

# **Lansing's First Landowners**

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## Jerry R. Lawler

Jerry R. Lawler was born on August 2, 1943, in Jackson Township, Webster County, Iowa. His parents Cornelius Rial “Cork” and Ruth Catherine (née Sullivan) Lawler operated a large farm just south of Clare, Iowa. Jerry attended St. Matthews Academy for grade school and high school in Clare.

After graduating from St. Matthews, Jerry served in the United States Army. Upon his discharge from the service, Jerry attend Drake University, graduating in 1966. He briefly worked for the Iowa Legislative Service Bureau before relocating to Lansing, Michigan, in 1968. In his early years in Lansing, Jerry managed two fast food restaurants, before finding a position as a clerk with the state of Michigan. He was also instrumental in the founding and growth of the Eastside Neighborhood Organization.

Jerry was fascinated by local politics. He was the moving force in opening city council committee meetings to the public. In 1977, *State Journal* writer Mike Hughes captured Jerry’s passion for research and exploring all aspects of a problem or question: “Lawler has an obsession for meticulous detail. His home is overflowing with charts, graphs, lists, overlays. He can show you the precise location of streetlights and stop signs and accidents and crimes. He can outduel city officials on everything from zoning to water pumps. He has built the ENO [Eastside Neighborhood Organization] into a strong force.” (4/18/1977).

He worked for the state of Michigan for thirty-eight years in a variety of nonpartisan positions, including as Director of the Legislative Council Facilities Agency. In 1989, he became Executive Director of the Michigan Capitol Committee, for which he managed the restoration of the Michigan State Capitol in the early 1990s and was instrumental in having the Capitol designated a National Historic Landmark. Jerry loved local history and was fascinated with the early settlement of Ingham County and the decision to relocate the state Capitol to the county. He was probably the leading expert on John Lansing Jr., a delegate to the U. S. Constitutional Convention of 1787, and indirectly who the city of Lansing, Michigan, is named after.

Jerome Raymond “Jerry” Lawler passed away on September 14, 2007, having received many awards and recognition for his community service, including a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Michigan Historic Preservation Network. He was survived by wife Connie, two stepdaughters and a stepson, and two sisters.

## How to use this Document

Jerry Lawler left his research notes, both digital and print, to the Forest Parke Library and Archives at the Capital Area District Libraries. For the first decade of the 21st century, staff have been updating Jerry's digital files. It has been a challenge. Jerry's digital documents were created on an iMac G3. When we migrated the files to Microsoft Word, there were several complications; for example, sometimes the date 1881 was rendered as l88l (uppercase "l" instead of the numeral one). Many have been corrected but this discrepancy still exists throughout the files. The Lawler Timeline was the first of these converted documents to be published. We hope to follow it with Jerry's other works, but it will take some time, given that there are still thousands of pages to edit and organize.

In the timeline text you will notice that following the quote or piece of information, there will be a citation. Sometimes the citation is complete, but mostly you will see something like this: "Government land surveyors in area. 12 pg. 51". If you check at the end of the document, you will find a list of sources. So, "12 pg. 51" refers to the source number 12 on the list, and the information will be found on page 51.

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### John Adam

May 15, 1837      John L. Adam of Lenawee County purchased 80 acres in section 24 of Windsor Township, Eaton county. Same John Adam?

Oct 18, 1848      John Adam                      Block 244      Lot 7                      \$281

### Augustus F. Allen

Apr 24, 1847      Augustus F. Allen and wife Margaret of Chautauqua Cty. NY to William Hall of same place; Land in Lansing Twp. Sec. 5 (L7:P311)

Purchased W 1/2 part of SE quarter of section 5 for \$300.

Feb 2, 1843      Whitney Jones & Louisa of Delta township, Eaton county to Augustus Allen of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, NY. Land in sections 5, 10, 13 & 14 of Lansing township. L5:p69.

Mar 17, 1845      Augustus F. Allen and wife Margaret of Jamestown, Chautauqua, Cty. NY to George A. Keeler of Sherman, Chautauqua Cty, NY; land in Lansing Twp. Section 13. (18:P358)

Apr 24, 1847      Augustus Allen to William Hall of Chautauqua, NY; land in section 5 of Lansing township. L7:P311.

### Charles T Allen

Block 114                      Lot 6  
Block 157                      Lot 7 & 8  
Block 103                      Lot 2

Ran Hudson House for time. D 162.

Oct 6, 1847      Charles J. T. Allen      Block 157      Lot 8                      \$140

Nov 7, 1847      Charles T. Allen and wife Sophronia of Michigan, Ingham Cty to Eveline Laverty of same place; Land in village of Michigan (L7:P564)

Purchased part of Lot 5 of block 176 for \$115. Land purchased:

Begin NW corner of Lot running  
Thence East along South line of Main Street 25 1/2 feet  
Thence South at right angle to rear of lot  
Thence Westerly along rear of lot to West line  
Thence North along last-mentioned line to beginning.

Nov 13, 1848	Charles T. Allen	Block 100	Lot 10 \$266
			Lot 9 \$200

1848                      Lansing Township Treas. Source: Durant

Dec 1, 1849            "We have also contracted with the Charles T. Allen for the clearing and fencing of capital square, for which the state is to pay him nine dollars per acre for clearing, and two hundred and ten dollars for fencing said square, and it to allow him the use of the ground for one year." Source: Annual Report of the commissioner of the State Land Office, for receipts from Dec. 1, 1847 to Nov. 30, 1848.

1849                      Lansing Township Treas. D 199.

1849                      Paid \$30 personal property tax on Lot 2 of Block 103.

**James C. Allen**

Mar 4, 1836            James Allen & H. Morgan purchased 160 acres (land patent) on section 27 of Lansing township.

Mar 14, 1836           James Allen & H. Morgan purchased 373.22 acres (land patent) on section 22 of Lansing township.

Mar 14, 1836           J. Allen purchased 373.22 acres of section 22 of Lansing Township. Same individual?  
Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard W. Lucas, 1982.

May 28, 1836           James Allen purchased 120 acres of section 35 of Vermontville Township, Eaton County.  
Same John Allen?

May 1, 1839            US to Henry Morgan & John Allen of Washtenaw county; land section 22 of Lansing Township. 18:P104.

Mar 3, 1847            James C. Allen of Washtenaw county, Michigan purchased 40 acres (land patent) in section 1 of Lansing township.

Mar 12, 1847           James C. Allen of Washtenaw county, Michigan purchased 80 acres (land patent) in section 2 of Lansing township.

Sep 15, 1847           James C. Allen of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan to Sarah Ann Davis of same; Land in Lansing Twp. Sec. 1 (L10:P461)

Oct 28, 1848           James C. Allen and wife Martha T. of Lenawee Cty to Justus Sackett of same; land in Lansing Twp. Section 2. (18:P493)

Oct 28, 1848

James C. Allen and wife Martha T. of Lenawee Cty to F. J. B. Crane of Washtenaw County; land in Lansing Twp. Section 2. (L11:P326)

### **John Allen**

Jan 1824

John Allen and Elisha Rumsey met in Detroit. "Behind each was a somewhat tattered reputation: Allen because of some bad debts in his native Virginia...Shortly after meeting they left Detroit by sleigh, and early in February they chose a well-forested site along a creek and fed into a nearby river. The discovery of wood and water, essential for development, ended their search. ...Returning to Detroit, they registered their claim ...on February 14, 1824, Allen purchasing 480 acres, Rumsey 160." Named place Annarbour (Ann Arbor) Source: A History of Ann Arbor, by Jonathan L. Marwil, The Ann Arbor Observer Company, 1987, pg. 1 & 2.

John Allen, a young man of twenty-eight who stood over six feet tall, was "well-proportioned" and "physically a very grand specimen of a man." He and Elisha Walker Rumsey were to be Ann Arbor's founders. Allen was from an old, well-established, though not aristocratic, Virginia family. He married well at age nineteen, but less than four years later found himself a widower with two children. Two years later he married a young widow, Ann Isabella McCue. John was cheerful, carefree, and adventuresome; Ann was religious, somewhat melancholy, and interested in security and the amenities of gracious living. John was ideally suited to be a pioneer; Ann was not. ...Though a slave owner, he ultimately came to disapprove vigorously of this oppressive feature of southern society. Source: Making of Ann Arbor, 1824-1859, founding and Settlement, from Pictorial History of Ann Arbor: 1824-1974, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan, [www.aadl.org/moaa/1824-1859](http://www.aadl.org/moaa/1824-1859)

John went to Buffalo, New York, a gateway town to the West. He stayed for two months looking for an associate before he moved on to Detroit in January 1824. Here he met Elisha Rumsey from Genes County, New York. Though ten years older than Allen, he apparently was not the moving force behind the venture. Rumsey, from an old New England family, was on his second visit to Michigan when he met Allen. he, too, was escaping financial difficulties as well as gossip about his second wife, Mary Ann, with whom he lived before marriage. Source: Making of Ann Arbor, 1824-1859, founding and Settlement, from Pictorial History of Ann Arbor: 1824-1974, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan, [www.aadl.org/moaa/1824-1859](http://www.aadl.org/moaa/1824-1859)

May 25, 1824

Allen and Rumsey filed plat for Ann Arbor. Source: A History of Ann Arbor, by Jonathan L. Marwil, The Ann Arbor Observer Company, 1987

- 1831 After found Ann Arbor, Allen studies law and was practicing by 1831. Source: A History of Ann Arbor, by Jonathan L. Marwil, The Ann Arbor Observer Company, 1987, pg. 5.
- 1833 Ann Arbor incorporated as village. Allen selected first president. Source: A History of Ann Arbor, by Jonathan L. Marwil, The Ann Arbor Observer Company, 1987, pg. 8
- Nov 1829 John Allen and George Corselius started newspaper *The Western Emigrant*. Source: A History of Ann Arbor, by Jonathan L. Marwil, The Ann Arbor Observer Company, 1987, pg. 10.
- Allen and Corselius turned paper into strong opponent of Masonry. Source: Making of Ann Arbor, 1824-1859, founding and Settlement, from Pictorial History of Ann Arbor: 1824-1974, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan, [www.aadl.org/moaa/1824-1859](http://www.aadl.org/moaa/1824-1859)
- Mar 4, 1836 John Allen purchased 67.78 acres of section 26 of Meridian Township. Same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard W. Lucas, 1982.  
Note: Source Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 277 notes date Nov 4, 1836.
- Mar 4, 1836 J. Allen purchased 67.78 acres of section 26 and 156.98 acres of section 36 of Meridian Township. Same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard W. Lucas, 1982.
- Mar 4, 1836 John Allen purchased 173.31 acres of section 25 of Meridian Township. Same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard W. Lucas, 1982.
- Mar 4, 1836 Allen and Morgan purchased land in sections 35 and 36 of Meridian Township. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 277.
- Sep 21, 1836 John Allen of Jackson, Michigan purchased 168.44 acres of section 1 of Onondaga Township. Same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard W. Lucas, 1982.
- Sep 21, 1836 John Allen purchased land section 11. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 291.
- Sep 21, 1836 John Allen purchased 160 acres of section 11 of Meridian Township. Same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard W. Lucas, 1982.

Nov 4, 1836	Henry Morgan and John Allen purchased land in sections 25 and 26 of Meridian Township. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 278.
May 1, 1839	(Patent) United States to Henry Morgan and John Allen of Washtenaw Cty; land in Lansing Twp. Section 22 (18:P104)
May 1, 1839	(Patent) United States to Henry Morgan and John Allen of Washtenaw Cty; land in Lansing Twp. Section 27 (18:P105)
May 1, 1839	(Patent) United States to Henry Morgan and John Allen of Washtenaw Cty; land in Meridian Twp. Section 26 (18:P106)
May 1, 1839	(Patent) United States to Henry Morgan and John Allen of Washtenaw Cty; land in Meridian Twp. Section 25 (18:P107)
May 1, 1839	(Patent) United States to Henry Morgan and John Allen of Washtenaw Cty; land in Meridian Twp. Section 36 (18:P108)
Mar 22, 1847	John Allen of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw Cty. to Henry Morgan of Aurora, Cayuga Cty, NY; land in Lansing Twp. Section 27 (18:P109)
Jul 1850	Allen in gold fields of California - by July prospecting on Mercedes River. "But in the autumn, having little to show for his efforts, he forsook mining and took up growing vegetables on a twenty-acre plot outside of San Francisco. Source: A History of Ann Arbor, by Jonathan L. Marwil, The Ann Arbor Observer Company, 1987, pg. 22.
Mar 11, 1851	Died in California after a long illness. Source: A History of Ann Arbor, by Jonathan L. Marwil, The Ann Arbor Observer Company, 1987, pg. 22.

### **Frederick Alton**

Block 132      Lot 1 & 2

Occupation Mechanic

1843	Emigrated from Germany. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 138.
1843	Came US stayed 4 months New York Then Marshall, remained at Marshall for about 2 years. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 138.
1845?	Few months in Dexter and Ann Arbor, 13 months in Albion, Calhoun County. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 138.



Oct 6, 1847	Frederick Alton	Block 132	Lot 1 & 2	\$118
1848	Came Lansing - lived number weeks Dr. Goucher house. Opened shop on river St.			
Feb 1848	Came to Lansing, lived for a number of weeks in house of Dr. Goucher. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 138.			
Feb 1848	Moved family & opened shop on River Street, worked alone for about a year. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 138.			
	First child born after location of Capitol was Catherine Alton. A pg. 27.			
1848	Frederick Alton opened shop on River Street enlarged in 1849. Turned out a great many cisterns. About 1856 moved Washington and end Lapeer Street, north side of Lapeer. 1870 moved south side of Lapeer. Manufacturing flour barrels 1880 produced out 4,000 packing barrels, employed 6-15; 25 pg. 138.			
1848	....and in the early fifties, Fred Alton had a cooper shop, where he made pork barrels, on the west bank of Grand river on the south side of Kalamazoo streets. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 88-89.			
1849	Built frame shop and enlarged business, employing several hands, among other jobs turned out great number of cisterns. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 138.			
	Remained on River Street for about 8 years, sold and purchased lots on corner of Washington and Lapeer Street, on north side of Lapeer Street. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 138.			
1860	Frederick Alton, cooper, Washington Avenue. Source: George W. Hawes' Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1860, pg. 222.			
1867-8	Frederick Alton, cooper, Washington Avenue. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1867-68, pg. 274.			
About 1870	Moved shop to south side of Lapeer Street; business mostly custom work, mfg. flour barrels for B. E. Hart, of North Lansing; employed from 6 to 15, Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 138.			
1873	Frederick Alton, cooper, Washington Avenue.			

Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1873, pg. 396.

- 1877 Frederick Alton, cooper, Lapeer. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1877, pg. 556.
- 1879 Frederick Alton, cooper, Lapeer. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1879, pg. 730.
- 1880 Associated with son under name Fred. Alton & Son; produce about 4000 packing-barrels and a large number of potash and other barrels. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 138.

### Anderson

- Sep 28, 1836 Albert Anderson of Genesee county, NY, purchased 80 acres of section 35 of Lansing township. (Land patent)
- |              |                   |          |           |       |
|--------------|-------------------|----------|-----------|-------|
| Nov 29, 1847 | Caroline Anderson | Block 69 | Lot 5 & 6 | \$206 |
| Feb 8, 1848  | John Anderson     | Block 69 | Lot 7 & 8 | \$158 |
- Apr 23, 1859 John Calvin Anderson, age 13 yr. 6 months, died at Parma, MI; only son of Col. John and Carlone Anderson.  
Source: Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan; Occasional Paper; Number 1, Death and Marriage Items, Reported in The Lansing State Republican, 1855-1860.

### Ray C. Andrews

- Sec. 9
- Nov 8, 1848 James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee county Michigan to Ray C. Andrews of Lansing, Ingham county, Michigan; Land in Lansing Twp. Sec. 9. (L11:P636)
- Purchased for \$400 the NE quarter of SE quarter of section 9.
- NE quarter of Section 9  
beginning in center of said section from N to S with Grand River road or ...said line and makes an angle from W to SW course and on the northerly line of said road and running  
Thence N along said center line 25 rods to SW corner of Johnsons and  
Thence E along the S line of said Johnsons land 2 rods  
Thence S 5 rods  
Thence E 8 rods  
Thence S 20 rods  
Thence W 10 rods to place of beginning

May 29, 1852 Ray G. Andrews and wife May of Clinton Co to Betsey H. Dryer of Lansing; land in Lansing Twp. section 9. (L11:P638)

### Austin

Feb 9, 1848	Anson S. Austin	Block 151	Lot 4	\$99
May 8, 1848	Almon Austin & Sonisa	Squire Block 98	Lot 1	\$40

### Bagg & Harmon

Block 114 Lot 11

Sep 28, 1847 Arahel L. Bagg & John Harmon Block 114 Lot 11 \$256

Late 48 or early 49 of Detroit started newspaper "Free Press" only few number issued. A519.

Jan 11, 1848 First newspaper printed in Lansing; original probably called *Liberty Press* changed to *Michigan State Journal*, published until 1855. 9 pg. 213; 11 pg. 26. Called *Lansing Journal* 13 pg. 236. Called the *Free Press* changed to *Michigan State Journal*. 26 pg. 363. Called *Free Press* - a few months subsequently the name was changed to the *Michigan State Journal*, published until about 1862. 25 pg. 160. Called *Free Press* after few issued sold and changed *State Journal* (late 48', early 49') printed in Detroit prior to 1850. 8 - pg. 106. The *Free Press*, first newspaper published in city. 127 Note: 127 notes started on Jan. 10, 1848.

First Lansing newspaper published. 35 *Free Press* founded, later called *State Journal*. 7 pg. 40.

*Free Press* started by Detroit firm of Bagg & Harmon; after few issues, sold (late 1848 or 1849) and named changed to *Stage Journal*; believe paper printed in Detroit prior to 1850. 267 pg. 519.

### J.C. Bailey and Ann Bailey

Block 68	Lot 7 & 8
Block 130	Lot 3
Block 134	Lot 2
Block 136	Lot 3?

1811 Born at Crown Point, New York. Source: Significant People Buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, MI; A Tour Through History; by Linda Peckham.

May 16, 1835 Joseph C. Bailey of Jackson County, Michigan purchased 160 acres of section 20 of Town 1 South, Range 1 West of Jackson County.  
Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.

Jan 22, 1836 Joseph c. Bailey of Jackson County, Michigan purchased 40 acres of section 21 of Town 1 South, Range 1 West of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.

1836 Married Ann. Source: Significant People Buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, MI; A Tour Through History; by Linda Peckham.

Dec 12, 1836 Joseph C. Bailey of Jackson county purchased 160 acres in section 31 of Benton Township, Eaton county. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880, pg. 417.

Dec 19, 1836 Joseph C. Bailey of Jackson County purchased 80 acres of section 18 of Town 3 South, Range 1 East of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.

Jan 1837 Married Miss Sargeant "they're being the first marriage which occurred in the township." The justice of the peace who married them was Joseph Bailey, of Jackson, afterwards State treasurer and a resident of Lansing, and he came on horseback from Jackson to perform the ceremony, having to remain over-night." Source: Eaton and Ingham Counties, Michigan, Durant, 1880, pg. 313.

Nov 18, 1837 Joseph C. Bailey of Jackson County purchased 40 acres of section 8 and 40 acres of section 23 and 40 acres of section 28 of Town 3 South, Range 1 East of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.

1841 Moved from Jackson to Detroit to be clerk in Auditor General's office. Source: Obituary in November 15, 1865, The Lansing State Republican.

? Went into banking office of Messrs. W. A. Butler & Co. Source: Obituary in November 15, 1865, The Lansing State Republican.

1847 Accepted clerkship in Auditor General office in new capital of Lansing. Source: Obituary in November 15, 1865, The Lansing State Republican.

1847 Joseph C and Ann Bailey of Jackson moved to Lansing; Mr. Bailey a clerk in State treasurer office. Source: Pioneer XXVII pg. 50.

Jan 5, 1848 Governor Ransom nominated Harry L. Whipple, Joseph C. Bailey and James G. Ramsey to be notaries public for the county of Ingham; Senate consented to. Source: Executive Journal, Senate Journal 1848; pg. 669.

Jan 25, 1848	Joseph C. Bailey	Block 130	Lot 3	\$90
Mar 7, 1848	Ann Bailey	Block 68	Lot 7 & 8	\$188
Mar 16, 1848	Joseph C. Bailey	Block 68	Lot 6	\$72
Mar 25, 1848	Joseph C. Bailey	Block 68	Lot 3	\$45
May 1, 1848	Joseph C. Bailey	Block 98	Lot 6 & 7	\$180
May 1, 1848	Joseph C. Bailey	Block 136	Lot 8	\$119
Jul 18, 1848	Joseph C. Bailey	Block 107	Lot 8	\$22
Jul 20, 1848	Joseph C. Bailey	Block 107	Lot 5	\$22
Jul 20, 1848	Joseph C. Bailey	Block 97	Lot 1	\$22
Nov 18, 1848	Joseph C. Bailey	Block 240	Lot 6	\$63
			Lot 5	\$75
			Lot 4	\$9?

1848-54 Deputy State Treasurer. Source: Significant People Buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, MI; A Tour Through History; by Linda Peckham.

? Appointed Deputy State Treasurer by Hon. George B. Cooper, served until close of term of Hon. B. c. Whittemore, in 1855. Source: Obituary in November 15, 1865, The Lansing State Republican.

1850 Opened exchange.

Aug 19, 1851 Purchased 101.84 of Town 1 South, Range 2 West; 74.70 acres of section 6 of Town 1 South, Range 1 West; patent had been forfeited and sold by State to Bailey. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.

Jul 12, 1854 Purchased 80 acres in section 27 of Delhi Township. Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

Jul 31, 1854 Purchased 78.07 acres and 50.95 acres of section 6, and 40 acres of section 16 of Meridian Township. Same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard W. Lucas, 1982.

Nov. 30, 1854 Paid \$10.01 for team work on Capitol avenue. pg. 22. Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.

Nov. 30, 1854 Paid \$18.00 to J. C. Bailey for amount paid Sagendorph, Darling, and others, grading for plank walk, and team work. pg. 24. Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.

1855 Commenced general banking business in Lansing, after left Auditor General office.

Source: Obituary in November 15, 1865, The Lansing State Republican.

- 1855 Board Supervisors appointed one of three-person committee to procure plans and specification for new courthouse.  
Source: The City of Mason, Its Past and Present Life 1838-1897, compiled by Roy C. Vandercook; pg. 9. D. 107
- 1855-56 Supervisor of Lansing Township. Source: Durant
- Jun 20, 1857 Ingham county: Contract let to Matthew Elder of Lansing for brick court house at cost \$12,229.19; site committee consisted of P. R. Peck, William Woodhouse and J. C. Bailey; committee selected center of public square where current court house sits; citizens of Mason contributed \$1,700.00; two stories high, fenced and contained court room, rooms for county officials. Source; Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938, Chapter 10.
- 1859 J. Bailey listed as owning property in Section 3 of Bunkerhill Township. Same J. Bailey.? Listed as Banker. (Block 100, Lot 5)  
Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- Jun 30, 1860 Mrs. Deborah Bailey died at residence of son, J. C. Bailey, age of 85.
- 1863 J.C. Bailey & Co. (Joseph C. Bailey and Chas. S. Hunt) bankers in middle town. A432.
- 1863 Obtained charter for Bank and sold in 1864. Source: Significant People Buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, MI; A Tour Through History; by Linda Peckham.
- 1863-64 J. C. Bailey & Company (Joseph C. Bailey and Charles S. Hunt), bankers, middle town. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1863-64, pg. 377.
- 1864 Org. with other the First National Bank of Lansing, sold out to Second national Bank  
  
Opened private banking house - J. C. Bailey & Co.
- 1864 Democratic party candidate for first representative district in Ingham county, lost. Source: Obituary in November 15, 1865, The Lansing State Republican.
- 1865 Lansing city assessor and President of State Insurance Company at time of death. Source: Obituary in November 15, 1865, The Lansing State Republican.

- 1865 Died. Source: Significant People Buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, MI; A Tour Through History; by Linda Peckham.
- Nov 10, 1865 Died at Pithole, Pa, after illness of few days. Source: Obituary in November 15, 1865, The Lansing State Republican.
- ? Purchased 160 acres of section 17 of Town 1 South, Range 1 West of Jackson County.  
Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.

### **William A. Barker**

Block 35 Lot 12

- Jul 2, 1836 William Barker purchased 160 acres of section 4 of White Oak Township. Same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard W. Lucas, 1982.
- 1865? Resident of Vevay. A753.

### **Joseph W. Barker**

- Nov 7, 1829 Born in Byron, Genesee County, N.Y. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891.
- 1844 Came to Michigan - Oneida township, Eaton county Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891.
- 1847 Capitol Construction worker. Mason - worked foundation  
Note: Original or addition?  
"he worked on the old offices of the capitol and if there is a good foundation to the legislative halls that will preserve the old building from rocking in times of trouble it will no doubt be due to the careful and conscientious workmanship of our subject."  
Worked for John N. Bush, then with Mr. Alcott, then back to Bush, firm name Bush & Alcott.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston Counties, Michigan; Chicago: Chapman Bros. 1891.
- Jun 1848 Joseph W. Barker came to Lansing; came to Michigan in 1844 and settled in 1845 in Oneida Township, Eaton County;  
"...began to work at the mason's trade under John N. Bush. He remained with him for three years and then continued the same work with Mr. Alcott as a partner, then went back to Mr. Bush, after which he was engaged in work alone and then the firm became Bush and Alcott. He worked on the old Offices of the capitol and if there is a good foundation to the legislative halls what will preserve the old buildings from rocking in times of trouble

it will no doubt be due to the careful and conscientious workmanship...of Barker. In 1871 "left the mason's business and entered the furniture business in North Lansing, which was run under the firm name of Barker & Wilbur. In 1873 he sold out his interest and formed a partnership with Daniel Parker in the grocery business. They started their business in the opera house block ..." 117 pg. 350

- Jun 1848      Came to Lansing: worked mason's trade under John N. Bush. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891.
- 1851      Formed partnership with Mr. Alcott Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891.
- Formed partnership with Daniel Parker
- 1854      Married Elsie Maiden
- Had three children: Arthur A., Ina L. and William H. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891.
- 1861-1862      City Auditor. Source: Durant
- 1862      Alderman from Fourth Ward for two years. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891.
- 1868      School Board two years. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891.
- 1871      Left mason's business and entered furniture business (Barker & Wilbur) in North Lansing.
- Later entered grocery business.
- 1873      City Alderman Source: Durant
- Supervisor one year. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891.

### **George Beal (Beale)**

Block 16      Lot 5, 6, 7, & 8

- 1847      Capitol construction worker - Capitol Worker  
Helped cut off timber
- 1847      "This (Benton House) was the first brick building erected in Lansing, and the brick were made at North Lansing by "old man Beals."" D pg. 162.



The first brick building put up in the city was called the Benton House, built by Bush & Thomas. The brick was manufactured in lower town by a man named Beal, in 1847. Source: Alvin Rolfe; Adams pg. 770.

- 1847 George Beale died October 19, 1896 obituary "told how he turned in with many others in 1847 to clear the timber from the site occupied so many years by the old capital building." pg. 31. Source: The Centennial History of Ingham county Michigan, by Ford Stevens Caesar.
- 1847 Beal, known as "old man Beal" or "Deacon Beal", started manufacturing brick (1880 site of Shultz & Co.) manufacturing brick for Benton House. 25 pg. 139.
- 1848 there were, in 1848, at "lower towns," ...and, about 1850, James Beal had a brick yard on the east side of Larch street, about thirty rods north of Sheridan street. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 88-89.
- 1849 James Beal paid personal property tax on Lots 6-8 in Block 16 and others Note: James son/brother of George?
- 1859 Listed as brickmaker. (Block 16, Lot 10) Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- Oct 19, 1896 Died. pg. 31. Source: The Centennial History of Ingham county Michigan, by Ford Stevens Caesar.

#### **James Beal**

- 1860 James Beal brickmaker, Larch Street. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1860, pg. 222. Son?

#### **Eleazer H. Beebe**

Jun 23, 1847	Eleazer H. Beebe	Block 160	Lot I	\$68
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#### **Elizabeth A. Bennett**

Oct 22, 1847	Elizabeth A. Bennett	Block 153	Lot 5	\$58
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#### **John Bennett and Peter Bennett**

- May 13, 1848 George W. Peck of Lansing to John Bennett and Peter Bennett of Knox Twp. Columbiana Co. Ohio; for \$320.00; East half of NW quarter and West half of SE quarter of section 31 Meridian Twp. (18:P101)

## Royal Benson

Sep 2, 1847      Royal Benson Block 145      Lot 7      \$32

## Francis A. Blades

Block 44      Lot 3

Aug 11, 1820

Born in Newton, Maryland.

Source: Rev. Francis Asbury Blades, by William C. Manbury;  
Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, vol. XXXV, pg. 387-392.

1828

Blades family moved to Michigan.

Source: Rev. Francis Asbury Blades, by William C. Manbury;  
Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, vol. XXXV, pg. 387-392.

"His health through childhood and early boyhood was very precarious, and he developed symptoms of early decline. It was partly in search of health for his son that the elder Blade came with his wife and younger children of the family to their new home in the wilds of Michigan. It was thought that outdoor exercise and employment might build up the boy's constitution and possibly insure him health for the future.

The family landed in Detroit from Buffalo with the usual pioneer outfit; a team of horses, canvas covered wagon, household and farm utensils, the latter being very meager. The land in and around Flint and Genesee county, largely school lands, had been recently placed in the market and was attracting many settlers from the east. Thither the family journeyed from Detroit. The time consumed in making the trip to Grand Blanc where they halted, was three days. The family was sustained on the road by a few provisions procured at Detroit, supplemented by a deer or bird brought down by the skillful hand of the father.

The stooping shoulders, so marked a characteristic of Mr. Blades' physical appearance, was chiefly chargeable to the fact that his first work was in helping his father to roll up logs in clearing the forest and in making the first shelter for the family. Plowing, sowing and reaping followed in their turn, and this more and more accentuated the stooping shoulders so well remembered by all who knew Mr. Blades in later life." pg. 388

he obtained his lessons from his father and his religious training at his mother's knee. He read, as did Lincoln, by the light of the pine knot, the occasional paper, magazine or book that his way. pg. 389. Source: Rev. Francis Asbury Blades, by William C. Manbury; Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, vol. XXXV, pg. 387-392.

1839

Became school-teacher.

Source: Rev. Francis Asbury Blades, by William C. Manbury;  
Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, vol. XXXV, pg. 387-392.

1840 The traveling preachers of this denomination (Methodist Episcopal) began to visit Okemos probably as early as 1840. The Revs. Jackson and Lapham were the first circuit-riders. The Rev. Franklin Blades, known as the "Boy Preacher," Orrin Whitmore, Bessy, Glass, and others were among the early ministers who visited the place. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 282.

1844 Call came to enter Christian ministry; joined Methodist church. "In the succeeding years, the history of this remarkable man in his relations to the Christian ministry, is the history of his church in this State, and largely, the history of the State itself. during the years of his active ministry, he served in almost every important conference in Michigan. He was presiding elder at five conferences, namely those at Flint, Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor, Adrian and Detroit. pg. 289-390.

"His first experience was as a circuit rider, as the itinerant missionary was then called. "...he had a ready wit that served him on all occasions. Indeed, it was the common remark of his friends that the elder was never bested in a battle of wits. he had a story always ready to meet every occasion, and in this particular was more like Abraham Lincoln than any other man mentioned in our history or in our times. pg. 390.

Source: Rev. Francis Asbury Blades, by William C. Manbury;  
Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, vol. XXXV, pg. 387-392.

1844 Admitted to the Detroit Annual conference.  
Source: The Methodist Church in Michigan: The nineteenth Century by Margaret Burnham Macmillan. pg. 175.

1844 In the month of December I started out one cold day to go to Pike Lake to an appointment and preach in the evening; also, to go to Okemos the next evening. After I had gone about four miles I stopped to warm. I had on my only pair of pants and they were worn very thin; I had on no undergarments. I went out, and, in attempting to mount my horse, my pants met with an accident, so that I was in a sad plight. I went back to where I had stayed overnight and borrowed a pair of pants to wear around the circuit. I did not then have a dollar in money.

On the circuit I found a very warm friend and wise counselor in Rev. Lewis Colburn, who is now a resident of Lansing.  
Source: Reminiscences of the Early Itinerary by S. C. Woodard. MPC. Vol. XIV, pg. 558.

1844-45 My (R. C. Crawford) third (1844) and fourth (1845) years were upon Shiawassee circuit, as preacher in charge, with W. F.

Cowles for my colleague the first year, and F. A. Blades for colleague the second year. We made the round of this circuit once in four weeks, and had eighteen regular preaching places, Owosso, Corunna, Shiawassee town and Byron were included, being the only cities of importance then existing in Shiawassee county. Here I first became acquainted with our pioneer friend, of precious memory, B. O. William's and his brother Alfred. The house we lived in at Shiawassee town was built for a hotel of vast proportions, and with the expectation of a large city in the near future, provisions were made for the accommodate a great number of guests. But for some reason the big city did not get there, and the multitude of guests did not come, and the big hotel, only furnished in part, was converted into residences for poor families, like us Methodist preachers, who were not able to pay extravagant rents. We occupied the large ball room, which was lathed but not plastered. With boards un-planed we made a partition across the hall, so as to give us two rooms; one for a guest chamber and pastor's study, and the other and larger one served for kitchen, dining room, sitting room and parlor with our family bed in the northeast corner of the big room. My colleague, Bro. Blades, had his home with us, he being a single man and was obliged to board around. Our receipts upon this charge compared favorably with previous ones. Source: Fifty-Two years of Itinerant Life in The Michigan Conference of The M. E. Church by Rev. R. C. Crawford; MPC Vol. XXII pg. 269.

- 1847 At the Annual conference of 1847, Francis Asbury Blades was appointed to Mapleton Circuit with the specific understanding that it included Lansing.  
Source: The Methodist Church in Michigan: The nineteenth Century by Margaret Burnham Macmillan. pg. 175.
- 1847-1848 Rev. F. A. Blades labored in Lansing from 1847 until the Annual Conference of 1848, when Rev. Ransom R. Richards was stationed there. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 168.
- Jul 23, 1848 James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee County to Francis A. Blades of Dewitt, Clinton County; land in village of Lansing. (18:P206)  
  
Purchased for \$100 Lot 3 of Block 44.
- 1848 The Methodist Episcopal church of Lansing also organized in 1848, with "F.A. Blades, preacher in charge of the Mapleton Circuit," appointed the following trustees: John Berry, John Jennings, Ephraim F. Thompson, David A. Miller, Joseph Kilbourne, William Wheadone. Source: Adams pg. 190.
- 1860's There was no characteristic of Elder Blades more patent than his love of country. He was indeed a sterling patriot. fearless in his

denunciation of wrong and injustice in church or stayed; purely orthodox in his religion, a born leader of men, and with a memory that never failed him. He was of the heroic type of men. ...His highest ideal was an endeavor to attain as far as possible, the full stature of Christian manhood, typified in the master whom he so long and lovingly served. pg. 391.

Source: Rev. Francis Asbury Blades, by William C. Manbury; Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, vol. XXXV, pg. 387-392.

1861-1865

Comparison of the work during the Civil War of two Michigan Methodist Episcopal ministers shows the great variation possible then. One was younger and held somewhat smaller appointments during the year 18651 and 1865. Elisha Ezra Caster was admitted to the Detroit Annual conference in 1857 and served churches at Owosso, Bay city, and Marquette in the war years. The other was Francis Asbury Blades, admitted to the Detroit Annual Conference in 1844 and appointed to the first churches at Ann Arbor and Adrian during the war. He became a Presiding Elder in 1865 about Mr. Caster did not attain that rank until twenty years later. pg. 232.

The other minister in this comparison, Francis A. Blades, was much more prominent in the war effort. He was serving at Ann Arbor First Church when the war began. Mr. Blades declined a colonel's commission, offered him early in the Civil War, but he did do much recruiting for various regiments. Governor Blair often sought his advice and so did Senator Chandler.

Under special orders from the Governor, Blades visited the Army of the Potomac first to investigate the treatment of the Michigan soldiers in army camps and second to check on the loyalty of the troops to the Union. He reported that the only traitors were to be found in front of the army or well to its rear. While with the army, he was once directly fired on by the rebels who thought he was President Lincoln. Mr. Blades declared that he was willing to be shot at if he could be honored by being mistaken for Abraham Lincoln. In August 1862, Mr. Blades was one of four fraternal delegates to the Canadian General Conference. This was the first such appointed group ever sent by the American, Methodist Episcopal Church to the Canadian Methodists. pg., 234, Source: The Methodist Church in Michigan: The nineteenth Century by Margaret Burnham Macmillan.

He was entrusted by Governor Blair with many important missions in those trying days of the republic. On two occasions he visited the encampment of the army of the Potomac under commission from the governor. Returning from one of these occasions, he reported to the governor that treatment accorded to the Michigan men in camp. Returning from his second mission, he reported the loyalty of the troops to the cause of the union. He concluded his report by saying that the only traitors to be dealt with were those in front and rear of the army. One occasion he was fired on by rebel

pickets, the firing party mistaking him for Abraham Lincoln, the president. When informed of the attempt made upon his life and cautioned to be careful of exposing himself in the future to rebel bullets, the elder replied that he was perfectly willing to be shot if they could have the honor of being in any way mistaken for Abraham Lincoln. pg. 391.

Source: Rev. Francis Asbury Blades, by William C. Manbury; Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, vol. XXXV, pg. 387-392.

1864?

Sermon on death of Lincoln.

The Rev. Francis A. Blades began his sermon in Adrian by reading the latest Washington dispatches to relieve congregational anxieties. He devoted much attention to the place of Lincoln's death, declaring that Christians generally would be shocked by his dying in a *theater*.

His comment was:

If it had been in his own house or in the discharge of his duty, would have been some relief...But by the end of an assassin actor. The theater of American is from this day immortal in infamy. This may be the lesson--that a man should never go where he is unwilling to die.

Blades also thought Lincoln was too easy on the south and hence "good may come of it...Mr. Johnson's little finger will be heavier on the rebels than Lincoln's whole body."

pg. 240. Source: The Methodist Church in Michigan: The Nineteenth Century by Margaret Burnham Macmillan.

1865

Became Presiding Elder. Source: The Methodist Church in Michigan: The Nineteenth Century by Margaret Burnham Macmillan. pg. 232.

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next to his loyalty to the Christian ministry, was his devotion to Masonry and his lifelong interest in this ancient craft. He affiliated with the order early in life, and at a time when the great majority of his clerical associates were opposed to secret societies. His first impression of the order of Masons came from seeing the open Bible carried in a procession at the funeral of a deceased brother. It was suggestive to him and put him on his inquiry. He soon learned that an open Bible was absolute essential to the life and conduct of the lodge. He was at one time the chaplain of each of the grand bodies of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan, and prelate of the grand Commandery of the State, also chaplain of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

1879?

The Detroit Annual Conference set up special committee of eight to help if at all possible, the Monroe Church with debt of \$10,000 and membership of 148. Francis A. Blades appointed to the Committee. pg. 302.

Source: The Methodist Church in Michigan: The Nineteenth Century by Margaret Burnham Macmillan.

1882 In 1882, owing largely to his laborious service in the church, his health failed, and he was compelled to give over to others his ministerial duties. It was his delight, however, to give occasion services in the church and elsewhere, and he was in constant demand for the various functions of his ministerial office up to the latter days of his life. pg. 392.

Source: Rev. Francis Asbury Blades, by William C. Manbury; Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, vol. XXXV, pg. 387-392.

? Shortly after his retirement from active service in the church, he was appointed appraiser of merchandise at the port of Detroit, which office he held for upwards of twelve years. pg. 392.

Source: Rev. Francis Asbury Blades, by William C. Manbury; Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, vol. XXXV, pg. 387-392.

? On retiring from this office, he was shortly thereafter elected first as deputy controller of Detroit and then as controller, for a term of ten years, which latter office he held at the time of his death. pg. 392. Source: Rev. Francis Asbury Blades, by William C. Manbury; Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, vol. XXXV, pg. 387-392.

Apr 24, 1906 Died at Detroit (age 85)  
Source: Rev. Francis Asbury Blades, by William C. Manbury; Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, vol. XXXV, pg. 387-392.

Description:

In every relation of life in may be truthfully said, he built up a character marked by integrity, great industry, and otherwise replete in all that is admirable. He took an absorbing interest in politics. He believed it the duty of every man to be a politician in the best sense of that word. He joined the republican party at its birth and remained in loyal devotion to that party and its principles to the day of his death. He very early in life exposed the cause of the slave, and believed with Lincoln, that no man was good enough to enslave another. pg. 392.

**David Blain**

Block 175 Lot 4

Oct 15, 1847 George W. Spencer and wife Sarah of Ingham Cty, to David Blain of same place; land in village of Michigan. (L7:P587)

Purchased Lot 4 of block 175 for \$91 cash and mortgage of \$93.75.

Oct 19, 1847 David Blain of Michigan to Siloam S. Carter of same place; land in village of Michigan (L7:P588)

## **James Blain**

- Feb 20, 1840 H. H. Smith of Mason to James Blain of Mason; land in Mason. (L3:P361)
- 1840 In census listed as resident of Vevay Township and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- Mar 26, 1841 John W. Burchard and wife Frances of Mason, Ingham Co. Michigan to James Blain of same place; for \$332.00; Lots 7 and 8 of Block 9 in Village of Mason and East half of SE quarter of section 31 of T3NR1W (80 acres) in Alaiedon Twp. (L4:P480)
- 1844 In census listed as resident of Onondaga Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- 1850 In census listed as resident of Onondaga Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- Apr 5, 1852 James Blain of Onondaga died there, Apr. 5, 1852. Heirs: Children - Mary Ann Jackson, Bartley Blain, and Emma Blain of Michigan; David Blain, William Blain, George Blain, and John Blain of Illinois. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham county, MI 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical society, Lansing, MI; Occasional Paper No. 10; April 1980; record 24.
- Apr 13, 1852 Petition for Administration by Anson Jackson. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham county, MI 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical society, Lansing, MI; Occasional Paper No. 10; April 1980; record 24.
- May 5, 1852 Anson Jackson resigned as administrator; petition by William Blain of Onondaga to be appointed administrator in place of Anson Jackson. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham county, MI 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical society, Lansing, MI; Occasional Paper No. 10; April 1980; record 24.

## **Nathaniel Blain**

- Dec 10, 1863 Nathaniel Blain purchased 80 acres of section 17 of Township. Same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard W. Lucas, 1982.



1840 In census listed as resident of Alaiedon Township and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

Mar 4, 1840 Charles Noble of Monroe, MI by E. B. Danforth of Mason to Nathaniel Blain of Alaiedon, Ing. County; land in Vevay Twp. Section 8. (L3:P364)

1844 In census listed as resident of Alaiedon Township and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

1850 In census listed as resident of Alaiedon Township and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

### **Potter Bliss**

Dec 29, 1847	Potter Bliss	Block 150	Lot 9	\$110
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### **Henry H. Bloss**

Block 228 Lot 9

Jun 29, 1848	Henry H. Bloss & Henry A. Bloss	Block 221	Lot 1	\$20
			Lot 2	\$25
			Lot 3	\$25
			Lot 4	\$25
			Lot 5	\$25
			Lot 6	\$25

Aug 14, 1848 Licensed to retail ardent spirits on lot I, block 227. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 199.

### **John Booth**

Feb 4, 1848	John Booth	Block 82	Lot 3	\$103
			Lot 4	\$107

### **Stanley Briggs (Dewitt)**

Block 150 Lot 11

Born in Ireland.

Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston Counties, Michigan, Chapman Brothers, 1891, pg. 837.

Married Ann Dane

Had 12 children: Catherine, James, Elizabeth, Whitely, Richard  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 371.

- Catherine, James, Mary (Mrs. Hunt) Richard T., and Elizabeth (Mrs. Whiteley) Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston Counties, Michigan, Chapman Brothers, 1891, pg. 837.
- 1812 Soldier in War of 1812. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 372.
- 1821 Stanley married Anna Dean in Episcopal Church in Quebec. Source: Historical Society of Grater Lansing, Lansing Pioneers & Notables, Ghostwalk 2004.
- Apr 11, 1833 Son Richard T. Briggs born in Canada. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 371.
- 1840 Emigrated to Michigan, settled in Dewitt, Clinton county; purchased 80 acres. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 371. Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston Counties, Michigan, Chapman Brothers, 1891, pg. 837.
- 1842 Family moved to DeWitt. Source: Historical Society of Grater Lansing, Lansing Pioneers & Notables, Ghostwalk 2004.
- Moved to Lansing and conducted general store. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 371.
- 1847 Capitol construction worker - Helped frame
- Helped frame old State Capitol building. "At the time Lansing was almost a dense wilderness, with trees, stumps and woods as thick as they could be. Her father built one of the first frame houses in Lansing, on Washington Avenue south near Lenawee street." Source: Adams pg. 567.
- 1847 Stanley Briggs and son Richard "he (Richard) aided his father in building the first frame house in Lansing and helped a Mr. Lovejoy a butcher to kill and dress the first beef creature that was slaughtered in Lansing." Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston Counties, Michigan, Chapman Brothers, 1891, pg. 837. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 372. Note: Turner House?
- Stanley Briggs of DeWitt helped frame old State Capitol building; moved to Lansing in 1849. Source: Adams, pg. 567.
- Stanley Briggs of DeWitt a millwright helped frame the Capitol. Source: Adams pg. 567.

"Stanley Briggs, realizing that the removal of the state capitol to Lansing would enhance land values, came to the area in 1847. He erected a three-story brick store building on South Washington Avenue, across from the J. W. Knapp Company. Later he started a general store. At the time of his death, in 1867, he owned most of the lots on the east side of South Washington Avenue in the 500 block."

Feb 9, 1848

Stanley Briggs Block 150 Lot 11 \$108

1848

It was in 1848 when the family removed to Ingham County and Richard had already been in his father's employ for a number of years at Lansing.

Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston Counties, Michigan, Chapman Brothers, 1891, pg. 837.

1849

Stanley Briggs family "moved from their county home in DeWitt in 1849. Mr. Briggs in his early life was a millwright and he helped to frame the old State Capitol building which was erected on Washington avenue. At that time Lansing was almost a dense wilderness, with trees, stumps and woods as thick as they could be." ...He built one of the first frame houses in Lansing, on Washington Avenue south near Lenawee street."

Source: Adams pg. 567.

Elizabeth Briggs "often lost her way in the woods going to the Townsend street school from her home. Sometimes deer's and fawns would dart out in front of her on her way there. She remembered very well a member of the Legislature stepping off the narrow board walk which extended from the Benton House to the Capitol, killing a wild turkey and taking it to his boarding house. Partridge and quails were very plentiful, and in the outskirts of the new Capitol city the wolves often used to howl at night." Source: Adams pg. 567.

Note: Date could be wrong and could have been 1847 or 1848; or father came, and family didn't move until 1849.

1852

"In 1852 Mrs. Whiteley's father built a large three-story brick building opposite the old Capitol where he carried on a very successful general store selling all kinds of dry goods and groceries. ...This store burned down in 1867."

Source: Mrs. Elizabeth Whiteley by Nellie M. Zimmerman; Adams pg. 568.

1853

Paid tax on lots 11 & 12 in block 150.

Feb 21, 1854

Son Richard T. Briggs married Orilla Hunt daughter of Levi Hunt. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 371.

May 12, 1854

Paid \$24.00 by state for wood for State offices. pg. 14.

Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.

- Sep 22, 1854      Paid \$14.00 by state for two kegs spikes. pg. 16  
Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.
- Sep 1854      Stanley Briggs paid \$435.75 for 834 loads manure drawn on Capitol square.  
Source: Annual Report of the Board of State Auditors for 1855, dated December 1, 1855; Joint Documents of 1855, No. 3; pg. 9.
- Nov 30, 1854      Paid \$18.16 for bill of nails, &c., pg. 23.
- Jan 29, 1857      Stanley Briggs, Jr. age 21 died in Lansing.  
Source: Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan; Occasional Paper; Number 1, Death and Marriage Items, Reported in The Lansing State Republican, 1855-1860.
- Sep 6, 1857      In 1857 Elizabeth Briggs married John Whiteley.  
"Mrs. Whiteley helped to get four of her husband's clerks ready for the Civil War. Three of them were killed in battle and the other one had his leg shot off. During the war she went nearly every day to the old Capitol building with other faithful women and under the able direction of the late Dr. H. b. Shank used to help make bandages and scrap lint. There were no swing machines in those days, and everything had to be done by hand. The ladies often took their fine linen tablecloths as the linen lint with much better than the cotton. She also helped but cabbage for sauerkraut. many barrels of this was made for the soldiers, as they had to have something sour." Source: Adams pgs. 568-9. Source: Paper written by daughter of Mrs. John and Elizabeth Whiteley - Nellie M. Zimmerman.
- "Into the early experience of both these women came the Civil war. Mrs. Whiteley to this day vividly remembers Maria Balch going almost daily to the old, big white Capitol building, now gone, to work for the "boys in blue." One of her tasks was the aiding of her brother Myron, age 18, to get ready to go off to the war. He went and, described as a "bright handsome youth," war claimed him, and he now lies buried in the national cemetery at Chattanooga." Source: Paper by Mrs. Elizabeth Whiteley. Source: Adams pg. 571.
- 1859      Listed as owning land in section 8 of Delhi Township.  
Listed as merchant. (Block 114, Lot 9) Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

- 1860 Stanley Briggs dealer in dry goods and groceries, Washington Avenue. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1860, pg. 223.
- 1863-4 Stanley Briggs, saloon, Middle Town. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1863-4, pg. 377.
- Apr 15, 1867 Wife Ann died; age 68. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 371.
- May 1867 Died. Source: Mrs. Elizabeth Whiteley by Nellie M. Zimmerman; Pioneer History of Ingham County compiled and arranged by Mrs. Franc L. Adams, Vol. I, 1923, pg. 568.
- Jun 9, 1867 Died. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 371.
- 1879? "The planting of the elm trees around the present Capitol building was directed by Mr. Briggs, many of these young trees being brought from his farm in DeWitt." Source: Mrs. Elizabeth Whiteley by Nellie M. Zimmerman. Pioneer History of Ingham County compiled and arranged by Mrs. Franc L. Adams, Vol. I, 1923, pg. 568.

### **Warren Briggs**

- Block 41 Lot 3
- 1847 Site of Briggs Store? Potter notes stopped at in August to get supplies.
- Oct 3, 1838 Second Baptists church organized. Briggs listed as trustee. Source: Adams pg. 190.

### **George B. Brown**

- Jun 11, 1836 George Brown of Genesee County, New York, purchased 120 acres in section 22 of White Oak Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- Feb 9, 1848 George B. Brown Block 151 Lot 3 \$99
- 1859 George Brown listed as owning land in sections 15, 24 and 25 of Delhi Township. Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

### **Jacob L. Brown**

- Block 53 Lot 3 & 4 Pt. 1

Nov 1, 1848 Richard Turner of Lansing, Ingham Cty to Jacob L. Brown of same; land in village of Lansing. (18:P430)

Purchased for \$200 Lots 3 & 4 of Block 53 and part of Lot 1 of Block 53 bounded on  
 South by a line starting at SE corner of said lot 3 and running east to River  
 Thence South side by a line starting at NE corner of said lot 4 & running

### **Jane C. Brown**

Nov 1, 1848	Jane C. Brown	Block 101	Lot 1	\$300
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### **Joseph W. Brown**

Jul 7, 1835 Joseph W. Brown of Lenawee County, Michigan purchased 80 acres on section 31 and 80 acres on section 32 of Town 4 South, Range 2 East of Jackson County.  
 Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.  
 Note: Same Joseph W. Brown?

Oct 1, 1836 Joseph W. Brown of Ionia county, purchased 320 acres in section 29 of Lansing township. (Land patent)

Purchased 320 acres in section 30 of Lansing township. (Land patent)

Oct 7, 1839 Joseph W. Brown and wife Cornelia of Tecumseh, Lenawee county, Michigan to Peter Moray of Detroit, Wayne county, Michigan; Land in Lansing Twp. Sec. 30. (L3:P235)

Sep 27, 1839 Joseph W. Brown and wife Cornelia of Tecumseh, Lenawee County, Michigan to David Mangus of same place; Land in Lansing Twp. Sec. 6 (L4:P249)

### **Leland Brown**

Mar 14, 1848 Purchased 40 acres in section 17 of Delhi Township; same individual?  
 Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

Mar 30, 1848 Daniel Buck and wife Betsy of Lansing, Tompkins Co. NY to Leland Brown of Ellery, Chautauqua Co. NY; land in Lansing Twp. section 31. (18:P115)

Feb 14, 1850 Purchased 40 acres in section 17 of Delhi Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

## **Nathaniel J. Brown**

Jan 17, 1838      Nathaniel J. Brown of Chicago, Cook Co. Ill to Israel Stephens;  
land in section 1 & 12 of Vevay Twp. (L1:P472)  
Note: Can't read microfilm in Register of Deeds office.

