of the Second Reformed Church, the Eagles, Grand Haven Farm Bureau, Spring Lake Country Club, Elks, Rotary Club, Retail Lumber Dealers Association of Michigan, Salvation Army, and was an officer of the Peerless Novelty Company. Peter was Mayor of Grand Haven in 1915, and served as Alderman in 1913 and again from 1930 to 1932. He was President of the Chamber of Commerce from 1924 to 1925.

On July 7, 1904 Peter married Dena Fase, who was born February 22, 1884 in Grand Haven. She was the daughter of Jacob Fase, a well-known local commercial fisherman. Dena's sister Henrietta married Edward Kieft of Grand Haven. The Van Zyléns lived at 442 North Seventh Street and later at 615 Washington. Dena died of a heart attack on August 6, 1940 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. She had been active in the Coast Guard Water Festival and always took care of the city banquet for the Coast Guard Festival. Their children, all born locally, included Marjorie C., who was born on April 2, 1905, married a Mr Hektor of Muskegon, and died on February 24, 1993 in Grand Haven; James Henry, who was born on September 22, 1907; married Beryl Emeline Abbey, and died on August 22, 1988 in Santa Ana, California; and Cornelia Lena, who was born on October 18, 1910 and died in Muskegon on November 4, 1966. Peter died on August 5, 1957 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, August 7, 1940 and, August 5, 1957.]

John Vaupell [Vaupel] [1852-@1940]

Born in Livingston County, New York, of Dutch heritage on April 12, 1852, John arrived in the City of Holland in 1860 with his parents, Hermanus and Cornelia Nyhuis Vaupell, both natives of The Netherlands. John moved to Grand Haven in 1881, after his election as Sheriff of Ottawa County, a post he retained in 1882. In 1894 he was elected Mayor of Grand Haven. He favored the principles of the Republican Party. John was Secretary of the Grand Haven Leather Company [Eagle Ottawa] when it incorporated in 1885 and afterward. With John Klaver, John owned a half-interest in "Turk," a trotter with a good record.

On December 12, 1877, John married Harriet E. Kellogg of Grand Rapids. Born in 1856, she died two years after their wedding, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with a daughter, Hattie, who lived from 1879 to 1888. In 1880 John married Josephine L. Bicknell, from Malone, New York. She was born on April 12, 1854. John and Josephine had two children: Leonard J., who was born on January 20, 1882, and Helen K. John died before 1940, and Leonard died in Seattle, Washington on March 30, 1966. Helen also died in Seattle, passing away on April 3, 1969.

William H. Vaxter I [1873-1929]

William Vaxter's wife Dena was born in Michigan in December, 1871. William was born in Michigan in July, 1873. He was First Mate aboard the car ferry *Milwaukee* when it went down with all hands in Lake Michigan on October 22, 1929. Dena resided in Grand Haven at 839 Grant around 1930. The daughter of Henry and Grace

Arkema I of Grand Haven, Dena passed away around August 11, 1945 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where her husband also was buried. William Vaxter II, born on September 2, 1904, was their son.

William J. Vaxter II [1904-1977]

In 1933 William Vaxter became owner and operator of Franklin Press at 517 Fulton. William, the son of William and Dena Vaxter I, was born on September 2, 1904 and died in Phoenix, Arizona in December, 1977.

Jacob Veit [1851-1911]

Jacob Veit was part owner of the Eagle Brewery in Grand Rapids, where it was established in 1879. Jacob and Frederick August Tusch, another Grand Rapids brewer, in 1905 bought a parcel of land later referred to as Veit's Landing in Ferrysburg. Jacob, who was born in Prussia, lived from 1851 to 1911 and was buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Walker Township, Kent County. He married Anna Meijer in Grand Rapids on November 25, 1879.

Bradford Velsey [Velzy/Velsay] [1850- ?]

Born in New York about 1850, Bradford Velsey in 1880 received from Frank Archer a license to operate a ferryboat across the Grand River in Allendale Township. His wife, Emma, was born around 1852 in Ohio. They had two children.

James T. Veneklasen [1886-1969]

Reverend Veneklasen was Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven from May, 1914 through 1919. Boy Scout Troop 1 was organized under his leadership during that time. After leaving Grand Haven, Rev. Veneklasen went to Baltimore, next to Iowa, and eventually to California. He was born in Zeeland on August 25, 1886 and died on December 21, 1969 in Orange County, California. His wife, Ann Schuelke, was born in Iowa on March 24, 1888. She died in Orange County on April 20, 1981.

Adrian [Adriaan] Ver Berkmoes II [1849-1924]

A building contractor, Adrian Ver Berkmoes and his second wife, Alyda, lived at 615 Franklin Street in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. Alyda was born in The Netherlands in October, 1862. The son of Adriaan and Dirkje Schippers Ver Berkmoes, young Adrian was born in Goes, The Netherlands, on August 5, 1849 and died in Grand Haven on July 13, 1924. Adrian and Alyda resided at 615 Franklin Street. His first wife, Elizabeth [Elisabeth] Rogge, was born in 1852 and died on April 5, 1897 in Grand Haven. She and Adrian II were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children included Adrian III, born in August, 1875; Deerka "Delia," born about 1879; William, born on May 5, 1883; Peter, who was born January 7, 1887 and died in Elkhart, Indiana in

February, 1981; and Mary, who was born in June, 1888 and married Cornelius Van Hemert of Grand Haven. The children were all born locally. Alyda had a son and a daughter by her first marriage: Cornelius, born in January, 1888, and Adriana H., born in April, 1890.

Adrian Ver Berkmoes III [1875-1924]

Born in August, 1875, Adrian Ver Berkmoes III on August 19, 1898 married Anna "Emma" Meinel of Crockery Township. Anna, who was born in Germany on October 4, 1878, came to America with her family in 1884 and to Grand Haven five years later. Her father, Reinhardt Wilhelm Meinel, was born in Saxony, Germany in 1853, and her mother was born in the same year and place. Adrian was the son of Adrian and Elizabeth Rogge Ver Berkmoes II. Adrian and Anna had two children: Stewart A., who was born September 1, 1899 and died in September, 1968; and George W., who was born on April 27, 1902 and died in Grand Haven on August 14, 1987.

Andrew Ver Berkmoes [1887-1965]

Like his brothers Cornelius and Henry, Andrew was in the business of manufacturing cigars. His home in the early 1900s was at 320 Columbus. The brothers also trapped muskrats and raised celery on the mud flats east of the U.S. 31 bridge over the Grand River and at a site near the later Gage Motor Mall property. Andrew, the son of Cornelis and Pieterella Jacoba Botbijn [Botbyl] Ver Berkmoes, was born in Grand Haven on July 5, 1887. He was a member of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Other family members living with Andrew on Columbus Street in the early 1900s were his sisters and brothers, Della, a clerk, Joseph and Krein, both students, and Lizzie. On July 28, 1908 in Bailey, Muskegon County, Andrew married Hazel May Grindle. Hazel lived from June 23, 1889 to April 7, 1969. They had six children, all born locally: Howard A., born about 1909; Irmagene, born about 1910; Helen, born about 1912; Ruth, born about 1915; Lester, born about 1917; Merle L., born about 1919; Irmadean, born about 1920; and Marva, born about 1922. The family resided at 615 Grand Street around 1920, and then moved to 215 North Second. Andrew died in Grand Haven on June 18, 1965 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, where Hazel also was buried.

Cornelis [Cornelius] Ver Berkmoes [1858-1931]

Born in Goes, The Netherlands on May 30, 1858, Cornelis was the son of Adriaan and Dirkje Schippers Ver Berkmoes. Cornelis settled in Grand Haven, where he married Pieterella Jacoba Botbijn [Botbyl] on October 19, 1881. Pieterella was born in Zeeland, The Netherlands, on September 16, 1862. Hendrik and Marie Paret Botbijn were her parents. Cornelis manufactured and sold cigars from his store at 110

Washington. The Ver Berkmoes children, all born in Grand Haven, were Dirkje "Della;" Selia, who was born in February, 1883 and died the same year; Mary, who was born about 1885 and died in September, 1898; Andrew, who was born in 1887; Henry, who was born about 1888; Elizabeth; Joseph; Josie, who was born and died in 1892; Krein, who was born on October 19, 1894; and Cornelius, who was born on November 29, 1898. Cornelis passed away in Grand Haven on November 15, 1931, and Pieterella died three years later on December 22.

Cornelius "Kack" Ver Berkmoes [1898-1930]

Like his brothers Andrew and Henry, Cornelius was in the business of manufacturing cigars. The brothers also trapped muskrats and raised celery on the mud flats east of the U.S. 31 bridge over the Grand River and at a site near the later Gage Motor Mall property. Cornelius, the son of Cornelis and Pieterella Jacoba Botbijn Ver Berkmoes, was born in Grand Haven on November 29, 1898. He was a member of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. On November 21, 1921 Kack married Cora Dykstra in Muskegon. She was born about 1900. They lived at 320 Columbus Street. On November 24, 1930, Kack and his brother Henry died in the Grand River when their rowboat capsized near their property, then called Ver Berkmoes Island. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 25, 1930.]

George Ver Berkmoes [1902-1987]

The son of Adrian and Anna Emma Meinel Ver Berkmoes, George was born on April 27, 1902. He was married twice, first to Opal M. Cartwright and then to Katherine, who was born March 28, 1904. They lived at 1132 Franklin Street in Grand Haven, where Katherine died on December 18, 1986 and George the next August 14. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Harold Ver Berkmoes [1922-1965]

Born in Grand Haven in 1922, the son of Henry and Grace Ver Berkmoes, Harold graduated from Grand Haven High School and worked for Peerless Glove Company, Oldbergs, and Keller Tool Company. He entered Hope College, but dropped out to enlist in the Air Force during World War II. After the war he resumed his education. Harold died in July, 1965.

Henry Ver Berkmoes [1889-1930]

Henry, along with his brothers Cornelius and Andrew Ver Berkmoes, manufactured cigars. The brothers also trapped muskrats and raised celery on the mud flats east of the U.S. 31 bridge over the Grand River and at a site south of town near the later location of Gage Motor Mall. Henry was the son of Cornelis and Pieterella Jacoba Botbijn Ver Berkmoes. On July 30, 1914 in

Grand Haven, he married Grace Mulder. She was pregnant at the time of her husband's death. On November 24, 1930, Henry and his brother Cornelius ["Kack"] died on the river near their property, called Ver Berkmoes Island at that time, when their rowboat capsized. Henry, who was born June 30, 1889, was 42 when he drowned. Henry and Grace had eight children, including Cornelius "Case," who was born on March 10, 1914; Anna Marie, born about 1918; Donald, born about 1920; Harold, born about 1922; Edwin, born about 1925; Evelyn, born about 1927; Charlotte, born about 1928; and Henry, born June 1, 1931. Grace, who raised the children on her own, died April 21, 1947, at age 58. Between 1918 and 1930 the family resided at 125 Elliott. Later, their house, at 515 Grant Street, had a greenhouse in the backyard. [*Tribune* obituary, November 25, 1930.]

Joseph H. Ver Berkmoes [1923-1985]

Born on July 13, 1923, Joseph Ver Berkmoes became a milling machine operator at Ottawa Steel Products. He and his wife, Joan, resided at 513 Jackson in Grand Haven. Joseph died in Grand Haven on January 30, 1985.

Krein Ver Berkmoes I [1894-1961]

Krein Ver Berkmoes was born in Grand Haven on October 19, 1894, the son of Cornelis and Pieterella Jacoba Botbijn [Botbyl]. Krein was a trapper and celery farmer and ran the Ver Berkmoes Feed Store in Grand Haven. He and his family moved from 809 Fulton to a celery farm on Wallace Street [Beacon Boulevard] on December 7, 1941. On September 25, 1921, in Grand Haven, Krein married Marie Nichols. Marie was born in Michigan on September 5, 1903, died in Grand Haven on April 14, 1980, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children were Krein II, who was born in Grand Haven on July 8, 1924, Mary H., born about 1927; and Doris L., born about 1930. The family attended the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Krein I died on May 9, 1961 and also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Krein II married Edith Ilene Plant of Coopersville, where she was born on December 18, 1929.

Cornelius "Case" J. Ver Brugge [1882-1952]

From about 1930 to 1945 Cornelius Ver Brugge and Cornelius Voshel were co-owners of Variety Woodwork Company at 317-405 Davis in Grand Haven. Prior to that, Case was a self-employed carpenter in Grand Haven. He was born in Michigan on May 18, 1882 and died around August 13, 1952. He married Daisy M. Nyland in Grand Haven on April 7, 1915. The daughter of Arend and Dena Schwouwenaar of Grand Haven, she was born in July, 1887 and died around December 26,

1958. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The couple resided at 1009 Pennoyer.

Caleb Ver Duin [Verduin] [1875-1964]

Born in Grand Haven on September 19, 1875, Caleb was the son of Captain John and Geziena Ver Duin. Caleb's brothers were Peter, Louis, and William. Captain Caleb Ver Duin became a commercial fisherman working out of Grand Haven. In 1898 Caleb had the first all-steel tug, *C. J. Bos*, built at Johnston Brothers Shipyard and father and three sons started their commercial fishing business the next year. The tug was named for Cornelius J. Bos, William's father-in-law and Grand Haven businessman, who helped finance the boat. Three years later the Ver Duin family had the 72-foot fishing tug *H. J. Dornbos* built, also at Johnston Brothers. This one was named for Henry J. Dornbos, a principal figure in the Grand Haven fishing business with that name. Their fish houses, which were located in Muir at the base of Dewey Hill, burned down in October, 1922. When the brothers sold their tugs, Caleb continued for a few years as a fisherman, using his own boat, and then went to work for Construction Aggregates running a tug to the gravel pits up the Grand River. Both Caleb and William had captain's licenses.

Caleb married Hilda Bolthouse on October 31, 1901. They lived at 327 Clinton and later at 431 Leggat. Their surviving children included John, born January 26, 1902; Claude, born on June 19, 1908; and George S., born March 22, 1912. Hilda, who was born in Michigan around 1882, died in late December, 1958. Caleb died on June 1, 1964 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Hilda. Both Caleb and William had captain's licenses. [*Tribune* obituary, September 5, 1957 and personal correspondence from Robert Ver Duin.]

Claude Ver Duin [1908-1990]

Born in Grand Haven on June 19, 1908, Claude was the son of Caleb and Hilda Ver Duin. He was a commercial fisherman and later opened a fish market and lunch stand called The Fishery at 19 South Water Street [Harbor Drive], in a building he shared with John Pippel's printing business, whose address was 25 South Water. In 1931 he published *The Fisherman*, a trade magazine for Great Lakes commercial fishermen that continued publication under the Ver Duin name until 1991. That year he sold the publication to the Great Lakes Fisheries Development Foundation. He and his wife, along with John Pippel, began operating a printing business from their home and also published a weekly newspaper, the *Grand Haven Searchlight*. Claude moved the printing business to the 100 block of North Third before relocating to 623 Washington in 1961. Claude also ran a Fire Protection Service from his home at 406 Howard and, in the 1960s, from 623 Washington.

After World War I Claude lobbied for seven years for construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway, was Secretary for the Great Lakes Harbor Association, and was a member of Michigan Municipal Utilities. Claude was Deputy Coordinator of Fisheries for the Great Lakes Region during World War II. He teamed up with Glenn Eaton and Chuck Bugielski to help organize and manage the Coast Guard Festival from 1946 to 1981. In 1948 he served on the Grand Haven City Council. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church; Elks; Eagles; Masons; Salvation Army board; Eastern Star; and he was active in the Boy Scouts. He served as Mayor of Grand Haven from 1952 to 1956, and at the same time he was Director of the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce. In 1956 President Eisenhower appointed him one of the original members of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, a post he held for 32 years.

In Grand Haven on May 23, 1934 Claude married Fern Gylleck. The daughter of Olaf T. and Dora Scheer Gylleck of Grand Haven, she was born on July 12, 1909 in Dixon, Illinois,. Her father was advertising manager for the Challenge Machinery Company, and later owned Advertising Specialties, a business located at 623 Washington. Claude eventually joined his father-in-law in the business. Fern was a member of the Eastern Star for more than 70 years. Claude and Fern's children included Robert C., whose wife's name was Sandra. Robert ran the Fire Protection Service business for awhile and later ran the Ver Duin printing business. Ruth McMahon, an attorney in West Palm Beach and Sarasota, Florida, was their daughter. The Ver Duins resided at 311 South Fourth Street, then at 406 Howard, and finally at 111 Prospect. Claude died on November 9, 1990 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Fern passed away on December 27, 2001 and was buried with her husband at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* articles, "Named Local C of C Secretary," January 7, 1955, and "Advertising Specialties are Fun Business," April 24, 1987, *Tribune* obituaries November 9, 1990 and December 28, 2001, and personal correspondence from Robert Ver Duin.]

George S. Ver Duin [Verduin] [1912-1993]

George Ver Duin was President and General Manager of Modern Methods Manufacturing Company at 1410 Kooiman in Grand Haven. He and his wife, Lois A., resided at 612 Grand Avenue. He also was named Vice President of North Shore Machine Works when it was founded in 1946. George, the son of Caleb and Hilda Bolthouse Ver Duin, was born in Grand Haven on March 22, 1912 and died in Grand Haven on August 2, 1993. Lois lived from May 19, 1915 to April 9, 2000.

Jan "John" Ver Duin [1844-1888]

Captain John Ver Duin was born in The Netherlands in 1844 and passed away in Grand Haven on July 28, 1888. His wife, Geziena "Sena," also a native of The Netherlands, died of cancer of the liver at age 74 on April 29, 1924. They had four sons, all born in Grand Haven: Peter, born in June, 1868; Louis, born about December, 1869; William, born about 1872; and Caleb, born on September 19, 1875. The family resided at 322 Clinton. John was a commercial fisherman.

John Ver Duin [1902-1957]

Born in Grand Haven on January 26, 1902 to Caleb and Hilda Ver Duin, John was a commercial fisherman in Grand Haven for many years and a tug crewman for Construction Aggregates Corporation. The last two years of his life he was employed at Michigan Plastic Products. On December 21, 1928 he married Leona Law in Grand Haven. Leona was born about 1909 and died on July 2, 1952. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, included James E., who was born about 1930 and entered the Air Force; Judith, who married Ralph Bole of Grand Haven, Jack, and Russell. Around 1930 the family resided at 212 Water Street [Harbor Drive]. Leona passed away around July 5, 1952. John died on September 5, 1957 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Leona. [*Tribune* obituary, September 5, 1957.]

John Richard Ver Duin [1902-1983]

John R., the son of Peter and Henrietta Van Woerkom Ver Duin, was born in Grand Haven on November 11, 1902 and died on March 4, 1983 in Mendon, St. Joseph County, Michigan. On April 19, 1928 in Holland he married Dorothy Eckman, who was born September 9, 1905 and died in St. Joseph, Michigan on July 21, 1985. In Grand Haven the Ver Duins lived at 601 Fulton. John and Dorothy were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Louis A. Ver Duin [1869-1930]

Born in Grand Haven on November 3, 1869, Louis was the son of Captain John and Geziena Ver Duin. Louis worked for one of the local gravel companies. On July 7, 1892 he married Della [Dora] Groenendal in Grand Haven. Their children, all born in Grand Haven, were Jessenia, born on August 12, 1894; Theodore, born on September 20, 1901; and Della Louise, born on November 30, 1906. The family resided at 216 Howard. Della was born in Michigan on September 21, 1870, died in Grand Haven around November 25, 1950, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Louis passed away around November 24, 1930 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

Peter Ver Duin [1817-1900]

Peter Ver Duin, a Grand Haven merchant, was born in 1817 and died on September 28, 1900.

Pieter "Peter" Ver Duin [1868-1953]

Peter, born in Grand Haven in November, 1868, was the son of Captain John and Geziena Ver Duin. Peter's brothers were Caleb, Louis, and William. Peter was a Justice of the Peace for 12 years before retiring on November 5, 1948 due to ill health. By the early 1890s he was running a grocery store at 118 North Third Street, but later he went into the commercial fishing business with two brothers. He also had a novelty store in the 1100 block of Washington Street before 1936. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

On January 17, 1894 Peter married Henrietta Van Woerkom in Grand Haven. She was born in The Netherlands in September, 1868 and died in Grand Haven on January 9, 1945. They lived at 454 Grant. Their children included Aurelia, born in May, 1897; Louis Arthur, who was born on December 30, 1898 and died in St. Joseph, Michigan on December 1, 1979; John L., born in July, 1899; James, who was born about 1901 and moved to Dowagiac, Michigan; John R., who was born in Grand Haven on November 11, 1902 and married Dorothy Eckman; Eleanor V., who was born on March 14, 1912, married Robert Millonzi of Buffalo, New York, and died in Buffalo on September 25, 1998; Arnold of St. Petersburg, Florida; and Mrs William Wilson of Muskegon Heights. On August 12, 1947 Peter married Nellie Chamberlain, who died on March 21, 1962. Peter passed away on May 27, 1953 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Peter and Nellie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 29, 1924, May 27, 1953, and March 7, 1983.]

William Ver Duin [1842-1891]

Captain William Ver Duin worked in the commercial fishing business. He was born in The Netherlands on September 11, 1842 and died November 24, 1891. On September 21, 1869 in Grand Haven, he married Maria Vanderhaven. She was born in Michigan around 1846. The Ver Duins' children, all born in Michigan, were Peter, born about 1870; John, born about 1875; and Frank, born about 1877.

William [Willem] Ver Duin [1872-1987]

William, the son of Captain John and Geziena Ver Duin, was born in Grand Haven in October, 1872. He and his three brothers, Louis, Caleb, and Peter, continued in the fishing business after the death of their father. Lou was the engineer and Peter worked with the shore crew. William began sailing at age 12, and at 17 he received his Captain's papers and became skipper of the sailboat *Fleetwing*. He and his mother went into partnership and purchased the 52-foot tug *John A. Miller*, a steam-powered boat. In 1898 he had a charcoal iron hull tug built at the Johnston Boiler Works in Ferrysburg and named it *C. J. Bos* for his father-in-law, Cornelius Bos.

The *C. J. Bos* had an open deck with a hand-operated lifter used to pull nets in by hand. He also had a turtle deck installed over the open forward deck to protect the crew working in the lake in all kinds of weather. In 1901 he ordered the *H. J. Dornbos*, a 72-foot tug, and his brother Caleb was Captain. The tug was sold to Caleb and Lou shortly after it was built. The government bought the boat during WWI and took it out of the Great Lakes. Captain Ver Duin installed one of the first steam lifters made at the Dake Engine factory. He was the first local fisherman to set nets on the Wisconsin side of the lake. The *C. J. Bos* kept the harbor open in the winter for the car ferries and also opened Grand River in the spring for the gravel tugs. William served on the City Council and was Mayor of Grand Haven in 1931 and 1932.

On May 27, 1896 in Grand Haven William married Cornelia, the daughter of Cornelius and Maria Van Doorne Bos. Cornelia was born in Grand Haven in October, 1874. Their children included Geziene, who was born in December, 1898 and married Adrian Kooiman of Grand Haven; Mary V., who was born on March 21, 1902, and married Evan Van Lopik, originally of Grand Haven but later of Grand Rapids; John William, who was born on March 20, 1904 and became a physician with an office in Grand Haven; Willene, who was born about 1909; and Cornelius B., who was born on April 19, 1911 and died January 12, 2001 in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. The Ver Duin family resided at 928 Washington. William died on April 30, 1987, and Cornelia passed away about November 19, 1952.. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Capt. Ver Duin Started Lake Career," May 2, 1987.]

Garrett [Gerrit] Verhoeks [1843-1925]

On August 6, 1862 in Grand Haven, Garrett Verhoeks enlisted as Private in Company G of the 21st Michigan Infantry. He was mustered out on June 8, 1865 and returned to Grand Haven, where he was a laborer. Garrett was born in The Netherlands in April, 1843 and came to the United States in 1854. He died in 1925 and was buried at Fair Plains Cemetery in Grand Rapids. Apparently Garrett never married.

Henry Verhoeks [1864-1924]

Henry, the son of Solomon and Mary Verhoeks, was born locally in July, 1864. Both Henry's parents were natives of The Netherlands, where Solomon was born about 1831 and died in Grand Haven on December 24, 1899. Mary was born in 1834. Henry became a butcher in Grand Haven, the same trade Solomon followed. Henry married Anna D. Ritsma in Grand Haven on August 27, 1884. Next he married Carrie [Clara] Boyer of Muskegon on January 29, 1892. They resided at 12

South Seventh Street. Clara was born in Muskegon in December, 1868 and passed away about November 9, 1920. Henry died about June 19, 1924 and was buried with his wife at Lake Forest Cemetery. Carrie had a daughter, Pearl, born in August, 1886.

James Verhoeks [1865-1946]

Born in Grand Haven in May, 1865, James Verhoeks received his education in the public schools. He learned the trade of cabinetmaker and later became Foreman of one of the departments of the Challenge Corn Planter Works. He was a member of the Republican County Committee and Company F. Verhoeks represented the Third Ward on the City Council from 1894 to 1898. His wife, Jennie, was born in January, 1866 and died on August 2, 1949. They lived at 16 South Eighth Street. That house was advertised for sale in the May 8, 1912 edition of the *Grand Haven Tribune*, but there was no evidence that it sold then. James died on November 1, 1946 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Two of their children were Tillie, born in April, 1887, and James J., who was born on September 27, 1894 and died in Grand Rapids on July 12, 1972.

Johannes "John" W. Verhoeks [1861-1940]

Johannes, the son of William and Teuntje Vander Zalm Verhoeks, was born in Grand Haven on July 29, 1861. In 1880 John was working at the shingle mill. Three years later, with the backing of Henry Fase, he established John W. Verhoeks & Company at 222 North Seventh Street. It offered "Dry Goods, Groceries, Family Medicines, Etc." After more than 20 years of business, he sold out and in 1905 opened a store on Seventh Street that sold wagons, carriages, and farm machinery, including McCormick Harvesters and J. I. Case threshing machines. Also for six years he and Albert Juistema owned and operated the Juistema & Ver Hoeks Shoe Store at 222 Washington.

John married Janna "Jennie," Henry's Fase's daughter, on December 28, 1882. Jennie was born in The Netherlands in January, 1864 and passed away about September 7, 1945. John and Jennie had two sons, Henry J. Verhoeks, who was born on October 28, 1886, became Auditor at Grand Haven State Bank, and died in Grand Haven on May 17, 1980; and William T., who was born in October, 1890 and moved his medical practice from Detroit to San Antonio, Texas. John died about June 24, 1940 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was Jennie. At the time of his death, John resided at 521 Howard. The family attended the First Reformed Church.

Solomon Verhoeks [1830-1899]

Solomon Verhoeks, a native of The Netherlands, was born on July 5, 1830 and died on December 24, 1899.

He married Mary Douker, a native of the same country, who was born about 1834 and died on October 8, 1903. In Grand Haven, Solomon worked as a butcher. Their children, all born locally, were Lena, born in 1859; John, born in 1861; Joanna, born in 1863; Henry, born in 1865; Anne, born in 1867; Nellie H., born in 1869; and Mary [Marie] J., who was born in 1875 and on May 13, 1903 in Ludington married Peter Madison.

William Verhoeks [1835-1924]

Born in The Netherlands on September 20, 1835, William Verhoeks came to this country aboard the *South Carolina*, arriving in Grand Haven on June 4, 1855. In 1859 he married Teuntje "Tillie" Vander Zalm, who was born December 29, 1841 in Gelderland, The Netherlands. She died in Grand Haven on March 15, 1884. Their children included Johannes [John] W., who was born in Grand Haven on July 29, 1861; Jacobus [James], who lived from 1865 to 1946; Neiltje, born in 1872; Sendert, born on October 12, 1876; Lyntje [Lena], who was born about 1879 and died August 28, 1915; and Minnie. All the children lived in Grand Haven. William's second wife died on August 7, 1905. He died February 18, 1924 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Verhoeks Street in Grand Haven was named for the family. [*Tribune* obituary, August 8, 1905.]

John Ver Kuyl [Verkuyl] [1849-1918]

Born in The Netherlands in February, 1849, John Ver Kuyl arrived in Grand Haven when he was 25. He learned the trade of baker in his home country, but for ten years was steward at the Cutler House in Grand Haven. In 1895 he opened his own business with his wife, operating "the Domestic bakery and ladies' and gentlemen's dining parlors." Jacob Braak came to work for him about 1900. John's first wife, Jane, was born in 1862 and died February 23, 1892. On June 14, 1893 in Grand Haven, he married Lulu Ellen Nace Carpenter. Ellen, was born in Ohio in March, 1853. Ellen had a son, William, from a previous marriage. William was born in Ohio in April, 1887. John died on April 18, 1918 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Leroy "Lee" Vermeer [1927-1999]

Lee, the son of John and Marie Van Zee Vermeer, was born in Pella, Iowa, on April 10, 1927. He served in the Navy during WWII and married Margaret "Peggy" Holzinger of Grand Haven on October 9, 1954. Lee's stepfather, Dr. Gerrit Menning of Hope Reformed Church, officiated. Peggy was a 1950 graduate of Grand Haven High School. The Vermeers' children included Dale Vermeer of Kailua, Hawaii, and Diana Yonker of Fremont, Michigan. The Vermeers resided at 13427 Lakeshore Drive in Grand Haven Township. They belonged to the Second Reformed Church in Grand Haven.

Lee worked for the Ottawa County Road Commission for 25 years, holding the posts of Office Manager and Deputy County Clerk. In the late 1970s he joined Construction Aggregates and finished his career with Carter Manufacturing. Lee was elected Township Treasurer in 1988 and was re-elected in 1992 and 1996. Through his leadership, the growing township established the position of Financial Director. On November 1, 1999 Lee died of complications following a heart-bypass operation. [*Tribune* obituary, November 2, 1999.]

Charles W. Ver Murlen [Ver Muelen/Ver Murlin] I [1871-1956]

Born in Grand Haven on April 13, 1871, Charles was the son of Cornelius and Catherine Ver Murlen. Charles was an engineer at the William Heap & Sons factory, but he also owned a saloon in the early 1900s at 9 North Second Street. He was a member of the Elks and St. Mary's Church. His wife, Catherine Laules, who was born in Ireland on August 15, 1872, died on October 21, 1938. She came to Grand Haven from Chicago and lived for 42 years at 229 Columbus Street in Grand Haven, property that was bought by the *Grand Haven Tribune* around 1937, along with other parcels, to make room for the newspaper's new building on Third Street. The Ver Murlen children, all born locally, included Cornelius Thomas, who was born on February 28, 1897, married Gertrude Pierce in Grand Haven on December 9, 1921, and died in Holland, Michigan in April, 1968; Sarah K., who was born in October, 1898, married Glenn W. Merrefield, and lived on the North Shore; Charles W. II, who was born about 1903 and moved to Saginaw; and Jacob A., who was born on July 5, 1906 and died in Grand Haven on January 29, 1995. After his wife's death, Charles lived with his daughter and her husband on the North Shore. Charles died of a heart attack June 5, 1956, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife and other family members. [*Tribune* obituary, June 5, 1956.]

Cornelius Ver Murlen [Ver Muelen] [1840-1928]

Cornelius Ver Murlen lived from May, 1840 to 1928 and his wife, Catherine, from February 11, 1835 to January 12, 1902. Both were from The Netherlands and both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. A daughter, Cornelia, was born about 1857 and married Rhine Kamhout of Grand Haven. Other children, all born in Grand Haven, were Klazina "Sena" [Sina], who was born on November 30, 1869 and married Fred Addison of Grand Haven; Charles, born on April 13, 1871; Cornelius II, born in November, 1874; and Jacob, born November, 1878. They had another son, John W. In 1880 Cornelius worked for the United States Life Saving Service in Grand Haven. He changed the spelling of the family name from Ver Meulen to Ver Murlen in 1891,

although he continued to use the old spelling in the 1900 census.

Joos Verplank [Ver Plank/Ver Planke] [1844-1943]

Born April 2, 1844 in Biervliet, The Netherlands, Joos was one of five children of Abram Jansen Verplank who was a cobbler [shoemaker]. Joos came to this country with his parents when he was five years old. His mother died of cholera near Albany, New York, while the family was making its way to Michigan. Arriving at his destination, Abram Verplank made a home for his children with the Van Raalte colony at Holland. Joos learned the trade of shoemaking from his skilled father. Being somewhat rebellious, his dislike for being a cobbler led him to become a cook on ships that sailed Lake Michigan. On August 14, 1862 he enlisted as Private with Company I of the 25th Michigan Infantry and accompanied Sherman on his famous "March to the Sea." Joos also saw action at Tip's Bend in Knoxville. He was mustered out on June 24, 1865. After the war he became a member of the Weatherwax Post of Civil War veterans [G.A.R.] in Grand Haven. After serving as Marshal in Holland, Michigan until 1876, he moved to Grand Haven and lived on Fourth Street. After two terms as Republican Sheriff of Ottawa County, he was re-elected to the position in 1878 on the "Greenback" ticket. Joos bought a section of timberland in Crockery Township and worked it as a farm between 1881 and 1909. After retiring he moved to Spring Lake and became known as "Ottawa County's Grand Ole' Soldier." He was always a figure at the Memorial Day ceremonies and looked forward to spending that day with William Hatton, his good friend. A devout Christian, he advised his sons "not to wait until you're 55 to confess Christ."

Joos married Grietje Brower, who was born in May, 1848 in The Netherlands and died on October 16, 1923. They raised nine sons, all born in Michigan, including Abram [Abraham], born in August, 1867; Gerrit, born in 1870; Teunis, who was born in 1872 and died five years later; Joseph J., who was born in 1875 and became a builder in Santa Monica, California; Tony, who was born on August 10, 1877 and operated a coal and ice company locally; Cornelius, who was born in December, 1879, married a daughter of Teunis Dykema of Spring Lake, and became a masonry contractor in Chesterton, Indiana; John, who was born in October, 1882 and moved to Hobart, Indiana, where he was employed by a steel company; George, who was born in May, 1885 and owned Calumet Paving Corporation in Indianapolis; Grover, who was born in December, 1887 and became a physician in Gary, Indiana; and Albert, who was born in May, 1890, served as Sergeant with the Engineering Corps at Camp Taylor, Kentucky, during WWI, and went into business at Hobart, Indiana. Joos died on

December 22, 1943 at the age of 99. He and his wife were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Another Pioneer To Be Honored," August 31, 1990.]

Teunis "Tony" Verplank [Ver Plank/Ver Planke] [1877-1951]

Born in Grand Haven on August 10, 1877, Tony was the son of Joos and Grietje Brower Verplank [Ver Plank]. He was in the ice and coal business with John Brongersma in the early 1900s. In 1908 Tony built an icehouse on Smith's Bayou [17887] Lake Road. Four years later he bought out his partner's interest in the business, and in the same year he bought Frank Fox's ice and coal firm. The increased use of refrigerators eroded the ice business, but slag, limestone, coal, and salt deliveries continued to grow.