## **Richard P. Brown**

\*Sep 10, 1839      James Seymour and wife Maria A. of Rochester, Monroe Co. NY  
to Charles M. Lee and wife Elizabeth of Rochester, Monroe Co.  
NY and Samuel and wife Chloe Bushnell of Sheffield, Berkshire  
county Mass. and Richard P. Brown and wife Mary Ann of  
Edgemont, Berkshire county Mass. and Asa Eddy Jr. and Lucy of  
Ludlowville, Thompkins county, NY and Henry W. Jenkins and  
Jerusha of Huron County Ohio and Avery and wife Emma Miner of  
Huron, Huron County and George Eddy and wife Temperance of  
Perrington, Monroe county NY and Thomas Eddy of Perrington,  
Monroe county NY and Nathan Jenks and wife Jane P. of Victor,  
Ontario county NY and William. Bushnell and Anna of Victor,  
same and Luther Bushnell and wife Lydia of Pittsford, Monroe Co.  
NY and Asa P. Edgecomb and wife Emaline of Mt. Morris,  
Livingston Co. NY and Edward Sawyer and wife Almira of Grand  
Blanc, Genesee Co. MI and Edwin W. Fairchild and wife Maria of  
Bloomfield, Ontario Co. NY and Marston W. Richards and wife  
Caroline of Grand Blanc, Genesee Co. MI and Josiah P. Williams  
and wife Maria of parish of Rapids, Louisiana by attorney, of  
Alexandria ?Parrish of Rapids, Louisiana and Frederick Senter  
Bushnell and wife Laura of Baton Rouge, Louisiana by attorney.  
(Deed of Partition) (L3:P297-301)

\*Sep 25, 1839      Samuel Bushnell and wife Chlee of Sheffield, Berkshire County  
Mass. to Samuel and wife Chloe Bushnell of Sheffield, Berkshire  
county Mass. and William. Bushnell and Anna of Victor, Ontario  
county NY and Asa Eddy Jr. and Lucy of Ludlowville, Thompkins  
county, NY and Henry W. Jenkins and Jerusha of Huron County  
Ohio and Avery and wife Emma Miner of Huron, Huron County  
and George Eddy and wife Temperance of Perrington, Monroe  
county NY and Edward Sawyer and wife Almira of Grand Blanc,  
Genesee Co. MI and Asa P. Edgecomb and wife Emaline of Mt.  
Morris, Livingston Co. NY and Edwin W. Fairchild and wife Maria  
of Bloomfield, Ontario Co. NY and Marston W. Richards and wife  
Caroline of Grand Blanc, Genesee Co. MI and Nathan Jenks and  
wife Jane P. of Victor, Ontario county NY and Richard P. Brown  
and wife Mary Ann of Edgemont, Berkshire county Mass. and  
Luther Bushnell and wife Lydia of Pittsford, Monroe Co. NY and  
Josiah P. Williams and wife Maria of parish of Rapids, Louisiana  
by attorney, of Alexandria ?Parrish of Rapids, Louisiana and  
Frederick Senter Bushnell and wife Laura of Baton Rouge,  
Louisiana by attorney. (Deed of Partition) (L3:P306-311)  
Note: besides deede and deedor following not included in  
L3:P306 that were in (L3:P297)

Thomas Eddy of Perrington, Monroe county NY and  
Charles M. Lee and wife Elizabeth of Rochester, Monroe Co. NY

**Ezra J. Bryon**

Jun 26, 1847      Ezra J. Bryon   Block 157      Lot 6      \$95

**Benjamin J. Buck**

Oct 20, 1848      Benjamin J. Buck      Block 100      Lot 6      \$375

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Daniel Buck was driven out of the Mohawk Valley by the Indians and he settled in Great Bend, Pa. One of his sons, Benjamin, married Phoebe Herrick. In the early 1800's Mr. Buck traded a red shirt and a yoke or oxen to his brother-in-law, Rufus Herrick, for Lot #80 (Lansing township, New York). In 1805 the Buck family, consisting of father, mother, and twelve children, started for their new home with a yoke of oxen, one horse, and a few household goods. It took them 19 days to go from Owego to East Lansing (less than fourth miles). They built a log house on the southeast corner of Lot #80. The land was covered thickly with red and white oak, pine, maple, and birch. Trees were cut so that grain could be grown. Mr. Buck help to build "Dug Road" down into Ludlowville which was the nearest market. Four-foot wood was drawn there and sold for fifty cents a cord. Four more children were born, making sixteen in all. Within a few years Mr. Buck helped to organize a Baptist Church...

Source: Article printed in "Stories of One Hundred Year Farms" in Dairymen's News in 1950, reprinted in Town of *Lansing Its Beginning*, by Louise Bement, Lansing Town Historian, 1984, pg.

**Daniel Buck**

Father of Daniel W. Buck.

Winter 1836-37      In the winter of 1836 two young men (Ford's) traveled through the town of Lansing, Tompkins county, New York, selling to the farmers lots in Biddle City, which they represented as already well started in the new state, and which was located, they said, at the junction of the Grand and Cedar rivers in Central Michigan. They told of the great forests surrounding the village that needed only to be removed to uncover the richest farming country in the world, and they assured the men of new York who had sons old enough to start for themselves that they need but to send the young men to Biddle City where fortunes in timber and fortunes in land would be found for all.

The Tompkins county farmers became greatly interested; meetings were held--many of them at the home of Daniel Buck, father of D. W. Buck--and finally a stock company was formed out



of which sixteen men were chosen to go west and make secure the purchases of the rest.

The long trip was made in the usual way, down the canal, across Lake Huron and so to Detroit, but when the party reached Detroit, however, and inquired the way to Biddle City, no one was found who had ever heard of such a place. The rivers were known, of course, but all the country through which they flowed it was said was a wilderness Biddle City didn't exist.

Failing of any information at Detroit the party traveled to Pontiac. There was the same ignorance of Biddle City and the same story of the wilderness told. The men became discouraged; three of four abandoned their comrades and the search; they bought land at Pontiac and their descendants are there to this day.

The remainder of the travelers determined to push on, however, until the rivers on which their town was said to be built were found, so they hired guides and slowly made their way north and west into Clinton county, and finally when near where DeWitt now stands they found one settler named Scott, who gave them the first news they had obtained of the place they sought. he had heard of Biddle City vaguely, but he told them that west of him there was the home of a settler named William Gilkey who lived near the place where the Cedar empties into the Grand river and he could tell them all there was to tell about Biddle City. Starting once more they traveled to the log cabin of William Gilkey, who was the only settler in all the country round; he lived on what is now known as the Stambaugh place, north of Lansing. He told them what they wished to know.

During the preceding winter, he said, two young men from their own state had stayed with him while on a hunting trip in Michigan. At his house they made their plans to have a town of their own; they platted the ground, staked the lots, named the streets and made ready to sell the town, so beautifully done on paper, to the people whom they expected to interest at home.

Mr. Gilkey promised to show the purchasers of those lots the place they were in search of and he did so, taking them through the woods to the point where R. E. Olds' residence now stands, he pointed across the Cedar to where on the opposite side of the river the low land was lying under water, and he said:

"There gentlemen, is Biddle City."

The travelers had not even the satisfaction of feeling that the uncleared land was theirs, for they were told that the site of the city was a part of the princely tract owned by William H. Townsend of New York.

(Note: false)

Mr. Gilkey endeavored to prove to them that they need not be cast down even if the town of their hopes had vanished.

"He told them that they saw the greatest county God ever made," said Mr. Buck in telling the story. He said "land could be bought at ten shillings an acre; and the timber was of the finest quality in the world;" in the end to of them were comforted; Joseph E. North and Daniel Buck elected to invest their money since they had come west for that purpose. Each of the gentlemen bought large tracts of land south of the city; that purchased by Mr. North being known as the "North settlement" at the present time.

The hopes of others of the party were too badly blighted to allow them to remain on the scene of their disappointment. A Mr. Atwood went to what is now Dansville, where Messrs. Townley, Ludlow and others went to Jackson county and the towns of Parma and Tompkins Center bear record in their names that their founders did not forget the homes from which they came.....

After making the purchase of their lands Messrs. Buck and North returned to New York; in 1839 the latter sold his eastern home and came west with his family, eight sons and two daughters. Mr. Buck did not return himself but sent his son Levi, two nephews, Able Miller and peter Clark, and another young man, Monroe Packard. The three settled upon the lands Mr. Buck had purchased, but Clark was a cabinet maker and could not resist the charms of the magnificent timber; he went to Ionia to settled and practice his trade and his grandchildren still live in that locality.....

Source: Statement of D. W. Buck, published in Lansing Journal, November 24, 1904, reprinted Past and Present, Cowles, pgs. 113-115.

## **Daniel W. Buck**

Democrat

Apr 21, 1828

Born in Lansing Township, New York, son of Daniel Buck, Sr.  
Source: Significant People Buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, MI; A Tour Through History; by Linda Peckham. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 390. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 140b. Source: Daniel W. Buck, Obituary in The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, March 30, 1908. Source: Daniel W. Buck, Obituary the State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, March 30, 1908.

Apr 28, 1828

Born in Lansing, Tompkins County, N.Y.  
Source: Obituary in March 30, 1908, The State Republican.

Born in East Lansing, Tompkins county, N.Y.  
Source: Obituary of Bailey M. Buck, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, October 11, 1920.

One of a family of 12 children; James G. Buck of East Lansing was brother.

- Jul 1, 1837 Daniel Buck of Tompkins Co., NY purchased 80 acres in section 31 of Lansing township. (Land patent)
- Oct 10, 1839 Daniel Buck issued land patent for E 1/2 NW of section 31 of Township 4 North, Range 2 West (Lansing Township). MI2610\_\_335.
- Oct 12, 1839 Joseph E. North JR and wife Emily of Alaiedon, to Daniel Buck of Tompkins Co. N. Y.; land in Lansing Twp. Section 32. (L3:P455)
- Aug 12, 1841 Daniel Buck and wife Betsy of Lansing, Tompkins Co. NY to James M. Packard of Ing. Co; land in Section 32 of Lansing Twp. (L4:P221)
- Aug 12, 1841 Daniel Buck and wife Betsy of Lansing, Tompkins Co. NY to Zalmon L. Holmes of Ingham Co.; land in Section 32 of Lansing Twp. (L4:P356)
- ? Grew to manhood in Lansing, N.Y., remaining there until 1843, when he went to Ithaca, and there learned the trade of a cabinetmaker. Source: Daniel W. Buck, Obituary in The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, March 30, 1908.
- 1843 Moved to Ithaca, Tompkins County, New York; learned trade of cabinetmaker. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 393.
- Oct 8, 1847 Came of Lansing, Michigan.  
Started business.  
First business at Michigan and Washington Avenues, where Ingersoll block now stands (1908).  
Next in business on west side of Michigan Avenue about where Foresters' bazaar now stands (1908)  
Third at Washington Avenue and Ionia Street.  
Source: Obituary in March 30, 1908, The State Republican.  
Source: Daniel W. Buck, Obituary the State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, March 30, 1908.
- Daniel W. Buck came to the city in 1847 and immediately began business. The M. J. & B. M. Buck Furniture Co., the outgrowth of Daniel Buck's early venture, celebrated its seventy third business anniversary last October (1920). Source: Obituary of Mayton J. Buck, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, March 17, 1921

When he arrived in Lansing the greater part of the town was covered with a virgin forest, and a few days after his arrival he became lost in a tract of woods near where First Baptist church now stands. Source: Daniel W. Buck, Obituary in The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, March 30, 1908.

- Mar 30, 1848 Daniel Buck and wife Betsy of Lansing, Tompkins Co. NY to Leland Brown of Ellery, Chautauqua Co. NY; land in Lansing Twp. section 31. (18:P115)
- Oct 1848 Settled in Lansing. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 390. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 140b.
- 1848 Started manufacture and sell furniture; "first manufactory in Lansing". Source: Significant People Buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, MI; A Tour Through History; by Linda Peckham.
- 1848 Located shop at corner of Washington and Michigan Avenue, remained there 8 years. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 393.
- May 11, 1853 Married Nancy Russell of Crown Point, New York. Source: Significant People Buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, MI; A Tour Through History; by Linda Peckham. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 140b. Source: Daniel W. Buck, Obituary in The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, March 30, 1908.
- Nancy niece of Joseph Bailey.  
Source: Obituary in March 30, 1908, The State Republican.
- Had five children:  
Mayton J, born Aug 22, 1854  
Florence A born Aug. 15, 1856  
Mary E born July 5, 1864  
Bailey M. born Dec. 27, 1866  
Martha E born Oct 4, 1869 (Mrs. R. I. Speer of Ft. Wayne, Ind.)  
Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 140b.
- Feb 24, 1854 Paid \$3.00 by state of desk, &c., for Land office. pg. 7. Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.
- Aug 22, 1854 Son Mayton J. Buck born.  
Source: Obituary of Mayton J. Buck, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, March 17, 1921

- Sep 22, 1854      Buck and Smith paid \$8.50 by state for carpenter work, new offices, and furnishing doorknobs. pg. 16.  
Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.
- Buck and Smith paid \$3.50 by state for furniture, for Secretary State's office. pg. 16  
Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.
- Sep 22, 1854      Paid \$9.50 by state for cabinet work about Capitol. pg. 19.
- 1856      Moved shop form corner of Washington and Michigan Avenue  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 393.  
Source: Daniel W. Buck, Obituary in The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, March 30, 1908.
- There his business to which he gradually added a trade in retail furniture flourished, and as he grew old in years, passed into the control of his sons. Source: Daniel W. Buck, Obituary in The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, March 30, 1908.
- 1859      Listed as cabinet maker. (Block 100, Lot 6)  
Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- 1862      Alderman of City of Lansing; resigned before term expired.  
Source: Durant
- ?      Served as alderman; resident of second ward all his life.  
Source: Obituary in March 30, 1908, The State Republican.
- 1863      Married Nancy M. Russell of Crown Point, Essex County, New York.  
Had five children: Mayton J., Florence A., Mary E., Bailey M. Martha E. (Mrs. R. I. Spencer of Fort Wayne, Ind.)  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 393.  
Source: Obituary in March 30, 1908, The State Republican.
- 1864-64      Daniel W. Buck, furniture, middle town. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1863-64, pg. 377.
- 1865      Bailey M. Buck born. Source: Obituary of Bailey M. Buck, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, October 11, 1920.
- 1866      Mayor.

Source: Significant People Buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, MI; A Tour Through History; by Linda Peckham.

Note: Wrong, mayor in 1874-5, Haze mayor in 1866.

Re-elected Mayor.

Source: Obituary in March 30, 1908, The State Republican.

- 1867-8 D. W. Buck, steam cabinet works and furniture warehouse, corner Ionia street and Washington avenue. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1867-8, pg. 275.
- 1870 Purchased land at corner of Washington avenue and Ionia street, (site of Buck's Opera House).  
Source: Daniel W. Buck, Obituary in The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, March 30, 1908.
- 1871 Listed as manager of Homeopathic medical Institute.  
Source: First Annual Announcement of the Central Michigan Homeopathic Medical Institute, Organized April 4, 1871 at the City of Lansing, Session of 1871-72.
- 1872 In 1872 began the construction of Buck's opera house, which stands there today under a different name--Baird's. The structure was finished a year later,  
  
John N. Bush...assisted Mr. Buck in the construction of the opera house...  
Source: Daniel W. Buck, Obituary in The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, March 30, 1908.  
  
Build Opera House.  
Source: Significant People Buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, MI; A Tour Through History; by Linda Peckham.
- Mar 1873 Dedicated in March 1873.  
Source: Obituary in March 30, 1908, The State Republican.  
  
Ran Opera House with son M. J. Buck until about 1891.  
Source: Obituary in March 30, 1908, The State Republican.
- 1873 Elected Mayor.  
Source: Obituary in March 30, 1908, The State Republican.
- 1873 Daniel W. Buck, furniture factory 193 and 195 Washington Avenue. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1873, pg. 397.
- 1874-5 Elected and re-elected Mayor.  
Source: Durant & Significant People Buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, MI; A Tour Through History; by Linda Peckham. Source: The State Republican, April 14, 1909.

- Source: Obituary of Mayton J. Buck, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, March 17, 1921  
Source: Daniel W. Buck, Obituary in The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, March 30, 1908.
- 1877 Daniel W. Buck, furniture dealer and undertaker, 193 and 195 Washington avenue. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1877, pg. 556.
- 1879 Daniel W. Buck proprietor Opera House, corner Washington avenue and Ionia.  
D. W. Buck & M. J. (Daniel W. and Mayton J), Furniture manufactures and undertakes, 193 and 195 Washington avenue. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1879, pg. 732.
- 1879 Ad:  
D.W. & M. M. Buck  
Manufacturers of and dealers in  
Furniture, Chairs, Upholstered Goods  
Undertakers  
Coffins  
Of all kinds constantly on hand.  
Corner Washington Avenue and Ionia Street.  
Lansing, Michigan.  
Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1879.
- Mar 30, 1884 Wife, Nancy died.  
Source: Obituary of D. W. Buck in March 30, 1908, The State Republican.  
Source: Daniel W. Buck, Obituary in The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, March 30, 1908.
- 1886 Elected Mayor.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 393.  
Source: Obituary of Mayton J. Buck, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, March 17, 1921  
Source: Daniel W. Buck, Obituary in The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, March 30, 1908.
- 1891 With Mr. Buck's son, M. J. Buck, the house (Buck's Opera House) was conducted until about 1891.  
Source: Daniel W. Buck, Obituary the State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, March 30, 1908.
- 1893 Sold opera house. Source: Daniel W. Buck, Obituary in The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, March 30, 1908.

- 1898 Died. Source: Significant People Buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, MI; A Tour Through History; by Linda Peckham.
- 1902 Guest of honor at city's annual banquet.  
Source: Daniel W. Buck, Obituary the State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, March 30, 1908.
- Mar 30, 1908 Died.  
Source: Obituary in March 30, 1908, The State Republican.  
Source: Daniel W. Buck, Obituary in The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, March 30, 1908.
- Died of "neuralgia of the heart."  
Source: Daniel W. Buck, Obituary the State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, March 30, 1908.
- ? Member 33, F. & A. M; oldest member of at time of death.  
Member Knights Templars commandery. Democrat  
Source: Obituary in March 30, 1908, The State Republican.
- Oct 15, 1835 Daniel Buck of Niagara County, New York purchased 80 acres on section 30 of Town 4 South, Range 2 West of Jackson County.  
Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.  
Note: Same Daniel Buck?

### **Levi Buck**

- 1843 Lansing Township Justice. Source: Durant

### **Horsa Stanton Burr**

- Block 131 Lot 4
- Dr. Burr was a pleasant, affable, and cultivated gentleman, and a favorite with his patients and the people generally. His bearing was polite, and he was physically a finely modeled man, though only of medium size. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 115.
- Appx. 1820 Born Darien, Genesee County, NY. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 45. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 115.
- Feb 29, 1824 Laura Burr born at Pembroke, N.Y. Source: Pioneer, Vol. IV, pg. 91.
- Feb 28, 1828 Laura Burr born Pembroke, NY. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 115.
- Appx. 1836 Moved Kentucky. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 115.



- ? Moved Wooster, Ohio where read medicine with Dr. Coulter  
Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 115.
- ? Attended medical schools at Louisville, Ky., and Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 115.
- ? Moved Darien and started practice
- ? His practice in Genesee County grew to large proportions and he was a popular and successful physician. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 115.
- Jun 10, 1846 Married Laura E. Montgomery - born Feb. 28, 1828.  
Married at Darien. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 115.
- Aug 17, 1847 Date given by Laura as (and place Lansing) of first residence in Michigan. Source: Pioneer, Vol. IV, pg. 91.
- appx. Aug 1, 1847 Moved Lansing. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 115.
- "He superintended the building of his first dwelling, which was on River Street, and one of the first erected in that part of the town, doing a large amount of the work with his own hands."  
Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 115.
- Boarded at Michigan Exchange. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 115.
- "For a number of weeks, he and his wife lived in a shanty hastily constructed on his lot while his dwelling was in progress. The doctor had quite a valuable library, which was in great danger of being spoiled by the rain which came into the cabin."  
Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 115.
- "Mrs. Burr remembers well of getting lost in the woods of the west side while returning from North Lansing. The paths were almost impassable." Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 115.
- "She tells how she one day walked to the lower town by the road on the east side of the river with her husband, and wishing to return on the west side he carried her across in his arms below the dam, and picking their way up through the roads, around swamps, and

across ravines, they became lost, and found their way out only with considerable difficulty."

Aug 1847

Dr. Hosea S. Burr and Dr. Solomon D. Newbro first doctors to arrive in Lansing. Newbro "relied largely on the use of herbs and roots in his practice." 29 - pg. 4 - O. Dr. Hosea S. Burr arrived city and built house River Street near Main Street. Died "Spinal Fever" or "Brain Fever". Wife started school in house. 6 - pg. 54. 20 - pg. 170.

Aug 1847

"on their first arrival in Lansing, Dr. Burr and wife boarded at the Michigan Exchange...

"For a number of weeks, he and his wife lived in a shanty hastily constructed on his lot while his dwelling was in progress. The doctor had quite a valuable library, which was in great danger of being spoiled by the rain which came into the cabin. The whole site of Lansing was then a dense wilderness, excepting a few small clearings here and there, and Mrs. Burr remembers well of getting lost in the woods on the west side while returning from North Lansing. The paths were almost impassable...

"Their house was partially completed, so that they occupied it at Christmas, 1847. 18-pg. 115.

He superintended the building of his first dwelling, which was on River Street and one of the first erected in that part of town, doing a large amount of the work with his own hands.

Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 45.

Laura E. Burr arrived in August 1847 started school in autumn. Her school was located in the southern part of Lansing on River Street on the bank of Grand River. She did not wait for a building to be erected but assembled the children at first in the open air under the trees. They soon built a dwelling into which the school was moved late in the autumn. Husband died in winter 47-48. School dissolved. 6 - pg. 100. Many of students died of "brain fever". 15 - pg. 52. Note: See below - died 1849.

Taught ABC's, algebra, Latin, French, English and music. Tuition \$3 per 12 weeks. 20 - pg. 170. Husband died April 15, 1849 of congestive or spinal fever. 25 - pg. 115. Husband died April 1849; school never re-opened. 8 - pg. 113. Husband died spring of 1849. 29 - pg. 40 (quote Durant).

"About the 1st of August 1847, Mrs. Laura E. Burr, then recently married, came with her husband, Dr. H. S. Burr, from the State of New York. Mrs. Burr, still (1880) a resident of Lansing, was a lady of superior culture, and could not wait for a house before opening a school. 25 pg. 165.

Sep 1, 1847

Mrs. Burr opened school; pupils included three children of Dr. Goucher, two sons of Mr. Dearin, two of Mrs. Thompson, "who lived at the National Hotel" and two of Mr. Hunt.

"Her earnings as a teacher were more considerable for some time after they settled in Lansing than those of the doctor, for, while he only had running accounts, Mrs. Burr received ready money for her services, ..."

She procured some rough scats, and on the 1st of September called the children together under the trees on the bank of the river on River Street. She commenced with nine pupils. Her school continued in the grove till cold weather, when their dwelling was so far completed that she could move the school into it, and by Christmas she had eighty pupils. Through the winter she was assisted by Miss Delia L. Ward, now Mrs. Mortimer Cowles. (1880) Mrs. Burr had pupils in drawing, Latin, and French. She tells how she one day walked to the lower town by the road on the east side of the river with her husband, and wishing to return on the west side he carried her across in his arms below the dam, and picking their way up through the roads, around swamps, and across ravines, they became lost, and found their way out only with considerable difficulty." 25 - pg. 165.

"Among the many pupils who attended Mrs. Burr's school, were find in the families mentioned, Mr. Dearin's two boys, Henry and Matthew, Isaac, Charlie and Elbert Bush, brothers of Mrs. Hinmann, John being a messenger boy in the legislature; Amelia Hunt, James Thomas, Two Clapsaddle boys. The younger one fell into the river and was rescued by his older brother; one Quackenbush boy, Lucy Long, David and Nancy Goucher, Anna Jeffries, Mary Berry, later known as Mrs. H. D. Pugh, whose father at one time was proprietor of the original Lansing House; Hattie Edgar, whose father built the first structure of the Commercial House, and Delia Ward, afterwards Mrs. F. M. Cowles." 276 pg. 178.

Among her pupils were three children of Dr. Goucher, two sons of Mr. Dearin, two children of Mrs. Thompson, who was living at the National Hotel, and two of Mr. Hunt, who built the Michigan Exchange. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 115.

Started 9 pupils, had 80 by time moved to a new house. 29 - pg. C-4. Moved into house Christmas Day. 30.

"But competition entered the educational field. Definite social lines were beginning to be drawn. There were those among the new settlers who did not care to have their off-spring mix with the hoi polloi of the public school of the north settlement and were looking about for something that would have a bit more tone to it, be a bit

more classy, so to speak. Miss Laura Burr sprang to the rescue. On the banks of the Grand, well to the south of the public school, so far indeed, that there would be no danger of contamination, she opened her River Grove Private School with nine pupils. By Christmas this had blossomed to 80 pupils and an assistant, Miss Delia Ward came to lend a hand. So strenuous was their program or so delicate their clientele, that history tells us that the school survived only two short years and then closed its doors forever due to an epidemic of brain-fever among its learners." 124 pg. 7  
Note: Tone not true don't believe.

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"The forest extended all around us, but as the underbrush had been cleared away, it afforded delightful rambles, and availing myself of the company of whatever children I could find. I explored the woods in the capacity of a botanist and artist. Early in September I was called upon by some of their parents, with the request that I should open a school Accordingly, after having made several long benches, under the canopy of the trees our school was begun. There were nine pupils on opening day, the Gouchers, Hunts and the Dearing children. The season was fine, and the weather warm until late in October. Occasionally we were obliged to go into our little board house, where we were very closely packed. Before Christmas day, however, we were nicely settled in a commodious apartment in our new house.

"On Christmas day my school numbered eight pupils. Miss Delia Ward, now Mrs. Mortimer Cowles, was my assistant, and my husband coming in at 4 o'clock p.m. to teach the pupils music and to close the school Our pupils were of all ages. I taught A. B. C's and Algeria, English. Latin and French. The River Grove School was our name. The tuition was \$3 per quarter of twelve weeks--all grades the same.

"In January 1849, my school was brought to a close by the appearance of the epidemic to which our physician gave the name of brain fever. Its visitation was so sudden and its attack so fast that we became a terror-stricken community. The legislature, which had just convened, disbanded. Several of my pupils were among the first victims. My husband, Dr. H. S. Burr, after a few weeks of unparalleled effort as a physician to cope with the disease, was himself stricken down with it and died on April 15, 1849; and River Grove School, which, in the confidence of my

young years, I had believed to be enduring, and in time might vie with the Troy and other institutions of learning, had only this ephemeral existence.

Source: Mrs. Burr in 1893 State Republican, reprinted in Past and Present, Cowles, pgs. 79-82.

Oct 6, 1847	Hosea S. Burr Block 131      Lot 4      \$67
Dec 25, 1847	Mrs. Burr had 80 students.
Winter	Mrs. Burr had assistance of Miss Delia L. Ward (later became Mrs. Mortimer Cowles).
Apr 2, 1849	State Patent to Hosea S. Burr, assigned to wife: (L9:P103)  Certificate 98 for Section 16; \$67; Lot 4 of Block 131.
Apr 15, 1849	Dr. Burr died of congestive spinal fever. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 45. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 115.  Mrs. Burr became landscape painter.  Only occasionally made home in Lansing after death of husband.
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Source: Mrs. Burr in article on Lansing Schools printed in State Republican; undated clipping in Lawler collection.

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Her occupation has been mainly that of an artist, and she has taught in many of the principal cities and towns of the country, beginning at Ann Arbor. Here proficiency in the art of landscape-painting, for many years kept her talents in constant demand, and her profession has introduced her into very much of the best society in the Union. Her education was mainly obtained at Attica and LeRoy, New York. Here earnings as a teacher were more considerable for some time after they settled in Lansing than those of the doctor, for, while he only had running accounts, Mrs. Burr received ready money for her services, and when he had accumulated twenty or thirty dollars it seemed like a very large sum.

1873-1895

Laura Burr (Mrs. Hosea S.) Artist in Lansing, 1873-1895. Possibly the Mrs. L. E. Burr listed in the Buffalo (NY.) city directory, 1855. References: Lansing city Directory; Michigan State Gazetteer, Lansing, Michigan 1838-1901; New York Historical Society, Dictionary of Artists in America 1864-1860. Compiled by George C. Groce and David H. Wallace, new haven: Yale University Pr., 1957. Source: Artists of Early Michigan, by Arthur Hopkin Gibson, Wayne State University Press, 1975.

1886-87

Laura listed residence as Lansing. Member of State Pioneer Society. Source: Pioneer, Vol. IV, pg. 91; Vol. XI, pg. 12.

### **Joseph Burt**

Jan 23, 1945

In Auditor General's report to Senate on Benjamin Porter prison claims noted Porter paid Joseph Burt \$1,091.74 for work on State Penitentiary. Source: Auditor General Report to Senate; dated Jan 23, 1845; Senate Document No. 3, 1845 Legislature.

1847

Came in 1847 and established a brick yard at the extreme northern limits of the city on Center street. Moved to Saginaw about 1857, where he died some years later.

Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.

### **Charles P. Bush**

Block 177      Lot 16

Farmer and speculator. Democrat

Children; Elbert C. Bush and Isaac W. Bush

Known as "Major"

"He was a firm believer in the doctrines of Swedenborg and was always ready and able to give a reason for the faith that was in him." Source: American Biographical History of Eminent and Self-Made men with Portrait Illustrations on Steel, Michigan Volume, 1878,

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On this circuit I made the acquaintance of Hon. Charles P. Bush, one of Michigan's brightest citizens, and one of the shrewdest politicians the democratic party has ever placed in office in this State. He and his family became my fast friends and remained so, notwithstanding our difference in politics. He died comparatively a young man and his death was a great loss to Michigan, and still greater to the democratic party, of which he was a leader in the fullest sense. At that time, he carried on farming, his large and splendid farm being located about three miles southeast from Howell, on the Detroit and Grand River turnpike. I suppose the farm lies there still, but Charles P. Bush does not own it now and will not come to cultivate its fertile soil member more. He as a member of the legislature that located the capitol where we are now gathered, and afterward became a resident of Lansing, where he was living when death summoned him away. I am not certain, but I think some of his family are living here at this time. Peace to his ashes. I love to think of him as I sued to see his manly form in my congregation with his keen eyes fixed upon me as I tired, to the best of my ability, to send the truth into his heart.

Source: Fifty-Two years of Itinerant Life in The Michigan Conference of The M. E. Church by Rev. R. C. Crawford; MPC Vol. XXII pg. 270.

"He was a born leader, a good orator, and one of the foremost and prominent men of the State. Source: Past and Present, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 261.

"He was a gentleman possessed of a keen and discriminating intellect, which he had matured by reading and reflection. Ready in expedient, and always foremost when occasion required, nature stamped him as a leader, and he became at once the counselor and friend of the early settlers." Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan by Franklin Ellis, pg. 236.

Ancestry: Grandfather: Capt. John Bush who served in Penn. Continental Line during American Revolution; married Sarah Richards; Sarah died in 1822 at age 79; John Bush died May 27, 1816 at Danby, Tompkins County, NY; son Richard born ca. 1773.

Father: Richard Bush, married Ruah Platt; father died July 23, 1826 at age 53; Mother September 1834 at age 54;  
Children: Charles P - born 1809, Richard P., Electa and Maria born ca. 1804. Source: Southeastern Michigan Pioneer Families, Especially Livingston County and New York Origins, compiled by Helen F. Lewis.

Mar 18, 1809 Born in Danby? or Ithaca? Tompkins county, N.Y.  
Source: Past and Present, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 261.

Jun 25, 1828 Married Minerva Walker  
Mrs. Bush died 1886, at age 76.  
Had children: John J. Bush, married Eliza Smith daughter of Hiram Smith.  
Isaac W. Bush - born ca. 1835  
Elbert C -  
Sarah E. - born Aug 5, 1830; married William Hinman.  
Source: Southeastern Michigan Pioneer Families, Especially Livingston County and New York Origins, compiled by Helen F. Lewis.

Charles R. Bush - died 1868? Listed as heir.  
Source: Early Landowners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 107.

1835 Made first trip west - first visit to Michigan.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 261.

1836 Came west; spent summer; bought land which became site of Fowler Township; built log house.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 261.

Mar 21, 1836 Buys land in Section 17 of Genoa township, Livingston county, listed as of Aurora, Cayuga County, NY; sells land in 1843.  
Source: Early Landowners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 107.



- Mar 26, 1836 Land entry on Sec. 11 of Handy Twp. (EP-NW) Pg234  
Source: Early Landowners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 107.
- Apr 1, 1836 Land entry on Sec. 11 of Handy Twp. (WP-NE) Livingston County. Pg. 234. Source: Early Landowners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 107.
- Sells in 1837, residence listed as Aurora, NY. Source: Early Landowners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 107.
- Jun 1, 1836 Charles P. Bush, Richard P. Bush (Brother), and John Bush (cousin), from Danby, Tompkins County., NY arrived. pg. 238.
- Came "...in company with Calvin Handy and family... Both men purchased land. Mr. Bush built a log house on his place and returned to New York for his family." Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan by Franklin Ellis, pg. 297.
- He was from Danby, Tompkins County, New York, and after building a log house, clearing land, and sowing a crop of wheat returned to New York. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan by Franklin Ellis, pg. 236.
- Jun 9, 1836 Land entry on Sec. 6 (North part of SW fractional quarter) of Howell Twp. pg. 185.
- Jun 9, 1836 Land entry on Sec. 2 of Handy Twp. (NW-NE); residence listed as Tompkins County, NY; sells land to John Bush of Danby, Tompkins County, NY in 1836. Pg. 233  
Source: Southeastern Michigan Pioneer Families, Especially Livingston County and New York Origins, compiled by Helen F. Lewis. Source: Early Landowners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 107.
- Jun 1836 Bush arrived in Handy Twp., Livingston county. One of first settlers. pg. 20.  
"...after building a log house, clearing land, and sowing a crop of wheat, returned to New York. pg. 236.
- "He was a 'might hunter.'" The first winter of his residence here he shot thirty-three deer, besides other game, and his neighbors well remember the savory bits he sent so often..."  
Source: Sketch of Early History of Genoa county by Mrs. C. W. Burwell in 1877, for Pioneer Association.
- "...Bush was a genuine lover of, the sport, and passed more time in that way than perhaps any other man in the township (Genoa)." Source: History of Livingston County, MI 1880

"But few men who ever hunted with Mr. Bush were able to follow him all day in the chase, and he always went on foot....As a rifle shot Mr. Bush was unexcelled. He finally moved to Lansing, where he was frequently known to cross Grand River in the winter after deer." Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan by Franklin Ellis, pg. 297.

Charles P. Bush had a greyhound called "Soap," which he brought with him. ...Mr. J. B. Fowler had a bulldog.... Soon after Mr. Bush came to town, he came over to Mr. Fowler's and several of us were there, He had his dog with him. The dogs soon began to bristle and growl. All who had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Bush, can realize how quick he was to notice the growl of a dog. He says to Mr. Fowler, "You had better look a little to your dog; my hound is a fighter, and very sharp bitten." Mr. Fowler says, "never mind; he is not worth much; let them work.": Soon the battle began, and the hound handled the bulldog and seeming ease. Mr. Bush remarked that it would be better to take them apart, as the hound had whipped two such bull dogs at one time in Ithaca; but Mr. Fowler said let them go; if his dog could not take care of himself, he ought to be killed. Soon the bulldog began to play his part, and got a dead hold on the hound, and closed his eyes. The result was that the hound soon began to cry for help. the bulldog was choked off, and the hound for home, yelling lustily. Charles stood for a moment, then said, "By jiminy, boys, this is the first time that hound was ever shipped." WE must leave the pedigree of the bulldog with Dr. Wells. Source: The Fowlerville Review, July 12, 1878, pioneer sketch of the Township of Handy, written by Ralph Fowler.

- 1837                      John Bush moved with his cousins Richard P. Bush and Charles P. Bush to Handy township, Livingston county. Source: Southeastern Michigan Pioneer Families, Especially Livingston County and New York Origins, compiled by Helen F. Lewis; pg. 48.
- Spring 1837           In the spring of 1837 he moved with them (family) to the place he had prepared and was also accompanied by his brother, Richard P. bush, and their cousin, John Bush, both having families with them. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan by Franklin Ellis, pg. 297.
- 1837                      Moved Genoa Township, Livingston county. Source: Southeastern Michigan Pioneer Families, Especially Livingston County and New York Origins, compiled by Helen F. Lewis.
- 1837                      Brought family to new home; sold land to Mr. Fowler in less than year and located in Genoa Township, Livingston County; had

1300-acre farm. Note: 1836? Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 261.

- Prior Jan 1, 1837 Had entry on what became Village of Fowlerville. Pg. 244.
- Jun 1, 1837 The first of June 1837, Mr. Chas. Bush, Richard P. Bush and John Bush came from Danby, Tompkins county, New York. Charles P. Bush settled on the northwest quarter of section 11, Richard Bush on the southwest quarter of Section 1 and John Bush on the north part of section 2, Handy. Source: The Fowlerville Review, July 12, 1878, pioneer sketch of the Township of Handy, written by Ralph Fowler.
- Jun 1837 Returned to Handy Twp. with family and settled upon SW quarter of section 11. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan by Franklin Ellis, pg. 236.
- May 3, 1837 Purchased Land  
Township 3-N, Range 3-E of Livingston County:  
Section 11 E 1/2 NW 80 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0680\_\_159; Detroit Land Office.
- Township 3-N, Range 3-E of Livingston County  
Section 11 W 1/2 NE 80 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0680\_\_271; Detroit Land Office.
- Aug 5, 1837 Purchased Land  
Township 3-N, Range 3-E of Livingston County:  
Section 2 N 1/2 NE 46.13 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0730\_\_404; Detroit Land Office.
- Township 3-N, Range 4-E of Livingston County:  
Section 6 N 1/2 SW 82.5 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0730\_\_471; Detroit Land Office.
- Fall 1837 After crops harvested Bush sold out (Handy Twp.) to John B. Fowler and at same time purchased land in sections 8, 9 and 10 of Genoa Twp.  
Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan by Franklin Ellis, pg. 297.
- At one time owned 1,700 acres.
- Mr. Bush's house was at first half a mile or more back from the Grand River Road. ... later built house near road.  
Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan by Franklin Ellis, pg. 197.

1838	Genoa Twp. Supervisor. Pg. 299.
Oct 1838	Member of Livingston county board of supervisors from Genoa.
1838	PA transferred powers and duties of Board of supervisors to Board of Commissioners.
Nov 12, 1838	Livingston County board of commissioners organized; Bush a Commissioner.
1838	Son Elbert C. born. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan by Franklin Ellis, pg. 297.
May 29, 1839	Became first postmaster of Genoa, Livingston county. Source: Michigan Place Names, by Water Romig, L. H. D.
1839	Elected representative of Ingham county. Source: Adams pg. 38.
1840	Represented Ingham and Livingston counties in House with Amos E. Steele. Source: Adams pg. 166.
1840	Elected representative of Ingham county. Source: Adams pg. 39.
1840	Listed in census of Genoa, Livingston county. Source: Early Landowners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 107.
1840	Listed as enumerator of census for Genoa Township, Livingston county.  Charles P. Bush family listed in census 3 males under 5 years of age. 2 males between 20 and 30 years of age 1 male between 30 and 40 years of age. 1 female between 5 and 10 years of age. 1 female between 15 and 20 years of age. 1 female between 30 and 40 years of age.  Under occupations in township; Bush listed as Justice of the Peace and Census Enumerator. Source: 1840 Federal Census, Livingston County, Michigan, published by The Livingston County Genealogical Society, 1990.
Feb 1, 1840	Signed notice for call of statewide Democratic Republican citizens to meet at Detroit on February 22, 1840 to take measures to ensure success of part at next general election. Source: Detroit Daily Free Press, February 7, 1840.
Feb 6, 1840	Senate: Mr. Bush, presented petition of citizens of Ingham county, relative to highway tax.

Source: Detroit Daily Free Press Extra, February 1840.

- 1840 Justice of Peace, Genoa Twp. Livingston County. pg. 299.  
School Inspector. pg. 299
- 1840 Lewis and Elisabeth Dorr sold 2 acres of land they had bought from Thomas Pinckney in 1838 for \$25.00 to Charles P. Bush for \$500.00; land just north of Grand River Trail; Lewis had built frame house, barn and blacksmith shop on land;  
  
Bush sold one month later to Ellis Luther for \$250.00.
- 1840-1845 Member of House.  
1840-41 Represented Livingston and Ingham counties  
1842-43 Represented Livingston county
- 1840 Represented Ingham and Livingston counties in House with Kingsley S. Bingham.  
Source: Adams pg. 166.
- 1841 Report of the committee on elections, in relation to the qualifications of Charles P. Bush, to seats as members of the legislature.  
  
The committee on elections, to whom was referred a resolution instructing them to inquire whether Charles P. Bush, of Livingston county, was not elected by the illegal votes of aliens beg leave to report:  
  
...In relation to the instruction contained in the resolution, to inquire whether Charles P. Bush, and the representative from St. Clair, "were not elected by the illegal votes of aliens," your committee have to say, that they have no means of ascertaining, but they presume not...  
  
E. Lakin Brown, Chairman of the Committee  
Source: Report of the Committee on Elections, in Relation to the Qualifications of Levi E. Dolsen, Joseph Coates and Charles P. Bush, to Seats as Members of the Legislature; 1841 House Documents, No. 43, pg. 154-155.
- 1842 Re-elected House of Representatives.
- Mar 7, 1843 Appointed member of Third Congressional District corresponding committee appointed by Democratic members of legislature from district; appointed member from Livingston county; E. B. Danfort appointed member appointed from Ingham and Alvin N. Hart member form Lapeer. Source: Livingston Courier, March 15, 1843.

- Apr 26, 1843 Speech of Bush in House reprinted in Livingston Courier; opposed additional appropriation for Central Railroad to extend road west of Marshall. Source: Livingston Courier, April 26, 1843.
- Apr 29, 1843 Bush listed as member of Democratic County Committee; Committee in notices calling for Democratic County Convention on May 15, 1843 at Howell. Source: Livingston Courier, May 3, 1843
- 1843 Sells land in Section 17 of Genoa township, that had purchased in March 21, 1836. Source: Early Landowners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 107.
- Sells land in section 7 of Hamburg township. Source: Early Landowners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 107.
- Feb 22, 1844 Buys land in Section 9 of Hamburg (SW-SE) township of Livingston county; listed as resident of Genoa township, Livingston county; sells land same year. Source: Early Landowners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 107.
- Mar 4, 1844 With partner buys land in village of Howell.  
Source: Early Landowners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 107.
- Mar 12, 1844 PA provided Bush and four others appointed commissioners for Detroit and Grand River Plank-Road Company.  
Company never organized. pg. 55  
“...Legislature passed an act appointing Charles P. Bush and Ely Barnard of Livingston county and Levi Cook, John Blindbury and David Thompson of Wayne County as a board of commissioners to solicit stock to build the “Detroit and Grand River Plank Road.” Quite an amount was secured but nowhere near the \$50,000 which the charter provided for and the project was given up.”  
Source: *A History of the Township and Village of Howell, Michigan* by A. Riley Crittenden, 1911; pg. 78.
- Jul 3, 1844 Bush member Democratic County Committee, name on notice called for convention on July 16, 1844 at 10:00 a.m. in Howell.  
Source: Livingston Courier, July 10, 1844
- Jul 4, 1844 Bush gave oration at Independence Day celebration at Handy; reprinted in Livingston Courier on July 17, 1844.  
Source: Livingston Courier, July 17, 1844.
- 1844 Re-elected House of Representatives.
- Feb 4, 1846 PETITION! PETITION!!  
We hope that the citizens of this county as well as all of the northern Counties of this State, will immediately Petition the

Legislature, for the immediate Sale of our Internal Improvements. The North pay a great proportion of the money laid out and expended yearly on the Central and Southern Roads without receiving one farthing benefit therefrom.

It should be remembered that the North cannot get an appropriation for the improvement, even, of our State Roads, however much it might benefit the Public. Sell out the Roads to a Company, or stop them, for they never yet have paid the interest on them. We are not partial to incorporations but of the two evils choose the least.

Source: Livingston Courier; February 4, 1846.

Feb 11, 1845

Remarks of Mr. Bush.

We invite the attention of our readers to the remarks of our friend and fellow citizens Hon. C. P. Bush, in reference to the sale of our Public Works. Mr. Bush has demonstrated in a cogent and lucid manner, by facts and figures, that the true policy of the State imperatively demands the immediate and judicious sale of our Public Works, for the liquidation of our State debts. Mr. B. has, with a laudable temerity, and with great ability, urged, and clearly shown the importance of the sale of our Public Works, as the only alternative left us, to save the credit, and secure the prosperity of the State; which at present is threatened with oppressive taxation.--Woe be to the man, or party of men, whose choice.....would lead them to increase our State debt. The people, with one voice, ask for a speedy preparation and transfer of every resource of the State toward the extinguishment of the public debt. As we remarked last week, we hope the citizens of the North, will crowd the Legislature with petitions for sale.

Source: Livingston courier, February 11, 1846.

Jun 18, 1845

George W. Peck, Attorney and Counselor at Law. Office -- Brighton, Michigan. Source: Livingston Courier, June 18, 1845

Jul 5, 1845

Member of Democratic County committee; name on notice for Convention to be held in Howell on August 6, 1845 at noon. Source: July 5, 1845.

Aug 6, 1845

Bush elected delegate to State Democratic Convention to be held August 27, 1845 in Jackson. Source: Livingston Courier, August 13, 1845.

Sep 3, 1845

We understand that the Livingston County convention, instructed their delegates to the Senatorial Convention to use their best endeavors to pursue the nomination of Charles P. Bush for Senator.--We suppose that Livingston is entitled in to the nominee this year--and we know of no man who would receive a more hearty support in Washtenaw, than Mr. Bush. *Michigan Argus* Source: Reprinted in Livingston Courier September 9, 1845.

The Michigan Argus speaks in high terms of Hon. Charles P. Bush as candidate for State Senator, as will appear in our columns of today. Mr. Bush is a very popular man in this County; and according to the Argus, he is equally so in Washtenaw County. He is a sound politician, a man of fair talents and extensive information, and an eloquent speaker. He will make a good Senator, and we hope he will be nominated.  
Source: Livingston Courier; September 9, 1845.

Nov 4, 1845

Elected state senate; received 815 votes; next closest candidate received 459. Source: Livingston Courier; November 19, 1845.

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1846

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Source: Early Landowners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 107.

1846-1847

State Senator from 2nd District

"...maintained, in the Senate, the reputation of a high-minded man, a faithful representative, and an able advocate of the principles he espoused. Disciplined in the school of action, as well as of books, he showed himself equal to every emergency, and acquitted himself with honor under all the tests which public station imposes. Thoroughly and conscientiously devoted to the principles of the party he represented, he was its earnest advocate, and the uncompromising enemy of the policy of his opponents; but he ever discriminated between political and private relations. Of an ardent and impulsive, yet generous, temper, he was quick to resent, but always ready to forgive and forget; and, throughout the conflicts of parties, secured the respect of his opponents."  
Source: American Biographical History of Eminent and Self-Made men with Portrait Illustrations on Steel, Michigan Volume, 1878,



Jan 30, 1847

Elected President of Senate *pro tempore*.

By election of Gov. Felch to US Senate, Lieutenant-Governor Greenly filled office of Gov. and Sen. Bush became acting Lieutenant-Gov.

"Mr. Bush was among the few who originated the proposition to remove it to Lansing; and was, perhaps, more than any other one man, instrumental in securing the success of that project. Indeed, his single vote may be truly said to have decided the question, as he had been chosen President of the Senate ..."

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...by the election of Governor Felch to the United States Senate, Lieutenant Governor Greenly filled the office of Governor, and Senator Bush became Acting Lieutenant Governor of the State. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan by Franklin Ellis, pg. 236.

Apr 1847

While visiting patients in Livingston county, in April of that year, he met three men who afterwards became prominent citizens of Lansing, --Messrs. Bush, Thomas, and Peck. These gentlemen were then busily interesting themselves in lands at the new capital, and persuaded Dr. Jeffries to accompany them to the place, which he did. The spring was late, the steams had overflowed, and ice was everywhere. The roads were nearly impassable, and in one place they got the single wagon which they had along with them into a swampy place and were obliged to take off the horse and pull it out backwards. They came by the old Territorial road. At the crossing of the Cedar River they were delayed for some time. finally, a part of the company went back, and the doctor, together with Bush and Thomas, took turns in riding the saddle-horse to Lansing, adopting the old method of "riding and tying." When they arrived at North Lansing the dwelling of Deacon Page, who usually kept travelers, was full, and they were obliged to proceed to the house of Justus Gilkey, nearly two miles farther down the river, to find accommodations. The doctor remained a few days, went over the ground where the new Capitol now stands, and examined the lands to the south of section 16. he remembers seeing wolf tracks near where the Capitol now stands.

The doctor soon returned to his home in Dexter. Messrs. Bush, Thomas and Peck were anxious to get him to settle in the new town, and as an inducement offered him lots on the corner south of where the Everett House now stands. The offer being a good one, the doctor concluded to accept it and make Lansing his home, and accordingly, in May, 1847, he came back and commenced to build 'his house, which forms the main portion of the one ...he complete it and removed his family to Lansing in the

fall of the same year. He continued in practice from that date until 1850, when he returned to Washtenaw county to take charge of the farm of his father, who had died in 1849." Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 120-1.

He remained on the old place until 1861, when he returned to Lansing, principally for the purpose of having his daughter attend the school for young ladies then recently opened by Miss Rogers. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 49. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 120.

1847

Came to Lansing and entered partnership with (John) Thomas & Lee; built Benton House.

Engaged in mercantile business under name of Bush & Thomas. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 261.

Bush & Thomas erected frame store on east side of Grand River, probably on lot No. 1, of block 227. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 128.

In the spring of 1847 a new real-estate firm-Bush, Thomas & Lee--came to Lansing, where they purchased a large amount of land, and Bush and Thomas erected a store and opened an extensive stock of goods.

The property of the Fords, on section 21, was heavily mortgaged, and had been sold to taxes. The southeast quarter of the section was purchased at the mortgage sale by Joab Page, who soon after sold to Charles P. Bush. The latter purchased all the tax titles and perfected his own title to the land. The southwest quarter of the section was purchased by the firm, - Bush, Thomas & Lee. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 128.

Aug 16, 1847

William H. Townsend and wife Sarah, Samuel Mead and George Peck, to Charles P. Bush; Land in Lansing Twp. Sec. 21 (L7:P358)

Purchased Lot 16 on Block 177 for \$100.

Sep 1, 1847

"Among the many pupils who attended Mrs. Burr's school, were find in the families mentioned, Mr. Dearin's two boys, Henry and Matthew, Isaac, Charlie and Elbert Bush, brothers of Mrs. Hinmann, John being a messenger boy in the legislature; Amelia Hunt, James Thomas, Two Clapsaddle boys. The younger one fell into the river and was rescued by his older brother; one Quackenbush boy, Lucy Long, David and Nancy Goucher, Anna Jeffries, Mary Berry, later known as Mrs. H. D. Pugh, whose father at the time was proprietor of the original Lansing House; Hattie

Edgar, whose father built the first structure of the Commercial House, and Delia Ward, afterwards Mrs. F. M. Cowles." 276 pg. 178.

- Sep 23, 1847 Samuel P. Mead and George W. Peck and wife Elizabeth of Michigan to Charles P. Bush of same place; land in Lansing Twp. Section 21 (L7:P517)
- Purchased 1/3 interest in lands in section 21 for \$1,500.
- Nov 30, 1847 Charles P. Bush & George W. Peck Block 133 Lot 1 \$135
- Dec 17, 1847 William H. Townsend and wife Sarah of New York City to Daniel E. Lee and Charles P. Bush and John Thomas; land in Lansing Twp. Section 21 (L7:P620)
- Purchased for \$9,000.  
NW fractional quarter  
NE fractional quarter of section 21 (301 & 91/100 acres)  
exception conveyance made by William H. Townsend, Mead & Peck bearing date the 5th of May and recorded liber 1 page 300 & 301 and reserving and excepting such lots in the town of Michigan as have been heretofore conveyed to other persons or parties by the said parties of the first part (Townsend) or either of them...and further reserving and excepting
- Blocks 166, 169, 178, 181, 183, 184, 187, 189, 192, 193, 194, 199, 202, 209, 211, 216, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225 conveyed to state
- convey to the parties of the second part the exclusive right and privilege of raising and forever keeping up and maintaining the waters of Grand River on and through section 20 in said Twp. 4 North range 2 west to and at such height as they deem necessary or convenient for hydraulic or milling purposes but so as not to raise the same above the bank on the west line of said section 20 and also further exclusive privilege of building, keeping up and maintaining forever a dam across Grand River on said section 20 at such point or place as may be deem necessary or convenient raising or keeping up the water of Grand River at or below the height above and limited and no higher and
- also the right and exclusive privilege of digging or otherwise constructing, keeping in repair and maintain forever a canal or race through such portions of said section 20 as they deem necessary or convent of such depth and width as may be necessary for the full and perfect use and enjoyment of the water power hereby conveyed either by itself or in connection with the water power on section 21 of said Twp. with the right and full power and authority to enter upon said section 20 and  
\_\_\_Thereupon whenever and as long as it shall at any time be

necessary for the construction repair or maintenance of said dam races, canal and their appurtenances and the right to take and use for the purpose of building and keeping in repair said dam all earth gravel and stone from the banks of said river and from the line of said canal and also such timber now standing within two rods of the center of said canal and also such earth gravel or stone adjoining the rim of said race or canal for the repair of the same whenever such repair may be necessary.

and the said parties of the first part do hereby sell assign transfer and set over unto the said parties of the second part all and singular their right title and interest of in and to all monies bills, bonds, notes, mortgages and contracts which have been received for or on account of sales of lots in the Town of Michigan and in and all property goods and chattels? arising from such sales and belonging to the said Townsends. Together with all and singular the \_\_\_\_and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in ....

1847 "C. P. Bush built his very fine residence, so considered at the time, which was later owned by Mrs. Hinman, his daughter, and lastly purchased and removed to its present location, to give place to the palatial residence of O. M. Barnes. "276 pg. 177.

1847 Bush & Thomas Store  
This corner (Main & Cedar), remote as it now is from the principal commercial centers of Lansing, was a natural location for a central store. Cedar Street was the only road from the south over which the earliest travelers entering the county by way of Stockbridge or from Jackson and Eaton Rapids could get to Lansing. Main street was a through road across the city connecting the Grand River Road with the state road to the southwest. Continuing from Cedar Street, Main street ran east in a straight line a mile and half to where it evidently struck the old Indian trail along the north bank of the Cedar River, and from the east line of Section 21 - at the present (1933) location of the viaduct over the M.C. R. R. - it was designated as the Okemah road. Its course ran parallel with the Cedar River entering the college grounds at the west entrance, following the river to near the gymnasium where it took a northeasterly course crossing the town line near Abbot Hall and joining Grand River Road about opposite M.A. C. Avenue. The road was never more than an Indian trail cleared and widened for wagon traffic. After Michigan Avenue was established a few months later, Okemah Road generally fell into disuse like many others of the wilderness roads.  
Source: History of The City of East Lansing, by James D. Towar, 1933; pg. 28.

1847-8 ...he presided over the last senatorial session in the old capitol in Detroit, as also the first which sat in Lansing.  
Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan by Franklin Ellis, pg. 236.

- 1848 Charles P. Bush "in 1846 became State Senator, serving during 1847 as President of the Senate, and by virtue of that office acting as Lieutenant-Governor. He administered the oath of office to the officers elect in the woods of Lansing." Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston Counties Michigan, Chapman Bros., 1891; pg. 262. Note: Check?
- Feb 18, 1848 Ann Thomas of Farmington, Oakland Cty., grants power of Attorney to Charles P. Bush of Michigan, Ingham Cty. (L6:P631?)
- Feb 19, 1848 Daniel L. Lee of Brighton, Livingston county, Michigan to Charles P. Bush of same. (former grants power of Attorney to last). (L6:P631?)
- Mar 2, 1848 Daniel Lee and wife Sarah and John Thomas and wife Ann of Michigan (by Atty. C. P. Bush) and George W. Peck and wife Minerva of Michigan to William Harrison Ransdell of Plymouth, Wayne Cty.; land in village of Michigan. (18:P10)  
Purchased for \$100 dollars Lot 13 of Block 174.
- Mar 4, 1848 John Thomas and wife Ann (by Atty. C. P. Bush), Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura (by Atty. C. P. Bush) and George W. Peck and C. P. Bush, and wife Minerva Peck, all of Michigan to Garner P. Shaw of Oakland Cty.; land in village of Michigan. (18:P201)  
  
Purchased Lot 6 of Block 173 for \$130.
- Mar 4, 1848 Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura L. (by Atty. C. P. Bush) of Ingham Cty. to Sylvester Thompson of Ionia Cty.; land in town of Michigan (18:P85)  
  
Purchased for \$150 Lots 4 and 5 of Block 231, except claims of Chapsaddle widow.
- Mar 31, 1848 Public Act 161 authorized Daniel S. Lee, Charles P. Bush and John Thomas to erect and maintain a dam, not exceeding 8 feet in height above the common low water mark, across the Grand River on sections 20 and 21 in township four north or range two west.  
  