Tony married Jessie Wills in Spring Lake on January 8, 1898. The daughter of John and Jane Wills of Spring Lake, she was born in 1878 and died in 1940. Their children were Sherman D., who was born on May 16, 1897 and died on July 4, 1972; Merle "Tony," who was born on March 17, 1900 and died in Lafayette, Indiana in November, 1980; Raymond, who lived from 1903 to 1984; Russell, who was born on May 28, 1903 and died in February, 1984; and Vernon J. "Tooter," who was born on July 10, 1907 and died on July 27, 2002. Russell and Sherman joined the business in 1924. Tooter became President of the Spring Lake Coal and Dock Company and Manager of Ver Plank Brothers Real Estate. By the 1950s the business was named Verplank's Coal and Dock Company and was located in Ferrysburg on Pine Street. Tony died in 1951 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Spring Lake Rotary Bulletin*, "Vernon J. Verplank, Personnel Profiles," June 24, 1959.]

Vernon Verplank [1907-2002]

Often going by the nickname "Tooter," Vernon was born on July 10, 1907, the son of Tony and Jessie Wills Verplank. Vernon married Lydia Secory in early 1930. Lydia was born in Mason Township, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa on March 9, 1910, the daughter of Lewis and Bessie Jirele Secory. Ralph Secory of Spring Lake was Lydia's step-brother. The Secory family moved from Iowa to Robinson Township in the early 1920s. Lydia graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1927. She and Vernon had three children: Midge, who was born in 1931 and in 1958 married Mary Lou Sandman [born in 1932]; Joyce, who was born in 1932, married Julian Hatton [born in 1927], and was divorced; and Gary, who was born in 1940 and in 1970 married Victoria Bruhn [born in 1944]. Vernon became President of the Spring Lake Coal and Dock Company and Manager of Verplank Brothers Real Estate. He was a member of the Spring Lake Yacht Club and the Spring

Lake Country Club, Vernon was a founding member of the Spring Lake Rotary Club in 1957, and a Paul Harris Fellow of that organization. He attended the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church. He and Lydia resided at 400 Lakeview Court in Spring Lake. Vernon died on July 27, 2002. Lydia passed away on January 16, 2005 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her husband. [*Tribune* obituaries, July 29, 2002 and January 17, 2005.]

John C. Verseput [Versput] [1887-1968] and Janet Van Tol Verseput [1891-1984]

Janet [Jeanette], born on April 17, 1891 in Grand Haven, was the daughter of Frank and Magrieta Van Tol. Her husband, John Verseput, bought the Van Tol Hardware at 10-12 North Seventh Street, where she was Secretary and bookkeeper. She also was a member of the First Reformed Church. On May 5, 1914 she and John were married in Grand Haven. In the 1920s they resided at 210 South Seventh Street. Their daughter Margaret married Frank Benes of Grand Haven. John, who was born on October 18, 1887, died March 3, 1968 and Janet died March 2, 1984. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 3, 1984.]

Paul E. Verseput [1915-1992]

Paul Verseput, who was born on September 25, 1915, died in Grand Haven on September 15, 1992. Paul was sales manager for Raven Printing, founded in 1971 at 317 South Beechtree. Paul later was with the Public Relations Department of Grand Haven Public Schools. He and his wife, Jeanne A., lived at 1622 Colfax. Jeanne was Office Manager of the Tri-Cities Area United Fund [United Way]. Their children were Ward W. and Gregory Verseput, and Cynthia Baron, Anne Schefke, and Mary Neubauer. Jeanne, who was born on June 9, 1918, died in Porter Hills on October 6, 2002. Paul and Jeanne were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Derk "Dick" Verwy [Ver Wy/Verway] [1845- ?]

Derk "Dick" Verwy advertised his building and machinery moving business in the 1893 *Directory*, claiming he could "Move Buildings and Machinery of All Kinds and Re-sill Buildings." His wife, Lina [Lena] Verstay, was born in The Netherlands July, 1849, died around October 21, 1887, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Dick was born in the same country in March, 1845. Among Dick and Lina's children was Anna, who was born in Grand Haven on June 22, 1868. Others, all born in Grand Haven, were Charles, who was born in 1871 and married Ettie Sleutel in Grand Haven on September 4, 1893; Della, born in 1873; Minnie, who was born in 1875 and married David Willet of Grand Haven; Cornelius, born on March 30, 1877; Derk, born in 1879; George, born on October 30, 1882; and Leon,

born in June, 1890. Dick's sister Anneke married Cornelius Van Doorne of Grand Haven.

Gomert "Gomer" Vette [1862-1920]

Born in The Netherlands in November, 1862, Gomert Vette came to Grand Haven in 1869. He owned and operated Vette Grocery Store at 402 Jackson in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. His wife, Jane Kappenburg, was born in The Netherlands in March, 1862 and died on December 28, 1941. They lived at 406 North Seventh. Their children were Cornelius, who was born in January, 1886 and married Nettie Suits in Grand Haven on October 14, 1911; and Arthur, born in October, 1889. Gomert died at his home on September 12, 1920 and was buried in Lake Forest Cemetery.

Ernest J. Victor [1927-2003]

In 1962 Ernest Victor bought the Robbins Nest at 15281 Cleveland in Spring Lake Township. He renamed it Vic's Tavern. In 1983 he changed his operation to a restaurant and called it Vic's Restaurant & Lounge, and in March, 1991 moved to 14977 Cleveland. He sold the restaurant in 1996 to Fred Sears, a stepson, and Roger Susterich II. Vic was born on June 22, 1927 to Mitchell J. and Reka Van Der Meer Victor in Holland, Michigan. He married Gwendolyn Hauser on February 14, 1980. Vic was with the Navy during WWII. He died on March 8, 2003 while on vacation with his wife in Aruba. He had a daughter Julie Batey, two sons, Jim and John Victor, and a stepson, Fred Sears. [*Tribune* obituary, March 12, 2003, and *Tribune* article, "Former Spring Lake restaurateur remembered for his kindness," March 11, 2003.]

William Viening I [1896-1992]

William Viening I was born on November 4, 1896 and died in Grand Haven on November 20, 1992. In 1922, with Dick Simon Boter as a partner, William opened Golden Rule Men's Store at 106 Washington. Dick owned a clothing store in Holland [P. S. Boter & Co.]. By 1930 the Grand Haven store had moved next door to 108 Washington. William married Nellie Ver Schure in Holland on June 3, 1920. She was born on December 9, 1897 and died in Grand Haven on May 15, 1988. She and her husband were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They resided at 1016 Washington and later at 1616 Sheldon Road. They attended the Second Reformed Church. Their son, William Viening II, lived from February 4, 1924 to August 6, 1991.

Henry Vincent [1850-1908]

Henry Vincent, born in The Netherlands in January, 1850, came to the United States in 1867 and by 1893 was settled on 40 acres in Sections 32 and 33 in the north end of Grand Haven Township. On May 6, 1880 in Grand Haven, Henry married Jennetje "Jennie"

Mastenbroek. Jennie was born in Michigan in June, 1860. Their children, all born locally, were John, born in February, 1881; William, born on May 1, 1885; and Mary, born in August, 1888. In 1880 Henry was working in Grand Rapids as a printer. He died on January 23, 1908. [*Tribune* obituary, January 24, 1908.]

Michael Vincent [1790-1838]

Michael Vincent resided in Grand Haven as early as 1838. He was born in Riceburg, Quebec about 1790. In June, 1815 in Quebec he married Hannah Mitchell. Three of their daughters married Rice brothers: Permillia Wilbur, who was born on March 17, 1816 and married Martin Rice; Maria [Jane Maria], who was born about 1823 and married Charles A. Rice; and Margaret, who was born in Vermont about 1828, married James A. Rice, and lived in Grand Haven. The Vincents' other children were Hannah and Charles. Permillia and Maria returned to the place of their birth, Canada. The exact date of Michael's death is undetermined, but a descendant reported that his children were cited in a deed settling Michael's father's estate in Grand Haven. The deed was dated September 24, 1838.

William Marinus Vincent [1884- ?]

Born in Ottawa County on May 1, 1884 [1885], William was the son of Henry and Jennie Vincent. About 1905 William started offering hard and soft coal, wood, and "general teaming" from his office and residence at 221 Clinton in Grand Haven. The company's yards were behind the Pere Marquette Depot on Madison Street [Jackson]. After his father's death in 1908, William took title to the family's 40-acre farm in Sections 32 and 33 of Grand Haven Township and later bought 40 acres in Section 3 [14394 168th Avenue], where he operated Sunnyside Dairy. He married Lillian Gerard in Grand Haven on August 15, 1915, but by 1930 they were divorced. At that time William worked at Eagle Ottawa leather company. In the 1950s William resided at 14711 Lake Michigan Drive in West Olive. Lillian lived from June 3, 1893 to September, 1976 and died in Flint. William Henry Vincent, their son, lived from October 21, 1916 to March 6, 2006. A daughter, Helen B., was born about 1918. [*Tribune* obituary, March 7, 2006.]

Gordon W. Vink [1918-2003]

The son of Walter and Emma Chittenden Vink, Gordon was born in Spring Lake on June 16, 1918. He married Eva C. Strazanac on November 1, 1940 in Grand Haven. Gordon worked for Bastian Blessing for 43 years in the Design Department. Among the clients were McDonald's and Burger King. He attended St. Mary's Catholic Church, and he was a member of the Spring Lake Country Club and Optimist Club, where he served as President. The Vinks resided at 17390 Fruitport Road. Their four children were Diane J. Snell, Kathy

Lane, Robert Vink, and Lawrence Vink. Gordon died in Allendale on September 10, 2003. [*Tribune* obituary, September 5, 2003.]

Hermanus Vink [Vinke] [1842-1935]

Born in The Netherlands on May 30, 1842, Hermanus Vink married Trientje "Kate" Vischer while still in their native land. He and his wife came to Spring Lake in 1869 and lived in "Dutch Town," close to where the Spring Lake High School/Middle School was later located. Later Hermanus bought 45 acres on Pruin Street in Section 23 of Spring Lake Township, where he started a vineyard. Around 1917 they moved to 15373 Pruin Street. He earlier had helped lay the roadbed for the Detroit and Milwaukee Railway. He and Trientje had eight children, including Jacob Vink, who was born in Grand Haven in 1886 and killed accidentally in 1905 while working on the construction of the Grand Haven Armory. Among their other children were Susan, who was born in 1867 and married Jacob Diephouse of Grand Haven; Klaus, who was born about 1873; Jennie, who was born in 1874 and married John Ennenga [b. @1872]; John, born in 1877; Gertrude, who was born in Grand Haven in 1883 and married Harry Bolthouse; and Walter, born on August 8, 1889. Trientje, born in 1847, died on June 28, 1926. Hermanus died nine years later, on March 3, 1835. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They were members of the Christian Reformed Church. [*Tribune* obituaries, January 29, 1926 and March 4, 1935.]

John Vink [1877-1967]

Born in Spring Lake Township on June 20, 1877, John was the son of Hermanus and Trientje Vischer Vink. He began work at age 12 for Charles Orchardson, on today's M-104, later known as the Krueger Place. The Orchardsons had a large fruit farm and raised primarily peaches for shipment to Chicago. He also worked for Chauncey Blakeslee, the contractor. He served as road commissioner for Spring Lake Township in 1930. John was a plasterer, and in 1926 he was a broker for fruit growers, using his large barn as a weigh station.

On November 8, 1900 John married Julia [Jennie] Vander Kolk of Ferrysburg. Julia was born in 1880, the daughter of Arend and Mergie Vander Kolk. The Vander Kolks had one of the first blueberry farms in the area. Julia and John, who lived and worked at the Arbutus Banks Hotel, later moved to a farm on M-104. In 1945 they moved to 532 Longview in Spring Lake and lived there until their deaths. They had nine children. John died in 1967.

Klaus [Claus/Klaas] Vink [1870-1953]

Klaus Vink married Jantje "Jennie Anna" ["Jane"] Werkman on December 18, 1900 in Nortonville. In

1901 they purchased the house at 359 South Lake that had been built by Eli Frink in 1867. One of their children, Catherine, was born in that house on July 4, 1902. In the 1920s and 1930s they resided at 209 North Buchanan in Spring Lake. The Vinks had at least six children beside Catherine: Herman K., who was born on October 6, 1907 and died in Grand Haven on October 28, 1977; Gertrude, born about 1911; Alice, born about 1912; Florence, born about 1914; Chester J., who was born on September 4, 1915 and died in Spring Lake on March 22, 2003; and Janet, born about 1919. In 1920 Klaus was a laborer at Challenge Refrigerator Company, and in 1930 he worked as a mason. Klaus, the son of Hermanus and Trientje Vischer Vink of Spring Lake, was born in Michigan on March 8, 1870 and passed away on September 11, 1953. Jennie was born in Spring Lake on December 30, 1875. She passed away on November 25, 1946. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Leslie Vink [1920-2003]

The son of John and Julia Vander Kolk Vink, Leslie was born in Spring Lake on April 26, 1920. He married Sylvia Breitels in Grand Haven on December 10, 1943. Leslie served in Europe with the Army during WW II and later became Lieutenant with Company F of the National Guard unit in Grand Haven. After the war he worked at Canfields in the polishing and buffing department. In 1960 he partnered with James Seaver, also a former employee at Canfields, to start Harbor Buffing at 205 South Harbor. The company later relocated to 1626 Marion. Leslie stayed with the business until 2002. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, American Legion, and Optimist Club, and he was on the Board of Directors of North Ottawa Council on aging. Leslie and Sylvia's children were Jeanne, who married Jack Van Gelderen of Spring Lake, and Steven L. Vink. Leslie died in Grand Haven on May 10, 2003. The couple resided at 14710 177th Street in Grand Haven.

Walter Vink [1889-1979]

Walter, the son of Hermanus and Trientje Vischer Vink, was born August 8, 1889 and died on October 9, 1979 in Grand Haven. On May 14, 1910, he married Emma Salina, the daughter of William and Julia Chittenden. She was born February 17, 1891 and died in Spring Lake on July 19, 1974. She and Walter were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Vinks had seven children, including Gordon, who was born in Spring Lake on June 16, 1918. Walter was a plasterer.

Anna Vinkemulder [1837-1928]

Anna, who was born in The Netherlands in August, 1837, arrived with her family in Holland as part of the original Van Raalte colony in 1847. [The 1900 census

cited 1855 as the year of her arrival in the United States.] Her husband, Philip Vinkemulder, was born in The Netherlands in September, 1828 and came to the United States in 1848. Anna died in West Olive in 1928 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1910 she was residing in the City of Holland.

Gladys Scott Vinkemulder [1897-1967]

See Gladys Scott.

Abraham [Abram] Visser [1832-1909]

See Abraham Fisher.

Martin Visser [1816-1895]

Born in The Netherlands in 1816, Martin Visser came to Spring Lake in 1854 and lived until 1873 with his sister Jantje, the wife of Cornelius Brongersma. The Brongersma home was located at 412 East Exchange. Martin was employed by the Hunter Savidge Company. By 1880 he was in the fruit growing business. He died on February 8, 1895. Martin's wife, Alida, was from The Netherlands, where she was born around 1817.

Otse "Otto" Visser [1852-1917]

Otto Visser, who lived from September, 1852 to about November 14, 1917, was born in The Netherlands and came to the United States in 1880. He married Henrietta Vanden Bosch. He was a teamster, and the couple resided at 415 Elliott. Henrietta, born in Grand Haven [The Netherlands] in February, 1853, was the daughter of Koene and Maijge Rook Vanden Bosch of Grand Haven. The Visser children were Charlie, born in January, 1882; Peter, born in August, 1883; Ginnie, born in December, 1884; David, born in August, 1886; Ettie, born in August, 1888; and Ida A., born in October, 1891. Otto was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Louis "Pop" C. Voelker [1901-1983]

Louis Voelker and his wife, Reka Van Herwyn, ran a small restaurant and ice cream shop at the Interurban Station at Highland Park [Bil-Mar] and later had the candy and ice cream concession at the Barn at 215 Harbor Drive. They also managed the Barn, which offered dancing, roller skating, and other recreation until it burned down in April, 1946. They resided at 527 Grant Street. Louis, who was born on February 14, 1901, died in Grand Haven on December 20, 1983. Reka lived from November 23, 1901 to September 11, 1979. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They were married in Grand Rapids on March 25, 1924.

George E. Volmer [Vollmer] [1839-1912]

On September 27, 1861, while in Buffalo, New York, George Vollmer enlisted as Private in Company F of the 10th New York Cavalry. He was mustered out on September 27, 1864. After the war he settled on 50

acres in Section 25 of Spring Lake Township. On July 26, 1890 he applied for an invalid's Civil War pension. George's wife, Elizabeth Young, was born in New York in June, 1844 [1842] and passed away in 1910. George was born in Germany in September, 1839, died in 1912 and was buried with his wife at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their children, all born locally, were Allen A., born in April, 1866; Frank, who was born in 1868 and married Lizzie, born in August, 1874; Julia, born in July, 1880; Howard, born in September, 1882; Maud, who was born in December, 1884 and married Frank Rollenhagen in Spring Lake on September 4, 1912; and Myrtle, born in March, 1888. George immigrated to the United States in 1845.

Joseph Volmer I [Vollmer] [1851- ?]

Born in New York about 1851, Joseph Volmer came to Spring Lake in 1867 and worked in the sawmills as an engineer. In 1873 he was hired by Sisson & Lilley. His wife, Catherine, also was from New York, where she was born around 1852. Their children were Mary, born about 1873; Catherine, born about 1875; John, born about 1876; George, born about 1878; and Joseph II, born about 1880.

Leopold Volmer [Vollmer] [1859-1931]

German-born Leopold Volmer was a farmer who also raised livestock. After immigrating to the United States in 1882 and living in Chicago for awhile, Leopold took up farming on 220 acres in Sections 7 and 8 of Robinson Township. Born in November, 1859, Leopold came to the area in 1896. He died in 1931 and his wife, Amelia [Amalie], also from Germany, lived from August, 1863 to 1924. Both were buried at Robinson Cemetery. Among their children were Charles, born in September, 1883; Frank, born in November, 1884; Henry, born in December, 1887; Amelia, born in May, 1890; Katherine, born in August, 1892; George, born in October, 1899; and Ludwig, born in 1901. All the children except Ludwig were born in Illinois.

Ludwig W. Volmer [Vollmer] [1901-1988]

Ludwig, the son of Leopold and Amelia Vollmer, was born in Robinson Township on June 15, 1901. He married Ruth D. Johnson in Grand Haven on May 9, 1925. She died in 1941. Ludwig married Iola King Nowlin in 1948. She died in 1972, and Vollmer then married Jeanne Smith. Ludwig bought the family farm in Section 8 after his mother's death in 1924. From 1920 through 1970 he raised silver foxes on the farm, and in the 1970s he went into the Christmas tree business. Ludwig died on September 26, 1988.

Elizabeth "Liese" Leonore von Oettingen [1917-2005]

The daughter of Wolfgang and Helene M. Bauer von Oettingen, Elizabeth "Liese" was born in Heidelberg, Germany on November 2, 1917. A graduate of Vassar College, Liese settled in Detroit before moving to Grand Haven in 1959 to replace Helen De Young as Director of Grand Haven [Loutit] Library, a position she held until 1979. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and resided at 56 Sherman Avenue. Liese passed away in Grand Haven on March 17, 2005 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 22, 2005.]

Fredrick D. Vos [1843-1910]

Born in Groningen, The Netherlands on November 8, 1843 to Derk J. and Bonna Vos, Fredrick was brother of Johannes D. Vos of Muskegon; Bernardus D. of Grand Rapids; John D., of Grand Haven; and Antje, who married John Fuite of Grand Haven. Fredrick came to Grand Haven in 1856 when he was 13 years old. He first went to work in a sawmill and later in mercantile houses in Grand Haven and also in Muskegon and Chicago. With John Fuite he ran a grocery store from 1866 to 1872. He then went into business for himself, opening a store at 603 Fulton Street that carried "Groceries, Provisions, and Family Supplies," in addition to crockery, glassware, fruits, candy, and school supplies. He and his family also resided at 603 Fulton. Frederick was a member of the Grand Haven City Council from 1872 to 1875 and again in 1896.

On January 17, 1867 Fredrick married Levina Quintus, who lived from September 25, 1845 to April 25, 1912 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children, all born locally, included Richard O., who was born in 1867 and moved to Grand Rapids; Mary, who was born in February, 1870, married William S. Clark of Grand Haven, and died in 1905. Frederick D. II, who was born in 1871 and also moved Grand Rapids; Nellie, who was born in March, 1878 and remained in Grand Haven; and Minnie, who was born in 1885 and married Bernice H. Cornell of Fairgrove, Michigan. Fredrick died at his home at 603 Fulton Street on April 5, 1910 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituaries, April 5, 1910 and April 29, 1912.]

Johannes D. Vos [1833-1913]

Born in The Netherlands in 1833, Johannes Vos came to Grand Haven in 1855. After working elsewhere in the lumbering business, in 1863 he went into partnership with Rysdorp, Bosch, & Sprik, which continued until 1877 when the sawmill burned down and the firm dissolved. In 1879 the firm of Brouwer & Vos was established and a new mill was built on the site of the one that had burned down. Johannes served on the Grand Haven City Council in 1874 and 1875. His wife, Mary, was born around 1843 in The Netherlands and

died on May 21, 1912. Johannes died on March 9, 1913 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He and Mary had six sons and one daughter.

John Vos [1852-1950]

Born in The Netherlands in 1852, John was the son of Anthony Vos. The family came to Spring Lake when John was 21 years old. His sister Reintje [Rachel], who married Henry Eckelcamp, came with him. Rachel lived from 1861 to 1951. Vos first worked at the Cutler & Savidge Lumber Company. Later he opened a meat market at the site later taken over by Elden Hammond Nixon at 116 West Savidge. He married Minnie Mildred Sheldon, who died July 15, 1910. John died on May 12, 1950 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Warner Vos [Voss] [1829-1912]

Born in The Netherlands in September, 1829, Warner Vos came to America in 1853, and moved to Spring Lake in 1856 [1854]. By trade he was a mechanic and a millwright, and for 12 years he worked for Cutler & Savidge in charge of millwork. In 1868 he joined the Munroe, Thompson, & Company lumber firm. Munroe, Boyce, & Company replaced this mill, which burned down in 1872. In 1873 he built several sawmills north of Spring Lake. He later returned to Spring Lake and was employed as a millwright by Cutler & Savidge. In 1858 Warner married Annie Pruim, also a native of The Netherlands. She lived from March, 1836 to 1917. He died in 1912. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their children, all born locally, were Sena M., born in March, 1870; John, born in February, 1873; Milligan, a son, born in March, 1876; and Susie, born in March, 1883.

Arie [Arrie] Voshel [1893-1969]

Arie, the son of Cornelius and Nellie Vogel Voshel of Grand Haven, was born on February 4, 1893. He married Ethel Elizabeth Stang in Grand Haven on October 29, 1913. They resided on Madison Street. Eight years later they were located at 206 South North Street. Ethel was born in Indiana on July 15, 1895. Arie worked as a machinist at a factory in Muskegon, but around 1931 he purchased Haven Laundry at 401 Fulton. Arie and Ethel's children were: Evelyn, born about 1919; June, born about 1921; Lloyd, born about 1922; Wayne, born about 1923; Arlene, born about 1925; and Lois Jean, born on August 8, 1925. The couple moved to San Diego, California after 1931, where Arie died on January 23, 1969. Ethel died on April 7, 1959, also in San Diego.

Cornelius "Case" J. Voshel [Vachel] [1884-1958]

From about 1930 to 1945 Cornelius Voshel and Cornelius Ver Brugge were co-owners of Variety Woodwork Company at 317-405 Davis in Grand Haven.

Case was born in Michigan about 1884. He married Sena Dobb in Grand Haven on May 28, 1914. Also a native of Michigan, Sena was born on October 6, 1890. They had at least two children, all both born in Michigan: Ruth, born about 1916, and Betty A., born around October, 1925. The family resided at 807 Sheldon Road. Case passed away around August 9, 1958, and Ruth died in Spring Lake on June 17, 1993. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Claude Edward Voss [1903-1962]

Born on March 28, 1903, the son of Onno Voss, Claude married Elizabeth Merz on October 1, 1926 in Grand Haven. Elizabeth came from Milwaukee, where she was born on August 1, 1906. She died in Grand Haven on August 2, 1996. Her parents were John and Elizabeth Schneider Merz of Crockery Township. Claude was Spring Lake Postmaster from January 22, 1930 to April 1, 1935. In 1945 he was elected President of Spring Lake Village, and re-elected in 1946, 1947, and 1948. Claude died in March, 1962.

Frank Voss [1890-1971]

Born in Spring Lake on March 25, 1890, Frank was the son of Onno and Johanna Dekkenga Voss and became a house painter. On June 20, 1917 he married Jennie, the daughter of Minnie Duursema of Grand Haven. The Vosses lived at 112 Church Street in Spring Lake. Frank died on June 7, 1971.

Frederick [Friedrick] Voss [1808-1882]

By 1864 Frederick Voss owned 160 acres in two separate parcels in Section 16 of Grand Haven Township. By the end of the century he had disposed of that land and purchased a quarter-section [160 acres] in Section 9 of Grand Haven Township [13289 Lakeshore Drive]. He lived from July 3, 1808 [1809] to January 3, 1882 and his wife, Frederika, was born in 1822 and died on September 21, 1901. Both were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. Their son Robert took title to the property and operated a dairy farm called Voss' Dairy. Robert and his wife, Dean Cadee, had a daughter, Rolina "Ronnie." Ronnie and her husband, William Hancock, later lived in the house, which Ronnie sold to Mike Alles in 1983. Bill Hancock died on January 27, 1968. Ronnie, who was born on February 19, 1914, died in Grand Rapids on April 16, 2002. [Tribune obituary, April 24, 2002.]

Onno "Charlie" Voss [Vos] [1864-1935]

Born on March 8, 1864 in The Netherlands, Onno Voss came to America in 1883. The immigration officials could not understand the name Onno and said they would call him "Charlie," the name that stuck with him. He worked in the sawmills and at Challenge Corn Planter Company. On May 15, 1889 in Spring Lake, he

married Johanna Dekkenga. She was born near Holland, Michigan, on December 10, 1869. Johanna was the daughter of Egbert Dekkenga who was caretaker for the Savidge family and lived at 310 Visser Street. Charlie and Johanna resided in Spring Lake at 308 River. They had four sons and three daughters, including Lizzie; Frank, who was born on March 25, 1890; and Claude Edward, who was born on March 28, 1903. Charlie died on October 29, 1935 and Johanna died three years later, on September 10. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Frank J. Vrablic I [1892-1965]

Frank J. Vrablic married Mary Beer in Muskegon on June 4, 1918. He was born on November 5, 1892, and she was born on November 20, 1897. Their son, Frank II, was Captain of the Grand Haven Fire Department from 1943 to 1981. Frank II died in February, 1965. Mary passed away in Grand Haven on April 17, 1983.

Albert [Albertus] D. Vyn [1863-1906]

A son of Dirk and Clara Trost Vyn, Albert was born in September, 1863 [1862] and died on March 25, 1906. He was a teamster in Grand Haven. He married Abigail Stuveling on May 17, 1882 in Grand Haven. The daughter of Arend and Anje Bronkema Stuveling, Abigail was born in The Netherlands in September, 1862. Their children were Richard B., born in April, 1883, and Agnes B., born in February, 1887. Abigail's sister, Annetje, married Nicholas D. Vyn, Albert's brother.

Arend Vyn I [1886-1946]

The son of Nicholas and Annetje Stuveling Vyn and grandson of Dirk Vyn, Arend was born in Grand Haven on February 28, 1886. On August 17, 1911 he married Florence Seifert, who lived from June 9, 1887 to December 4, 1968. She was the daughter of Ignatz and Wilehlmina Mullemann Seifert. Her father owned a meat market at 124 Washington in Grand Haven. Florence attended Ypsilanti State Normal College taught elementary school in Spring Lake. In 1950 Florence was the first woman Elder at the First Presbyterian Church, where she served as President and Vice President and was on the Executive Board of the Tuesday Musicales for 35 years. She was instrumental in reactivating the group in 1958. Florence was active in the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs; and she was recognized for 52 years of membership and service by the Grand Haven Woman's Club. Frances Seifert Bronson was her twin sister. The Vyns' children included Charles Robert, who died on May 23, 1921 from cerebrum-spinal meningitis at age seven months, Arend II, who moved to Grand Rapids, and Frances, who married Robert Killins and moved to Arcadia, California. Frances was born on August 18, 1922 and passed away in California on November 3,

2004, and Robert, who was born in Michigan on September 2, 1921, died on November 27, 1982. The Vyns resided at 113 South Fourth Street and later at 614 Clinton, where Florence continued to live after her husband's death on August 19, 1946. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Florence died about December 6, 1968 and also was buried at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituaries, May 23, 1921, December 4, 1968, and November 16, 2004.]

Arend Vyn II [1912-1993]

The son of Arend and Florence Seifert Vyn, young Arend became a dentist with an office on the second floor of the Ball Building [201 Washington] and later at 223 Washington. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and Spring Lake Country Club. Arend later moved his practice to Grand Rapids. He married Edith E. "Boots," the daughter of John F. and Marie Johnston of Grand Haven. She was born on December 30, 1917. Born on September 19, 1912, Arend died on July 29, 1993 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Boots passed away on January 17 [19], 1998, and also was buried at Lake Forest. Arend held the rank of Lieutenant J.G. with the Coast Guard [Reserve] during WWII. Arend and Boots had at least two sons, Franklin J. of Grand Rapids and Frederick A. of Hamilton, Massachusetts.

Clarence Vyn [1892-1983]

Clarence was born October 25, 1892 in Grand Haven to Lambert and Johanna Vyn. He attended Columbus Street School through the fourth grade, and graduated from Central School, where he was a football player. Clarence graduated from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 1914. He started practice in Detroit in 1916 and retired about 1958. He was a life member of the Michigan Dental Association and President of the Detroit Lions Club.

In 1913 Clarence married Barbara Adrian [Ada] Baker, who was born about 1893 in Michigan and died in Florida on April 9, 1967. She was the daughter of William and Dora Vogel Baker. The Vyns' children included William Louis Vyn, who was born in Grand Haven on May 5, 1916, and Elizabeth "Betty" Hatton Meier, who was born on July 4, 1919, the first baby born in the new Elizabeth Hatton Memorial Hospital [114 South Fifth Street]. Both William and Betty remained in the Grand Haven area. Barbara died in April, 1967 and Clarence passed away in Grand Haven on January 23, 1983. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, January 24, 1983.]

Clarissa Dorothy Vyn [1896-1981]

Clarissa was born October 9, 1896 and died in Grosse Pointe on December 19, 1981. She was the daughter of

John Vyn and the granddaughter of Dirk Vyn. Clarissa was valedictorian of the 1914 graduating class of Grand Haven High School and graduated from the University of Michigan four years later, with a major in mathematics. She went on to teach at Detroit's Northwestern High School, where she retired in 1961. Clarissa served on the Board of the University of Michigan Alumni Association and was the first woman elected President of the group.

Dirk [Derk] Vyn [Vijn] [1831-1911]

Dirk was born on January 15, 1831 [1830] in the small village of Twisk in north Netherlands. He was the son of Nicholas and Trijnte Spijker Vijn, Klaus's second wife, who died three days after Dirk's birth. The Vyns left The Netherlands and arrived in Baltimore on June 12, 1847, after a six-week crossing. They stopped first at Detroit, then settled in Drenthe, Ottawa County, in 1847. Dirk's father drove the Grand Haven-to-Holland stagecoach, and Dirk drove a coach between Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo, before moving to Grand Haven about 1849 and working in the sawmills. He drove the mail between Grand Haven and Zeeland, making two to three round trips a week, sometimes selling butter and eggs along the way. Soon he was able to buy two tugboats, the *Bill Brandon* and the *Captain Tom's Cabin*, which carted freight on the Grand. Dirk was described as a "handsome" man, over six feet tall and weighing 215 pounds.

By 1857 [1858] Dirk had saved enough money to go into business for himself. The drayage business begun by the young Vyn grew rapidly when the Chicago & South Shore Railway [Pere Marquette] came into Grand Haven, and necessitated the transfer of freight to the ferry boats headed for Milwaukee and points west, a service Dirk was able to provide. The company had five drays and eight horses in the 1860s and 1870s. It then was known as D. Vyn and Sons. Dirk and his sons also owned 155 acres in Section 5 of Grand Haven Township, near Rosy Mound, for timbering purposes. In 1881 Geert Vyn, Derk's brother, started a sawmill on the northwest side of Harbor Island. In addition to his own business, Dirk was first Vice President of the Grand Haven Leather Company, which incorporated in 1885.

Dirk retired from his business in the 1880s and his five sons, Lambert, Martin, Nicholas, John, and Albert took over. Until 1910 the company was known as the "Five Brothers Express," and in that year it became Vyn Brothers, located on the northwest corner of Third and Fulton Streets. The company bought its first motorized vehicle in 1912. Martin moved west and Albert sold out his interest. After Lambert retired in 1927, the business was incorporated for \$120,000 as the Vyn Company with Nat Robbins, President; Bernath P. Sherwood II,

Vice President; Hugh E. Lillie, Secretary, and John A. Vyn, Treasurer and General Manager.

On December 1, 1852 Dirk married Klaastje "Clara" Trost, the daughter of Lambert Trost of Grand Haven. Born on December 13, 1833, Clara died September 25 [2], 1895. They had one daughter, Rosena, who was born in 1860 and married James Balhema in Grand Haven on October 4, 1882. They also had five sons: Nicholas, born on May 24, 1857; Albert, born in 1863; Lambert, born in May, 1865; Martin, born in 1870; John, who was born on April 8, 1872 and married Etta Dykema of Grand Haven; and Garnie, born in December, 1877. All the children were born in Grand Haven. John remarried on January 30, 1903, this time to Emma Fritz Stubman. All the children were born in Grand Haven. On November 9, 1896 in Grand Rapids, Dirk married Adriana Van Bree Souke. They resided at 221 Fulton. Dirk died at home on February 8, 1911 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

[Lambert] Dirk [Derk] Vyn [1925-2001]

The son of John "Bud" Vyn of Grand Haven, Lambert Dirk was born on October 20, 1925. He served in WWII, spending about two years in the Army Air Corps. He later wrote that he was discharged "at the convenience of the Government" after two years as an aviation cadet, "the longest in grade aviation cadet in U.S. military history." Dirk married Jane Hoek on September 7, 1946. Jane was born in Grand Haven in 1925, the daughter of Elmore and Cathryn Boer Hoek. Dirk and Jane moved to California, living at Palo Alto and Napa. An architect, Dirk was principal designer of a number of buildings, including the Palo Alto City Hall, the Stanford University Lutheran Church, and homes throughout that area of California as well as in Grand Haven. He worked for a time with Frank Lloyd Wright at the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation in San Francisco. Dirk served as Chair of the Architectural Review Board for Palo Alto, he was Planning Commissioner for Napa for four years, and he was President of the Northern California Chapter of American Registered Architects. He also was active in the Salvation Army of Rotary International in Palo Alto. The Vyns had three daughters: Leslie and Cindy of Palo Alto and Faeli of Napa. Dirk died on August 19, 2001 at his home in Napa.