Owners to construct good and convenient lock, at least eight feet long and eighteen feet wide, for the passage of all boats, barges, rafts or other water craft that may navigate river, and shall be constructed as to receive such boats and other craft in slack water of sufficient depth below said dam, and pass them to slack water of sufficient depth above said dam for all purposes of the navigation of river at all times, whenever the circuit or county court shall order the same to be done, upon good cause. At the time of the construction of the dame there shall be construct therein or thereat a convenient shut or slide for the passage of all craft navigating the river. Its duty of owner at all times to keep the lock

in repair and to pass any watercraft through the dam, free of tools and without unnecessary delay.

Source: Public Act 161 of 1848, approved March 31, 1848.

- Apr 3, 1848      Legislature charter Ann Arbor and Michigan Plank-Road Company to build road from Michigan to Ann Arbor; one of the incorporators was Charles P. Bush; authorized capital stock, \$100,000.  
Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 94.
- Apr 3, 1848      Legislature approved formation of Oakland and Ottawa Railroad Company to construct a railroad with a double or single track from the village of Pontiac, in the county of Oakland, to Lake Michigan, in the county of Ottawa, passing it through the most desirable and eligible route, by the way of Fentonville; C. P. Bush one of commissioners of railroad.  
Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co., 1880; pg. 35.
- Apr 24, 1848      Charles P. Bush and George W. Peck purchased 40 acres in section 30 of Meridian Township. Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 277.
- 1848              Sold interest in mercantile business to partner Thomas. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 128.
- May 4, 1848      John Thomas and wife Ann (by Atty. Charles P. Bush) Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura R. (by same Atty) and George W. Peck and wife Minerva (by same Atty.) all of Michigan to George Haskell of Ohio; land in town of Michigan (18:P145)  
  
Purchased for \$40 Lot 2 of Block 176.
- May 10, 1848      John Thomas and wife Ann by her attorney C. P. Bush; Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura by her attorney C. P. Bush; Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva and George W. Peck to Isaac L. Taylor of town of Michigan; for \$375.00;  
  
Lot 4 of block 228 and Lots 2, 3 and 8 of Block 173. (L9:P186)
- Jun 20, 1848      Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva of Lansing to William W. Hathaway of Grass Lake, Jackson co.; land in section 30 of Meridian Twp. (18:P164)
- Jun 23, 1848      George W. Peck of Lansing to Charles Bush; for \$50.00; half part interest in SE quarter of SW quarter of section 30 of Meridian Twp. (18:P355)
- Jun 27, 1848      Charles P. Bush & Charles A. Jeffries  
Block 178      Lot 11 \$18

Block 187      L 2, 3, 4 & 5      \$67

Jun 28, 1848	C. P. Bush & C. A. Jeffries      Block 187      L 7, 8 & 9      \$48
Jun 28, 1848	C. P. Bush & C. A. Jeffries      Block 187      L 7, 8 & 9      \$48
Jul 3, 1848	Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva of Lansing, Ingham Cty to Marshall M. Wells of same; land in village of Lansing. (18:P212)  Purchased for \$250 Lot 1 of Block 169 and Lots 1 & 10 of Block 166.
Jul 5, 1848	Purchased land in sections 30 and 31 in Meridian Twp. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 278.
Jul 15, 1848	John Thomas and wife Ann (by Atty. C. P. Bush, Daniel Lee and wife Laura (by same Atty) George W. Peck and wife Minerva (by same atty) to Jerome E. Eaton and John S. Hurd; land in village of Lansing. (18:P242)  Purchased for \$150 Lots 7, 8, 9, 10 of Block 218.
Aug 5, 1848	John Thomas and wife Ann (by her Atty. C. P. Bush) to Margaret Mooney of Lansing, Ingham Cty.; land in village of Lansing. (18:P217)  Purchased for \$100 Lot 5 of Block 175.
Aug 31, 1848	James B. Waits and wife Susannah of Lansing Twp. to Charles P. Bush of same; land in village of Michigan. (18:P357)  Purchased for \$300 Lot 17 of Block 177.
Sep 6, 1848	Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva of Michigan to James B. Waits of Lansing, Ingham Cty.; land in village of Lansing. (18:P495)  Purchased for \$1,400 Lots 3 & 15 of Block 174.
Sep 9, 1848	Lyman French and wife Eliza of Lansing, late of Oswego Cty. NY to Charles P. Bush and Kingsly S. Bingham of Lansing, Ingham Cty; land in Lansing Twp. Section 27. (18:P361)
Sep 29, 1848	Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva, Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura L. and George W. Peck all of Michigan to Charles L. Seeley of Plymouth, Wayne county, Michigan; Land in city of Lansing. (L12:P328)  Purchased for \$100 Lot 16 of block 176.

Oct 16, 1848	C. P. Bush and wife Minerva of Lansing to Lyman Platt and Sylvester Lyons of Marrow Co. Ohio; for \$35 <sup>00</sup> .00; West half of SW ...of section 30 Meridian Twp. (L9:P131)
Oct 16, 1848	Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva and Kingsley S. Bingham and wife Mary to Jesse Stanton of Wayne Cty. ; land in Lansing Twp. Section 27. (18:P607)
Nov 4, 1848	John Thomas and wife Ann; Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura L. (by her attorney C. P. Bush), George W. Peck and Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva all of Michigan to Peter J. Weller and Augustus F. Weller of Lansing, Ingham county, Michigan; Land in Village of Lansing. (L9:P458)
	Purchased for \$130 Lot 4 of Block 177.
Jan 8, 1849	Silver (State Land Commissioner) to C. P. Bush, Lee & Thomas (L9:P274)
	Assignees of Townsends by virtue of Joint Resolution of April 3, 1848 for just compensation "to flow certain land therein described and whereas said parties of the second part have become and now are the assignees of all the aforesaid rights of said Townsend under said resolution and whereas the sum of o dollar as deemed by said party of the first part a full and adequate compensation of the privileges herein after granted, Now therefore the said parties of the first part on behalf of the State of Michigan by virtue of...give and grant the right and privilege to flow or overflow by raising the waters in the Grand or Cedar Rivers of either of them the whole of any portion of the following described parcels or tracts of land to wit:
	Blocks 194, 216, 225.
Mar 7, 1849	James Seymour to C. P. Bush, Thomas, Lee; land in Section 21 (L9:P272)
	Purchased for \$2,000 the SW fractional quarter of Section 21; 130 acres
	"together with the water rights and privileges appertaining to the same excepting and reserving the right and privilege of setting back unto the land ready covered its water of said Seymour mill pond as far and as high as his present dam across Grand River on section 9 with an addition covering of four inch planks will raise it
Mar 7, 1849	Daniel S. Lee and Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva, John Thomas and wife Ann of Lansing and Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura L. of Brighton to James Seymour of Flushing; for \$2,000*;



“the right and privilege of raising and keeping up the water of the mill pond created by the said Seymour’s dam on the Grand River in section 9 as far ....high through section 21 in T4N,R2W in said town of Lansing and flowing as much land in said section 21 as the present dam with an additional raising of 4 inch plank will raise it..”: land in section 21. (18:P616)

\*Note: from microfilm look like ‘2’ but could be ‘5’.

- Apr 5, 1849      Purchased Land  
Township 4-N, Range 1-W of Ingham County:  
Section 30 SESW 40 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI1680\_\_\_.131; Detroit Land Office.
- May 11, 1849      Jacob Page to C. P. Bush: Land in section 21. (L9:P273)
- Purchased for \$500; 160 acres on SE quarter of Section 21:
- Blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65. (Biddle City)
- Oct 16, 1949      Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva and Kinsley S. Bingham and wife Mary to Jesse Stanton of Wayne county; land in section 27 of Lansing Twp. (18:P607)
- 1850      Delegated from Ingham County to Constitutional Convention.
- Sep 11, 1851      John H. Power and wife Henrietta B of NY City to Charles Bush of Lansing, Power of Attorney. (L11:P?)  
Note: Need page 60 of Library book.
- Oct 23, 1851      Buys land Section 10, Genoa township (Ep-NE).  
Source: Southeastern Michigan Pioneer Families, Especially Livingston County and New York Origins, compiled by Helen F. Lewis.
- 1852      Delegate to Democratic National Convention at Baltimore.
- Feb 24, 1853      Member of Livingston County Agriculture Society
- Jul I, 1853      State Librarian, resigned Dec. 5, 1854.  
Note: Same Charles P. Bush.?
- Oct 6, 1853      Received premium for cattle at Livingston County Agriculture society fair held at Brighton.
- Oct 6, 1853      Buys land section 3 of Genoa (SW-NE) township, Livingston county.; sells land in section 3 in 1854.  
Source: Early Landowners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 107.

Oct 21, 1853 Charles P and wife Minerva buy land in section 6 of Deerfield township (wp-SW) for taxes; resident listed as Lansing; sell land in 1855. Source: Early Landowners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 107.

1853 Land entry on Sec. 3 of Genoa Twp. pg. 292

1853-4 Land entry on Sec. 10 of Genoa Twp. pg. 292.

1854-6 Senator from 26th District. (Shiawassee & Ingham counties.)

Jun 15, 1854 Purchased Land  
Township 2-N, Range 5-E of Livingston County:  
Section 3 SWSW 40 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0920\_\_\_.308; Detroit Land Office.

Jun 27, 1854 Land entry on Sec. 21 of Conway Twp. Livingston County. Pg. 339.

Jul 6, 1854 Land entry on Sec. 28 of Conway Twp. Livingston County. Pg. 339.

Nov 17, 1854 Land entry on section 25 of Handy Twp. (Ep-NW & SE) Livingston County. pg. 235. Source: Early Landowners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 107.

Nov 17, 1854 Land entry on section 21 of Handy Twp. Livingston county. pg. 239.

1854 Received premium on short-horns from Livingston County Agriculture Society.

Feb 3, 1855 Buys lot #64 in village of Howell; residence listed as Lansing, MI. Source: Early Landowners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 107.

Jan 10, 1856 Purchased Land  
Township 2-N, Range 5-E of Livingston County:  
Section 10 NENW 40 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0930\_\_\_.490; Detroit Land Office.

1856 "...made the last political speech of his life, in company with Horatio Seymour, at Auburn, New York, on the occasion of a great Democratic mass-meeting."  
Source: American Biographical History of Eminent and Self-Made men with Portrait Illustrations on Steel, Michigan Volume, 1878,

1856 Sells land in Section 1 of Genoa township.

Source: Early Landowners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 107.

Jul 1, 1857

Purchased Land  
Township 4-N, Range 3-E of Livingston County:  
Section 21 SWNE 40 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0950\_\_174; Detroit Land Office.

Township 3-N, Range 3-E of Livingston County:  
Section 25 E 1/2 NW 80 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0950\_\_175; Detroit Land Office.

Jul 4, 1858

Died.  
Sources: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 261.

Died at age of 49. Lists date as Jul 4, 1857.  
Source: Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society Lansing, MI, Occasional Paper No. I.

1859

Listed as owning land in section 3, 8, 9, 10 and 15 of Genoa Township. Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

1886

Wife (Minerva Walker) died in Lansing at age 76.  
Source: Southeastern Michigan Pioneer Families, Especially Livingston County and New York Origins, compiled by Helen F. Lewis. Source: Past and Present, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 261.

Source:

Unless noted: History of Livingston County Michigan With Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of Its Prominent Men and Pioneers, Everts and Abbott, 1880.

Bush Family Tree

Charles P. Bush

Son John J. Bush, Sr.  
Son John J. Bush  
Proprietor of Bush Road Cart Company at Lansing.

Block 171 Lots

**Benton House (Everett)**

NW Corner S. Washington & W. Main

- 1847 During the summer the Benton House was built by Bush and Thomas. At the same time this firm built a small store on the east side of the river, a bridge being thrown across from Main Street. 287 - pg. 177.
- 1848 Opened.
- May 18, 1849 Managed by William Hinman, former clerk for Bush & Thomas; managed for 10 years; purchased and sold to Mr. Parkard who renamed Everett House. Source: Port. Ing. & Liv Cty, Chapman, Bros, 1891 pg. 262.
- 1857 Re-opened.
- 1861? After Lansing House burned Martin Hudson became proprietor until appx. 1863 when went to Eagle. 117 pg. 515.
- 1867 Closed after Lansing House opened
- 1870 Opened as Everett House  
Degenerated into boarding house
- 1874 Listed in atlas as Everett House
- 1902 Everett torn down.
- 1849 "My, how pa and Mr. Bush did drive to get this tavern ready for the opening of the Legislature--everyone said they couldn't do it, but they did." continued Sarah in the way of safe conversation. "Ann Cochran, who came over here with her brother, Henry, from Woodhull, to do the cooking, told ma the other day that if it were not for so much cheap whiskey helping out as filling that they never could fill all these men with food. How Ann does hate the black waiter's pa and Mr. Bush hired from the lake boat at Detroit to come up here during the session."  
Source: Fiction article based on fact in State Journal. 267 pg. 531.

### **John J. Bush**

Son of Charles P. Bush

- 1869 Moved to Lansing.
- ? Platted Bush, Butler and Sparrow addition to city.  
Source: Past and Present, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 262.

### **Charles P. Bush**

#### **Land Patent Purchases**

- May 3, 1837 Purchased Land  
Township 3-N, Range 3-E of Livingston County:  
Section 11 E 1/2 NW 80 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents MI0680\_\_\_.159; Detroit Land Office.

Township 3-N, Range 3-E of Livingston County  
Section 11 W 1/2 NE 80 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0680\_\_\_.271; Detroit Land Office.

Aug 5, 1837

Purchased Land  
Township 3-N, Range 3-E of Livingston County:  
Section 2 N 1/2 NE 46.13 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0730\_\_\_.404; Detroit Land Office.

Township 3-N, Range 4-E of Livingston County:  
Section 6 N 1/2 SW 82.5 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0730\_\_\_.471; Detroit Land Office.

Apr 5, 1849

Purchased Land  
Township 4-N, Range 1-W of Ingham County:  
Section 30 SESW 40 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI1680\_\_\_.131; Detroit Land Office.

Jun 15, 1854

Purchased Land  
Township 2-N, Range 5-E of Livingston County:  
Section 3 SWSW 40 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0920\_\_\_.308; Detroit Land Office.

Jan 10, 1856

Purchased Land  
Township 2-N, Range 5-E of Livingston County:  
Section 10 NENW 40 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0930\_\_\_.490; Detroit Land Office.

Jul 1, 1857

Purchased Land  
Township 4-N, Range 3-E of Livingston County:  
Section 21 SWNE 40 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0950\_\_\_.174; Detroit Land Office.

Township 3-N, Range 3-E of Livingston County:  
Section 25 E 1/2 NW 80 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0950\_\_\_.175; Detroit Land Office.

**John N. Bush**

Block 39 Lot 5

"In twenty years from 1850 to 1870 the world had produced as much as in all the years from the time of Christ to the close of the

eighteenth century....He urged that pioneers are still wanted; the perplexing questions are still before us and their solution will require efforts as loyal and as persistent at any that ever felled forests and endured privations." Bush at Pioneer Society meeting; Adams pg. 104.

Republican. Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, January 1902.

Jan 21, 1821

Born Mason, Murray Township, Orleans County, NY  
Eight children in family. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 383.

Lansing State Journal article of August 15, 1913 notes born on Jan 1, 1821.

1825

Father came to Detroit.

May 1826

Family moved to Michigan; settled in Detroit.  
Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, January 1902. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 383.  
Source: Lansing State Journal, August 15, 1913.

Came by Erie Canal.  
Source: Lansing State Journal, August 15, 1913.

October 1826

Family moved to Ypsilanti  
Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, January 1902. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 383.

1831

"His work began at an early age, for at ten years he carried the hod filled with brick, and thus employed soon learned the mason's trade" Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 384.

1832

Family returned to Murray Township, NY Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 384.

1836

"...before he was fifteen years of age, he could lay a wall as well as his father." Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 384.

1847

Moved from NY to Michigan. Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, January 1902.

May 1847

J.N. Bush and Powell families arrived in Lansing same day stake was set for the Capitol. "Her (Bush) family found lodging that night in one of the board shanties, where a field bed was spread, and

thirty people lodged there. They through themselves fortunate to find a place where they could lay their heads." 279 pg. 419.

It has all changed so since then, from a mass of wilderness to a city of civilization. It grew slow in the woods. The first year or two there were two or three log houses between Michigan and Franklin streets, but the rest was all woods.

source: Lansing State Journal, August 15, 1913.

- Appx. May 10, 1847 Miss Eliza Powell, 18 years old, came to take charge of first school; later married John N. Bush. Source: Has Lived Here Longer Than Any Other Person; State Republican, April 14, 1909.
- June 1847 Father came to Lansing and began work of contracting; one of first contracts was Seymour House.
- Jun 1847 Oliver Bush, a mason by trade, came to Lansing began work of contracting. "one of his first contractors was on the building known as the Old Seymour House, now (1891) called the Franklin House. While thus employed he was taken sick with erysipelas, being obliged to leave his work October 9, and a few days later, October 20, he passed away from his life the age of sixty years." 117 pg. 383.
- Father became sick with erysipelas
- Sep 1847 John N. Bush, son of Oliver Bush, first contract was to finish Seymour House, after which he erected the Packard House, and the following March (1848) he built the Lansing House (2nd Lansing House?). Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 384.
- Sep 1847 Mr. Bush's father who had secured a contract for the mason work on the Seymour house, came with his son, they landed in Lansing early in September, 1847. Scarcely a month had passed when the elder Bush died, the young man assumed the contract and completed the work." Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, January 1902.
- Fall 1847 John N. Bush came to help father who had taken contract to build Franklin House. Source: Has Lived Here Longer Than Any Other Person; State Republican, April 14, 1909.
- 1847 "When I came to Lansing two years after this (1847) from New York states, " said Mr. Bush, in speaking of his early advent into the new state capital "Michigan City" as the place was then called, consisted of a few log houses close to the river bank and along the road that is now Washington ave. Cedar st was then as prominent as Washington ave. The latter, from Michigan to north Lansing, was full of trash heaps and logs, and dense woods bordered it on both sides. The first hotel in the town was the

Jipson house, where the stages shipped. The same year I came, however, two new hotels, the Benton house and the Franklin house, were built, the mason work on which I handled. I remembered that a French-Canadian named Peter Suppy worked with me in building the first of these, the Benton house on the site of the Olds residence, at main st and Washington ave. Suppy was a giant in strength having the capacity for work equal to two ordinary men. he and I worked together and when the buildings war nearing completion and there was an urgent demand that it be finished in time for the big ball that was to mark the opening of the legislature for the first session in Lansing, the new state capital, he and I plastered 600 square yards of the interior Saturday afternoon between 2 and 9 o'clock so that the house might be ready for the ball Monday night. We finished the job that nit. He and I made together the record of lathing and plastering 5,000 yards in two months, a record never surpassed by any pair of workmen, so far as I know, in the history of Lansing."

Aside from the work on these buildings, Mr. Bush handled the contracts for the erection of about 70 of the brick buildings in Lansing, among them the present high school building completed 34 years ago. Many of the older brick buildings in the business portion of the city were erected under his direction.

"I came to this place, continued Mr. Bush, "because my father, Oliver Bush, had taken a contract to build the old Franklin House. He died here, however, in the fall of 21847. At that time there were but two stores in town, that of H. H. Smith at Cedar and Franklin ave. and Bush & Thomas at Cedar and main sts.

"The legislature was ridiculed and denounced for selecting the center of a dense woods forty miles from a railroad for the capital. The selection, however, was maintained, and has since become generally satisfactory. What to name the place became a standing joke. Suggestions it be called "Brush Ridge" and Skunk Hollow' were heard, but the present name, which is said to have been taken from the township in which the city is located, was finally selected. The township is said to have been given its name by men who came here from Lansing, Thompkins county, New York." Source: The State Republican, April 14, 1909.

Sep 1, 1947

"I came here in 1847. It was on the first of September....Lansing was a mass of unbroken forest at that time. There wasn't a solitary house except for two or three log houses in North Lansing on the bluff of the river. There were built by Mr. Birch who had had the job of building the mill dam. Before the mill dam was completed Birch in company with some others made an examination of some defect in the construction of the dam and in doing so, they had set out in a canoe and paddle under the beams of the structure. The canoe capsized and birch was drowned.



I well remember the families that lived here when I came. In the fall of 45, 'Uncle' Joab Page settled here with his family of 11 and were living alone in the woods. "Squire" Gulky was also a member of the community. They called him squire because he acted as a sort of justice of the peace. When he wasn't engaged in enforcing the law with all the majesty that he deemed fitted his dignity, he was busily engaged in peddling counterfeit money. I don't know whether there are many living now that remember the old counterfeiting band or not. I distinctly remember that the 'Squire' was one of members. They had an establishment of the flats of the river. It was before the capitol was located. They were manufacturing counterfeit silver dollars. I remember one of them was killed when there was an explosion of some chemicals one day. Later the government got after them and they skipped the country. I forgot whether any of them were ever captured or not. At any rate they were never seen in Lansing again to my knowledge. Some people are under the impression that the counterfeiters operated in the Bogus swamp, but this is an error and easy explained. You see when they heard rumors that the government was going to get them, they hid their machinery and the hiding place was the Bogus swamp. I saw the machinery in the swamp myself. It consisted of a cogwheel and a shaft. I hunted all through the swamp and that was how I came upon their outfit. But the real operations occurred on the flats of the river. The counterfeiter's shanties were here when I came.

Washington ave was the only street open up and it was only a short crude thoroughfare at that. I remember the first time I walked along the road now called Washington ave. I walked along from Franklin st to Michigan ave. You couldn't get a team through from Michigan to Main st. and it was hard to make your way by foot. I came here as a contractor by trade, but most of the time I spent hunting. When I came here, they were building the old state house and also what is called the Franklin house in North Lansing. I worked with my father at first. he died later and I took up his trade. I was a builder and a hunter. I have built more than 65 brick buildings by contract. I have erected 20 stores in North Lansing, 15 of which were built in one summer. I build the high school building and lost \$6000 doing it. At least that's the way I figured it out. I calculated to make \$4000 on the deal and instead lost \$2000, so I figured that I lost \$6000. That deal broke me flat almost. That was in 1872.

The legislature met here January 1, 1848 for the first time. I was there the day it convened. Although I have missed some convening days there hasn't been a legislature in session since that I have not attended. In the spring of '48 the settlers utilized every root and log available to keep out the mud and water from the streets. The worst place was at Ottawa and Washington. At this point there was a run of water, which completely submerged the road. Logs and planks were thrown in so as to make the way

passable. Some 20 years ago a sewer was put in at this point by the city and the logs and planks were found to be in as good condition as the day they were put in there.

When Jenison's store was built, we had to go down in a gully and climb some rudely erected stairs to order to get to tour work. There was a thick tamarack swamp on the east side of Washington ave from Saginaw st to Shiawassee st. Nobody would buy the land. That was the mistake made by most of us pioneers. We couldn't see far enough ahead to realize that we were rich in lands and that the people would come pouring in by the thousands later on. We used to comment on that swamp and say that it would never be fit for anything but a goose swamp. You could have bought it for almost a song then, but now it's much different. I don't know how much it would come to now bit it would be more than I would want to pay at any rate.

Source: Lansing State Journal, August 15, 1913.

Oct 9, 1847      Father left work due sickness

Oct 20, 1847      Father died.

?      The town grew slowly. Vast places were then contracted to be cleared and for two and three years the cleared places grew up in fireweeds and thistles as high as a man's head.  
Source: Lansing State Journal, August 15, 1913.

Mar 1848      John N. Bush built Lansing House. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 384.

Sep 25, 1849      Married Miss Ann E. Powell; Ms. L. Powell taught in Lansing's first school. Had 7 children only one survived John Bush.  
Source: The State Republican, April 14, 1909.

Wedding in Oneida county, NY  
Had three children: Willis O; Carrie P., and John N. Jr. who died at age 17. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 384.

"Three children grew to maturity, but one of whom is now living. Oliver, the first, and John N. the second, are dead. The only daughter, Mrs. Carrie Shoemaker, wife of Rudolph Shoemaker, makes her home in Lansing.  
Source: The State Republican, April 14, 1909.

May 12, 1859      Paid \$165.00 for erecting boiler house at State Reform School as part of erecting South Wing as authorized under PA 193 of 1859. pg. 88. Source: Fourth Annual Report of Board for 1860; included in Twenty-fourth Annual Report of Superintendent of Public Instruction for 1860; Joint Document No. 7 for 1860.

- 1861 Alderman of city of Lansing. Source: Durant
- 1861 Member of city council.  
Source: The State Republican, April 14, 1909.
- Jun 14-Jul 3, 1866 Paid \$163.00 by state for work done for Capitol and materials furnished. Source: Annual Report of the Board of State Auditors for the Year 1866; pg. 33.
- ? Supervisor for fourth ward.
- 1872 John N. Bush assisted Daniel W. Buck in construction of Buck's Opera House. Source: Daniel W. Buck, Obituary in The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, March 30, 1908.
- 1873 John N. Bush builder, corner Saginaw and Capitol Avenue, North Lansing. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1873.
- 1874 Build block in Lansing.
- 1874 "In 1874 he took the contract for building the High school, bit it embarrassed him to a great extent, and since that time he has followed his business less extensively."  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 383.
- 1878 Began stumping state for Republicans. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 384.
- 1888 Stumped State and canvassed for Republicans; principally Detroit and Upper Peninsula; for one month spoke every night.  
"To say that Mr. Bush is a Republican, hardly does justice to his political sentiments, so zealous is he, having inherited his Republican tendencies from generations patriotic ancestors."  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 384.
- 1889-1890 Employed by Republican State Central Committee.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 384.
- 1890 Stumped State for Republicans. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 384.
- 1908 John N. Bush, who recently moved to New York  
Source: Daniel W. Buck, Obituary in The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, March 30, 1908.

- 1909 Within the last few years he served in an appointive capacity for the city as sewer inspector. Source: The State Republican, April 14, 1909.
- 1909 Bush's "are not peacefully spending their declining days at 210 Saginaw st. w, at the home of Mrs. Fannie A. Brown, where every conform is at their disposal and where their companionship is sought by those who value their friendship. Source: The State Republican, April 14, 1909.
- Aug 15, 1913 Lived at 703 N. Capitol Avenue. Source: Lansing State Journal August 15, 1913.
- Jun 1916 Died at age 95.
- ? We used to go from North Lansing to "Middletown" to vote. There was always strife between the settlers of the different parts. I was brought up a wig. We used to hold caucuses when there wouldn't be more than a corporal's guard turning out to attend. The northsiders would come home from the polls swearing mad when things didn't go just the way they desired. then they would call an indignation meeting and make speeches against Middletown and Uppertown saying they haven't been given a fair show and so on. The uprising would invariably subside, and everything would quiet down until the next election. Source: Lansing State Journal, August 15, 1913.
- Aug 15, 1913 "In the wild woods in the midst of solitude and silence. I've been lost in the woods many times, but I always found my way out. I was never lonesome there with the tall trees for company. I enjoyed it all. Give me my rifle and hand-axe and the woods and I'll be happy. I enjoyed camping out. I the coldest of winters were could fix a comfortable sleeping place in less than 30 minutes. my greatest desire now is to go up north and hunt. All is confusion now, with factory whistles screaming the blatant calls to work, and pole, people everywhere." Source: Lansing State Journal, August 15, 1913.
- Okemos  
? He (John Okemos) married into a Chippewa family and later had some matrimonial troubles. John was an Ottawa. The Okemos settlements were at Chumican, 20 miles from Lansing and at Okemos. Old Okemos was a bright Indian. Some say he was 105 years old, but I think that is a mistake. I knew him well. he was a warrior all the way through. He was left twice on the battlefield for dead. Once he went with a party of 20 Indians to help the British under General Brock in their siege against Fort Crogan in the War of 1812. I have often heard my father tell of the chief. Fort Crogan was located where Fremont Ohio now is. The Indian party got in the woods near the fort when they saw a troop of American

Cavalry coming. Okemos saw that the cavalry were too much for him and as he used to say himself when telling of the incident afterward, 'we hid up a heap quick.' The cavalry got partly past when one of the young braves fired a shot. That revealed the hiding place and the cavalry turned and charged into the brush. The Indians were all cut down. Okemos was wounded and lay quiet until darkness fell.

Then he gave an Indian signal an owl hoot, it was a signal for all those pretending to be dead to get up. His half-brother was the only member of the band who was not dead. he was wounded but answered the call and together they crawled to the river where they washed their wounds and made their way back home to Chumican. He was there 14 months recovering from his wounds and then joined General Brock's army in Canada. He was in the battle of the Thames when General Harrison met and defeated the British and the Indians. On that occasion Okemos was again left on the battlefield for dead. He was as sly as he was tough.

He returned to the settlement around Lansing and when he got well, he went to Detroit to the commanding officer and said: 'me fight heap nuff! me fight Shemokeyman no more.' Shemokeyman was his word for American. yes, Okemos was a fine orator in his Indian tongue. He could make a great speech and held a position of influence. he made a speech at the treaty of mackinaw that carried them all the way, both the Americans and the Indians. In his battles for home and country he displayed a patriotism that has always been admired. he was a small man 5 feet 6 inches in height but will built He was keenly sensitive as to his treatment by the whites. I've had my hand on his head lots of time and I can't compare the feeling to anything but the feeling of a rough iron-wood knot it was cut up some with many scars.

Source: Lansing State Journal, August 15, 1913.

## Family Tree

Oliver Bush Mason by trade

Sib John N. Bush

## William Buth

Nov 1, 1848

William W. Buth

Block 100

Lot 2

\$120

## Orson Butler

Block 35

Lot 5 & 6

1844

Resident taxpayer of Vevay Township. D314.

- Mar 3, 1848 Ephraim B. Danforth and wife Elizabeth of Mason Ingham Cty. to Orson Butler, Lansing, Ingham Cty.; land in town of Michigan now Lansing. (L9:P3)
- Purchased for \$100 Lots 5 & 6 in block 35.
- 1840 In census listed as resident of Vevay Township and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- 1840 In census listed as resident of Vevay Township and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- Apr 6, 1849 Orson Butler and wife Sarah M. of Lansing, to James Seymour of Flushing; for \$100.00; (L9:P8)
- Lot 5 of Block 35 in city of Lansing.
- 1840 In census listed as resident of Lansing Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- Jul 23, 1855 Petition for guardianship for Frances E. Butler, minor, by Sarah W. Butler, mother of Frances I under 14, heir to Orson Butler late of Lansing, ask herself to be appointed guardian.  
Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham county, MI 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical society, Lansing, MI; Occasional Paper No. 10; April 1980; record 34.
- Jul 23, 1855 Petition to sell real estate, land in Lansing Township, at Orson's death he left 2 children, one now deceased.  
Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham county, MI 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical society, Lansing, MI; Occasional Paper No. 10; April 1980; record 34.
- Jun 3, 1856 Guardian appointed to John Peek.  
Aug 3, 1856 Report of guardian. Sarah is wife of Orson Butler.  
Sep 29, 1856 Receipt for tuition of Frances Butler, she of Onondaga.  
Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham county, MI 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical society, Lansing, MI; Occasional Paper No. 10; April 1980; record 38.
- 1863 Lansing city recorder. Source: Durant?

### **Orange Butler**

- Mar 5, 1794 Born Pompey, Onondaga County, New York.  
Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.

- ? Graduated Union college, Schenectady, studied law with Victor Birdseye of Pompey; while studied law taught classical languages.
- ? Practiced law at Vienna, Ontario county, New York and later moved Gaines, Orleans County.
- ? Elected prosecuting attorney of Orleans County, New York. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.
- Dec 4, 1821 Married Wealthy S. Hansy of Pompey, New York.
- Orange Butler had 5 living children at time death (1800)  
A. S. Butler of Lansing, Charles W Butler of Lansing, Mrs. O. A. Jenison of Lansing, Mrs. C. M. Beebe of Lansing, Mrs. C. D. Smith of Milwaukee. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.
- About 1835 Moved Adrian, Michigan. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.
- 1837 Member House of Representatives. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.
- Apr 1847 Moved Delta, Eaton County; purchased Ingersoll Mills. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.
- 1849 Sold mills and moved to Lansing. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.
- ? Practiced law and was justice of peace. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.
- 1867 Built house on his Delta Mills farm; became home of his son Harlan, in 1991 known as Wilson Centennial Farm. Source: A Watch for the Millions, Robert Ingersoll's Empire by Manuel Castro, Lansing Metropolitan Quarterly, Spring 1991, pg. 34.
- Jun 11, 1870 Died at Lansing at age of 76. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.

### **Orange Butler, Charles W. Butler**

Orange Butler see Adams pg. 498.

father and son were conspicuous businessmen among those who arrived before 1850. Charles, had a land office, and continued in the real estate business for many years, during which time he built the Butler block, known as the Hotel Butler, later he became associated with James M. Turner in lands and mines in the upper

peninsula, died in Chicago several years ago. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.

Apr 1847

Orange Butler purchased Ingersoll Mills in Delta, Eaton County; 1849 moved to Lansing and practiced law; Representative in 1837. Durant pg. 112.

Delta Township, Eaton county: Orange Butler and family moved Delta, Eaton County and purchased Ingersoll Mills, in 1849 moved Lansing and practiced law. 18 pg. 112. In 1849 moved to Lansing; daughter Helen M. married Mr. Jenison; had two sons Orien A. and Frank H. Pioneer XXVIII pg. 339.

Quackenbush built sawmill on east side of river between Michigan and Main Street - had one upright saw, steam sawmill. Didn't last long. 25 pg. 133.

"Midway between Upper and Middle towns, then so called, Mr. Quackenbush built a sawmill and residence, the latter purchased by Mr. Butler, father of Mrs. O. A. Jenison." 276 pg. 177.

Note: Same Butler?

### **Oscar F. Camp**

Member Universalist church. Democrat

Dec 7, 1818

Born Alexander, Genesee County, New York.

Appx. 1843

When about 25 purchased fathers farm in New York.

Married Rhoda Judd of Bethany, NY

Had 4 children: Alice V., Charlotte, Gertrude and Jeanette

1848

Moved to Lansing: "they came with three teams from Detroit and having settled them in the old log shanty he went to work to clear off his farm."

1848

...first located about sixteen rods north of his present beautiful home which is situated at no. 716 High Street, making his residence in a log shanty in the depth of the forest. This was in 1848, as he had purchased land in 1847, before Washington Avenue was hewed out of the forest, and at that time that roadway had simply been cleared of underbrush, so that teams could creep through, but he main part of the timber was still standing." in addition had 126 acre farm within city limits.

Appx. 1851

Wife died

?

Married Martha (Barker) Judson.

?

Built City Bank and Central Bank and foreman for city in construction of bridge abutment.



? Alderman of First Ward, Member of School Board  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston  
counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 404-5.

### **Darius Carr**

Sep 5, 1836 Biddle City  
William Ford of Jacksonburgh, Jackson County, Michigan to  
Darius Carr of Cook County, Ill.: Land in Biddle City, Ingham  
county. (L1:P234 Ingham county)

Lot 10, Block 13

William Ford to Darius Carr of Cook county IL for \$10.00, land in  
Ingham county. (L5:P207 Jackson county)

Mar 21, 1837 Darius Carr to Lanson [Louson]Clark for \$50.00 land in Ingham  
county. (L5:P208 Jackson county)

Darius Carr of Pleasant Grove, Kane County, IL. to Louson  
[Lanson] Clark of Pleasant Grove, Kane County, ILL; Land in  
Biddle City, Ingham county. (L1:P235 Ingham county)

Lot 10 Block 13

### **Hubbard Carr**

May 15, 1848 Hubbard Carr Block 98 L 2, 3 & 4 \$103

### **Nancy Carter and Siloam S. Carter**

Siloam and Sylvian one and same?

Block 113	Lot 5
Block 114	Lots 5, 7 & 8
Block 121	Lots 2, 3, 4 & 5
Block 122	Lots 1 & 2
Block 148	Lots 3, 4 & 11
Block 175	Lots 4

Feb 23, 1843 Sylvan S. Carter married Nancy.  
Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham  
County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical  
Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 76.

Had no children. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records  
of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan  
Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No.  
10; record 76.

1847	<p>Came to Michigan from New Hampshire.  Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 76.</p>			
Aug 6, 1847	<p>Siloam S. Carter &amp; George W. Morrison Block 148 Lots 3, 4 &amp; 11  \$248</p>			
Sep 15, 1847	Siloam S. Carter	Block 128	Lot 2	\$211
Sep 15, 1847	Siloam S. Carter	Block 114	Lot 7	\$225
Sep 15, 1847	Siloam S. Carter	Block 114	Lot 8	\$229
Oct 6, 1847	Siloam S. Carter	Block 113	Lot 5	\$95
Oct 6, 1847	Siloam S. Carter	Block 114	Lot 5	\$153
Oct 19, 1847	<p>David Blain of Michigan to Siloam S. Carter of same place; land in village of Michigan (L7:P588)</p>			
Dec 1847	<p>Mr. Gibbs states that the office (Post Office) was removed in the latter part of December 1847, to a two-story frame building, known as the "Carter Block," which stood near where the Hudson House now is." 25 -pg. 145. Note: Other sources Carter Hall on NE corner of Wash. &amp; Washtenaw.</p> <p>Note: Source (daughter of CC Darling who owned first building north) 276 pg. 175 notes "The Carter block, built the same year, was a two story building used for stores, offices and a residence, which Mr. and Mrs. Carter occupied, living previously in an extremely small but very tidy log house on the rear end of the lot. I think the post office was in this building when it burned." Not sure if referring to 1847 or 1848; Darling store built in 1847 and daughter moved to in February 1848; probably built in 1847.</p>			
Feb 4, 1848	Siloam S. Carter	Block 122	Lot 1 & 2	\$44
Feb 4, 1848	Nancy D. Carter	Block 121	L 2, 3, 4 & 5	\$87
Feb 25, 1848	<p>Board of Auditors granted \$10.16 to. S. S. Carter for claim for services rendered and expenses incurred in the removal of the state office, and for furniture and repairs for the Capitol. Source: Annual Report of the Board of State Auditors for fiscal year commencing December 1, 1847, Dated December 28, 1848.</p>			
Apr 3, 1848	<p>Michigan and DeWitt Plank Road Company chartered; incorporates included Siloam S. Carter. Source: Durant pg. 94.</p> <p>The Michigan and DeWitt Plank-road Company, Incorporated April 3, 1848. Proposed route, "from the town of Michigan, in the county of Ingham, to the village of DeWitt, in the county of Clinton." Capital, ten thousand dollars. Commissioners, James Seymour, Siloam S. Carter, J. W. Turner, George T. Clark, and David Ferguson. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties,</p>			

Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co., 1880. pg. 25. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 94.

James W. Turner, James Seymour, Siloam S. Carter, George T. Clark and David Ferguson appointed commissioners of Michigan and Dewitt Plank Road Company. Public Act 262 of 1848, approved April 3, 1848. To build plank road from town of Michigan to village of Dewitt.

- Apr 11, 1848 First Baptist society organized; Carter elected trustee. Source: Fuller. Source: Adams pg. 189.
- Nov 2, 1848 Silas Carter purchased 80 acres in section 16 of Stockbridge Township. Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- 1849 Nancy D. Carter paid \$1000 personal property tax on Lots 5,7,8 of Lot 114 & others.
- Jan 27, 1849 Sylvan S. Carter died in state - left no valid will. Widow Nancy Carter. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 76.
- Jun 8, 1849 Governor to Michigan to Nancy D. Carter widow of Siloam L. Carter; land in village of Lansing (Lots 7 & 8, Block 114) (L9:P122 & L9:P123)
- Jun 12, 1849 William W. Upton and wife Maria A. of Lansing to Nancy D. Carter of Lansing; for \$125.00; Lot 6 of Block 53 in Lansing. (L9:P129)
- Jun 18, 1849 Administration of Sylvan S. Carter estate to Nancy Carter and Willis W. Upton. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 76.
- Dec 13, 1853 Silas Carter purchased 80 acres in section 21 of Stockbridge Township. Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

### **Daniel L. Case & Smith**

Block 14 Lot Pt. 5

Democrat until bloody contest in Kansas; became Republican.

- ? For bright intelligence, keen observation, quick decision, fluent, incisive and forcible utterance Mr. Case probably had no superior in the band of able men who founded Lansing. For 50 years he has been one of the most prominent men of our city. Wise in

	<p>council, prompt and strong in execution, eloquent in persuasion and biting in sarcasm, he has always labored with untiring zeal and wise liberality to build up and promote the fortunes of the city of his residence. Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.</p>
Dec 21, 1811	<p>Canadian by birth; born Three Rivers, in province of Upper Canada (now Ontario). Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 203. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111. Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.</p> <p>Father Elijah Case, "went to Canada just before the war of 1812. On the breaking out of the war he was obliged to take the oath of allegiance to the British crown, which he refused to do. He was therefore imprisoned until the close of the war, and his property confiscated to the British government. His family returned to Pennfield, NY during his imprisonment. Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.</p> <p>Family moved to Monroe county (Pennfield), NY while imprisoned, father rejoined after war. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 640.</p>
?	<p>Received legal education with W. J. Moody at Penfield, N. Y. Source: The City of Mason, Its Past and Present Life 1838-1897, compiled by Roy C. Vandercook; pg. 9. Source; Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938, Chapter 16.</p>
? - Oct 1829,	<p>1814 father died; Case worked on farm summers and attended county school winters. Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.</p>
Oct 1829	<p>Came to Territory of Michigan. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Durant, 1880, pg. 204. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.</p>
Oct 1829	<p>Visited Michigan as boy; stopped Pontiac. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 640.</p> <p>Nearly 18 when came to Michigan, locating at Pontiac. Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.</p>
Apr 1830	<p>Came site that became Jackson; assisted in survey of village of Jacksonburgh. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham</p>

- and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 640. Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.
- Fall 1832      Moved back to NY. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
- Moved back New York and began study of law with William J. Moody. Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.
- Appx. 1833      Began study of law with Wm. J. Moody, of Penfield NY. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111. Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.
- ?      Studied law in Rochester, New York. Source: Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938, Chapter 16.
- Fall 1834      Married Marinda Brown of Pittsford, NY (sister of Mrs. Moody) had three children. Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.
- Had three children: Helen (Mrs. Case Adams), Julien M (Died in London June 1880) and Daniel (Student at West Point when war broke out, enlisted 78th New York infantry, confined rebel prisons for 10 months, died soon after war from exposure suffered during his prison life.) Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 641. Source: Was Ingham County's Very Oldest Resident, The State Republican, November 25, 1898.
- 1834      Again visited Michigan. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
- 1834      Moody and Case moved to Jackson, MI. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
- 1836      Moved to territory of Iowa, from there to New Orleans and then Texas - then a province of Mexico. In Texas during Houston's war with Santa Anna
- 1836      Moved to Louisiana and Texas, and practiced law for time in both states. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
- 1836      Went to Texas, remained until 1842. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 640.

- 1836 In 1836 Mr. Case moved to the territory of Iowa, from there to New Orleans, and after a few months' stay at the last place went into Texas, then a province of Mexico, which was at that time the arena of the political and government strife of the period.... He was in Texas during Houston's war with Santa Anna and practiced law, giving his attention to the criminal code, his great strength being in his manner of pleading cases.  
Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.
- May 3, 1837 A Daniel L. Case purchased land  
Township 3-N, Range 4-E of Livingston County  
Section 22 NESE 80 Acres &  
Section 22 SENE  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, Detroit Land Office, MI0670\_\_\_.403.
- Township 3-N, Range 4-E of Livingston County  
Section 22 NENE 40 Acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, Detroit Land Office, MI0680\_\_\_.320.
- Aug 18, 1837 A Daniel L. Case purchased land  
Township 4-N, Range 8-E of Oakland County  
Section 21 E 1/2 NW 80 Acres &  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, Detroit Land Office, MI0810\_\_\_.145
- May 1, 1839 A Daniel L. Case purchased land  
Township 2-N, Range 13-W of Allegan County  
Section 23 SESE 40 Acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, Bronson Land Office, MI0670\_\_\_.403.
- 1842 Returned to NY. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
- Jul 1843 Came Michigan and settled in Mason, opened law office.  
Source: The City of Mason, Its Past and Present Life 1838-1897, compiled by Roy C. Vandercook; pg. 9. Source; Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938, Chapter 16. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 36. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 204. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.  
Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.
- Aug 18, 1843 Licensed to practice law in Michigan.

Jan 1844	Appointed prosecuting attorney of Ingham county by Gov. Barry and reappointed in 1846. Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.
Feb 23, 1844	Governor Barry nominated, Senate consented to, Daniel L. Case, John W. Burchard and Mason Branch, to be Masters in Chancery for Ingham county. Source: Executive Journal, Senate Journal 1844; pg. 24 & 25. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
Mar 4, 1844	Appointed prosecuting attorney of county by Gov.; replaced Burchard; Governor Barry nominated, Senate consented to, Daniel L. Case to be Prosecuting Attorney for the county of Ingham, for the constitutional term, to commence on the 17th day of March instant, when the term of the present incumbent will expire. Source: Executive Journal, Senate Journal 1844; pg. 26.
1844	Listed as resident taxpayer of Mason. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 205.
1845	D. L. Case Ingham county Prosecuting Attorney; during year 2 convicted and fined for larceny and 2 for assault. Source: Annual Report of the Attorney General, dated December 29, 1845; Joint Documents of 1846, Doc. No. 6; pg. 9.
Jan 28, 1845	Daniel L. Case of Mason to William Rathburn of Pittsfield, Lorain Co. Ohio; land in Williamston Township. Section 2. (18:P634)
Dec 28, 1845	H. H. Smith and wife Mary Jane of Ingham County to Daniel L. Case of Mason; land in Mason. (18:P43)
1845 or 6	Entered mercantile business with H. H. Smith.
1845	"In 1845, law practice not being very extensive or remunerative, he engaged in the mercantile business in Mason." Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 36. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
Jan 28, 1846	Governor Felch nominated: Daniel L. Case to be Prosecuting Attorney for Ingham county for the constitutional term, to commence on the first day of March next, when his present term of office will expire... Oven Sharp, Joseph Woodhouse, Almon M. Chapin, Amos E. Steele, Joseph P. Cowles, David Waite, Joseph H. Kibbon (Kilborn) , Griffin Paddock, Amaziah Winchell, Levi Rowley and Daniel L. Case, to be notaries public for Ingham county, senate consented to on January 29, 1846. Source: Executive Journal, Senate Journal 1846; pg. 2, 3 & 5.
Jan 30, 1846	Re-appointed prosecutor. Served until 1848.

	Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.
Nov. 9, 1846	Anson Jackson and wife Mary Ann of Ingham County to Daniel L. Case; land in section 5 of Locke Township. (18:P410)
1846	Engaged in mercantile business at Mason with H. H. Smith. Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.
Jan 1, 1847	Daniel L. Case and wife Mirenda and Hiram H. Smith and wife Mary Jane all of Vevay Township to Minos McRobert and John Coatsworth of Ingham County; land in section 5 of Vevay Township. (18:P128)
Feb 1847	First wife Marinda (Brown) died. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 641. Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.
Mar 12, 1847	Governor Greenly nominated: Daniel L. Case to be Master in Chancery for Ingham county for the legal term; Daniel L. Case to be Circuit Court Commissioner for the county of Ingham for the legal term. Senate consented to the nominations. Source: Executive Journal, Senate Journal 1847; pg. 535-536.
1847	Moved to Lansing and gave up practice of law. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 36. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
1847	"Smith Tooker built the first shanty in the city of Lansing. It was sixty feet long and crowded with people who slept on the ground inside and were very glad to get so good a shelter. I boarded with him and built Smith & Case's store at North Lansing. This was the first frame raised in the city after the Capitol was located. The Seymour House was raised the next day. Source: J. P. Cowles at May 1873 Ingham County Pioneer Association meeting: Adams pg. 22.
Early spring 1847	Moved Lansing, moved mercantile business  "...the firm of Case & Smith located in the northern part of the city, then being surveyed and platted. They erected a store at the corner of Franklin and Center streets, directly east of the Franklin House, where they put in a stock of dry goods in July." Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.
Jul 1847	Store opened.



Jul 1847?	<p>Case &amp; Smith located in northern part city; "They erected a store at corner of Franklin and Center streets, directly east of Franklin house where they put in a stock of dry goods in July. In the fall of 1847, the firm purchased a flour mill, since burned, on the site of the present Hart mill. It was started in 1848 and the following year (1849) sold to the late Judge A. N. Hart. The firm of Case &amp; Smith was then dissolved, the former purchasing the goods and taking them to Portland, where he continued the business for three years." 272 pg. 126-7.</p> <p>Smith and Case operated general store at Franklin and Center. 29 - pg. H-10. Daniel Case came Mason in March 1843, practiced law, in ;1845 opened store and in 1847 transferred to Lansing. 18 pg. 111.</p> <p>"D. L. Case and H. H. Smith came from Mason; they had the material all prepared for a store at Jefferson, a small village three miles from Mason; it was brought to North Lansing and set up. It was the first building erected for a store; it still stands on the corner of Franklin and Center streets, east of the Franklin House. The work was done by Capt. Cowles..." 297 pg. 419.</p>
Fall 1847	<p>Purchased flour mill (site of Hart mill); mill built in 1848 and purchased by Hart in 1849.</p> <p>Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.</p>
1847	<p>Friend of Powell school. D</p> <p>Member of school board and alderman.</p>
Jan I, 1848	<p>Daniel L. Case and wife Mirenda, and H. H. Smith and wife Mary Jane to Ephraim B. Danforth of Ingham Township; land in Mason. (18:P409)</p>
Feb 18, 1848	<p>Purchased 39.64 acres in section 2 of Aurelius Township.</p> <p>Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.</p>
Mar I, 1848	<p>Governor Ransom nominated: Daniel L. Case to be prosecuting attorney for the county of Ingham, for the constitutional term; Senate consented to the nominations.</p> <p>Source: Executive Journal, Senate Journal 1848; pg. 710.</p>
Mar 12, 1848	<p>Re-appointed prosecuting attorney.</p>
Apr 5, 1848	<p>Daniel L. Case of Vevay to Amos E. Steele; land in Mason. (18:P44)</p>
Autumn 1848	<p>"..a company, consisting of Messrs. Case, Smith, Danforth, and Hart, who had previously purchased the water power, proceeded</p>

to build a grist mill, it was a large mill for those days, having three run of French Burr stones, not a primitive affair, as has been stated in the "History of the City of Lansing," which says "the stones were made of the native boulders." 279 pg. 419.

1848 Alvin N. Hart migrated to Lansing, born Cornwall, Conn. on Feb. 11, 1807; later built grist mill at 220 E. Maple; served as state senator, alderman from first ward from 1863-1874; state representative in 1870 one of projectors of Amboy, Lansing and Traverse Bay railroad; backer of Michigan Female College, and new capitol; died Aug 22, 1874. Source: Alvin N. Hart A Leader Here, Lansing State Journal, April 22, 1955.

He donated \$1,000 to assist in the establishing of the Michigan Female College. Source: Was Ingham County's Very Oldest Resident, The State Republican, November 25, 1898.

He also gave \$1,000 to aid in securing the Jackson, Lansing & Saginaw railroad, besides giving the depot grounds of that company at North Lansing. He gave five acres of valuable land to the D. L & N. railroad company and contributed liberally in numerous other projects to promote public interests. Source: Was Ingham County's Very Oldest Resident, The State Republican, November 25, 1898.

1848 First grist-mill erected contained 3 or 4 runs of stone, probably made from boulders. 25 pg. 133. "Old Pearl" or Christian Breisch Grist Mill built Turner & Franklin Street (Grand River) across from 1131 Race Street. Note: See Fall 1848.

1848-1849 The firm of Case & Smith was then dissolved, the former purchasing the goods and taking them to Portland, and where he continued the business for three years. Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.

Feb 21, 1849 Alvin N. Hart and wife Charlotte F. of Lapper County to Daniel L. Case and Hiram H. Smith of Ingham co.; land in Lansing. (18:P608)

Mar 1849 Married second wife, Adelia Monroe. Had no children by Adelia. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 641.

Monroe sister of Mrs. Marian Turner, and Mrs. Harriet Longyear. Married sister of Mrs. James Turner and Mrs. John W. Longyear. Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.

Apr 5, 1849 A Daniel L. Case purchased land

Township 3-N, Range 4-E of Ingham County  
Section 2                      NWNW                      39.64 Acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office, MI2680\_\_\_.052.

- 1849-1853                      Temporarily resided at Portland in Ionia county.
- 1850                              Elected State Representative from Ionia County.  
Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111. Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.
- 1851                              State Rep. for Ionia County where he was engaged in mercantile business for a short time. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 36.
- Jan 1853                        Returned to Lansing; formed partnership with H. H. Smith  
Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.
- 1855                              Engaged in real estate and mercantile business James Turner under name J. Turner & Case; continued until 1869.  
Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.
- 1855                              Lansing Township Justice of Peace.  
Source: Let the Record Show A Legal History of Ingham County by Richard Frazier; MSU Press, 1997; pg. 52.
- 1856                              Canvassed state for Fremont and Dayton.  
Case, H.H. Smith; B. E. Hart, John R. Price, O. A. Jenison and John Tooker all switched parties - Democrats became Republican.
- 1856                              Mr. Case had always been an active Democrat until the bitter and bloody contest in Kansas between pro slavery and free state parties. The conduct of President Pierce toward the slave power forced Mr. Case to sever his relations with his party and in 1856 he fully identified himself with the Republican party and canvassed the state for Fremont and Dayton. During that exciting campaign, Mr. Case delivered an address to the democracy of Ingham county, giving the reason for his political change, which was considered one of the most powerful and convincing political arguments of the time. It was signed by Mr. Case and 23 of his fellow democrats, among whom were the late H. H. Smith, B. E. Hart, John R. Price, O. A. Jenison and John Tooker.  
Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.
- 1858                              Elected Auditor-General - Republican ticket.  
Served until 1860, at that time he resided in Lansing. Source; Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938, Chapter

16. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111. Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.

Jan 1, 1859- Dec 31, 1860

Auditor General. Source: Auditor General Annual Report for fiscal year ending September Sep 30, 1874.

May 1, 1860

**Mortgage**

D. L. Case to James Turner mortgages the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of section 10 and all that part of the west 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of section 10 which lies north of the center of the Lansing and Howell Plank Road, in Lansing township, containing 50 acres.

Source: Mortgage, Dated May 1, 1860

Recorded July 9, 1860, Liber 14, page 121.

Jul 6, 1860

**Assignment of Mortgage**

James Turner assigns mortgage dated May 1, 1860 to Edward Fowler. Source: Dated July 6, 1860

Recorded July 9, 1860, Liber 14, page 122

1862

Missed nomination to congress on republican ticket by one delegate. Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.