Geert [Gerrit] Vyn [1837- ?]

Born in The Netherlands on June 4, 1837, Geert Vyn came to America with his parents and family in 1847 and settled in Drenthe, in Zeeland Township. He was the son of Nicholas and Maartje Stammes Vyn. He joined his brother Dirk in the lumbering business in Grand Haven, and in 1881 he built a sawmill on Harbor Island for cutting hardwood. His wife, Johanna, was

born about 1844 in The Netherlands. They had a son, Albert, who was born in Zeeland in 1879, and five other children.

John Alvin “Bud” Vyn [1899-1956]

The son of John and Etta Vyn and grandson of Dirk Vyn, John was born in Grand Haven on November 18, 1899. He enlisted as Private in Company F of Grand Haven, which merged with Company L of the 126th Infantry during WWI. John was gassed during the Allied Chateau Thierry offensive on August 3, 1918. He also signed up for active service during the next World War, when he was commissioned Major in the Transportation Corps and stationed in Liverpool, England, to prepare for the invasion of North Africa. After a few months in Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C., John was discharged from the military in 1945. Two of his sons, John Cameron and Lambert Dirk [Derk], also served in WWII, spending about two years in the Army Air Corps.

John married Joyce Cameron in Grand Rapids on September 20, 1921. They had a daughter, Prudence, born on May 31, 1938, and a third son, Stephen Compton, who lived from 1929 to 1978. After selling the Vyn Transfer and Storage Company, John Vyn and his family moved to Palo Alto, California, about 1946, where John managed the Hoyt Truck Division for the last two and a half years of his life. In Grand Haven, John was a member of the Elks and was President of Associated Truck Lines of Grand Rapids. He died on May 12, 1956 in San Mateo, California. Joyce lived from October 26, 1900 to May 11, 1990 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John Cameron Vyn [1923-1982]

Like his brother Derk, John served two years in World War II. He was born in Grand Haven on June 17, 1923, the son of John A. Vyn, and died in Santa Clara, California on November 21, 1982.

John D. Vyn [1872-1921]

John, the son of Dirk and Clara Vyn, was born in Grand Haven on April 8, 1872. He worked with his father and brothers in the Vyn trucking business. He was killed in an accident in Spring Lake on November 30, 1921 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Riding in a Vyn Reo truck, which was crossing the railroad tracks, John jumped, hoping to avoid being hit by an approaching Grand Trunk passenger train. The driver of the truck, Chester Brockway, stepped on the gas and was able to get out of the way of the train, but John evidently became entangled and was hit by the locomotive. He married his first wife, in Grand Haven on April 2, 1896. She, lived from September 13, 1873 to November 13, 1901. Among their children, all born in Grand Haven,

were Clarissa, who was born on October 9, 1896; John Alvin, born on November 18, 1899; and Helen Rose, who was born in April, 1898. On January 20, 1903, again in Grand Haven, John married his second wife, Emma Fritz Stubman. She was born in Michigan about 1876. John and Emma had at least two sons, Arthur R., who was born on August 17, 1903 and died in Spring Lake on October 2, 1983, and Kenneth, who was born on November 2, 1908. The Vyns in 1920 resided at 221 Fulton. Emma's son from her first marriage, Louis, lived in Detroit.

Kenneth P. Vyn [1908-1996]

The son of John and Etta Vyn, Kenneth was born in Grand Haven on November 2, 1908. In 1930 he was a clerk at the family trucking business. He served in the army during WWII as a lieutenant. He was wounded in the Normandy invasion and later captured by the Germans. Kenneth was sent to an internment center in East Germany, where he was able to escape and get into Russia. After a series of adventures, Kenneth was sent home, but he never fully recovered from physical problems incurred during his capture and escape. However, he served two tours of duty in Korea and retired from active service in 1962 as a major. Kenneth then was employed for 12 years by Allied Van Lines in Chicago. Kenneth and his first wife, Winifred, had at least one daughter, Bonna K., who was born in January, 1930. Winifred was born in Michigan about 1912. The three of them resided in the family home at 221 Fulton in 1930. Kenneth and his second wife, Viola, had four children: Jon, Michelle, Valerie, and Kay. He died on April 27, 1996 and was buried at the Post Cemetery, Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

Lambert Vyn [1865-1936]

A son of Dirk and Clara Troost Vyn, Lambert was born in Grand Haven in May, 1865 and attended school there. Like his father, he was a large man, weighing nearly 200 pounds and standing over six feet tall. He married Johanna “Jennie” Dykhuis in Muskegon on December 28, 1885. Jennie, the daughter of Jurrien and Johanna Zuidema Dykhuis of Grand Haven, was born in May, 1863 [1864]. The Vyns purchased a home at 16 North Second Street in Grand Haven, where they lived for the remainder of their lives. They had four sons: Derk, born on November 22, 1886; Richard, who was born on November 11, 1887 and married Esther Hollestelle in Grand Haven on August 22, 1912; Jay D., who was born on February 9, 1890, married E. Louise, the daughter of Charles and Louise Werkler Morton, in Grand Haven on November 1, 1913, and died in June, 1984; and Clarence N., born on October 25, 1892. A daughter, Clara, was born on May 13, 1888, and another daughter, Florence, was born in Grand Haven on March 1, 1896 and married Max Reese in Grand Haven on June 14, 1920. Another

daughter, Josie, died in infancy. After Dirk Vyn's death in 1911, the Vyn Trucking Company continued under the ownership of Lambert and his brothers, Nicholas and John. Jennie died in 1930 and Lambert in 1936. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Martin [Maarty] Vyn [1870-1941]

Martin, the son of Derk and Klaastje Vyn, died out west on October 16, 1941 at the age of 71. On November 20, 1893 in Grand Haven, he married Orpha J. Taylor. She was born in Dennison, Michigan [Ottawa County] in 1874, died in 1908, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Martin then married Nellie, the widow of Harry Koopman, who had died in an accident in 1909. Nellie, the daughter of Gerrit G. and Jennie "Jane" Nordhuis Gringhuis, was born on June 30, 1880 in Grand Haven and died on December 13, 1912 in Seattle, Washington. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Nicholas [Nicholaus/Klaus] Vyn [Vijn] [1802-1868]

Nicholas Vyn came from the small village of Twisk in north Netherlands. His second wife, Trijnte "Frankie" Spijker, lived from 1806 to 1831. Trijnte died three days after giving birth to Dirk, a future resident of Grand Haven, who was born on January 15, 1831 [1830]. Klaus's third marriage was to Trijntje Klaver, who also soon died. He then married Maartje Stammes, who lived from 1811 to 1882. They brought their family to America on the three-master schooner *Peter Floris*, arriving at Baltimore on June 12, 1847, after a six-week crossing. As was so often the case, the spelling of the family name [Vijn] was changed by an immigration officer when the Vyns landed. [However, the family was spelled "Vijn" in the 1870 census.] The Vyns stopped first at Detroit, then settled in Drenthe, Ottawa County, in 1847, just after Rev. Van Raalte and his followers settled the nearby town of Holland. Nicholas was one of the original settlers of Zeeland and helped Rev. Van Raalte develop Holland into a Lake Michigan port, and he drove the Grand Haven-to-Holland stagecoach. He was born on January 16, 1802 and died in Zeeland, Ottawa County, on December 28, 1868.

Nicholas D. Vyn [1857-1923]

Born on May 24, 1857 in Grand Haven, Nicholas was the son of Dirk and Clara Vyn, who had a dray and transfer business known as D. Vyn & Sons. Nicholas's brothers included Lambert and Martin. Nicholas helped his father in this business, which later became known as the Five Brothers and later Vyn Brothers. He attended the First Reformed Church. On June 24, 1879 in Grand Haven, he married Annetje "An" [Nettie] Stuveling, who was born July 9, 1858. She was the daughter of Arend and Ann Stuveling of Grand Haven. The Vyns' children included Clara, who was born August, 1880 and married Lawrence H. vanden Berg; Arend Vyn, born on

February 28, 1886; Dora, who was born on March 2, 1889 and died August 18, 1905; and Angie, who was born in Grand Haven in March, 1892, married Roy Luz Dahlman on June 12, 1920, and moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Roy was born on April 22, 1892 and passed away in Minneapolis on May 29, 1959. Nicholas and Annetje resided at 111 South Fourth Street. After Annetje died on September 12, 1915, Nicholas married Marion Pellegrom in Grand Haven on October 25, 1921. Marian was the daughter of Gerrit and Maggie Pellegrom. Nicholas passed away on July 21, 1923 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Tribune obituary, July 21, 1923.]

William Louis Vyn [1916-2002]

William, the son of Clarence and Barbara Baker Vyn, was born in Grand Haven on May 5, 1916. In 1941 he married Mary Frances Smith, who was born on March, 12, 1917. After her death on June 6, 1988, he married Norma C. Van Schelven Wessel on May 26 the next year. William graduated from Redford High School in Detroit and earned a Bachelor of Chemistry degree from Michigan State University. He lived and worked in Lansing before returning to Grand Haven. He was a member of the Spring Lake County Club. He had a daughter, Sally, who married Richard Savage and resided in Danville, California, and a son, Tom, of Northville, Michigan. William died in Venice, Florida, on February 15, 2002 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his first wife, Mary, and other Vyns. [Tribune obituary, February 19, 2002.]

Daniel C. Wachs [Wacks] [1846-1932]

Born March 10, 1846 in Crestline, Ohio, Daniel Wachs moved to Grand Haven. He was a teacher at Ferrysburg, Peach Plains, and Beech Tree schools, and he organized the first night school. He served as City Recorder in 1885. In the 1890s he was Proprietor of Wachs & Wachs Publishers in Grand Haven and issued the newspapers *Courier* and *Express*. In the early 1900s he became a Justice of the Peace for sixteen years, with an office on the second floor of 201-203 Washington. His first wife, Charlotte "Lotta S.," was born in Ohio in October, 1837 and died March 17, 1907. A daughter, Orilla [Arella] B., was born in Indiana in 1876 and died in Grand Haven on October 11, 1887 of typhoid. In Grand Haven the family lived at 519 North Seventh. On September 26, 1916 in Grand Rapids, Daniel married Mary Virginia Schuman. Daniel died on December 31, 1932 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife and daughter.

John [Johann] Wachter [1804-@1868]

Born in Hannover, Germany in 1804, blacksmith John Wachter married Dora Ronne in Hannover in 1830. They came to Spring Lake in 1864 and John died four

years later. Dora married Thomas Bell of Spring Lake sometime after 1880. Dora was born in 1814 in Hannover and died in Spring Lake in 1892. A daughter, Eliza, born in Hannover in 1831, married Henry Siems and settled in Crockery Township. The Wachters also had a son, William, who was born in Hannover on September 19, 1851. [Note: Most of this information comes from the *Portrait & Biographical Record of Muskegon & Ottawa Counties, Michigan*, which cited John's death year as 1868. However, he appeared in the 1870 census for Spring Lake, along with Dora and William, which makes the 1868 date questionable. By 1880 Dora was listed as a widow.]

Joseph F. Wachter [1910-1988]

Born in Crockery Township on October 27, 1910 to Louis and Catherine Wachter, Joseph was a life-long resident of the area. He owned the Mobil Gas Station and Wachter Motor Sales at 301 West Savidge in Spring Lake. He offered Fords at first and later added Mercuries and Lincolns, as well as auto repairs. He was the first Mercury dealer in the area and had a mobile mechanic service. Joseph taught adult education courses in auto maintenance and small engine repair in the Spring Lake Public Schools. Joseph was a member of the Spring Lake Presbyterian Church and Chancel Choir, President of the Optimist Club, and sponsored area bowling and baseball teams. He was an expert hunter and fisherman and an avid golfer. He married Carol J. Warber on September 28, 1933, and they had three daughters: Carol, Linda and Rita. The family resided at 15590 Pruin in Spring Lake. Joseph died on September 24, 1988. Carol lived from August 25, 1914 to January 1, 2002. She passed away in Bradenton, Florida.

Louis A. Wachter [1875-1939]

Born in the Village of Spring Lake on July 18, 1875, Louis Wachter became a farmer. He was the son of William and Clara Fiedler Wachter. At one time Louis was employed by the Interurban railway, which operated between Grand Rapids, Grand Haven, and Muskegon. Louis married Catherine N. Steinbach in Grand Haven on August 30, 1900. He died in 1939 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

William A. Wachter [1851-1930]

Born on September 19, 1851 in Hannover, Germany, William was the son of John and Dora Ronne Wachter. William was 13 when he moved with his family to Spring Lake. Although a blacksmith by trade, he also dealt in the sale of beer, liquor, and tobacco. On September 24, 1874 he married Clara, the daughter of John and Margaret Erhardt Feidler, also from Germany. Clara was born in September, 1857 in Bavaria and passed away in 1928. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The Wachters owned 80 acres in Section 19

of Crockery Township. They had nine children, all born in Michigan, including Louis, born on July 18, 1875; Margaret "Maggie," who was born in January, 1882 and married Frank Spinner in Grand Rapids on November 10, 1910; Anna, who was born in October, 1883 and on November 26, 1914 married Harley Erickson in Grand Haven; Augusta, born in August, 1885; and George, who was born in October, 1890 and on June 30, 1917 in Grand Haven Township married Dollie M. Cooke. William died in 1930.

John Wacker I [1865-1937]

John Wacker, who was born in Stuttgart, Germany on October 31, 1865, arrived in the United States in 1888. Five years later he married Anna Zacker, also a native of Germany, where she was born about 1874. Anna came to America in 1890. The Wackers owned a 50-acre farm in Section 33 of Grand Haven Township, near the township's north boundary. Among their six children was a daughter, Edith Ann, who was born on March 25, 1897 and married William Klempel, also of Grand Haven Township. William was the son of August and Amelia Fenner Klempel. Cecelia [Caecelia], another daughter, married Frank Ott of Grand Haven. Cecelia was born in Chicago on May 15, 1904. The Wackers' other children were George, born about 1894; John II, born about 1900; Matilda [Mathilda], who was born about 1901 and married Charles Hovey; and Emily, who was born about November, 1908 and married Robert Ott of Grand Haven Township. Emily was born in Michigan, and the rest of the children were born in Illinois. John died about June 8, 1937 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Abram [Abraham] S. Wadsworth [1812-1871]

In 1834 Abram Wadsworth purchased substantial amounts of land in Grand Haven, Grand Rapids, and elsewhere in Michigan. The first platted addition to the City of Grand Haven carried the Wadsworth name. According to Lillie, the plat for Wadsworth's Addition was filed on August 6, 1837. The plat was a triangular piece that ran about 800 feet along the south bank of the Grand River to Lake Michigan and contained 148 small building sites, twenty along the river, the rest inland, without regard to dunes or bank erosion. The plat's south boundary included a boulevard 100 feet wide, running east and west and labeled "United States Road from Detroit to the Mouth of Grand River." If extended over the dunes, the road would have connected with Pennoyer Avenue and River Road. The Detroit road was never laid, but another street that bisected the plat was named Water Street and followed the route of today's Harbor Drive. Wadsworth's Addition later was vacated by the City. Abram purchased land on May 1, 1839 in the Port Sheldon area. This land may have been part of the resort development that took place about that time,

an endeavor that soon went bankrupt. Franklin Everett stated that by 1846 Abram “bankrupted himself in developing water-power.” [*Memorials of the Grand River Valley*, p. 374.] However, in 1850 Abram was living in Michilmackinac [probably Traverse City] with his wife, Martha, and two children, both born in Michigan: James M., born in 1842, and Frances L., born in 1846. At that time Abram was a lumberman. In 1860 he was in Antrim County. Ten years later Abram was residing in Traverse City with Martha and a daughter, Ella. Abram and Martha Adeline Notham were married in Washtenaw County on May 20, 1835. Abram was born in Durham, Connecticut November 8, 1812, the son of Wentworth and Content Scranton Wadsworth. Martha was born in Williamstown, Massachusetts on December 17, 1817, and Ella in Michigan about 1855. Abram’s occupation in Traverse City was listed as surveyor. He died in Traverse City on June 28, 1871. Martha passed away on June 9, 1896, also in Traverse City.

Cornelis Wagenaar [Wagener/Wagner] [1810-@1859]

Born in The Netherlands in 1810, Cornelis Wagenaar married Cornelia De Jong, who was born the same year as her husband. With their eight children, they left their homeland in 1853 and came to Grand Haven via New York, Buffalo, and Chicago. Cornelis was employed at a sawmill on Black [Macatawa] Lake, and he died at age 49. His widow married Cornelius Veen, and moved with her children to a farm in Drenthe. A grandson of the Wagenaars, John Cooper, was a physician in Grand Haven for a short time around 1902.

Cornelia Boer Wagener [1892-1993]

Cornelia was born in Grand Haven on February 26, 1892 to John J. and Jennie Bolt Boer. She was the sister of Ruth Boer Hoek of Spring Lake. Cornelia graduated from Mrs Wheeler’s Kindergarten Training School in Grand Rapids in 1911, and she became the first kindergarten teacher for Spring Lake Public Schools. She also owned and operated Spring Haven Farm, at the northeast corner of Fruitport Road and M-104, where she bred Tennessee Walking Horses. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven, Spring Lake Country Club, Grand Haven Woman’s Club, Garden Club, and Free Bed Guild. She married Carnot R. Wagener, who was born in Michigan on October 18, 1894 and in 1930 was a building inspector living in Cincinnati, Ohio. They were married sometime after 1930 and resided at 335 North Lake Street in Spring Lake. Cornelia died on October 4, 1993 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 7, 1993.]

Adam Wagner [1831- ?]

Born in Prussia in 1831, Adam Wagner came to Eastmanville in 1855 and worked at Galen Eastman’s store. He ran the ferryboat and was Postmaster in Eastmanville from 1868 to 1882. Also in 1868 he joined Edwin Thayer and Galen Eastman as general merchants. The name of the business was changed to Eastman Brothers & Wagner until 1871, when the Eastmans retired and John Wagner joined his brother Adam to form Wagner Bros. After 1879 Adam was the sole owner. In 1869 he married Eugenia [Eunice], Edwin Thayer’s sister.

John Wagner I [1825-1905]

Born in Prussia on June 25, 1825, John Wagner came to Allendale in 1840. He joined his brother Adam, and they formed the company Wagner Bros., a continuation of Galen Eastman’s general store. He sold out his interest to his brother and went into the wood, bark, and railroad tie business, and he also ran a planing mill. He later formed a partnership with a Mr Wells and operated a general store. His son, John Wagner II, was born in 1854 in Allendale and was employed by Eastman Bros. & Wagner from 1871 to 1874, when he went into business for himself. The younger Wagner was the last Postmaster of Eastmanville, beginning on July 1, 1893. John died on August 14, 1905. His wife, Lucinda, lived from December 11, 1824 to October 2, 1896. John and Lucinda were buried at Allendale Cemetery with an infant daughter, who died August 10, 1865 at less than two months old.

Justin B. Wait [Waite] [@1822-1888]

In 1872 Justin Wait came to Grand Haven from Wisconsin, where he had bought 80 acres in Jefferson County on March 1, 1850 and operated a rake factory. In Grand Haven he assumed ownership of Cornelius De Vlieger’s planing mill. The Wait Manufacturing Company opened for business in 1873 with Justin as President, and produced 30,000 hand rakes and 25 corn planters the first year. Thomas Stewart White was Secretary and Treasurer, and John M. Lockie was Foreman and Superintendent. The company became the Challenge Corn Planter Company when that business was incorporated in 1882.

Justin was born in Massachusetts about 1822. His first wife, Deanna, was born about 1824 in New York. They had three children: Ellen M., born in Ohio about 1845; Alice, born in Wisconsin about 1847, and Cassius, born in Wisconsin about 1849. Justin married Rebecca Munger Harris in Paw Paw, Michigan on November 20, 1873. The couple belonged to the Unitarian Church. Born in Ohio around 1833, Rebecca died in Grand Haven on March 18, 1874 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Justin moved to Buffalo County, Nebraska in 1879, where he died on September 15, 1888. His body

was returned to Grand Haven and buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Rebecca. Two of their children, both born in Wisconsin, were Eva M. born about 1864, and Milton S., born about 1867. Also living with Justin and Rebecca in Nebraska was a step-daughter, Augusta Munger, who was born in Michigan around 1862.

Minard Walcott [1908-1974]

Minard Walcott opened a feed store at 1437 Washington Street in Grand Haven in the 1920s. He sold the business to Claude Mulder in the mid- to late 1940s. Claude named it Mulder's Feed Store. Minard was born on May 22, 1908 and died in Grand Haven on April 12, 1974. He and his wife, Mabel, resided at 516 South Seventh Street. Mabel lived from January 6, 1910 and passed away on January 23, 1998 in Grand Haven. She was buried with her husband at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Fredrik L. Walden [1821- ?]

In the mid-1840s Frederik Walden was Jail Keeper in Grand Haven, and he was listed in the 1850 census for Ottawa County. He and his wife, Frances A., had two children, Martha, born about 1847, and Mary, born about 1849. Lettie Teeple, later the wife of Henry Pennoyer, kept house for the Waldens. Frederik was born in New York about 1821, and Frances came from Canada, where she born around 1827. Among their children, both born in Michigan, were Martha, born about 1847, and Harry, born about 1849.

John R. Walhout [1925-2003]

John Walhout served as Mayor of Grand Haven from 1971 to 1979. He was born on March 3, 1925 in Muskegon, the son of Thomas and Ann Witt Walhout. He moved to Grand Haven in 1958, where he remained until relocating to Norton Shores in 1998. John married Beverly Kroeze on October 22, 1948. They resided at 1505 Pineridge Drive. They had two children, Susan Beth, who married Robert Lass of Franklin Lakes, New Jersey, and Ross Robert Lass of Grand Haven.

John served with the Army Air Corps during WWII as a Flight Engineer on B-17s. He graduated from Ferris State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He obtained a Bachelor of Law degree from La Salle University, and he also was an accredited CPA. John became Vice President of Challenge Porcelain and Stamping Company. After retirement, he was a federal Bankruptcy Trustee for the Western Michigan District and for the Circuit Court as Receiver, representing large corporate bankruptcies. John served on the Grand Haven City Council from 1965 to 1971, before being elected Mayor. He served two six-year terms on the Ottawa County Road Commission, and was the Commission's Chairman for ten years. He was President of the Grand Haven Christian School Board,

the Tri-Cities United Way Board, and the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce Board. John also served on the first YMCA Board of Directors, organized in 1963. He died on May 9, 2003 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 12, 2003.]

Henry Walker [1865-1939]

In the 1893 *Compendium*, Henry Walker was listed as a ship's carpenter. He was born in Michigan in 1865, died in 1939, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In Grand Haven on August 16, 1888, he married Anna, the daughter of Derek and Swantje Groeneveld of Grand Haven. She lived from 1868 to 1904 and also was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. By the early 1900s Henry had become a tool maker. After his wife's death, Henry resided with his sister-in-law, Lucy Leninga and her family at 216 Elliott Street.

John "Captain Jack" E. Walker [1821-1904]

Born in Hull, England in May, 1821 [1811/1833], John Walker came to the United States in 1849 and to Grand Haven about 1854. As a boy he apprenticed aboard his uncle's ships, followed the sea, and had many experiences as he sailed around the globe. After coming to the Grand Haven area, he worked for Squier & White and Kirby & Furlong as Master of their vessels, although in the 1870 and 1880 censuses he was still classified as a sailor. John became known locally as "Captain Jack," especially by the people living, as he did, in cottages in the Highland Park Resort. His home was on a large parcel of land near the Khardomah Lodge. In 1895 Captain Jack, noticing that Grand Haven was becoming a popular resort, he saw a way of making money and built the first bath house and refreshment stand on the beach, later the site of the Bil-Mar Restaurant. In 1897 he was the first to ring the fog bell and operate the foghorn at Grand Haven. Upon retiring in 1901, Captain Jack sold his business to August Boseker, also a Highland Park resident.

Captain Jack's wife, Bridget, was born near Dublin, Ireland, in 1826 [1827/1832]. They had four children: John II, born in Michigan about 1856; Kate [Katie/Catherine], born in Michigan in May, 1861; Joseph, born in Michigan about 1862; and George, born in Illinois about 1864. Kate married James Riley of Grand Haven. John II became a ship's captain himself and died at the age of 58 around the middle of November, 1914, when his vessel foundered in a storm in Lake Superior. George moved to Marinette, Wisconsin, where John also lived for awhile. Joe evidently died before his father. Bridget passed away on August 30, 1886, and Captain Jack died on May 6, 1904. The Walkers were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with their son John II. [*Tribune* article, "John E. Walker," February 19, 1897 and *Tribune* obituary, May 7, 1904.]

Walter S. Walker [1860-1922]

Walter Walker had one of the shortest professional sports career on record. He joined the Detroit Wolverines Baseball Club, part of the National League, filling the position of catcher. He played his first game on May 8, 1884. Although he had one hit in four times at bat and scored a run, it was his only game. After this brief career he settled in Ionia as a lawyer. On November 15, 1887 he married Jennie V. Kimball in Ionia. By 1900 he was in the Eastern Michigan Asylum for the Insane in Pontiac, where he remained until his death in 1922. The son of Archibald and Mary Sinnott Walker, he was born in Berlin [Marne], Michigan in 1860. [Adapted from correspondence from Kevin Collier.]

William “Captain Billy” Walker [1868-1939]

Captain Billy Walker, born in Grand Haven in December, 1868, began his career as a surfman at the Grand Haven Life Station under Captain Lysaght in 1889. In 1902 he was promoted to Keeper at a new life saving station at Sleeping Bear Point, where he served until 1910. He then became Keeper of the Grand Haven Life Saving Station, a post he held until his retirement in 1922. Captain Billy died on March 19, 1939 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His father, John Walker, a Grand Haven tinsmith, was born in Germany about 1840 and apparently died when Bill was a boy. Bill's mother, Elizabeth, was born in Ohio in April, 1842. After her husband's death she married William Keltie of Grand Haven. As a young man, Billy resided with the Kelties.

Wyllys [Wyllis] Seamans Walkley [1846-1917]

Born in Hillsdale County, Michigan, on January 17, 1846, Wyllys moved with his parents, Oliver and Parthenia Smith Walkley, to Casnovia Township in Muskegon County in 1853. He graduated from the University of Michigan Medical Department in 1879. After a short time in Hudsonville, he opened his medical practice in Spring Lake before 1880, and five years later moved to Grand Haven. For many years Wyllys was acting Assistant Surgeon and in 1887 he was appointed Surgeon of the Marine Hospital Service. He was a member of the Michigan State Medical Society. On February 12, 1864 he enlisted as Private in Company C of the 23rd Michigan Infantry. He was transferred to Company H of the 28th Michigan Infantry on June 15, 1865 and mustered out on June 5 the next year. After the war he joined the Weatherwax Veterans of the G.A.R. [Grand Army of the Republic] in Grand Haven, as well as the International Order of Odd Fellows in Spring Lake. In 1882 he was School Inspector, and in the early 1900s he was Coroner for Ottawa County. He

was one of the founders and original shareholders of the Highland Park Association, started in 1886.

Wyllys married 15-year old Ida Skinner, also of Casnovia Township, on February 16, 1864. She died in January, 1873, about two years after giving birth to their third daughter, Carlotta. Their other daughters were Emile, who was born in 1867 and married Peter J. Danhof II of Grand Haven, and Sarah Adeline, who was born on May 9, 1869, married Burt Hatch, and later settled in Muskegon. On November 27, 1873 Wyllys married Olive E. MacDonald. Olive was born in Vermont, in April, 1840 and died on April 13, 1909. On March 30, 1910 Walkley married Louise A. Lillie. Louise, the daughter of Warren and Sarah E. Lillie of Wright Township, was born on September 2, 1871. Walkley and his third wife lived at 104 South Fourth Street, where Louise continued to reside after her husband's death. Walkley and Ida's daughter, Carlotta Walkley Bailey, married Alvin Enoch Ewing, a Grand Rapids attorney. Carlotta and her husband owned and developed the lakeshore area known as the “Wilderness,” a few miles south of Grand Haven. Dr. Walkley died on August 30, 1917 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Louise died on March 26, 1963 in Kent County. [*Tribune* obituary, April 18, 1909.]

Boyd Wallace [1889-1977]

Boyd Wallace was born in Bay City, Michigan on November 22, 1889. On December 20, 1923 in Bay City, he married Pearl Brown Ormes, then 57 years old and a native of East Liverpool, Ohio. Their marriage registration listed them both as Mulatto. In the 1930 census Boyd was working as a chauffeur for Olive Handley, a White widow living in Spring Lake. He was listed as a single man in that census. A Boyd Wallace, probably this one, passed away in Grand Rapids on October 10, 1977.

William Wallace [1829-1905]

Born in Canada, near its boundary with New York, William Wallace moved west at age 17 and settled in the Ferrysburg area in 1847. He went to work for Colonel William M. Ferry and moved up rapidly in Ferry's establishment. Within two years he was put in charge of the big store belonging to Ferry & Son of Grand Haven. William learned a lot about the Indian character from the men who came to receive their government money from the store. Indian paths were followed by the store to make deliveries to customers who lived in isolated settlements and to the mills. In 1854 William left for a short time to work in Chicago, but returned to Grand Haven and became a full partner in the firm of Ferry & Son. In 1877 he owned a saloon on Washington Street.

William married Jane [Jennie] Esther Gray on November 7, 1854. Jane, born in New York in October,

1834, was the daughter of Curtis W. and Emily Gray of Grand Haven. The Wallaces had a son, Walter C., who was born in Michigan in March, 1858 [1860], and one daughter, Mary A. "Minnie," who was born in Michigan in April, 1858 and taught piano. Minnie married George McKellys [McKillip]. The Wallace residence was at 108 South First Street, in a home reportedly built and occupied by Grand Haven pioneer David Carver. In 1856, William embarked in the wholesale and retail grocery business. He owned a warehouse on Harbor Drive, built in 1836 by Stearns and later purchased by Clark B. Albee, and a dock on the corner of Franklin and Harbor. The store's sales extended up and down the shoreline and nearly every mill and settlement store was supplied from Wallace's establishment. Goods were packed through the woods, transported by riverboat, and shipped by schooner to outlying districts. The store was wiped out by the fire of 1865. He never rebuilt on the original site, but moved farther up Washington, where his new store remained for several years. In 1870 he worked for the Detroit & Grand Haven Railway, and in 1874 became stationmaster and express agent at the company's office. In 1867 William was elected to represent the Second Ward in Grand Haven's first City Council. Born in October, 1829 [1828], he passed away on February 21, 1905 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife and son continued to live at 108 South First until Jane died on May 12, 1912. Walter, who worked at Grand Haven Brass, died the next year and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his parents. Sharing the house with them was Almira Gray, who lived from 1830 to 1919 and was buried at Lake Forest. [Tribune obituary February 21, 1905.]

Louis Wallenzin [Wallenzien/Wallzien] [1872- ?]

In the early 1900s Louis Wallenzin owned a creamery business in Agnew. Born in Wisconsin about 1872, he came to the area in 1906. His wife, Lillie, was born in Pennsylvania about 1881.

Amos Walling [1860-1908]

On August 8, 1886 Amos Walling married Cleora [Clara] Ives in Coopersville. Amos, who was born in 1860, died in 1908 and was buried at Coopersville Cemetery. Five years, on October 13 in Coopersville, Cleora married Ferdinand "Fred" Behm of Grand Haven Township. She was born about 1869 and died on November 6, 1921. In 1880 Amos was residing in Berlin [Marne], Ottawa County.

John Walsh I [1838-1912]

John Walsh, born in Canada on October 17, 1838, operated a steam-powered pile driver. Although one-armed, John was credited with breaking the logjam in the Grand River in 1883, when 150,000,000 board feet of timber were cascading from Grand Rapids toward

Lake Michigan. John, a marine engineer, conceived and carried out a plan to drive pilings, which created an obstacle stopping the 37 million tons of logs and saving the timber, as well. His employers gave Captain Walsh a gold watch for his bravery and his ability to work fast and well enough to build the dam in time. By saving the timbers, he saved the company many thousands of dollars. John was a long-term employee of the White & Friant Lumber Company. He married Evaline [Evelyn] Hanna, who lived from 1851 to 1933. They resided at 315 North Sixth Street in Grand Haven. They had nine children, including John II, who was born in Grand Haven in 1873 and on January 14, 1895 married Gertrude Rienks. John died about March 8, 1912 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Martin Walsh [1828-1914]

Born in Ireland in November, 1828 [1829], Martin Walsh came to America in 1849. After living for awhile in New York State, he came to Spring Lake aboard the steamer *Olive Branch* in November, 1856. On October 4, 1861 Martin enlisted in Company F of the 14th Michigan Infantry as Private. He was promoted to Quartermaster Sergeant on November 1 the following year, to Second Lieutenant of Company I on August 8, 1863, and to Second Lieutenant on March 14, 1865. He was mustered out on July 18 that year. Martin then returned to Spring Lake and operated a dry goods and grocery store located on the northeast corner of Jackson and Savidge Streets, and later relocated to the middle of the block on the south side of Savidge between Jackson and Division Streets. He had extensive plantings of fruit trees and grapevines along south Lake Avenue. He was Postmaster of Spring Lake from 1893 to 1897. He assisted in framing the Village charter, was elected President of the Village in 1873, and served on the Spring Lake School Board. He retired to his farm on 148th Street.

In 1858 Martin married Elizabeth Lee, who was born in 1837 and came to Grand Rapids from Ireland with her brother, Patrick Lee, in 1854. The five Walsh children, all born in Michigan, were Winifred, born in 1860; John, born in 1862; Joseph M., born in 1869; Elizabeth, born in 1873; and William H., born in 1873. Elizabeth died on October 31, 1885. On January 10, 1888 in Grand Haven, Martin married Josephine Dixon Donald. The daughter of George and Mary Shannessy Dixon, Josephine was born in December, 1854. Martin and Josephine had two children: Dion, born in March, 1889, and Edward E., born in November, 1890. Martin died on March 17, 1914. He and Elizabeth were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Mary Walsh [1837-1895]

See John Furlong.

John Walsma [1875-1936]

Born in Michigan on October 21, 1875, the son of Tys [Thys] and Eda Pauls Walsma, John became a marine engineer. During the 1910s John and Ralph Van Tol owned the tugboat *Gunderson* and towed aggregate from their gravel pit eleven miles up the Grand River. In 1922 they sold the gravel pit to Construction Aggregates, which had recently located in Ottawa County. On January 16, 1901, in Grand Haven, John married Hannah De Young, who was a teacher at Rosy Mound School as early as 1895. She was the daughter of Captain John and Trientje Meyer De Young of Grand Haven. John and Hannah lived at 119 South Third in the early 1900s, and then moved across the street to 120 South Third before 1918. After John died on November 11, 1936, Hannah continued to reside at 120 South Third until at least the mid-1960s. Hannah was born on February 20, 1876 and died in Grand Rapids on February 27, 1980 from pulmonary edema. She was buried with her husband and other Walsmas at Lake Forest Cemetery. John and Hannah had a son, John II, born about 1901.