1863-4

Turner, Rogers & Company (Amos Turner, Horace B. Rogers and Daniel L. Case), dry goods, groceries, etc. in Lower Town.

Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1863-4, pg. 379.

1864

Lincoln commissioned major and paymaster in US Army; resigned short time prior to end of war." He was prominently engaged in the work of enlisting troops at the outbreak of the Rebellion and continued active during the war. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.

Son Daniel was student at West Point when war broke out; enlisted in 78th NY Infantry, appointed Lt. by governor; captured at battle of Peach Tree Creek; in rebel prison t10 months, died after close of war from exposure incident to his prison life.

May 21, 1865

A. C. Adams married Miss Helen Case daughter of D. L. Case.

1866

Upon death of J. C. Bailey succeeded him in banking business and subsequently sold business to Hewitt & Co.

Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.

- Apr 18, 1868 Case added addition to City of Lansing on southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 10.  
Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant.
- 1869 Built large brown stone house on Washington Avenue - later known as old hospital building.
- 1869 Daniel L. Case was the last one to build and he erected the Judge Wiest house on the west side of the avenue (Washington) between Madison and Jefferson streets. He had to build something different so he built a square house, with high arched windows and a high basement, as anyone will notice, as there is quite a flight of steps to climb before you will or can enter the main entrance and reach the first floor. I don't know what style of architecture Mr. Case used in designing his house or what instruction he gave his architect--James Jeffers--but I would call it the English or baronial style. If I am not misinformed, Mr. Case was Canadian born and he might have copied from some English baronial house in Canada, but anyway a glance at the high arched windows on the outside and a peep inside at the wide hall extending across the building, the open staircase, the high ceilings of the rooms, show blue blood in style and arrangement. Mr. Case boasted when he built that his house cost more than an o y of the others, and that was no idle talk, for my father was a builder and a good judge of work and material and he worked under James Jeffers on this house. Source: The Cowles Property, Adams pg. 457.
- 1869 Stockholder of Jackson, Lansing and Saginaw Railroad Company, in annual report for year ending December 31, 1869 notes received land grants and notes James Turner and D. L. Case contracted to buy 960 acres at rate of \$4.16 2/3 per acre, amount of contract \$1,000.  
Source: Annual Report of the Jackson, Lansing and Saginaw Railroad Company for the year ending December 31, 1869.
- 1870 Alderman of city of Lansing. Source: Durant.
- Aug 21, 1871 Case and A. N. Hart were Ingham county delegates to State Board of Equalization which met in Senate Chamber at 7 p.m. At meeting Case noted: "I recollect, when we built our mill at Lower Town, in bringing our millstones here our road lay through Shiawassee county, and then they had large and finely improved farms." Source: Proceedings of the State Board of Equalization of Michigan, August 1871; Joint Documents of the State of Michigan For the Year 1871, Vol. II [11]; pgs. 4 and 51-52.
- 1873 Case & Son general store, Franklin, North Lansing.  
Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1873, pg. 398.

- 1877 Daniel L. Case, lumber, North Lansing. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1877, pg. 556.
- 1878 Discontinued merchandising business. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 640.
- 1882 Vice President of Ingham County Pioneer Society. Source: Adams pg. 57.
- 1886 President of Ingham County Pioneer Society. Source: Adams pg. 71.
- 1887 Appointed to Board of Control of the School for the Blind and served as Treasurer of the Board. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 641. Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.
- Jul 4, 1887 Second wife (Adelia Monroe) died. Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.
- 1895 President of Ingham county Pioneer society. Source: Adams pg. 109.
- Nov 24, 1898 Died on Thanksgiving morning. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 36. Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.
- Jul 30, 1900 A Daniel L. Case purchased land (Date is date patent issued)  
Township 49-N, Range 34-W of Baraga County  
Section 36 SE 160 Acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Marquette Land Office, MI2540\_\_\_.124.

## **Daniel Case**

### **Patent Land Purchases**

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Section 22 SENE  
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Section 2                      NWNW                      39.64 Acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office, MI2680\_\_\_.052.

Jul 30, 1900      A Daniel L. Case purchased land (date land patent issued)  
Township 49-N, Range 34-W of Baraga County  
Section 36                      SE                      160 Acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Marquette Land Office, MI2540\_\_\_.124.

### **Gordon Case**

Block 153      Lot 1

Mar 11, 1841      Mr. Hawley presented claim of Gordon Case, for materials  
furnished for the building of the state prison. Referred to House  
Committee on Claims.  
Source: Journal of the House of 1841; pg. 390.

1841      Under Act No. 70 of Laws of 1841 Gordon Case paid \$816.49 for  
building stone in 1838 for prison.  
Source: Auditor General Report to Senate; dated Jan 23, 1845;  
Senate Document No. 3, 1845 Legislature.

Jan 23, 1945      In Auditor General's report to Senate on Benjamin Porter prison  
claims noted Porter paid Gordon Case \$51.00 for work on State  
Penitentiary. Source: Auditor General Report to Senate; dated Jan  
23, 1845; Senate Document No. 3, 1845 Legislature.

Nov 6, 1847      Gordon Case      Block 153      Lot 1                      \$77

Mar 14, 1851      Lansing Chapter, No. 9 organized (Capitular Masonry); Case  
Royal Arch Mason. D 154.

## **Thomas Chapman**

Block 227      Lot West 1/2 of 6

1847      Land entry on Sec. 17 of Delhi Twp. D232.

Mar 13, 1847      Purchased 80 acres in section 17 of Delhi Township. Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

## **William H. Chapman**

Held office of County Judge of Ingham county, Judge of Probate and mayor of Lansing. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 38.

?      Married Julia Stimpson, family earlier settler of Washtenaw County, and later Kalamazoo. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114.

Jan 20, 1848      Born in Tolland County, Connecticut. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 38. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114.

?      Attended district schools and Wilbraham Academy. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114.

?      Studied law with Governor Toucey of Connecticut  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 38. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114.

?      Attended two terms at Yale Law School. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114.

Sep 24, 1835      William Chapman of Otsego County, New York purchased 120 acres of section 22 of Town 1 South, Range 2 West of Jackson County.  
52.45 acres of section 14 of Town 1 South, Range 2 West of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck. Note: Same Chapman?

1846      Admitted to practice in Hartford, Connecticut in 1847.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 38.

1847-48      In Binghamton, New York, spend considerable portion of year in office of Daniel S. Dickinson, and admitted to practice in 1847 at Hartford, Connecticut. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114.

Jan 14, 1848      W. H. Chapman of Jackson County, Michigan purchased 40 acres of section 16 of Town 4 South, Range 1 West of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.



Note: Same Chapman?

- 1848 Came to Lansing. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114.
- 1848 Came to Lansing, year after being admitted to bar in New York.
- Nov 6, 1848 William H. Chapman & Jonathan J. Thompson B 111 Lot 8 \$200
- ? Admitted to bar but never practiced very much in State. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114.
- 1848 Came in 1848, and in company with J. P. Thompson, opened a law office. Mr. Chapman was elected circuit judge--after which he was familiarly known to everyone as Judge Chapman. He continued the practice of law, combined with real estate for many years, finally moved to his farm about four miles east of this city, where he died several years ago. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.
- 1848 J.P. Thompson and William H. Chapman, attorneys, arrived in Lansing. 18 pg. 114.
- "His (Chapman) first business venture here was in connection with judge William H. Pinckney, these two men taking a contract to clear forty acres for the Sate and to be paid in city lots. At the same time, he carried on a mercantile business with J. P. Thompson. A year later this partnership was dissolved, and, associated with Mr. Pinckney, Mr. Chapman opened a real estate office, at the same time practicing law."; in 1861 elected mayor. Source: Pioneer, XXVII, 1807, pg. 81.
- 1849 Elected county judge. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 100.
- 1851 Lansing township Supervisor. Source: Durant
- 1853-56 Probate Judge. Source: Adams pg. 169. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 30. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114.
- Dec 12, 1853 Purchased 90 acres in section 23 of Bunker Hill Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- Dec 13, 1854 Purchased 40 acres in section 22 of Bunker Hill Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

Jan 17, 1854	Purchased 40 acres in section 4 of Bunker Hill Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
Jan 27, 1854	Purchased 40 acres in section 33 of Ingham Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
Jul 31, 1854	Purchased 40 acres in section 10 of Bunker Hill Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
Sep 13, 1854	Purchased 40 acres in section 3 of Bunker Hill Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
Sep 22, 1854	Paid \$155.53 for clearing and ditching on block 243. Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.
Oct 1, 1855	Florence Rosella, youngest daughter of W. H. and Julia Chapman died at Lansing; 18 months of age. Source: Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan; Occasional Paper; Number I, Death and Marriage Items, Reported in The Lansing State Republican, 1855-1860.
1859	Listed as attorney & counselor. (Block 111, Lot 14) Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
Oct 24, 1860	Purchased 40 acres in section 16 of Alaiedon Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
1860	William H. Chapman attorney and counselor at law and land agent, Michigan Avenue. Source: George W. Hawes' Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1860, pg. 223.
Jan 3, 1861	Purchased 40 acres in section 3 of Ingham Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
1861-1862	Mayor of Lansing. Source: Durant. Source: The State Republican, April 14, 1909. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114.
1863	Alderman of city of Lansing. Source: Durant
1863-64	William Chapman shingle factory, middle town.

Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1863-64, pg. 378.

- 1864-1866 ...in 1864, 1865 and to June 6, 1866 Michigan State Journal edited by George W. Peck and William H. Chapman; at least, Mr. Chapman had an interest in the paper, though Mr. Peck was generally supposed to be the sole editor. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 111.
- 1865 Sent petition to legislature, with others, urging Agriculture remain at E. Lansing; responding to report of the President (W. G. Beckwith) of the Michigan State Agricultural Society and Secretary of society (R. F. Johnstone) alleged failure of crops, unsuitableness of farm for fruits, location, etc. in 1863. Source: House Document No. 45 of 1865.
- 1871 Listed as manager of Homeopathic medical Institute. Source: First Annual Announcement of the Central Michigan Homeopathic Medical Institute, Organized April 4, 1871 at the City of Lansing, Session of 1871-72.
- 1872 At the same term, the application of William H. Chapman for a mandamus to compel the commissioner of the State Land office to permit him to purchase a certain lot in the city of Lansing, donated to a religious society, claimed to have no existence. The writ was denied. Source: Attorney General Office to Gov. Baldwin, dated December 31, 1872; Dwight May, Attorney General.
- 1879 William H. Chapman lawyer, Washington Avenue. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1879, pg. 734.
- Spring 1880 Moved to farm in Meridian Township. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114.
- 1895 Died. Source: Let the Record Show A Legal History of Ingham County by Richard Frazier; MSU Press; 1997; pg. 79.
- Aug 18, 1895 Died. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 38.

#### **Daniel Chapsaddle and Smith Chapsadle\***

- \* Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902 notes named "Smith".

Smith Chapsadle an odd name, and those who knew him say that he was an odd genius. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.

Block 231 Lot

From Ionia county

- 1836 Settled at or near Ionia: Daniel Clapsaddle, he was killed at a raising. Source: Memorials of the Grand River Valley by Franklin Everett, A. M., 1878, pg. 52.
- Nov 2, 1837 Issued US land patent on November 2, 1837 for 80 acres on E 1/2 NE of section 15 of Township 8 north, Range 5 west of Ionia County. (MI2570\_\_496)  
40 acres on NWNW of section 34 of Township 5 north, Range 5 west of Ionia County. (MI2600\_\_062)
- Aug 10, 1841 Issued US land patent on August 10, 1841 for 51.9 acres on part 5 section 28 of Township 8 north, Range 8 west of Ionia County. (MI2630\_\_286)  
147 acres on parts 6, 7 and NWNW of section 28 of Township 8 north, Range 8 west of Ionia County. (MI2630\_\_232)
- 1847 Built National Hotel on Block 231  
  
"a commodious two-store frame, was built on the northeast corner of Cedar and Main." Cowles pg. 56.
- Nov 27, 1847 Granted license to keep a tavern in building occupies on Lot. 4, block 231, charged \$4.00 for license. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 198.
- 1847 Killed "while rising his barn by a "bent" falling upon him." D pg. 128.
- Sep 1, 1847 "Among the many pupils who attended Mrs. Burr's school, were find in the families mentioned, Mr. Dearin's two boys, Henry and Matthew, Isaac, Charlie and Elbert Bush, brothers of Mrs. Hinmann, John being a messenger boy in the legislature; Amelia Hunt, James Thomas, Two Clapsaddle boys. The younger one fell into the river and was rescued by his older brother; one Quackenbush boy, Lucy Long, David and Nancy Goucher, Anna Jeffries, Mary Berry, later known as Mrs. H. D. Pugh, whose father at the time was proprietor of the original Lansing House; Hattie Edgar, whose father built the first structure of the Commercial House, and Delia Ward, afterwards Mrs. F. M. Cowles." 276 pg. 178.
- Feb 7, 1848 Delilah S. Clapsaddle widow of Daniel Clapsaddle petitions for administration, recommends Sylvester Thompson, brother-in-law of Delilah of Ionia, Ionia County.  
Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 72.
- Apr 6, 1848 Sylvester Thompson appointed administrator.

Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 72.

### **Chapsaddles / National Hotel**

E. Main and S. Cedar St. (Block 231)

"The National Hotel was built on the corner of the block near the bridge on the east side of Cedar street and occupied by Mr. Clapsaddle. In later years the house was burned." 276 pg. 177.

1847 Built by Daniel Clapsaddle "who was killed in the same year by the fall of a bent while raising his barn" Source: Durant, pg. 162.

1847 Opened

Destroyed by fire. 25 pg. 162.

Chapsaddles Hotel built corner E. Main and S. Cedar across from Michigan House. 29 pg. H-12. Chapsaddles also known as National Hotel constructed east side of river next Bush, Thomas & Lee store. 6 pg. 58. (Directly across street from Michigan House) 11 pg. 71; 24 - pg. 55.

Chapsaddles Hotel built corner E. Main and S. Cedar across from Michigan House. 29 pg. H-12.

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Build on block 231 near Bush & Thomas store by Daniel Clapsaddle from Ionia County, called National Hotel. 18-pg. 128

"The National Hotel was built on the corner of the block near the3 bridge on the east side of Cedar street and occupied by Mr. Clapsaddle. In later years the house was burned." 276 pg. 177.

Clapsaddles House built corner of Cedar and Main along old trail from Jackson. 12 pg. 53. Public house erected on block 231 near Bush & Thomas store by Daniel Clapsaddle called National Hotel. Clapsaddle killed in 1848 raising barn. 25 pg. 128.

1847 Clapsaddle killed while raising his barn by a "bent" falling upon him. 18 pg. 128.

### **Daniel F. Clark**

Apr 3, 1837 Daniel Clark purchased 240 acres of section 15 of Eaton Rapids township, Eaton county. Same Daniel Clark?

May 7, 1847 Purchased 80 acres in section 7 of Delhi Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

Jun 23, 1847 Purchased 40 acres in section 2 of Delhi Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

Jun 28, 1847 Purchased 40 acres in section 20 of Delhi Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

Oct 6, 1847 Daniel F. Clark Block 129 Lot 1 \$194

### **Louson Clark**

Mar 21, 1837 Biddle City  
Darrius Carr to Lanson Clark for \$50.00 land in Ingham county. (L5:P208 Jackson county)

Darius Carr of Pleasant Grove, Kane County, IL. to Louson Clark of Pleasant Grove, Kane County, ILL; Land in Biddle City, Ingham county. (L1:P235 Ingham county)

Lot 10 Block 13

### **Henry Clements**

Block 176 Lot 11

May 9, 1836 Purchased 320 acres in section 29 of White Oak Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

1840 In census listed as resident of White Oak, Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

1840 In census listed as resident of White Oak, Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

Dec 11, 1847 Augustus G. Dryer and wife Louise Jane of While Oak, Ingham Cty. to Henry Clements of same place; land in town of Michigan. (18:P173)

Purchased for \$62 Lot 11 of Block 176.

Oct 18, 1849 William A. Dryer and wife Betsey of Lansing to Henry Clements of Lansing; land in section 21 of White Oak. (18:P268)

- 1840 In census listed as resident of White Oak, Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- Nov 23, 1852 Purchased 80 acres in section 16 of White Oak Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- Aug 31, 1853 Purchased 40 acres in section 16 of White Oak Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- 1859 Listed as owning land in section 20, 22 and 28 of White Oak Township; same Henry Clements? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

### **John H. Clements**

Note was John Clements and John H. Clements - mixed up.

- 1836 Henry and John Clements settled White Oak Township. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880, pg. 328.
- May 9, 1836 Purchased 160 acres in section 21 of White Oak Township. Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- May Purchased land in sections 28 and 29. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880, pg. 328.
- Jun 1836 Fathers family settled in Meadville in White Oak township. Source: Durant pg. 328.
- Owned farm on section 21 and afterwards removed to Laingsburg where died. Source: Durant pg. 328.
- Apr 2, 1838 Elected constable and collector of Ingham township. Source: Durant pg. 328.
- Jun 6, 1838 Elected school inspector with Lucius Wilson and William A. Dryer. Source: Durant pg. 328.
- Sep 4, 1838 With Lucius Wilson laid out and established Meech road. Source: Durant pg. 328.
- Sep 17, 1838 With Lucius Wilson laid out and established Dana road. Source: Durant pg. 328.

- Apr 2, 1839 Elected supervisor of White Oak township.
- Elected Primary School Inspector with Cyrus Post and William A. Dryer. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880, pg. 328-330.
- 1840 In census listed as resident of White Oak, Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- 1842 Member of Board of Supervisors from White Oak, Township. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan; Durant, 1880; pg. 107.
- 1843 Married Mary Newell.
- 1843-44 Supervisor of White Oak township. Source: Durant pg. 328.
- 1843 Member of board of supervisors from White Oak, Twp. Source: Durant pg. 107.
- 1844 Justice of Peace. Source: Durant pg. 329.
- 1844 County supervisor representing Stockbridge. Source: Adams pg. 40.
- 1844 Listed as resident taxpayer of White Oak township. Both John Clements and John H. Clements. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880, pg. 327.
- In census listed as resident of White Oak, Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- 1847 Carried chain for surveyors that laid out site for present city
- 1847 Moved Lansing. Note one source: Settled in N. Lansing in 1848. Source Twentieth Century Education, The Lansing Journal, January 1902.
- Winter 1847 Built store at corner Franklin and Center streets; occupied as store and residence. Engaged in boot and shoe business.
- Winter 1847-48 John H. Clements came father to White Oak township in June 1836; father purchased 720 acres of land; in summer of 1847 "he carried the chain for the surveyors that laid out the site for the present city of Lansing, and in the fall of the same year took up his residence in the young city."; built store at corner of Franklin and Center streets , which he occupied for the double purpose of store and residence; engaged in boot and shoe business and in spring 1848 branched out into general mercantile line.



Source: Pioneer XXVII pg. 336.

John H. Clements built store at corner of Franklin and Center streets, which he occupied for the double purpose of store and residence; engaged in boot and shoe business and in spring 1848 branched out into general mercantile line.

Source: Pioneer XXVII pg. 336.

Spring 1848	Branched out into general mercantile line.
	Note one source: Built store corner Franklin and Center and engaged in mercantile business in summer of 1849. *
Fall 1848	Settled in N. Lansing. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.
Summer 1849	Built store corner Franklin and Center, engaged in mercantile business. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.
1850	In census listed as resident of Vevay Township and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
Fall 1850	Sold and moved Cal - gold fever. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.
1853	Returned Lansing engaged in milling business.
1866	Returned from California. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.
1866	Bought 240-acre farm near Gunnisonville in DeWitt, Twp. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.
1872	Purchased Oneida House on Corner of Washington and Saginaw and was landlord for 2 or 3 years.
1872	Incorporator of Lansing Gas-Light Company?
?	Proprietor of a summer hotel at Indian river, Cheboygan county.
Appx. 1896	Moved back to Lansing. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.
Dec 10, 1897	Died.

Note: Was John Clements & John H. Clements.

### **David Cockran, Elisha Cockran and Isaac Cockran**

Block 132                      Lot 5, 6 & 7

1844                      In census David L. Cockran listed as resident of Wheatfield Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

Jun 1847                      David Cockran a Carpenter arrived in Lansing.  
Source: Lansing and It's Yesterdays.

Jun 23, 1847                      Isaac Cockrane                      Block 132                      Lot 7                      \$66

Aug 7, 1847                      Charlotte Cook to Riley township to son George H. Cook (shoemaker) of Lima, New York; other son Joseph H. Cook resided at time in DeWitt:

We think you might do well here at the Capitol, they are doing quite a flourishing business there I expect. They have now six or eight stores and groceries, two or three taverns, one steam sawmill, a furnace and tin shop, two blacksmiths, two show shops, one bake shop, one doctor, and Mr. Apthorp (also of Riley township) and Leander butcher for them. David Cochran is there at work on the state building. We heard almost a week ago that it is getting quite sickly there. Source: DeWitt Area History #4, Government Center, State, County, Township by Kenneth R. Coin

Oct 13, 1847                      Elisha Cockrane                      Block 132                      Lot 5                      \$63  
David Cockrane                      Block 132                      Lot 6                      \$59

Elisha                      "one of first pioneers of Eaton county; died August 1916 at age of 93;

"Mr. Cochran was on one of the contractors for the first state capitol building which...He was also connected with the construction work of the present state capitol."

Buried in Eaton Rapids.  
Source: Lansing State Journal, August 28, 1916, P1 C8.

Mar 26, 1848                      March 26, 1848  
Michigan  
Respected Friend,  
Having a few leisure moments, I take my pen to address a few broken sentences as a token of remembrance to you.

Since I left your place I have met with nothing more than commonplace adventures and have finally taken up my residence for a time at the above named village (Michigan): or the new capital of Michigan of which I will endeavor to give a description; It is situated in the county of Ingham and Township of Lansing at the point where the Grand and Cedar rivers unite their waters and

plow together toward their destination. The entire plat is about two miles long and one mile wide, embracing the whole of section sixteen and about half of nine and twenty-one. one year ago, there was only one house, a barn and sawmill in the entire neighborhood and now there are more than a hundred scattered here and there among the trees forming on the whole a most grotesque appearance. I have been here most of the time since last June. I trust you will not be vexed with me if I tell you that I am working at the carpenter and joining business and pass off for a very good workman as far as framing is concerned. I am as good as the best and begin to loom up some with joiner work. Whenever my qualifications are called for I always quote you as my instructor; for which I trust you will pardon me especially when you remember the lessons you used to give me on the subject, one in particular which was always to think that I could do a thing and I would not find much difficulty in doing it. However, I find it, together with Colonel Crochet's rule, operates extremely well. I have purchased a lot and shall probably build upon it next year. Elisha is also here and works at chopping and teaming. Father lives in the town of Eaton Rapids, about fifteen miles up the river from this place. His health is rather indifferent this winter. Lucretia and Isaac have been teaching school this winter and Abigail kept house for father.

Our legislature has been in session nearly three months and there is a fair prospect that they will continue as much longer and accomplish nothing in the end.

Politics and Religion are about as little talked of as the man in the moon or the famed Bucephalus; and as for the Liberty men, they are very few but true to the cause, for none same the true and tried friends of the oppressed dares to avow himself in favor of universal freedom lest the overwhelming tide of popular prejudice should bury him in oblivion. yet there is a hope for the better for a spirit of sympathy is silently at work in the hearts of the more benevolent portion of community which will eventually arouse itself to action which fully ripened for the public benefit.--I begin to want to see old Cohocton once more but do not know as I ever shall; but still I have some idea of coming down there in the fall, but dare not say I will.

Tell Mrs. Rosenkrans that I have not had the ague yet and do not expect to have it but feel very thankful for the kind attention that she (Mrs. Rosenkrans) would have bestowed upon me had I of needed it.

Give my love to the children one and all especially to Ellen.

Please to write me as soon as you can and give me all the news relating to our old neighbors. Direct your letters to Michigan, Ingham county, Mich. and now as I have written you everything

that I can think of I will bid you adieu for the present. Yours with respect.

David Cockran to Mr. Levi Rosenkrans.

Source: Letter from David Cockran to Mr. Levi Rosenkrans, Shannon, Steuben Co., N.Y. dated March 26, 1848.

1850 In census David L. Cockran listed as resident of Aurelius Township, and born in New York.  
Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

### **H. Coddling**

Nov 22, 1847	Hamik? F. Coddling Block 151	Lot 1	\$126
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### **Mort Cole**

"He (Richard Turner) often...told his son, Dr. Turner, of taking a Sunday ride one June upriver with "Mort" Cole. Mr. Cole was also working for the Seymours but later went into business when the town became larger." Source: Adams pg. 587.

1847 Section 35, Lansing Township Marvin Cole purchased land.  
Source: Durant pg. 190.

### **Philander Collender**

Jun 23, 1847	Philander Collender Block 107	Lot 1	\$40
Jun 23, 1847	Philander Collender Block 66	Lot 9	\$54

### **Lucien D. Conan**

Aug 26, 1848	Lucien D. Conan	Block 112	Lot 1	\$150
			Lot 4	\$105

### **Phillip D. Connell**

Sep 29, 1847	Phillip D. Connell	Block 128	Lot 12	\$295
Sep 29, 1847	Phillip D. Connell	Block 129	Lot 7	\$238

### **Jacob Frederick Cooley**

Feb 23, 1807 Jacob Cooley was born February 23, 1807. Born in Germany. Learned trade of tailoring in Germany.  
Source: Past and Present; pg. 292. Source: Durant, pg. 192.

? Came to America and settled in New York.

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- Married Lucy Barnes, who was born in Hartford, Conn., April 1, 1804. Her parents moved to Oneida county, N. Y., where she married J. F. Cooley. Source: Past and Present; pg. 292. Source: Durant, pg. 192. Source: Adams, pg. 23.
- Had six children: Jacob F. Cooley, Jr. – born Lansing, J. Cooley - born Nov 3, 1834 in Trenton, Oneida county NY. Nathan L. Cooley - born Jan 6, 1840 in Lansing Township, MI. Three unknowns. Source: Past and Present; pg. 293. Note: Pg. 238 of Past & Present notes Nathan 3rd child, pg. 297 notes Lansing 3rd child.
- Frederick Cooley - son
- Were Close Communion Baptists. Source: Past and Present; pg. 293.
- May 6, 1836 Jacob Cooley came to Michigan. Source: Past and Present; pg. 292.
- May 18, 1836 I am of the opinion that Jacob F. Cooley, Jr. is today the oldest settler in the township of Lansing, and that he is the third now living in the county. His parents brought him into the county May 18, 1836. Source: Adams, pg. 27. Identified as from letter of Frederick Cooley, Jr.
- May 16, 1836 Purchased 160 acres in section 23 of Leslie Township Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982. Source: Durant pg. 259.
- May 16, 1836, They moved to Leslie, Ingham county, Mich., arrived there May 16, 1836, and built a shanty. With no family within six miles of them they got sick and homesick. They encountered wild beasts and snakes in abundance. One day they went to look over their land leaving their two children in the shanty. They got lost and traveled all day, expecting to stay in the woods all night, and perhaps be torn to pieces by wolves and bears, but just before dark their old dog came to them and they followed him home. This dog was afterward killed by the wolves. Source: Adams, pg. 23. Identified as from letter of Frederick Cooley, Jr. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 192.
- Early 1837 They finally returned to New York early in 1837, Source: Adams, pg. 23. Identified as from letter of Frederick Cooley, Jr.
- May 2, 1837 Jacob F. Cooley purchased 97.32 (land patent) in section 30 of Lansing township.
- Jacob F. Cooley purchased additional 40 acres (land patent) in section 30 of Lansing township. Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

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- “...leaving his family in New York, he stopped in Jackson and finally came to Lansing township. His first investment here was in one hundred and twenty acres in Lansing township.”  
Source: Past and Present; pg. 293.
- May 8, 1837
- The track books in the Auditor General's office show that Jacob F. Cooley entered his land at the U. S. Land Office in Ionia, May 8th, 1837, and gave his residence as Ingham county, Michigan. ....No one will deny that Mr. Cooley settled here before he entered his land, which must certainly have been as early as the 10th of April 1837. Source: J. P. Cowles at May 1873 meeting of Ingham County Pioneer Association; pgs. 27-28; Pioneer History of Ingham County; compiled and arranged by Mrs. Franc L. Adams, Vol. I, 1923.
- Sep 1837
- Came to what became Lansing Township.  
Source: Jacob Frederick Cooley, Obituary, The Lansing State Republican, Wednesday, June 14, 1865.
- Oct 3, 1837
- Coe G. Jones entered his land October 3, 1837, and gave his residence as Monroe county, New York. Source: J. P. Cowles at May 1873 meeting of Ingham County Pioneer Association; pgs. 27-28; Pioneer History of Ingham County; compiled and arranged by Mrs. Franc L. Adams, Vol. I, 1923.
- Nov 2, 1837
- A Jacob F. Cooley purchased land  
Township 4-N, Range 2-W of Ingham County.  
Section 30                      W 1/2 SW                      97.32 Acres  
Source: Bureau of land Management, General Land Office  
Records, MI2600--.419; entered at Ionia Land Office.
- Township 4-N, Range 2-W of Ingham County.  
Section 30                      SE SW                      40 Acres  
Source: Bureau of land Management, General Land Office  
Records, MI2600--.420; entered at Ionia Land Office.
- Nov 2, 1837
- ...but on November 2, of that year Mr. Cooley came again, leaving his family behind him. He bought in Lansing on section 30. He purchased there because a man named Ford, with others, was going to found a city to be called 'Biddle City.' Ford came with Cooley and stayed but a short time, leaving Cooley alone in the woods on the banks of Grand River. Source: Adams, pg. 23-24. Identified as from letter of Frederick Cooley.
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- At Jacksonburg he made the acquaintance of Jerry and William Ford, or, at least, one of them. These men had, in April 1836 laid out a village on section 21, in Lansing township, which they named "Biddle city." Learning that Mr. Cooley was looking for a place to settle, and also that he was a tailor and his wife a weaver, the Fords persuaded him that at or near their new town was the

place to settle; that it was sure to be a great city, and that the trades of himself and wife would soon make them comfortable, if not absolutely rich.

Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 192.

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To this enticing story Mr. Cooley lent a willing ear and came down to view the county. The nearest government land to "Biddle City," which he could find was on section 30, in the southwest part of the township, laying on Grand river, and about two miles southwest of the new city...

Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 192-3.

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He then bought in Lansing on section 30. He purchases there because a man named Ford, with others, was going to found a city to be called 'Biddle City.' Ford came with Cooley and stayed but a short time, leaving Cooley alone in the woods on the banks of Grand River. Cooley paid Mr. Scott of Dewitt \$50 to make a plat of his land, but he lost the paper and paid another \$50 to have the work done over. Source: Adams, pg. 23-4. Identified as from letter of Frederick Cooley.

One of the Fords came along with Cooley, but only remained a short time, and then departed and left him alone in the wilderness. Mr. Cooley knew absolutely nothing of the labor necessary to hew out a home in the woods. he had never handled an axe in this life, and in cutting down a tree he hacked on all sides of it, and when he thought it about ready to fall ran out of its reach. He did not know how to plant his vegetables after he had managed to prepare a small plat of ground, but planted potatoes, corn, beans and cabbage promiscuously in the same hill. Source: Past & Present, pg. 22.

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In building his first cabin he managed it by felling a tree, letting the but rest upon a stump and then covering the trunk with brush and sods. He did not know where the line of his land were, and employed a Mr. Scott, in Clinton county, to point them out for him, paying him, according to his son's account, fifty dollars for the services. A second time he lost his lines and had to pay Mr. Scott once more to establish them for him. Source: Past & Present, pg. 22. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 193.

Dec 1837

Soon after completing his shanty, he followed the river to Jacksonburg, where he purchases supplies for winter, and then, procuring lumber, built a boat to transport them down to his future home, this was in December 1837. Source: Past & Present, pg. 22. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 193.

On his way down the river, not being a skilled boatman, he came to grief in the swift water, opposite where now stands the Village of Dimondale, where night overtook him. His craft struck a

boulder, and either broke up or stove a hole, so that his provisions got into the steam and his flour and salt were nearly spoiled. He, however, waded around among the ice and slippery stones and saved a portion. Having no means of making a fire, he ran up and down the bank of the river to keep him from freezing. At length the barking of a dog attracted his attention, and following the sound he came to a wigwam, where he found an Indian and his squaw, who took him in, rubbed his half-frozen limbs, and made him as comfortable as circumstances permitted. For food they set before him the best they had, boiled or roasted hedgehog and muskrat. On the following morning, he paid the Indian two dollars to carry him down to his shanty. The Indian soon after abandoned his camping place and built his wigwam near Mr. Cooley's. Source: Past and Present; pg. 22. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 193.

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Winter 1837-38

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- Spring 1838      The inexperienced settler now began to clear a spot of ground and built a better cabin of logs. Here he remained until the spring of 1838, when he wrote his wife to join him with the remainder of the family. Source: Past and Present; pg. 22.  
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Probably first family to settle in Lansing Township; family arrived June 15, 1838. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 194.

They had no team or domestic animals of any kind, and Mrs. Cooley assisted her husband to clear a small piece of land, which they sowed with wheat, and planted a few vegetables. They kept a record of time by marking it every day on a board or log with charcoal. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 193. Source: Past and Present, pg. 23.

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river, while their two little boys played near. Source: Adams, pg. 25. Identified as from letter of Frederick Cooley, Jr.

Their first "Independence" day - July 4, 1838 - was celebrated on flat rock near the river, where Mrs. Cooley sang songs, to the delight of the Indians, while her boys played with their dusky friends under the trees along the riverbank. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 193. Source: Past and Present, pg. 23.

Mid Jul 1838

About the middle of July the whole family were prostrated with sickness for several days. They got an Indian to go and let Mr. Skinner know they were sick, and he come and took them to his house. This took all the money they had. In the fall they returned and found their crops all safe, as their old Indian friend had watched and cared for them during their absence. They traded corn and potatoes with the Indians for fish and venison. During the winter they were all sick again and lost the day of the month. In January a traveler came along and gave them the time. They were out of provisions of every kind, and the old Indian and his squaw supplied their wants and kept them from starving. Mr. Cooley was very sick and for some time was not expected to live. He told Mrs. Cooley to lay him in a bark trough, cover him with dirt and take the children to get out of the woods. He finally recovered. Source: Adams, pg. 25. Identified as from letter of Frederick Cooley, Jr. Source: Past and Present, pg. 23.

Mid Jul 1838

About the middle of July the entire family were taken sick and were nearly helpless for several days. A family named Skinner had settled up the river in the township of Windsor, Eaton co., and Mr. Cooley got an Indian to go and notify them of their troubles. Mr. Skinner came and took them to his house, where they remained for several weeks, and this experience exhausted all the ready money they possessed. Recovering from the sickness, they returned to their home in the fall and found their crops all safe, their old Indian friend having taken care of them during their absence. They exchanged the products of their land with the Indians for fish and venison, and thus opened the famous "dicker" trade of the early days. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 193. Source: Past and Present, pg. 23.

After they began to raise corn, he rigged a novel contrivance, though a common one in those days, to pound it. It consisted of a mortar made by burning a hollow in a stump, and rigging a spring-pole, to which was attached a wooden pestle; and this answered a very good purpose. Source: Past and Present, pg. 23-24.

He made a mortar by cutting off a log, burning a hole in the end until he got it deep enough to pound his corn, which he did by a spring-pole attached to one end of the house, the other to as pestle eight inches through, with a pin put through for a handle.

After the corn was pounded, they boiled it. The Indians troubled them sometimes very much. Source: Adams, pg. 25. Identified as from letter of Frederick Cooley, Jr.

Summer 1838

In the summer of 1838 (I think it was) four men went up the river to secure some logs which they had purchased of a Mr. Butterfield, who had put a great many logs into the river. The party went by land and encamped for the night at Spring Brook, near Dimondale. There they made rafts, and E. S. Ingersoll cut his foot severely. He got on to a raft and floated down to near Lansing, where the party stopped for the night. Early the next morning they heard a man chopping and went and found Jacob Cooley. We did not know of any such person and did not suppose there was anybody between our place and Eaton Rapids. He had lived there alone until he had forgotten the day of the week and almost forgotten his own name. Source: Paper of Mrs. E. S. Ingersoll read at State Pioneer Society in Lansing, February 2, 1876; printed Pioneer Collection, Vol. I; pg. 157.

Fall 1838

In the fall of 1838 they heard of neighbors down the river and to the southeast to them. These were Coe G. Jones, on section 5, and Joseph E. North, Jr., on section 32. the Norths made them a visit. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 194. Source: Past and Present, pg. 23.

In the fall of 1839 or '40 they heard that a family had moved into the woods, and that family heard at the same time that there was a family living on the bank of the river. The family proved to be that of Joseph E. North, Jr., and they soon came down to see the Cooley's. They found the Cooley's by following the section lines. Source: Adams, pg. 26. Identified as from letter of Frederick Cooley, Jr. Note: Had to be fall of 1838.

Winter 1838-39

In the following winter the family were all again taken sick and lost the day of the month, but a traveler happening along in January set them right again. At length all their provisions were consumed, and they were forced to live upon the charity of their early Indian friend, who managed to procure sufficient food to keep them from starving. At one time Mr. Cooley was so low that they all expected he would die, and he finally told his wife to lay his body in a bark trough, cover it with dirt, and take her children out of the woods. But he at length recovered. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 193. Source: Past and Present, pg. 23.

May 1, 1839

A Jacob F. Cooley purchased land  
Township 1-N, Range 1-W of Ingham County.  
Section 23                      SE                      160 Acres  
Source: Bureau of land Management, General Land Office  
Records, MI1420--387; entered at Kalamazoo Land Office.

- Spring 1839 In the spring of 1839, Mr. Cooley went to Jackson and worked at his trade, leaving his wife alone with her children. For fourteen months she never saw a white woman. Wild beasts were plenty and exceedingly troublesome. At one time a gang of wolves followed Mr. Cooley, as he was bringing home some meat for his family, for a long distance, but he finally reached home in safety. At another time, when out blackberrying, he was chased by a bear and escaped with the loss of his hat. Occasionally the family would suffer the fire to go out, and then someone would have to travel perhaps ten miles to procure a supply. Some of the Indians were at times insolent, but they were generally friendly. Their insolence never availed them anything, for Mr. Cooley was resolute and defended his rights. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 193-4. Source: Past and Present, pg. 23.
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- Jul 4, 1839 The fourth of July 1839 was celebrated at the house of Joseph E. North, Jr., His father had recently moved into the settlement, and the three families celebrated together. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 194. Source: Past and Present, pg. 23.
- The next Fourth of July was celebrated at the home of J. E. North, Jr. There were three families to celebrate together, as J. E. North, Sr., had recently moved into the woods. J. E. North named the town Lansing. Source: Adams, pg. 26. Identified as from letter of Frederick Cooley, Jr.
- ? Sometimes he had to go ten miles for fire. The friendly Indians and squaws helped them very much, but a few of them were troublesome, and would demand salt and other things. When denied they became very angry, but Mr. Cooley was resolute and stood up for his rights. Source: Adams, pg. 26. Identified as from letter of Frederick Cooley.
- 1838? 1839? Their first threshing was done on the ground, and the first wheat-grist was taken to Eaton Rapids by Mr. Cooley, who was gone three days. The children could hardly wait for the first loaf of bread to bake, but when ready for the table they divided it with the dusky Indian children, who enjoyed it as well as they. The earliest mills near them were at Eaton Rapids and Ingersoll's, now Delta. When

they patronized the mill at Ingersoll's they took the grist down the river in a log canoe or "dugout," and then went across the county, through the woods, and hauled the canoe and ground grist back along the narrow path, through mud and water, and an ox-team. The canoe was not a first-class land-carriage, but they managed to haul it by fastening a log-chain around its nose, though it required great skill and constant attention to prevent the curious vehicle from often overturning in the rough pathway. Sometimes in the winter when they wanted to cross the river with their oxen and the ice was not strong enough to bear them, Mr. Cooley would cut a channel across and swim them over.

Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 194.

Source: Past and Present, pg. 24.

They had to thresh their wheat on the ground. Mr. Cooley took a grist one day to Eaton Rapids in a log canoe and was gone three days. The children could hardly wait to have their first wheaten cake baked, and gave some of it to their playmates, the little Indians. Source: Adams, pg. 26. Identified as from letter of Frederick Cooley, Jr.

When at length they had become the possessors of an ox-team, a cow, a pig, and few sheep they congratulated themselves upon their improved circumstances; but their joy was short lived, for a great black bear carried off the pig, and the lean and hungry wolves made short work with the sheep.

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Within a year or two, Mr. Cooley built a second and improved log house. The first one stood near the northwest corner of his quarter section, at a considerable distance from the river near a copious spring, which latter item no doubt had considerable weight in determining the selection of his land.

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The second house stood about fifteen rods west of the first, nearer the river. When it was all ready to be put up it took all the able-bodied men in five townships to raise it. It had a roof made of heavy stakes, pinned upon the transverse timbers with three-quarter-inch ash pins. The improved building boasted of a better chimney and sash windows, which latter Mr. Cooley whittled out with a pocketknife. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 194. Source: Past and Present, pg. 25.

1839-1840

Within a year or two Mr. Cooley built a second and improved log house. The first one stood near the northwest corner of his quarter section, and at a considerable distance from the river near a copious spring, which latter item no doubt had considerable weight in determining the selection of his land. The first dwelling built by the labor of himself and wife and was a rude affair. The only windows

were small holes left in the logs, covered with greased paper. The roof was constructed of troughs, the first course laid with the convex side down, the second inverted and lapping over the edges of the others. This plan, provided the troughs were sound, made a very comfortable covering, impervious to water so long as the material did not warp or crack. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 194. Source: Past and Present, pg. 25.

- 1840 In census listed as resident of Alaiedon Township and born in Germany. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- Jan 6, 1840 On January 6, 1840, Mrs. Cooley gave birth to a son, the first white child born in Lansing township. They named him Nathan L. Cooley. The physician on that occasion was no other than the friendly squaw, and she was the only woman present. Source: Adams, pg. 26. Identified as from letter of Frederick Cooley, Jr.
- ? Mr. Cooley now bought a team, a cow, a pig and some sheep, but a bear came in broad daylight and caught his pig, and the wolves killed all his sheep. Mr. Cooley built a log house, and it took all the men in five towns to raise it, and they were two days in getting it up. In the winter of 1847, the whole neighborhood was much excited on account of the State Capital being located in this town. Mr. Cooley now had five children, three boys and two girls. He gave each of his children a farm and settled near them. Source: Adams, pg. 26-7. Identified as from letter of Frederick Cooley, Jr.
- Jan 11, 1841 Jacob F. Cooley of Alaiedon Township, Ingham County, Michigan to Jacob F. Cooley, Jr. of same place; Land in Lansing Township, Sec. 30. (L4:P67) Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
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- 1844 In census listed as resident of Alaiedon Township and born in Germany. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

- 1844 Resident taxpayer. Source: Durant pg. 195.
- 1846 Were 13 votes cast in township, twelve of them Democratic and one Whig. The Democrats were five Norths, three Gilkeys, Cooley, Earl, Delano, and J. W. Yauger. The Whig was Coe. G. Jones." Source: J. P. Cowles at May 1873 Ingham County Pioneer Association meeting: Adams pg. 23.
- Jan 1, 1848 Horatio J. Lawrence and wife Mary L. of Calhoun County, to Jacob F. Cooley of Ingham County; land in Lansing Township, Section 30. (L9:P303) Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- 1850 In census listed as resident of Alaiedon Township and born in Germany. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- Oct 7, 1852 Jacob Frederick Cooley purchased 40 acres in section 11 of Windsor Township, Eaton county. Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- Jun 15, 1854 A Jacob F. Cooley purchased land Township 3-N, Range 3-W of Eaton County. Section 11 SENE 40 Acres Source: Bureau of land Management, General Land Office Records, MI2730--.009; entered at Ionia Land Office.
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- Feb 21, 1870 Wife died February 21, 1870. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 195. Source: Adams, pg. 27.
- Cowles statement to State Republican about same time:
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The statement of H. H. North that F. R. Luther visited the family of Coe Jones in the winter of 1837 is a mistake, as the letter of Catherine Jones, widow of Coe Jones, will prove. This visit must have been at least twelve months later, for the Jones family did not come into the county until about eight months after the visit was said to have been made. The accompanying letter of Mrs. Jones must convince every candid person that I was correct in my statement. "Coe G. Jones had a piece of land on section 4 in Lansing township in October 1837. I married him in York Center, Genesee county, New York, on the 11th day of September 1838. Mr. Cooley's family came in the spring before we did, we moved into Lansing, October 16, 1838. We did not know that any family lived in the township until the spring of 1839, when our cattle strayed off, and in looking for them Mr. Jones found the Cooley's.

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She and Cooley cleared off a piece of land and sowed it to wheat. They had no team, no dumb beast of any kind, and so they had no almanac they kept the time by marking each day on a board with a piece of coal.

The Cooley, family celebrated their first Independence Day in Lansing, July 4, 1838, on a flat rock on the bank of Grand River. They sang patriotic songs to the Indians who were sporting in the river, while their two little boys played near.

About the middle of July, the whole family were prostrated with sickness for several days. They got an Indian to go and let Mr. Skinner know they were sick, and he come and took them to his house. This took all the money they had. In the fall they returned and found their crops all safe, as their old Indian friend had watched and cared for them during their absence. They traded corn and potatoes with the Indians for fish and venison. During the winter they were all sick again and lost the day of the month. In January a traveler came along and gave them the time. They were out of provisions of every kind, and the old Indian and his squaw supplied their wants and kept them from starving. Mr. Cooley was very sick and for some time was not expected to live. He told Mrs. Cooley to lay him in a bark trough, cover him with dirt and take the children to get out of the woods. He finally recovered.

He made a mortar by cutting off a log, burning a hole in the end until he got it deep enough to pound his corn, which he did by a spring-pole attached to one end of the house, the other to a pestle eight inches through, with a pin put through for a handle. After the corn was pounded, they boiled it. The Indians troubled them sometimes very much.

In 1839 Mr. Cooley went to Jackson and worked at his trade (that of tailor) and left his wife alone with the children. She did not see a white woman for fourteen months. They were very much bothered by wild beasts. One-time Mr. Cooley was bringing some meat home, and the wolves gave him a close chase, but he reached home with it. At another time he was in a thicket picking blackberries, when a large bear came after him, but he escaped with the loss of his hat.

Sometimes he had to go ten miles for fire. The friendly Indians and squaws helped them very much, but a few of them were troublesome, and would demand salt and other things. When denied they became very angry, but Mr. Cooley was resolute and stood up for his rights.

On January 6, 1840, Mrs. Cooley gave birth to a son, the first white child born in Lansing township. They named him Nathan L. Cooley. The physician on that occasion was no other than the friendly squaw, and she was the only woman present.

They had to thresh their wheat on the ground. Mr. Cooley took a grist one day to Eaton Rapids in a log canoe and was gone three days. The children could hardly wait to have their first wheaten cake baked, and gave some of it to their playmates, the little Indians.

In the fall of 1839 or '40 they heard that a family had moved into the woods, and that family heard at the same time that there was a family living on the bank of the river. The family proved to be that of Joseph E. North, Jr., and they soon came down to see the Cooley's. They found the Cooley's by following the section lines. The next Fourth of July was celebrated at the home of J. E. North, Jr. There were three families to celebrate together, as J. E. North, Sr., had recently moved into the woods. J. E. North named the town Lansing.

Mr. Cooley now bought a team, a cow, a pig and some sheep, but a bear came in broad daylight and caught his pig, and the wolves killed all his sheep. Mr. Cooley built a log house, and it took all the men in five towns to raise it, and they were two days in getting it up. In the winter of 1847, the whole neighborhood was much excited on account of the State Capital being located in this town. Mr. Cooley now had five children, three boys and two girls. He gave each of his children a farm and settled near them. He died June 9, 1865, and his wife died February 21, 1870. J. F. Cooley Jr. went to school and learned his letters after he was 18 years old. Mr. Cooley was probably the first tailor who ever worked at this trade in Ingham county. (Another record says that Mr. Cooley knew nothing of farming, or how to use any kind of tools except a tailor's shears and goose, but notwithstanding he made a successful farmer. He and his wife were induced to come to Michigan because of his trade and the fact that she was an expert weaver.

I am of the opinion that Jacob F. Cooley Jr., is today the oldest settler in the township of Lansing, and that he is the third now living in the county. His parents brought him into the county May 18, 1836.

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J. W. Longyear commenced the practice of law in Mason in 1845 or 1846. He went to Lansing very soon after the location of the Capital and became one of the most successful lawyers we had and has been promoted out of sight of us all.

The first child born in Lansing after the location of the Capital was Catherine Alton. The first Marriage that of Hiram Nichols, who came from Eaton county and married a lady from Longs. the first Sunday school celebration after the location was July 4th, 1848, on the ground where F. M. Cowles house now stands.

I am also informed that the first singing school was taught by Clark Preston at Leslie in 1841, while other say that he first taught there in 1845.

Cowles statement to State Republican about same time:

At the recent Pioneer meeting held in Mason, H. H. North and C. C. Darling both say I was mistaken in saying that the Cooley's were the first inhabitants of Lansing township. I have taken some pains to ascertain the following facts, which cannot be gain said, showing that Jacob F. Cooley and family were the first white inhabitants of the township. The track books in the Auditor General's office show that Jacob F. Cooley entered his land at the U. S. Land Office in Ionia, May 8th, 1837, and gave his residence as Ingham county, Michigan. Coe G. Jones entered his land October 3, 1837, and gave his residence as Monroe county, news York. No one will deny that Mr. Cooley settled here before he entered his land, which must certainly have been as early as the 10th of April 1837.

The statement of H. H. North and F. R. Luther visited the family of Coe Jones in the winter of 1837 is a mistake, as the letter of Catherine Jones, widow of Coe Jones, will prove. This visit must have been a lest twelve months later, for the Jones family did not come into the county until about eight months after the visit was said to have been made. The accompanying letter of Mrs. Jones must convince every candid person that I was correct ion my statement. "Coe G. Jones had a piece of land on section 4 in Lansing township in October 1837. I married him in York Center, Genesee county, New York, on the 11th day of September 1838. Mr. Cooley's family came in the spring before we did, we moved into Lansing, October 16, 1838. We did not know that any family lived in the township until the spring of 1839, when our cattle strayed off, and in looking for them Mr. Jones found the Cooley's.

"I remember that F. R. Luther came to our house in the spring of 1839. Mr. daughter Harriet was the first girl born in the township, and Nathan L. Cooley was the first boy born there. She was born on March 24, 1840, and he on January 6, 1840. Catherine Jones." Source: J. P. Cowles at May 1873 meeting of Ingham

County Pioneer Association; pgs. 20-28; Pioneer History of Ingham County; compiled and arranged by Mrs. Franc L. Adams, Vol. I, 1923.

### Lansing J. Cooley

"...the City of Lansing as well as the township was named after our subject." Source: Past and Present, pg. 293.

Nov 3, 1844

Born in Trenton, Oneida county, NY  
Son of Jacob Frederick and Lucy (Barnes) Cooley.  
Third of 6 children. Source: Past and Present, pg. 292.

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"His only playmates when a child were Indian boys and girls. In front of their pioneer home was an Indian trail, which was sometimes traveled day and night for weeks at a time. The father was engaged in his trade at Jackson, leaving our subject and a brother with the mother at home, with only the trusty axe as protection. The Indians were generally of a friendly nature and often walked into the Cooley home and dine with them at their dinner of corn-bread, which had been prepared by pounding up the corn with a wooden mortar and pestle, leaving in exchange for the meal wild game which they had shot. The mother of our subject would often sit with the squaws, trying to teach them the language of the white man, while the children played together. Upon being asked by Mrs. Jacob Cooley what their religion consisted of, they would get down and pray to the "Great Spirit." An Indian funeral covered a period of three days, as it took that long to reach the Sprit Land. It was customary for them to place with a dead person a small kettle of provisions, tobacco, pipe, tomahawk and some sugar for it to use of the way, and they would take a hollow log, cut it crosswise, stretch a deer hide over it, to make a drum, and then pound on this day and night for the three days and then the body was buried warped in the bark.

The home of the Cooley's was of the most rustic sort, there being cracks in the floors wide enough for snakes and weasels to crawl through, and to find them in the beds and chairs (which were mostly blocks of wood) was a common occurrence. Wild game on every had was in abundance. A bear caught the first hog owned by Jacob F. Cooley. He drove the bear away, but the hog died soon after. Our subject (Lansing J. Cooley) distinctly recalls the event, as he climbed onto a fence to see the bear with the pig but happened to be just over it and will never forget the look in the bear's eye when he looked up and saw him. Animals came at a high price in those days--the first cat cost five dollars; also, five dollars was the price paid for the first rooster and hen.  
Source: Past and Present; pgs. 293-4.

Mar 11, 1858

Married Rebecca Wall.

"When....first married they were too poor to buy a team and all the tools they had were an axe and hoe. They soon possessed an ox team, which was used for everything, and also owned a cow. In harvest time Lansing Cooley would mow the hay with a scythe and his wife rake it up and haul it on a sled to the stack and our subject would pitch it while his wife staked it. When he got a cradle, he would cradle, and she would bind the grain. The first threshing was done with a flail on the ground. A short time after their marriage they bought a team of colts and gave a note for them. They could not make money enough here to pay for them so he went to Saginaw and boiled salt for a time, then to Thunder Bay on Lake Huron, and worked at getting out logs in the pine woods and received in compensation twenty-five dollars per month, working all winter to pay for the colts. In the Spring he returned home and bought forty acres from the father and had to take a job of clearing timber at five dollars per acre to pay the interest on that until after the Civil War, when times were better. During this time, it took all the money one could get to hire substitutes, for the war, as it would take from six to seven hundred dollars. After the war our subject purchased a box wagon at the cost to one hundred four dollars and this was more of a curiosity than an automobile at the present time. There modes of conveyance were of the most rustic sort of many years.  
Source: Past and Present, pg. 294.

- 1868 At age of 24 went to farm on original homestead.  
Father gave 40 acres. Source: Past and Present, pg. 293.
- 1896 Wife Rebecca died. Source: Past and Present, pg. 293.
- Nov 1, 1900 Married Mrs. Mary M. Taylor. Source: Past and Present, pg. 293.  
  
Adopted Paul Ford Tayler, making him heir, name is now Lansing Paul Cooley. Source: Past and Present, pg. 294.
- ? Allied Protestant Methodist Church. Source: Past and Present, pg. 293.
- ? Democrat Source: Past and Present, pg. 293.

### **Nathan Cooley**

- Originally Democrat later Republican  
Source: Past and Present; pg. 238.
- Jan 6, 1840 Born in Lansing Township. Son of Jacob F and Lucy (Barnes) Cooley - third child. Source: Past and Present; pg. 238.
- Jan 11, 1841 Jacob F. Cooley of Alaiedon Township, Ingham county Michigan to Nathan Cooley of same place; Land in Lansing Township, Sec. 30. (L4:P68) Source: Past and Present; pg. 238.