Tys [Thys/Thijs] "John" M. Walsma [Walsema] [1843-1927]

Tys Walsma, listed as "laborer" in the 1893 *Compendium*, was born in The Netherlands in April, 1843, came to Grand Haven with his wife in 1874, and died in Grand Haven in 1927. On March 29, 1873 in Cook County, Illinois, he married Eda [Ida] H. Pauls. She was born in Germany and lived from November, 1842 [1843] to 1925. In the 1900 census, Tys was listed as a Captain. The Walsmas' children, all born in Michigan, were Mary, born in March, 1874; John, born on October 21, 1875; Frederick, born in 1878; Edith, born on August 27, 1880; Emma, who was born on October 29, 1882 and married John Stokes, and died in Grand Haven on May 15, 1974; and Martin, born on July 20, 1885. By 1920 Tys and Eda lived at 120 South Third with their son John and his family. Tys and Eda were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

William Walsma [Walsama] [1875-1915]

In 1880 five-year old William Walsma arrived in Grand Haven with his stepfather, Pieter, who lived from 1845 to 1931, and his mother, Itje [Ida, Eda] Helmer Valkema. Itje lived from 1849 to 1935 and married Pieter Valkema in Grand Haven on March 13, 1880. William moved to Muskegon about 1898 where he was employed by the Campbell, Wright, and Canon Foundry. He was a member of Lodge No. 91 of the LOOM. William had three sons: Frank, William, and Robert, and three daughters, Ida, Delilah, and Ordellia. William died on July 19, 1915 in Muskegon, but was buried with other

members of his family at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Chronicle obituary, July 19, 1915.]

Arthur G. Walter [1880-1959]

The son of William and Orcena [Oisena] Walter of Grand Haven, Arthur was born on October 1, 1880. He resided in the family home at 219 South Fourth Street in 1930, where he sold radios. On August 24, 1915 he received Patent #1,150,981 for a "Draining System for Cargo of Sand-Boats." He passed away in Riverside, California on January 15, 1959. Apparently he never married.

Harry [Henry] A. Walter [Walters] [1875-1951]

Sometime before 1920, Harry Walter and his wife moved to 412 Lake Avenue from 121 North Second Street. Prior to that move they had resided at 1339 Washington. Harry had been a clerk at the Grand Haven Post Office since at least 1908. He was born in Pierson, Michigan about 1875 and he married Elizabeth "Lizzie" Minnit in Grand Haven on September 3, 1903. Elizabeth was born in Wisconsin [Chicago] approximately a year later. They remained at 412 Lake until about 1950. Elizabeth died about March 8, 1950, and Harry passed away around December 28 the next year. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Arthur G. Walter was his brother.

Peter Walter [Walters] I [1826-1889]

On September 23, 1861, while living in Holland, Peter Walter enlisted in Company D of the 8th Michigan Infantry and served until May 26, 1865. By 1870 he was a commercial fisherman residing in Grand Haven. Peter, born in The Netherlands in 1826, died in 1889, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, but his monument showed no dates. On February 9, 1864 he married Maria [Mariah]:Punsele, also from The Netherlands, where she was born in November, 1832. She had previously married Gerard Leopold Jacob Arnold Dijkmeester in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, on July 1, 1857. Gerard and Maria immigrated to America in 1857, and Gerard died in Grand Haven six years later. After Peter's death, Maria applied for a widow's Civil War pension on August 12, 1889. She resided at 206 Water Street [Harbor Drive]. Maria and Gerard Dijkmeester had at least one child: Mary, who was born on September 14, 1860 and married Peter Wilds of Grand Haven. Among Peter's and Maria's children were Dena, who was born on August 6, 1865 and married John J. Fisher of that city; William, born in October, 1867; Jennie, born in April, 1870; and Peter II, born in February, 1873. All the children were born locally. Jennie married a Mr Cooper and had three children; Harry, born in September, 1895; Mary, in January, 1898; and Harold, born in November, 1899. Mr Cooper does not appear in

any of the censuses. Peter and Maria Walter had six children in all.

William Walter [Walters] [1835-1913]

Born in Sackett's Harbor, New York on October 6, 1835, William Walter on August 2, 1862 enlisted in Company M of the 5th Indiana Volunteer Cavalry while he was living in Fremont, Indiana. He was captured by the Confederates and spent time in Southern prisons in Charlottesville and Salisbury. He escaped from the camp at Salisbury, returned to his unit, and was discharged with the rank of First Lieutenant on August 3, 1865. [His capture and escape were not mentioned in his service records.] Shortly after his discharge, William came to Michigan to work in the lumbering business, first with a Mr Pierson, then going to Robinson Township, where he owned an 80-acre farm. Sometime after 1908 he moved to Grand Haven. On May 19, 1867 in Ovid, Michigan, he married Orcena [Oisena/Orsena/Arsena] D. Runyon. A native of Michigan, she lived from 1848 to about August 3, 1925 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children included Harry [Henry] A., who was born about 1876 in Michigan and married Lizzie M. Minnit in Grand Haven on September 3, 1903, and Arthur G., who was born locally on October 1, 1880. The two sons remained in the Grand Haven area most of their lives. In the early 1900s William lived with the family of his sister-in-law, Maria, the wife of Peter Walter, at 206 Water Street [Harbor Drive]. William died at his home, 219 South Fourth Street, on November 4, 1913 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, November 4, 1913.]

Benjamin Walters [1856- ?]

Born in December, 1856 in The Netherlands, Benjamin Walters was a farmer who also raised livestock at his 40-acre farm located in Section 24 of Olive Township. He came to the area from the City of Holland in 1899. By 1910 Ben had returned to the City of Holland. He married Leana [Lena] Tunring, who, died at the age of 34 on February 7, 1904. They had a daughter Margaret, who was born in 1892.

Peter Walters I [@1826-@1895]

See Peter Walter I.

Robert L. Walwood [1938-2002]

Robert Walwood, who resided at 14198 128th Avenue in Robinson Township, was Plant Manager for Integrated Metal Technology in Spring Lake Township. He was born in Grand Rapids on January 24, 1938, the son of James A. and Clara Vander Panne Walwood. Robert married Elizabeth Vollmer in Indiana on August 20, 1956. Their children were Debra, who married Douglas Van Oeveren; Linda; Rita, who married Steve

Boomgaard; Robert M.; and Troy L. The children resided in Grand Haven. Robert died on April 22, 2002 in Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 24, 2002.]

Charles Frederick Christian Warber [Werber] [1854-1924]

Born in Germany in 1854, Charles Warber came to America in 1867. He married Caroline Dabberowsky in Grand Haven on April 5, 1872. The daughter of German immigrants Ludwig and Fredereka Dobberowsky, she was born in Grand Haven in 1847. Charles ran logs for the Old Boom Mill on Grand River, and later became a cattle farmer and raised grain at his 120-acre farm located at 15600 148th Street in Spring Lake. The Warbers were completely self-dependent, making everything they needed to sustain life except salt. Both Warbers died in 1924 and were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Frederick and George were his brothers.

Elizabeth Warber [1881-1939]

See Elizabeth Warber Schweitzer.

Emil C. Warber [1886-1980]

The son of Charles and Caroline Warber, Emil was born in Spring Lake on December 29, 1886. He married Ruth Edna Wills in Spring Lake on August 20, 1912. Born on August 16, 1894, she was the daughter of Henry and Jenet Wills. Emil remembered collecting clamshells for the Lamont Button Factory when he was a boy and even as a young man. His first job was with the Challenge Machinery Company as a machinist. However, Emil worked most of his life as a plumber and was associated for six years with Dave Cline [Klein], and then spent the next 34 years with the Lloyd Buckley Company. The Warbers lived at 426 East Exchange in Spring Lake. Emil died on November 16, 1980 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Ruth died in Spring Lake on June 19, 1987. Their son, Emil II, was born on September 9, 1916 and died in Grand Haven on February 22, 1995. Emil II operated Warbers Plumbing and Heating, located at 15751 Rannes Road in Spring Lake Township. He married Emily P. Machek of Nunica on October 24, 1938. Emily passed away on January 3, 2008. [*Tribune* obituary, January 4, 2008.]

Frederick Warber [Werber] [1839-1920]

Born in Germany in February, 1839 [1844], Fred Warber was the brother of George of Grand Haven and Charles Warber of Spring Lake. He came to America at age 16, spending time in Kansas, Nebraska, and the Dakotas. He became a driver of supply trains across the hostile Indian country between the great trading points of St. Louis, Kansas City, and Denver. Fred became intimately acquainted with "Buffalo Bill" Cody, "Wild Bill" Hickok, General Custer, and others. After coming

to this area he was employed for years as a foreman in the Boyden Sawmills. He left the mills to start a celery and vegetable farm and later a dairy farm. On September 17, 1884 in Grand Haven, he married Wilhelmina Albrecht. She was born in Germany in November, 1854 [1855], died on January 29, 1932, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. The Warbers had one son, William E., who was born in February, 1886 and died on February 13, 1962. Fred died at his home at 1214 Washington on August 3, 1920 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Wilhelmina continued to live at the home on Washington after her husband's death. Residing with her was her widowed brother, August Albrecht. He was born in Germany about 1856. [*Tribune* obituary, August 4, 1920.]

George Warber I [Werber] [1848- ?]

George Warber was the brother of Charles and Fred Warber. Like them, he was a native of Germany, where he was born about 1848. George worked in a local sawmill after arriving in Grand Haven sometime before 1880. His wife, Fredrika, also from Germany, was born about 1855. Their children in 1880, all born locally, were Clara, who was born about 1876 and married John C. Van Doorne of Grand Haven; Alexander, born about 1878; and George II, born about 1879. Also living with the family in 1880 was George's brother Charles.

Louis Warber [1881- ?]

A native of the Grand Haven area, where he was born on October 29, 1881, Louis Warber operated a dairy farm in Section 28 of Grand Haven Township, at the northwest corner of Beechtree and Robbins Road. His wife, Ludica, was born in Germany about 1894. They had at least one son, Paul, born about 1913. Louis was the son of George and Fredrika Warber.

Wilhelmena Warber [1883-1975]

Wilhelmena, was born on September 15, 1883 to Charles and Caroline Warber of Spring Lake. She was a teacher at Robinson School, Eagle School in Blendon, French School in Crockery, and Peach Plains. She died in January, 1975.

Willimer "William" Frederick Warber [1886-1962]

Willimer Warber owned a large dairy farm in Section 28 of Grand Haven Township, between North Griffin and Beechtree Streets. Will's wife, Augusta, was born in Austria around 1894. Their children, all born locally, were Wilhelmine, born about 1917; Frederick, born about 1920; Warren H., who was born on August 2, 1923 and died in Spring Lake on May 16, 1987; Margaret, born about 1926; and Helen, born about 1929. William was born on February 8, 1886 and died about February 15, 1962. He was buried at Lake Forest

Cemetery. August passed away about May 6 the next year and was buried with her husband.

Andrew Jackson Ward [1843-1914]

While living in Flint, Andrew Ward on January 14, 1864 enlisted as Private in Company F of the 4th Michigan Cavalry. He was discharged on August 15 the next year. On March 6, 1895 he married Lucy E. Harrington in Holland. About the same time he was Register Deeds for Ottawa County, and the couple lived on South Fourth Street. A few years later he and his wife were located at 400 Lafayette, where he also sold and rented "electric cleaners." Living with them was their daughter Dora Mathilda, who was born in 1896 and married Chauncey Clark of Grand Haven. Andrew was born in 1843 and died in 1914, but Lucy didn't apply for a widow's Civil War pension until 1916. She lived from 1863 to 1924 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

Lemuel J. Ward [1839-1912]

As a resident of Ionia County, Lemuel Ward enlisted as Private in Company E of the 3rd Michigan Infantry on May 13, 1861. He was discharged for disability on September 24, 1862 and subsequently settled in Nunica, although he was included in the Ferrysburg census for 1880 as an employee of a local sawmill. His wife, Sarah M., was born in New York in December, 1847. She applied for a widow's Civil War pension on September 23, 1912. A monument was erected in Nunica Cemetery with Lemuel's name and outfit. Lemuel was born in New York in June, 1839. Their children included William, born in August, 1884, and Mabel, born in December, 1888. Both children were born in Michigan.

Roger E. Ward [1946-1968]

Born in Ferrysburg on September 29, 1946, Roger was the son of the Elgin Ward, 16825 Cecilia Lane in Ferrysburg, and brother of Beverly and Dennis. Dennis, who participated in track in school and volunteered with the Salvation Army, was drafted in March, 1968 and stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Roger was drafted into the Army in May, 1967 and left for Vietnam in October. He died on April 5, 1968 from sniper fire in Vietnam and was buried with military rites at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, April 9, 1968, and *Tribune* article, "Military Rites Held for Ferrysburg Soldier," April 24, 1968.]

Harold Warm [1899-1969]

See Harold Worm.

Henrietta Warmenhoven [1915-1981]

A resident of Georgetown Township, Ottawa County, Henrietta was the sixth generation of her family to occupy Edgewood, a cottage located at 34 Lovers Lane

in Highland Park. She was born on August 24, 1915 and died on December 10, 1981.

Ary Warnaar [1880-1952]

Around 1932 Ary Warnaar moved his paint and wall paper shop from 706 Washington to 114 South Fourth Street. He was born on August 1, 1880. Prior to opening his decorating business, Ary worked at the Story & Clark Piano Company as a finisher. He and his wife, Nieltje "Nellie," resided at 806 Sheldon Road. They had two sons: Robert Donald, born on July 4, 1914, and Stuart A., born about April, 1917. Nellie passed away about July 19, 1934, and Ary about June 15, 1952. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Robert Donald Warnaar [1914-1996]

Robert Warnaar organized the Bud Warnaar dance band that performed locally. He and his wife, Lydia Jane, resided at 1236 Sheldon Road in Grand Haven. Robert was born on July 4, 1914, died on July 2, 1996, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Lydia lived from October 31, 1914 to August 2, 1987 and also was buried at Lake Forest. Robert was the son of Ary and Nieltje "Nellie" Warnaar of Grand Haven.

Alfred B. Warner [1815- ?]

A native of Leicestershire, England, where he was born on February 7, 1815, Alfred came to the United States in 1817, residing at first in Boston. In 1837 he moved to LaSalle County, Illinois, where he stayed until September, 1856. He then purchased from Henry Pennoyer more than 525 acres in Sections 30 and 31 in Allendale Township and went into lumbering and farming. He appears in the 1860 census as a lumberman residing in Robinson Township. His first wife was Almira Richardson, whom he married Leicestershire on July 22, 1836. She was born about 1811. In 1860 the Warners had seven children, the oldest born in Massachusetts, the others in Illinois. They ranged in age from six to 23. On August 3, 1876 he married Jane Huntress Smith in Grand Rapids. She was born in Ireland about 1831. By 1880 Alfred and Jane were residing in Nunica, where Alfred operated a hotel..

Ralph C. Warner [1926-1990]

Ralph Warner owned a television sales and service business at 108 West Savidge in Spring Lake. He lived from February 18, 1926 to November 15, 1990. He resided at 16446 Taft in Spring Lake Township.

Lloyd Warners [1936-2004]

Lloyd Warners served as Spring Lake Township Clerk from 1974 to 1979, and Spring Lake Township Supervisor from 1992 to 1996. The son of Robert and Helen Van Neuren Warners, Lloyd was born in Grand Rapids on May 12, 1936. He married Arlene Idema in

Bryon Center on October 21, 1955. Lloyd was a State Farm Insurance agent for 35 years, and a member of the Spring Lake Christian Reformed Church. In 1988 he joined La Grave Christian Reformed Church. He also belonged to the Grand Haven Christian School Board, Gideons International, Spring Lake Rotary Club, and Spring Lake Country Club. He and Arlene had three children: Robert and Dawn Berg of Spring Lake and James of Grand Haven. Lloyd died in Spring Lake on February 25, 2004. [*Tribune* obituary, February 27, 2004.]

Walter F. Warnke [1911-2003]

Around 1940 Walter Warnke owned an automobile service station at 320 West Savidge in Spring Lake. He was born in Nunica on December 1, 1911, the son of Frederick L. and Martha Draft Warnke. Frederick, a farmer, was born in Nunica in 1882 and Martha, who came from Defiance, Ohio, was born in 1888. Walter married Louise, the daughter of Dick and Grace Wolthouse Draft. Louise, who was born in Saugatuck on October 10, 1916, died in Spring Lake on June 4, 1999 and Walter passed away on October 31, 2003. Both were buried at Ottawa Center Cemetery.

James Warnock [1853-1899]

Born in Ireland about 1853, James Warnock came to Michigan in 1864. His father and mother, John and Mary Warnock, resided in Saugatuck. James graduated from the state normal institution and was school superintendent in various places for 22 years, including two years in Spring Lake. For his last 14 years he lived in Saugatuck and Douglas. James was a member of the Masons. James died on February 22, 1899 in Douglas. James and his parents were buried at Douglas Cemetery in Allegan County. [*Tribune* obituary, February 27, 1899.]

Henry L. Warts [1825-1867]

Born On March 2, 1825, Henry Warts was elected Foreman of Fire Company No. 1 in Grand Haven on February 2, 1856. In the 1850 census, Henry was listed as a clerk in Grand Haven. With Walter Stegman and Dwight Cutler as his partners, Henry by 1856 owned a warehouse on Harbor Drive near Franklin Street. Born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on March 2, 1825, he died in Grand Haven of consumption on July 17, 1867 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Larmia, was born around 1834 in Michigan. They had at least two surviving daughters: Kate M., born about 1854, and Hattie H., born in Grand Haven in 1863. A 17-month old son died on March 10, 1857 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

Jan "John" H. Wassink [Wissink] [1848- ?]

In 1893 Jan Wassink was a farmer with 120 acres in Section 36 of Olive Township. He also raised livestock. His wife in the early years was Cornelia, but in the 1920 census Fannie was listed as his widow, and the property, then in her name, comprised 145 acres in Section 31 of Olive Township [in that part later called Port Sheldon Township]. Living with her were two sons, Henry, born about 1894, and Harry, born about 1897. Jan was born in The Netherlands in 1848 and died between 1910 and 1920. Fannie was born in March, 1854 in The Netherlands and died after 1930. Their children were Annie, born in February, 1883; Johnnie, born in April, 1885; Reka, born in April, 1890; Bennie, born in February, 1892; Henry, born in December, 1894; and Harry, born in May, 1897. Annie was born in The Netherlands and came to the United States in 1884 with her parents. The other children were born locally.

Charles Freeman Wasson [1855-1911]

Charles Wasson published the *Spring Lake Message* from September, 1881, to September, 1883. His office was on the corner of State [Savidge] and Division Streets. Charles was born in Illinois on October 11, 1855. On June 12, 1879 he married Etta Maxon [Maxonn], who was, born on October 7, 1861 [1862] in Michigan. By 1900 the couple was residing in Jackson, Michigan, where Charles was a reporter. Two sons were living then at that time: Everard, born in Michigan in August, 1881, and Maxon, born in Jackson, Michigan on February 28, 1893. In 1910 Charles and Etta were in Spokane, Washington. At that time, he was newspaper editor. Charles died in Spokane on March 13, 1911. Etta passed away in the same city on December 4, 1941.

David R. Waters [1839-1915]

A fruit farmer with 80 acres in Section 2 of Spring Lake Township, David Waters was born in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania on December 3, 1836. He moved to Henderson County, Illinois, where he studied law, and in 1858 was admitted to the Bar. He enlisted on March 1, 1862 as Lieutenant in Company G of the 10th Illinois Infantry and was promoted to Captain that year. David resigned on March 30, 1864. He then resumed his law practice in Aledo, Illinois, but a serious eye disease forced him to give up law and he took up the newspaper business in Aledo as editor of *Mercer County Press*. In the spring of 1869 David located permanently in Michigan, where he purchased 85 acres in Section 11 of land formerly owned by Edward and Julia L. Craw. From 1872 to 1873 David edited the *Spring Lake Independent*. He was elected Assessor of Spring Lake Township in 1873 and 1874, and in 1875 he was elected Supervisor.

David and his family then moved to Grand Rapids, where he joined the *Grand Rapids Democrat*, resigning

in 1876. He later became editor of the *Allegan County Democrat*, where remained until February, 1881. He returned to Grand Rapids as editor of the *Grand Rapids Evening Leader*. Around February 1, 1883, David became Warden of the State House of Correction and Reformatory in Ionia. In February, 1885 he returned to the *Leader* and remained the editor of that paper until the spring of 1890. In the meantime he had been appointed United States Marshall for the Western District of Michigan. In 1890 David and others founded the *Grand Rapids Morning Press*, where he continued as editorial writer until December, 1892. Upon the organization of the Grange at Spring Lake he was elected Secretary of the society. In Grand Rapids, David was President of the Standard Bed Company in Grand Rapids. David and his wife were back on their fruit farm by the mid-1890s.

On December 18, 1866 in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, David married Alice Latcha. She lived from 1840 to 1902. David and Alice had a son Albert, who was born in Illinois on March 2, 1869 and died in 1921, six years after her husband. All three were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Dudley Owen Watson [1859-1910]

Dudley Watson was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. The 1908 *City Directory* listed Dudley as a "promoter." Earlier he was appointed by President Grover Cleveland as Michigan Collector of Customs and served from 1885 to 1889. He and his wife, Winnie, were married in 1880 and resided at 527 Franklin. Winnie was the daughter of Spring Lake resident Martin Walsh. Dudley, a native of St. Lawrence County, New York, was born on April 10, 1859 and moved to Coopersville with his parents, William and Betsy Watson, in 1867. In 1880 Dudley was a dry goods merchant in Nunica. His father was a merchant in Coopersville, and Dudley eventually took over the business. He also operated a dry goods business at 200-202 Washington in Grand Haven until 1890. Dudley died in 1910. Winifred was born in 1859 and died in 1940. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. Their children were Margaret C., born in Grand Haven in 1890, and Nellie.

Edward [Edwin] G. Watson I [1818-1899]

Born in Edinburgh, Scotland on September 1, 1818, Edward Watson was Sexton of Olive Cemetery for a number of years and also had a 60-acre farm in Section 10 of Olive Township. He and his wife, Rebecca, were married in England. Their children included Thomas, born in England about 1852; Elizabeth, Hattie, and Edward [Edwin] II. Rebecca, who was born in England in 1825, died on January 24, 1889. Edward passed away at his home in Olive Center on November 19, 1899 from the effects of a paralytic stroke suffered a week

previously. Both were buried at Olive Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituaries, November 21, 23 and 25, 1899.]

Chief Waukazoo [? - ?]

During the early settlement of Ottawa County, Waukazoo was Chief of the Ottawas, who then were located near Black Lake [Lake Macatawa]. Later, around 1848, Waukazoo and his followers settled three miles southeast of Holland.

William F. Waye [1911-1986]

William Waye owned and managed Ripple Haven Resort, located at approximately 18336 West Spring Lake Road in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township. Located on this site from the 1940s into the 1960s was Ripple Haven Resort. William was born April 3, 1911 and died in June, 1986.

Benjamin K. Weatherwax [1828-1864]

Benjamin Weatherwax was from Georgetown Township in southeast Ottawa County. In 1850 he lived in Allendale and worked as a laborer, and ten years later he was in Georgetown Township. On April 1, 1857, he married Mary A. Taylor in Grand Rapids. She was born about 1840. On July 25, 1863 Benjamin enlisted as Captain of Company C of the 10th Michigan Cavalry. He lost his life at the battle of Walanga Bridge, Tennessee, on April 25, 1864. On November 9, 1864 and again on April 3, 1871, his wife, Mary A., applied for a widow's Civil War pension. The veterans of the Grand Army of Republic named their post in Grand Haven in his memory.

Gerald Henry Weavers [1913-1964]

Jerry Weavers started Weavers Iron and Metal Company at 701 North Sixth Street in 1957, the year he bought the three-acre site from the Peter Van Zylén Lumber Yard. Before that Jerry was a partner with Jim Scott and Duane Brady in starting Welded Products in 1942. Jerry was born on August 21, 1913, the son of John and Kathryn Weavers of Grand Haven. As a youngster, he resided with his family at 520 Monroe. On January 13, 1934 in Grand Haven, he married Dorothy Kamp. Their son, Jerry, continued the scrap metal business until the City of Grand Haven bought the site for its GrandWater Development in 2003. Jerry and Dorothy also had a daughter, Charleen, who married a Mr Spencer of Fruitport. The older Jerry was killed in a crane accident on March 24, 1964 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [*Tribune* article, "Jerry Weavers learned junk business from his dad," May 17, 2002.]

Gerrit John Weavers I [1900-1973]

Gerrit Weavers was born in Grand Haven on July 4, 1900. On February 20, 1919 in Grand Haven he married Nellie Albright. Nellie was born in North Dakota about

1900 and died on November 19, 1975. Gerrit and Nellie were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Gerrit, the son of Albert and Winnie Weavers, worked for Peerless Novelty [105 Fulton] as early as 1918. At that time he lived with his parents at 1132 Madison. Two years later Gerrit and Nellie resided at 912 Elliott, by 1930 they were located at 315 Elliott, and by the late 1940s their home was at 1009 Colfax. In the late 1940s their son, Gerrit Weavers II, was part owner of Weavers Brothers Texaco Service Station at 403 North Seventh Street. His partner was Edwin Albert Weavers, who was born on August 28, 1921 and died in Florida on September 18, 1978. By 1960 Gerrit II had closed the business and started to work for Wessel's TBA at 100 South Harbor Drive.

Jerry Lee Weavers I [1939-2007]

The son of Jerry and Dorothy Kamp Weavers, Jerry was born in Grand Haven on April 9, 1939. He married Sharon Grimason in Spring Lake on March 5, 1966. Jerry continued operating the family-owned business, Weavers Iron and Metal Company at 707 North Sixth Street, until the City of Grand Haven bought the site for its GrandWater Development in 2003. Jerry and Sharon had two daughters, Chris, who married John Stevenson of Grand Haven, and Becky, who married Larry Huttenga of Spring Lake. They also had a son, Jerry Lee Weavers II. Jerry passed away at his home in Spring Lake on January 21, 2007.

William Weavers [1889-1972]

On May 30, 1917 William Weavers married Jessamine, the daughter of Marshall and Kitty McCluer of Spring Lake. The Weavers' only child was Elizabeth, who was born on April 24, 1918 and married Ivor Moore of Spring Lake. The Weavers family resided at 301 Barber. In 1930 William was Street Commissioner in the Village of Spring Lake. He was born on August 28, 1889, died in Spring Lake on March 1, 1972, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Jessamine was born in Spring Lake in June, 1896 and passed away on January 9, 1962. She was buried with other family members at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Lindley Webb [? - ?]

Lindley Webb was Superintendent of Grand Haven Schools from 1875 to 1876.

James Webber [Weber] [1845-1893]

James Webber was born in Ireland in 1845 and enlisted in the Navy at the height of the Civil War. He then came to Grand Haven and captained vessels belonging to Thomas W. Kirby such as *S. A. Irish*, *William Burns*, *City of Grand Haven*, and the tugs *Florence* and *McCormick*. He was most remembered for the steamer *Joe*, which carried many passengers on excursions from

Grand Haven to Fruitport. James's wife, Catherine, was born around 1852 in Bavaria. They had three sons, George, born in Illinois about 1873; John F., born in Grand Haven on September 20, 1875; and James, born locally in 1881. The family lived on First Street. James was a member of the local Weatherwax Post of the G.A.R. and the Shipmaster's Association. He died on December 4, 1893. [*Tribune* obituary, December 4, 1893.]

George Louis Weber [Webber] [1894-1946]

George Weber and his wife, Edna Elvira, were both born in Chicago, Illinois, he on January 18, 1894 and she around 1902. In 1918 George opened Weber's Restaurant at 7 Washington, where by 1920 he and his family also resided. George and Edna were married about 1919. In the 1930s they moved their restaurant to 21 Washington, formerly the site of Van Drezer's Restaurant, and later to 8 North Seventh, where they remained open until the late 1940s. By that time the Webers resided at 925 Franklin. George's mother, Hattie, was cook at the restaurant, and his sister, Helen, was a waitress. Hattie was born in Germany in October, 1859, died about March 13, 1942, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Helen was born in Illinois in March, 1892. Hattie's husband, Henry, also was from Germany, where he was born in March, 1865. He passed away before 1920. The Webers' children were George C., born about 1921, and Lois Ruth, born about 1926. In 1930 George the father was selling real estate. He died around March 23, 1946 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Guy Weber [@1848- ?]

Guy Weber bought the *Grand Haven Daily Herald* in 1881 from the estate of Whitman S. Benham, who had lost his life in the wreck of the *Alpena* on October 15 the previous year. Guy and his partner, Horrace G. Nichols, owned the newspaper for a short time. They sold it to Kedzie & Kedzie in March, 1881. Guy was born in Ohio about 1848. Before coming to Grand Haven, he was a printer in Fremont, Ohio. He had returned to Ohio by 1900 and again was working as a printer. His wife, Gertrude, was born in August, 1848.

James Webster [1855-1885]

James, the son of John and Mary Webster, was born in Spring Lake on June 19, 1855. In 1859 his parents returned to their native England, but came back to Spring Lake the next year. James married Ellen "Nellie" Brady of Spring Lake on October 29, 1881. Nellie was born in Ireland around 1857 and worked as a servant for George and Laura Schwab of Spring Lake. James died on December 16, 1885 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

John [Jonathan] Webster [1825-1895]

John Webster was born in England on May 13, 1825. He and his wife, Mary, were among the early settlers of Mill Point [Spring Lake], returning for a brief visit to their native country in 1859. Mary was born about 1825 and died on August 2, 1890. Lucy Webster, who married Joseph Finch of Spring Lake was John's sister. John died on January 17, 1895. He and Mary were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. James Webster, born on June 19, 1855, was their son. Another son, John, drowned on May 17, 1872 at the age of 13.

James Welch [1826-1916]

Born in England in January, 1826 [1827], James Welch moved to Canada in 1841 and came to Grand Haven in 1869. He worked at the lumber mills for several years, and in 1879 he joined the Stearns Manufacturing Company. James's wife, Susanna, was born on April 3, 1833 in Selkirk, Canada, died in Grand Haven on August 4, 1920, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their children, all born in Canada, included Naomi, who was born in 1850 and married Solomon Fess of Grand Haven; Anna, who was born in 1852, married a Mr Smith and moved to Harvard, Idaho; William, born in October, 1853; James, who was born in 1856 and moved to Detroit; John, born about 1857; Samuel, who was born in 1858 and moved to Fresno, California; and Frances M., who was born about 1865 and married Benjamin Brough of Fruitport. The Welches resided at 712 Jackson Street. James died around October 16, 1916 and was buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, August 4, 1920.]

William Welch I [1853- ?]

On August 26, 1880 in Spring Lake, William Welch married Harriet E. Hammond, daughter of Spring Lake resident William Hammond. Harriet was born in August, 1863 in Michigan. The Welches resided at 620 Jackson in Grand Haven. Their children were Leroy E., born in November, 1884; Ivan W., born in August, 1888; Trist R., a son, born in February, 1890; and William Floyd., who was born on May 5, 1892 and died in Spring Lake on December 5, 1978. William, the father, who was a cabinet maker at Challenge Refrigerator, was born in Canada in October, 1853 and died before 1948. Harriet passed away about November 21, 1953 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. William's parents were James and Susanna Welch of Spring Lake.

Ferdinand Weller [1838-1893]

Born in Austria, Ferdinand Weller came to this country at 18 years of age. He learned the printing business in Howell and worked for the *Grand Haven Clarion*. In the 1870s he purchased the *Muskegon News*, which he

sold to Wanty and Manning in 1889 when he retired. His wife, Anna, was born in Rhode Island around 1852. By the time of the 1880 census, the Wellers were residing in Muskegon. Ferdinand died on April 10, 1893. [*Tribune* obituary, April 10, 1893.]

Aril "Arie" [Ora] Welling [1860-1945]

Aril "Arie" Welling was born in The Netherlands in February, 1860, came to the United States in 1880, and married Weitshe "Winnie" Hoffman in Grand Haven on May 14, 1884. Winnie, who came to America in 1881, was born in The Netherlands on January 31, 1864 and died in Grand Haven on March 25, 1923. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Arie was listed as "laborer" in the 1893 *Business Compendium*, but he also owned a farm and residence at 514 Grant Street. Their children were Mary, born in March, 1885; John A., born on January 28, 1889; Jennie, born in July, 1894; Marguerite, born in July, 1897; and Arthur E., born on March 11, 1904. The family attended the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Arie passed away around November 27, 1945 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Minnie, who died about March 28, 1923.

Arthur E. Welling [1904-1988]

Arthur, the son of Arie and Winnie Hoffman Welling, was born in Grand Haven on March 11, 1904. It was Art who pressed a foot alarm during Grand Haven's only armed bank robbery at the Peoples Bank on Washington Street on August 18, 1933. He was Teller at the bank at that time. He and his wife, Dorothy W., resided at 514 Grant. Arthur died in Grand Haven on September 18, 1988. Dorothy lived from October 3, 1906 to September 2, 1996. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Jacob Welling [1890-1970]

Jacob Welling had a celery farm at 1221 Fulton around 1940. The son of Leonard and Clara Welling, he was born on May 28, 1890, died in Grand Haven about October 17, 1970, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He and his family were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. His father, Leendert "Leonard" Welling, immigrated from The Netherlands in 1885. Leonard was born in September, 1866 and passed away about March 16, 1942. On July 21, 1922 in Grand Haven, he married Cora Verwoeret. Jacob's mother, Clara, who was born in Michigan in May, 1865, passed away about September 12, 1945 and was buried at Lake Forest with Leonard.

John A. Welling [1889-1971]

The son of Aril "Arie" and Weitshe "Winnie" Hoffman Welling, John was born on February 28, 1889 and died in Grand Haven on December 5, 1971. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. John was another member of the

Welling family to become a celery farmer. His property was located at 518 Grant around 1930 and he was still living there just prior to his death. John married Vera Correll in Grand Haven on July 5, 1912. Their children were Eugene A., who was born on June 11, 1913 and died in Grand Haven on December 24, 1994; Verna C.; who was born about 1915; Marjorie Ann, who lived from September 1, 1923 to January 28, 2006; and Winifred M., who was born about 1925. The family belonged to the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Vera, who was born about 1892 in Wisconsin, passed away on May 25, 1977 and was buried with her husband at Lake Forest. [*Tribune* obituary, January 30, 2006.]