- 1854 At age 14 attended district school in Lansing township.  
Source: Past and Present; pg. 238.
- 1858 At age 18 worked the father's farm on shares and continued at this until he was 21. Source: Past and Present; pg. 238.
- ? Father (Jacob F. gave 40 acres on section 30 upon which he built home. Source: Past and Present; pg. 238.
- Dec 1860 Married Emaline Garber of Eaton County.  
Had seven children. Source: Past and Present; pg. 238.
- Jan 11, 1841 Jacob F. Cooley of Alaiedon Township, Ingham county Michigan to Nathan Cooley of same place; Land in Lansing Township, Sec. 30. (L4:P68)
- ? Justice of Peace for two terms as Democrat
- 22 years member of School Board
- Member GAR and Patron of Industry. Source: Past and Present; pg. 238.

### **George B. Cooper**

- Jan 22, 1831 George B. Cooper of Washtenaw County, Michigan purchased 116.08 acres of section 2 of Town 4 South, Range 3 West of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck. Note: Same George B. Cooper?
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Oct 23, 1835 George B. Cooper and Jerry Ford of Jackson County purchased 80 acres of section 21 of Town 1 South, Range 2 West of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck. Note: Same George B. Cooper? Note: Same source notes from Washtenaw County, Michigan at time of some land purchases.
- Jan 28, 1836 George B. Cooper and Daniel Coleman purchased 148.60 acres in section 2 of Hamlin Township of Eaton county.
- Jan 29, 1836 George B. Cooper and Daniel Coleman purchased 44.60 acres in section 1 of Hamlin Township of Eaton county.
- Feb 11, 1836 D. Coleman and George B. Cooper purchased 160 acres in section 26 of Alaiedon Township; same individual?  
Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- 1842 Paid on account of State Prison under Act No. 76 of 1842:



Oct 26, 1848      George B. Cooper & Blocks 99, 100, 101, \$ 1  
St. Treas.      110, 111, 112, 249  
PA 174 of 1848

Nov 30, 1847	John Cooper	Block 162	Lot 4	\$39
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Sep 16, 1848	William Copeland	Block 151	Lot 8	\$108
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Jan 18, 1848	Elizabeth A. Cornell (formerly Elizabeth A. Bennet) of Michigan village, Ingham Cty to Rebecca Hulce of same place; land in village of Michigan (18:P117)
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May 22, 1848	Alfred B. Cornell of Lansing, Ingham Cty. to Clear Hulce of same; land in village of Michigan (18:P118)
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Dec 9, 1847	Alfred B. Cornell	Block 163	Lot 7	\$11
Jan 13, 1848	Alfred B. Cornell	Block 163	Lot 8	\$14

Feb 3, 1824	Born Berlin, Chenango County, New York. Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, January 1902. Source: Obituary of Frederick Mortimer Cowles, The Lansing State Journal, Monday Evening, January 17, 1910.
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1833	Cowles family moved to the Western Reserve of Ohio. Source: History Explorer, A publication of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing, September 2004.
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## Lansing's First Landowners

- ? Family moved to Chardon, Ohio.  
Source: Obituary of Frederick Mortimer Cowles, The Lansing State Journal, Monday Evening, January 17, 1910.
- Fall 1843 Moved by ox teams to Alaiedon township. Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, January 1902.
- 1843 "...he came with his brother, the late Joseph P. Cowles, and his family, to Aurelius, near Mason, Mich. They erected a saw mill there, with they ran summers, and he taught school winters."  
Source: Obituary of Frederick Mortimer Cowles, The Lansing State Journal, Monday Evening, January 17, 1910.
- 1843-47 "...Cowles frequently followed the Indian trail through the forests in and about the country where the capital of the peninsular state is now situated; during the summers he worked at the carpenter's trade and as the ides of winter approached he would find himself installed in a log school house imparting his limited book knowledge to the younger citizens of a sparsely settled county. The limited number of children in attendance averaging from ten to fifteen made the work of the pedagogue comparatively easy. Yet when taken into account that some of the scholars lived two and one-half miles from schoolhouse and the teacher had to "board around" it was not such a cinch after all." Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, January 1902.
- Frederick and Joseph, his brother operated saw mill in summer, Frederick taught school winters. Source: History Explorer, A publication of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing, September 2004.
- ? Taught at Mason.
- 1847 Teacher at Ionia
- Winter 1846-47 "He was teaching school in Ionia and living with the family of Alonzo Sessions. As soon as spring opened, he started on foot through the woods for the new capital, arriving there on April 10, 1847, at the same time as Col. Glenn and other commissioners, who came to lay out the new capital, and he was been a constant resident here ever since. At that time there was only one house, a log house at North Lansing., occupied by "Father" Page and his tree sons-in-law. There was also a barn in the rear of the Franklin terraces, in which Mr. Cowles slept for the first two weeks, until the house Smith Tooker was building on Wall street, on the site of the present (1910) home of Mr. Spoor, was completed.  
Source: Obituary of Frederick Mortimer Cowles, The Lansing State Journal, Monday Evening, January 17, 1910.

- April 10, 1847      Cowles came to Lansing. Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, Jan. 1902.
- “As soon as the spring opened, Mr. Cowles starting on foot through the woods arrived April 10, 1847, at the same time the commissioners for laying out the capitol did...A log house occupied by father Page and his three son-in-laws marked North Lansing at that time. Mr. Cowles slept for two weeks in a barn in the rear of the now Franklin terraces, until the house Smith Tooker was building on Wall street on the site of the present (1910) house of Mr. Spoor was completed...
- Mr. Cowles was a contractor and builder and erected many of the first buildings of Lansing and assisted in the first capitol. He very soon became interested in the mercantile business with Hiram H. Smith, continuing their business relations until Mr. Smith moved to Jackson. Source: Pioneer Collection, XXXVIII, pgs. 737-8.
- Apr 10, 1847      During winter of 1846-47 Frederick M. Cowles teaching at Ionia. "As soon as the spring opened, Mr. Cowles starting on foot through the woods arrived April 10, 1847, at the same time the commissioners for laying out the capitol did....A log house occupied by Father Page and his three sons-in-law marked North Lansing at that time. Mr. Cowles slept for two seeks in a barn in the rear of the now Franklin terraces, until the house Smith Tooker was building on Wall street on the site of the present (1910) house of Mr. Spoor was completed...
- Mr. Cowles was a contractor and builder and erected many of the first buildings of Lansing and assisted in the first capitol. He very soon became interested in the mercantile business with Hiram H. Smith, continuing their business relations until Mr. Smith moved to Jackson. Source: Frederick M. Cowles; Historical Collections, Collections and Researches Made by the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society; Vol. XXXVIII, pgs. 737-8.  
Source: Obituary of Frederick Mortimer Cowles, The Lansing State Journal, Monday Evening, January 17, 1910.
- Apr 10, 1847      Became resident of Lansing, “he had been here, temporarily, two or three times before. He says for three weeks he slept in a barn and took his meals at Mr. Smith Tooker’s residence, a slab shanty, in which the dining table was two slabs running side by side, though the center of the principal room. He, being a carpenter and joiner, engaged in building.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 115.
- Jan 1, 1848      Became clerk in store of H. H. Smith, became partner in business in spring of 1851. The business comprised a general store and the firm were also interested financially in the building of the plank road from Lansing to Howell.

	<p>During the time he was in partnership with Mr. Smith, he acquired by purchase from different parties the entire block on Washington avenue between Saginaw and Madison streets. Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, January 1902.</p>
Jan 1, 1848	Became clerk in store of H. H. Smith, became partner in business in spring of 1851.
?	<p>Married  Children; Lizzie C., Lucie D., Mrs. N. F. Jenison  Source: Obituary of Frederick Mortimer Cowles, The Lansing State Journal, Monday Evening, January 17, 1910.</p> <p>Married Mrs. Delia Ward, daughter of Alanson and Olive Perkins who moved from New York to Lansing in 1847. Mrs. Ward assisted Mrs. Laura E. Burr in teaching school in upper town. Source: History Explorer, A publication of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing, September 2004.</p>
Nov 11, 1854	<p>H. H. Smith, F. Cowles and Solomon Tuttle assignee purchased 40 acres in section 16 of Locke Township; same individual?  Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.</p>
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1856	<p>Purchased ground on corner of Washington and Ottawa street and erected stores occupied in 1902 by Walworth and Piella.  Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, January 1902. Source: Obituary of Frederick Mortimer Cowles, The Lansing State Journal, Monday Evening, January 17, 1910.</p>
1859	<p>Listed as merchant. (Block 110, Lot 1)  Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley &amp; Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.</p>
?	<p>"Dissolving his partnership with Smith he established himself in the corner of these stores where for many years he conducted the leading dry goods store of the city. "...</p> <p>Subsequently sold to "N. F. Jennison, intending to retire from business, but the active nature of the man refused to lie dormant and he became a commercial traveler. For several years he represented the Lansing wagon works, selling their goods and establishing agencies in nearly every state east of the Missouri river." Source: Obituary of Frederick Mortimer Cowles, The Lansing State Journal, Monday Evening, January 17, 1910.</p>

1861	Alderman of city of Lansing. Source: Durant
1861-62	Built house on block (Washington between Saginaw and Madison. Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, January 1902.
1863-4	Frederick M. Cowles, dry goods, groceries, etc. middle town. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1863-64, pg. 378.
1865	Purchased land in Section 32 of Delta Township. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 451.
1867-8	Frederick M. Cowles dry goods, Cowles block, Washington Avenue. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1867-8, pg. 275.
1875	Alderman of city of Lansing. Source: Durant
1877	Frederick M. Cowles, dry goods, 155 Washington avenue. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1877, pg. 558.
?	Associated with D. W. and Ben Buck in building Buck Opera House and served as first manager of Opera House. Source: History Explorer, A publication of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing, September 2004.
Jan 16, 1910	Died. Source: Obituary of Frederick Mortimer Cowles, The Lansing State Journal, Monday Evening, January 17, 1910.
?	He was identified with many of the early enterprises of the city, being one of the company which completed the toll road from Detroit, and was with the commissioners when they located the M. A. C. h was also actively connected with the securing of the early railroads, especially devoting much time personally to the Lake Shore. H was associated with D. W. and Ben Buck in building the opera house and was its first manager, and it was during his management that such famous artists as Joseph Jefferson, Edwin Booth, ...made their appearance in Lansing. He served the city many years as alderman and let the fight for the restoration of its many bridges when they were swept away in 1875 by a flood. He also introduced the ordinance compelling people to plant shade trees. Source: Obituary of Frederick Mortimer Cowles, The Lansing State Journal, Monday Evening, January 17, 1910.

## Joseph P. Cowles

Known as Captain Cowles

	Married Fanny. Source: Historical Society of Grater Lansing, Lansing Pioneers & Notables, Ghostwalk 2004.
	Brother of F. M. Cowles. Source: J. P. Cowles at May 1873 Ingham County Pioneer Association meeting: Adams pg. 20.
?	Early carpenter and builder. Source: Durant pg. 141.
	Native of New Harford, Litchfield, County, Conn. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 214.
?	Resident of Chenango county, New York, and Chardon, Ohio. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 214.
Oct 1843	Came by ox team to Ingham County. Source: Historical Society of Grater Lansing, Lansing Pioneers & Notables, Ghostwalk 2004.
?	Came from Ohio "He and his mother and several others made one load in a single buggy, jolting over the "Macadamized road" of the Black Swamp and fording the Maumee river. The household goods were in a wagon hauled by oxen. they located at Jefferson, three and one-half miles north of Mason. It was intended and though at that time that Jefferson would be the county seat. Cowles, Sr., erected a saw mill, and the speaker early learned to drive oxen in the highest style of the art." Source; Judge A. E. Cowles at 1893 meeting of Ingham County Pioneer Society, Adams pg. 97.
1838	Jefferson City, three miles north of Mason platted but not recorded; by 1840 had 13 families and sawmill (1837); soon abandoned. 262 pg. 2.
	Josiah Sabin bought entire section in 1836; sold quarter to George Howe formed company platted village; Nicholas Lewis built sawmill in 1837. 263 pg. 291.
	Located on section 24 in Alaiedon township, three miles north of Mason, on bank of Mud Creek. On July 14, 1836 entire section purchased by Josiah Sabin and George Howe; company formed, and village platted in 1838; 13 lots sold; 13 log dwellings were erected, also log school, dam and saw mill.
	By 1848 J. P. Cowles obtained, only two houses remained. Source: Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938.
May 14, 1838	Son Albert E. Cowles born. Source: Historical Society of Grater Lansing, Lansing Pioneers & Notables, Ghostwalk 2004.

1842 I came into Ingham county in 1842, from the eastern part of Ohio (Chardon, Ohio), with an ox team, and settled in Jefferson on Oct. 23, 1843.

Source: ?

"I came into Ingham county in 1842, from the eastern part of Ohio, with an ox team, and settled in Jefferson, October 23, 1843.

"I was 21 days moving from Ohio to Ingham county. The last night we stayed at old Mr. Hopkins' in Vevay. He gave us nothing but buckwheat straw for our oxen and horse, but it was the best he had. Source: J. P. Cowles at May 1873 Ingham County Pioneer Association meeting: Adams pg. 20-1.

.... from Chardon, Ohio--my parents and we children, with horse and buggy and the household furniture and a covered wagon, drawn by two yoke of oxen, driven by my two uncles, f. M. Cowles and H. P. Cowles. I remember the long journey very well, especially crossing the Black swamp in the sea of mud, the fording of the Maumee river at Toledo, the arrival at Mason and the final arrival at our destination at the "City of Jefferson," in Alaiedon." Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 25-26,

"When I came to Jefferson I owned the saw mill at that place The next summer I got so hard up that I had to get something to eat; so I hauled two loads of lumber out to old Mr. Gray's on the openings, then piled it all on one load and took it to Dexter, where I sold it for \$10. In payment I took ten yards of cotton cloth, one broom, 25 pounds of codfish and one pound of tea. I went home well satisfied after spending five days and some money. Source: J. P. Cowles at May 1873 Ingham County Pioneer Association meeting: Adams pg. 20-1.

Note source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 25, notes:  
My father, Joseph P. Cowles, and my mother came with myself and baby sister....to this county in October 1843.

1842 Purchased land in section 29, Alaiedon Twp. (40 acres)

Had a farm to let at the village of Jefferson in the township of Alaiedon. Source: Durant pg. 208.

Had purchased 160 acres with log house on it and water privileges on 25 more acres together with sawmill run by water in Mud creek.

1842 My father had purchased from George Howe, my mother's brother, one hundred sixty acres of land, mostly in the city plat (City of Jefferson on section 29 of Alaiedon Township), with a log house upon it; and the water privileges on twenty-five acres more, together with a sawmill run by the water in Mud creek.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 26

When Capt. Cowles bought the property thirteen log dwellings were standing upon the plat, besides the school-house and saw-mill; the latter was operated some time by the captain and sold the property in 1849. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 215.

Village plat laid on both sides of the road extending north and south, and finally a division was made, Lewis taking the portion on the east side of the road, and Howe that on the west side, the latter taking also the saw-mill property, which was on the east side. Capt. Cowles purchased Howe's interest, including the saw-mill. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 215.

- 1843 "I worked on the old court house in the fall of 1843, boarding at Blain's, afterward Steele's Hotel. I think I taught the first singing school in Ingham county, at least the first ever taught in Mason, Stockbridge, Bunkerhill, Meridian, Alaiedon, or Lansing." Source: J. P. Cowles at May 1873 Ingham County Pioneer Association meeting: Adams pg. 20.
- 1844 Cowles assessed with west half of NW quarter, the SE quarter of the SW quarter, SW quarter of the SE quarter of section 29, together with twenty-five acres on north half of the same section, above the saw-mill, between the opposite banks of Mud Creek, the twenty-five acres being the water privilege only. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 215.
- 1844 In census listed as resident of Alaiedon Township and born in Conn. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- Jan 28, 1846 Governor Felch nominated:  
Oven Sharp, Joseph Woodhouse, Almon M. Chapin, Amos E. Steele, Joseph P. Cowles, David Waite, Joseph H. Kibbon (Kilborn) , Griffin Paddock, Amaziah Winchell, Levi Rowley and Daniel L. Case, to be notaries public for Ingham county, senate consented to on January 29, 1846.  
Source: Executive Journal, Senate Journal 1846; pg. 2, 3 & 5.
- May 1, 1847? "The announcement was made the same afternoon. George Matthews, Smith Tooker, George Pease, Whitney Smith and myself were the first to arrive at the stake. The brush and some small trees were cut down with jack knives in order to clear a place to play ball, and we played until six o'clock that night." Source: J. P. Cowles at May 1873 Ingham County Pioneer Association meeting: Adams pg. 22.
- 1847 "Smith Tooker built the first shanty in the city of Lansing. It was sixty feet long and crowded with people who slept on the ground



inside and were very glad to get so good a shelter. I boarded with him and built Smith & Case's store at North Lansing. This was the first frame raised in the city after the Capitol was located. The Seymour House was raised the next day.

Source: J. P. Cowles at May 1873 Ingham County Pioneer Association meeting: Adams pg. 22.

- Aug 25, 1847      George W. Shafer and wife Deborah of Mason, Ingham County, Michigan to Joseph P. Cowles of Alaiedon, Ingham County, land in Delhi Township Section 36. (L7:P367?)
- 1847      Capt. Joseph P. Cowles, native New Hartford, Litchfield Co., Conn. moved to Michigan eventually settled in Alaiedon Township. When Capitol located here, he moved to Lansing. 18-pg. 214 & 215.
- "He supervised the framing of the first state house erected"  
Source: Pioneer, Meeting 1892; pg. 136.
- 1847      Capitol Construction worker. Helped cut off timber - Capitol Supervised framing
- ?      "He supervised the framing of the first state house erected .... For many years he was recognized as one of the active jobbers that did much to build up the city." Pioneer 1892 annual meeting.
- Fall 1847?      Smith and Case operated general store at Franklin and Center. 29 - pg. H-10. Daniel Case came Mason in March 1843, practiced law, in ;1845 opened store and in 1847 transferred to Lansing. 18 pg. 111.
- "D. L. Case and H. H. Smith came from Mason; they had the material all prepared for a store at Jefferson, a small village three miles from Mason; it was brought to North Lansing and set up. It was the first building erected for a store; it still stands on the corner of Franklin and Center streets, east of the Franklin House. The work was done by Capt. Cowles..." 297 pg. 419.  
Note: Cowles arrived April 10, 1847.
- Dec 27, 1847      Joseph Cowles and Wife Fanny of Alaiedon, Ingham County Michigan to Ben. Wasburn of same; land in Delhi township, Section 36. (18:P234)
- 1848      Moved family to Lansing.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 27
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1848      "The first legislative session was held in Lansing in 1848, and there was no way of getting to the Capitol except by team. The roads were in such condition that it took four or five days to go to Jackson and return. I carried four of the members from Lansing to

Jackson at the adjournment and received \$12. I paid out \$6.50 for expenses and spent four and one-half days' time."

Source: J. P. Cowles at May 1873 Ingham County Pioneer Association meeting: Adams pg. 21.

- Mar 1, 1848 Governor Ransom nominated:  
Orin Sharpe, Joseph Woodhouse, Joseph P. Cowles, Joseph H. Kilborn, Griffin Paddock, Aramaic Winches, Levi Rowley, Vavasa H. Powell, Mason Branch, Minus McRobert, Edwin Hulburt and Moses B. Hess, to be notaries public for Ingham county for the legal term. Senate consented to the nominations. Source: Executive Journal, Senate Journal 1848; pg. 710.
- Sep 2, 1848 Joseph P. Cowles and wife Fanny of Alaiedon, Ingham county, to Horace Cowles; land in Alaiedon Township, Section 29 (18:P350)
- 1848 Moved to Lansing. Source: Cowles pg. 25-27.
- Father of Judge A. E. Cowles Family moved to Lansing from Jefferson in 1848 where father helped cut off the timber from the old Capitol grounds. Source: Judge A. E. Cowles, June 6, 1893 meeting of Ingham County Pioneer society; 267 pg. 97.
- had operated saw mill at Jefferson; source lumber?
- 1848 "The family moved to Lansing in 1848, where the father helped cut off the timber from the old Capitol grounds."  
Source; Judge A. E. Cowles at 1893 meeting of Ingham County Pioneer Society, Adams pg. 97.
- 1849 Cowles came to Lansing. Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, Jan. 1902.
- 1849 Sold land in Jefferson City, Alaiedon Township.  
"He sold the property in 1849. A double lot house and a frame barn were built on the village plat in 1844 by George Howe. Capt. Cowles was assessed with the west half of the northeast quarter, the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter, and the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 29 together with 23 acres of the north half of the same section, above the saw mill, between the opposite banks of Mud Creek. The 23 acres being water privilege only." Source: Adams pg. 259.
- 1850 In census listed as resident of Lansing Township, and born in Conn. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- May 1850 Became Master Mason belonged to Lansing Lodge No. 33.
- Early 1850's Deputy Sheriff. Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, Jan. 1902.

- ? Justice of Peace. Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, Jan. 1902.
- 1856 Purchased corner of Washington and Ottawa and erected stores. Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, Jan. 1902.
- 1859 Justice of Peace under city charter for first and fourth wards.
- 1861-2 Built house Source: ?
- Built house on corner of Washington and Madison - NE corner. Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, Jan. 1902.
- May 28, 1872 Attended the organizational meeting of Ingham County Pioneer Society at Mason. Appointed to write history of Lansing Township. Source: Adams, pg. 11.
- 1877 J. P. Cowles member executive committee of Ingham County Pioneer Society. Source: Adams pg. 53.
- 1880 Member of Ingham County Pioneer Society. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan; Durant, 1880; pg. 104.
- Oct 1889 Suffered 'Paralytic stroke that crippled his left side' Source: Pioneer, Meeting 1892; pg. 136.
- Jun 6, 1891 Died at age 85. Source: Pioneer, Meeting 1892; pg. 136.
- I came into Ingham county in 1842, from the eastern part of Ohio, with an ox team, and settled in Jefferson, October 23, 1843. I worked on the old court house in the fall of 1843, boarding at Blain's, afterward Steele's hotel. I think I taught the first singing school in Ingham county, at least the first ever taught in Mason, Stockbridge, Bunkerhill, Meridian, Alaiedon, or Lansing.
- I was 21 days moving from Ohio to Ingham county. The last night we stayed at old Mr. Hopkins" in Vevay. He gave us nothing but buckwheat straw for our oxen and horse, but it was the best he had.
- When I came to Jefferson, I owned the saw mill at that place. The next summer I got so hard up that I had to get something to eat; so I hauled two loads of lumber out to old Mr. Gray's on the opening, then piled it all on one load and took it to Dexter, where I sold it for \$10. In payment I took ten yards of cotton cloth, one broom, 25 pounds of codfish and one pound of tea. I went home well satisfied after spending five days and some money.

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The first hotel was kept by old Mr. Hunt, in a shanty made of boards, near where the Mineral Springs House now stands. Gipson soon after got into a log house that he built opposite to the present Lansing, House, and that was called Lansing House. Mr. Hunt commenced to build the old Michigan Exchange on the 5th day of June, and on July fourth he had an independence ball in the new house.

The first meeting house in the city was made from an old barn, and stood where Dr. Newbro's house now stands, and was used by all denominations. The mechanics of lower Town gave some work on the house, and I gave \$5 toward it in work. The next meeting house was the Presbyterian church on Washington Avenue. The first Methodist preacher located in Lansing was Rev. Mr. Sapp, whose death occurred a short time ago. The first Presbyterian preacher located in the city was Rev. Atterbury.

The first wagon maker located in Lansing, I think, was my old friend Wm. Dryer.

The Capitol was removed from Detroit to Lansing in 1847. The bill for removal was presented by Mr. Throop of Wayne. the name of the place was left blank in the bill, and votes were taken to fill it with Lansing, Marshall, Jackson, Eaton Rapids, Red Bridge, Ionia, Lyons and Flint. the vote was taken in favor of Lansing, March 13, 1847, in the House. It had passed the Senate on the 9th and was approved and signed by the Governor on the 16th. Alpheus Felch was Governor, and Wm. L. Greenly Acting Governor.

Felch had been elected by Congress on February 2, so that Gov. Greenly signed the bill. The vote stood in favor of locating in Lansing; House, 48 to 17; Senate, 12 to 9.

The first communication sent to the Legislature was by Jas. Seymour offering land on which to locate the Capitol, and this was presented to the legislature body by Mr. Parsons. Afterward John Mullett, Townsend & Br., Justice Gilkey, H. B. Lathrop, George W. Peck, Mr. Mead and Hiram K. Andrews made similar propositions.

The committee appointed to locate were James A. Glenn, Daniel Smart and Alonzo Ferris. They came to Lansing about the 20th of April and examined the several locations offered. On or about the 22nd of May they decided to locate the Capitol at the center of

section 16 in the township of Lansing. The announcement was made the same afternoon. George Matthews, Smith Tooker, George Pease, Whitney Smith and myself were the first to arrive at the stake. The brush and some small trees were cut down with jack knives in order to clear a place to play ball, and we played until six o'clock that night.

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The first store in the city was kept by D. C. Leach, then a young man, in a small board pen about ten feet square. he had a few dry goods, a small lot of boots and shoes, tea, coffee, and sugar, about as much in all as one horse could draw. That was the beginning of D. C. Leach in Lansing. Since then he has been a member of the Legislature, a member of Congress, is now well-to-do in the world, and is editor and publisher of the Grand Traverse Herald.

At the time of the location of the Capital, Lansing township being only six or seven families in it. The year before (1846) there were only thirteen votes cast in the township, twelve of them Democratic and one Whig. The Democrats were five North's, three Gilkey's, Cooley, Earl, Delano, and J. W. Yauger. The Whig was Coe. G. Jones.

In the winter of 1847, the whole neighborhood (Cooley's and North's) was much excited on account of the State Capital being located in this town. Source: Capt. J. P. Cowles at second annual meeting of the Ingham County Pioneer Association May 1873. Reprinted, pg. 21, Pioneer History of Ingham County.

### **Samuel Cowls**

May 6, 1837      Biddle City  
John Doblin of Cleveland Ohio to Samuel Cowls of Cleveland Ohio for \$100.00; Lot number 13 in Block 32 and Lot 7 in Block 28 of Biddle City. (L5:P446 Jackson county)

### **Ambrose Crane**

Sep 30, 1847      James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee Cty to James Videto of Spring Arbor, Jackson Cty.; Land in Village of Michigan. (L7:P520)  
  
Purchased for \$300: Including

Lot 6 on Block 20 except reserve in lot contracted to Ambrose Crane in SW corner bounded as follows:  
Begin SE corner Lot 5 running  
Thence E 1 chain and 33 links  
Thence N 3 chains 3 links  
Thence W 1 chain 93 links  
Thence S 3 chains and 3 links to begin.

\*Feb 16, 1848

James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee county, Michigan to George D. Pease of Michigan, Ingham county, Michigan; Land in village of Michigan. (L11:P209)

Purchased for \$80 Lot 5 of Block 20

Lot 6 on Block 20 except area contracted to Ambrose Crane in SW corner bounded as follows:  
Begin SE corner Lot 5 running  
Thence E 1 chain and 33 links  
Thence N 3 chains 3 links  
Thence W 1 chain 93 links  
Thence S 3 chains and 3 links to begin.

Lots 14, 15 & 16 on Block 21

Lots 7, 8, 9 & 10 on Block 22

Lots 7 & 8 on Block 24.

Lots 3, 7, 8 & 9 on Block 25

Feb 21, 1848

James Videto and wife Lucinda of Spring Arbor, Jackson Cty. to Hiram H. Smith of Lansing Twp.; land in Town of Michigan (18:P11)

Purchased \$20,000

Undivided half of Block 20

Lot 6 on Block 20 except area contracted to Ambrose Crane in SW corner bounded as follows:

Begin SE corner Lot 5 running

Thence E 1 chain and 33 links

Thence N 3 chains 3 links

Thence W 1 chain 93 links

Thence S 3 chains and 3 links to begin.

### **M. S. Crossman**

Block 18      Lot 6

Summer 1847

"During the summer several stores were started, one by H. H. Smith of Mason, one by James Turner, of Mason, and one by Crossman & Walker of Flint."

Source: Mrs. C. M. Smith, daughter of Page; Adams pg. 16.

1848

H. C. Walker and J. L. Brown paid personal property tax.

1848 (James Turner & M.S. Crossman?) Turner & Crossman established foundry and machine works. Succession of owners finally became Cody, Glassbrook & Co. earliest foundry and machine works in city. Water chief source of power. 25 pg. 134. Note: North Lansing Race Street.

### **Danforth, Ephraim Bushnell**

"In all public positions held by Judge Danforth, he discharged his duties with honor to himself and the full satisfaction of his constituents; and to public, as in private life, his character was above reproach." Source: The Pioneer Newspapers, Ingham county News, June 11, 1874.

"He was a man of great energy and a very useful citizen. He occupied a very conspicuous portion in our county and is connected with our earliest history and most important events. Source: O. M. Barnes, at May 26, 1874 meeting of Ingham County Pioneer Society, Adams pg. 44.

1836 After first saw mill erected in county (Mason) in 1836 by Noble & Co., Danforth a member of firm assumed charge of interest. Source?

"The first saw mill built in the county was by E. B. Danforth. A man by the name of Lacey took the job in the summer of 1836. the first grist mill was started by Mr. Danforth, who got a pair of mill stones--about twenty inches in diameter--set them in the corner of his saw mill and propelled them by the bull-wheel of the mill. Many a gab of corn have I carried on my back from my place to mason, without any road, to get it ground. Source: Alvin Rolfe, Adams pg., 19.

1836 Lewis Lacey came Mason built saw-mill and clear 20 acres of land on section 8 (Vevay Township) for Noble & Co. of Monroe. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 203.

1837 E. B. Danforth, a member of the firm, settled and assumed charge of their interests. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 203.

Winter 1836-37 Daughter (Mary Hammond) of Peter Linderman in 1873 wrote family arrived in what became Mason on Oct 2, 1836:

"When I first saw Mason there was, I think, only 20 acres chopped, two log houses, and a saw mill being built. Lewis Lacey and James Blain with their families were the only white people living here.

- "Ephraim B. Danforth came soon after and took charge of affairs as the agent of Charles Noble and company. During the winter the sawmill was finished. Source; Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938; chapter 6.
- 1837 "In company, in company with Charles Noble of Monroe, he erected the first saw mill in the county, and in 1838 the first grist mill. Together they owned seven-eighths of the land in the old village plat of Mason." Source: The Pioneer Newspapers; Ingham County News, June 11, 1874.
- Spring 1837 Settled in Mason and assumed charge of interest of Charles Noble & Co. of Monroe; was member of firm.
- On Jan 28, 1836 Charles Noble entered lands (500 acres) on which Mason was located. 267 pg. 35.  
Charles Noble owned 500 acres in sections 4, 5, 8 and 9 of Vevay township; formed company called Charles Noble and Company; Charles Noble, Ephraim B. Danforth and John B. Skinner associated with company;  
Noble lawyer, promoter and president of Michigan Southern Railway company, cashier of River Raisin bank of Monroe, member territorial legislature form 1828-1830; member legislature in 1855; justice of peace, register of probate, district attorney and circuit judge; surveyor general for Michigan, Minnesota and Iowa; "Mr. Nobel was a conspicuous man in appearance."
- E. B. Danforth made original plat; acknowledged February 6, 1838, recorded June 23, 1838; were 31 blocks all on east side of Sycamore creek; noted on plat:
- "Mason is situated on sections eight and nine of town two north, of Range one west." Source; Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938.
- May 26, 1837 "We came by teams from Detroit to Mason. We reached the settlement May 26, 1837, just at sunset, having made the journey in 16 days. We had no difficulty in deciding what hotel to go to, for there was but one, and the whole town consisted of one private log house, two small frame houses unfinished, one saw mill, and the hotel I spoke of, which was a small log house occupied by James Blain and family. They at once welcomed us to all the comforts the house could afford. The inhabitants of the village were James Blain and family, Lewis Lacey and family, E. D. Danforth and some mill hands. On the next day Dr. Minos McRobert came to the settlement." Source: James A Barnes paper quoted in Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938.
- Apr 2, 1838 Vevay Township Pound Master, one of 2 - elected at first town meeting. Source: Adams pg. 722.



- May 5, 1838      Mason: Post office established; E. B. Danforth postmaster.  
 "William H. Horton carried the mail between the two places once a week. he traveled on a trail through the forest. First, he wrapped the mail in his handkerchief, and later carried it in a coffee sack. He received \$1.24 for each trip. Mr. Danforth received \$16.48 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1838." Source; Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938, Chapter 7.
- From Ingham County News:  
 Ephraim B. Danforth was commissioned the city's first postmaster on May 5, 1838. he served until 1842 (April 13) when John W. Burchard was named. Source; Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938, Chapter 7. Source: Post Offices of Michigan, edited by Sr. Marriana, SSJ, 1976, pg. 577
- Jun 7, 1838      Elected one of two associate judges of county. Source: Adams pg. 37 & 167. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 203.
- Danforth and Amos Steele elected associate judges (1838-1840)  
 Prior to 1850 constitution, were two associate judges of Circuit Court elected form each county.  
 Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 29.
- Summer 1838      Danforth appointed postmaster of Mason. Source: The City of Mason, Its Past and Present Life 1838-1897, compiled by Roy C. Vandercook; pg. 9.
- Summer 1838      Mason: Post office established; E. B. Danforth postmaster.  
 "An office had previously (probably in the same year) been established at Leslie, and Mr. Danforth employed William H. Horton to carry the mail from the latter place to mason, making the trip once a week. Mr. Horton performed that labor for six months, carrying it at first in a handkerchief, and afterwards in an old coffee-sack, following the trail between the two places. He received one dollar and twenty-four cents for each trip, making the return journey the same day. In six months, the mail had increased in amount to half a bushel, and it was then necessary to sue a conveyance. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 205.
- Feb 6, 1838      Danforth made original plat of Mason, which was acknowledge on February 6, 1838 and recorded June 23, 1838.  
 Source; Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938.
- 1838      First grist mill in county (Mason) erected by Noble Co. "Danforth, who got a pair of mill-stones about twenty inches in diameter, set them in the corner of his saw-mill, and propelled them by the bull-wheel of the mill." D pg. 306.

	<p>"At the raising a great dinner was given and a fracas ensued in which James Turner, a Republican from Lansing, was prominent. The trouble arose at the dinner table, and pumpkin pies were used as missiles." Source: Adams pg. 176.</p>
1838-1840	Associate Judge of county. Source: O. M. Barnes, at May 26, 1874 meeting of Ingham County Pioneer Society, Adams pg. 44. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 100.
1838	Elected Associate Judge of county on organization of the county. Source: The Pioneer Newspapers; Ingham County News, June 11, 1874.
1838-1842	First postmaster of Mason, post office established in 1838; Danford served until 1842 when John W. Burchard was named. Source: The Ingham County News, Centennial Issues; April 23 and 30 and May 7 and 14, 1959; pg. 30. Note: Only known reference of Burchard as postmaster. Check. Source: The City of Mason Its Past and Present Life, 1838-1897, compiled by Roy C. Vandercook.
1839	Elected one of two Associate Judges. Source: Adams pg. 38.
Jan 6, 1840	E.B. Danforth of Mason to Cyrus Post; land in Mason. (L3:P280)
Feb 15, 1840	Feb 15, 1840 12:00 Noon, 60 Democratic Republicans met Ingham township to organize more thoroughly; three appointed from each township to read democratic newspaper and advocate democratic reassures; supported taxation for public schools, etc. J. W. Burchard stated objects of meeting; was one of two secretaries of meeting; drafted resolutions for meeting; with E. B. Danforth and N. Rolf was appointed to Vevay township democratic committee. Source: Minutes of proceedings printed in Detroit Free Press, February 26, 1840.
Mar 4, 1840	Charles Noble of Monroe, MI by E. B. Danforth of Mason to Nathaniel Blain of Alaiedon, Ing. County; land in Vevay Twp. Section 8. (L3:P364)
May 29, 1840	Charles Noble of Monroe, MI by E. B. Danforth of Mason to John Rayner of Brutus, Cayuga Co. N. Y.; land in section 9 of Vevay Twp. (L3:P459)
May 8, 1840	Charles Noble of Monroe, MI by E. B. Danforth of Mason to Samuel Skinner of Genesee Co. NY and John B. Skinner of Middlebury Genesee Co. NY land in sections 5, 8 & 9 of Vevay Twp. (L3:P483)
1840	First grist mill in mason located in one corner of old water mill; water mill built by Danforth and Coatsworth in 1838. Source: Adams pg. 176.

Jan 6, 1841	E. B. Danforth and wife Elizabeth of Mason, Charles Noble of Monroe and Samuel and John B. Skinner of Genesee Co. N. Y. to William A. Dryer of White Oak Twp., Land in Mason. (L4:P63)
Feb 15, 1841	Danforth to Anson Jackson of Mason; land in Mason, Vevay Twp. Section 8. (L4:P486)
Apr 30, 1841	Andrew J. Townsend of Ing. Co to Danforth of Mason; land in Mason. (L4:P488)
May 6, 1841	Charles Noble of Monroe City and Co. Michigan. (by atty. E. B. Danforth of Mason) to John W. Burchard of Mason; land in Section 9 of Vevay Twp.; lots in Mason. (L4:P300)
Jul 19, 1841	Hiram Converse of Mason to Elizabeth P. Danforth (wife of E. B. Danforth, Atty.) of Mason; land in Mason. (L4:P178)
1841-1844	Danforth and John R. Bowdish elected associate judges (1831-1844) Prior to 1850 constitution, were two associate judges of Circuit Court elected from each county. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 29.
1842-1846	Associate Judge. Source: O. M. Barnes, at May 26, 1874 meeting of Ingham County Pioneer Society, Adams pg. 44.
1842	Re-Elected Associate Judge of county. Source: The Pioneer Newspapers; Ingham County News, June 11, 1874. Source: Adams pg. 39. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Durant, 1880, pg. 203.
1843-1847	Associate Judge. Source: Adams pg. 167.
Sep 19, 1844	Maple Grove Cemetery leased by board of health of Vevay township from Charles Noble, John B and Samuel Skinner and E. B. Danforth for term 300 years. Source: The City of Mason, Its Past and Present Life 1838-1897, compiled by Roy C. Vandercook; pg. 9.
1844	Listed as resident taxpayer of Mason. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 205.
Aug 27, 1845	Delegate to State Democratic Convention from Ingham county; convention held in Jackson on August 27, 1845. Source: Livingston Courier.
1845?-Oct. 1847	Mr. Stillman withdrew from herald (newspaper) and "with the assistance of Judge Danforth and Dr. McRobert, purchased the Democrat office and continued the publication until October 1847." Source: The City of Mason Its Past and Present Life, 1838-1897, compiled by Roy C. Vandercook.

- Feb 25, 1846 Governor Felch nominated Ephraim B. Danforth circuit court commissioner for the legal term for Ingham county; consented to by the Senate on February 27, 1846.  
Source: Executive Journal, Senate Journal 1846; pg. 16-17.
- ? Mr. Stillman withdrew from the Herald, and, with the assistance of judge Danforth and Dr. McRoberts, purchased the Democrat office and continued the publication of the paper until October 1847. The names of E. B. Danforth and Minos McRoberts appeared as proprietors. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 51.
- May 18, 1846 Clipping from Ingham Democrat list editor as Henry P. Stillman and proprietors as Ephraim B. Danforth and Minos McRoberts. Source; Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938, Chapter 14.
- 1846 George A. Coe challenged election of Ephraim B. Danforth election as Senator of 4th Senatorial District; claimed no votes cast for Danforth in Quincy township of Branch county and 87 cast for him, but tally 57 votes cast for Danforth, and in district canvas 87 votes listed for Danforth; in Leoni township of Jackson county 71 votes cast for Coe but given to Danforth in county and district canvas; printing mistake in Eaton county listed name as George Coe instead of George A. Coe and canvasser refused give 221 votes cast for George Coe. Danford noted 94 votes cast for Ephraim Danforth instead of Ephraim B. Danforth in Albion township of Calhoun county that were not counted for him. Source: Report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, Legislature of 1846; Sen. Doc. No. I.
- 1847 State Senator
- "He was a member of the State Senate in 1847, and the Hon. Joseph H. Kilbourne of Meridian, was a member from this county, in the House of Representatives. They worked with untiring zeal and energy to secure the location of the seat of the State government at Lansing. Fortunately for the prosperity of this section of the State and the more northern portion of the Lower Peninsula, their labors were crowned with success. Source: The Pioneer Newspapers, Ingham county News, June 11, 1874. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 203.
- 1847 I have been told that when the name of Lansing was first proposed in the Legislature for the seat of government, he gave it very little favor, not thinking it possible to affect such location. This view receives some support from the fact that Senator Fenton, of Flint, introduced Mr. Seymour's communication in favor of Lansing in the Senate. When, however, the action of the House gave unexpected hope that the effort might be successful, Mr. Danforth

exerted himself efficiently in favor of this location. Mr. Kilbourne was in favor of the present location from the first, and to him belongs the honor of first suggesting this location.  
Source: O. M. Barnes, at May 26, 1874 meeting of Ingham County Pioneer Society, Adams pg. 44.

Oct 29, 1847

James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee Cty. to Hiram H. Smith, Ephraim B. Danforth of Mason and James Videto of Spring Arbor, Jackson Cty; land in town of Michigan. (18:P14)

Purchased part of Block 12 for \$35. Land purchased:

Being a strip of land on south side and adjoining a mill lot conveyed to parties (Smith/Videto) on Sep. 30, 1847 and extending East and West the whole length of lot and is 14 feet wide.

Another strip lying between the margin of the mill race and the two pieces of land above mentioned and extending the same distance North and South as lands conveyed to (Smith/Videto) to keep open road 12 feet wide running as near North and near the parallel with the foundation frame of the flouring mill now erecting and at the east end thereof (Smith/Videto) have right build over road.

Nov 29, 1847

James Videto and wife Lucinda, Hiram H. Smith and wife Mary Jane, of Spring Arbor, Jackson Cty and Lansing, Ingham Cty respectively; land in village of Michigan (Grantee -- Ephraim B. Danforth of Lansing, Ingham Cty (L7:P527)

Purchased Pt. Block 12 for \$450. Land purchased: Begin state standing 14\* West 1 chain and 70 links distant from the NE corner of James Seymour Saw Mill & S 28\* East 2 chains and 50 links distant from SE corner of Walter Turner & Co. Furnace and running

Thence W 132 feet to Grand River

Thence South 62 feet (? or 62)

Thence East to point South 30\* East from the stake

Thence North 30\* west to beginning.

Also had water rights needed for 4 stone flour mill.

Dec 3, 1847

James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee Cty to Ephraim B. Danforth of Mason, Ingham county; land in village of Michigan (L7:P558)

Purchased Lots 5 & 6 on block 35 for \$50.

Jan 1, 1848

Daniel L. Case and wife Miranda, and H. H. Smith and wife Mary Jane to Ephraim B. Danforth of Ingham Twp.; land in Mason. (18:P409)

Feb 23, 1848	James Videto and wife Lucinda to Spring Arbor, Jackson Cty. to Ephraim B. Danforth of Mason, Ingham Cty.; land in Lansing Twp. Section 8 (18:P49)
Mar 3, 1848	Ephraim B. Danforth and wife Elizabeth of Mason Ingham Cty. to Orson Butler, Lansing, Ingham Cty.; land in town of Michigan now Lansing. (L9:P3)  Purchased for \$100 Lots 5 & 6 in block 35.
Apr 3, 1848	Legislature chartered Dexter and Michigan Plank-Road Company, capital stock of \$50,00; one of incorporators was E. B. Danforth. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 94.
Apr 7, 1848	Charles Noble of Monroe, Samuel and John Skinner of Genesee Co. NY and E. B. Danforth and wife Elizabeth of Ing. Co. to Edwin Hurlbut of Monroe; land in Mason. (18:P54)
Apr 23, 1848	James Videto and wife Lucinda of Spring Arbor, Jackson Co. MI to Ephraim B. Danforth of Mason; for \$400.00; South half of Se quarter of SE quarter (20 acres) of section 8 of Lansing Twp. (18:P91)
1848	Appointed by Governor and Senate commissioner to lay out and construct road from Mason to Lansing. Source: The Pioneer Newspapers, Ingham county News, June 11, 1874. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 203.
Fall 1848	Hart-Smith and Danford Grist Mill with "three runs of stone" constructed. 15 pg. 24. First in Lansing - inferior. 29 pg. 8H.  "A company, consisting of Messrs. Case, Smith, Danforth, and Hart, who had previously purchased the water power, proceeded to build a grist mill; it was a large mill for those days, having three run of French burr stones, not a primitive affair, as has been stated in the 'History of the City of Lansing,' which says 'the stones were made of the native boulders.' The mill was built by Case and Smith, the other members of the firm not having removed to Lansing. The mill that now occupies the site is the third one, the other two having been burned." 64 - pg.? Note: North Lansing or Race Street.
Autumn 1848	"..a company, consisting of Messrs. Case, Smith, Danforth, and Hart, who had previously purchased the water power, proceeded to build a grist mill, it was a large mill for those days, having three run of French Burr stones, not a primitive affair, as has been stated in the "History of the City of Lansing," which says "the stones were made of the native boulders."" 279 pg. 419.

- 1848 The earliest grist-mill erected in Lansing was one built by A. N. Hart, E. B. Danforth, and H. H. Smith, on the ground now occupied by the Hart's Mills, in 1848. It was a primitive affair, containing three or four runs of stone, probably made from boulders. Judge Danforth brought out the other partners and operated it for several years in his own name. Subsequently it became the property of B. E. Hart, and son of A. N. Hart. It was burned in the fire of 1866, and rebuilt on an extensive scale, soon after, by B. E. Hart, who put in ten runs of stone and added a plaster-mill. an extensive business was done until the great fire of 1877 again totally destroyed it. It was a second time rebuilt, in 1878k by Arthur N. Hart, another son of A. N. Hart, on a smaller scale, but in a very substantial and complete manner. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 133.
- Nov 9, 1848 Charles Noble of Monroe, Samuel Skinner and John B. skinner of Genesee Co. NY to E. B. Danforth and wife Elizabeth of Ing. County to David W. Halstead of Ingham county; land in section 9 of Vevay Twp. (18:P431).
- 1848 Alvin N. Hart migrated to Lansing, born Cornwall, Conn. on Feb. 11, 1807; later built grist mill at 220 E. Maple; served as state senator, alderman from first ward from 1863-1874; state representative in 1870 one of projectors of Amboy, Lansing and Traverse Bay railroad; backer of Michigan Female College, and new capitol; died Aug 22, 1874. Source: Alvin N. Hart A Leader Here, Lansing State Journal, April 22, 1955.
- 1848 First grist-mill erected contained 3 or 4 runs of stone, probably made from boulders. 25 pg. 133. "Old Pearl" or Christian Breisch Grist Mill built Turner & Franklin Street (Grand River) across from 1131 Race Street. Note: See Fall 1848.
- 1848 Judge Danforth appointed by Governor and Senate commissioner to lay out and construct a road from the village of Mason to the city of Lansing. 267 pg. 158. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Durant, 1880, pg. 203.
- 1849 Again became postmaster of Mason; was postmaster from 1838-1842. Source: The Ingham County News, Centennial Issues; April 23 and 30 and May 7 and 14, 1959; pg. 30
- Mar 29, 1849 E B Danforth and wife Elizabeth of Mason to David W. Halstead of Mason; land in Mason. (18:P627)
- Apr 27, 1849 James Videto and wife Lucinda of Spring Arbor to E. B. Danforth of Mason; for \$200.00; Lots 2 and 9 of Block 54 in Lansing. (L9:P76)

- Sep 1, 1849 James Videto and wife Lucinda of Spring Arbor to E. B. Danforth; land in Lansing. (L9:P225)
- Mar 20, 1850 **Howell Plank Road**  
Howell Plank-Road Company chartered; incorporators James Seymour, Hiram H. Smith, Ephraim B. Danforth, George W. Lee, Frederick C. Whipple; authorized capital stock of \$60,000 in 2400 shares of \$25 dollars each.  
Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan; Durant, 1880; pg. 95.
- 1850 Elected delegate to Constitutional convention. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 203.
- 1850 Sold interest in Mason and moved to Lansing; engaged in milling business.
- "A Mr. Danforth, alluded to in the above extract as though he was a wayfarer, here today and there tomorrow, was the hon. Ephraim B. Danforth, one of the very earliest settlers in the village of mason. In 1837, in company with Charles Noble, of Monroe, he erected the first saw mill in the county, and in 1838 the first grist mill. Together they owned seven-eighths of the land in the old village plat of Mason.
- On the organization of the county in 1838, Mr. Danforth was elected one of the Associate Judges of the county. he was elected to the same office again in 1842. On two occasions the voters of this county gave him a large majority for the office of Senator. he was a member of the State Senate in 1847, and Hon. Joseph H. Kilbourne, of Meridian, was in the House of Representatives. They worked with untiring zeal and energy to secure the location of the seat of the State government at Lansing. Fortunately for the prosperity of this section of the State and the more northern portions of the Lower Peninsula, their labors were crowned with success.
- In 1848 he was elected a delegate to and was a very useful member of the convention which framed the present Constitution of this State.
- "In 1840 he was elected a delegate to and was a very useful member of the convention which framed the present Constitution of this State.
- In all public positions held by Judge Danforth he discharged his duties with honor to himself and the full satisfaction of his constituents. In public, as in private life, his character was above reproach.



The true history of the early settlement of Ingham county can never be written by anyone without mentioning in laudable terms the name of Hon. E. P. Danforth, and his labors for its advancement and prosperity. It is a matter of deep regret that any man of any newspaper should allude in such an insignificant manner to one of the most useful and most prominent men among the early pioneers of the county. In 1850 Mr. Danforth sold his interest in the village of mason and moved to Lansing, where he again engaged in the milling business. he died very suddenly in that city August 17, 1853." Source: Remarks of Peter Lowe in June 1874; Pioneer History of Ingham County; compiled and arranged by Mrs. Franc L. Adams; Vol. I; 1923; pgs. Adams: Pg. 158.

- Spring 1850 "This caused the organization of another company which secured its incorporation in the spring of 1850, James Seymour, Hiram H. Smith, Ephraim B. Danforth, George W. Lee and Frederick C. Whipple were the commission to solicit sixty thousand dollars of stock. Their company was given the Grand River road from Lansing to Howell. They had raised enough to commence work by that fall and two years later, had the road completed. Source: *History of Howell*, pg. 80.
- Nov 13, 1851 E. B. Danforth and Wife Elizabeth P. of Lansing to Joseph L. Huntington of Mason; land in Mason. (L11:P211)
- Aug 12, 1853 Will dated with Charles Seymour, H. H. Smith and Byron E. Hood as witness. Left land to Elizabeth P. Danforth. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 114.
- Aug 17, 1853 Died suddenly in Lansing. Source: The Pioneer Newspapers, Ingham county News, June 11, 1874. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 203.
- Sep 1, 1859 Mrs. E. B. Danforth married H. H. Smith, Mayor of Lansing.

### **Christopher C. Darling**

Block 68      Lot 2  
Block 114     Lot 9

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Ancestry to Pilgrims of Plymouth.

Father (Joseph Darling) at age of 16 served in revolutionary war.

"He was the son of Joseph Darling, who traced his ancestry to the Pilgrims of Plymouth. His mother's maiden name was also Darling, and she was remotely related to her husband. In 1804 the

family removed to Cold Spring, Niagara Co., N.Y. During his residence here, Christopher was employed in the construction of the Erie Canal." Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, by Durant, 1880; pg. 127.

One of 10 children - 4 boys, 6 girls.

Jul 10, 1800

Born Woodstock, Windsor county, VT  
Son of Joseph Darling - traced ancestry to Pilgrims of Plymouth.  
Source: Obituary of Christopher Columbus Darling, The Lansing Tri-Weekly Republican, Saturday, May 22, 1880.

Mother's maiden name also Darling. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton counties Michigan, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of their Prominent Men and Pioneers by Samuel W. Durant, D. W. Ensign & Co., 1880; pg. 127. Source: Obituary of Christopher Columbus Darling, The Lansing Tri-Weekly Republican, Saturday, May 22, 1880.

1804

Family moved Cold Spring, Niagara County, NY. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 127. Source: Obituary of Christopher Columbus Darling, The Lansing Tri-Weekly Republican, Saturday, May 22, 1880.

2 miles east of Lockport on Batavia Road.

Native of Royalton, Niagara County, NY. (DeLand 1903)

With Pascal Darling (brother) employed in construction of Erie Canal. (DeLand - Jackson County History, 1903)

Note: Durant notes Christopher employed in Erie canal construction - doubt. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton counties Michigan, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of their Prominent Men and Pioneers by Samuel W. Durant, D. W. Ensign & Co., 1880; pg. 127.

1814

"At the age of fourteen...was able to compete with any man, with his ax, and it has been the delight of his life to accomplish the work of two ordinary men.

1816

Left home at age 16.

"Always strong, resolute and ambitions, at the early age of 16, he commenced life for himself. his opportunities for an education were very limited. One winter's attendance at a common district school, was all the school discipline he ever received. ...

So strongly was calculation developed in him, that with this limited preliminary education, he was enabled to solve almost any arithmetical problem ....This education and quality of mind enabled

him to pursue the vocation he afterwards followed, to-wit; heavy carpentering and masonry, with great facility and accuracy. Indeed, in that direction he was considered very proficient, not so much a workman as a designer and artificer. while yet a boy his capabilities became known and appreciated by contractors and engineers, on the Erie canal, and when (as it sometimes did occur) their experience and skill were baffled by sudden and unexpected emergencies, they would call him into their counsels, and instruct him to do the work in his own way, and, as he has frequently said, he never met an obstacle that he could not and did not overcome." Source: Sketch of the Life of C. C. Darling, Lansing, Michigan by Mrs. R. C. Dart. MPS Vol. IV; pg. 264.

- 1826 Moved Cleveland, Ohio; worked on canal connecting Lake Erie with Ohio river. (Cleveland and Ohio Canal) Source: Obituary of Christopher Columbus Darling, The Lansing Tri-Weekly Republican, Saturday, May 22, 1880.
- 1826 "...he removed to Cleveland, Ohio, where he engaged upon the canal connecting Lake Erie with the Ohio River. He resided in Cleveland eight years." Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, by Durant, 1880; pg. 127.
- Apr 9, 1829 Married Anne Culver at Tuscarawas, Ohio.  
Anne born September 22, 1809. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, by Durant, 1880; pg. 127.  
Source: Obituary of Christopher Columbus Darling, The Lansing Tri-Weekly Republican, Saturday, May 22, 1880.
- One child born - Huldah, died after few weeks.
- Other Children:  
John G- died December 25, 1863 or died December 24, 1862 at age 29. Theodore - lived only few days. Sarah - married R. C. Dart of Lansing. Francis Mahalo - lived few days (born at Jackson)  
Henry Clay - born Eaton Rapids - lived 6 weeks.
- 1831 Original land purchase of SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 35 T2S, R1W of Jackson county.
- May 1832 Moved to Jackson
- Four children born at Jackson (John G, Theodore and Sarah E; Frances Mahala) Theodore & Mahala lived days.
- "My uncle, C. C. Darling, built the first frame house in the county, outside of the city on what is now known as Murphy's addition. He located 160 acres there in 1831." Source: Mrs. P.E. Pierce, History of Jackson Michigan, Inter-state Publishing 1881.