John W. Welling [1907-1992]

Born on September 13, 1907, John Welling became a celery farmer with property at 1219, 1221, and 1225 Fulton. He died in Grand Haven on January 20, 1992 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife's name was Effie. She died on October 18, 1989 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

Kenneth N. Wells [1907-1970]

Born in Allegan County on August 23, 1907, Kenneth was the son of Morton and Ida Wells. He graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1931. After spending one year as an intern at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, he came to Spring Lake in 1932 where he set up a General Practice. About 1931 he married Kathryn Lanting, who was a nurse. His office was at 119 West Savidge and his residence was located at 411 Barber. Kenneth died in May, 1970. Kathryn lived from May 9, 1907 to January 29, 1988.

Clyde S. Welton [1878-1961]

Located on 80 acres in Section 3 of Crockery Township, Clyde Welton was a farmer and raised livestock. Born in 1878, he settled in Crockery in 1909. He married Hilma [Helena] Johnson in Grand Haven on March 24, 1908. She lived from 1880 to 1960. Clyde passed away a year later. Both were buried at Olive Township Cemetery.

Charles Wenger [1917-2000]

Charles "Chuck" Wenger owned 120 acres in Section 15 of Grand Haven Township, including 80 acres on the east side of 168th Avenue between Warner and Buchanan. The Wenger family owned this land as early as 1876, which included a one-room schoolhouse on the southeast corner of Warner and 168th. Charles used the building to prepare some of the meals for his restaurant, Chuck's Tavern, at the southeast corner of Lincoln and West Olive Road [U.S. 31] in the 1930s and into the 1950s. He closed the restaurant when U.S. 31 was expanded to four lanes in the mid-1950s. Chuck was

born on October 28, 1917 and died on November 17, 2000. His wife's name was Martha.

Frank Harry Werschem [1892-1970]

Frank Werschem owned Michigan Sanitary Supply Company at 111 North Park Street in Spring Lake. The company manufactured mopping equipment. Frank was born in Kaukauna, Wisconsin on October 5, 1892 and died in Fruitport on April 16, 1970. On April 7, 1913 he married Jeanette Trudell. Their children were Harold, born about 1914; Donald, born about 1915; Janet, born about 1918; Joyce, born about 1924; and Francis, born about 1925. Jeanette died about August 18, 1956. Frank then married Elora Jane Nauta in 1957. Elora was born on January 11, 1916 and passed away on September 21, 2001. Frank, Jeanette, and Elora were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Abram [Abraham] Wessel [Wissel] [1885-1962]

Abram Wessel, who started with the U.S. Life Saving Service, was Chief Boatswain in the Coast Guard when he retired on January 1, 1930. [The 1930 census, taken later in the year, continued to list Abram as a Crewman for the 10th District.] He was born in Grand Haven on February 11, 1885. His father, Jacob Wessel, who was a commercial fisherman in Grand Haven, lived from 1853 to 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Abram was assigned to Coast Guard headquarters in Grand Haven in 1929, and moved his family at the same time. On December 4, 1907 Abram married Lillian Nordahl [Nordall] in Frankfort, Michigan. She was born in Michigan about 1890 and passed away around August 27, 1957. The Wessels' children were Robert, born about 1910; James, born about 1912; Louis W., who was born on October 3, 1914 and died in Fruitport on April 11, 1990; Genevieve, who was born about 1918, first married a Nauta, and then married Walter Madsen of Grand Haven; George A., who was born on December 2, 1919 and passed away in Grand Haven on December 27, 1978; Jack N., who was born on July 28, 1924 and died in Grand Haven on December 12, 1983; and Donald, born about 1927. The family resided at 403 Columbus. Abram died about January 29, 1962 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Lillian. Donald served on the Grand Haven City Council and owned Wessel's Automobile and Tire Repair on Harbor Drive.

Donald E. Wessel [1927-2007]

Don was born to Abram and Lillian Nordahl Wessel on March 26, 1927 at the Point Bessie Lighthouse in Frankfort, Michigan, where his father was commander of the Coast Guard. Don served in the Navy during WWII. He married Dorothy Nass on October 19, 1951 in Grand Haven. The daughter of Carl and Emma Rudloff Nass, she was born on December 19, 1921 in Albion, Michigan. Don was a partner in Wessel's TBA

Service Station at 100 South Harbor. Don was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven, a member of the, the Elks, Masons, Eastern Star, and he was one-time commander of the American Legion Post. He served on the Grand Haven City Council from 1981-1990. Dorothy died on December 19, 2009. The Wessels only child, Sandi, married Kim Sandburg of Muskegon. Sandi predeceased her father. [Tribune obituary, October 10, 2007.]

John [Jan] Wessel [Wissel] [1842- ?]

Born in The Netherlands on March 9, 1842, John Wessel came to Grand Haven in 1871 and became Number 1 Surfman with the U.S. Life Saving Service. John participated in life-saving efforts when the *Amazon* struck the Grand Haven pier on November 19, 1879, the same day six other ships went aground near Grand Haven. On June 15, 1867 in Grand Haven, he married Aaltje "Alice" Dykwerk [De Werk]. Born in The Netherlands around 1851, she died about December 16, 1883 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had four sons and two daughters: Martja, born about 1870; Abram, born about 1873; Louis, born about 1876; May, born about 1878; and John, born July 1879. Jacob Wessel was John's brother.

Kornelis [Cornelius] Wessies I [Wesies/Weesies] [1847-1925]

Kornelis Wessies arrived in New York on the ship *Liverpool* at age 19 on May 21, 1866 from his native Netherlands. With him were his wife, Antje "Anna" Zaagman, who lived from 1840 to approximately 1892, and his one-year old son Pieter. Their other children were Jake, Kate, John, who married Henrietta Handlogten, Jenny, Tillie, who married John Van Zant, and Cornelius II, who lived from 1881 to 1971. After the mother's death, the children were sent to live with older brothers in Chicago. Three of the children died of tuberculosis. Kornelis, who was a commercial fisherman, died in 1925.

Austin Grover West [1885-1964]

On August 19, 1908 Austin West married Eva Thorne in Grand Rapids, where they resided before moving to 120 East Savidge around 1930. The house had been converted to apartments. Eva's father, Jesse Thorne, lived with them. Jesse was born in New York about 1847. Eva also owned a millinery business in Spring Lake. Austin was born on February 9, 1885 in Alpine, Michigan and died in Spring Lake on October 8, 1964. Eva, who was around a year younger and a native of New York State, died on March 3, 1967. She and Austin were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. By the mid-1950s Florence West resided in the home at 120 East Savidge.

Florence West [1901-1981]

Florence West was born in Michigan on September 10, 1901 and passed away in Spring Lake on May 8, 1981. Before moving to Spring Lake, she resided in Robinson Township, where she had at least three children, all born in Michigan: Florence, born about 1921; Maxine, born about 1924, and Junior, born about 1927. Florence resided at 120 East Savidge in the mid-1950s.

James J. West [1858- ?]

Chicago residents James J. and Ida B. West owned a 95-acre summer estate in Section 10 of Spring Lake Township around 1900. They named their estate Sandy Hook. By 1912 title to the property was in Ida's name. James was born in Ohio in May, 1858, and Ida was from Indiana, where she was born in July, 1864.

Clarence E. "Poke" Westerhof [1903-1988]

Born on September 12, 1903 to Egbert and Gertie Westerhof, Clarence was a lifelong resident of Grand Haven. He played a major role in the area's independent baseball and basketball history during the 1920s and 1930s. Better known as "Poke," he was one of the most outstanding football runners ever to play for Grand Haven High School. He starred on the 1922 basketball team, which was coached by Gus V. Cohrs and won the Class B Championship. He continued to be involved in area sports after graduating. He married Myrtle Ruch on May 14, 1925. Poke worked for Keller Tool Company and Story and Clark Piano Company, and was a driver for the Vyn Trucking Company. He died on July 1, 1988. Myrtle was born April 13, 1908, and died in Grand Haven on December 1, 1978. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 1, 1988.]

Egbert Westerhof [1872-1904]

Egbert Westerhof was born in Grand Haven on November 11, 1872 and died on June 24, 1904. He married Gertrude "Gertie" Fant in Grand Haven on July 7, 1899. Born in April, 1878, Gertie was the daughter of John and Cornelie Lievense Fant of Grand Haven. Egbert and Gertie had at least three children, all born locally: Harold A., born in August, 1899; Elmer J., born in 1902; and Clarence, born on September 12, 1903. Gertie was born in April, 1878. Bert worked as a machinist. Buried with him and other Westerhofs at Lake Forest Cemetery was Clara, who lived from 1874 to about April 29, 1924. His widow married Joseph Correll in 1904.

Elmer John Westerhof I [1902-1992]

Elmer, born in Grand Haven in 1901 [1902], was the son of Egbert and Gertie Westerhof of Grand Haven. In 1917 Elmer began working for the Grand Trunk Railway Company on June 7, 1917, and was in their employ for

fifty years. The company transported boxcars across the lake on the *Milwaukee* and other Grand Haven car ferries. The Grand Trunk Depot was then located at One North Harbor Drive, later the site of the Tri-Cities Museum. Elmer managed the Grand Haven City baseball league teams and the Grand Haven all-stars, "The Swampies," and also acted as umpire from time to time. Most of the home games were played at Ferry Field, located on the northwest corner of Ferry and Grant Streets. Elmer began playing baseball at the age of 14, when he was shortstop for the Challenge Machinery in the Factory League. He was still playing at the age of 62. On November 24, 1923 in Grand Haven, he married Margaret Salisbury. She was born in Michigan about 1898, died around October 3, 1957, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had two sons, Elmer II and Carl. Elmer I remarried 11 years after Margaret's death around October 23, 1957. Elmer, who resided at 944 Franklin in Grand Haven, died in Tucson, Arizona, in 1992.

Cornelius Westerhouse [Westerhuis] [1864-1900]

Born in 1864 in The Netherlands, Cornelius Westerhouse came to Ferrysburg in 1882. He worked a year and a half at the Cutler & Savidge Sawmill, where he lost his left hand in an industrial accident. He then attended Bennett Business College in Grand Rapids, where he was trained to be a bookkeeper. Upon returning to Ferrysburg in 1889, he became an itinerant peddler. Soon, with the help of a partner, he was able to open a small store in Spring Lake. He sold his interest in that enterprise and opened another store in Ferrysburg in 1892 on the northwest corner of Maple and Third Streets [Lot 1, Block 21]. He carried dry goods, groceries, and feed. He continued his itinerant salesman's route, as well. About 1905 he sold the store to Rolef Ruiter.

On June 9, 1892 in Spring Lake, Cornelius married Kathryn Yonker, who was born in Ferrysburg and lived from June, 1872 to 1909. Their children, all born locally, were Albertha [Alice] born in June, 1892; Maria [Mary], who was born in October, 1894 and married Sybrant Olthoff of Ferrysbug; William, born in August, 1896; and Grace, born in April, 1898. Cornelius died from injuries sustained when he was struck by a Pere Marquette train in Ferrysburg on September 28, 1900. [*Tribune* obituary, September 29, 1900.]

Klaas [Claus] Westerhouse [Westerhuis] [1870-1952]

Klaas Westerhouse, born in The Netherlands in December, 1870, arrived in the United States in 1882. A blacksmith by trade, he owned a dairy farm in Section 5 of Spring Lake Township. On December 19, 1894 in Ferrysburg, he married Geertje "Hattie" Klaver, who was born in Michigan on December 20, 1871. They had

at least two children, both born locally: John, born in November, 1896, and Fanny, born in October, 1898. Klaas died about March 5, 1952. Hattie passed away in April, 1950 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Petrus Johannes Westhoff [Westhof] [1855-1921]

Petrus Westhoff owned a 16-acre farm in Section 17 of Spring Lake Township. The farm bordered the Grand River near the later location of Ver Plank Coal and Dock. Petrus was born in The Netherlands on April 4, 1855. He died in Ferrysburg on March 8, 1921. On December 27, 1883 in Spring Lake he married Fenna De Groot. She was born on June 28, 1855 in Gronigen, The Netherlands and died on December 14, 1938 in Ferrysburg. She and Petrus were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Their children, all born in Ferrysburg, were Della, who was born on April 29, 1885 and married Cornelius Baldwin Boomgaard of Grand Haven; Thijs, who was born on July 9, 1887 and died on June 10, 1971; Christian John, who was born on September 9, 1890 and died in 1963; Richard, who was born on October 17, 1892 and died on June 22, 1971; Clara, who was born on August 29, 1895 and married John Paul Katt of Ferrysburg; and Minnie, who was born on July 17, 1897, married Bartlett Ruiter of Ferrysburg, and died on December 6, 1985. Bartlett lived from January 18, 1894 to September 21, 1955. All the Westhoff children except Della passed away in Ferrysburg.

Will W. Weston [1867-1899]

Born on April 12, 1867 in Grand Rapids, Will Weston lost his parents at age 13 and came to Grand Haven to live at 418 Lafayette with his sister Minnie and her husband, Daniel Gale. He was employed at Gale's store at 114 Washington in downtown Grand Haven for many years. Will was a member of Company F. On February 14, 1981 in Grand Rapids, he married, Nettie [Nellie], the youngest daughter of George and Christiana Landreth Hubbard. The Westons had a son, George E., who was born in 1891, and a daughter, Edith Esther, born in 1893. Both children were born in Grand Haven. Will died on March 16, 1899 of consumption and was buried at Lake Forest. Nettie lived from December 25, 1867 to 1914 and was buried at Lake Forest in the Hubbard plot. [Tribune obituary, March 18, 1899.]

Charles Weedon Westover [1934-1999]

"Congratulations, Chuck. It is unfortunate that your record is not better. You need to improve in the years to come." Those words, written by a teacher, were permanently emblazoned in Charles Westover's 1953 yearbook at Coopersville High School. The educator was referring to Chuck's reputation for chronic underachievement and misbehavior. The young hipster had purchased a used guitar for \$5. The guitar, like an imaginary friend, would be ever-present to the

annoyance of school staff who interpreted it as rebellious, attention-seeking nonsense. In 1953 there was far more concern for Chuck's future than appreciation for his potential, but rural Coopersville's identity as a community would one day focus on this most unlikely native son.

Charles eventually moved to Battle Creek, where he worked a series of dead-end jobs and moonlighted with his guitar at the Hi-Lo Club, a local tavern. Years of feeding his musical obsession had expanded Chuck's talents from guitarist to singer and lyricist. In 1960 Westover signed his first contract, promising him 2% royalties on domestic releases and 1% on European releases over five years. His talent agent suggested a name change, and in an instant a rock star was born. "Charles" became "Del" after the Coupe deVille Cadillac, and "Westover" was changed to "Shannon", for a bouncer at the Hi-Lo Club. The newly hailed "Del Shannon" released *Runaway* in February 1961. By April it was #1 on *Billboard*. *Hats Off to Larry*, *Little Town Flirt*, *Handy Man*, *Do You Want to Dance* and many more recordings soon followed. Shannon was a household name in the United States, but even more popular in Europe. He shared the bill with the up and coming *Beatles* at London's Royal Albert Hall in 1963.

As time passed, legal and personal problems emerged. By the 1970s Shannon's career had nose-dived, fueled by alcohol and painful memories woven into the lyrics of his greatest hits. On February 8, 1990 Charles Westover discharged a .22 caliber round into his head. Born in Grand Rapids on December 30, 1934, Del was 56 when he died. Today the small town of Coopersville hosts an annual festival, essential to its economy, to celebrate Del's music and classic cars of his era. Del Shannon was inducted into the Rock and Roll hall. [Adapted from an article by Marjorie Vivenen.]

Alvin W. Wetterman [1921-1995]

Alvin Wetterman started S & W Industries in 1954 to do metal painting, wood finishing, and bonderizing. It was located at 6262 Grand Haven Road. Alvin resided at 1803 Gladys in Grand Haven. He was born on March 14, 1921 and died in Minneapolis on September 10, 1995.

Maurice S. Wetzel [1895-1991]

Maurice Wetzel, born on March 6, 1895, lived as a boy in Grand Rapids, where he was a friend of Burke Ewing, who moved to Grand Haven in 1919. As boys in Grand Rapids they made a crystal-operated radio that reached Milwaukee. On August 27, 1919 in Grand Haven he married Frances Lavender. She was born about 1897 in Texas. Around the same time Maurice opened Zenith Products in Spring Lake. The business evidently had a

short life, and Maurice eventually moved to Chicago, where he died on December 21, 1991.

Arno V. Wheeler [1909-1988] and Arthur D. Wheeler [1907-1986]

Brothers Arno and Arthur Wheeler, both pharmacists, owned and operated Wheeler Drug Store at 216 Washington. They bought the business from Edward Ewald in 1946 and sold it in 1968 to Ken Wansten. The brothers were living with their parents in Muskegon in 1930. Arno was born in Presque Isle County, Michigan on September 16, 1909 and died in Grand Haven on December 20, 1988. His wife, Rosella, lived from January 7, 1910 to March 14, 1988. Arno and Rosella resided at 1635 Slayton and later at 1718 Gladys. Arthur was born in Presque Isle on May 6, 1907. His wife, Ethel, was born on September 4, 1909 and died in Grand Haven on December 25, 1980. They lived at 1102 Hillcrest. Arthur died in Grand Haven on April 7, 1986.

Charles E. Wheeler [1882-1924]

Born about 1882, Charles Wheeler resided in Grand Haven for eight years in the 1880s and later became Chief Engineer of the Wiley Water Works, which provided water to the city. He moved to Lansing, where he worked for the Ottawa Light Company. He died in Lansing in September, 1924.

Charles W. Whipple [1805-1857]

Charles Whipple, born in Fort Wayne, Indiana in 1805 and a graduate of West Point, was the presiding Judge at the first session of the Circuit Court, held at Grand Haven on May 28, 1839. Timothy Eastman and Jonathan Ford were Associate Judges. Charles also presided at a suit between William M. Ferry and Clark B. Albee in 1842. He was Secretary of the Michigan Constitutional Convention in 1835, and from 1838 to 1852 he sat on the Michigan Supreme Court, the last four years as Chief Justice. He died in Detroit on October 25, 1857.

Jacob Earl Whitcomb [1883-1943]

From April 1, 1935 to May 1, 1940, Jacob Whitcomb was Postmaster of Spring Lake. He had a dry goods and grocery store at 206 West Savidge, which was occupied by Spencer & Sons in 1935. Jacob's wife, Lydia, ran a confectionery in the Village in the early 1900s. Their residence was located at 326 East Savidge. Jacob was from Hogland, Indiana, where he was born on August 18, 1883. Lydia, a native of Michigan, was born on October 17, 1882. Their son, James C., was born on January 8, 1908 and died in Grayling, Michigan on May 4, 1988. Jacob passed away on August 29, 1943, and Lydia died on January 26, 1977. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Amanda White [1797-1870]

Amanda White, born in Ashfield, Massachusetts on August 20, 1797, married Rev. William M. Ferry on Mackinac Island in 1823. She moved to Grand Haven with her family on November 2, 1834, and died there in 1870. Her parents were Thomas and Hannah Harwood White. For more detail, see Amanda White Ferry.

Francis H. White [1842-1893]

While in Ypsilanti, Michigan, Frank White of Grand Haven enlisted as Quartermaster Sergeant with the 14th Michigan Infantry on February 5, 1862. He was promoted to Second Lieutenant on December 1 that year and simultaneously to First Lieutenant and Quartermaster. He was mustered out on March 14, 1865. Frank, the son of Nathan and Sarah Brittain White of Grand Haven, was born in April, 1842 and died on January 10, 1893. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other family members.

Lucas A. White [1808-1858]

Originally from Ashfield, Massachusetts, where he was born on October 17, 1808, Luke White arrived in Grand Haven in 1835 with his sister, Mary. His parents were Thomas and Hannah Harwood White. Lucas was one of the organizers of the first Grand Haven Company, formed in 1835. Lucas married Clarissa J. Perkins in September, 1836. Born November 30, 1818, she was the daughter of Jedidiah and Lucy Ingersoll Perkins of Norwich, Connecticut. The Whites' son, Thomas Perkins White, was born on June 3, 1844. Luke died in Grand Haven on October 15, 1858.

Mary Arms White [1813-1901]

Born on September 18, 1813 in Ashfield, Massachusetts, Mary White followed her sister Amanda to Grand Haven, where she arrived with her three brothers on June 10, 1835. Her parents were Thomas and Hannah Harwood White. Mary had studied under Mary Lyon, founder of Mount Holyoke College for Women in Massachusetts. In Grand Haven, Mary became the teacher of the day school as well as Sunday school. Her classes at first were held in the attic of the Ferry home. At the beginning she had six students: the three Ferry boys, William, Thomas, and Noah, and Peter, Francis, and Louise Duvernay, children of a French-Canadian father and a Native American mother. A bit later the Timothy Eastman family moved to Grand Haven from Maine, and their three sons, Mason, Galen, and George, joined Mary's school. Her adult classes, offered at night, included sailors, lumberjacks, and other laborers, who enrolled for short periods of time. It was the Great Lakes sailors who spread news of her teaching abilities. Students, or their parents, paid what they could to support the school.

Within a year of Mary's arrival in Grand Haven, a school building was erected at 16 South Second Street. The building also served as a church on weekends and as territorial court and meeting hall, when needed. She taught local girls sewing and handiwork on Saturday afternoons. Mary served as teacher until leaving Grand Haven in 1851 to teach science and mathematics at Rockford Female Seminary [Rockford College] in Rockford, Illinois, which was founded and directed by students of Mary Lyon. She also worked as accountant at the college in 1863.

Returning to Grand Haven in 1863, Mary again assumed her teaching role. Affectionately known to young and old as Aunt Mary, she was West Michigan's first teacher. Mary was engaged to Dr. Sydney Williams, but he died suddenly a week before their planned wedding. Toward the end of the nineteenth century she maintained the home of her bachelor nephew, United States Senator Thomas White Ferry. Mary died on September 12, 1901 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Mary A. White Elementary School was named in her honor.

Nathan Harwood White [1811-1875]

Rev. William Ferry's brother-in-law Nathan White arrived in Grand Haven on November 2, 1834, after previously visiting the area with William. It was Nathan who hiked to Kalamazoo in the winter of 1835-36 to bring back supplies for the new arrivals, after the ship bearing food for the season was wrecked in Lake Michigan. In addition to 160 bushels of wheat and other foodstuffs, Nathan herded 100 hogs down the frozen Grand River to Grand Haven. Nathan, Ferry, and Robert Stuart were the founders of the first Grand Haven Company, whose purpose was to buy land, build sawmills, and produce lumber. Nathan managed the company's sawmill in Grandville. He reportedly enlisted in Captain Elmer Dicey's "Ottawa Wild Cats" regiment in 1863, then known as the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters. [Nathan's service records were not found. Elmer Dicey served as Second Lieutenant with Company C of the 5th Michigan Cavalry, Captain Noah Ferry's unit.] In partnership with A. M. Dickee, Nathan operated a hardware store at the northeast corner of Washington and Second Streets as early as 1871.

Nathan was born in Ashfield, Massachusetts on April 13, 1811. On June 28, 1840, he married Sarah M. Brittain, originally of Batavia, New York, where she was born on December 17, 1822, but later moved to Grandville, Michigan. They had six children, all born locally, including Francis, who was born in April, 1842; Clara, who was born about 1845 and married Edward Payson Ferry; Nathan B., who was born around 1848 and married Melissa Moss in Grand Haven on September 7, 1871; Luke A., who was born about 1852 and died in Grand Haven on December 18, 1884; and Helen E., who

was born about 1857. Nathan died on May 13, 1875, and Sarah died on February 21, 1904. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Oren [Orin] Delos White [1845-1924]

In 1893 the *Compendium* listed Oren White as butcher living in the Village of Spring Lake. He married Delaphine [Delphine/Delaphene] Ralph, who was born in Galesburg, Michigan on October 28, 1850. Oren was born about 1845. Natives of Michigan, they moved to Spring Lake about 1885. In 1900 Oren was a trust agent. Living with him and Delaphine was a son, Oren A., who was born in Spring Lake on October 29, 1889. Another son, Clarence D., was born about 1876. He married Henrietta, daughter of Klaas and Alberdina Huizenga Pruim. Clarence died March 1, 1947 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. A third son, Hugh, died on July 10, 1885, just under 17 years old.

In 1910 Oren was doing odd jobs. A granddaughter, Helen W. White, was living with the Whites on Exchange Street in 1910. She was born in Michigan about 1899. Helen was with them ten years later, working as a teacher. On July 19, 1923 in Spring Lake Helen married Harlan D. Kimmey of Cleveland, Ohio. He was a year older than Helen. Delaphine was a widow, still living in Spring Lake when she died on May 20, 1930. She was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Oren, who died on November 8, 1924, also was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He served with Company E of the 25th Michigan Infantry during the Civil War and was wounded at the Battle of Gettysburg on July 4, 1863. The younger Oren on March 26, 1910 married Florence Chittenden in Spring Lake. Florence was born on April 19, 1889 and died on January 21, 1979. Her husband died on October 15, 1973 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as was Florence. [Tribune obituaries November 10, 1924 and May 21, 1930]

Robert E. White [1923-1976]

Robert White resided at 514 North Fifth in Grand Haven and worked for the railroad as Section Foreman. He also produced postcards. Clarence Poel wrote an article about Robert that appeared in the *Grand Haven Tribune* on January 12, 1956. Titled "Makes Picture Postcards," the article pointed to Robert's hobby of producing postcards for fun and profit. On the back of one of his advertising postcards Bob wrote, "It cost 25 cents for a negative for Personal Cards like this and 5 cents each for any number of cards from it." He added that he was a member of Boston Lodge #146 in Saranac [Ionia County] and that he had served in WWI with the Navy and in WWII with General Patton's 10th Armored Division from 1942 to 1945. [Saranac was once called Boston.] Bob had one daughter, Pearl. Born on December 27, 1923, Bob died on March 29, 1976 in

Grand Haven and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Social Security records note he was a resident of Rockwell, Texas at the time of his death.

Stewart Edward White [1873-1946]

Stewart Edward White lived in Grand Haven in the Boyden House at 301 South Fifth Street for the first six or seven years of his life. He was born March 12, 1873, the son of Thomas and Mary E. Daniel White. His grandfather was Thomas W. White and his great aunt was Mary A. White. The White family moved to Grand Rapids in the late 1870s, where Stewart began his formal education and later obtained bachelor and master degrees from the University of Michigan. He spent eight or ten years in lumber camps and on the rivers where he gained the background for his novels and became a well-known author of such works as *Blazed Trails*, *The Riverman*, *Daniel Boone*, and *Wilderness Scout*. Twelve of his novels and short stories were made into movies, mostly during the era of the silent films. A 1941 film, *Wild Geese Calling*, starred Henry Fonda. As a result of Edward's study of bird life, six or seven hundred bird skins were preserved in the Kent Scientific Museum [Grand Rapids Public Museum]. In 1904 Edward married Elizabeth Calvert Grant and the couple settled in California. Betty became a medium, and Edward wrote several books on the occult that focused on "channeling," or conversing with the dead through a medium, such as Betty. She was born in Panama around 1881 and died in California in 1939. Stewart died on September 18, 1946 in Hillsborough, California.

Thomas Stewart White [1840-1915]

The son of Thomas Wait and Caroline Norton White, Thomas was born in Grand Haven on June 28, 1840. In 1859 Thomas became an employee of the bank of Ferry & Son, located near the southwest corner of Franklin and Harbor Streets, where he served as a teller for three years. In 1863 he accepted a position as shipping clerk with Gray, Phelps, & Company of Chicago, and then two years later returned to Ferry & Son as cashier. About the same time he operated the Stevens Mills in Grand Rapids, which his father in 1865. In 1867 Thomas entered a partnership with Heber Squier as Squier & White, general contractors and ship builders and tugboat owners. They also advertised their company as "Wreckers & Contractors." Thomas next developed a line for transporting freight between Chicago and ports on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan with the name Kirby, Furlong, & Company. In 1869 he joined with Thomas Friant and entered the lumber business by building a sawmill at Spring Lake on the site of the former Norton mill. It was called the White, Friant, & Co. Mill. Also in 1869 Thomas helped start the Grand Haven fire department. In 1871 Thomas was named director of the First National Bank of Grand Haven, and

in 1873 he was appointed Secretary and Treasurer of the new Wait Manufacturing Company. He contracted with Charles Boyden to build the house at 301 South Fifth Street about 1872.

On April 20, 1870 Thomas married Mary E. Daniel of Milwaukee. She was born in Michigan about 1847. Stewart Edward White, born on March 12, 1873, was one of their sons. Another was well-known artist Thomas Gilbert White, who was born in 1877. One of his paintings in 1902 was accepted for a Paris exhibit. Gilbert moved to Paris, where he died in 1939. A third son was Roderick I. White, who was born on February 26, 1890 and became a respected violinist. He died on February 28, 1945 in California, where he once played with the Los Angeles Symphony. Thomas and Mary moved to Grand Rapids in the late 1870s, and resided at 427 Fulton Street, later the site of the first Grand Rapids Furniture Museum. Thomas died in October, 1915.

Thomas Wait White [1805-1884]

A native of Ashfield, Massachusetts, where he was born in 1805, Thomas White was the son of Thomas and Hannah Harwood White. Young Thomas was an early Grand Haven settler. He arrived in the area in 1836 with Caroline Norton, whom he had married on September 19 that year. Caroline was born about 1806 in St. Albans, Vermont. The newly-weds traveled to Detroit, and walked along the Indian trails from there to Ionia, and then they rafted to the mouth of the Grand River. In Grand Haven Thomas built his house on Lot 95 on First Street, near the northeast corner of Columbus. In 1837 [1838] he became Captain of the *Owashtanong*, a flat-bottomed boat used for freight. This river steamer was built in Grand Haven by the Grand Haven Steamboat Company, owned by Thomas, Rix Robinson, and Dr. Sydney Williams. It operated between Grand Haven and Grand Rapids. A blacksmith by trade, Thomas worked for William M. Ferry, and helped build the Butts and Hathaway Sawmill and the Throop Mill in 1855. He served in the Michigan Legislature in 1844. In 1845 Thomas and others were charged with the responsibility of laying out a road between Grandville and Grand Haven "on the most eligible and direct route." He and Silas C. Hopkins platted the Village of Mill Point [Spring Lake] in late 1849. Thomas was credited with planting many of the maple shade trees throughout the Village and for building the first bridge across the Grand River at Grand Rapids. He bought the Stevens Mill in Grand Rapids in 1865 and operated it with his son, Thomas S. White, until his retirement in 1881. He died three years later. Thomas and Caroline had three children: Louisa H., born on February 4, 1838; Thomas S., born in Grand Haven on June 28, 1840; and John B., born on June 14, 1843.

William S. White [1806- ?]

William White moved to Grand Haven with his family in 1867. He was born in Massachusetts about 1806, and his wife, Hannah D., was born in Vermont around 1815. William was a laborer. Their daughter, Frances, was born in Wadsborough, Vermont, in 1851 and married David Fletcher Hunton of Grand Haven.

Bert H. Whitely [1861-1917]

Bert Whitely was born in Springfield, Ohio on March 14, 1861. He married Mary Elizabeth Painter, who was born about 1863. They were married in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania on August 9, 1883. The Whitelys owned a home and 38 acres in Section 3 of Spring Lake Township, which included lake frontage. The home was called, appropriately, the "White House." Amos Junior Whitely, their son, was born January 5, 1885 in Muncie, Indiana. Burt died on March 21, 1917 in Muncie, and Mary passed away on June 6, 1920, also in Muncie.

Robert G. Whitesides [1927-2003]

After Bob Whitesides retired as Vice President of Sales at Dake Corporation in 1989, he spent ten years as a Realtor with the J. W. Oakes Agency. He was born on January 31, 1927, to William F. and Bertha Louthan Whitesides in Jefferson City, Missouri. He and Lesley Echlin were married in Ionia on June 1, 1947. After serving in the Navy as radioman during WWII, Bob graduated from Davenport College of Business in 1947. Bob and Lesley attended the United Methodist Church of the Dunes. He was active in the Stephens Ministry, and was a member and President of the Spring Lake Country Club, member of the Elks, North Ottawa Council on Aging, American Legion, Grand Haven Township Board, American Heart Association, and Stag Club. He also served on the Board of Goodwill. The family resided at 18295 Holcomb Road. Their children were Laura Host and Tom Whitesides. Bob passed away in Muskegon on March 27, 2003. [*Tribune* obituary, March 29, 2003.]

Gerald D. Whiting [1915-1971]

Gerald Whiting was born on June 26, 1915, died in Spring Lake on September 26, 1971, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. In 1960 he married Kathryn Jane Boon Boot, the daughter of Martin and Kate Yock Boon of Ferrysburg. Kathryn was the widow of E. Raymond Boot, whom she married in 1940. Boot died in 1943. Kathryn and Gerald resided at 718 Winter Street in Spring Lake. She was a graduate of Hope College and taught at the elementary school level in Grand Haven and Spring Lake for more than 30 years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven. Her daughter Kathleen married Jim Bolthouse, a Grand Haven Realtor. Another daughter, Judy, married Rick Tompke of Haslett. She also had two sons, David Whiting and Curt Whiting, both of

Spring Lake. Kathryn died in Spring Lake on March 27, 2002.

Oliver A. Whitney [1830- ?]

Oliver Whitney, born on October 24, 1830 in Perry, Washington County, Maine, was an early settler in Robinson Township. His parents were Ezra and Sarah F. Slack Whitney. On March 1, 1856 Oliver acquired 40 acres in Section 25 of Robinson Township, which by 1864 had grown to an 80-acre farm. On August 14, 1862 he enlisted as Blacksmith in Company B of the 5th Michigan Cavalry. He was promoted to Sergeant on October 11 that year and to Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant the following February 20. Oliver was mustered out on June 22, 1865 and returned to Robinson. From 1874 to 1879 he was Township Supervisor, and he owned a dry goods store in the Village of Robinson, which later was taken over by John Brady. Oliver and his wife, Julia, had two children, both born in Michigan: Ezra, born in 1860, and Arthur, born in 1861. Julia, a native of New York State, was born in 1830. Oliver moved to San Jose, California, where he died and was buried at Oak Hill Memorial Cemetery. He applied for an invalid's Civil War pension on August 15, 1891, while living in California.

William Whitters [Witters] [1829-1917]

William Whitters was born in Ireland on November 4, 1829 and came to America in 1850, eventually taking residence in Ottawa County.. After his service as a soldier in the Civil War as an exceptionally accurate sharpshooter, he returned to Ottawa County where he purchased a 40-acre parcel of land in north Blendon Township. [The only Civil War record found was on a pension application, showing that he had served in an unassigned position with the 21st Michigan Infantry. At the time of his enlistment, he was living in Jackson, Michigan.] William dug a sizable pit on his Blendon Township property and constructed a shack within it. Only the roof could be seen above ground. William lived mostly underground for the remainder of his life. He saw everyone as a potential trespasser and often guarded his property armed with a shotgun in hand. Thus, he barely came into contact with his neighbors. It was said he knew Bible scripture better than any preacher and claimed to had been to "nearly every country on the face of the globe." He farmed only a small section of his land and hunted in a small wooded area on the property. He disavowed modern conveniences and never had electricity or running water in his dwelling.

In 1880 William was residing with his brother's family in Georgetown Township. By 1900 he was a widower living in Blendon Township with his daughter, Mara and Mara's husband and their family. In 1905 he ended up

in jail for arming himself behind a barricade on Taylor Street in Blendon Township, scaring off surveyors on a street expansion project. In 1910 at the age of 80 he had plans to move into a Soldier's Home in Grand Rapids and an auction was held to sell off his farming implements. Concerned he was not getting a fair price, William outbid everyone and purchased back all of his own goods. He became angry when the two auctioneers presented him a bill for their commission on the sale of each item. Broke, he decided to remain on his property. In the 1910 census he was listed as a single man, living alone, and working as a farmer. On the morning of April 12, 1917 neighbors saw smoke rising from the Whitter property and raced over to see a smoldering fire pit. The old man had burned to death after his shack caught afire. The cause of the fire was unknown. William was six months away from his 88th birthday and was buried at the Blendon Township Cemetery. The December 4, 1910 edition of the *Detroit Free Press* described Whitters in a newspaper headline as "The queerest man in Ottawa County." [Adapted from an article written by Kevin Collier.]

Louise Wachter Wickham [1907-2002]

Born on March 5, 1907 in Spring Lake, Louise Wachter spent 33 years as an elementary school teacher in her home town and in Grand Haven. She graduated from Grand Haven High School and Western Teacher's College [WMU] and first taught in a one-room rural school to complete her degree requirements. Her final years of teaching were at Ferry School, where she taught fifth and sixth grades. Louise married Ivan S. Wickham, who lived from May 25, 1909 to August 28, 1982. They resided at 11129 Lakeshore Drive in West Olive. Louise passed away on August 26, 2001 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*The Communicator*, Summer, 2002.]

Eilko Wierenga [@1865-1948]

Eilko Wierenga was born about 1865. He and his wife, Reena [Rena], were married in The Netherlands, where they lived for four years as husband and wife before immigrating to Grand Rapids in 1893. He learned to lay concrete at a time when that product was starting to replace wooden walks. In 1905 the couple moved to Grand Haven, and Eilko went into business with Louis Tysman for two years and then worked with Tom Ruiter for eight years, under the business name Wierenga & Ruiter. At that time he bought out Ruiter's interest and continued on his own until 1932, when he retired. In retirement he worked a small farm on Wallace Street [Beacon Boulevard]. Eilko and Reena lived at 724 Clinton. He passed away about September 7, 1948 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife, who died around April 22, 1940.

Floris Wierenga [1907-1991]

Born August 13, 1907 in Spring Lake to Harry and Etta [Hattie] Wierenga, Floris was the brother of William Wierenga and Henrietta Medema. He retired as Foreman at the Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. Floris was a member of the Spring Lake Baptist Church. He married Winifred N. Cook on September 2, 1933. She was born February 17, 1913 and died in Spring Lake on June 8, 1991. Their children included Janice, who married Cecil Hammond of Spring Lake; Joyce, who married Glenn Sjoerdsma of Simi Valley, California; and Donald Wierenga of Kentwood. The Wierengas lived at 15156 Echo Court in Spring Lake. Floris died July 22, 1991 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife. [*Tribune* obituary, July 23, 1991.]

Henry Wierenga [1890-1978]

Henry Wierenga moved his Maytag store from 11 North Second Street to 131-133 Washington in 1935 and called it the Grand Haven Maytag Company. The name was changed again to the Appliance Center. Henry started the business in Grand Rapids and moved to Grand Haven in 1926. He was born on in Muskegon on September 11, 1890, died in Grand Haven on March 7, 1978, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. He and his wife, Dena, resided at 1008 Sheldon Road. Dena lived from August 17, 1889 to August, 1963.

John J. Wierenga I [1861-1936]

John Wierenga was born in The Netherlands on February 27, 1861. On March 22, 1904 in Muskegon, he married Geertje, who was born in The Netherlands on August 3, 1873. John was a carpenter in Muskegon for 20 years before buying a farm and moving to Spring Lake in 1908. By 1920 he was a laborer in a foundry. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Jacob, who was born on July 24, 1905, died on September 14, 1985, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; Miner [Meinert/Meinerd], who was born September 16, 1907; moved to Detroit, died on April 25, 1987, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery; John J. II, who was born on June 28, 1909; owned and operated East End Grocery at 15400 Cleveland Street, and died on May 20, 1996; and Marinus, who was born on October 29, 1910 and died in Grand Haven on December 23, 2009. John the father died on November 27, 1936 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. John may be the gardener Edgar Lee Masters refers to his autobiography, *Across Spoon River*. After John's death, Geertje joined her sons John and Marinus as a partner in the Wierenga Construction Firm of Spring Lake. [*Tribune* obituaries, November 28, 1936 and July 3, 1958.]

Joseph Wierenga [1888-1964]

Joseph, the son of William and Mattie Van Loo Wierenga, was born in Grand Haven on October 3, 1888. He became a plumber and continued to live at his

childhood home, 104 North Fifth Street, after his parents' death. Joseph died in February, 1964.

William [Willem] Wierenga [1855-1891]

Born on February 26, 1855, William Wierenga and his wife, Martha "Mattie" Van Loo, resided at 104 North Fifth Street in Grand Haven. After William died on October 15, 1891, his widow remained at the same address. Living with her were two of their children, Josiah [Joseph], born in October, 1888, and Cornelia. Cornelia, who married Henry Van Draght [1886-1950], was born on January 25, 1886 and died in 1966. Another daughter, Hannah, was born in March, 1876 and married a Van Loo. Martha lived from October 4, 1854 to November 26, 1919. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband.

Peter Wierenger [? -@1863]

Peter Wierenger died about 1863 and his wife, Altje died in Grand Haven on May 30, 1903 at the age of 73. Among their children were Ruit, who was born on April 25, 1859, and Norma, who married Henry Vander Veere of Grand Haven. Altje was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, June 1, 1903.]

Peter R. Wierenger [1882-1948]

The son of Ruit and Sena Mouw Wierenger, Peter was born in Grand Haven on March 6, 1882. He worked most of his life at Dake Engine Company. Peter married Henrietta Nakken in 1909. They resided at 449 Grant Street. Peter was a member and President of the Eagles and a member of Maccabees. He also was part of the 1896 Grand Haven football team and an active member of the North Ottawa Rod and Gun Club. He died in Grand Haven on February 29, 1948. Henrietta [Hendrika/Henrietta] was born in Grand Haven in 1882. [*Tribune* obituary, March 1, 1948.]

Ruit [Ruet/Ruiet] Wierenger [1859-1933]

Ruit and Sena Wierenger raised their family at 619 Sheldon Road in the early 1900s. Ruit worked at Eagle Ottawa Leather, at a freight house in Grand Haven, and in the Water Department of the City of Grand Haven. He also operated a meat market in Grand Haven, and was employed for ten years in Chippewa, Michigan, by the Wyman and Buswell Lumber Company. Ruit, who lived from April 21, 1859 to August 21, 1933, was the son of Peter and Altje Wierenger of Grand Haven. On April 28, 1881 in Muskegon, he married Sena Mouw. She was born on May 10, 1864 in The Netherlands and passed away in Grand Haven on December 14, 1939. Among the Wierengas' children were Peter R., who was born in Grand Haven on March 6, 1882; Alice R., a stenographer, who was born in Chippewa, Michigan in 1890 and died in Greensboro, North Carolina on February 24, 1919; and Etta, a telephone operator, who

was born in 1885 and died in 1909. Ruit and Sena were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with their daughters. [*Tribune* obituaries, June 1, 1903, February 25, 1919 August 22, 1933, December 14, 1939, and March 1, 1948.]

Emmet [Emmit] Lowell Wightman [1877-1966]

Emmet was born in Kent County on November 10, 1877, the son of Oramil Emmet and Catherine Aurelia Davis Wightman. Emmet's father, a minister, was born in Herkimer, New York, on August 20, 1850, died February 4, 1909, and was buried at Pine Hill Cemetery in Kent County. In the early 1900s Emmet, with partner William T. Tuer, owned the Grand Haven Boat Company. Their business was located at the "foot of Clinton" and Harbor Drive. On June 29, 1890, Emmet married Clara L. Dennis in Grand Rapids. The couple lived at 120 Columbus. A business advertisement said they were "Manufacturers of Boats and Launches and dealers in Boat and Engine Supplies, Stationary and Marine Engines, Boat Repairing and Boat Storage." Emmet died in Kalamazoo in May, 1966.

Robert W. Wilber [? - ?]

In 1856 Robert Wilber was a Notary Public, with an office in the County Clerk's office at Grand Haven.

William Wilbert [? -1936]

In the early 1900s William Wilbert ran a saloon at 632 Fulton, where he and his wife, Mollie, also lived. In the 1893 *Compendium*, he was listed as "clerk." They were married about 1893 and had at least two children: He was born in Germany around 1866, immigrated to the United States in 1869, and died about December 30, 1936. Mollie, was born in Indiana around 1874. and died around March 17, 1949. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Erastus Wilcox [1797- ?]

Erastus Wilcox was elected Chairman of the Board at the first meeting of the Ottawa County Board of Supervisors, held at the house of Nathan Throop in Grand Haven on April 12, 1838. At that time Ottawa included Muskegon County, where Erastus settled in the late 1830s and built one of the first sawmills in the area with his brother-in-law, Theodore Newell, as partner. In 1870 Erastus and his wife were in Laketon Township of Muskegon County. Erastus, who was born in Massachusetts around 1797, married Jane [Jennie] Newell about 1824. He and his wife also ran a boarding house. Jane was born around 1809 in Connecticut. By 1880 they were living in Deerfield, Illinois.

Peter Wild [1835-1899]

See Peter Wilds.

Charles E. Wilde [1858-1912]

Charles, born on April 9, 1858, was the son of James and Susan Wilde. James, listed as a boilermaker in the 1893 *Compendium*, was born February 11, 1829 and died March 5, 1902. Susan lived from July 11, 1831 to December 15, 1901. Charles, a drayman, became a partner with Andy Falls and helped manage the livery firm of Falls & Wilde, located on the northwest corner of Division and Savidge Streets [approximately 301 Savidge]. Later he had a boat livery at the foot of Jackson Street, on the Grand River. In the 1890s he married Edith A., the daughter of Ormond and Cynthia Messinger, who was born about 1866. Their children were Mandy I., born about 1891; May A., born about 1894; and Russell O., born about 1901. Charles died on February 5, 1912. The Wildes were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with Charles's parents, but there were no dates on their graves.

Warren Wilder [1814-1900]

By 1856 Warren Wilder was a grocer in Grand Haven. He was born about 1814 in New York. He and his wife, Olivia, had at least four children: Anna, born about 1848 in Wisconsin; Alice, born about 1853 in Michigan; Frank, born about 1855 in Michigan; and Wallace, born about 1858 in Michigan. Olivia was born about 1826 in New Hampshire. By 1880 the family had moved to Whitehall. In 1900 Warren was a widower living with his son Frank in Whitehall. Warren died on September 29 that year.

James A. Wildey I [1836-1911]

Born in New York on October 8, 1836, James Wildey, while living in Lapeer, Michigan, enlisted in Company F of the 1st Michigan Cavalry on August 30, 1861 as Private. He was promoted to First Sergeant. On July 13, 1865 he was listed as a deserter. After the war, James settled on a 120-acre farm in Section 11 of Crockery Township. He married Margaret Ann Hollenbeck. About two months after James's death on August 13, 1911, Margaret applied for a widow's Civil War pension. Eventually she moved to Nunica. Margaret lived from July 4, 1852 to May 29, 1936. Both she and her husband were buried at Nunica Cemetery with other family members. Their children, all born locally, were William, who was born in 1870 and on June 20, 1893 in Nunica married Emma, the daughter of Frederick and Caroline Douck; Murray, who was born in 1872 and married Clara Ludlow in Nunica on April 23, 1898; Alfred, who was born in 1874 and married Rhoda Beebe in Nunica on February 2, 1896; James II, who born on November 28, 1875 and married Nellie Demull in Coopersville on September 26, 1908; Torrant, who was born in November, 1877 and married Lula Yager in Nunica on August 14, 1901; and Olive, who was born in

December, 1879 and on May 1, 1909 in Nunica married Albert White.

W. Lester Wildey [1911-1971]

Lester Wildey was born in Nunica on June 28, 1911. In 1930 he was a valve grinder at a motor company and resided in Fruitport. His wife, Betty, was the daughter of Ray and Beatrice Bell Dillinger of Grand Haven. Betty worked for Security First Bank and Trust [Old Kent/Fifth Third]. The Wildeys lived at 17279 West Spring Lake Road in Spring Lake Township, where Lester died in November, 1971. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Barney Wildhof [1872-1941]

See Barney Wildhof.

Jerry A. Wildrom I [1937-2005]

Jerry was one of triplet sons born to Adrian and Lucille Boot Wildrom of Grand Haven. At the time of his birth, triplets were still a rarity. Jerry married Marilyn Rezny in Grand Haven on May 9, 1959. He worked for the Gardner-Denver Company for 22 years, followed by 16 years with the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power. He was a member of Trinity Reformed Church, where he was Elder, Deacon, and Senior High Youth Group Leader. The Wildroms resided at 1314 Waverly and later at 15150 Fairmount in Grand Haven Township. Their children were Susan, who married Peter Dalman; Sheila, who married Steve Goodman; Diane; and Jerry II. Jerry I passed away in Grand Haven on January 22, 2005. [*Tribune* obituary, January 15, 2005.]

Edmond Wilds [1892-1948]

Edmond Wilds, born on June 13, 1892, was Mayor of Grand Haven from 1943 to 1948. He served as Alderman beginning in 1943 until he was sworn in as Mayor. The son of Peter and Mary Walters Wilds, Edmond married Jennie Sikkenga in Muskegon on April 9, 1914. Jennie, the daughter of Jacob and Anna Marie Krager Sikkenga, was born in Montague, Muskegon County on October 26, 1895. After her husband's death, Jennie moved to Howard Street, then to 215 South Third and finally to an adult foster care home in Fruitport. Edmond and Jennie were residing at 226 Lafayette as early as 1930. A son, Edward C., was born on May 28, 1915 and died on October 10, 1994. Another son, William A., was born on December 9, 1919, served in the Army during WWII, and died on April 26, 1989; he and his wife, Mary C., who died on June 12, 1993 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, lived at 631 Lake. The Wildses' other children were Evelyn Jane., who was born in 1918, and Norma J., born in 1923. Edmond passed away about March 20, 1948 and Jennie died in Grand Haven on April 14, 1986. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Peter Wilds I [Wild] [1835-1899]

Born in England on March 27, 1835, Peter Wilds came to Grand Haven about 1854 after hunting buffalo on the western plains of Kansas. He met John Brown and became involved with Brown's band at Ossawatimie, Kansas just prior to the Civil War. While residing in Wright Township, Peter enlisted in Company H of the 6th Michigan Cavalry on November 20, 1862 and subsequently was severely wounded in the face. He was mustered out on November 24, 1865 as Private. After his return to Grand Haven he became a mason and plasterer. Peter married Effie [Aafke] Workman [Werkman] in Grand Haven on June 18, 1868. She was born in the Netherlands about 1850 and died on October 24, 1880. Their children, all born in Michigan, included Peter II, who was born on October 21, 1869 and drowned on May 17, 1880; Thomas, born about 1871; Cornelius, born on September 18, 1872; Alice, who was born December 18, 1874 and died on April 16, 1893; Maggie, born about 1876; Charlie, born on July 14, 1879; and William, who was born on November 1, 1880. After Effie passed away, Peter married Mary Dijkmeester in Grand Haven on May 14, 1881. Mary was born in Grand Haven on September 14, 1860. Peter and Mary lived at 214 Lafayette Street in Grand Haven. Peter's and Mary's children were Peter II, who was born in January, 1887, married Jeanette Corwell Otterbein in Grand Rapids on September 18, 1920, and died about January 28, 1957, and Edmond, who was born on June 13, 1892 and continued to reside in the house on Lafayette. Mary applied for a widow's Civil War pension on February 6 following her husband's death. She passed away in Grand Rapids on June 8, 1948 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as was her husband and Peter II. [*Tribune* obituary, January 13, 1899.]

William H. Wilds [1880-1973]

William, the son of Peter and Mary Wilds, was born on November 1, 1880. In the early 1900s he was an employee of the Grand Haven Gas Works, and he served as City Clerk from 1911 to 1917. In the 1930s and into the 1960s his home was located at 629 Lake Avenue. William died about January 30, 1973 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John Wiles [1847-1898]

John Wiles was born in 1847 [1852]. On May 24, 1881 in Grand Haven he married Lizzie [Eliza] Osgood. The daughter of George and Mary Sanford Osgood, Lizzie, who was born in Spring Lake and lived from April, 1858 [1857] to February 3, 1892. John died on May 5, 1898. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with other members of the Wiles family. After John died Mary's parents raised the two orphaned daughters, Mary B. and Kate. Mary was born in Wisconsin in February, 1883,

and Kate was born in Michigan in March, 1886. Kate married Charles Boyden II of Grand Haven.

James E. Wilkinson [1857-1941]

Born in Lawrence, Massachusetts on February 9, 1857, James Wilkinson was educated in the east and graduated from Nashotah Theological seminary in Wisconsin. He continued his studies at Trinity College at Hartford, Connecticut and graduated from Harvard in 1884. He held pastorates at Plymouth, Massachusetts and Hamilton and Utica, New York. He came to Grand Haven in September, 1888 to be pastor at St. John's Episcopal Parish. James helped establish and was Superintendent of Akeley Hall, an Episcopal Girl's School located on the northeast corner of Washington and Fifth Streets. There he held the title of Rector, and his wife was Principal. Rev. Wilkinson was Pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church and Rector of Akeley Hall until 1901, when he left Grand Haven to preach in other churches, including Champaign, Illinois, South Haven, Ionia, Manistee, and Niles, where he retired and returned to Grand Haven in 1927.

James and his wife, Abbie E., were married in Rome, New York about 1885. She was born in Wisconsin around 1860 and died in Grand Haven on October 18, 1940. The couple resided at 415 Lake Avenue after their return to Grand Haven. Their children included Mary S., who was born in New York in November, 1887 and became a librarian in Baltimore, Maryland, where she was in charge of 26 branch libraries; Elizabeth, who was born in Grand Haven in July, 1890 and married Donald V. Gerking of New York City; Helen, who was born in Grand Haven in February, 1894, married James F. Munson, and became Assistant Editor of the *American Journal of Nursing* in New York City; John E., who was born in Grand Haven in September, 1897 [1896] and became Pastor of St. Andrew's Church in Buffalo; and Lawrence Edgar, an architect with Frohman, Robbin, Little Company, who designed the Washington Cathedral at Washington, D.C. James died of a heart attack on July 29, 1941 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, July 29, 1941.]

William Follett Willard [1833-1907]

On March 27, 1861, William Willard and his partner, E. E. Bolles, purchased the Pail Factory in Ferrysburg from Benjamin Eames. Two years later, on April 26, William and his brother, G. E. Willard, bought out Bolles's interest and changed the name of the company to Willard & Brother. The new owners continued to manufacture wooden pails and tubs until the plant burned down in 1872. William was born in Keene, New Hampshire on June 2, 1833. On May 25, 1869 he married Frances Wright, who was born in New York about May 18, 1845. She died on December 7, 1882 and

was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. They had a son, Reuben, who was born in Michigan about 1861. William also raised fruit in Spring Lake, but by the time of the 1880 census he and Frances were residing in Ferrysburg, where he was a lumber dealer. After Frances's death, William married Mary Phillips, who was born on October 29, 1858. He passed away on November 4, 1907 and was buried at Lake Forest with Frances.

David E. [B.] Willet [Willet] [1853-1925]

Born in Indiana in August, 1853 [1854], by 1893 David Willet worked for Grand Haven Gas Works. By the early 1900s he was a manufacturer of concrete blocks. His business was located at the corner of Third and Clinton, and he resided at 29 Howard, and later on Lafayette. On October 25, 1886 in Spring Lake he married his first wife, Emma [Ellen] E. Ackley. Emma was born in Laport, Indiana about November 7, 1862 and died on January 11, 1897. She was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Their daughter, Edna A., born in March, 1888, also lived at the home on Howard. Another daughter, Leila, was born in October, 1889 and died around February 17, 1903. On July 23, 1898 in Grand Haven, David married Minnie, the daughter of Dick and Lina Verwy of Grand Haven. Minnie was born in Grand Haven in April, 1876 [1875]. David and Minnie had one daughter, Della B., who was born in Grand Haven in June, 1899, and another daughter born in 1911. David passed away around November 4, 1925 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Leila and Emma.

Jesse Williams [1868- ?]

In Grand Haven on November 30, 1899 Lena, the daughter of Alfred and Isabella Graves, married Jesse [Jessie] Williams. Both were African Americans. Jesse, born in January, 1868 in Virginia, was from Chicago, where he had been a wagon maker. Lena was born in Virginia in May, 1866. On January 18, 1899 the *Grand Haven Tribune* reported that "Williams, the colored teamster, with his mules attracted considerable attention. When they were heavily laden and stuck fast, he would get under the wagon and with his shoulder lift the load out of the rut." The newspaper added that Jesse worked for Frederick and Mary Mansfield, who resided at 107 South Second Street in Grand Haven. It probably was this Jesse Williams who, according to an article in the June 27, 1907 *Tribune*, gave a few cotton seeds to Susan Gaskins, a former slave. Mrs Gaskins planted them. In 1908 Jesse and Lena resided at 208 North Sixth Street in Grand Haven. At some point Jesse and Lena lived in Chicago, where he worked as a "day laborer." An African American with the same name was residing in Benton Harbor as a widower in 1920 and working as a night watchman at a factory.

John E. Williams [1850-1894]

Born in Chillicothe, Ohio about 1850 [1853], John Williams was a cook at the Cutler House when he died of pneumonia on August 31, 1894. On August 15, 1888 he married Nellie Burrill in Grand Haven. Nellie, the daughter of Robert Burrill, was born about 1868 in Springfield, Ohio, but moved to Kalamazoo. John and Nellie had an 18-month old child when John died. They were an African American family. At a meeting at John's house, he was one of several local Blacks elected as delegates to an Equal Rights convention held in Grand Rapids on April 10 and 11, 1894.

John N. Williams [1850- ?]

A native of Massachusetts, where he was born around 1850, John Williams came to Spring Lake in 1872 and went to work for the Cutler & Savidge Company. In 1879 he was made Foreman of Mill #3. He started millwork in 1867. His wife, Henrietta, was born in Canada around 1857.

Louis V. Williams I [1891-1968]

In the early 1930s Louis Williams was part owner of the Smith and Williams Grocery Store located at 1320 Washington. Williams and his family resided at 803 Washington and later at 514 Washington. Louis was born in Ohio on March 26, 1891. His wife, Lois B., was born in Ohio around 1892. Their children were Louis II, born in Ohio around 1914; Robert, born in Ohio about 1916; and William H., born in Michigan around 1911. Louis I passed away in Grand Haven about April 27, 1968. Lois had died around August 27, 1962. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Sydney P. Williams [? -1840]

Dr. Sydney Williams, who was educated in Europe, in 1835 came to Grand Haven from his home state of Massachusetts at the suggestion of Lucas White. The same year he became a partner with Rix Robinson and Lucas White in forming a second Grand Haven Company, called, appropriately, Robinson, White, & Williams. Their store was at the foot of Franklin Street, on the banks of the Grand River. Sydney later joined with Thomas White and Rix Robinson in organizing the Grand Haven Steamship Line, which ran ships between Grand Haven and Grand Rapids around 1840. Williams was one of the county's first physicians. He and David Carver shared a residence at 225 Franklin [Lot 222] in Grand Haven, where he and his fiancée, Mary White, intended to live. Dr. Williams died from malaria about 1840, a week prior to the wedding date.

Frederick Willie [Willey] [1850- ?]

Born in Prussia in January, 1850, Frederick Willie immigrated to New York in 1868. He moved to

Milwaukee, then to Manistee, and in 1871 back to Milwaukee. The next year he returned to the east shore of the lake and lived in Muskegon for a short time before going to work for the Ferrysburg Iron Works as a machinist. In 1879 he started working for Cutler & Savidge. On June 13, 1872 in Spring Lake, he married Abba "Abbie" Hudson of Ferrysburg. Abbie was born in Michigan about 1857. Her parents were Charles, born about 1832 in Ohio, and Susan, born about 1835 in New York. The Hudsons had three children, all born in Michigan: Herbert, born in 1876; Nina, born in 1878; and Charles, born in 1879.

Earl R. Willoughby [1906-1978]

The son of Roy [Leroy] and Versa McLean Willoughby, Earl was born on August 26, 1906 in Spring Lake. He and his parents lived at 212 Prospect. Earl worked for the *Grand Haven Tribune* before World War II, when he entered the military service. After the war he went to work for the Story & Clark Piano Company. He died in Spring Lake on May 14, 1978. His wife, Elsie, lived from October 16, 1912 to April 29, 1994. They resided at 408 East Exchange, where Earl had moved with his parents in 1912. Willoughby descendants continued to live in the house into the 21st century. Roy was born in Michigan about 1877 and Versa, also a Michigan native, was born about 1879. Their other son, Chester, was about two years older than Earl.

Galen D. Wilmarth [1854-1946]

Galen Wilmarth was born in Pennsylvania on April 30, 1854 [1852] and settled on 40 acres in Olive Township. He married Eliza [Elizabeth] Jane Tucker on December 18, 1875. She was born June 29, 1851. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Frank, born in November, 1882; Cload, born in April, 1886; Hattie, born in March, 1889; Floyd, born in July, 1892; and Jay, born in April, 1895. Galen died in Flint on December 3, 1946, but was buried at Olive Township Cemetery.

George Henry Wilmot [@1837- ?]

Born in New York around 1837, George Wilmot owned a harness shop in Spring Lake and also did repairs. A May, 1864 advertisement in a business directory announced that George kept "constantly on hand a full stock of Saddles, Harness, Trunks, Whips, Blankets, Nets, and everything in his line. Repairing done on short notice." Around 1869 he married Frances "Frankie," who was born in New York about 1840. She was the daughter of William M. and Myrty Norton Smith II of Spring Lake. The Wilmots' daughter, Viola Maude, died on August 5, 1873 at the age of five months and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They had lost another daughter, given the same name, just a year earlier. By 1880 they had moved to Grand Rapids,

where Frankie died on February 12, 1881 and was buried at Valley City Cemetery.

John Wills [@1845- ?]

John Wills was born in Canada about 1844. In 1866 he settled in Spring Lake Township and eventually owned a 50-acre farm in Section 25, where he also raised livestock. In 1880 he was listed in the census as working for a boom company, as were his brothers, Thomas Wills, born in Canada in 1853, and James Wills born in Canada in 1861. His wife, Jane, also a native of Canada, was born about 1846. John and Jane had several children, all born in Michigan, including Catharine, born about 1870; John H., born about 1872; George H., born about 1873; and Jessie A., who was born about 1878 and married Tony Verplank of Spring Lake.

Frank E. Wilsberg [1891-1964]

The son of Peter and Ellen Johnson Wilsberg, Frank was born in Grand Haven on August 5, 1891. Peter was listed as a laborer in the 1893 *Compendium*. As a youngster Frank worked at Archie Campbell's foundry and resided with his parents at 317 Clinton Street in Grand Haven. During WW I he served with the Coast Guard. On June 26, 1919 in Grand Haven he married Doris Salisbury. They resided at 602 Clinton. Frank worked at Dake Engine Company and at the Shell Oil Company Terminal. Doris, the daughter of Frank and Carrie Jasper Salisbury, was born in Grand Rapids in 1893. After graduating from Grand Haven High School, she attended Ottawa County Normal School and taught in Allendale from 1913 to 1915. Following that assignment, Doris started teaching at Knight School in Robinson Township and next at West Robinson until 1919. She helped raise funds to remodel the Grand Trunk Depot before the Tri-Cities Historical Museum moved there in May, 1972. Frank died on January 9, 1964. Doris lived from June 16, 1893 to December 16, 1991. She continued to occupy the home on Clinton after her husband's death. Living with her was Mary Wilsberg.

Hance Wilson [1846-1931]

Hance Wilson was born in Canada in February, 1846 [1844]. He and his wife, Catherine "Katie" Orr, settled on a 40-acre farm on 144th Street in Section 25 of Spring Lake Township. Their daughter Minnie married Ira Cross. Catherine, also a native of Canada, lived from January, 1844 to 1920. Hance died in 1931 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife. Their children, all born locally, were Eliza, born in October, 1883; Katy, born in August, 1885; Maud, born in March, 1891; and William J. born in April, 1894.

Hiram Wilson [1811- ?] and Philip Wilson [1820- ?] Wilson

Brothers Hiram and Philip Wilson came to Grand Haven in 1862. Hiram was born in 1811 and his brother in 1820. Philip was listed in the 1870 census as a “store keeper.” Hiram had left the area by 1867. In the 1870 census Philip was listed as a storekeeper.

James A. Wilson I [1839-1899]

Born in New York about 1839, James Wilson arrived in Spring Lake in 1851 aboard the steamer *Algoma* [*Algomah*] and later became a long-time employee of the Cutler & Savidge Lumber Yard. He helped operate the business until it closed in 1891 and moved to Canada. His wife, Sarah, who was born about June, 1844 in Canada [Michigan], died at her home at 246 Paris Avenue in Grand Rapids. James died on February 3, 1899. Their children included Sylvester Severance, who was born about 1862, and later lived in Onaway and Ludington, Michigan; James A. II, who was born about 1871 and remained in Grand Haven; E. Franklin, who also moved to Onaway; and Mahalia, who married a Smith of Grand Haven. [*Tribune* obituary, February 14, 1906.]

Maurice Wilson [1906-1994]

Maurice Wilson died in Florida on April 30, 1994. Born in Branch County, Michigan, on September 25, 1906, he moved to Coldwater with his parents. He started working for Michigan Bell Telephone on December 26, 1928 and remained with the company until his retirement on July 1, 1970. He came to Grand Haven in 1936 and eventually was promoted to District Supervisor. Maurice became active in the Tri-Cities Historical Museum and was Museum Director from its beginning at the Grand Trunk Depot in 1972 until 1991. He helped develop and expand the Museum’s exhibits at the station. In 1993 he was named Historian of the Year. He also was active in the Boy Scouts for 40 years, a member of the Duncan Park Commission for 35 years, and a member of the Grand Haven Stag Club since 1976. Maurice and his wife, Dorothy, resided at 444 Duncan Court. He died April 30, 1994. Dorothy lived from July 1, 1901 to July 28, 1979.

Michael Wilson [1826- ?]

Born in Ogdensburg, New York in 1826, Michael Wilson came to Grand Haven in 1866 as a carpenter. Among his major buildings in Grand Haven were the Cutler House, the Odd Fellows’ Block, the Congregational Church, and many private residences. His wife, Johanna, was born in Ireland about 1826.

Ralph Gordon Wilson [1880-1957]

Born in London, Ontario on October 21, 1880, Ralph Wilson joined the Challenge Machinery Company in the early 1900s as an accountant and eventually became its Treasurer. His wife, Catharine “Kitty,” was the daughter

of Benona and Mabel Lynn Blakeney. They were married on October 7, 1922 and had a daughter, Margaret Lynn, who was born about 1925. Kitty was born in Blunt, South Dakota about 1886 and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1904, where she later taught mathematics and German. She died about August 18, 1947 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Around 1910 the Wilsons moved into Kitty’s parent’s home at 454 Sheldon Terrace. Ralph belonged to the Masons, Elks, Spring Lake Country Club, Peninsular Club, and the Grand Haven Stag Club. He was President of the Grand Haven Parks Board. Ralph died about December 2, 1957 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

Barney Wilthof [Wildhof] [1872-1941]

Barney Wilthof, listed as a teamster in the 1908 *Directory*, was born in The Netherlands in 1872. He worked for the Peter Van Zylén Lumber Company. Barney passed away about May 3, 1941. On October 6, 1899 in Grand Haven, he married Fannie Outman. Fannie was born in The Netherlands in December, 1878 and died in Grand Haven around August 27, 1956. Their son William was born in Grand Haven in December, 1899. The Wilthof home was at 607 South Fifth Street. Both parents were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Charles B. Winslow [1853- ?]

Charles owned four shares of the Highland Park Association when it was organized in 1886. He became a partner with H. L. Chamberlain in the coal, lime, and cement business that Nathaniel Robbins purchased. Born in West Bloomfield, Michigan in April, 1853, Charles married Cynthia K. Coats in Benton Harbor on February 22, 1877. Cynthia, the daughter of Nathaniel and Hannah Nickerson Robbins IV, had married Henry H. Coats in Benton Harbor on October 18, 1871. In 1880 Charles and Cynthia were residing with Nathaniel IV and his family in St. Joseph Michigan. Charles was listed as a bookkeeper at that time.

Zenas [Zenos] G. Winsor [Winzor] [1814-1890]

Born on December 14 [28], 1814 in Skaneateles, New York, Zenas, the oldest son of Darius and Sally Winsor, arrived at the mouth of Grand River before Grand Haven existed and saw it grow from a tiny trading post into a city. On May 23, 1833 he arrived in Ionia with 63 permanent settlers from his home state. He befriended Rix Robinson and served as a clerk in his trading post. He left the area and went to California, only to return in 1855 to operate the Grand River Steamboat line between Grand Haven and Grand Rapid. In 1871 he was agent for the Goodrich Transportation Company in Grand Haven. At the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the founding of Grand Haven, Zenas delivered a retrospective of the early years on December 2, 1884.

Zenas married Emily Hopkins of Grand Rapids in 1838, but she died only eight months after the wedding. Zenas then in 1840 married a widow, Hannah Tower, who died on September 28, 1869. Winsor married again, this time in 1874 to another widow, Anne [Annie] M. Kilgore. Zenas died in Chattanooga, Tennessee on August 23, 1890. A brother, Jacob, who also settled in this area, died in 1874.

Joseph Wipperfurth [1911-1988]

Born on January 13, 1911 in Ashland, Wisconsin to William J. and Kathryn Wipperfurth, Joseph came to Grand Haven in 1939 and was a tugboat Captain and Chief Engineer at Construction Aggregates Corp. He married Helen Adolpha Szot on August 30, 1941. Helen was born July 23, 1913 in Muskegon, the daughter of John and Anna Schmidt Szot. The Wipperfurths had one daughter, Judy, and two sons, Joseph and Matt. The family lived at 17677 North 144th Avenue in Spring Lake Township. Joseph was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Tug Men's Association. He died on July 9, 1988 in Spring Lake. Helen passed away on October 22, 2003. Both were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Joseph and William were brothers. [*Tribune* obituaries, July 9, 1988 and October 24, 2003.]