"..after he had completed the purchase of his land, with the help of Squire DeLand... and two small boys, he commenced the erection of a log house, eighteen feet square, ..and moved into it eighteen persons, consisting of himself and wife, his father's family and his help, where they lived very satisfactorily and comfortably until the October following, when he erected a small frame house for himself." Source: Sketch of the Life of C. C. Darling, Lansing, Michigan by Mrs. R. C. Dart. MPS Vol. IV; pg. 264.

Jun 1832

Darling removed to Jackson (then Jacksonburg), Michigan. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, by Durant, 1880; pg. 127. Source: Obituary of Christopher Columbus Darling, The Lansing Tri-Weekly Republican, Saturday, May 22, 1880.

Jun 26, 1832

Lemuel and Eunice Blackman of Jackson transfer to C. C. Darling for \$131.25 land in Section 35 of Blackman township. 1-257. Jackson county.

Purchased a quarter section of land, 80 acres on which he turned over to his father, reserving 80 for himself. He received possession on Monday; on Thursday, in company with his brother, Cyrenus Smith, and two small boys, nephews, he commenced erecting a log house, 18 feet square, and on the following Saturday afternoon, he moved 18 person into it, and lived there until the following October, when he erected a small frame dwelling and removed into it. here were born three children--John, Theodore, and Sarah. Source: Obituary of Christopher Columbus Darling, The Lansing Tri-Weekly Republican, Saturday, May 22, 1880.

1833

Operated the first saw-mill built at Jackson. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, by Durant, 1880; pg. 127.

In 1833, Mr. Darling ran a saw-mill, the first one built on Grand River at that place. Source: Obituary of Christopher Columbus Darling, The Lansing Tri-Weekly Republican, Saturday, May 22, 1880.

"Once, while out on the pond in a canoe to float logs to the mill, he discovered a number of deer making rapidly for the water. As they plunged into the pond, he started in pursuit, and soon came up to them. Their progress was impeded by a thin ice which had formed on the water. As he approached them, he grasped his setting pole, which he had taken to push the logs, and with eight blows dispatched the entire drove--seven in number, and "good fat ones, too."" Source: Sketch of the Life of C. C. Darling, Lansing, Michigan by Mrs. R. C. Dart. MPS Vol. IV; pg. 264.

"It is also said that he did more to forward the growth of Jackson during its first years than any other of it pioneers." Source: History of Jackson County, Inter-State Publishing Company, 1881.

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- Once when going from his farm to the village of Jackson, he stopped on his way to talk with a neighbor, one M. D. Mills, who was engaged in shingling his house. While thus engaged, a stranger came along on foot, walking in a sea of mud, and apparently much fatigued, and inquired the distance to Jackson. They told him he was already in Jackson and within twenty rods of the center of the village. The stranger looked up in apparent astonishment, and exclaimed: "In God's name, then, pray tell me how far it is to shore!" Source: Sketch of the Life of C. C. Darling, Lansing, Michigan by Mrs. R. C. Dart. MPS Vol. IV; pg. 264.
- 1834
- Brother Pascal Darling moved family from NY to Jackson: had son, CC Darling 8 years old. (DeLand - Jackson County History, 1903)
- 1834
- Son John born, died at age 29 in Lansing on December 28, 1863.
- Feb 3, 1834
- First Land Owners of Eaton county Michigan, compiled by Gray and Ethel W. Williams, 1867, notes Christopher E. Darling purchased 160 acres in section 9 of Hamlin Township, Eaton county.  
"E" a "C"?
- Jun 26, 1834
- CC Darling witness land transfer (Hanover township.) 10-479 Jackson county.
- 1834-5
- Engaged in construction of Territorial roads including Clinton and Grand Rapids road. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 127.
- Fall 1835
- Sam Hamlin and C. C. Darling completed road for territorial government in NW part of Eaton county - the Clinton Trail ran from Clinton through Jackson, Spicerville, Eaton township, Benton and Chester to Thornapple River. Source: Pioneer Days of Charlotte, Michigan and Early Eaton County by Barbara McGrath Foster, 1952. Source: Pioneer History of Eaton County, Michigan 1833-1866 compiled by Daniel Strange, pg. 40.
- Feb 16, 1835
- Christopher Darling of Jackson County purchased 40 acres on section 35 of Town 2 South, Range 1 West of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck. Note: Same Darling?
- Jul 31, 1835
- Benjamin H. and Anna Packard of Spring Arbor to C. C. Darling of Jackson for \$475.00 land in section 35 of Blackman township. 1-440 Jackson county.
- Nov 14, 1835
- CC and Anna Darling of Jackson to Jerry Ford, William Ford and William Ford, Jr., for \$1,000.00 land in Section 35 of Blackman township. 2-94 Jacks Mar 12, 1842 C.C. and Anna Darling

transfer land to Joseph Darling for \$300.00; land in section 35 of Blackman township. 12-274 Jackson county.

1835 Spicerville; Ammos and Pierpont Spicer, Samuel Hamlin and C. C. Darling were party who found Spring Brook in 1835; built shanty, log dam, excavated race and built saw mill. Saw mill erected in 1836. Source: Island City Pictorial History 1835-1980, Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

1835 This region was without a road except the old Clinton road which my uncle Samuel Hamlin and C. C. Darling had cut through from Clinton to the Thornapple River the fall (1835) before. This road had just been completed and accepted when Amos and P. E. Spicer and Daniel Bateman arrived at Jackson in the fall of 1835. Amos Spicer had come to seek a home and would like to find a good waterpower as he purposed to build a saw and grist mill if he could find a good location. Uncle Samuel Hamlin and Mr. Darling told him that Grand River and Spring Brook both had good powers. With knapsacks stored with blankets, pork, beans and sandwiches they started for the north woods with no guides save the blazed trees of the government surveys made some twelve years before.

This part consisted of Amos and P. E. Spicer, Samuel Hamlin, Daniel Batemand and C. C. Darling. They spent over a week wandering around and looking over lands even to where Eaton Rapids now stands. Amos Spicer had saved money as master millwright and considerable of the lands they selected was taken by him..." (mill built in 1836). Source: Pioneer History of Eaton County Michigan 1833-1866 compiled by Daniel Strange, M. Sc., 1923; pg. 40-41.

1835 "Clinton Trail" cut through from Clinton to Thornapple river by Samuel Hamlin and C. C. Darling. Source: Souvenir and Official Program of the Eaton Rapids Centennial and Homecoming August 20-22, 1836.

M-50 generally follows Clinton Trail the old Indian path. "Because much of it was through low and poorly drained land, logs were laid to provide a semblance of base and it became known as the old Plank Road." Source: 100th Anniversary Heritage Celebration June 26 - July 4, 1981, Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

"Pioneers came west to Jacksonburg...and followed and Indian path called Clinton Trail to where it turns off to the left and present m-50 continues on into Eaton Rapids." Source: Island City Pictorial History 1835-1980, Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

1836 In the spring of 1836, after coming home from the woods, having completed the Clinton and Grand Rapids road, he became

acquainted with Messrs. Spicer and Hamlin, who were millwrights, and were in quest of a mill site. Soon after it was arranged that he should go with them to any place he thought would be suitable for their purpose. he took them to the spot where since has grown the beautiful village of Eaton Rapids. here they call camped in one of the shanties he had previously built when making a government road through that section. The next day they examined spring brook and Grand River, at, or near the point of their confluence, and determined to locate there.

"They immediate commenced the erection of a saw-mill on Spring brook, at a place ever since known as Spicerville, nearly two miles from the city of Eaton Rapids.

"Very soon after this mill was put in operation, they, in the firm name of Hamlin, Spicer & Co., commenced the building of the grist-mill that now stands in an improved condition, ...., in the part of the city of Eaton Rapids. Source: Sketch of the Life of C. C. Darling, Lansing, Michigan by Mrs. R. C. Dart. MPS Vol. IV; pg. 264.

C. C. Darling, Amos Spicer, Samuel Hamlin and Daniel Bateman inspected and located land in vicinity of Eaton Rapids. Source: Souvenir and Official Program of the Eaton Rapids Centennial and Homecoming August 20-22, 1836.

1836 Daniel Bateman, Charles Hanchett and Benjamin Knight landing in May, 1836, where they soon began the erection of a saw mill at Spicerville...Frederick Spicer came to this vicinity with his father and mother, arriving at Spicerville, June 3, 1836, and jointed with others in occupying a log house...In the party were also Samuel Hamlin, Daniel Bateman, C. C. Darling and P. E. Spicer. Source: Souvenir and Official Program of the Eaton Rapids Centennial and Homecoming August 20-22, 1836.

? Purchased land on section 9 of Hamlin Township. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, by Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 475.

Spring 1836 Moved to Eaton Rapids; with Messrs. Hamlin and Spicer he erected saw-mill and subsequently a grist-mill. Source: Obituary of Christopher Columbus Darling, The Lansing Tri-Weekly Republican, Saturday, May 22, 1880.

"It is claimed...he opened the first public house in Eaton Rapids." Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, by Durant, 1880; pg. 127. Source: Obituary of Christopher Columbus Darling, The Lansing Tri-Weekly Republican, Saturday, May 22, 1880.

Son, Henry Clay, born at Eaton Rapids, lived only few days.

“Settlers were taking up land rapidly. Amos and Pierpont Spicer, C. c. darling and Samuel Hamlin form the Mill Company. To crease more adequate water power, they dug a channel on the south side of Spring Brook at this junction with Grand River, called it the South Race, and installed water gates.

On this new waterway the Mill Company put up a frame in 1837 for the first industry in Eaton Rapids - the Old Red Mill. In 1845 the mill was sold to O. M. Frost of Albion.”

Source: Island City Pictorial History 1835-1980, Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

- Jun 4, 1836 CC Darling witness land transfer (Blackman township.) 2-439 Jackson county.
- Oct 3, 1836 Horatio and Louisa Rider of Jackson to CC Darling for \$55.00 lot in Jacksonburgh. 3-332.
- Dec 12, 1836 CC and Anna Darling of Jackson to Elihu Taylor of Jackson for \$200.00 lot in Jackson. 4-68. Jackson county.
- 1836-37 “During the first year or two, while living in the village (Eaton Rapids), he, at one time kept a few groceries for sale, and also turned his little shanty into a hotel for the benefit of the traveling public.  
Source: Sketch of the Life of C. C. Darling, Lansing, Michigan by Mrs. R. C. Dart. MPS Vol. IV; pg. 264.
- Jan 23, 1837 Christopher C. Darling of Jackson county purchased 40 acres in section 7 of Hamlin Township, Eaton county.  
Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, by Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 475.
- Mar 16, 1837 A Christopher C. Darling purchased land  
Township 2-S, Range 1-W of Jackson County  
Section 35 SWNW 40 Acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General land Office Records; Monroe Land Office; MI0450--.420.
- Spring 1837 “Amos Spicer, Pierpont E. Spicer, Samuel Hamlin and Columbus C. Darling organized a mill company and were active and energetic men--the two Spicers arriving in June 1836, and Hamlin and Darling joining them in the spring of 1837. Amos Spicer was a millwright and superintended the building of the fist saw mill in Vermontville for Edward H. Barber in 1840. Benjamin Knight came with the Spicers in June 1836. These men were the founders of Eaton Rapids village and city, and company improving the water power by constructing a dam across Grand river and building a saw mill and a flour mill in 1837.



Source: Beginnings in Eaton county: Its Earliest Settlements and Settlers by Edward W. Barber, MPC Vol. XXIX, pg. 367.

- Summer 1837 First lumber brought in from Spicerville sawmill for Amos Spicer's son-in-law, Benjamin Knight to build store at corner of Main and East Knight Streets - start of Eaton Rapids.  
Source: Island City Pictorial History 1835-1980, Eaton Rapids, Michigan.
- Aug 1, 1837 A Christopher C. Darling purchased land  
Township 1-N, Range 3-W of Eaton County  
Section 9 E 1/2 SE 80 Acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General land Office Records; Ionia Land Office; MI2550--.104.
- Aug 17, 1837 Three families (three houses) living at Eaton Rapids: Amos Spicer, Benjamin Knight and C. C. Darling. "There were then but three buildings in the place. The dam across Spring Brook was partially built. The frame for the grist mill was up. There was not a bridge across any stream here. Source: Pioneer History of Eaton County, 1833-1866; by Daniel Strange, M. Sc., 1923; pg. 89.  
Source: Souvenir and Official Program of the Eaton Rapids Centennial and Homecoming August 20-22, 1836.
- Nov 2, 1837 A Christopher C. Darling purchased land  
Township 1-N, Range 3-W of Eaton County  
Section 7 SESE 40 Acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General land Office Records; Ionia Land Office; MI2590--.141.
- 1837 Samuel Hamlin and Christopher C. Darling joined Amos Spicer, Pierpoint Spicer and Benjamin Knight at Spicerville and purchased sections adjoining original Spicerville purchase; by August 1837 were three houses and grist mill partly finished in what become Eaton Rapids; wood hauled from Spicerville mill.  
Source: Pioneer Days of Charlotte, Michigan and Early Eaton County by Barbara McGrath Foster, 1952; pg. 12.
- Jul 19, 1838 Original plat of Eaton Rapids platted by Amos Spicer, P. E. Spicer, C. C. Darling and Samuel Hamlin.  
Source: Pioneer History of Eaton County, 1833-1866; by Daniel Strange, M. Sc., 1923; pg. 91.
- Feb 15, 1840 Feb 15, 1840 12:00 Noon, 60 Democratic Republicans met Ingham township to organize more thoroughly; three appointed from each township to read democratic newspaper and advocate democratic reassures; supported taxation for public schools, etc. Darling appointed to Onondaga democratic township committee. No first initials or name given in article. C.C. Darling?  
Source: Minutes of proceedings printed in Detroit Free Press, February 26, 1840.

Dec 9, 1840	<p>Provided 47 3/4 cords wood for state prison \$41.55</p> <p>Source: Annual Report of the Auditor General, dated Nov. 30, 1841; 1842 Joint Documents of Legislature.</p>
Dec 9, 1840	<p>Paid on account wood. \$15.00</p> <p>Source: Annual Report of the Auditor General, dated Nov. 30, 1841; 1842 Joint Documents of Legislature.</p>
Dec 9, 1840	<p>Paid balance on wood delivered prison \$26.55</p> <p>Source: Annual Report of the Auditor General, dated Nov. 30, 1841; 1842 Joint Documents of Legislature.</p>
Jan 28, 1841	<p>Paid in account \$5.00.</p> <p>Source: Annual Report of the Auditor General, dated Nov. 30, 1841; 1842 Joint Documents of Legislature.</p>
Feb 20, 1841	<p>Paid in account \$5.00</p> <p>Source: Annual Report of the Auditor General, dated Nov. 30, 1841; 1842 Joint Documents of Legislature.</p>
Feb 20, 1841	<p>Provided wood \$25.00</p> <p>Source: Annual Report of the Auditor General, dated Nov. 30, 1841; 1842 Joint Documents of Legislature.</p>
Mar 3, 1841	<p>Provided wood \$15.00.</p> <p>Source: Annual Report of the Auditor General, dated Nov. 30, 1841; 1842 Joint Documents of Legislature.</p>
Mar 16, 1841	<p>Paid in account \$15.00</p> <p>Source: Annual Report of the Auditor General, dated Nov. 30, 1841; 1842 Joint Documents of Legislature.</p>
Aug 27, 1841	<p>Provide wood \$16.00</p> <p>Source: Annual Report of the Auditor General, dated Nov. 30, 1841; 1842 Joint Documents of Legislature.</p>
Aug 27, 1841	<p>Paid in account \$5.00</p> <p>Source: Annual Report of the Auditor General, dated Nov. 30, 1841; 1842 Joint Documents of Legislature.</p>
Oct 31, 1841	<p>Paid balance \$2.81.</p> <p>Source: Annual Report of the Auditor General, dated Nov. 30, 1841; 1842 Joint Documents of Legislature.</p>
1843	<p>"At the time of building the dam (north Lansing), in 1843, Mr. Burchard visited Jackson for the purpose of procuring the services of Mr. Darling to superintend the work, and he probably was so employed." Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, by Durant, 1880; pg. 127.</p>

1843-1844	<p>No further effort was made toward starting our embryo city till 1843, when John W. Burchard, a young lawyer at Mason, purchased the E fraction of S half of Section 9, 109 acres, lying between Grand River and East Street, now bounded South by Saginaw Street, North Line 15 rods North of Franklin Street. Mr. Burchard at once erected a log house, about five rods southwest of the Seymour House site, and in June 1843, removed his family to Lansing and at once commenced the erection of the dam across Grand River, under the supervision of C. C. Darling, Esq. of Eaton Rapids. The fall rains found his works insecure and incomplete, and the west end of the dam was torn away, the saw mill being but partly framed. In April 1844, during the freshest, Mr. Burchard and four other young men attempted to run a boat close to the sheet that poured over the dam, the boat was capsized, and he was drowned. Source: Historical Sketch of Lansing; Its Trade and Commerce Present Advantages and Future Prospects, letter dated March 10, 1863 and signed WASHTENAWSEBI; printed in Advertiser &amp; Tribune Detroit, March 26, 1863 and Lansing Republican on April 8, 1863. Some variation in dates and couple of other words. Version here, Advertiser &amp; Tribune.</p>	
1845	<p>Came to Lansing to aid James Seymour in building a permanent dam across the Grand River. "Mr. Darling was an excellent workman and succeeded in putting in an enduring structure." Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 127-128.</p> <p>In 1845 he came to Lansing and assisted to build the dam across Grand river at this point. Source: Obituary of Christopher Columbus Darling, The Lansing Tri-Weekly Republican, Saturday, May 22, 1880.</p>	
Mar 12, 1842	<p>C.C. and Anna Darling transfer land to Joseph Darling for \$300.00; land in section 35 of Blackman township. 12-274 Jackson county.</p>	
Oct 11, 1843	<p>CC and Anna Darling transfer land to Hiram F. Mather for \$1,000.00; land in section 35 of Blackman township.; dower rights Anna for \$1.00; 12-617 Jackson county.</p>	
1845	<p>Came Lansing; aided in building dam across Grand River. Source: Adams pg. 127.</p>	
Spring 1847	<p>Came to Lansing.</p>	
Jun 24, 1847	Christopher Darlin Block 114 Lot 9	\$238
Summer 1847	<p>Opened store and bakery in Lansing; small frame building. Source: Adams pg. 127</p>	

"In this building, in company with Leonard Rand, he conducted a general store and bakery, which enterprise profited no one but his creditors and debtors, for he paid for his goods and gave an indiscriminate credit, which secured him a lively but very unprofitable business." Source: Adams pg. 266.

In the summer of 1847, he erected a frame building where the Hudson house now (1880) stands, opening a store and bakery. Source: Obituary of Christopher Columbus Darling, The Lansing Tri-Weekly Republican, Saturday, May 22, 1880.

He rafted the first sawed timber used in Lansing from Eaton Rapids; came from Spicer mill. Source: Adams pg. 128.  
Source: Obituary of Christopher Columbus Darling, The Lansing Tri-Weekly Republican, Saturday, May 22, 1880.

Spring 1847

Christopher Columbus Darling and son John came to Lansing from Eaton Rapids where had interest in grist and saw-mills and "...erected a small frame building where now stands the three-story brick building next south of the Hudson House. In this building, in company with Leonard Rand, he conducted a general store and bakery, which enterprise profited no one but his creditors and debtors, for he paid for his goods and gave an indiscriminate credit, which secured him a lively but very unprofitable business." 276 pg. 174.

C. C. Darling rafted "the first lumber from Eaton Rapids used in Lansing." 276 pg. 174.

"During the summer of '47 he erected a story and a half building on the site of the Briggs block, next south of the Hudson House, for a general store, bakery and residence, James Turner and wife, of Charlotte, having charge of the bakery and living in the building until Mrs. Turner's death the following February, which caused the sudden removal of our family to Lansing." 276 pg. 174.

Christopher Darling opened store and bakery where Hudson House stood 1880. Moved family to Lansing from Eaton Rapids in 1848. 18-pg. 128.

Darling and son board part of summer at Michigan House, by October boarding with Dearins'. 276 pg. 177.

Feb 1848

C. C. Darling in 1847 had built building used as general store, bakery and residence of James Turner; Turner's wife Charlotte died in February; Darling build addition on and moved family to building: "On our arrival we found a long bowling-alley-looking addition to the first structure, put on in a week's time, of perfectly green lumber, preparatory for our coming, and in which we lived till the fall of 1852."  
Source: 276 pg. 174

Feb 1848	<p>C.C. Darling moved family from Eaton Rapids to Lansing; Darling and son John been in Lansing most of time since named Capitol: "Our journey commenced with sleights, but on reaching the North settlement, we were completed to accept the services of Mr. North, Sr., to take us to our destination on wheels, arriving there just at dusk." Source; 276 pg. 174; Adams pg. 128.</p> <p>"There are many evidences of his handiwork in the city of Lansing, to wit: the Universalist church, the main abutments to the Michigan avenue bridge, which, although built to sustain a wooden bridge, he declared would sustain a bridge such as was afterwards built, and stand firm longer than the life of any person then living. The residence of R. C. Dart, the residence of Dr. Bartholomew, the brick building no occupies by Mr. George I. Betts as a residence, the south addition to the Hudson house, which he then owned, and at least ten smaller residences, which he at various times owned, half of which in number ;he owned at his decease. After the completion of these buildings he performed very little systematic labor, but spent much of his time in reading, which he followed up with the same zeal and pertinacity that he manifested in his heaviest and most important labors. He would take his book as soon as he was dressed in the morning, and read almost unceasingly until late at night, oftentimes till after midnight. In this way, and not long before his deceased, he read "Cassell's History of England," Josephus, and many others of similar character. When thus employed he would fail in his appetite, health, and strength alarmingly, and it would require great remonstrance and strategy to get him away from his reading and to work, which to him was nature's "great restorer."</p> <p>Source: Sketch of the Life of C. C. Darling, Lansing, Michigan by Mrs. R. C. Dart. MPS Vol. IV; pg. 264.</p>	
Jul 17, 1848	Christopher C. Darling B 114 Lot 4	\$162
1850	Commenced building 12 miles of plank road from Eaton Rapids towards Jackson; company failed.	
1853-1854	Eaton Rapids Lodge, No. 63, F. and A. M. organized under dispensation in January 1853, chartered Jan. 13, 1854; two visiting members were present- C. C. Darling and Benjamin E. Rich. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, by Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 469.	
Feb 24, 1854	<p>Paid \$35.00 for ice for State offices. pg. 5.</p> <p>Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.</p>	
Sep 22, 1854	<p>Paid \$1.50 for hauling plank for walk.</p> <p>Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.</p>	

- Nov. 30, 1854      Paid \$18.00 to J. C. Bailey for amount paid Sagendorph, Darling, and others, grading for plank walk, and team work. pg. 24.  
Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.
- Feb 8, 1855      Paid \$24.85 by state for team work, materials, &c., for plank walks, Lansing, Dec. 1854 and January 1855.  
Source: Annual Report of the Board of State Auditors for 1855, dated December 1, 1855; Joint Documents of 1855, No. 3; pg. 9.
- Jul 3, 1855      Columbus House  
C. C. Darling, Proprietor. Directly opposite the Capitol, Lansing, Michigan. Persons visiting the capitol will find this comfortable and commodious House.  
Source: Ad in The Lansing Republican, July 3, 1855
- Sep 1856      The next morning we sallied out and found our friend, John Horner, who was teaching for Miss Rogers, in the Michigan Female College, which occupies the Ohio House, in front of where C. T. Marks' livery stable is. He boarded at the Columbus House, a frame hotel standing where now is the Hudson House, and kept by Mr. C. C. Darling. Source: Reminiscentail by George P. Sanford, Lansing Journal, February 22, 1883; Michigan Pioneer Society, Vol. VI; pg. 292-295.
- 1859      Appointed by governor to lay out and establish road in Upper Peninsula from Lake Superior south to Wisconsin State line.  
  
"His associate, who was really his senior by appointment, made great preparation in the way of compass, tent and provisions, guide, and packhorse for transportation, and went in advance to have everything in readiness and comfortably arranged for a summer's campaign. When Mr. Darling arrived at the starting point, he immediately looked over the map of the count4ry and laid his plans for operation, and hiring a strong, resolute man to assist, started with compass and chain, directing his associate to follow with provisions and tent, but so rapid were his movements, that after two or three days' effort of his associate to deep up with camp and provisions, the pursuit was abandoned in vexation and disgust, and finding that Mr. Darling could not be prevailed upon to move with grater leisure and dignity, told him to go alone, which he did, accomplishing in two weeks the work planned for the season, in consequence of which he incurred the lasting displeasure of his associate, and rendered ten and provisions a superfluity." Source: Sketch of the Life of C. C. Darling, Lansing, Michigan by Mrs. R. C. Dart. MPS Vol. IV; pg. 266.
- 1859      Listed as misc. occupation. J. G. Darling listed as running Columbus House. Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of

Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

- 1859-1860 Legislature had authorized Port Huron, Bay City and Clinton State Road; the Clinton section of road designated "St Johns and Gratiot" road built 1859-60 by Christopher Darling, of Lansing. Source: Past and Present of Clinton County Michigan by Judge S. B. Daboll, 1906.
- 1860 Took contracts for building State roads in Clinton, Gratiot, and Montcalm counties; then gave up jobbing away from home.
- Nov 4, 1861 Lydia Ann wife of C. C. Darling died at Mason of consumption.
- Dec 24, 1862 Son John died at Lansing at age 29; of typhoid pneumonia.  
  
Former resident of Eaton Rapids. D162.
- 1863 Michigan State Gazetteer of 1863 lists C. C. Darling as cabinet maker in Mason.
- Jul 30, 1867 Proceedings of the Board of Control of the State Swamp Land Roads  
  
Ingham and Clinton State Road  
The acceptance by the Local commissioner of the contract of C. C. Darling and Jackson Everett was proved (two hundred and eighty-five rods of the south end).  
Source: Joint Documents for the year 1870, Vol. II.
- Nov 27, 1867 C. C. Darling paid \$53.65 by State for expenses incurred in examination of State Roads, under the direction of the State Swamp Land Road Commissioner, from Nov. 6th to Nov. 20th, inclusive. Source: Annual Report of the Board of State Auditors for fiscal year ending November 30, 1867; dated December 2, 1867.
- Oct 5, 1869 Proceedings of the Board of Control of the State Swamp Land Roads  
  
Port Huron, Bay City and Ingham State Road  
Report of L. B. Curtis adopted, recommending the approval and allowance of the contract of C. C. Darling, No. 16, the amount to remain in the hands of the Board until the matter is adjusted between the town and C. C. Darling. pg. 134.  
Source: Joint Documents for the year 1870, Vol. II.
- Oct 5, 1870 Proceedings of the Board of Control of the State Swamp Land Roads. Port Huron, Bay City and Ingham State Road. Contract of Darling & Murphy, No. 16, contractors having fully complied with the conditions made by the Board at their meeting held November 24, 1869, the same is hereby approved in full, \$560.00

Source: Joint Documents for the year 1870, Vol. II.

Spring 1879

"In the spring of 1879 he seemed to be fast failing, and it was though by his family that he would not long survive unless he could in some way be aroused and his ambition stimulated.

After some planning, the idea was conceived of building a cottage at Bay view, Emmet county, and suggested to him that his services would be much needed in the carrying off of the projects....He returned from Bay view in September.

Source: Sketch of the Life of C. C. Darling, Lansing, Michigan by Mrs. R. C. Dart. MPS Vol. IV; pg. 264.

Feb 9, 1880

Late in the evening of a very dark night, the 9th of February, 1880, he received an injury by falling from the veranda of his residence in the city of Lansing, a distance of about three feet, striking his face upon the frozen ground, rendering him partially unconscious for the time. On the morning of the Following Saturday, February 14, he was stricken with paralysis, from which his physician thought he could never rally, but his strong constitution carried him slowly through a three months' illness, so that he was again able to be on the streets and his mental faculties somewhat restored.

Source: Sketch of the Life of C. C. Darling, Lansing, Michigan by Mrs. R. C. Dart. MPS Vol. IV; pg. 264.

1880

Member of Ingham County Pioneer Society. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan; Durant, 1880; pg. 105.

May 20, 1880

Died in Lansing. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 127. Source: Obituary of Christopher Columbus Darling; The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, May 27, 1880. Source: Obituary of Christopher Columbus Darling, The Lansing Tri-Weekly Republican, Saturday, May 22, 1880.

On the 18th of May he again received a stroke which quickly carried him to his final rest, at one and a half o'clock, Thursday afternoon, May 20th, 1880, at the age of 79 years, 10 months, and 20 days. Source: Sketch of the Life of C. C. Darling, Lansing, Michigan by Mrs. R. C. Dart. MPS Vol. IV; pg. 267

To him money had no peculiar value, except as it would procure for him and those dependent upon him, the comforts of life. Through not profligate, he was generous to a fault, especially with those he esteemed. his was a peculiar nature. his air was always to do right, and as faithful was he to his convictions of right and wrong, he would always act upon them regardless of the opinions of others and of any cost of time, trouble, or expense to himself. In his intercourse with the world he was naturally kind and forbearing, but just; in his family, uniformly pleasant and careful. for one of his apparent sternness and cold nature, he was exceptionally fond of indulging in pleasantries, ever ready to give



and receive a joke. In prosperity or adversity, he seemed always the same. hope and courage were too prominently developed to suffer himself to despond under any circumstances, however unfavorable. The resources of his mind when circumstances were seemingly adverse or hostile, were great and varied; and with this strong hope to encourage, ingenuity to contrive, and will to prosecute, he was equal to almost any emergency.

Source: Sketch of the Life of C. C. Darling, Lansing, Michigan by Mrs. R. C. Dart. MPS Vol. IV; pg. 268.

Universalist church “contributed largely in the erection of a house of worship”

1837

Simon Darling Sr. was another settler in the town of Eaton Rapids in 1837. In November of that year, with his wife and three children, he moved on to a piece of wild land he had purchased in the northwest part of the town. With a yoke of oxen and lumber wagon they set out on their journey from Dexter, Michigan, one morning, and on the seventh day arrived at the distance of John Montgomery east of Eaton Rapids. The next day they started down Grand river for their new home, a commodious shanty, sixteen by twenty-two feet, which Mr. Darling had built that year. Source: Beginnings in Eaton county: Its Earliest Settlements and Settlers by Edward W. Barber, MPC Vol. XXIX, pg. 3639

### **Christopher C. Darling**

#### **Land Patent Purchases**

Mar 16, 1837

A Christopher C. Darling purchased land  
Township 2-S, Range 1-W of Jackson County  
Section 35 SWNW 40 Acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General land Office  
Records; Monroe Land Office; MI0450--.420.

Aug 1, 1837

A Christopher C. Darling purchased land  
Township 1-N, Range 3-W of Eaton County  
Section 9 E 1/2 SE 80 Acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General land Office  
Records; Ionia Land Office; MI2550--.104.

Nov 2, 1837

A Christopher C. Darling purchased land  
Township 1-N, Range 3-W of Eaton County  
Section 7 SESE 40 Acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General land Office  
Records; Ionia Land Office; MI2590--.141.

### **John Darling**

May 18, 1836	Purchased 160 acres in section 25 of Onondaga Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
Apr 10, 1848	John G. Darling      Block 68      Lot 2      \$36
Dec 24, 1862	Died of typhoid pneumonia at Lansing residents. Source: LSR Dec 31, 1862.

**Joseph Darling (father of Christopher C)**

Scotch stock that settled in North of Ireland.

Emigrated to US and settled near Boston.

At 16 enlisted in Revolutionary war as substitute for Father.

Married distant relative - Huldah Darling

Had 10 children - 4 boys & 6 girls

Children: Evaline - Mrs. Lavery of Jackson, Columbus  
Pascal - wife Nobly Maynard Moved Woodstock, Vermont

Jul 10, 1800	CC Born
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1804	Moved Cold Spring, NY, Middlesex town 2 miles east of Lockport on Batavia Road
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Wife (Huldah) Physician

1832?	Moved Jackson county
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**Pascal Darling (brother of C.C. Darling)**

Took a contract with his brother, Columbus, to construct a part of the Erie canal extending eastward from Orangeport.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Pg. 824

Married Nobly Maynard

Children - had 11

1834	Moved from NY to Jackson with wife and 5 children; purchased 80 acres
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1834-36	Teamed with ox-team between Jackson & Detroit
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1836	With brother Columbus resumed contracting; assisted in building State Road from Jackson to Eaton Rapids.
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1839 Took contract to erect dam and mills at Eaton rapids; engaged in business until death.

Jan 1845 Died in Eaton Rapids

### **Children**

#### **Christopher C. of Jackson**

Nov 1, 1825, Born Royalton NY

1834 Moved to Michigan; 8 years old

Attend school at Eaton Rapids.

1842 Learned carpentry in Eaton Rapids

1851 Moved to Jackson; Builder/contractor

1852 Married Tuttle, Had child Myron

1856 Wife died

1858 Married Scofield

1859 Wife died

1863 Married Felshaw

Had 6 children, Pascal, Willard, Frank, Lezzie, Nettie and Freddie died at age 7

1875 Moved Harbor Springs

1889 Returned Jackson

Republican

#### **Benjamin F.**

Jul 22, 1836 Born Contractor in Jackson

1850 Returned Jackson - age 14

1851 Learned carpentry trade/contracting

1858 Moved Mason

1858 Moved to Jackson

Jan 23, 1859 Married

Jun 1861 Enlisted; Co. K, 8th MI Inf.

Jun 1864 Resigned due health; 1st Lt. Returned to Mason

Apr 14, 1865 Lizzie born; died age 4

1866 Moved Jackson

1877-88 Contract at Bay View & Petoskey; spent winters in Jackson; built over 100 homes at Bay View.

Lived at 1238 Ganson St. in Jackson

Ann J - wife William H. Monroe

### **Knapp, Darrin**

Sep 22, 1848 Knapp Darrin Block 90 Lot 1 \$27

Apr 5, 1859 Julia Darrin, wife of Knapp Darrin, age 34 years. 7 months died.

Aug 31, 1859 Married Jane Cook of Hornellsville, at Addison Steuben County N.Y.

Oct 27, 1859 Jane H. Darrin, wife of Knapp Darrin died.

## David Dean

Block 82      Lot 5

1840-41      Early settler of Bunker Hill Twp.; in Twp. in 40-41; came family of father in 1841. D. 227.

Dec 31, 1847      David E. Dean      Block 82      Lot 5      \$112

1859      Listed as owning land in section 27 and 28 of Bunker Hill Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

## Simeon Dearin

Block 114      Lot 10  
Block 131      Lots 1, 2, 3

Mar 19, 1847      Land entry Sec. 12.; 160 acres. (Land patent).  
Purchased 160 acres in section 12 of Lansing Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

Sep 1, 1847      "Among the many pupils who attended Mrs. Burr's school, were find in the families mentioned, Mr. Dearin's two boys, Henry and Matthew, Isaac, Charlie and Elbert Bush, brothers of Mrs. Hinmann, John being a messenger boy in the legislature; Amelia Hunt, James Thomas, Two Clapsaddle boys. The younger one fell into the river and was rescued by his older brother; one Quackenbush boy, Lucy Long, David and Nancy Goucher, Anna Jeffries, Mary Berry, later known as Mrs. H. D. Pugh, whose father at the time was proprietor of the original Lansing House; Hattie Edgar, whose father built the first structure of the Commercial House, and Delia Ward, afterwards Mrs. F. M. Cowles." 276 pg. 178.

Oct 7, 1847      "In October, '47, my aunt, Mrs. Eckman, ...any myself (daughter of C. C. Darling), spent one week with my father and brother (father and 15 year old brother came Lansing in early spring of 1847) visiting the new capital, and boarding with Mr. Dearin, father of A. V. Dearin, yet living in the place. Mr. Dearin put up a building of boards nailed perpendicularly on or near the site of Clark & Co.'s carriage works, for the accommodation of the influx of people to the embryo city. It had a gabled roof, with just sufficient attic room for beds for the male members of the house. The ground floor was used for dinning and sitting rooms, with possibly the kitchen partitioned off from one end, though I am not certain, but all were together. The other end of the room was partitioned off with bed-quilts for two sleeping rooms. One of these contained two beds, separated only by a few inches of space, one occupied by my

father and brother; and the other by my aunt and myself. Of course, the gentlemen arose first, leaving us to arrange our toilet in the best manner possible with the conveniences at hand. The other rooms were occupied by the Dearin family.

"One long continuous board table, well filled with all attainable good things, and prepared by Mrs. Dearin and her two daughters, gave perfect satisfaction to a hungry crowd. Evening usually found this large and jolly family gathered here discussing the various topics of the day. One discussion in particular attracted my childish attention, from its very earnestness. Religion was the subject and all present paid close attention to the speakers, who were allowed ten minutes each. Captain Cowles and his brother, then a young man, then as now call 'Mort,' were among the speakers. While occupying this building Mr. Dearin erected the Capital Hotel, a three-story house, the nucleus of the Hudson House of today." 276 pg. 175.

"Mr. Teeter...occupied with his family a similar building to Mr. Dearin's, and only a few feet from it to the south and west. Mary, then a young girl (daughter of Mr. Teeter), and little 'Jimmy' Dearin, with his large yellow dog, Watch, were my playmates on this memorable and never-to-be-forgotten visit. Another pet of Mr. Dearin's while living in the hotel (hotel believe finished in 1848) , was a tame deer, called Fanny, who roamed at will, daily coming to our bakery door, taking the loved cracker from our hands. Mr. Teeter purchased the place, which he still (1897) cultivates to some extent, and raised the little board house that is yet standing, where many a gay evening was spent by the young people of that early day with his daughter, Charles S. Hunt was of the number." 276 pg. 176.

"At that time, it was seemingly a long distance and certainly a very rough road. Near Mr. Dearin's boarding house, down in a ravine between that and River street, but invisible from either, Dr. Burr and Wife, Mrs. Laura Burr....lived in a small but tidy board shanty at this time. here Mrs. Burr was teaching a few pupils, while building their future residence on River street, to which place they soon moved, the upper part affording ample room for the large number of pupils who attended her popular school in later years, myself among the number, all rapidly advancing under the able instruction. A few years ago, this building was still standing, innocent of all modern improvements, with its large upper windows of 7x9 glass." 276 pg. 176.

Elson Teeter came Lansing in 1847 before Capital city platted and "was one of the carpenters who worked on the first capital building erected in Lansing. Mr. Teeter was engaged in gardening during his long life when able to work, and it was he who performed the work of clearing the underbrush from the corners where the Lansing State Savings and City national Banks now stand. near

this home on Washtenaw street, which was then practically a wilderness, there were living 14 families named Teeter, and that portion of the city was for many years called Teetertown. When he first came to Lansing, he secured from the government three lots of school lands and retained the land for more than 50m years by paying annually a few dollars interest.” Source: Pioneer XXIX pg. 79.

Jun 23, 1847	Simon Dearing	Block 131	Lot 2	\$61
			Lot 3	\$65
Jun 24, 1847	Simon Dearing	Block 131	Lot 1	\$40
Jun 24, 1847	Simon Dearing	Block 114	Lot 10	\$247
1848	Purchased land in Section 12 of Lansing Twp.			
Jul 30, 1849	Simon Dearin of Lansing to Ares V. Dearin of Lansing Twp.; land in section 12 of Lansing Twp. (L9:P184)			
1849	Paid \$800 personal property tax on Lot 10 in Block 114. Paid \$125 on Lots 1-3 in Block 131.			
Oct 31, 1887	“The services of the First Presbyterian church of Lansing were first held in a building known as the Ohio House, on Washtenaw street, where Dearin’s livery stable now stands; afterwards for three years in Representative hall in the old capitol building in the morning and in the afternoon in the school house in North Lansing, in which the church was organized December 17, 1847.” Source: Lansing Republican; October 31, 1997.			

## Block 114

### Columbus House (Eagle/American)

200 block of S. Washington; east side of street; Lot 10, block 114; appx. 215 S. Washington

1848	Opened
1848?	Mr. Dearin “erected the Capital Hotel, a three-story house, the nucleus of the Hudson House of today” (1897). 276 pg. 176. “Later a Mr. Allen occupied it, erecting an addition on the north end.” 276 pg. 176. “It was the first building ever put up on that site. Instead of a basement and foundation of masonry, the Columbus House was built on a foundation of beech stumps. They were sawn off square, a short distance above the ground, and the building built on them as supports. In after years, when the Hudson House succeeded the older Columbus House, the old stumps were found.” Source: Chief Okemos and “Gang” Swoop Down on Big “Feed” Back in 1855; State Journal; reprinted in Pioneer History of Ingham County, compiled and arranged by Mrs. Franc L. Adams. vol. 1, 1923.

1852	C.C. Darling purchased and re-named 'Columbus House'; "...later he put up an addition on the south side; Darling family lived in hotel until October 1856 when moved to house on Grand Street. 176 pg. 176.
1856	Darling son (John?) took charge of hotel. 276 pg. 176.
1858	James M. Shearer took control, renamed The American. 291 pg. 117.
1859	Columbus became Eagle House
1862	Martin Hudson took over, later purchased and changed name; 117 pg. 515.
1862	Eagle House became American House
1867	Closed

### **Thomas DeLong**

Jun 21, 1848	Thomas DeLong	Block 233	Lot 1	\$13
Jun 27, 1848	Thomas S. DeLong	Block 178	Lot 9 & 10	\$38

### **Charles Dewey and S. J. Dewey**

Jan 23, 1945	In Auditor General's report to Senate on Benjamin Porter prison claims noted Porter paid Dewey & Greene \$45.87 for work on State Penitentiary. Source: Auditor General Report to Senate; dated Jan 23, 1845; Senate Document No. 3, 1845 Legislature.			
Jun 29, 1847	Charles H. Dewey & S. J. Dewey	Block 153	Lot 4	\$58

### **John Dovlin**

May 6, 1837	Biddle City John Dovlin of Cleveland Ohio to Samuel Cows of Cleveland Ohio for \$100.00; Lot number 13 in Block 32 and Lot 7 in Block 28 of Biddle City. (L5:P446 Jackson county)
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### **David Dresser**

	Block 175	Lot 4	
Nov 1, 1847	James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee Cty to David Dresser of Michigan, Ingham Cty; land in village of Michigan. (L7:P590)  Purchased Lot 4 of Block 175; \$190 (Mortgage of G. W. Spencer)		
Mar 6, 1849	David Dresser of Lansing to James W. Yawger of Lansing; land in Lansing. (L9:P51?)		

### **William L. Driggs**

Jun 23, 1847	William L. Driggs	Block 113	Lot 3	\$85
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1859 Driggs and Cargill listed as owning land in section 22 of Williamstown Township. Same individual?  
Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

### Augustus S. Dryer

Block 176 Lot 11

Aug 27, 1847 William H. Townsend and wife Sarah, Samuel P. Mead and George W. Peck to Augustus S. Dryer of White Oak; Land in village of Michigan (L7:P418)

Purchased Lot 11 on Block 176 for \$40.

Dec 11, 1847 Augustus G. Dryer and wife Louise Jane of While Oak, Ingham Cty. to Henry Clements of same place; land in town of Michigan. (18:P173) Purchased for \$62 Lot 11 of Block 176.

### Betsey H. Dryer

May 29, 1852 Ray G. Andrews and wife May of Clinton Co to Betsey H. Dryer of Lansing; land in Lansing Twp. section 9. (L11:P638)

Jan 21, 1852 James Seymour and wife Mira of Flushing and Horatio Seymour and Mary of Utica NY to Betsey H. Dryer of Lansing; land in section 9 of Lansing. (L11:P639)

### Margaret Perry Dryer (Sister of W.A.)

Stricken at age 7 with disease; crippled; had use crutches rest of life.

1847 Came Lansing with brother.

Margaret taught in school in city and at Podunk  
Founder of First Baptist church - role in switching land grant.

### William A. Dryer

Methodists

Early years - Free Soil Democrat, Republican. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 346. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Durant, 1880, pg. 203.

Mar 9, 1813 Born in Cazenovia, NY



Source: William A. Dryer in Adams pg. 397. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 9. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 345. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Durant, 1880, pg. 202.

- 1829 When sixteen years of age he was apprenticed to learn the wagon maker's trade and continued in the business until he was twenty-four years of age. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 9. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 345. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Durant, 1880, pg. 202.
- Oct 21, 1834 Married Betsey H. Newell. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Durant, 1880, pg. 202.
- Oct 24, 1834 Married Betsey H. Newell. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 9. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 346.
- Had nine children: Mary, Dr. Newell, Elbridge, Esther, Adeline (died in infancy), James W. (died in infancy), Helen A (died at age 24), William F. and Betsey K. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 346.
- Oct 1836 Moved to Michigan; settled in White Oak Twp. on 80 acres. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 9. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 345. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Durant, 1880, pg. 202.
- 1836 William A. Dryer and his family went by canal boat to Buffalo, and then on the steamer Michigan across the lake to Detroit, and on to Ingham county. He took up land in Ingham Township in 1836. White Oak, Leroy and Wheatfield were all part of Ingham township them. Source: The Ingham County News, Centennial Issues; April 23 and 30 and May 7 and 14, 1959; pg. 10
- Jul 2, 1836 Purchased 80 acres in section 21 of White Oak Township; Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880, pg. 327.
- Purchased 40 acres in section 35 of White Oak Township; same individual? (Spelled Doyer believe Dryer)  
Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.  
Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880, pg. 327.
- Fall 1836 Brought family to White Oak Township. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 346.

	Arrived in Michigan in 1836; bought 80 acres in section 21 of White Oak Township; 1845 sold farm moved Pinckney. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 346.
Apr 1839	School Inspector of White Oak Township with John Clements. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880, pg. 330.
1839	Dryer probably elected county commissioner. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 101.
1840	In census listed as resident of White Oak Township and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
Jan 6, 1841	E. B. Danforth and wife of Mason, Charles Noble of Monroe and Samuel and John B. Skinner of Genesee Co. NY sold land to William A. Dryer of White Oak, Twp. land in village of Mason. (L4:P63)
Feb 6, 1841	William A. Dryer and wife Betsey H. of White Oak, to Thomas B. Godley; land in section 20 of White Oak. (L4:P494)
?	Clerk of White Oak Township and Supervisor for several years. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 9.  School Inspector. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 347.
1840	In census listed as resident of White Oak Township and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
1845	Sold farm and moved to Pinckney and engaged in carriage making until 1848. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 9. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 346. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Durant, 1880, pg. 203.
Nov 2, 1848	Came to Lansing. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 346. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Durant, 1880, pg. 203.
Nov 2, 1848	William A. Dryer came to Lansing and put up shop, "He made the first wagon that was ever manufactured in Lansing, and also the first carriage. The axles of this vehicle were made out of iron-wood

poles which were taken from an old log house. For two years he carried on the manufacture of wagons and carriages,  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 346.

Build residence on Center Street. Source: Pioneer XXVII, pg. 86.

- 1848 Moved to Lansing.; residence on Center street; carried on business of wagon making and later general merchandise business of farming.
- Oct 18, 1849 William A. Dryer and wife Betsey of Lansing to Henry Clements of Lansing; land in section 21 of White Oak. (18:P268)
- 1850 In census listed as resident of Lansing Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- 1850 and then (1850) entered the employ of Smith, Turner & Seymour in building the plank road between Lansing and Howell. In their interests he had charge of the store at Leroy and also of a sawmill, where the planks for the road were manufactured. This work occupied him for two years. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 346. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Durant, 1880, pg. 203.
- 1851 Established the first wagon shop in 1851, went into mercantile business, corner of Franklin and Center streets.  
Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Durant, 1880, pg. 203.
- 1852 and subsequently entered the mercantile business, into which he was aided by "Zach" Chandler, who helped to establish his credit for the purchase of goods. He carried on this store for 4 years on Center Street in North Lansing and made a success of it, but he then sold out this business and purchased a farm.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 346.
- ? Bought farm west of city limits.
- 1855 Purchased and moved to a farm west of city. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.
- On Section 7 of Lansing Township 185 acres.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 346.

- 1856 Build log house on. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 346.
- Imported first Merino sheep in county.
- Charter member of Central Michigan Agricultural Society.
- Republican - present at Jackson.
- 1859 Lansing township justice. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 196.
- 1860-1866 Lansing township supervisor (Lansing township) for 9  
1869-1870 years, chair 7 years. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 196.
- ? Supervisor for 14 years while in Lansing township.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 346.
- Mar 1861 Wife died; left 7 children, 2 had died, May, Newell, Elbridge, Esther, Adelaide, William F, Betsy.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 9. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 346. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Durant, 1880, pg. 203.
- 1861 Married Sarah Britton.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 346. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Durant, 1880, pg. 203.
- 1862 Ran for State Representative on Republican ticket defeated by O. M. Barnes on Democratic ticket.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 9.
- Jan 31, 1866 Central Michigan Agricultural Society organized January 31, 1866; Dryer first president. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 103.
- May 28, 1872 Attended the organizational meeting of Ingham County Pioneer Society at Mason. Elected to Executive Committee.  
Source: Adams, pg. 11.
- 1875-1876 President of Ingham County Pioneer Society.  
Source: Adams pg. 48. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan; Durant, 1880; pg. 104.
- 1878 Vice President of Ingham County Pioneer Society.  
Source: Adams pg. 55. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan; Durant, 1880; pg. 104.

- 1879 President of Ingham County Pioneer Society.  
Source: Adams pg. 55. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan; Durant, 1880; pg. 104.
- Nov 1889 Sold farm and moved to Lansing.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 346.
- 1891 Sold farm and moved back to Lansing. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.
- May 31, 1896 Died

### **John N. Dwight**

- Oct 6, 1834 John N. Dwight of Jackson County, Michigan purchased 40 acres in section 3 of Town 3 South, Range 1 West of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck. Note: Same John N. Dwight?
- Mar 11, 1836 John N. Dwight and Zenas Fuller, both of Jackson County purchased 160 acres of section 11 of Town 1 South, Range 1 West of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck. Note: Same John N. Dwight?
- Mar 18, 1836 J. N. and D. F. Dwight purchased 80.79 acres in section 20 of Onondaga Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- Mar 21, 1836 J. N. and D. F. Dwight purchased 80 acres in section 22 of Leslie Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

### **Biddle City**

- Jan 23, 1837 William Ford of Jacksonburgh, Jackson County, Michigan to John N. Dwight of Jacksonburgh, Jackson County, Michigan: Land in Biddle City, Ingham county, Michigan. (L1:P207 Ingham county)
- Sold for \$60 Lot 4 of Block 46 (Public Square)  
Lot 1 of Block 29 (Academy Square)  
Lots 4 x 9 rods.
- William Ford to John N. Dwight of Jackson land in Ingham county for \$60.00. (L5:P41 Jackson county)
- Jan 23, 1945 In Auditor General's report to Senate on Benjamin Porter prison claims noted Porter paid John N. Dwight paid \$64.71 for work on State Penitentiary. Source: Auditor General Report to Senate; dated Jan 23, 1845; Senate Document No. 3, 1845 Legislature.

Jan 23, 1845 In Auditor General's report to Senate on Benjamin Porter prison claims noted Porter withdrew vouchers and did not litigate before Charles H. Stewart, Esq., and others, Auditors, &c., but presented to and acted upon by board of State Auditors, November 1842, voucher of John N. Dwight for \$30.00 for work on State Penitentiary. Source: Auditor General Report to Senate; dated Jan 23, 1845; Senate Document No. 3, 1845 Legislature.

Deduction made from vouchers presented before Court Auditors, for want of strict legal proof, from accounts kept at the time, and names of the individuals from whom accounts the deductions were made, but presented to, and acted upon, by Board of State Auditors:

John N. Dwight \$10. Source: Auditor General Report to Senate; dated Jan 23, 1845; Senate Document No. 3, 1845 Legislature.

Jan 20, 1836 John Dwight and 3 others, all listed as of Wayne County, Michigan purchased 80 acres on section 24 of Town 2 South, Range 1 West of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck. Note: Same John N. Dwight?

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Jan 20, 1836 John Dwight and 3 others, all listed as of Wayne County, New York, purchased 160 acres of section 26 of Town 2 South, Range 1 West of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck. Note: Same John N. Dwight. Note: Same source notes John N. Dwight from Wayne County Michigan, probably Wayne Michigan not New York.

### **Jerome E. Eaton & John S. Hurd**

Block 218      Lots 7-10

May 3, 1839 John S. Hurd of Lima, Mich. to Charles W. Scofield of Lima, MI; land in Section 15 of Locke Twp. (L3:P457)

May 16, 1845 John Reason and wife Elizabeth of Stockbridge to John S. Hurd of Jackson, Jackson, co. land in section 30 of Stockbridge. (L10:P33)

Jul 15, 1848 John Thomas and wife Ann (by Atty. C. P. Bush, Daniel Lee and wife Laura (by same Atty) George W. Peck and wife Minerva (by same atty) to Jerome E. Eaton and John S. Hurd; land in village of Lansing. (18:P242)

Purchased for \$150 Lots 7, 8, 9, 10 of Block 218.

Nov 15, 1849      John S. Hurd and wife Sally of Jackson to Russell Searls and Lewis C. Sears of Ingham co.; land in section 22 of Vevay Twp. (L10:P150)

### **Dennis P. Edgar**

Sep 1, 1847      "Among the many pupils who attended Mrs. Burr's school, were find in the families mentioned, Mr. Dearin's two boys, Henry and Matthew, Isaac, Charlie and Elbert Bush, brothers of Mrs. Hinmann, John being a messenger boy in the legislature; Amelia Hunt, James Thomas, Two Clapsaddle boys. The younger one fell into the river and was rescued by his older brother; one Quackenbush boy, Lucy Long, David and Nancy Goucher, Anna Jeffries, Mary Berry, later known as Mrs. H. D. Pugh, whose father at the time was proprietor of the original Lansing House; Hattie Edgar, whose father built the first structure of the Commercial House, and Delia Ward, afterwards Mrs. F. M. Cowles." 276 pg. 178.

Nov 6, 1847      Dennis P. Edgar      Block 129      Lot 10 \$195

Mar 11, 1848      *First Fire in Lansing?*  
Today the new dwelling of a Mr. Edgar, near the Capitol, was entirely destroyed by fire, together with the furniture &c., the dwelling was one of the best on the capitol grounds and had just been completed. Loss about \$400. As there was no water nearby, citizens could only look on and see it burn. A subscription paper was immediately started by Hon. J. P. C. Emmons and circulated among the members and officers of the legislature and departments, and citizens, and some \$300 raised and paid over, so the loss will be light.  
Source: Detroit *Daily Free Press*; March 16, 1848

Oct 27, 1857      D. P. Edgar and N. W. Edgar charter members of Torrent Engine Co., No. 1. Source: J. P. Edmunds, LSJ 11-11-1921.

Feb 14, 1858      Dennis P. Edgar married Miss Miranda Havens; married by C. Havens, Esq.

1860      D. P. Edgar, groceries and provisions, Washington Avenue.  
Source: George W. Hawes' Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1860, pg. 223.