William Joseph Wipperfurth I [1905-1981]

A native of Wisconsin, William Wipperfurth in 1948 started Tri-Cities Fuel and Supply Company with John Van Anrooy as his partner. William bought out Van Anrooy in 1952 and seven years later changed the company's name to Tri-Cities Construction & Supply. William was born in Ashland, Wisconsin on November 9, 1905, died on March 19, 1981 in Orange County, Florida, and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. He was the son of William J. and Kathryn Wipperfurth. In 1930 William and his wife, Alma, were living in Chippewa County, Michigan, where he worked as foreman of a dock construction crew. After moving to Grand Haven they resided at 114 Tolford in Spring Lake and later at 400 Lakeview. Their son, William II, was President of Topper Construction, located at 925 West Savidge. Alma was born about 1911 in Michigan. William and Joseph were brothers.

Cyrus Wise II [1877-1960]

The son of Cyrus and Matilda Rue Wise, Cyrus II was born on October 12, 1877. His parents were from Ohio [Pennsylvania], where Cyrus I was born in August, 1850 and Matilda in June, 1853. The elder Cyrus, a shingle dealer, married Matilda in Grand Haven on June 30, 1873. Cyrus II married Lillian Chalmers. They lived at 14 Franklin Street in Grand Haven in the early 1900s. Lillian was born on January 21, 1872 in Kent County and died on January 30, 1946. She was buried at a Holland cemetery. Cyrus II, a carpenter, died on

February 6, 1960. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The younger Cyrus had a sister, Kitty [Katherine], who was born in Grand Haven about 1874 and married William Noantay on June 1, 1892.

John J. Wiseman [1837- ?]

As a young man John Wiseman left Wyoming County, New York, where he was born in 1837, and moved to Waukegan, Illinois. There, on December 31, 1863, he enlisted in Company I of the 17th Illinois Cavalry as farrier [horse shoer] and subsequently was promoted to Quartermaster Sergeant. After John was mustered out on December 5, 1865 he moved to Wisconsin. In 1869 he migrated to Crockery Township and settled on a 40-acre farm in Section 12. Eight years later he started a tinshop and hardware business with his brother Guy in Nunica. Guy retired in a year and a half, and his brother sold the business in 1881 to William E. Gordon in order to open a grocery store. John applied for an invalid's Civil War pension on September 5, 1878. He married Caroline McFee, who was born in Canada in August, 1837 and died about January 12, 1902. Caroline's mother, Elizabeth, was born in England about 1806 and resided with the Wisemans in the 1880s. The Wisemans owned 40 acres in Section 12 of Crockery Township. Their daughter Jessie was born about 1874 in Michigan.

John [Jan] Wissel [1842- ?]

See John [Jan] Wessel [Wissel] [1842- ?]

Izetta M. Decker "TuTu" Witherell [1918-2009]

Izetta was born in Galien, Michigan on September 20, 1918. Her parents were Robert and Louisa Murdock Decker. Izetta married Gerald A. Witherell I in St. Joseph, Michigan on September 26, 1936. They had two children, Mary Lou, who married David Matzen and relocated to Newburgh, Michigan; and Gerald II of Grand Haven. The family resided at 527 Butler in Grand Haven. The elder Gerald was born on May 18, 1915 and died on May 9, 1960. Izetta was a member of the United Methodist Church of the Dunes, the Tri-Cities Council of Churches, and the Eastern Star Chapter No. 132 of Grand Haven and Spring Lake, where she once was Matron. She held leadership positions with the North Ottawa Community Hospital Auxiliary, PTA, and Girl Scouts. She was named Woman of the Year in 1968. Izetta was Manager and Buyer for Reichardt's in Grand Haven until her retirement in 1998. Izetta died on August 8, 2009 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Her nickname TuTu comes from the Hawaiian word for grandmother. [*Tribune* obituary, August 11, 2009.]

Lewis Hinsdill Withey [1847-1925]

In 1873 Lewis Withey joined Edward P. Ferry and others to form the "Michigan Bunch" in Utah and entered the silver mining business. He also was a

founding trustee of the Michigan Trust Company in Grand Rapids from its start in 1889 to 1923. John lived from 1847 to 1925 and his wife, Margaret Boyd, was born in 1851 and died in 1936. Both were interred in the Withey Mausoleum at Oak Hill Cemetery in Kent County.

William H. Withey [1866-1943]

William, the son of James [Lorenzo] and Eliza Holmes Withey was born in Michigan in November, 1866. The family was residing in Crockery Township by 1880. On August 14, 1892 in Muskegon, William married Rebecca Rainsborough [Rainsboro]. A teacher in East Saginaw at the time of her marriage, Rebecca also was a native of Michigan, where she was born in March, 1867. Her father was Joseph Rainsborough. The Witheys owned a 40-acre farm in Section 1 of Crockery Township. Their children, all born in Nunica, included Florence, who was born on January 8, 1894 and married Apolis Griswold of Crockery Township; James, who was born in 1895, died in 1903, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery; and Percy, who was born on March 15, 1897. William's mother lived from 1842 to 1907 and also was buried at Nunica Cemetery. William's father at one time owned a 40-acre farm in Section 3 of Crockery Township, but by 1893 owned the farm in Section 1 that William eventually took over. William died in 1943 and Rebecca in 1956. Both were buried at Crockery Township Cemetery.

Van I. Witt [1868-1952]

Van Witt opened a drugstore under his name at 216 Washington before 1910 and operated it for more than 20 years, when he sold it to Edward W. Ewald, who was the owner by 1928. Van also owned another drugstore at 135 Washington for awhile. Van was born in Mt. Pleasant in February, 1868. On June 18, 1891 he married Lulu Barr in Chicago. Lulu was born in Indiana in April, 1871. They lived at 614 Lafayette in the early 1900s. Van, who was a member of the Grand Haven Stag Club, died in 1952. Lulu passed away around November 7, 1955. Both Witts were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. A daughter, Marian, was born in August, 1895.

Jack F. Witteveen [1906-1984] and Esther Witteveen [1913-1993]

Jack and Esther M. Witteveen owned 160-acre farm in Section 10 of Grand Haven Township. There they operated a business called Evergreen Farm Nursery and sold Christmas trees wholesale and retail. The house address was 13894 168th Avenue. Prior to the nursery, Jack owned Grand Haven Heating Company, located at the same address. He lived from February 5, 1906 to January, 1984. Esther was born May 3, 1913, passed

away on October 2, 1993, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Joseph Townsend Wixon [Wixon/Wixen] [1840-1907]

In June, 1880 Joseph Wixon sold his photography studio, which he had opened in 1877, to Edwin P. Baker. The studio was located over the post office at the southeast corner of Washington and First Streets [100 Washington]. Joseph was born on May 29, 1840 in Steuben County, New York and came to Grand Haven from Iowa. On July 13, 1877 in Spring Lake, he married Julia Van Camp. She was born on July 4, 1852 in Sanilac County, Michigan. The Wixons had four children: Chester Addison, born on February 27, 1872 in Iowa; Tina, born about 1875; Lilly, born about 1876; and Luella, born about 1878. The three older children were born in Michigan. The Wixon home was on Clinton Street. Joseph died in Rhinelander, Wisconsin on December 8, 1907. Julia passed away on January 3, 1922 in Valley Springs, California.

Adolph Wojahn [1840-1915]

A native of Posen, Germany, where he was born on June 11, 1840, Adolph Wojahn moved to Grand Haven in 1909. He previously had lived in Chicago, where he settled with his parents from Germany in 1865. He died September 4, 1915 at the home of his son, Reinold [Reinhold], at 1250 Franklin Street. He had two other sons, Herman of Chicago and Carl [Charles] of Mobile, Alabama. Adolph's wife, Augusta, died the next year on December 13, also at Reinold's home. She had immigrated to the United States from Germany about 1896. Reinold had a son, Otto, who died at his father's home on April 27, 1918 at the age of 25, five months after his marriage. Otto was employed by the Keeler Brass Works in Grand Rapids. [*Tribune* obituaries, September 7, 1915 and April 27, 1918.]

Charles Edward Wolbrink [1875-1946], John Wolbrink [1842-1899], and John J. Wolbrink [1878-1955]

In 1894 John Wolbrink and his cousin, Charles E. Wolbrink, bought a general store in Allendale from Isaac John Quick. John Wolbrink, who was born in The Netherlands in 1842, was buried at Allendale Cemetery. On April 24, 1868 in Allendale, John married Harriet Ann Quick, Isaac's sister. Harriet was born in Michigan in 1852, passed away in 1935, and was buried with her husband at Allendale Cemetery. Harriet and John had a son, John J. Wolbrink, who was born in Allendale on February 3, 1878 and died in 1955. Around 1918 John J. bought out his cousin's interest and made his son Francis a partner. When the building burned down in 1920 it was replaced by a brick structure. Two more of John's sons joined the business and the name J. J. Wolbrink &

Sons was adopted. John J. married Zodie Maud Brown on June 20, 1894. She was born in Allendale on June 17, 1872, died there on January 29, 1946, and was buried at Allendale Cemetery with her husband. Charles was born in the same community on September 29, 1875, died in Grant [Newaygo County], Michigan on February 6, 1946, and was buried at Allendale Cemetery with other family members. He owned a grocery store in Grant. Charles married Artie L. Parish of Allendale on December 17, 1902. She was born in Allendale on January 4, 1882 and died in Cadillac on May 4, 1973. Like the others, she was buried at Allendale Cemetery with her husband. Charles and Artie had three children.

Sarah Wolcott [1822-1902]

After her husband's death, Sarah Wolcott managed the family's strawberry farm in Section 35 of Grand Haven Township. She was born in New York in April, 1822, and died on April 23, 1902. Evidently her husband's name was Seth, also from New York. He died on August 7, 1892. Their son, Charles, was born in Illinois in November, 1856.

Anthony Wolf [1909-1987]

Born in Chicago on July 19, 1909, Tony Wolf was a Robinson Township Supervisor and school board member. On September 19, 1933, he married Margaret Pearl, the daughter of John and Josephine Stark Holtrop. Margaret was born on March 6, 1912. The Wolfs, who had no children, resided at 12328 120th Avenue in Robinson. At age 59 Tony founded the West Indies Self-Help Mission on the island of La Gonave, Haiti, for the purpose of helping residents learn the art of agriculture. After his wife's death, he constructed a library in her honor on the island. Hundreds of school children on the island benefited from the library for their educational needs. The library also devoted a section to pastoral use. A Haitian orphan, Premire Verdieu, was considered their daughter and she carried on the mission and sewing school after the Wolfs' deaths. Tony died October 15, 1987. He and his wife were buried at Robinson Township Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, October 15, 1987.]

Eugene M. "Ducky" Wolfe [Wolf] [1898-1987]

Eugene Wolfe was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on July 6, 1898. Around 1926 he married Esther, Luella Pinto's daughter. It was his second marriage. Esther was born in Arkansas about 1912. In 1930 Ducky and Esther were living with John and Luella Pinto at 1329 Franklin Street in Grand Haven. The Wolfes had two children: Charlene, who was born in Illinois about May, 1927, graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1945, and was deceased by 2000; and Tyrie "Bubbles" Leevester Wolfe, who was born in Illinois [Michigan] on February 19, 1929. In 1949 he graduated from Grand

Haven High School, where he played an instrument in the marching band and in a dance band. He also competed in football and baseball. After graduation Tyrie enlisted in the Army, served in Vietnam, and retired as SFC. He settled in Waynesville, Missouri where he died on June 30, 2000. He apparently had a son with the same name, who was born in Muskegon in December, 1966. In 1948 the family resided at 1321 Franklin, formerly the home of another African American family, Zachariah and Lottie Morgan. Eugene Wolfe, who worked at odd jobs, died in Grand Haven on August 19, 1987. [*Tribune* obituary, August 21, 1987.]

William M. Wolff [@1884- ?]

In 1930 William Wolff was stationed in Grand Haven as Head Crewman for the 10th Coast Guard District. He was born in Massachusetts around 1884. His wife, Edith, was born in Canada about 1890 and in 1930 resided at 508 Slayton with their two children.

Arie Woltman I [Waltman] [1843-1892]

Born in The Netherlands in 1843, at age ten Arie Woltman, his brother Jurrien, and their father arrived at Staten Island, New York. The father passed away just days after arriving, so Arie did odd jobs to support himself. Around 1852 he settled in Holland, Michigan and became a cook's assistant on numerous schooners. Arie and his brother Jurrien began business in Grand Haven in 1875 as partners with Jurrien Ball at a store called Woltman, Ball & Company, located at 201-203 Washington Street [Howlett Block]. On November 1, 1877 the business failed, but Jurrien Ball appealed to his creditors to let him carry on. He and a brother bought out the Woltmans and operated a dry goods and grocery business as the J. Ball Store. Arie was elected Sheriff of Ottawa County in 1876 and served four terms. In the mid-1880s he was Probate Judge, and at the end of that decade he moved back to Holland and opened a cigar store. In the summer months he commanded the steamer *Lizzie Walsh*. Arie was one of the original incorporators of the Highland Park Association in 1886. He passed away on March 9, 1892. His wife, Altje "Alice" Lubbers, died two years later on April 1. She was born in The Netherlands in 1845. The Woltmans' children, all born in Michigan, were Herman, born about 1869; Jennie, born about 1871; Martin, born about 1873; Anna, born about 1878; and Arie II, born about 1884. Arie II married Ella Case in Zeeland on November 25, 1908. [*Tribune* obituary, March 10, 1892.]

Jurrien "Jerry" Woltman [Waltman] [1844-1916]

On September 5, 1916, Johanna Dipenhorst Woltman, Jurrien Woltman's wife, applied for a widow's Civil War pension. The application cited Jerry's service in Company I of the 25th Michigan Infantry and Company K of the 28th Michigan Infantry. He enlisted in Grand

Rapids at the age of 20 as Private. However, details of his military records were not found. Born in The Netherlands in November, 1844, Jerry immigrated to America with his brother Arie and their father in 1851. A few days after arriving at Staten Island, New York the father passed away. Eventually he and Arie settled in Holland, Michigan. Jerry began business in Grand Haven in 1875 as partner with his brother and Jurrien Ball. They opened a store, called Woltman, Ball & Company, at 201-203 Washington Street [Howlett Block]. On November 1, 1877 the business failed, but Jerry appealed to his creditors to let him carry on. He and a brother bought out the Woltmans and operated the dry goods and grocery business as the J. Ball Store. Jerry was listed in the 1893 *Compendium* as “drummer,” or salesman, in Grand Haven. Before Johanna became his wife, Jerry was married to Guertje De Vries in 1867. She lived from 1844 to 1873. She and Jerry had a daughter, Antje “Anna,” who was born on March 9, 1868, and a son, John, who died in 1870 at the age of one. Jerry and Johanna also had children: Harry, who died in May, 1891 at the age of 14, and two daughters, Anna and Maggie. Jerry died in 1916. He and Johanna were married Noordeloos, Ottawa County, on November 2, 1875. Johanna was born in The Netherlands on January 17, 1850 and immigrated to the United States aboard the *Jacob A. Westervelt* on September 20, 1855. She died about January 18, 1926 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with Jurrien and other family members.

Alexander Wood [1838-1917]

Born in Scotland on April 28, 1838, Alexander Wood came to America by way of Canada with his parents about eleven years later. He worked on a farm in New York and started to learn the blacksmith trade. Prior to the Civil War he was agent for the Creek Indians. At the onset of the war, Alexander was taken prisoner by Confederate soldiers and kept at his trade of blacksmithing. When the war ended he was sent by the U.S. Government to Fort Leavenworth, Arkansas for two years. He also served in Arizona and participated in several Indian battles. In 1870 he moved to Port Washington, Wisconsin. About 1872 he and his wife came to Spring Lake where he operated a blacksmith's shop until 1916. It was located on the southwest corner of Park and Savidge Streets. During his time in Spring Lake Alexander served as Village President in 1898, was a member of the Spring Lake School Board, and held other offices.

On April 4, 1871 Alexander married Ella Chamberlain. Ella was born in Port Washington, Wisconsin on March 4, 1847 to Mr and Mrs C. E. Chamberlain. Ella was one of the organizers of the Hatton Memorial Hospital Board and the Spring Lake Cemetery Association, and she was a member of the Spring Lake Chapter of the Order of the

Eastern Star and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She also was active with the Women's Christian Temperance Union [W.C.T.U.] and helped collect money for the water fountain installed at the corner of Jackson and Savidge, so passersby could slake their thirst there instead of at a saloon. Alexander and his wife moved to 114 East Savidge in Spring Lake after 1899, the year the previous owner, James Emery, passed away. The Woods' son, Harry A., was born in Michigan around 1874, and they also had a daughter, Mary F., born in March, 1882. Ella died on September 23, 1928 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with her husband, who had died in 1917.

Horace Bowen Wood [1846-1939]

While living in Coventry, Rhode Island, Horace Wood enlisted with the Federal forces as Private on February 19, 1862. He transferred from Company A of the 4th Rhode Island Infantry into Company G of the 7th Rhode Island Infantry on February 1, 1865 and was mustered out on July 13 that year. He applied for an invalid's Civil War pension on February 17, 1890 while residing in Crockery Township, where he was still residing in 1920. Horace, the son of David and Mary Wood, was born on October 30, 1846. He died on February 18, 1939 and was buried at Crockery Township Cemetery.

John Wood [1836-?]

John Wood was born in Detroit on April 14, 1836. On April 20, 1861 he enlisted as Private in Company F of the 1st Michigan Infantry and was mustered out on August 7 of that year, evidently while serving in the quartermaster's office. After the Civil War he married a widow, Elizabeth Beard Sherman, in Illinois. They moved to Saginaw, where John worked for three years at a lumber business. He then settled in Olive Township in 1870. He served as Clerk, Drain Commissioner, and Justice of the Peace. Elizabeth was born in Seneca County, New York, in November, 1837 and died June 14, 1878.

Silas T. Wood [1816- ?]

When the first bridge over the South Channel opened in 1872, the City of Grand Haven paid Silas T. Wood \$30 a month to serve as bridge tender. Silas was born in Massachusetts around 1816. His wife, Elizabeth, came from New York, where she was born about 1824.

Giles Woodbury [1816-1867]

Giles Woodbury was born in Perryville [Tomkins County] New York on November 11, 1816. He settled first in Muskegon, then moved to Grand Haven. A tanner by trade, Giles went into the tanning business when Clark Albee bought the Sheldon Tannery in Grand Haven in 1854. On November 14, 1860, he married Matilda Gardner Fox, a widow who had settled in

Allendale Township in 1840. She was born in England around 1821, died in Allendale on March 9, 1891, and was buried at Allendale Township Cemetery. The Woodburys moved to Section 11 of Allendale Township in 1861, where Giles took up farming. The Woodburys' two children, both born in Michigan, were Jesse, born in 1861, and Warren, born about 1865. Matilda had two sons by her first marriage, Charles D. Fox, born in Michigan in 1840, and Frank J. Fox, born in Michigan on May 3, 1849. Giles died on August 16, 1867.

Jesse Giles Thomas Woodbury [1860-1912]

As Sheriff of Ottawa County, Jesse Woodbury and his wife, Alice, lived at the building that housed the jail and Sheriff's office on the northeast corner of Fourth and Franklin Streets in Grand Haven. A daughter, Eva, lived with them. Jesse, born in Grand Haven on August 6, 1860, was the son of Giles and Matilda Fox Woodbury of Allendale Township. On December 24, 1887 in Allendale Jesse married Alice Wolbrink. She was born in Georgetown Township about 1865. In 1892 Jesse gave up the family farm in Section 11 of Allendale Township and started a planing mill in partnership with Dennis Bennett. Jesse died in Grand Haven on April 16, 1912. Alice passed away about June 16, 1946. Both she and Jesse were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Joseph C. Woodford [1896-1979]

Arriving from Pennsylvania, Joseph Woodford in 1951 started Nidel Manufacturing in Spring Lake. Nidel produced brooms. Joseph and his wife, Dorothy H., resided at 205 North Buchanan in Spring Lake. He was born on October 31, 1896 and died in Spring Lake on May, 1979. Dorothy lived from March 29, 1906 to November, 1984. She passed away in Spring Lake. The company continued to operate at least until the time of Joseph's death.

Henry J. Woods [c1888- ?]

Henry J. Woods, a Grand Haven resident for a brief time, was born in Michigan about 1888 and was listed as Negro in the 1930 census. He was a laborer in a coal yard. Henry and Esta were married about 1920. Esta, another Michigan native and Black, was born about 1893. They resided at 515 North Seventh Street. Living with them was their daughter, Harriet, who was born in Michigan about 1923.

William E. Woodworth [1903-1963]

William Woodworth was born in Shelbyville, Indiana, on August 3, 1903. He became President of Kent Products, which was started in 1952 at 427 North Griffin. He married Kathleen Davison, also from Shelbyville, on July 15, 1936. William died in Grand Haven on March 8, 1963, after a lingering illness.

Kathleen was born April 8, 1905 and died in Miami, Florida in April, 1981.

Stephen Wooley [1829-1913]

Spring Lake resident Stephen Wooley was born in England in December, 1829. His wife, Elizabeth M. [Mary], was born in Pennsylvania in November, 1832. They had several children, all born in Michigan, including Henry A., who lived from July, 1862 to 1911; Herbert, who lived from 1866 to 1882; Phoebe, who was born about 1868; and Bertie, who was born in 1871 and died in 1932. Stephen, who was classified as a "laborer" in the 1893 *Compendium*, passed away in 1913. Mary lived from 1834 to 1873. The family was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. They lived in a two-story, frame house on Savidge, later occupied by the Barrett family.

Harold Worm [Warm] [1899-1969]

Anthony and Bibianna Worm were residents of Kent County as early as 1870. Their son Harold was born in Grand Rapids on June 8, 1899. Harold resided in Grand Rapids, where he was an artist, real estate developer, and architect. In 1927 Anthony constructed a log cabin near the future North Shore Drive, about a half-mile south of today's North Beach Park. All the construction materials were delivered by boat, since the road wasn't put in until the next year. The small, four-room log cabin remained in place until 1998, when it was dismantled in sections and moved. Also in 1927 Harold and his wife, Jean, built a more substantial two-story, Tudor-style home closer to the beach [18889 North Shore Drive]. Their daughter and son-in-law, Janet and William Grant, took title to the home and continued to live in it into the 21st century. By 1930 Harold and his partner, Lincoln Vercoe, also of Grand Rapids, owned a number of acres in the area, which they purchased from Orphie W. Gotto of Long Beach, Indiana. Harold and Lincoln opened an office and distributed a brochure called "Green Banks" in order to promote their North Shore development. The Depression slowed down growth of the North Shore, but did not stop it. In 1931 Harold started the Cabana Colony Club, a group of cabins with adjacent restaurant just south of today's North Beach Park. [Ottawa County purchased the property used for North Beach Park from Harold.] The Cabana Colony became a popular nightspot, which offered dancing and entertainment. During WWII the club shut down and never reopened. After the war James and Yvonne Farley purchased several of the cabanas, moved them to 17485 Fruitport Road and opened as the Spring Lake Cabanas.

About this time, Harold and his son David formed the Michigan Development Company, with plans to extend North Shore Road northward into an area called North Shore Estates. In 1959 Dr. David and Dottie Seibold

built a home at 18381 North Shore Estates Drive and became the first year-round residents of the area. Harold died in August, 1969. His family purchased land for two tennis courts, which they built in his memory and donated to North Shore residents. In the early 1950s the family name was legally changed to Warm, but it was a few years before the new name was commonly accepted. David married Paula Gerber of the Gerber Baby Food family on February 23, 1957 using the name Warm. He lived from July 9, 1924 to May 20, 1995. He died in Leelanau, Michigan.

John Worsfold [1841-1940]

Born in London, England on November 18, 1841, John Worsfold lived in Ontario, Canada and Illinois before coming to Grand Haven in 1910 [1909]. He became known as "Grand Haven's Honey Man," and would walk with his heavy merchandise in pails suspended from a harness pole on his shoulders. He hiked many miles each day from Highland Park to Spring Lake, where he would sell his wares. John, along with Martha Rice, appeared in several Coast Guard Festival Parades as Grand Haven's oldest citizens. John was one of the founding members of the Christian Science Church in Grand Haven. After his wife died before 1930, John resided with his son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Cordelia Worsfold. Charles was born around 1878 in Canada, and Cordelia was born in Missouri around 1875. Charles and Cordelia resided at 537 Lafayette. Their children were Renton, born in Michigan about 1904; Dorothea Sue, born in Illinois about 1911; and Charles R., born in Michigan about 1916. By 1930, still residing at 537 Lafayette, Charles's wife, Cora, was born in Illinois about 1876. At that time Charles was custodian at the Elks Club on Second Street in Grand Haven. John died about June 26, 1940 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Cora passed away three years later about July 9 and also was buried at Lake Forest.

Stanley L. Worthing [Worthy] [1890-1986]

Born on January 7, 1890 in Footsville, Wisconsin, Stanley Worthing married Eva Lex on June 26, 1910 in Spring Lake. At that time, he worked as a boiler maker at an unspecified factory. About the time of WWI, Stanley was a private in the Illinois National Guard. Stanley and Eva were living in Crockery Township in 1918, but had moved to Grand Rapids by 1920, where he worked as an engineer in a factory. Ten years later they were running a fruit farm in Crockery Township. Their next move was to Spring Lake Village. They remained in the Spring Lake area the rest of their lives. Stanley established himself as a self-employed artist. He attended Unity Church in Grand Rapids. Stanley died in Spring Lake on February 20, 1986. Eva, who resided in Crockery Township as a child, was born in Six Lakes, Michigan on June 14, 1886. She passed away on March

12, 1970 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. At the time of her death, the couple resided at 13556 Cypress Avenue in Crockery Township.

John Wright [1815-1874]

John Wright was owner of the acre of land that he sold for \$120 to the U.S. Government in 1838 as a site for the first lighthouse. He owned other parcels in the area. [This may be John Stephen Wright, born on July 16, 1815 in Sheffield, Massachusetts. He opened a manufacturing business in Chicago, where he died on September 26, 1874.]

John S. Wright [1820-1904]

Born in December, 1820 in Ohio, John Wright was a physician in Indiana before coming to Crockery in 1875 to set up practice. He also had "Blooded Horses for Sale," as advertised in the 1893 *Business Compendium*. His wife, Nancy, was born in New York about 1823, died on August 9, 1895 at the age of 73, and was buried at Nunica Cemetery. John died the week of February 19, 1904. The Wrights owned property in Section 15 of Crockery Township. Their daughter, Della, was born in Indiana about 1861. After Nancy's death, John shared his home with his brother Henry, born in Ohio in December, 1832.

Mell Wright [1896-1971]

Born on November 20, 1896, Mell Wright managed the Grand Haven Kroger Store before opening Wright's Grill in downtown Grand Haven [211 Washington] in the 1940s. He purchased Highland Park Hotel in 1947 and operated it until the building was destroyed by fire in December, 1967. He also owned Highland Park Hotel Annex, which Mell's wife, Ruth E., continued to operate after his death, until she sold it. Mell died in Grand Haven on March 21, 1971 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Ruth was born on May 6, 1898 and died in Ferrysburg on May 8, 1995.

Squire Austin Wright [1838-1862]

S. Austin Wright, a native of Grand Haven, was born on December 23, 1838. On October 31, 1861 he enlisted in Company C of the 55th Illinois Infantry as Second Lieutenant. He was wounded at the Battle of Shiloh on April 6, 1862 and died from his wounds in Quincy, Illinois on May 12. According to his headstone at Lake Forest Cemetery, he held the rank of Captain, although that promotion was not recorded in his service records. Prior to entering the military, Austin was engaged to be married to Sarah Pennoyer, daughter of Henry and Harriet Pennoyer. Sarah was born in Muskegon on April 29, 1841.

George Henry Wuennecke [Winicka] [1881-1964]

George Wuennecke was an employee of Variety Woodwork Company at 350-407 Davis in Grand Haven. The company was active from about 1932 to 1945. Prior to that, George was Foreman at the Higman Basket Factory on Sixth Street. He was born in Minnesota on February 15, 1881. His wife, Jennie, was a Michigan native, where she was born around 1883. Their children, all born locally, were William born about 1910; Wilhelmina, born about 1911; Katherine, born about 1913; and Bertha, born about 1916. The couple and their four children resided at 817 Madison. Jennie passed away about October 24, 1963, and George died around September 22, 1964. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Charles E. Wyman [1826-1899]

Born in Schroon, Essex County, New York on February 10, 1826, Charles Wyman moved to Ohio when he was 20 and remained there for six years before coming to Michigan. His parents were John and Abigail Potter Wyman. In 1864 Charles built a sawmill in Blendon Township, which necessitated a six-mile lumber run to the river. In 1865 he sold the mill and went into the oil business in Oil Creek, Pennsylvania. Arriving in Grand Haven in 1866, Charles formed a partnership with Henry W. Buswell. They bought the Ferry Mill at the foot of Columbus Street, and when that mill burned down in 1868 they erected a new mill a little farther up the river and also opened a mill on the Muskegon River at White Cloud. That mill employed about 35 men and produced approximately 50,000 board feet a day. In 1887 Charles was named Director of the newly formed Dake Engine Company. He was one of the major shareholders of the company.

In 1851 Charles married Harriet Reynolds of Cuyahoga, Ohio. She was born about 1824 and died on March 8, 1895. The Wymans had four children: Harvey P., born in Ohio in 1852; Charles R., born in Ohio on January 16, 1855; George R., born on November 10, 1859 [May, 1858]; and William P., born about 1862. The Wyman home was at 308 Franklin Street. However, Charles died at another home near Nunica on May 11, 1899 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery, as were other family members. [*Tribune* obituary, May 11, 1899.]

Charles R. Wyman [1855-1899]

Charles, the son of Charles and Harriet Reynolds Wyman, was born in Ohio on January 16, 1855. He married May Perkins, a native of Michigan, where she was born on May 1, 1859. She was the daughter of Noah and Ellen Turner Perkins of Spring Lake. The Wymans' children included Alice, who attended Ypsilanti Normal College [Eastern Michigan University]; Edgar P., who lived from November 11, 1888 to March 9, 1955; George L., born in October,

1892; and Ruth, R., born on August 16, 1898. In 1877 Charles and Daniel Garnsey operated the Garnsey & Wyman Insurance Co in the Cutler House. The Wyman family later resided in Crockery Township, where Charles was an insurance agent. He died on May 11, 1899. May passed away on July 21, 1913. Charles and May were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery, as was Ruth, who died on November 22, 1901.

George R. Wyman [1859-1905]

Born in Blendon Township on November 10 1859, George was the son of Charles and Harriet Reynolds Wyman. His brother, Harvey J., moved to Johnson City, Tennessee and another brother, William P., to Santa Barbara, California. George came to Grand Haven with his family about 1865. For some years he was engaged as a clerk in the lumbering business with his brother, but in 1895 he joined the Dake Engine Company. He was a member of the Board of Public Works, Alderman from the Second Ward from 1897 to 1900, and member of the Masons, Knights Templars, and Modern Woodman Lodge. He died of Bright's Disease at his home on Franklin Street on August 7, 1905. [*Tribune* obituary, August 7, 1905.]

Harvey P. Wyman [1852-1924]

When the Dake Engine Company was organized in 1887, Harvey Wyman was a major stockholder and served as its second President from 1892 to 1895. Harvey also was Secretary of the Chippewa Lumber Company in 1893. Born in 1852, he was the son of Charles and Harriet Reynolds Wyman. Harvey died in 1924 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. His wife, Ellen M., lived from 1853 to 1940 and was buried with Harvey at Lake Forest.

Ida Madison Yaggie [1899-1982]

While living in Section 3 of Olive Township, Ida Yaggie found a Clovis point, or arrowhead, indicating the presence of Native Americans in Northwest Ottawa County as early as 10,000 B.C. On July 1, 1922 Ida married Henry Joseph Yaggie in Muskegon. Later they resided at 1215 Beechtree. Ida, the daughter of Peter and Mary Madison of Robinson Township, was born on April 25, 1899 and passed away in Grand Haven on April 22, 1982. Henry was born in Pennsylvania in July, 1892.

Frank E. Yates [1841-1921]

Frank Yates on April 20, 1861 enlisted in New York City as 1st Lieutenant in Company G of the New York 11th Infantry. He resigned on June 15 the same year, and on November 24, 1861 he enlisted again as 1st Lieutenant, this time with Company D of the New York 73rd Infantry. He was discharged from this post on December 11, 1862. By 1870 he and his wife were

residing in Grand Haven, where Frank was listed as a "commission merchant." In 1879 Frank organized Company F in Grand Haven and was elected its first Captain. The unit was called Yates Light Infantry initially. He served one year. Company F eventually became part of the 126th Infantry. Frank was agent for the Goodrich and Grand River Transportation Companies. His wife, Alice, was born about 1847 in Michigan. A daughter, Florence, was born in Grand Haven in 1872 and died on September, 5, 1875. On December 8 that year another daughter, Fritey, was born. [Fritey's mother was listed as Fannie.] Fritey died on April 7, 1880. On February 4, 1880, Frank married Ida M. Anderson in Grand Haven. By 1900 he was living in Chicago with a cousin, Isabella Howard, working as a stock broker, and listed as single. He and Isabella were still together in Chicago in the 1920 census. Frank, a native of Wisconsin, was 80 years old when he died on July 28, 1921, probably in Chicago.

George W. Yates [1831-1902]

George Yates was born in Clermont County, Ohio, in April, 1831 [April 19, 1837]. He moved with his father to Iroquois County, Illinois in 1844 and remained there until August 15, 1861, when he enlisted in Company D of the 10th Illinois Infantry as Private. He was discharged on July 3, 1863, but his service record stated that he also saw service in the Mississippi Marine Brigade. By 1870 George was living in Olive Township and working as a laborer. His wife, Mary, was born in Ohio around 1844. By 1882 they lived in Section 27, and George had entered the lumbering business. He was buried at the Spence Family Burial Ground in Iroquois County, Illinois, where his grave was marked by an undated monument. He was residing alone in Ashkum, Iroquois County, in 1900. He died there on October 23, 1902.

Robert M. Yelton [1913-1988]

Working with Al Jacobson and Jack Jordan, Robert Yelton in the early 1960s helped develop the east slope of Five Mile Hill in Mulligan's Hollow for skiing. Robert was born on November 15, 1913 and died on August 3, 1988. Bob and his wife, Patricia L. resided at 910 South De Spelder in Grand Haven. Bob was a mechanic and Patricia was office secretary at the State Police Crime Laboratory in Holland.

Mary Helen Yerkes [1859-1939]

Mary was born in October, 1859 in Livingston County, New York, the daughter of James Hill and Mary Norton Bristol Yerkes, who were married in Lima, New York on August 31, 1858. James Yerkes was born in Rochester, New York, on April 1, 1836, the same year and state as his wife. With her sister Susan, Mary was named co-Principal of Akeley Hall when Rev. and Mrs

Wilkinson retired in 1901. The sisters held the position until Akeley closed in 1926, about the same time they bought Khardomah Lodge. The Yerkes sisters sold the lodge to Jenny Smith in 1937. The sisters also owned a cottage near the pier on the North Shore called Never-Never-Land. They were members of the Woman's Club of Grand Haven and the Tuesday Musicale.

Mary and her sister Susan were educated in the East, and they spent several years studying art and modern languages in Munich, Paris, and Italy. Mary began teaching at Kemper Hall in Kenosha, Wisconsin, where for nine years she was Head Mistress and then Vice Principal, the first person at Kemper to be given that title. Meanwhile Susan began her career at St. Mary's in Faribault, Minnesota, which she left and for eleven years was Preceptress of the Staten Island Academy in Richmond Borough, New York City. Mary became Associate Principal of Knickerbocker Hall in Indianapolis, while her sister, Susan, was Assistant Principal. There they multiplied the attendance 13 times. That success led to them being selected for the positions at Akeley. She and her sister lived in a large home atop a wooded dune at 819 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. Residing with them in 1920 were their parents, James and Mary Yerkes. Later, perhaps after her sister's death, Mary's home was on Sheldon Road.

Susan Hill Yerkes [1861-1937]

Susan was born in March, 1861 in Livingston County, New York, the daughter of James Hill and Mary Norton Bristol Yerkes, who were married in Lima, New York on August 31, 1858. James Yerkes was born in Rochester, New York, on April 1, 1836, the same year and state as his wife. Susan was a Latin teacher and co-Principal at Akeley Hall in Grand Haven beginning in 1901. She and her sister Mary later owned and managed Khardomah Lodge from the mid-1920s until they sold it to Jenny Smith in 1937. The sisters also owned a cottage near the pier on the North Shore called Never-Never-Land. They were members of the Woman's Club of Grand Haven and the Tuesday Musicale.

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her sister in a large two-story home atop a wooded dune at 819 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven. Susan died in 1937.

Jean “Jennie”[Yock [1866-1951]

Jean Yock owned a millinery shop at 101 North Third Street in Grand Haven. The daughter of Henry and Katherine Yock, she was born in Michigan about 1886. Henry was born in The Netherlands and lived from 1858 to about December 21, 1928 and Katherine from 1863 to around February 26, 1915. Both Henry and Katherine were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jean’s grandfather was Simon Yock, born in The Netherlands in 1824. He worked at a sawmill in Ferrysburg. Simon’s wife, Lucretia, was born in The Netherlands in 1834. Jean passed away around August 29, 1951 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her mother and father.

Yonker

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Eugene Yonker [1928-2002]

The son of Albert and Fania Teunis Yonker, Gene was born in Ferrysburg on July 4, 1928. He and Phyllis Carder were married in Grand Haven on June 8, 1954. Gene served with the Ottawa County Sheriff’s Department for two years before entering the Army during the Korean War. Upon returning to the area, he served as a police officer for Grand Haven for 36 years, retiring in 1989. He was a member of the Second Reformed Church, the American Legion, VFW, and Eagles, all of Grand Haven. He and Phyllis had a daughter, Pamela, who married Mike Arnold of Spring Lake, and a son, Randy, of Grand Haven. Gene died in Grand Haven on April 16, 2002 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The Yonkers resided at 421 Arlington from the mid-1950s. [*Tribune* obituary, April 17, 2002.]

Klaas Yonker [1823-1909]

On May 15, 1847, in Uithuizen, Groningen, The Netherlands, Klaas Yonker married Jantje “Jenny” F. Balk. Both of them were born in Uithuizen, he on December 9, 1823 and Jenny on January 18, 1823. By 1870 they were residing in Grand Haven, where Klaas was a laborer. Later he was a gardener. Three of their children were born in Illinois: Hendrick in 1847; Duke in 1852; and Grietje in 1854. The other four were born in Michigan: Johanna in 1857; Frederick in 1859; Gerrit in 1861; and Tryntje in 1864. The Yonkers’ home was at 409 North Seventh. Jenny died on April 21, 1909 and Klaas passed away on May 16, 1909. They were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Klaas’s sister, Renske “Rosa,” married Jan “John” Danhof of Grand Haven.

Nicholas F. Yonkman [1894-1967]

Nicholas Yonkman and his wife, Harriet, at one time lived in Spring Lake Township and at 1222 Pennoyer, but later relocated to 14705 Lakeshore Drive. He was born on August 19, 1894, died in Grand Haven about October 10, 1967, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Harriet was born on January 25, 1903 and passed away in Grand Haven on March 9, 1994. She also was buried at Lake Forest. They were members of the United Methodist Church of Grand Haven. In 1930 Nicholas was working for Ottawa County as Civil Engineer.

Elias G. Young [@1821-1895]

The son of George Young, Elias came to Grand Rapids with his father and settled on a farm near Reed’s Lake in 1836. By 1880 Elias was located in Grand Haven, where he was elected County Clerk and Register of Deeds of Ottawa County. He eventually returned to Grand Rapids, where he died at the age of 74 on September 17, 1895 at his residence on Burton Avenue near Reed’s Lake and was buried at Valley City [Oak Hill] Cemetery in Kent County. His wife, Melissa D., was born in New York around 1832. [*Tribune* obituary, September 18, 1895.]

Frank K. Young [? - ?]

Frank Young had a barber shop at 10 Washington in the early 1900s. He also offered cigars and tobacco. He and his wife, Aurelia, lived upstairs at the same address.

George C. Young [1862- ?]

In the early 1900s George and Lora Young owned a cottage on Spring Lake named Rest Awhile. It was built 30 feet into the water and had a marine garage on the lower level. They had a launch, a sailboat, and a rowboat as well. They resided in Grand Rapids. George, a physician, was born in Ohio in February, 1862, and Lora was born in Wisconsin in July, 1868. They had a daughter Rose B., who was born in Michigan in August, 1894.

Hattie E. Young [1892-1978] and Minnie Young [1894-1984]

From 1924 to 1958 Hattie Young taught Latin at Grand Haven High School. Her sister Minnie started teaching English at Grand Haven High Junior School in 1924 and retired in 1960. Minnie was instrumental in organizing the first Girl Scout troops in Grand Haven in 1924, and she remained active with the group for many years. The sisters resided in the family home at 1221 Sheldon Road most of their lives. Hattie lived from October 20, 1892 to June, 1978, and Minnie lived from August 28, 1894 to October, 1984. They were the daughters of James and Rebecca Young and both of the sisters were born in Nebraska. James was born in 1863 in Illinois, died in 1935, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Rebecca

was born about 1874 in Iowa and married James when she was 17. James was Foreman at a machine shop in Grand Haven.

James H. Young [1834- ?]

James Young was born in Gloucester, Rhode Island, in 1834 and moved to New Hampshire with his family when he was two. In 1862 he moved to Section 20 of Crockery Township, where he farmed approximately 40 acres and worked as a carpenter. He enlisted in the Navy in 1862 and served during the Civil War for one year. James then returned to Crockery and worked in a sawmill. In 1880 he was listed as a millwright at a sawmill in Spoonville, and was still unmarried.

James K. Young [1846-1936]

A ship's carpenter in Grand Haven, James Young was born in New York in 1846. His wife, Wilhelmina [Minnie], was born in Prussia in 1853, died in 1936, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. The couple resided at 514 Clinton. James died in 1936 and was buried at Lake Forest with his wife.

John A. Young [1825-1881]

John Young arrived in Grand Haven in 1846 and in 1876 was Manager of the Washington House, located in downtown Grand Haven [approximately 12 Washington]. On June 28, 1870 in Grand Haven, he married Isabella [Isabel] Daird McIlvee. John was born in Ireland on May 23, 1825, died on February 5, 1881, and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Isabel was born in Auburn, New York around 1836.

Stanley E. Young [1889-1968]

Stanley and his wife, Jessie, owned and operated Young's Café at 625 Washington in the 1930s and 1940s. They sold the business to Harry and Myrtle Bronkhorst in early 1945. Prior to running the cafe, Stanley had worked as a steam fitter for a heating and plumbing company in Cadillac, Michigan. He was born in Canada on February 2, 1889, and Jessie Ballard came from Pennsylvania, where she was born on November 15, 1893. They were married in Cadillac, Michigan on February 13, 1913. The Youngs had two children, both born in Michigan: Grant, born about 1913, and R. J., born about 1920. The family resided at 820 Franklin and later at 616 Washington. Stanley died in Grand Haven around October 15, 1968, and Jessie passed away on February 3, 1993, also in Grand Haven. Both were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

William Young [1847-1923]

William Young was born in Scotland in February, 1847 [1848] and died in 1923. His wife, Wilhelmina "Ellen," was born in 1853 [June, 1847] and died in 1936. The Youngs resided at 407 Fulton Street in Grand Haven.

Their children were Margaret [Marguerite], born in November, 1871; Ellen M., born in 1872; Williamena, born in October, 1875; James H., born in September, 1880; and John J., born in 1876. All the children were born in locally. William was a checker at the Grand Trunk Warehouse, and his son James was a cement worker, while John was a bookkeeper. Both William and Wilhelmina were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Williamena C. Young [1875-1946]

Born in Grand Haven on October 6, 1875, Williamena was the daughter of William and Wilhelmina "Ellen" Young. After her parents' deaths Williamena resided with her sister, Margaret Benjamin, at 406 Lake Avenue. Margaret was the widow of Perry Benjamin of Grand Haven. Williamena became Manager of Michigan Title Company and worked with George D. Turner, who owned and operated the company. She pioneered many local organizations, served as Chair of the Duncan Park Board and Treasurer of Grand Haven Alumni Scholarship Fund, and was a member of the Hatton Hospital Board. Williamena died January 10, 1946 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

John [Jan] Zaagman [1845-1932]

John was born in Groningen, The Netherlands on September 29, 1845, the son of Herman Jans and Grietje Alberts Zaagman. He married Trientje Schreuder in Groningen on April 15, 1871. Trientje lived from 1845 to 1919. John, who was listed as a "laborer" in the 1893 *Compendium*, died in 1932 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his wife and other family members. Peter Zaagman, born in 1875, was their son. Another son, Gerrit, was born in 1872, and a daughter, Maggie, was born in July, 1877. The family resided on Jackson Street.

Peter Zaagman [Zagman] [1875-1962]

On June 2, 1898 in Spring Lake, Peter Zaagman married Jennie Bonnema, daughter of Cornelius and Maria Van Doorne Bos of Grand Haven. Peter, the son of John and Trientje Zaagman of Grand Haven, was born in Michigan in 1875 and became a machinist in Grand Haven. He and Jennie resided at 1013 Washington in the early 1900s. Jennie, who lived from 1878 to about January 18, 1932, was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Also interred there were a son, John, who died about June 22, 1915 at the age of six, and Peter, who passed away around July 11, 1962.

Johannes Phillippus "John" Zalsman [1859-1941]

Johannes Phillipus, the son of Pieter and Neelte Van Anrooy Zalsman, was born in Holland, Michigan, on May 21, 1859. John, as he was called, had a repair shop at 9 North Second Street in Grand Haven, just north of the Hostetter Agency, and was known locally as the

“difficult repair man.” He repaired a variety of items, including bicycles and locks. On December 12, 1885 John married Lovica Loveland in Beaverhead, Montana. Lovica, the daughter of Stoddard and Charlotte Loveland, was born in 1863 in New York State. The Zalsmans lived at 115 North Third Street. Long after they were divorced, John married Elizabeth H. Weller in Grand Haven on February 21, 1916. Elizabeth was born in Washington, D.C. about 1869. John died on June 25, 1941 in Grand Haven, and was buried at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland, Michigan.

Joseph W. Zarikta [1902-1997]

Joseph Zarikta manufactured corncob pipes at his home at 1829 Doris Avenue in Grand Haven, from 1961 to 1962. His business was called Al-Cobb Corporation. Joseph was born on November 1, 1902 and died in Grand Haven on September 1, 1997. His wife's name was Bess. In 2002 Bess lived at 900 South Beacon Boulevard [Shore Haven Nursing Home].

Joseph Zeimet I [1872-1964]

Born in Luxembourg [Germany] on November 24, 1872, Joseph Ziema came to America in 1895. Around 1898 he married Louise Nowak, who had emigrated from Germany seven years earlier. They were living in Milwaukee in 1905, where Joseph was a tanner. In 1911 the Zeimets moved to Grand Haven, and by 1920 they were living at 1227 Franklin Street in Grand Haven, where he worked at Eagle Ottawa as a shaver. Among their children were Maleta, who was born on October 6, 1898 and married John Van Schelven of Grand Haven; Selma, who was born about 1901 and married William Boomgaard of Glen Elyn, Illinois; and Joseph II, who was born on October 23, 1903. The family in 1930 resided at 1212 Washington. Living with the Zeimats in 1930 was Louise's mother, Selma Nowak, who was born in Germany around 1844 and came to America with her daughter in 1891. Joseph I passed away about July 25, 1964 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Joseph Zeimet II [1903-1955]

Born in Milwaukee on October 23, 1903, Joseph was the son of Joseph Zeimet I and the brother of Maleta, who married John Van Schelven of Grand Haven, and Selma, who married William Boomgaard of Glen Ellyn, Illinois. Joseph moved to Grand Haven at the age of eight, attended local schools, and graduated from Western Michigan College [WMU]. He won 25 tennis tournaments during 35 years of competition. During the off season Joseph was employed at Arntz Sporting Goods Store in Muskegon. He was a member of the Elks, played the drums and guitar in the Jackie Band, and was a manual training instructor at Blissfield, Michigan, where he also coached tennis. Joseph was a partner in the Sport Shop that he and Hobart Bell

established about 1935. He was the tennis pro at the Highland Park Tennis Club for seven years before poor health forced his retirement in 1953. Joseph died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound on March 23, 1955 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, March 23, 1955.]

John G. Zelenka [1919-2005]

The son of John and Zuzanna “Susan” Lehocky Zelenka, John was born in Grand Haven on November 18, 1919. He married Elizabeth Beekman in Grand Haven on August 30, 1941. Born in 1923, she passed away on October 17, 2003. John founded and operated Zelenka Nursery in Ottawa County in 1945 and remained with the company until his retirement in 1975. He was an Elder and Deacon at First Reformed Church, and he was a member and past President of the Michigan Association of Nurserymen, a member of the American Legion, and Treasurer of Grand Haven Township. The Zelenkas' children included Paul and John, both of West Olive; Marilyn, who married Steve Tiles of Grand Haven; Ruth, who married Jim Novak, also of Grand Haven; and Jane Erickson of Vista, California. John died on December 12, 2005 and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery with Elizabeth. [*Tribune* obituary, December 19, 2005.]

Charles Samuel Zellar [1886-1954]

Charles Zellar was born in Whitehall, Michigan, on September 20, 1886. He and his wife, Gertrude Matilda Turns, were married in Montague on August 2, 1911. She was born on March 1, 1890. They moved to Grand Haven from Whitehall in Muskegon County sometime between 1911 and 1920. They were members of the First Reformed Church of Grand Haven. Charles first worked for the Dake Foundry, then he and his brother Fred opened a grocery and dry goods store at 1320 Washington Street, where they also lived. Charles sold his share of the business to his brother in 1929 and moved to Anderson, Indiana. Charles died there on December 4, 1954 and his wife died in Bourbon, Kentucky on April 10, 1966.

Frederick James Zellar [1885-1959]

Born in Whitehall, Michigan on January 31, 1885, Frederick was the son of Henrich Albert Zellar, a native of Germany. Frederick settled in Grand Haven sometime between 1911 and 1920 and with his brother, Charles, opened Zellar's Grocery store at 1320 Washington Street. After the grocery store was sold, he worked as an engineer for the Dake Corporation, where he retired in 1945. Frederick was also Secretary for the Eagles Organization.

On June 29, 1904 in Grand Haven, Frederick married Mary Agnes Merz of Crockery Township. The daughter

of John and Caroline Henley Merz, she lived from December 24, 1884 to November 1, 1938. The Zellar family lived at 1250 Franklin Street and later at 732 Columbus. A daughter, Dorothy Marie, was born on January 17, 1913 and married Joseph John Bessinger in 1934. She died the following January 17 at age 22. Another daughter, Caroline, was born in Grand Haven on April 12, 1906. She married Leroy Hommer of Muskegon on June 29, 1929 at St. Patrick's Church and died on November 12, 1930, following the birth of a daughter, Joyce Carol. The Zellars had a son, Louis James, who was born on May 20, 1910, and son John followed four years later. Frederick died on October 18, 1959 at Eastmanville. Both Frederick and his wife were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Louis James Zellar [1910-1986]

Born in Grand Haven on May 20, 1910, Louis Zellar attended area schools. His parents were Frederick and Mary Agnes Merz Zellar of Grand Haven. Before World War II Louis was a deck hand on the dredge *General Meade*, and then received his officer's papers and was attached to the dredge *Burton*. After the *Burton* was scrapped, he was made third officer on the dredge *Haines*, which operated out of the Port of Grand Haven. Louis married Emily Hall. They had two children, Kenneth and Paul. Louis also was Superintendent for the Park Department of Grand Haven for ten years. He died in Grand Rapids on July 31, 1986.

Edward J. Zenko [1916-1987]

The son of Joseph and Mary Cech Zenko, Edward was born in Chicago on April 9, 1916. His mother died in 1918 and his father left the family farm in Grand Haven Township and returned to Chicago. At that time Edward was taken in by his grandparents, Frank and Josephine Cech of Grand Haven Township. Edward's love of history and antiques led him to form and lead the committee that raised \$22,000 to save the catwalk on the south pier from being torn down and to install lights on the pier. Edward owned Ace Mfg. Corp. and Progressive Engineering Company, and he was a machinery dealer throughout the state. He helped many companies in the area get started. He invented the first baby bottle holder, helped develop the first automatic blueberry picker, and developed a fiberglass bike and a flying car. Edward studied at a college in Lake Forest, Illinois to learn how to make holograms. His first hologram was for the 50th Anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. He was a member of the Eagles, Moose Lodge, Slovenian Farmers Club, and Duplicate Bridge Club.

On November 20, 1939 Ed married Margaret Louise Anderson in Grand Haven. The daughter of Louis and Stella Featherstone Anderson, Margaret was born in

Sparta, Wisconsin on August 11, 1918. The Zenkos had two daughters, Terry and Holly, and a son, Jack Edward, who was born on November 17, 1948, died on April 7, 1988, and was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. After a visit to Andrew Jackson's home in Nashville, Tennessee, the Zenkos built a similar structure at 18710 168th Street in Spring Lake Township. Edward died on December 31, 1987. Margaret was buried with her husband at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery with other Zenkos. [*Tribune* obituaries, December 31, 1987 and January 26, 2005.]

Joseph Zenko [Zanko] [1882- 1933]

Joseph, who was born in Austria in 1882, arrived in the United States in 1898. He married Mary, the daughter of Frank and Josephine Cech of Grand Haven Township. Mary was born in 1889 and died in 1918. The Zenkos owned an 80-acre farm in Section 27 of Grand Haven Township. After his wife's death, Joseph, who was born in Austria about 1881, went back to Chicago, where he was found in the censuses of 1920 and 1930, although he continued to own the farm in Grand Haven Township. In Chicago, Joseph worked as a tinsmith. The Zenkos' only son, Edward, who was born in Chicago on April 9, 1916, was then taken in by Mary's parents. Joseph and Mary were buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery.

Charles Zietlow [1851-1931]

A laborer and commercial fisherman, Charles Zietlow was born in Prussia in June, 1851 and came to the United States in 1853. His wife, Fredericka "Reka" Strasburg lived from September, 1852 to 1937. Their residence was at 201 Elliott. Charles died in 1931. Both Zietlows were buried in the family plot at Lake Forest Cemetery. Among their children were, John, born in July, 1879; Clara, born in September, 1888; and Marie, born in January, 1893. Charles and his brothers, Edward and Frank, were sons of John [Johann] and Augusta Zietlow.

Earl Zietlow [1915-1929]

Grand Haven resident Earl Zietlow was 14 when he lost his life in the wreck of the *Andaste*, 14 miles off Holland, on September 9, 1929. He was making his first sea voyage as the guest of the ship's First Mate, Captain Charles Brown, a Grand Haven resident. Earl was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery.

Edward T. Zietlow [1856-1897]

Born in Milwaukee on April 22, 1856, Edward Zietlow came at an early age to Grand Haven and was engaged with his brother Frank in the fishing industry. They operated the tug *Frank Edward*. Edward married Mary Walker, and they had a daughter, Louise [Louisa], who was born locally 1884 and married Richard Bolthouse of

Grand Haven. The Zietlows also had twins, Louis and William H., born on October 29, 1889. Mary was born in Germany in January, 1857 and came to the United States when she was eight. Edward passed away on January 25, 1897 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. After Edward's death, Mary took in laundry. In 1930 she resided with her daughter and son-in-law, Richard and Louise Bolthouse. Edward was the son of John [Johann] and Augusta Zietlow. [*Tribune* obituary, January 25, 1897.]

Johann "John" Zietlow [1817-1892]

John Zietlow, who was born in Prussia in 1817, learned the fishing trade in Prussia and was one of the first citizens of Grand Haven to open a fishing business. He was one of several Grand Haven residents to help organize St. John's Lutheran Church in 1866. In 1874 he commissioned John Callister to build the propeller-driven vessel *Kaiser Wilhelm* and in 1890 he had Robertson Ship Yards construct the tug *Frank Edward*, later owned by his sons Edward and Frank. Frank was born in September, 1859. Another son, Charles, was born in 1851 and also lived in Grand Haven. The Zietlow home was on Third Street. John's wife, Augusta, was from Prussia, where she was born in February, 1822. John died on January 13, 1892. [*Tribune* obituary, January 14, 1892.]

August Frederick Zimmerman I [1848- ?]

By 1893 August and Friederich "Fred" Zimmerman shared a 120-acre farm in Section 27 of Grand Haven Township. August was still farming in 1918. August was born in Germany in August, 1848. He married Wilhelmine "Minnie" Schmidt, who was born in Germany in April, 1852 and died on August 24, 1894. Among their children were August II, who was born in German in 1874 and on October 25, 1893 in Grand Haven married Laura Preager; F. W., who was born in Germany about 1876 and married Louise Sadler in Coopersville on May 11, 1899; Herman, who was born on December 1, 1879; and Charles, who was born in Germany on September 24, 1882. The Zimmerman family immigrated to the United States in 1882.

Charles Henry Zimmerman [1882- ?]

The son of August and Wilhelmine Zimmerman, Charles was born in Germany on September 24, 1882. On May 31, 1906 in Grand Haven Charles married Clara Genrich. By 1918 he and Clara resided at 1201 Franklin Street. At that time Charles worked at Dake Engine Company. Clara was born on October 31, 1890 and passed away in Grand Haven on April 7, 1994.

Herman Frederick Zimmerman [1879- ?]

Herman Zimmerman's 40-acre farm was located in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township, where he arrived

in 1883 and was still farming in 1918. He also was a thresher. Herman, the son of August and Wilhelmine Zimmerman, was born in Germany on December 1, 1879. He married Augusta Saul in Grand Haven on April 18, 1925. Augusta was the widow of Henry Saul II of Grand Haven Township.

John Zimonick [1914-2000]

John Zimonick owned a service station at the northwest corner of U.S. 31 and Lake Michigan Drive [15795 Lake Michigan Drive] from approximately 1941 to 1989. In addition to offering Gulf gasoline and automobile repair, John also sold Oliver tractors and equipment. He was born on June 25, 1914 and died in West Olive on September 16, 2000. He was buried at Historic Grand Haven Township Cemetery. His parents were Stephan and Julia Mueller Zimonick of West Olive.

Martin Zimonick [1917-1986]

Born on November 12, 1917 in West Olive, Martin was the son of Steven and Julia Mueller Zimonick. He was Foreman at Dake Corporation and retired in 1981. He was a member of the Eagles, V.F.W., and the American Legion. On August 10, 1965 Martin married Vera Maynard in Grand Haven. The family lived at 410 Hopkins. Martin's children included Tina, who married Gerrit Lankamp of West Olive; Christina, who married Charles Hudd; Ruth Ann, who married Glen Buckner; Joanne, who married Craig Tober; Victor; Terry; Nancy Holland; David of Fruitport; and Ronald of Grand Rapids. Martin, who resided at 410 Hopkins, died on November 8, 1986 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Vera, who was born on April 30, 1925, passed away in Holland on December 1, 2001. [*Tribune* obituary, November 10, 1986.]

Stephan J. Zimonick [Zimonich] I [1888-1976]

Steve Zimonick I was born on August 22, 1888 and died in Grand Haven on March 25, 1976. He and his wife, Julia Mueller, had three sons, all born in the West Olive area: Martin, who was born in 1917; Charles, who was born on July 5, 1919 and passed away in Holland on August 29, 1984; and Stephan II, who was born in 1920. Steve and Julia resided at 528 Lake Avenue in Grand Haven from the 1950s into the 1970s.

Stephan J. Zimonick II [1920-2002]

Stephan Zimonick, born in West Olive on December 21, 1920, was the son of Stephan and Julia Mueller Zimonick. He served in the Army during WWII. After the war he was a truck driver for Shell Oil. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. He had a daughter, Jane McGregor of Ferrysburg, and a son, Perry Zimonick of Allendale. Another son, Todd Owen Zimonick, died on December 30, 1960 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In the 1970s Steve resided at

621 Jackson. He died in Grand Haven on May 23, 2002 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [*Tribune* obituary, May 28, 2002.]

Wilhelm “William” Ernest Heinrich Zoerner [1846-1929]

William Zoerner was born on May 31, 1846 in Stettin, Germany. He died on August 25, 1929. He came to the United States in 1872, and on April 19, 1874 in Grand Haven William married Louise [Louisa] Augusta Dortha Behm. The daughter of Johan Frederick Wilhelm and Karoline Hartman Behm of Grand Haven Township, she was born in Stettin, Germany on September 1, 1855 and passed away on May 7, 1937 in Racine, Wisconsin. The Zoerners resided at 322 North Second Street. William and Louise were buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. In 1920 William was a laborer at the Piano Factory. A son, William Frederick Zoerner, was born on March 9, 1877. They also had a daughter, Elexza, born in August, 1880.

William Frederick Zoerner [1877-1931]

The son of William and Louise Behm Zoerner, William Frederick was born on March 9, 1877. In 1907 he moved from Grand Rapids to Grand Haven where he started Grand Haven Brass Foundry at 509 Monroe. He sold the business to Al Jacobson I, Bernath Sherwood I, and Paul Johnson I on February 20, 1919. He married Louise Amelia Otilie Goetzky on April 19, 1900. She was born on October 30, 1876 and passed away in Grand Rapids on December 6, 1949. Around 1900 the family resided at 513 Jackson, but by 1908 they were located at 302 Clinton. William died in Chicago on November 15, 1931 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with his parents. A son, William August, was born in Grand Rapids on January 3, 1901, moved to Grand Haven with his parents, and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1919. He was a teacher and minister for the Presbyterian Church in India, where he lived with his wife, Magdalene de Young.

Albert Zuidema [1846-1904]

A native of The Netherlands, where he was born in May, 1846, Albert Zuidema married Anna Balcom. She was born in March, 1847, also in The Netherlands. They had five children, all born in Spring Lake: Cornelius, born in 1869; John, born in 1878; Minti, born in 1879; Jennie, who was born in May, 1881 and married Albert Swiftney of Spring Lake; and Henry, born in March, 1884. Albert, who owned a farm in Section 4 of Spring Lake Township, died on May 31, 1904.

Albert H. Zuidema [1897-1955]

Born in Spring Lake on November 8, 1897, Albert Zuidema moved to Grand Haven in 1942. He was employed at Peerless Novelty Company, Oldberg

Manufacturing, and gasoline stations in Grand Haven and Spring Lake. On May 13, 1916 he married Jeanette, the daughter of Henry and Cornelia Hoebeke. Jeanette was born on May 13, 1895. Their children included Florence, who married Joe Boes, and Cornelia, who married Alden Batts. Both the Boes and Batts families lived in Spring Lake. The other Zuidema children were Caroline, John, and Howard of Grand Haven. Albert died March 8, 1955 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. Jeanette passed away about January 17, 1967 and was buried with her husband. [*Tribune* obituary, March 8, 1955.]

Albert “Bud” Zuidema [1909-1998]

Born on February 13, 1909, Albert Zuidema lived in Spring Lake all his life. Known as “Bud,” he was an auto mechanic who owned and operated Bud’s Garage at 807 West Savidge in the Village. He married Donna Jean Hasty, who was born October 2, 1923 and died in Spring Lake on October 26, 1995. They lived at 15542 Oak Drive. Bud died on August 2, 1998 and was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery with his wife.

Cornelius Zuidema [1869-1950]

Cornelius Zuidema, a native of Michigan and a resident of Spring Lake, lived from 1869 to 1950. In 1930 he was classified as a laborer. He married Charlotte in 1901. She lived from 1863 to 1938. They and their adopted daughter, Margaret K., resided on Park Street. Margaret was born in Illinois about 1911. The Zuidemas were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery.

Henry Zuidema [1884-1962]

Born on August 28, 1884, Henry was the son of Albert and Anna Balcom Zuidema. Young Zuidema delivered ice in Grand Haven for the Spring Lake Ice Company. By 1918 he was employed by the Grand Haven Gas Company. On December 17, 1908 in Ferrysburg, he married Anna, the daughter of Jelmur and Elizabeth Boelens Nuismer. Anna was born on September 10, 1889 in Spring Lake. The Zuidema family lived at 116 Cutler Street in Spring Lake for many years. They had seven children, evidently all born in Spring Lake: Albert, born February 13, 1909; Elizabeth, who was born on January 1, 1912 and died on October 13, 1995; Marian, who was born on September 9, 1913 and died in Santa Rosa, California on February 24, 1971; Annabelle, who was born on August 25, 1915 and died October 2, 1987; Alberta Ruth, born January 5, 1923; Betty, born November 21, 1924; and Richard, born in 1931. Elizabeth, the mother, died in Grand Haven on March 8, 1978. Henry died on May 12, 1962 and Anna died in Grand Haven on March 8, 1978. They were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. John Zuidema was Henry’s brother.

Jennie Zuidema [1881-1930]

See Jennie Zuidema Swiftney.

John [Jonathan] Zuidema I [1876-1942]

John, born in Michigan on May 21, 1876, was the son of Albert and Anna Balcom Zuidema and brother of Henry Zuidema of Spring Lake. In 1918 John was employed as a crater at Story & Clark. By 1930 he was working at the Ottawa County Maintenance Garage as a blacksmith. He married Caroline "Carrie" Babcock in 1897 in Ottawa County. The daughter of Fred and Cecelia Babcock, she was born in Piqua, Ohio on February 4, 1878 and died in Spring Lake on December 26, 1947. Carrie and John had three sons: Albert J., born in November, 1897; Fred, born about 1902; and John C. II, born on February 1, 1905. John I, who had a blacksmith business in Spring Lake, died on July 7, 1942 [1947]. He and Carrie were buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. The family resided on Jackson Street in the Village.

John C. Zuidema II [1905-1961]

John, the son of John and Caroline Babcock Zuidema of Spring Lake, married Dorothy Mae Hanson in Grand Haven on January 6, 1934. The daughter of Burton and Ruth Mae Watkins Hanson of Grand Haven, she was born May 2, 1910. John and Dorothy moved to Garden Grove, California. They had a daughter, Karen Jo, who married Captain Paul Richard Taylor of the United States Coast Guard. He originally was from Spring Lake. John II was born on February 1, 1905 in Spring Lake and passed away on November 21, 1961. He was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. Dorothy died in Garden Grove on May 8, 1988.

John Zwaagman [1844-1912]

Born in The Netherlands in October, 1844, John Zwaagman owned a 25-acre farm in Section 26 of Grand Haven Township. John died in 1912. His wife, Nellie [Peterke] Bloek, also a native of The Netherlands, lived from July, 1850 to 1930 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery with her husband. John immigrated to the United States in 1869 and Nellie in 1872. Their children, all born in Michigan, were Jacob, born in November, 1873; John, born in April, 1880; Lucy, born in May, 1883; Peter, born in January, 1886; Kelly, born in November, 1887; and Anna, born in September, 1892.

George J. Zysk I [1886-1964]

George Zysk was born in Poland [Russia] on May 9, 1886 and passed away in Grand Haven in October, 1964. He was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. George married Sophia Garecki, who was born in Poland around 1890 and immigrated to the United States a year after George, who arrived in 1903. George was employed at Eagle Ottawa Leather Company. George's and Sophia's

children were Helen, who was born on February 18, 1912 in New Jersey and died in Grand Haven on January 6, 2000; Henry C., who was born about 1913 in New Jersey; Edward A., who was born on January 2, 1914 in Michigan and passed away in October, 1974; George Thaddeus, who was born on June 20, 1916; Stanley C., who was born about July, 1919; John T., who was born on December 22, 1924; Stuart D., who was born about February, 1928 and died while serving with the Army on June 6, 1945; and Patricia D., who was born about March, 1929. The last five children were born locally. By 1918 the family resided at 1333 Franklin, two years later they were at 821 Franklin, and by 1928 they lived on Eastern Street.

George Thaddeus Zysk II [1916-2005]

George, the son of George and Sophia Garecki Zysk, was born in Grand Haven on June 20, 1916. He married Mary Lou Koats in Grand Haven on May 29, 1948. George served with the Army during WWII. He retired from Oldberg Manufacturing [AP Parts] in 1981. He was a member of the local American Legion Post, the VFW, and St. Mary's Catholic Church of Spring Lake. The Zysks had three children: Leslie, who married Thomas Franks and moved to Portage, Michigan; Craig Steven, who was born on December 18, 1949 and became a Grand Haven contractor; and Kathryn. The family resided at 606 Jackson. George became well known as the "sign man" of the neighborhood, a reference to the political statements and Bible verses he painted on the exterior of his house for about 20 years. A sister, Patricia, married Raymond Masko of Robinson Township. George was buried at Spring Lake Cemetery. [Tribune obituary, October 19, 2005, Tribune article, "Grand Haven's 'sign man' dead at age 89," and Chronicle article, "'Sign man' dead at 89."]

John T. Zysk [1924-1997]

John Zysk and Ottalie Hazel Kummer were married in Chicago on June 27, 1949. She was born on April 8, 1921 to Walter and Viola Meltzer Kummer in Maywood, Illinois. John, the son of George and Sophia Zysk of Grand Haven, lived from December 22, 1924 to April 11, 1997. George T. Zysk of Grand Haven was his brother. John was a mail carrier for the postal system. John and Ottalie moved to Grand Haven in 1951. Their home was at 15195 Mercury Drive. Ottalie had worked for Bell & Howell in Chicago, and locally she was employed by Fricano's Pizza. The Zysks were members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Their children were Judith Neher-Foster and Gale Clark. Ottalie passed away on September 1, 2002 and was buried at Lake Forest Cemetery. [Tribune obituary, September 3, 2002.]

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