### **Edward Elliott**

Put up small frame building near Bush & Thomas store (on east side of river), opened stock of shelf hardware, stoves and tinware. "He purchased his goods of Bush & Thomas, and also kept a tinsmith at work. The stove-pipe for the new Benton house was made at Elliott's shop."

"The stove pipe for the new Benton House was made at Elliott's shop." Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, of 128.

Richard and Edward Elliott, brothers, hardware merchants, later engaged in general mercantile business, and finally drifting into real estate. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.

Dec 11, 1847	Edward Elliott Block 129      Lot 5      \$112
May 5, 1848	Paid \$38.08 by Board of State Auditors fore "services rendered, and expenses incurred in the removal of the state office, and for furniture and repairs for the Capitol. Source; Annual Report of the Board of State Auditors for fiscal year commencing December 1, 1847, Dated December 28, 1848.
Feb 24, 1854	Paid \$24.25 by state for work and material furnished for State building. pg. 11 Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.
Jul 22, 1855	Eva Angeline Elliot, age 7 months and 11 days died; daughter of Edward and Susan Elliot. Source: Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan; Occasional Paper; Number I, Death and Marriage Items, Reported in The Lansing State Republican, 1855-1860.  Her life was like the dew drop That glittered on the rose, her spirit like the timid done, In heaven has found repose. Source: Lansing Republican Jul 31, 1855,
1859	Listed as hardware and stoves, etc. Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
1879	Postmaster Pine Lake. D287.

### Richard Elliott

Block 13      Lot Pt. 1 & 2  
Block 20      Lot Pt. 5

Richard and Edward Elliott, brothers, hardware merchants, later engaged in general mercantile business, and finally drifting into real estate. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.



Came from Ohio to Lansing opened a small store on Center Street; branched out into grain and real estate business.

Operated old North Lansing Elevator

Built row of house on Center street south of Wall street.

Source: Adams pg. 494.

Feb 22, 1847

James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee County, MI to Richard Elliott of Michigan, Ingham Co. Michigan; Land in Village of Michigan. (L11:P108)

Purchased for \$455 part Block 13 begin at point on East line of block the distant South 15 rods from NE corner thereof running Thence West 11 rods  
Thence North 50 feet  
Thence East 11 rods  
Thence South to beginning.

Note: Believe site of Page's 'Dining Room'

After 1850?

"Richard Elliott, who came from Lansing sometime after(1850) rented a room of Mr. Laing and opened a small stock of dry goods and groceries. He soon after built the large store building now standing vacant in the Old Centre. (Old Perry Centre).

Source: History of Shiawassee County, Michigan; pg. 204.

Jun 10, 1853

James and Horatio Seymour rent "their buildings known as the old saw mill" to Richard Elliott for \$75.00 for one year.

Source: Bentley Collection

Late 1850  
Early 1860s

Build brick house on corner of Clinton and Center streets.  
Source: Adams pg. 494.

1859

Listed as merchant of hardware, stoves, etc. (Block 13, Lot 2)  
Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

1860

Richard Elliott, dealer in stoves and sheet iron ware, Center street.  
Source: George W. Hawes' Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1860, pg. 223.

1863

Sold stoves and tinware in lower town. A434.

1863-4

Richard Elliott stoves and tin ware, lower town. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1863-64, pg. 378.

1867-8

Elliot & Cline (Richard Elliot and Alexander Cline), warehouse and produce dealers, Franklin. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1867-8, pg. 275.

Mar 7, 1870                      Subdivided lots 6 and 7 of block No. 23.  
Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant; pg. 130.

### **Elihue Elwood**

1844                              In census listed as resident of Lansing Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

1845                              Plat of Lansing Township of residents showed Elihue Elwood a resident settler. Plat drawn by James Turner. Source: Durant

Jun 1, 1848                      Issued US land patent for 40 acres on SESE of section 29 of Township 4 North, Range 2 West (Lansing Township).  
MI2660\_\_\_.302.

Issued US land patent for 40 acres on SWSE of section 29 of Township 4 North, Range 2 West (Lansing Township).  
MI2650\_\_\_.457

1850                              In census listed as resident of Lansing Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

### **Otis Fall**

Block 5                      Lot Pt. 12

Landlord hotel in Okemos. D285.

May 9, 1855                      Purchased 40 acres in section 13 of Leroy Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

May 10, 1855                      Purchased 80 acres in section 23 of Bunker Hill Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

1859                              O. C. Fall listed as carpenter & joiner. Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

### **T. B. Faxon**

Block 114                      Lot 8

Aug 14, 1848                      T.B. Faxon licensed as retailer and common victualer on lot 8, block 114; fee \$8. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 199.

## **William M. Fenton**

- 1846 In 1846 he was elected to the State Senate, from the district composing the counties of Genesee, Oakland, Macomb, and Livingston. While in the Legislature he was instrumental in securing the establishment of the State Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, and its location at Flint.
- 1848-1850 In 1848 and 1850, he was elected Lieutenant-Governor.”  
Source: American Biographical History of Eminent and Self-Made men with Portrait Illustrations on Steel, Michigan Volume, 1878,

## **John Ferguson**

Block 135 Lot 10

Early settler of Delhi Twp.

- 1839 family settled in Delhi; Mrs. Stanton's sister came with family and later married John Ferguson.  
Source: Mrs. Harriet Stanton Bristol, Mason, MI, 1916, printed in Pioneer History of Ingham county compiled and arranged by Mrs. Franc L. Adams, Vol. I, 1923, pgs. 728-9.
- 1841 “When he (Lewis H. Stanton) was six years old, and the nearest neighbor lived a mile away, one day at night fall the boy was missing. How the news traveled so rapidly thorough the surrounding country seems a mystery to us to today, but they soon gathered from many miles around, bearing torches, bells and guns, for there were bears and wolves in the forest, and all realized the danger the child was in. Special anxiety was felt because only a few night before bears had come to a neighboring homestead and carried off a couple of pigs from the pen. The searching party organized and started in every direction to look for the lost child. The women had gathered as well as the men, and they waited with the grief-stricken mother in the log cabin, eagerly listening for the report of a gun, which was to be the signal when the boy was found, but not until about one o'clock in the morning did they hear this welcome sound. Little Lewis had wandered four miles from home and was so badly frightened by the darkness and the strange sounds of the forest that he had crawled into a hollow log, and though he heard the calls of the men he did not dare answer until he recognized his Uncle John Ferguson's voice.”  
Source: Pioneer History of Ingham County - Adams; pgs. 244-5.
- 1842 School inspector of Alaiedon Twp. A271.
- 1844 Resident taxpayer in Delhi. D235.

1844 In census listed as resident of Delhi Township, and born in Canada. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

Feb 17, 1847 Land entry Sec. 14, Delhi. Twp.

Feb 20, 1847 Purchased 40 acres in section 14 of Delhi Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

Nov 6, 1847 John Ferguson Block 135 Lot 10 \$144

Apr 29, 1848 Granted liquor license; Kept hotel Delhi. A376; D239.

1848 Son born May 31 in Delhi.

1850 Son born in Delhi. D286.

1850 In census listed as resident of Delhi Township, and born in Canada. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

1854 Supervisor of Delhi. D286.

1859 Listed as owning land in section 14 of Delhi Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

1892 Meridian Twp. resident. A

#### **Nelson Ferris**

Oct 22, 1847 Nelson Ferris Block 153 Lot 2 \$63

#### **James F. Ferry**

Sep 2, 1847 James F. Ferry Block 162 Lot 5 \$27

#### **James Filson**

**Biddle City**  
 Apr 22, 1836 Jerry Ford of Jacksonburgh, Jackson county, Michigan to James Filson of Detroit, Michigan; Land in Biddle City (L1:P123 Ingham county)

Lot 1, Block 22 (fronting on church square)

#### **Hezriah D. Fitch**

Mar 28, 1848 Whitney Smith allowed \$4.88 from Twp. for expenses for funeral of.

### **Matthew Foot**

Apr 6, 1848 Matthew Foot Block 104 Lot 7 & 8 \$20

### **Amos W. Ford**

Block 176 Lot 6

1847 "...kept a few groceries, whisky, beer, crackers, fish, etc."  
Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, of 128.

Apr 29, 1848 Ford & Gould licensed to retail ardent spirits and tavern-keep; license \$6.50 D. pg. 198.

### **William C. Ford**

Block 24 Lot 3  
Block 34 Lots 6 & 7

Mar 15, 1836 William Ford purchased 130.06 acres in section 21 of Lansing Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

Jan 32, 1837 William Ford of Jackson County, Michigan purchased 80 acres in section 14 of Williamston Township; same individual?  
Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

Aug 19, 1847 James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee Cty. to William C. Ford of Fair Haven, Bristol Cty. Mass; Land in town of MI (L7:P376)  
  
Purchased Lot 3 on Block 24 and Lots 6 & 7 on Block 34 for \$270.

### **Fords**

? Property on Sec. 21 heavily mortgaged and sold for taxes.  
  
SE quarter section (section 21) purchased at mortgage sale by Joab Page, who subsequently sold to Charles P. Bush.

Bush purchased all tax titles, and perfected own title to land.

SW quarter purchased by Bush, Thomas & Lee. D pg. 128

Jan 32, 1837 William Ford of Jackson County, Michigan purchased 80 acres in section 14 of Williamston Township; same individual?

Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

Mar 15, 1845 William Ford and wife of Jackson to Philip Thurber of Jackson;  
Land in section 21; (L6:P115)

Purchased for \$500 the SW fractional quarter of Section 21:  
(Biddle City)

Block 13	Lot 5 & 10
Block 26	Lots 2 & 3
Block 28	Lot 11
Block 29	Lot 1
Block 32	Lot 15
Block 46	Lot 4

Correct: Mar 15, 1845 (L6:P115) 'SW' & Apr 21, 1845 (L6:116) 'NW'.

### Hezekiah Ferguson

May 4, 1837 Hezekiah of Lenawee county purchased 640 acres on section 32  
of Lansing township. (Land patent).

May 18, 1837 Hezekiah Ferguson to Joseph E. North Jr. of Ingham Co, land in  
Lansing Twp. Section 32. (L2:P26)

### Almon P. Frary and Marshal Frary

Sec. 9

Feb 12, 1848 Almon P. Frary of Lansing Twp. and Co. Mich. to Marshal Frary of  
Ballville Twp. Sandusky Cty., Ohio; land in Lansing Twp. Section 9  
(18:P609)

Purchased for \$355 part of NE quarter of Section 9;  
Beginning 19 rods East of stake at center of intersection of North  
and Turner Streets running  
Thence North 4 chains and 65 links  
Thence East 25 chains  
Thence South 4 chains and 65 links  
Thence West 25 chains to beginning.

### Ira S. Frary

May 23, 1848	Ira S. Frary	Block 142	Lot 3	\$16
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Jun 3, 1848	Joseph Moon & Ira S. Frary	Block 142	Lot 4	\$14
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### Warren S. Frary

Jun 10, 1848	Warren S. Frary	Block 142	Lot 2	\$17
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Jan C. Moon   Block 142   Lot 6   \$20

Oct 16, 1848   Warren S. Frary   Block 144   Lot 12   \$18  
Jane C. Moon Block 144   Lot 11   \$13

Joshua French

Block

Spring 1847   "Early in the spring of 1847 Joshua French erected a block house on East Washtenaw street (about 119). This was one of the better class of log houses. The logs being hewn outside and inside. The house had a shingled roof, a staircase, in lieu of the usual ladder, partitions of matched lumber, a paneled front door and eight by ten glass in each of the windows in lieu of the more ordinary seven by nines. Mr. French's stay was very short, he becoming discouraged on account of mosquitoes, ague and the absence of the conveniences and luxuries of his eastern life. Fortunately having money enough left to make it possible he returned to his York state home. Subsequently Charles T. Allen occupied the house for a few years and later my people lived there for quite a number of years, maintaining a boarding house." 59 pg. 79.

Philip French

Sep 2, 1837   Philip French of Tompkins County, NY purchased 160 acres in section 22 of Windsor Township, Eaton county.  
Same Philip French?

Jun 23, 1847	Philip French	Block 114	Lot 6	\$90
Jun 23, 1847	Philip French	Block 136	Lot 1	\$253
			Lot 2	\$157
Jun 23, 1847	Philip French	Block 132	Lot 3	\$83
Jun 23, 1847	Philip French	Block 141	Lot 9	\$12
			Lot 10	\$15
Jun 24, 1847	Philip French	Block 132	Lot 8	\$90
Jun 24, 1847	Philip French	Block 129	Lot 11	\$200
Jun 24, 1847	Philip French	Block 66	Lot 11	\$67

### **Edward L. Fuller and Ruema Fuller [Ruamer]**

Jun 23, 1847	Elizabeth Quackenbush & Ruema Fuller	Block 237 Lot 1	\$130
Jun 23, 1847	Elizabeth Quackenbush & Ruema Fuller	Block 238 Lot 1	\$120
Jul 8, 1848	Myndert W. Quackenbush & Edward L. Fuller	Block 111 Lot 4 & 5	\$600

**Henry Gibbs**

Block 138   Lot 4

Henry Gibbs, celebrated as a contractor and builder, a business that he followed for over forty years, and many of the resident properties and business blocks were erected under his supervision. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.

- Apr 18, 1816 Born St Albans, Vermont
- 1831 Family moved to Monroe county, NY; worked with father as carpenter.
- 1838 Moved to Eagle MI and settled on 160 acres.
- 1839 Built first frame schoolhouse in Clinton county.
- 1841 Assessment-roll for Eagle Township:  
  
Henry Gibbs, section 25 of Eagle Township 80 acres.  
Henry Gibbs Jr., section 25 of Eagle township 80 acres.  
  
Also notes second saw-mill in township was built by Henry Gibbs Jr., for Philo Doty, on section 14. pg. 439.  
Source: History of Clinton County, MI, pg. 439.
- Feb 11, 1842 Governor Barry nominated with J. Foot Turner to be notaries public for the county of Clinton; the Senate consented to on February 14.  
Source: Executive Journal, Senate Journal 1842, pg. 310-311.
- ? Married Catherine Campbell. Cowles pg. 126.
- 1847 Came Lansing.
- Aug 1847 Henry Gibbs and wife Diantha came to Lansing in 1847; Henry began work upon the old capitol building in August under Henry Jipson; contractor most of life connected with building of Downey house, State office block Plymouth Congregational, St. Paul's Episcopal and Park Street Baptist churches, the middle building of the school for the blind, and the old post office building; superintended the building of Central school building and in 1888 the Larch street school.  
Source: Pioneer XXVII pg. 52; Pioneer XXVI, pg. 413.
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Aug 20, 1847	Henry Gibbs	Block 136	Lot 5	\$130
Mar 27, 1848	Henry Gibbs Jr.	Block 138	Lot 4	\$87
1848?	Gibbs "among the active friends of the school in the district in the earlier years" district 2. D pg. 166.			
1849	Lansing township clerk. Source: Durant.			
Feb 24, 1854	Paid \$58.00 by state for services as watchman at capitol. Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.			
1854	Moved to Watertown, held offices of justice of peace and supervisor.			
1859	Listed as owning land in section 27 of Onondaga Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.			
1873	Returned to Lansing.			
1874	Elected to school board of fifth ward; served until 1885.			
Mar 15, 1897	Died at age 82.			
May 15, 1897				
1855?	Onondaga Twp. treasurer. A712. Buried Lane Cemetery, Onondaga. A210. Note: Same Henry Gibbs?			
1856?	Sold jewelry in middle town and worked as architect. Fuller pg. 179. Note: Same Henry Gibbs?			

#### **James R. Gibson**

Dec 7, 1847	James R. Gibson	Block 106	Lot 1 & 2	\$51
Nov 30, 1848	Paid \$10.00 for furniture for Secretary of State's office. Source: Report of Auditor General for year ending Nov. 30, 1848.			

#### **Ann Gilkey**

Oct 6, 1847	Any Gilkey	Block 149	Lot 6	\$141
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#### **Justus Gilkey**

Were four Gilkey brothers - Justus, Samuel, William and Sample

Native Burlington, VT. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, by Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 195.

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Moved to Hydeville, NY. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, by Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 195.

1835-1837

In the winter of 1836 two young men (Ford's) traveled through the town of Lansing, Tompkins county, New York, selling to the farmers lots in Biddle City, which they represented as already well started in the new state, and which was located, they said, at the junction of the Grand and Cedar rivers in Central Michigan. They told of the great forests surrounding the village that needed only to be removed to uncover the richest farming country in the world, and they assured the men of new York who had sons old enough to start for themselves that they need but to send the young men to Biddle City where fortunes in timber and fortunes in land would be found for all.

The Tompkins county farmers became greatly interested; meetings were held--many of them at the home of Daniel Buck, father of D. W. Buck--and finally a stock company was formed out of which sixteen men were chosen to go west and make secure the purchases of the rest.

The long trip was made in the usual way, down the canal, across Lake Huron and so to Detroit, but when the party reached Detroit, however, and inquired the way to Biddle City, no one was found who had ever heard of such a place. The rivers were known, of course, but all the country through which they flowed it was said was a wilderness Biddle City didn't exist.

Failing of any information at Detroit the party traveled to Pontiac. There was the same ignorance of Biddle City and the same story of the wilderness told. The men became discouraged; three of four abandoned their comrades and the search; they bought land at Pontiac and their descendants are there to this day.

The remainder of the travelers determined to push on, however, until the rivers on which their town was said to be built were found, so they hired guides and slowly made their way north and west into Clinton county, and finally when near where DeWitt now stands they found one settler named Scott, who gave them the first news they had obtained of the place they sought. he had heard of Biddle City vaguely, but he told them that west of him there was the home of a settler named William Gilkey who lived near the place where the Cedar empties into the Grand river and he could tell them all there was to tell about Biddle City. Starting once more they traveled to the log cabin of William Gilkey, who was the only settler in all the country round; he lived on what is now known as the Stambaugh place, north of Lansing. He told them what they wished to know.

During the preceding winter, he said, two young men from their own state had stayed with him while on a hunting trip in Michigan. At his house they made their plans to have a town of their own; they platted the ground, staked the lots, named the streets and made ready to sell the town, so beautifully done on paper, to the people whom they expected to interest at home.

Mr. Gilkey promised to show the purchasers of those lots the place they were in search of and he did so, taking them through the woods to the point where R. E. Olds' residence now stands, he pointed across the Cedar to where on the opposite side of the river the low land was lying under water, and he said:

"There gentlemen, is Biddle City."

Source: Statement of D. W. Buck, published in Lansing Journal, November 24, 1904, reprinted Past and Present, Cowles, pgs. 113-115. Note: Winter of 1836-37 right date. Problem Justus Gilkey did not purchase first land on section 5 in Lansing Township, Ingham county until March 3, 1840. Justus Gilkey listed as resident of Wayne County. Justus Gilkey purchased additional land on section 5 on September 7, 1841. Listed as resident of Ingham County. Clear he came to Ingham county in 1840. William brother of Justus was he here before Justus?

Feb 19, 1836 Justus Gilkey of Wayne County, New York purchased 40 acres on section 9 of Town 4 South, Range 3 West of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck. Note: Same Justus Gilkey?

Aug 2, 1837 A Justus Gilkey Purchased Land  
Township 4-S, Range 3-W of Jackson County:  
Section 4 SENW 80 Acres 7  
Section 9 NENW  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI1150\_\_\_.064; Monroe Land Office.

May 1, 1839 A Justus Gilkey Purchased Land  
Township 1-S, Range 11-W of Kalamazoo County:  
Section 31 NE 240 Acres &  
Section 31 E 1/2 SE  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0330\_\_\_.453; Bronson Land Office.

1839 Came Ingham County; purchased land "about a mile downstream from James Seymour's dam."  
Source: Let the Record Show a Legal History of Ingham County by Richard Frazier; MSU Press, 1997.  
Doubt: Purchased land in 1840 and 1841. See 1840 & 1841.

1839 or 40 Purchased land on section 5.

Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, by Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 195.  
Purchased land in section 5 in 1840 and 1841. See 1840 and 1841.

- Mar 3, 1840 Peter Frabick of Plymouth, Michigan to Justus Gilkey of Plymouth, Wayne county; land in Section 5. L5:P96.
- Sep 7, 1841 George W. Jewett of Washtenaw County, Michigan to Justus Gilkey of Ingham Co. Michigan; Land in Lansing Twp. Sec. 5 (L4:P621)  
  
Purchased SE quarter of NE quarter and SE quarter of NW quarter of section 5 for \$240.
- Apr 4, 1842 One of election inspectors of first Lansing Twp. Town meeting. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, by Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 195.  
  
Elected Justice of peace, one of assessors and overseer of highways. "He was elected justice of the peace, assessor, overseer of the poor, and overseer of highways for the township's second district." Source: Let the Record Show a Legal History of Ingham County by Richard Frazier; MSU Press, 1997. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, by Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 195.
- Jun 10, 1843 Justus Gilkey's earmark recorded - half penny under side of the right ear. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 197.
- 1843 Elected Lansing township clerk. Source: Let the Record Show a Legal History of Ingham County by Richard Frazier; MSU Press, 1997.
- 1843 Annual town meeting held at home of Justus Gilkey on section 5. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 197.
- 1844 Listed as resident taxpayer of township. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, by Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 195.
- 1844 In census listed as resident of Lansing Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- 1844 At special election elected justice of the peace; served as justice until left area in 1849. Source: Let the Record Show a Legal History of Ingham County by Richard Frazier; MSU Press, 1997; pg. 23.; Source: Durant.

- Aug 29, 1846 Justus Gilkey and wife Amy to Myron Gates, Plymouth. L6:P582.
- Mar 31, 1847 Thomas North of Ingham Cty. to Justus Gilkey of Ingham. Cty;  
Land in Lansing Twp. Section 5 (L7:P226)
- N part of NW quarter and W 1/2 of S part of NW quarter of Section 5 for \$30.00.
- Spring 1847 Came to Lansing with the commissions appointed to locate the capital in the spring of 1847. His recollection of the roads of those days is vivid. The party was three days in getting from Jackson to Lansing, a distance of some forty miles. At Mason, they an embryo village, they found both the dam and bridge over Sycamore Creek, or River, washed away, and were compelled to cross the swollen stream on the body of a tree which they felled for the purpose. The party, with the single exception of Smart, one of the commissioners, crossed the stream in safety, but the stubborn Scotchman refused to trust his valuable person on such a n unco' bridge, and they were obliged to construct a raft, upon which he finally consented to make the voyage. The team was driven through the torrent, and the proceeded on their way. But the road between Mason and Lansing was simply horrible; it had been bad enough between Mason and Jackson, but the last twelve miles was nearly impassable by reason of the overflow of the streams. The road was corduroyed more or less, and the logs were afloat in many places, while at all creek crossing the small culverts the whole was washed away.
- Upon their arrival at what was then the nucleus of the future city they all put up at the house of Joab Page, who was boarding-housekeeper, landlord, esquire, and boss mechanic all in one. There they boarded for several week while examining the present site of the city. Justus Gilkey, who lived on section 5, down the river, was the only man who had whisky for sale by the quantity within reasonable distance of the capital, and it was in constant demand. The commissioners tramped though the woods from North Lansing to where the residence of Hon. O. M. Barnes now stands, and during the whole exploration the Scotchman, Smart, made the woods echo with his crisp expletives as he floundered through the mire or fell headlong over the rotten logs which everywhere covered the spongy ground. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 127.
- Jun 2, 1847 Acknowledged the original plat of the town of Michigan. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, by Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 195.
- 1847 Recollection of John N. Bush in 1909. Down the river a mile or so "Squire" Gilkey held forth with the scales of justice, a terror to evil doers" Source: The State Republican, April 14, 1909.

- 1847 "Squire" Gulky was also a member of the community. They called him squire because he acted as a sort of justice of the peace. When he wasn't engaged in enforcing the law with all the majesty that he deemed fitted his dignity, he was busily engaged in peddling counterfeit money. I don't know whether there are many living now that remember the old counterfeiting band or not. I distinctly remember that the 'Squire' was one of members. They had an establishment of the flats of the river. It was before the capitol was located. They were manufacturing counterfeit silver dollars. I remember one of them was killed when there was an explosion of some chemicals one day. Later the government got after them and they skipped the country. I forgot whether any of them were ever captured or not. At any rate they were never seen in Lansing again to my knowledge. Some people are under the impression that the counterfeiters operated in the Bogus swamp, but this is an error and easily explained. You see when they heard rumors that the government was going to get them, they hid their machinery and the hiding place was the Bogus swamp. I saw the machinery in the swamp myself. It consisted of a cogwheel and a shaft. I hunted all through the swamp and that was how I came upon their outfit. But the real operations occurred on the flats of the river. The counterfeiter's shanties were here when I came. Source: John N. Bush in Lansing State Journal, August 15, 1913.
- Mar 13, 1848 Justus Gilkey and wife Any of Lansing to Isaac S. Kellman of Detroit; land in Lansing Twp. Section 5 (18:P19)
- Purchased following for \$75:  
N part of NW quarter  
West 1/2 of South part of NW quarter of Section 5.
- Jun 24, 1848 Myron Gates and wife Cynthia of Plymouth, Wayne Cty to Justus Gilkey of Lansing, Ingham Cty; land in Lansing Twp. Section 5 (18:P182)
- Purchased for \$115 the North fraction of SW quarter of SE quarter of the NW quarter and SW quarter of NE quarter of section 5.
- 1849 Sold land and went to Ohio; few months later California.  
Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, by Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 195.
- 1850 In census listed as resident of Lansing Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- Spring/Summer  
1848 In the spring and summer of 1848 the jobs to open the State road from Battle Creek to Lansing which I had helped to survey, were let to different parties. Among the successful bidders were four

men by the name of Gilkey, living near Lansing, who took four miles of the road near our home, making their headquarters at our house. I took a contract from them to build eight rods of the road one mile east of our farm for which I was to have \$2350.00 in State land script, good for 200 acres of land anywhere in the State. I was in my seventeenth year and strong and rugged for one of my age. I first cut the timber four rods wide and then cleared the center of the road one rod wide by pulling out the stumps. Twenty rods of the road had to be corduroyed with logs 12 feet long. I always took my dinner and gun with me, and twice during my noon hour killed a deer near my lunching place. pg. 18

While on this job I had another hunting experience, one which laced all the enjoyment of my other successes and which resulted in a loss that was also irreparable to our family. One Noon I had left the ox-team for their rest and carrying my musket had stepped into the brush when I saw three deer coming towards me and, as I though stopping within ten rods of me in the thick willow brush. I fired at the spot where I supposed they were, and the next moment my mother's best cow came rushing out towards me from the willows and fell mortally wounded within two rods of where I stood I started back to my work broken-hearted, asking myself, "What shall I do?" How shall I break the news to my mother?" I knew it would be a great loss to the family, as that cow furnished nearly all the milk and butter for a poor family of seven children. I bethought myself that the cow would at least be good for beef, and when I got there, she was still alive and struggling for breath. She looked up at me with her great soft eyes as much as to say, "You have made a great mistake in shooting me." It took all of the nerve I could muster to end her struggle. I couldn't work anymore that day and started for home to break the sad news to my mother and the family. As I neared the two log shanties that constituted our home, I saw my mother and the smaller children standing in the yard, and when mother saw me she called out, "Ed what is the matter?--What have you come home so early for?" I broke right down and cried and told her I had killed "old Brinn." As soon as she and my younger brothers and sisters realized that what I said was true, they joined me, and we all wept together. My oldest brother who was out at work was called in to hear the sad news and the only thing he said was, "I have always told you that Ed was too young to handle a gun."

We hitched the oxen to a wooden sled made out of small logs, and my older brother going with me, we loaded the cow onto it and drew her home. When we got there, I joined the family in another weeping time over our loss. We dressed and prepared the cow for market and started in the middle of the night with the ox-team for Charlotte, eight miles away, arriving there early next morning. As very little money was in circulation at that time, we were obliged to trade the beef for groceries, dry goods and other necessities for the family. The financial loss to my mother was

not great, but the loss of milk and butter to the family was felt painfully for the next two years. Since that time, I have never killed a deer without its reminding me of my mother's bridle cow. pg. 19-20.

After finishing my road job, I would \$100 worth of my script in Lansing for \$20 cash, and with the remainder located eight acres of land in Kent county, and forty acres in Shiawassee County near Corunna. pg. 20

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Source: The Autobiography of Theodore Edgar Potter.

1854

...but that evening I found four brothers, by the name of Gilkey, whom I had formerly known in Lansing, Michigan. One of the., Edwin Gilkey, kept one of the hotels in Sonora and showed me the sights during the evening. I accepted his hospitality and took my first lodgings at his hotel, which was the only temperance house in town. It was a temperance house because Gilkey's wife insisted that they should not sell liquor and because of her position he was finally compelled to close it for want for patronage, for temperance houses were never known to live to any great age in a new mining towns.

The next day I visited the father and mother of the Gilkey boys, who were living in Shaw's Flats a mining camp two miles from Sonora. It was Sunday and the Mexicans were to have a Spanish bullfight at three o'clock that afternoon, to which Riley Gilkey asked me to go...(describes bullfight). Source: The Autobiography of Theodore Edgar Potter; pg. 124-125.

Nearly all the neighboring mining camps were represented at Sonora that day and excitement ran high until Monday morning. I had supper at the Gilkey House that evening with the four Gilkey boys, their father, mother and sister, and they entertained me with the story of their experiences in these mining regions, while I told them some of mine in the gold fields of Northern California. They soon learned that my last venture had been unsuccessful and that I was anxious to get at work again, Ed, the hotel keeper, said that he had been estimating for one of the banks in the town on the delivery of five hundred thousand feet of lumber from their saw-mill ten miles up the mountain. At his invitation I went with him to the bank and looked into the proposition. The lumber would have to be brought down a ditch only eight feet wide and three feet deep and delivered on the banks at a point where teams could reach it. It seemed like a difficult job, but I was desperate and after forcing the bankers to come up in their offer as far as possible I took the job for Gilkey and myself promising to have the lumber delivered within a month. (banks folded sold lumber for \$800)



Gilkey received three hundred dollars, although he had done but little, while I got five hundred dollars for the month's hard day and night work.

The day following the winding up of our work for the lumber company I went with Gilkey up into the mountains on the Stanislaus River, about twenty miles from Sonora, to inspect a large ranch. There were five hundred acres of fine prairie land bordering on the river, very level and entirely cleared, but surrounded with mountains which were covered with a fine growth of pine, spruce and cedar. This ranch had been located two years before by a Missouri family who had built a good log house and barn and had occupied it one year....(Gilkey settled on farm)  
Source: The Autobiography of Theodore Edgar Potter; pg. 127-128

Jan 1856

I was still boarding with Gilkey.....The father and mother of this family, who once owned a fine farm on the banks of the Grand River in Michigan and were fairly prosperous there, died of old age soon after reaching California, and I have learned that afterwards the boys became rough characters, often getting into trouble, and that three of them died at different times with their boots on.  
Source: The Autobiography of Theodore Edgar Potter; pg. 135.

### **Melvin P. Gilkey**

1844

In census listed as resident of Lansing Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

1850

In census listed as resident of Lansing Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

Sep 6, 1847

Melvin P. Gilkey

Block 104

Lot 5 & 6

\$23

Sep 6, 1847

Melvin P. Gilkey

Block 122

Lot 3 & 4

\$35

### **William T. Gilkey**

Apr 29, 1848

Granted license as retailer of ardent spirits and tavern keepers, paid feet of \$6.25. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 198.

### **Israel Gillett**

Mechanic and Architect

Architect and builder of Hotel Downey had charge building as superintendent of Central high school, the library bloc, the City National Bank, the Central M. E. church and other churches and

- buildings in city and vicinity. Source: Michigan pioneer and Historical Society, Vol. XXXI pg. 52
- Israel Gillet "drew the plans for the old Lansing High School building, the Hotel Downey, and the old state capitol." pg. 31.
- Mar 4, 1827      Born at Crown Point, Essex County, NY  
Source: Durant pg. 166.
- Born at Crownpoint Center, Essex county, NY.  
Source: Michigan pioneer and Historical Society, Vol. XXXI pg. 52
- Farmer worked factory as machinist and later jeweler's trade.  
Source: Durant pg. 166.
- 1851      Married Sarah K. Seaman. Source: Durant pg. 166.
- Had two children: Charles R. and Jennie S. Source: Durant pg. 166.
- Nov 10, 1852      Moved to Lansing; opened jewelry store; operated for 16 years (1868-69) Source: Durant pg. 166.
- "Mr. Gillett's first work in the city was on the old State capitol."  
Source: Michigan pioneer and Historical Society, Vol. XXXI pg. 52
- Feb 24, 1854      Paid \$1.00 by state for repairing seal in Secretary of State office. pg. 4. Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.
- Sep 22, 1854      Paid \$42.75 for work on plank road.  
Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.
- Sep 22, 1854      Paid \$.75 by state for repairing seal in Land office. pg. 18.  
Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.
- 1859      I. Gillett Jr. listed as watchmaker and jeweler. (Block 110, lot 6)  
Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- Jan 23, 1861      Central Methodist Episcopal Church organized, Israel Gillett one of six on board of Trustees.  
Source: Reaching for the Peak 1889-1989, Central United Methodist Church, by J. Geoffrey Moore, Ph.D.; pg. 3.
- 1863      Sold clocks, watches, jewelry, and agent for sewing machines in middle town. Source: Adams.

- 1868-69 Sold jewelry business enter architectural work and real estate.  
Source: Durant pg. 166.
- 1868 Served on School board. Source: Durant pg. 166.
- Member Masonic Lodge No. 66, of Lansing - taken 32 degree.  
Source: Durant pg. 166.
- Mar 8, 1861 Israel Gillett, Jr. received degree of Most Excellent Master in  
Lansing Chapter, No. 9 of Capitular Masonry lodge.  
Source: Durant pg. 152.
- Member Central Methodist Episcopal Church  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston  
counties, 1891; pg. 400-1.
- 1863-64 Israel Gillett, Jr. clocks, watches, jewelry and agent sewing  
machines, middle town. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and  
Business Directory, for 1863-64, pg. 378.
- 1873 Israel Gillett architect corner Michigan and Washington Avenue.  
Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for  
1873, pg. 400.
- 1877 Israel Gillett architect, Michigan Avenue. Source: Michigan State  
Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1877, pg. 558.
- 1879 Israel Gillett architect, Michigan Avenue. Source: Michigan State  
Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1879, pg. 736.
- 1887-1888 Member Central Methodist Church building Committee to build  
new church at cost not to exceed \$30,000; committee chose E. E.  
Myers, architect and H. W. Coddington builder; Gillett also  
member of Board of Trustees during period.  
Source: Reaching for the Peak 1889-1989, Central United  
Methodist Church, by J. Geoffrey Moore, Ph.D.; pg. 3.
- 1895 Wife died. Source: Michigan pioneer and Historical Society, Vol.  
XXXI pg. 52
- Jul 9, 1900 Died. Source: Michigan pioneer and Historical Society, Vol.  
XXXI pg. 52

### **Nathaniel Glassbrook**

Block 43 Lot 1 & 4

- Mar 1847 Charles W. Butler moved to Lansing from Jackson, Michigan and  
entered business with Mr. Glassbrook. "who was then living or  
working here. He stopped while here with Joab Page, Esq., who  
had the only house where travelers could be accommodated at

that time.” Later a major builder with William Woodhouse they owned land on which artesian well situated. 18-pg. 129.

Oct 3, 1848                      Org. Second Baptist church. Listed as trustee.  
Source: Adams pg. 190.

### **J. B. Godley & Co.**

“The first constable was John Godley.” Source: Adams pg. 21; 167.

Feb 26, 1848                      Paid \$8.00 by Board of State Auditors fore “services rendered, and expenses incurred in the removal of the state office, and for furniture and repairs for the Capitol. Source; Annual Report of the Board of State Auditors for fiscal year commencing December 1, 1847, Dated December 28, 1848.

### **John C. Godley & Israel E. Godley**

1847                                  John C. Godley was proprietor of the first livery stable and was elected and served several times as constable and deputy sheriff. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.

Oct 6, 1847                      John C. Godley                      Block 129                      Lot 3                      \$121

Feb 16, 1849                      John C. Godley and Israel E. Godley of Lansing to Edward Richmond of Waterford, Oakland; land in Lansing. (18:P603)

1859                                  J. C. Godley listed as owning land in section 29 of Williamstown Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

### **Dr. John Goucher**

Block 128                      Lot 1, 2 & 3

“...those who remember him agree that he was a good citizen and a physician of much prominence for the times.” Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.

“He was a man who took a great interest in church and educational work and secured the legislative hall for church services during its first session in 1848. There was considerable division of sentiment as to what denomination should be represented in the pulpit. It was finally agreed that it should be left to a vote and the denomination having the largest number of votes should elect. I remember that the Presbyterians won by a very narrow margin and Rev. W. W. Atterberg was secured as preacher. He was then a very young man, just out of college, but

he remained here several years and later became one of the prominent divines of the country. Mr. Father was also president of the school board for many years." Source: Rev. J. F. Goucher; Sons of Dr. John Goucher Visiting in the City; Was Among the First: The Lansing Daily Journal August 8, 1903.

He belonged to the eclectic school and built up a considerable practice in this vicinity. He was also well versed in surgery and was a man who possessed a good opinion of himself and great confidence in the school of medicine to which he adhered. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 115-6.

Had wife and 4 children. (Elijah?) Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 115-6.

Elijah - educated as physician. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 115-6.

Rev. John F. Goucher - president of the Woman's College at Baltimore Source: Sons of Dr. John Goucher Visiting in the City; Was Among the First: The Lansing Daily Journal August 8, 1903.

David R. Goucher, president of the Carthage National Bank at Carthage, Mo. Source: Sons of Dr. John Goucher Visiting in the City; Was Among the First: The Lansing Daily Journal August 8, 1903.

Appx. Sep 1, 1847 Came Lansing from Ohio. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 45. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.

Purchased lots and erected dwelling and office. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.

Sep 15, 1847 John Goucher Block 128 Lot 1 \$315

Sep 1847 Dr. William L. Wells, Dr. John Goucher came September. 29 pg. 4-O.  
Dr. William L. Wells came from Howell, stayed only short time and returned to Livingston County. 18 pg. 115.  
Durant noted Goucher came September 1, 1847 (18 pg. 115).  
"He (Goucher) purchased the lots where the Lansing House now stands (1880) and erected a dwelling and office. The dwelling is still standing (1880) on Capitol Avenue." 18 pg. 115.

Dr. Goucher lived in a story and a half house where the Downey now stands. The land was very low, and the house stood way down below the street level in a hole. The boys used the land around the house for a skating pond in the winter. Source: Adams, pgs. 565-6.

	Our father was Dr. John Goucher and he came to Lansing in 1847 and enjoyed a very large practice. He owned the ground where the Hotel Downey now stands and much property adjoining. He built and occupies the first tow story residence constructed in the city, at the corner of Washington avenue and Allegan street, and had his office there. Source: Rev. J. F. Goucher; Sons of Dr. John Goucher Visiting in the City; Was Among the First: The Lansing Daily Journal August 8, 1903.
?	He belonged to the Eclectic school and built up a considerable practice in this vicinity. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 45.
Sep 1, 1847	"Among the many pupils who attended Mrs. Burr's school, were find in the families mentioned, Mr. Dearin's two boys, henry and Matthew, Isaac, Charlie and Elbert Bush, brothers of Mrs. Hinmann, John being a messenger boy in the legislature; Amelia Hunt, James Thomas, Two Clapsaddle boys. The younger one fell into the river and was rescued by his older brother; one Quackenbush boy, Lucy Long, David and Nancy Goucher, Anna Jeffries, Mary Berry, later known as Mrs. H. D. Pugh, whose father at the time was proprietor of the original Lansing House; Hattie Edgar, whose father built the first structure of the Commercial House, and Delia Ward, afterwards Mrs. F. M. Cowles." 276 pg. 178.
Sep 1, 1847	Dr. John Goucher came to Lansing from Ohio. Purchased lots where 1880 Lansing House stands. In 1847 build house and office on site. Sold in 1865 to La Fayette Baker for \$5,000 and soon moved to Penn. House on site moved to Capitol Ave. 18 pg. 116
Apr 3, 1848	Town meeting convened at Capitol but adjourned to the "new log house of Dr. Goucher, a little north of the capitol" Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 198.
	"Dr. Goucher lived in a story and a half house where the Downey now stands. The land was very low, and the house stood way down below the street level in a hole. The boys used the land around the house for a skating pond in the winter. " A565-6.
1852	Left Lansing. Source: Rev. J. F. Goucher; Sons of Dr. John Goucher Visiting in the City; Was Among the First: The Lansing Daily Journal August 8, 1903.
Appx. 1865	Sold property to Lafayette C. Baker for \$5000 and moved Monongahela City, Pennsylvania and to Pittsburgh, and Ohio. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 45. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 115-6.
Jan 26, 1892	Died at age of 81 and home of son, David R. Goucher, at Carthage, Missouri. Source: Rev. J. F. Goucher; Sons of Dr. John

Goucher Visiting in the City; Was Among the First: The Lansing Daily Journal August 8, 1903.

### Bartholomew Graham

Oct 12, 1847	Bartholomew Graham Block 150	Lot 7	\$135
Oct 26, 1847	Bartholomew Graham Block 150	Lot 8	\$106

### Hiram W. Green

Nov 6, 1847	George A. Kilborn & Hiram W. Green Block 152	Lot 13	\$126
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### Shubael Rowland Greene

Block 130      Lot 4

Summer 1847      Shubael Rowland Greene moved state in 1833 settled in Clinton, Lenawee county worked at trade of carpentering and building; in summer 1847 came to Lansing; bought land on Grand street and built a home; moved family in February 1848; lived in home until death in 1895. Source: Pioneer XXVII pg. 87-88.

Bought ground where built home and adjoining lot; Married Polly S. Skinner in 1836; children Mrs. C. P. Everett, Miss Jilia B., Daniel S. who died when about six years old. Lt. W. M. Green died Horseshoe Bend, Kentucky during civil war; "During the early part of his residence here he was active as a builder and cabinet maker. He had a shop at one time on the site of the building now (1895) occupies by the Y.M.C.A., west Michigan Avenue. He afterwards had a store south of the New Grand Hotel, where he made and sold furniture. During the last 15 years of his life he was not in active business." Source: History of the Beginning and Growth of the First Presbyterian church, Lansing, Michigan 1847-1922: pg. 54-55.

Feb 5, 1810      Born New Lebanon, Conn.  
 Father Nathan Greene, farmer, Grandfather Cpt. John Greene - fought in French and Indian War in Canada  
 Mother Julia Strong. Source: Memorial Report-Ingham County, Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, Vol. XXVII, pg. 87

1814      Family moved to Northfield, Vt. Source: Memorial Report-Ingham County, Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, Vol. XXVII, pg. 87

1833      Shubael Greene came Michigan, settled in Clinton, Lenawee county. Source: Memorial Report-Ingham County, Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, Vol. XXVII, pg. 87

1836      Married Polly S. Skinner.  
 Children - 2 daughters & 2 sons

Mrs. C. P. Everett  
 Miss Julia D. Greene  
 Daniel S. Green (killed Civil War at Horseshoe Bend in Kentucky.  
 Source: Memorial Report-Ingham County, Michigan Pioneer and  
 Historical Society, Vol. XXVII, pg. 87

- 1847 "he worked there at the trade of carpentering and building, and in the summer of 1847, he came to Lansing."  
 Source: Memorial Report-Ingham County, Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, Vol. XXVII, pg. 87
- Nov 10, 1847 Shubael R. Green      Block 130      Lot 4      \$135
- 1847? "He bought the ground where he lived at the time of his death, and also the adjoining lot. He built on it a little house which answered the purpose of both a home and a workshop. This building still stands (1896) on Kalamazoo street in the rear of Bertch's market."  
 Source: Memorial Report-Ingham County, Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, Vol. XXVII, pg. 87-88.
- "During the early part of his residence here he was active as a builder and cabinet-maker. He had a shop at one time on the site of the building now occupies by the Republican office. he afterwards had a store south of the new Grand hotel, where he made and sold furniture, and later served several years as justice of the peace." Source: Memorial Report-Ingham County, Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, Vol. XXVII, pg. 88
- Feb 1848 Family followed him to Lansing. Members First Presbyterian church. Called Deacon Greene  
 Source: Memorial Report-Ingham County, Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, Vol. XXVII, pg. 88
- 1852 Greene and Cpt. John R. Price built old Presbyterian church.  
 Source: Memorial Report-Ingham County, Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, Vol. XXVII, pg. 88
- Jul 3, 1855 S. R. Greene  
 Dealer in all kinds of Household Furniture and Plain and Fancy Chairs. At the Lansing Furniture Rooms on Washington Avenue Lansing. Source: Ad in The Lansing Republican of Jul 3, 1855.
- 1859 Listed as builder. (Block 130 Lot 4). Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- 1863 Builder, architect and furniture dealer, Middletown. A 434.
- 1865 Sent petition to legislature, with others, urging Agriculture remain at E. Lansing; responding to report of the President (W. G. Beckwith) of the Michigan State Agricultural Society and Secretary



of society (R. F. Johnstone) alleged failure of crops, unsuitableness of farm for fruits, location, etc. in 1863.  
Source: House Document No. 45 of 1865.

- 1870-71 Justice of Peace. Source: Durant.
- 1871-72 Lansing city Auditor. Source: Durant.
- 1873 Shubael R. Greene, justice of the peace, Washington Avenue.  
Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1873, pg. 400.
- 1880-1895 "During the last fifteen years of his life he was not in active business, the condition of his health not permitting it."  
Source: Memorial Report-Ingham County, Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, Vol. XXVII, pg. 88
- 1890 Wife died. Source: Memorial Report-Ingham County, Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, Vol. XXVII, pg. 88
- Sep 24, 1895 Died at home Grand Street "located on the lot which, nearly fifty years ago, he bought and cleared of stumps and bushes."  
Source: Memorial Report-Ingham County, Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, Vol. XXVII, pg. 87

### John Gunn

Block 230 Lot 1  
A farmer in Delhi. D 243

### Elihu Gunnison

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|--------------|----------------|-----------|--------|-------|
| Aug 8, 1848  | Elihu Gunnison | Block 138 | Lot 2  | \$105 |
| Oct 16, 1848 | Elihu Gunnison | Block 138 | Lot 11 | \$90  |
- Jun 11, 1858 Ora Adelbert Gunnison son of E. F. and Ruth Gunnison died at age of 14.

### Charles S. Harrington

- Jun 28, 1848 Charles S. Harrington B 184 Lot 1 \$5
- Jun 6, 1831 Charles Harrington and Stephen Rowen, both of Genesee County, New York, purchased 492.88 acres of land on section 6 of Town 3 South, Range 1 West of Jackson County.  
Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.
- Jul 31, 1835 Charles Harrington of Jackson County, Michigan purchased 40 acres on section 8 of Town 3 South, Range 1 West of Jackson County.

Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.

**George W. Harrington**

Jul 31, 1848                      George W. Harrington B 123 Lot 3                      \$21

**Spencer Harrington**

Aug 6, 1833                      Spencer Harrington of Chautauqua County, New York purchased 80 acres of section 22 and 160 acres of section 23 of Town 2 South, Range 2 West of Jackson County.  
Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.  
Note: Same Spencer Harrington?  
Same source notes that a Spencer Harrington was residing in Calhoun County, Michigan at time purchased land in Jackson County. Same Spencer Harrington?

Jan 23, 1845                      In Auditor General's report to Senate on Benjamin Porter prison claims noted Porter paid S. Harrington paid \$22.88 for work on State Penitentiary. Source: Auditor General Report to Senate; dated Jan 23, 1845; Senate Document No. 3, 1845 Legislature.

Jun 21, 1848                      Spencer Harrington B 247      Lot 7 & 8                      \$193

Jun 22, 1848                      Spencer Harrington Block 246                      Lot 7 & 8                      \$119

Feb 24, 1854                      Paid \$21.60 by state for clearing lot 4 of block 247.  
Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.

**Alvin Nelson Hart**

Feb 11, 1807                      Democrat  
Born Cornwall, Conn  
Source: LSJ 75th Anniversary Edition 1930.  
Feb 11, 1804                      Born Source: Early History of Michigan with Biographies, 1888.

?                                      Graduated Amherst College.  
Source: Early History of Michigan with Biographies, 1888.

1831                                      Came Michigan, Lapeer  
Source: Early History of Michigan with Biographies, 1888.

?                                      Justice and Sheriff of Lapeer county.  
Source: Early History of Michigan with Biographies, 1888.

Jun 8, 1833                      Purchased Land  
Township 7-N, Range 10-E of Lapeer County:  
Section 20                      E 1/2 SE                      80 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0130\_\_\_.311; Detroit Land Office.

Aug 1, 1833      Purchased Land  
Township 7-N, Range 10-E of Lapeer County;  
Section 20                      E 1/2 NE                      80 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0140\_\_087; Detroit Land Office.

Township 8-N, Range 10-E of Lapeer County;  
Section 33                      W 1/2 SW                      80 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0140\_\_088; Detroit Land Office.

Oct 9, 1835      Purchased Land  
Township 7-N, Range 10-E of Lapeer County:  
Section 4                      NE                      167.33  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0170\_\_267; Detroit Land Office.

1835              Member Constitutional Convention  
Source: Early History of Michigan with Biographies, 1888.

1835-6           State Representative  
Source: Early History of Michigan with Biographies, 1888.

Oct 9, 1835      Purchased Land  
Township 7-N, Range 10-E of Lapeer County:  
Section 4                      NE                      167.33  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0170\_\_267; Detroit Land Office.

May 1, 1837      Purchased Land  
Township 8-N, Range 9-E of Lapeer County:  
Section 11                      W 1/2 SE                      80 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0650\_\_403; Detroit Land Office.

Township 8-N, Range 9-E of Lapeer County:  
Section 13                      E 1/2 NW                      120 Acres &  
Section 13                      SWSW  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0650\_\_404; Detroit Land Office.

Township 8-N, Range 10-E of Lapeer County:  
Section 30                      W 1/2 SE                      80 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0660\_\_199; Detroit Land Office.

Sep 5, 1838      Purchased Land  
Township 7-N, Range 10-E of Lapeer County:  
Section 1                      S 1/2 NW                      80 Acres

Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI1680\_\_\_.253; Genesee Land Office.

- 1842 Governor Barry nominated to be notary public for county of Lapeer; Senate concurred.  
Source: Executive Journal, Senate Journal 1840; pgs. 687 & 689.
- 1844-5 State Senator  
Source: Early History of Michigan with Biographies, 1888.
- 1846-50 Chief Judge of Lapeer county court.  
Source: Early History of Michigan with Biographies, 1888.
- 1848-9 State Senator  
Source: Early History of Michigan with Biographies, 1888.
- 1848 Came Lansing  
Built grist mill at 220 East Maple Street  
Source: LSJ 75th Anniversary Edition 1930.
- Feb 21, 1848 James Videto and wife Lucinda of Spring Arbor to Alvin N. Hart of Town and Co. of Lapeer, for \$1,000.00 part of Block 12 bounded:  
Begin at a stake standing North 14\* West 1 chain and 70 links distant from the NE corner of said James Seymour saw mill and S 28\* east 5 chains 50 links distant from the SE corner of the .... furnace and running  
Thence West 1432 feet to Grand River  
Thence East to a post South 30\* east from the stake a line mentioned  
Thence North 30\* west to place of beginning.  
another piece of land on South of and adjoining the above lot and another piece of land east of and adjoining the first above described land; land in town of Michigan. (18:P50)
- Feb 22, 1848 James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee Cty. to Hiram H. Smith of Town of Michigan and Alvin V. Hart of Town and Cty. of Lapeer; land in town of Michigan. (18:P15)
- Purchased for \$1,000  
Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 & 9 of Block 5  
Lot 10 Block 1  
Lots 12, 13, 14 & 15 of Block 16  
Lot 10 in block 25  
Lot 1 of Block 40  
Lots 4, 5 & 6 of Block 24.  
Lots 1 & 2 of Block 31.  
Lot 6 of Block 41.  
Lot 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 & 14 of Block 7  
Lot 11, 12? & 13 of Block 1
- Pt Block 27 bounded

A point on South line of Lot 14 in Block 27, distant 25 rods West of the SE corner thereof and running  
 Thence West 12 rods  
 Thence South 20 rods to the N line of Saginaw Street.  
 Thence East 12 rods  
 Thence North 20 rods to place of beginning

3/5 undivided to Smith  
 2/5 undivided to Hart

Mar 11, 1848

Hiram H. Smith and wife Mary Jane of Lansing, Ingham Cty. to Alvin H. Hart of Lapeer Cty; land in village of Michigan. (18:P589)

Purchased for \$8,000 the undivided 2/5 parts of the following lots

Block 1	Lot 4
Block 5	Lot 5, 6, 7 & 18
Block 7	Lot 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6
Block 8	Lot 5
Block 10	Lot 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 25
Block 18	Lot 12, 14, & 16.
Block 19	Lot 2 & 3
Block 20	Part of Lot 6 bounded as follows, beginning SW corner of lot number 4 and running Thence on S line of lot 4 Thence 1 chain and 93 links Thence South 1 chain and 50 links to the NE corner of Ambrose Crain lot Thence West on a ___line 1 chain and 93 links to the East line of lot number 5. Thence north on the east line of lot number 5 one chain and 50 links to the place of beginning.

Also, another piece of Lot 6 bounded  
 Beginning on south line of said lot number six 1 chain and 93 links distant and East from the SW corner thereof and running  
 Thence East to the SE corner of said lot 6  
 Thence north to a stake 1 chain and 50 links south of the NE corner thereof  
 Thence west parallel with the South line to the NE corner of Ambrose Crain lot  
 Thence South to the place of beginning

Block 25      Lot 8 & 9

One Block and 2/3 of one other block of lots as laid out by James Seymour on the East part of Block 26 and on the NE part of Block 27

First block 'A' begins at point 5 rods W of the NW corner of  
B 28 and running  
thence S 16 rods  
thence W 20 rods  
thence N 16 rods  
thence E. 20 rods to beginning.

Block 'B' begin at point 5 rods W of NW corner of B 37  
Thence S 24 rods  
Thence W 20 rods  
Thence N 24 rods  
Thence E 20 rods to begin.

Block 27	Lot 11, 12, 13 & 14
Block 29	Lot 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12.
Block 33	Lot 6 & 7.
Block 36	Entire block
Block 41	Lot 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 & 10
Block 43	Lot 5, 6, 7 & 8.
Blocks 48 & 50.	
Block 54	Lot 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 10.
Block 55	Lot 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.
Block 57	Lot 1, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10.

Also, and undivided 1/2 part of Lot 8 in Block 6 and Lot 7 in Block  
6 except a part thereof which was heretofore contracted by James  
Seymour to William Rogers.

Pt 7 on Block 6 all except pt. contracted to William W.  
Rogers bounded from point on S line of lot 7 distance 4  
rods from SE corner  
Thence N 80 feet  
Thence W 40 feet  
Thence S 80 feet  
Thence E 40 feet.

1848

The earliest grist-mill erected in Lansing was one built by A. N.  
Hart, E. B. Danforth, and H. H. Smith, on the ground now  
occupied by the Hart's Mills, in 1848. It was a primitive affair,  
containing three or four runs of stone, probably made from  
boulders. Judge Danforth brought out the other partners and  
operated it for several years in his own name. Subsequently it  
became the property of B. E. Hart, and son of A. N. Hart. It was  
burned in the fire of 1866, and rebuilt on an extensive scale, soon  
after, by B. E. Hart, who put in ten runs of stone and added a  
plaster-mill. an extensive business was done until the great fire of  
1877 again totally destroyed it. It was a second time rebuilt, in  
1878k by Arthur N. Hart, another son of A. N. Hart, on a smaller  
scale, but in a very substantial and complete manner.  
Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg.  
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- 1848 Hon. Alvin N. Hart, of Lapeer, one special commissioner appointed to provide for construction and improvement of Northern Wagon-Road - Hart appointed for that part of the work lying east of Shiawassee county. Source: History of Genesee County Michigan, Everts & Abbott, 1879; pg. 43.
- Feb 21, 1849 H. H. Smith and wife Mary Jane, and Daniel L. Case to Alvin N. Hart of Lapeer county; land in Lansing. (18:P592 & 594)
- Feb 21, 1849 Alvin N. Hart and wife Charlotte F. of Lapeer Co to Daniel L. Case and Hiram H. Smith of Ingham co.; land in Lansing. (18:P608)
- Mar 20, 1850 Lansing and Howell Plank-Road Company chartered; one of prominent stockholders in was A. N. Hart, of Lapeer. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan; Durant, 1880; pg. 95.
- 1850 State Senator  
Source: Early History of Michigan with Biographies, 1888.
- Feb 10, 1852 Purchased Land  
Township 7-N, Range 11-E of Lapeer County:  
Section 4                      NENE                      51.86 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI1720\_\_\_.174; Genesee Land Office.
- 1853 Report of the special committee to whom was referred the petition of William H. Clark, and one hundred and thirty other citizens of Lapeer county, asking an investigation of the acts and doing of A. N. Hart, the special commissioner, appointed under act 285, of the session laws of 1848, relating to the expenditure of the twenty thousand acres of land appropriated by said act.
- That an act to provide for the construction and improvement of the northern wagon road from Port Huron, in the county of St., Clair, through the counties of Lapeer and Genesee, to Corunna in the county of Shiawassee, approved April 3, 1848, appropriated twenty thousand acres of land , valued at \$25,000, upon and for the improvement of the said northern wagon road; and Alvin N. Hart, of Lapeer, was appointed a special commissioner under said act to expend said appropriation.
- The road upon which this liberal appropriation was made, absolutely required the fostering care of the State. It was located along the line of the northern railroad, to aid which, and develop the counties along its route, the faith of the Sate was honestly pledged. The people of Lapeer most especially, which had been settled with the expectation of the building of the Northern Rail Road, were deprived for years of the means of ingress and egress, and they looked forward to this appropriation with confidence and hope that its judicious expenditures would open

for them a thoroughfare at all times passable, and an outlet for their trade and business. These hopes have been disappointed. The appropriation has been in a measure squandered, and a liberal donation, capable of doing so much good, and conferring so many important blessings upon the north was mostly used for private purposes, and personal advantages.

Your committee have felt the full force of the complaints of your petitioners, and have, in examining the facts in this case, and the law bearing upon the subject, learned with surprise, that so few legal restraints have been interposed to prevent the fraudulent speculation of commissioners and the corrupt misapplication of appropriations.

In this case, although the appropriation was \$25,000, a bond in the penal sum of only \$5,000 was exacted of the commissioner, and subject alone to this guard, the commissioner had full control of this generous gift, so certain of producing important benefits and advantages, if faithfully devoted to the object of the donation.

Joint Resolution No. 19, approved March 6, 1849, intended and designed to be a check and restraint upon the conduct and acts of all special commissioners, by requiring from them reports, was neither in its spirit or letter complied with in this case. By that Joint Resolutions, it was made the duty of all such special commissioners to make "a full and complete statement of his or their doings, as such commissioner or board, stating particularly the kind of labor contracted for, the name of each contractor, the number of rods, acres, or miles let to each, with the contract price per rod, acres, or mile, for each kind of work contracted for, the names of contractors who have complied with the condition of their contractors, the names of those contractors who's jobs have been completed, the cognition of the public works under contract and not completed, &c."

In pursuance of said resolution, as your committee suppose, a report was made to the Secretary of State, without date, and without stating the full particulars required by said resolution, and showing that said commissioner had, at that time, only contracted to expend \$6,094.50. This document is the only one found by your committee, relating to the manner of kind of expenditure upon said road.

Your committee find that nearly all of said appropriation has been expended; that it appears from the books in the office of the Auditor General, that \$24,984 of the appropriation has been drawn upon the order of said commissioner, leaving undrawn of said appropriation, but the sum of \$16, as will appear by the statement copies from the books in the auditor's office, hereto attached, and that there are no reports on file by which your committee can



determine, to their satisfaction, for what contracts, or jobs ,or for what purposes, the said appropriation was expended.

That after entering upon this investigation, your committee had a conference with Mr. Hart, said commissioner, in relation to said matter--that upon being required to make a statement of the matter, and lay the facts before your committee, he informed them that the necessary papers and documents to enable him to do so were not then in his possession, but that they would go home, and immediately forward such statement to your committee. More than two weeks has elapsed since said commissioner made such promises and assurance to your committee, and yet they have received no statement, explanation or report of any kind from him.

Your committee have caused an examination of the books and records in the office of the commissioner of the State Land Office to be made, and from such examination, it appears that the lands located by said Hart under said appropriation are now valuable lands, and were at no time worth less than ten shillings per acre. They were located in the counties of Lapeer, Sanilac, and Tuscola, and would enable the commissioner to realize the full amount of the appropriation.

From the facts as they appear to your committee, and the best information that they can obtain, your committee have been led to the belief that a part of said appropriation has been grossly mis-appropriate and misapplied; that not more than one half of said appropriation has been actually expended or applied in any manner to the construction and improvement of said road, and that the balance of such appropriation yet remains unexpended, or used for private purposes.

By a joint resolution relate to certain appropriation of internal improvements lands approved April 2, 1849, it was made the duty of said commissioner, under said resolution, to expend one thousand acres of said appropriation upon the road leading from Lapeer to the Oakland county line, provided the inhabitants along the line of said road should by voluntary contribution expend under the direction of said commissioner at least one thousand dollars for the same object. The labor was so expended by said inhabitants to the satisfaction of said commissioner, as appears by affidavits in the possession of your committee; yet not a dollar was expended by said commissioner on said road, although your committee have reason to believe that the appropriation therefor has been drawn by said commissioner.

This investigation clearly manifests to your committee, a gross negligence of duty on the part of said commissioner, that his failure under the circumstances to make a statement of the amount, and manner of expending the appropriation, and the universal complaint along the entire line of said road, all tend to

convince your committee that the appropriation has been misapplied, or wantonly squandered. Certain it is that it has been of no practical benefit.

The strict accountability, the honesty and integrity of those intrusion to make public expenditures, cannot be too strictly guarded, and any attempt to shirk form examination and investigation cannot be too fully exposed. Your committee, therefor, in view of the facts above elicited, recommend the passage of the accompanying joint resolution.

H. N. Lathrop, Chairman select Com.

(List of individuals to whom certificates drawn under appropriation Act No. 285 of 1848 followed.  
Included certificates drawn in favor of James Seymour on October 15, 1850 for \$239.00.)

Amount appropriated under act No. 285 of 1848, and amended under act No. 140, 1849      \$25,000.00

Amount expended on Northern Wagon road	\$24,359.00
Amount expended on Flint and Lansing road	\$625.00
	\$24,984.00
Leaving unexpended under the appropriation	\$16.00

Source: House Document No. 8, at the 1853 session.

Jan 15, 1856

Purchased land  
Township 8-N, Range 10-E of Lapeer County:  
Section 23      NENW      40 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI1760\_\_\_.335; Genesee Land Office.

Feb 1859

Following elected officers and directors of Amboy, Lansing and Traverse Bay Railroad company: Alfred L. Williams president, Alvin N. Hart vice president, George C. Munroe treasurer William H. Brockway, Marvin Hannahs, Henry smith, Walter W. Murphy, Henry A. Shaw, H. B. Shaw, George W. Peck, Geo. W. Bullock, John Gallanger and J. H. Lockwood directors; William P. Innis acting resident engineer agreed to construct road from Lansing to Owosso for \$650,000 payable one-half in stock and other half in bonds of company. Source: Memorial to Legislature; House Document No. 16 of 1865 (?).

1860

Came Lansing  
Source: Early History of Michigan with Biographies, 1888.

1860

A. N. Hart flouring mill proprietor on River (street).  
Source: George W. Hawes' Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1860, pg. 222.

- 1863-4 Alvin N. Hart & Company (Benjamin E. and Alvin N. Hart), hardware and drugs, lower town. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1863-64, pg. 378.
- 1863-1874 Alderman from first ward.  
Source: LSJ 75th Anniversary Edition 1930.
- 1863 Alderman  
1865 Alderman  
1868 Alderman  
1870 Alderman  
1871 Alderman  
1872 Alderman  
1874 Alderman (Died Aug 1874)  
Source: Durant
- 1865 Mr. Mead and Robson petitioned legislature alleging grave frauds on part of A. L. Williams, A. N. Hart and G. C. Munro in the management of the affairs of the Amboy, Lansing and Traverse Bay Railroad company; joint legislative committee established and heard charges of mead and Robson, adjourned did not hear response of Williams, Hart and Munro.  
Source: Memorial of A. L. Williams, A. N. Hart and Geo. C. Munroe, relative to the examination into the affairs of the Amboy, Lansing, and Traverse Bay Railroad; Sen. Doc. 40 of 1865.
- Dec 24, 1866 "A. N. Hart, Esq., of this city, is at present Receiver of the company (Amboy, Lansing & Traverse Bay Railroad) and he has promised to settled the tax accounts at the earliest possible moment."; paid specific tax for year 1862, none since.  
Source: Annual Report of the Auditor General of the State of Michigan for the year 1866, dated December 24, 1866.
- 1867-8 A. N. Hart & Son (Alvin N. and Arthur N.), hardware, boots, shoes and groceries, Franklin. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1867-8, pg. 275.
- 1870 Legislator - Representative from Ingham County "and was identified with the efforts to secure the appropriation for the new, or present state Capitol. Source: LSJ 75th Anniversary Edition 1930.
- ? "One of the projectors of the Amboy, Lansing and Traverse Bay railroad, and one of the backers of the Michigan Female college.  
Source: LSJ 75th Anniversary Edition 1930.
- 1871 Listed as President and one of managers of Homeopathic medical Institute. Source: First Annual Announcement of the Central Michigan Homeopathic Medical Institute, Organized April 4, 1871 at the City of Lansing, Session of 1871-72.

- Aug 21, 1871 A. N. Hart and D. L. Case were Ingham county delegates to State Board of Equalization which met in Senate Chamber at 7 p.m. At meeting Case noted: "I recollect, when we built our mill at Lower Town, in bringing our mill-stones here our road lay through Shiawassee county, and then they had large and finely improved farms. " Source: Proceedings of the State Board of Equalization of Michigan, August 1871; Joint Documents of the State of Michigan For the Year 1871, Vol. II; pgs. 4 and 51-52.
- Dec 26, 1871 A. N. Hart subdivided lots 9 and 10 of Block 25. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant.
- Dec 8, 1872 Northern Central Michigan Railroad company opened line from Jonesville to Lansing; opened from Jonesville to Albion on June 22; and to Eaton Rapids on Sept. 29. A.N. Hart Director of the company. Source: Report of the Northern Central Michigan Railroad Co; for the year ending December 31, 1872; First Annual Report of the Commissioner of Railroad for the year ending December 31, 1872; Joint Documents for 1873, Vol. 1.
- Aug 22, 1874 Died. Source: LSJ 75th Anniversary Edition 1930. Source: Early History of Michigan with Biographies, 1888.
- 1877 Hart Bros. (Benjamin E. and Arthur N), flouring mill, North Lansing. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1877, pg. 560.
- ? House at 1313 Center Street.

### **Alvin N. Hart**

#### **Patent Land Purchases**

- Jun 8, 1833 Purchased Land  
Township 7-N, Range 10-E of Lapeer County:  
Section 20 E 1/2 SE 80 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents MI0130\_\_311; Detroit Land Office.
- Aug 1, 1833 Purchased Land  
Township 7-N, Range 10-E of Lapeer County;  
Section 20 E 1/2 NE 80 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents MI0140\_\_087; Detroit Land Office.
- Township 8-N, Range 10-E of Lapeer County;  
Section 33 W 1/2 SW 80 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents MI0140\_\_088; Detroit Land Office.

Oct 9, 1835      Purchased Land  
Township 7-N, Range 10-E of Lapeer County:  
Section 4                      NE                      167.33  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0170\_\_267; Detroit Land Office.

May 1, 1837      Purchased Land  
Township 8-N, Range 9-E of Lapeer County:  
Section 11                      W 1/2 SE                      80 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0650\_\_403; Detroit Land Office.

                    Township 8-N, Range 9-E of Lapeer County:  
Section 13                      E 1/2 NW                      120 Acres &  
Section 13                      SWSW  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0650\_\_404; Detroit Land Office.

                    Township 8-N, Range 10-E of Lapeer County:  
Section 30                      W 1/2 SE                      80 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0660\_\_199; Detroit Land Office.

Sep 5, 1838      Purchased Land  
Township 7-N, Range 10-E of Lapeer County:  
Section 1                      S 1/2 NW                      80 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI1680\_\_253; Genesee Land Office.

Feb 10, 1852      Purchased Land  
Township 7-N, Range 11-E of Lapeer County:  
Section 4                      NENE                      51.86 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI1720\_\_174; Genesee Land Office.

Jan 15, 1856      Purchased land  
Township 8-N, Range 10-E of Lapeer County:  
Section 23                      NENW                      40 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI1760\_\_335; Genesee Land Office.

### **George Haskell**

Block 176      Lot 2

May 4, 1848      John Thomas and wife Ann (by Atty. Charles P. Bush) Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura R. (by same Atty) and George W. Peck and wife Minerva (by same Atty.) all of Michigan to George Haskell of Ohio; land in town of Michigan (18:P145)

Purchased for \$40 Lot 2 of Block 176.

### C. Havens (Chancelor?) (Champlin?)

	Block 113	Lot 2		
	Block 131	Lot 5		
?	Purchased land in section 33 of Delhi Township. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 232.			
May 12, 1847	Champlin Havens of Wyoming County, NY, purchased 40 acres in section 35 of Lansing township. (Land patient)			
May 12, 1847	Purchased 80 acres in section 19 of Delhi Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.			
May 12, 1847	Purchased 40 acres in section 35 of Lansing Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.			
May 18, 1847	Benjamin F. Grovenburgh and wife Harriet of Delhi Township, Ingham County to Champlain Havens of Wyoming County, N.Y.; land in Delhi Township section 19. (L7:P274)			
Aug 2, 1847	Robert McClelland and wife Elizabeth of Monroe county, Michigan to Champlin Havens of Wethersfield, Wyoming county, N.Y., land in Delhi Township, Section 30. (L7:P614)			
Oct 6, 1847	Champlin Havens	Block 131	Lot 5	\$67
Oct 20, 1847	Champlin Havens	Block 113	Lot 2	\$81
Nov 1, 1847	Jerome Grovenburgh and wife Louisa S. of Ingham County to Champlin Havens of same, land in Delhi township, Section 19. (18:P552)			
1848	Purchased land in Section 17 of Windsor Township, Eaton county. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, by Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 537.			
Feb 24, 1848	Purchased 40 acres in section 29 of Delhi Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.			
Jun 29, 1848	Purchased 40 acres in section 20 of Delhi Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.			
Nov 7, 1848	Purchased 40 acres in section 29 of Delhi Township; same individual?			

Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

- 1849 One of two Justices of Delhi Township. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 236.
- Aug 16, 1850 Purchased 80 acres in section 14 of Williamston Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- 1857 Lansing township Justice. Source: Durant.
- 1859 Listed as Justice of Peace. (Block 114, Lot 7)  
Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- 1871 Chancelor Havens listed as manager of Homeopathic medical Institute. Source: First Annual Announcement of the Central Michigan Homeopathic Medical Institute, Organized April 4, 1871 at the City of Lansing, Session of 1871-72.

#### **John Heninger**

Jun 12, 1848	John Heninger	Block 126	Lot 5	\$120
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#### **Henry Herr**

Nov 2, 1847	Henry Herr	Block 135	Lot 7	\$157
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#### **Levi Herr**

Nov 2, 1847	Levi Herr	Block 150	Lot 12	\$148
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#### **Saloma (Solomon) D. Newbro**

**Block 20      Lot Pt. 5**

Jun 23, 1847 Purchased lot 24 feet wide and 80 feet deep for \$30 "and bound himself to build within a year from October 1, 1847."  
Source: Old Records Tell Story of Early Day Life Here; State Journal 1947

Aug 1847 Dr. Hosea S. Burr and Dr. Solomon D. Newbro first doctors to arrive in Lansing. Newbro "relied largely on the use of herbs and roots in his practice." 29 - pg. 4 - O. Dr. Hosea S. Burr arrived city and built a house River Street near Main Street. Died "Spinal Fever" or "Brain Fever". Wife started school in house. 6 - pg. 54. 20 - pg. 170.

Oct 2, 1855 "On October 2 item told of two men convicted in Case's court of "selling intoxicants to habitual drunkards" --S. D. and Eugene Newbro. Both men were fined two dollars and assessed costs." Source: Let the Record Show A Legal History of Ingham county by Richard Frazier; MSU Press, 1997; pg. 52.

Sep 27, 1869 Grant Colfax infant son of Dr. S. D. and Mrs. O. D. Newbro died.

### **Greg Hilliard**

Feb 4, 1848 Greg Hilliard Block 150 Lot 10 \$104

1859 Listed as owning land in section 30 of Ingham Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

### **William Hinman**

Block 177 Lot 15

Note were two William Hinmans father (William) and son (William C.)

Son - conductor, married Mary Downs, was city clerk.

Jun 1819 Born Genesee county

Native Mt. Morris, Livingston County, N. Y.

Youngest of nine children.

Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 362.

Educated in common schools of Mt. Morris. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891.

May 1838 Came Michigan and settled in Ypsilanti, where clerked for Mr. Thompson. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 362.

Fall 1838 Moved Ore Creek (Brighton); employed as clerk in store/post office  
"a combination of store and post office was about all there was to the town at that time; he was employed there as clerk. The post office was the distributing point for many miles north and south and west. Six or eight men were employed as mail carriers, the mode of transportation being on horseback and a whole week was consumed in carrying the routes. Mr. Hinman was installed as deputy postmaster, made out the returns and had general supervision of the office." Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, Jan. 1902.



- 1840 Moved to Ypsilanti employed by Michigan Central.  
"He was often employed as a detective and place on the cars to count the passengers. In those days the company had no check on the captains (as the conductors were called)
- Moved to Livingston county and took charge farm of General Van Fossen.
- Deputy sheriff of Livingston County for four years.  
"The blood curdling tales related by him of these four years of official responsibility would cause the hair to stand erect on the head of a Comanche Indian." Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, Jan. 1902.
- Jan 29, 18? Buys land in section 21 of Conway township, Livingston county (WP-NE) sells in 1865. Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.
- Jul 20, 1841 Buys land in section 4 of Conway township, Livingston county (Np-NW); residence listed as Conway township.  
Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.
- Jun 14, 1844 Buys land in section 13, Cohoctah, township, Livingston county (Seq); sells land same year. Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.
- 1843 Sells land purchased on Jul 20, 1841 in Conway township; residence listed as Conway township.  
Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.
- Jul 24, 1844 Ad in Livingston Courier for Riddle & Hinman store.  
Source: Livingston Courier; July 24, 1844.
- Mar 29, 1845 At Howell Township Democratic caucus, William Hinman and Daniel Case nominated for Constable.  
Source: Livingston Courier; April 2, 1845.
- Elected. Source: Livingston courier; April 9, 1845.
- Jul 9, 1845 Buys land in section 27 of Howell township (NE-NW); residence listed as Howell township.  
Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.
- May 21, 1846 Buys lots #38 & 39 in Thompson addition to village of Howell; listed as resident of Howell township.  
Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.

- Oct 8, 1846 Buys land in section 36 of Howell township (Ep-NW); residence listed as Howell.  
Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.
- 1847 Sells lots #38 & 39 in Thompson addition to village of Howell; listed as resident of Howell township.  
Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.
- Feb 20, 1847 Buys land near lot #64 in village of Howell; sells in 1848.  
Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.
- May 1847 Walked to Lansing "he entered the store of Bush & Thomas as clerk which at that time was headquarters of everything and everybody. The post office was kept in this store and his former experience as an employee of Uncle Sam in this department made his services valuable, so he had no difficulty in securing a position. The reports show that there was only one mail a week received and sent out, so the duties of the chief clerk in the post office at Lansing at that time were not arduous."  
Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, Jan. 1902.
- 1847 Came to Lansing and clerked for Bush & Thomas, merchants and real-estate men.  
  
" sold all lumber and material which went into Everett House (Benton House)...and also the old capitol, as the firm then carried the largest stock outside of Detroit." Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 362.  
  
Deputy postmaster. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891.  
  
"...made deputy, (postmaster) and transacted the business. According to Mr. Gibbs' recollection the boxes occupied a space about three or four feet square. The mails for Lansing previous to the establishment of a post-office had been carried back and forth by a post-rider between Lansing and Jackson. The first "mail-coach" arrived from Jackson in May 1847." D pg. 145.
- 1848 Sells land near lot #64 in village of Howell he purchased in 1847; residence listed as Ingham county.  
Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.

- Feb 29, 1848 Governor Ransom nominated, Senate consented, to William Hinman as notary public for the county of Ingham.  
Source: Executive Journal, Senate Journal 1848; pg. 709.
- Jun 9, 1848 Buys land in section 15 of Cohoctah, township, Livingston county (Seq) for taxes. Sells land in 1849.  
Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.
- Feb 21, 1849 Married in Benton House to Sarah E. Bush; daughter of Charles P. Bush.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 362.
- Had 5 children: William C., Jennie, Addie L., Sarah E. (died when very young) and Eliza B.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 363.
- May 1, 1849 He leased and became the proprietor of the Benton House.  
Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, Jan. 1902.
- May 18, 1849 Became manager of Benton House; manager for 10 years; purchased hotel; subsequently sold to Mr. Packard who changed name to Everett House.
- Hinman engaged in dry-goods business on Washington Avenue.
- Built brick block adjoining Hudson House known as Hinman or Union block. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 362.
- Apr 16, 1850 Buys land in section 31 of Oceola (Wp-SE) township, Livingston county, residence listed as Lansing; sells land same year.  
Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.
- Aug 24, 1850 Buys land in Section 1 of Handy township, Livingston county, (Wp-SE)
- Buys more of Section 1 of Handy township (Wp-SE).  
Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.
- Oct 23, 1851 Buys land in Section 2 of Genoa township, Livingston county (NW-SW & Sec. 10 Ep-SE), sells in 1857.  
Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.
- Feb 24, 1854 Paid \$800.00 by state for anoint due on plank road contract. pg. 4

Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.

- Sep 16, 1854 Buys land Section 12, (Ep-NW) Handy township, Livingston county; sells in 1862. Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.
- Sep 22, 1854 Paid \$899.00 by state for building plank road on section 16, Lansing. pg. 15.  
Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.
- May 25, 1855 Buys more land in Section 1 of Handy township, Livingston county, (NW-SW & SW-SW). Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.
- 1857 Sells land purchased on Oct 23, 1851 in Genoa Township.  
  
Sells some of his land in Howell township. Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.
- 1859 Sells land in section 23 (Wp-SE) of Brighton township, Livingston county.  
  
Sells land in section 15 (SW-SW) of Oceola township, Livingston county. Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.
- 1859 W. Hinman listed as owning land in section 19 and 20 of Delhi Township. Same individual?  
Occupation listed as misc. (Block 177, Lot 6)  
Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- 1859 Listed as owning land in section 27 and 28 of Bunker Hill Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- 1859 Listed as owning land in section 1 and 12 of Handy Township, Livingston County. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- 1859 Hinman and Chapman listed as owning land in sections 21 and 28 of Vevay Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

- 1859 Appx.      "...went into mercantile business and in company with Harley Ingersoll built the Union block..." Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, Jan. 1902.
- 1860              Sells some of his land in Howell township.  
Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.
- 1862              Sells land purchased on Sep 16, 1854 in Handy township.  
Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.
- 1862              Sells lots #66 & 67 in Cowdry Addition of village of Howell.  
Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.
- 1863              Hinman & Co. (William Hinman and Derastus Hinman) operated dry goods, groceries in middle town. Source: Adams pg. 434.  
  
Hinman & Co. (William Hinman and Derastus Hinman), had dry goods, groceries, etc. in Middle Town. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1863-4.
- 1865              Sells land in section 21 of Conway township, Livingston county (Wp-NE). Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.
- Oct 5, 1866      Buys land in section 6 of Howell township (NWq); residence listed as Lansing.  
Sells some of his land in Howell township. Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.
- 1867              Sells land in section 6 of Howell township, purchased Oct 5, 1866.  
Sells some of his land in Howell township. Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 368.
- 1867-8            Lansing Academy chartered in 1863, Trustees in 1867-8 were George W. Peck, William Hinman among others.  
Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1867-8, pg. 272.
- 1871              Sold dry goods business and engaged in farming and real estate; owns 30 acres in city limits and 120 acres in Leroy Township .  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 362.
- 1902              "He contributed several thousand dollars toward the building of the plank road and the different railroads entering the city, always liberal, always social, combining these with a shrewd business tact, finds him in his advanced years the possessor of a comfortable fortune. he is the owner of a fine farm near

Webberville, a valuable sand bank and a beet farm in this city, a comfortable home on Capitol avenue, and government bonds; well, that's all guess work, for he clips his coupons and goes to Detroit to draw his interest."

Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, Jan. 1902.

### **Abram Hoer**

Jun 27, 1848      Abram Hoer    Block 112      Lot 2      \$95

### **A. J. Hogle (Josiah Hogle?)**

Block 6      Lot 1, 2 & 3

Oct 14, 1816      Born in Hoosier, Rensselaer County, NY; second of eight children.

1824      Came up Eire canal and began work on farm in Madison county, N.Y.

1830      Apprenticed to comb-making trade at Morrisville, NY.

1832      Went Eaton, N.Y. engaged in farming for two years.

Jun 1836      Arrived in Detroit, walked to Saline; different times worked at York, Grand Rapids, and Portland.

Jul 2, 1840      Married Electa Sanborn at Wacousta; settled on 62-acre farm in Eagle Township, Clinton County; by 1847 had acquired 400 acres.

Had two children Loran P. (son)and Mildred - died at age 3

1847      Moved to Lansing.

1847      A.J. Hogle (died in 1876) and family came to city from Eagle Township in Clinton County; helped build second capitol. 117 pg. 818.

Capitol Construction worker - Helped raise

Returned to farm and remained until 1869.

1859      J .Hogle listed as owning land in section 18 of Howell Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

1868      Returned to Lansing.

Oct 8, 1885      Married Mrs. Sarah E. (Spear) Lewis of Grand Ledge. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891; pg. 817-818.

**George Holbrook**

Aug 24, 1847      George Holbrook      Block 129      Lot 4      \$116

1872      Trustee of Leslie

**Henry S. Hollister**

Jun 27, 1848      Henry S. Hollister      Block 101      Lot 10 \$450  
Lot 2 \$100

**Zalmon Holmes**

Block 228      Lot 3

Aug 12, 1841      Daniel Buck and wife Betsy of Lansing, Tompkins Co. NY to Zalmon L. Holmes of Ingham Co.; land in Section 32 of Lansing Twp. (L4:P356)

1844      In census listed as resident of Delhi Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

May 1, 1847?      In the spring of 1847, on the day that the stakes for the capitol were driven, John P. Powell, with his wife and daughter, Eliza, came into the woods at North Lansing, and stayed that night at the home of Zalmon Holmes..., a slab shanty of one room with one bed. A few others, thirty in all, slept there that night, one of whom was Isaac Townsend, who had located large tracts of land here and for whom Townsend street is named. Mr. Powell, wife and daughter, were given the bed and the others slept on the floor. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 78-79.

Sep 15, 1847      William R. Townsend and wife Sarah and Samuel P. Mead and George W. Peck of Michigan to Zalmon Holmes; Land in Michigan. (L7:P417)

Oct 21, 1847      Zalmon Holmes and wife Emily of Michigan, City, Ingham Cty. to William Johnson of same land in village of Michigan. (18:P544)

Purchased for \$275 Lot 3 on Block 23

Oct 21, 1847      Zalmon Holmes and Wife Emily of Michigan city, Ingham County Michigan to William Johnson of same; Land in Village of Michigan (18:P546)

Oct 21, 1847      Zalmon Holmes and wife Emily of Michigan, City, Ingham Cty. to William Johnson of same land in village of Michigan. (L9:P89)

Purchased for \$275 Lot 3 in Block 228.

Mar 13, 1849      Zalmon L. Holmes and wife Emily D. of Lansing to Charles T. Allen of Lansing; land in section 4 of Delhi twp. (L9:P62)

1850      In census listed as resident of Delhi Township, and born in New York.  
Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

Jan 21, 1852      Citation of next of kin by Edwin Holmes, Frances, Charles, and John Holmes, minor children of Z. L. Holmes. Heirs: Wilkinson, Henry, Cyria, Elmore, John, Roswell, and Emily G. Everetts. Elizabeth North (late E. Everetts).  
Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 193-5.

Sep 16, 1852      Zalmon files petition of administration for Emily Holmes who died May 1, 1852. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 192.

Jan 3, 1853      Petition to sell real estate children heirs of Emily d. Holmes, including affidavit by Erwin Holmes, a minor aged 14 up, lives home. Affidavit by Erwin Holmes a minor over 14.

Mar 9, 1853      Guardian to Zalmon L. Holmes (surety Roswell Everetts and Seth North.) Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 193-5.

1861      Living Packard School District of Windsor Township of Eaton county, wife Sarah, children John Q. and Charles.  
Source Windsor Township, Heritage & Horizons by Thelma Caruss, 1998.

#### **Jacob W. Holt**

Dec 17, 1847	Jacob W. Holt Block 123	Lot 1 & 2	\$52
	Block 120	Lot 5 & 6	\$54

#### **Frederick House**

Biddle City



\* Sep 18, 1837      Lemuel S. House of Jackson, Jackson County, Michigan to Frederick House of Daneiek, Livingston County Michigan? Land in Biddle City, Ingham County Michigan. (L1:P477 Ingham county)  
Can't read.

Sep 20, 1837      Frederick House of Livingston County, New York, purchased 80 acres of section 25 of Town 2 South, Range 1 West of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.

### **Lemuel S. House**

Oct 6, 1834      Lemuel House of Jackson County purchased 120 acres of section 32 of Town 2 South, Range 1 West of Jackson County.  
Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.

Oct 3, 1836      **Biddle City**  
Jerry Ford to Lemuel S. House of Jackson for \$300.00 land in Biddle City. (L3:P333 Jackson county)

Jerry Ford of Jacksonburgh, Jackson county, Michigan to Lemuel S. House of Jacksonburgh, Jackson County, Michigan; Land in Biddle City. (L1:P109 Ingham county)

Lot 12, 13 & 14, Block 19  
Lots 3 & 4, Block 51  
Lot 5, block 61

Sep 18, 1837      Lemuel S. House of Jackson, Jackson County, Michigan to Frederick House of Daneiek, Livingston county Michigan; Land in Biddle City, Ingham County Michigan. (L1:P477 Ingham county)  
Can't read.

Jan 23, 1845      In Auditor General's report to Senate on Benjamin Porter prison claims noted Porter paid L. S. house \$25.95 for work on State Penitentiary. Source: Auditor General Report to Senate; dated Jan 23, 1845; Senate Document No. 3, 1845 Legislature.

Deduction made from vouchers presented before Court Auditors, for want of strict legal proof, from accounts kept at the time, and names of the individuals from whom accounts the deductions were made, but presented to, and acted upon, by Board of State Auditors:

L. S. House \$12.75  
Source: Auditor General Report to Senate; dated Jan 23, 1845; Senate Document No. 3, 1845 Legislature.

### **Clear Hulce**

Block 153      Lot 5

May 22, 1848      Alfred B. Cornell of Lansing, Ingham Cty. to Clear Hulce of same;  
land in village of Michigan (18:P118)

Purchased for \$200 Lot 5 of Block 153.

### **Rebecca Hulce**

Block 153 Lot 5 ?

Jan 18, 1848      Elizabeth A. Cornell (formerly Elizabeth A. Bennet) of Michigan  
village, Ingham Cty to Rebecca Hulce of same place; land in  
village of Michigan (18:P117)

Purchased for \$50 the South 24 feet of Lot 5 of Block 153  
extending back to the river and supposed to contain 15 rods.  
Note: Checked, is correct.

### **Levi Hunt**

Block 174      Lot 1  
Block 175      Lot 16

Wife – Android. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 371.

Had six children: Edwin, Nora, Dick, Anna, Minnie and Myrtle.

Jan 18, 1802      Born Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 371-2.

Sailor; "...one of the first navigators between Detroit and Saginaw  
and sailed with Captain Ward on the Lakes." Source: Livingston  
and Ingham Portrait and Biographical Album, pg. 838.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 371-2.

engaged in dry goods business and grocery trade, managed for a  
time and later "kept tavern" at Argentine.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 371-2.

Moved to Ionia and managed hotel.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 371-2.

Moved Lansing and "engaged in meat market trade".  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 371-2.

Sold market and moved to farm in Leroy and then to Flint where  
engaged in hotel business. For 4-5 years; returned Leroy.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 371-2.

1847      Built Michigan House "a two-story frame, on the northwest corner  
of Main and River Streets." Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg.  
55.

- Built on block 231, Came from Livingston County. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 162.
- Jun 5, 1847 Mr. Hunt commended to build the Michigan Exchange; on July 4th held Independence ball in the new house. 268 pg. 21.
- Jun 29, 1847 Hunt applied for a "license to keep a public-house in the township of Lansing and village of Michigan, with the privilege of selling ardent spirits"; township board denied. Source: Durant pg. 198.
- Jul 4, 1847 Mr. Hunt held Independence ball in the Michigan Exchange; Mr. Hunt had commended to build on June 5th. 268 pg. 21.
- Jul 7, 1847 Hunt applied for a license to keep a public-house and retail ardent spirits in the village of Michigan and town of Lansing; denied "for the reason that the board could not be satisfied form testimony before them that Mr. Hunt sustained a good moral character."
- Hunt applied for a license to keep a tavern without the privilege of selling ardent spirits, in building he now occuppies on main street - lot 16, block 174; granted. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 198.
- Sep 1, 1847 "Among the many pupils who attended Mrs. Burr's school, were find in the families mentioned, Mr. Dearin's two boys, henry and Matthew, Isaac, Charlie and Elbert Bush, brothers of Mrs. Hinmann, John being a messenger boy in the legislature; Amelia Hunt, James Thomas, Two Clapsaddle boys. The younger one fell into the river and was rescued by his older brother; one Quackenbush boy, Lucy Long, David and Nancy Goucher, Anna Jeffries, Mary Berry, later known as Mrs. H. D. Pugh, whose father at the time was proprietor of the original Lansing House; Hattie Edgar, whose father built the first structure of the Commercial House, and Delia Ward, afterwards Mrs. F. M. Cowles." 276 pg. 178.
- Apr 29, 1848 Hunt granted license as retailer of ardent spirits and tavern keeper for \$7.25 license. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 198.
- May 9, 1848 Universalist Congregation organized; Ephraim H. Utley, Levi Hunt and Henry H. Ross elected trustees. Source: Adams pg. 190.
- Feb 8, 1853 Richard T. Briggs married Orilla Hunt, Daughter of Levi and Android Hunt. Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston Counties, Michigan, Chapman Brothers, 1891, pg. 838.
- Feb 21, 1854 Richard T. Briggs married Orilla Hunt, daughter of Levi and Android (Valentine) Hunt, resident of Birmingham, Oakland county. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 371-2.

Oct 20, 1856 Levi Hunt (creditor) files petition for administration for Samuel Clark; Samuel Clark of Locke township died October 9, 1856; land in Williamston; Petition to sell real estate file July 11, 1857. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 788.

1880 Michigan House still standing. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 162.

Oct 13, 1881 Wife Android (Valentine) died.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 371-2.

Jan 13, 1884 Died.  
Jacksonian Democrat.  
Universalist later became Catholic, buried Catholic cemetery at Williamston. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 371-2.

Block 174 Block

### **Michigan House (Exchange)**

NW Corner of E. Main and River Street  
Built by Levi Hunt; still standing in 1880. 25 pg. 162.  
Mr. Hunt built. 18 pg. 115. Hunt from Livingston County.

1847 Opened  
  
The first hotel was kept by old Mr. Hunt, in a shanty made of boards, near where the Mineral Springs House now stands. .... Mr. Hunt commenced to build the old Michigan Exchange on the 5th day of June, and on July fourth he had an Independence ball in the new house. Source: Sketch by Cpt. J. P. Cowles, May 1873 meeting of Ingham County Pioneer Association; reprinted Adams pg. 20.

? "Mr. Thomas later purchased it for a residence, to which he removed his family." 276 pg. 177.

Summer 1847 C.C. Darling and son boarded part of summer at. 287 pg. 177.

Aug 1847 "on their first arrival in Lansing, Dr. Burr and wife boarded at the ...Michigan Exchange where they became acquainted with the prominent families then living in the place. 18 pg. 115.

? Purchased by Mr. Thomas for residence.

1847 "The first hotel was kept by old Mr. Hunt, in a shanty made of boards, near where the Mineral Springs House now stands.

Gipson soon after got on top a log house that he built opposite to the present Lansing House, and that was called Lansing House. Mr. Hunt commenced to build the old Michigan Exchange on the 5th day of June, and on July fourth he had an Independence ball in the new house." 268 pg. 21.

1847

### **Michigan House**

Michigan House opened on N.W. corner E. Main & River Street. 6 pg. 58; 11 pg. 71; 29 pg. H12 (on banks of Grand River), west side of river. 25 pg. 128.

Michigan House built by Daniel Clapsaddle at Main street and Washington avenue. 29 pg. C-2.

Darling and son board part of summer at Michigan House, by October boarding with Dearins'. 276 pg. 177.

July 7, 1847 "Levi Hunt applied for a license to keep a tavern without the privilege of selling ardent spirits, in the building he now occupies on Main Street on lot 16, block 174. Granted." Mr. Hunt to pay \$2 license fee. 18-pg. 198.

Hunt house believed to Michigan House on NW corner of Main and River street. 18-pg. 198.

Michigan House on NW corner of Main & River Streets.

### **Charles Hunt**

Clerk and cashier in Bailey's bank, quite debonair, in fact an "Apollo," a general favorite and jolly good fellow, died in the army in the war of the rebellion. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.

### **John S. Hurd & Jerome E. Eaton**

Block 218      Lots 7-10

May 15, 1836      Purchased 160 acres in section 15 of Locke Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

May 3, 1839      John S. Hurd of Lima, Mich. to Charles W. Scofield of Lima, MI; land in Section 15 of Locke Twp. (L3:P457)

1844      In census listed as resident of Stockbridge Township. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

Jul 15, 1848      John Thomas and wife Ann (by Atty. C. P. Bush, Daniel Lee and wife Laura (by same Atty) George W. Peck and wife Minerva (by same atty) to Jerome E. Eaton and John S. Hurd; land in village of Lansing. (18:P242)

Purchased for \$150 Lots 7, 8, 9, 10 of Block 218.

Father:              Deacon Erastus Ingersoll

Son:                  E. S. Ingersoll

Grand Son          Robert crated famous Ingersoll pocket watch, some 96,000,000 manufactured. Source: A Watch for the Millions, Robert Ingersoll's Empire, Lansing Metropolitan Quarterly, Spring 1991.

### **Erastus Ingersoll**

First Settler in Delta Township

He purchased 800 acres lying upon both sides of Grand River, and this was most lofty expectations and aspirations. He was the father of six sons, all well known.

Source: Pioneer History of Eaton County Michigan 1833-1866 compiled by Daniel Strange, M. Sc., 1923; pg. 71

Who did purchase from? In First Land Owners of Eaton county Michigan compiled by E. Gray and Ethel W. Williams in 1967 (pg. 51) first and only Ingersoll listed as purchasing land in Delta Township was:

December 12, 1838 EtieI Ingersoll of Oakland County purchased 80 acres on section 26. February 9, 1839 EtieI Ingersoll of Oakland County purchased 40 acres on section 26

Apr 1825

### **Erastus Ingersoll - Moved From New York to Farmington**

Ingersoll family traveled as far as Farmington with other families; other families remained in Farmington; Ingersoll family went on to Novi. pg. 7.

"A member of AHMS (American Home Missionary Society), Deacon Erastus Ingersoll of Ontario County, New York, was the first to settle in Novi. Leavening the family home in New York, Ingersoll lived in Novi for eleven years. During that time, Ingersoll proved himself to be quite an enterprising individual. He "invented, constructed and used upon his farm the first mowing machine ever put in operation in the United States." (History of Oakland county, Michigan, by Samuel P. Durant) In addition, he reportedly (Northville-The First 100 Years by Jack W. Hoffman pg. 28)

constructed the first plank road in Novi Township, of hewn timbers about 50 feet long, placed lengthwise on the roadway in order to enable a team and wagon to traverse the low-lying, wet lands. ....

His brother, Elihu, was also a missionary who followed him west, settling in Ohio. Source: No. VI On the Trail, A History of Novi, Michigan by Barbara G. Louise, Novi Historical Commission.

The Michigan pioneer had emigrated from New York state where his property was used to provide locks for the Erie Canal at Rochester. Arriving in Michigan in 1825, Erastus and his family traveled to Novi where he was the area's first white settler. As the community grew and prospered Erastus became the town's leading citizen. In addition, he built the town's first plank road and invented "the first mowing machine ever used in America." Source: A Watch for the Millions Robert Ingersoll's Empire by Manuel Castro, Lansing Metropolitan Quarterly, Spring 1991, pg. 32-33.

Apr 2, 1825

**Erastus Ingersoll - Purchased Land - Oakland County**

Erastus Ingersoll purchased land:  
Township 1-N, Range 8-E of Oakland County:  
Section 24 E 1/2 SE 80 acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records; Detroit Land Office; MI0030\_\_\_.049.

Apr 26, 1825

**Erastus Ingersoll - Settled Novi**

The first white man who settled in that wilderness which became the township of Novi was Deacon Erastus Ingersoll, who came from Victor, Ontario county, New York. It was on the 26th day of April 1825, that he arrived with his wife and nine children upon the southeast quarter of section 24, and east half of which he had entered at the land office on the twentieth of the preceding September....

On the morning following his arrival, Mr. Ingersoll, with the help of his son, E. S. Ingersoll... commenced felling trees and clearing a space for the establishment of their home and the erection of the first house in Novi,--though then it was in Bloomfield, under which name, until 1827, was comprehended not only the present town of Bloomfield, and West Bloomfield, but also those of Royal Oak, Troy, Southfield, Farmington, Novi, Commerce, Milford and Lyon. Source: History of Oakland County, Michigan by Durant; pg. 231.

May 10, 1825

**Erastus Ingersoll - Purchased Land - Oakland County**

On the 10th of May, the same day on which he first occupies his new house, he made a further entry on the same section,--24, E. R. Ingersoll, son of Erastus, relates that after their settlement there the Indians (of whom there was a village or encampment of some three hundred at Walled lake, and who were their only

neighbors on the west) supplied the family with venison and fish for some three or four years.

Source: History of Oakland County, Michigan by Durant; pg. 231.

Oct 6, 1830

**Erastus Ingersoll - Agric Society Director**

Erastus Ingersoll director of Oakland County Agricultural Society.

Source: History of Oakland County, Michigan, by Samuel W.

Durant, pg. 36.

May 2, 1831

**Erastus Ingersoll - Purchased Land - Oakland County**

Erastus Ingersoll purchased land:

Township 1-N, Range 9-E of Oakland County.

Section 19 W 1/2 NE 80 acres

Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office

Records; Detroit Land Office; MI0080--.436.

Summer 1834

**Erastus Ingersoll - Purchased Land**

In the summer of 1834, Erastus Ingersoll purchased a tract of land in town 4 north of range 3 west, and in 5 north of range 3 west.

This land was crossed by the Grand river and by the turnpike which had been surveyed by the United States government from Detroit to Grand Haven. On being asked why he located so far in the woods, he replied, "You know that in 12 years the capitol must be removed from Detroit, and as this is just half-way across the State, being 89 miles either way, of course it will be here, or very near."

Summer 1834

**Erastus Ingersoll - Purchased Land - Clinton County**

Purchased a tract of land in the township of Delta, on the northern boundary-line of the county of Eaton, and in 1836 added to the purchase eight acres on section 35 in the township of Watertown, and a year later an additional eighty on section 36 and 80 acres on section 34. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co., Philadelphia; 1880, pg. 527.

Sep 10, 1834

**Erastus Ingersoll - Purchased Land - Oakland County**

Erastus Ingersoll purchased land:

Township 1-N, Range 7-E of Oakland County.

Section 6 N 1/2 NW 59.67 acres.

Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office

Records; Detroit Land Office; MI0160--.165.

Summer 1835

**Erastus Ingersoll - Purchased Land - Clinton County**

Erastus Ingersoll purchased ten lots, embracing in the aggregate 800 acres of land, lying on both sides of Grand River, and extending northward into the adjoining township of Watertown, in Clinton county. Source: Erastus S. Ingersoll (son of Erastus Ingersoll wrote following in History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 451.



Spring 1836

### **Erastus Ingersoll - Built House & Saw Mill**

Account of oldest son of Erastus Ingersoll - Erastus S. Ingersoll:

In the spring of 1836, Mr. Ingersoll employed Anthony Niles and Heman Thomas, residing in Eagle, to build a log cabin on his newly purchased lands and upon the north side of the river. In the month of August or September, of this year, Mr. Ingersoll, in company with Clinton Burnet ...and a Mr. Avery, went onto this land with his family, doubtless the first settler in this quarter of the county. They left Farmington, Oakland County, following the Grand River turnpike to Howell, thence he turned northward to the Looking Glass River which they followed to the present site of DeWitt. From this point he cut his way southwesterly, without other guide than his pocket compass, to his log cabin already erected, a distance of ten or more miles. The labor and trail of such a task is inconceivable at the present day. His next task was to dam the Grand River and begin the task of building a sawmill. This mill as only partially finished when on the last day of December 1836, the first board was sawed but the 'gigging back' was only accomplished by hand with the aid of handspikes. Addison Hayden was head mechanic in building the mill, but the freshet of the following spring swept away the frail dam."

Account of Erastus S. Ingersoll.

Source: Pioneer History of Eaton County Michigan 1833-1866 compiled by Daniel Strange, M. Sc., 1923; pg. 71-74.

Note:

Anthony Niles Purchased Land

Dec 1, 1835 Township 5-N, Range 4-W of Clinton county:

Section 23 W 1/2 NE 80 Acres

Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, White Pigeon Land Office; MI0580\_\_\_198.

Thomas Heman purchased land:

Apr 4, 1833 Township 3-N, Range 10-E of Oakland County

Section 24 W 1/2 SW 80 Acres

Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, White Pigeon Land Office; MI0100\_\_\_389.

Dec 1, 1835 Township 5-N, Range 4-W of Clinton County

Section 23 NESE 40 Acres

Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, White Pigeon Land Office; MI0580\_\_\_196.

Dec 1, 1835 Township 5-N, Range 4-W of Clinton County

Section 23 W 1/2 SE 80 Acres

Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, White Pigeon Land Office; MI0580\_\_\_197.

Nov 2, 1837      Township 4-N, Range 4-W of Eaton County  
Section 35      SW      160 Acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office; MI2570\_\_\_.128.

Burnet Clinton purchased land:

November 2, 1837      Township 3-N, Range 3-W of Eaton County  
Section 21      E 1/2 NW      120  
Section 21      NWNW  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office; MI2600\_\_\_.123.

Hayden Addison purchased land:

Mar 10, 1857 Township 10-N, Range 2-W of Gratiot county  
Section 36      E 1/2 NE      120  
Section 36      SWNE  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office; MI2810\_\_\_.202.

Township 10-N, Range 1-W of Gratiot County  
Section 31      W 1/2 NW      188.84  
Section 31      W 1/2 SW  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office; MI2810\_\_\_.201.

Summer 1836

#### **Erastus Ingersoll - Erected House**

In the summer of 1836, he erected a log house on section 3 on the north side of the river, a little west of where Mrs. Oakley's house (1876) now stands. Source: Paper of Mrs. E. S. Ingersoll read at State Pioneer Society in Lansing, February 2, 1876; printed Pioneer Collection, Vol. 1; pg. 157.

Fall 1836

#### **Erastus Ingersoll - Built Mill**

Early in the fall of the same year he hired a family by the name of Avery to "keep house," and came on with a squad of men to build mills. Their first work was to subject the water to their control, which they did by building a dam from the upper end of the island to the south shore, and from the lower end to the north bank, the site of the mill.

After a few weeks Mr. Lewis and his son-in-law, Mr. Billings, with their families, came through the woods from Jackson, following the course of the river, and section lines where they could find them, and with the aid of a pocket compass succeeded very well until they encountered a swamp, now known as Old Maid's swamp. In going around this they lost their bearings and wandered for several days. After suffering greatly from anxiety, cold, and hunger, Mr. Billings left the, and taking a northerly course came to the river a short distance above this point, where he obtained help and provisions and returned, and in two days

they all arrived at Delta in safety. The family then here left, and Mr. Billings' family took their place.

Mr. Lewis built a shanty on the north bank of the river, just below where the bridge now stands. But even in this secluded spot they were not safe from the common enemy. Mrs. Lewis was soon laid on the bed of death. This was a very sad time, particularly for Mrs. Billings, who must alone prepare her mother for the burial. This done, she was laid in her last resting place, on the bank of the river, a little east of the house. No stone marks the spot. It is now in the highway, and passersby are as unconscious of the presence of death as the river that rolls at her feet.

Soon after this a surveyor was procured from Farmington, named John Thayer, who laid out a village extending from the river to the turnpike, and it received the sonorous sobriquet of Grand River City. Source: Paper of Mrs. E. S. Ingersoll read at State Pioneer Society in Lansing, February 2, 1876; printed Pioneer Collection, Vol. 1; pg. 157.

You will remember how Erastus Ingersoll toiled in Delta to dam Grand River to gain the power for a mill. What a memorable event it was when they sawed the first board, and slow and painful process of gigging back the logs with crow-bars and hand-spikes; how eagerly Genet Brown took five slabs and carried them for miles into the woods to help roof his shanty; how the next spring-freshet swept away the dame and undermined the mill. Source: Edward A. Foote, of Charlotte, a July 5, 1876 Centennial Address printed in History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880, pg. 419.

Nov 1836

### **Travelers**

In November 1836, before Windsor (township, Eaton county) had a settler within its limits, a Mr. Lewis and Mr. Billings started to cross the township on their way to Ingersoll's on Grand River. They had a train of two wagons drawn by two yoke of oxen and followed by two cows. They reacted the "Old Maid's Swamp" which centered near where the four towns of Oneida, Delta, Windsor and Benton corner together. Here they became lost and Mr. Billings left them to search for help. He was gone two days without success. He started again and on the second day he heard a cowbell which led him to Ingersoll's. A party started to rescue the bewildered ones and after several days rescued them. Their hardships were such that Mrs. Lewis died soon afterward. Source: Pioneer History of Eaton County Michigan 1833-1866 compiled by Daniel Strange, M. Sc., 1923; pg. 156-157.

Nov 1836

....a Mr. Lewis and his son-in-law, Mr. Billings, with their families, from Ohio, passed into this town (Windsor Township) on their way to Mr. Ingersoll's on Grand River, in Delta township, in November 1836. They had a train of two yoke of oxen and two wagons,

followed by two cows, and in time reached the north part of section 16 and point leading into what has since become known as the "Old Maid's Swamp," which seemed to extend in all directions except the one from which they had come. They became lost in the forest, and finally Mr. Billings left them to search for help and was gone two days without success. he started again with a brother-in-law, and on the second day heard a cow-bell, and, proceeding towards the sound, arrived at Mr. Ingersoll's, and found the assistance they so much needed. A party started after the bewildered ones, and after several y days rescued them, finding them with very little to eat.

Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, by Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 538.

Note: Alvin Billings purchased land:

Nov 2, 1837 Township 8-N, Range 4-W of Clinton County

Section 2 SW 240 Acres

Section 2 W 1/2 SE

Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, Ionia Land Office; MI2590\_\_\_.364.

Township 8-N, Range 4-W of Clinton County

Section 3 E 1/2 SE

Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, Ionia Land Office; MI2590\_\_\_.363.

Note Perez Billings purchased land:

Aug 1, 1837 Township 8-N, Range 4-W of Clinton County

Section 27 S 1/2

Section 28 N 1/2

Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, Ionia? Land Office; MI2550\_\_\_.435

Note: Noyes Billings purchased land:

May 3, 1837 Township 4-N, Range 1-E of Ingham County:

Section 28 SE

Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, Ionia? Land Office; MI0670\_\_\_.219.

Township 4-N, Range 1-E of Ingham County:

Section 27 N 1/2 SE

Section 27 SE

Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, Ionia? Land Office; MI0670\_\_\_.218.

Note: Horace E. Billings purchased land:

Aug 5, 1837 Township 8-N, Range 4-W of Clinton County:

Section 2 SW

Section 2 W 1/2 SE

Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, Ionia? Land Office; MI2590\_\_\_.364.

Dec 31, 1836

### **Erastus Ingersoll - Dam & Saw Mill**

"The first board was sawed on the last day of December 1836, though the mill was not completed, and "gigging back" the log was accomplished by the use of crowbars and handspikes. The next spring, when the Grand river freshet came, the dam was swept away and the mill undermined, but both were reconstructed."

Source: Beginnings in Eaton county: Its Earliest Settlements and Settlers by Edward W. Barber, MPC Vol. XXIX, pg. 363.

Dec 1836

### **Erastus Ingersoll - Dam & Saw Mill**

Meanwhile the work progressed on mill and dam, and on the last day of December 1836, with suitable demonstrations of joy, they sawed a board, gigging back with mill-bars and had-spikes. The men were then employed in getting out logs for the mill, and chopping, preparatory to clearing land for crops.

Source: Paper of Mrs. E. S. Ingersoll read at State Pioneer Society in Lansing, February 2, 1876; printed Pioneer Collection, Vol. I; pg. 157.

Winter 1836-37

### **Winter - Dam and Mill Damaged**

The winter had been pretty severe. There had been slighting for three months and a heavy body of snow still covered the ground. It was thawed by a warm rain, which swelled the river to an immense size. The ice came rushing down in huge masses. It was a magnificent sight, and while we admired its grandeur, we expected every moment to see the mill go with it. The tools and movable parts of the mill were removed, and we awaited this issue. When the water had subsided, it was found that the mill and dams were injured, though not beyond repair. It was known by the marks which the ice made on the trees that the water had never been so high before, and it has not been since. Source: Paper of Mrs. E. S. Ingersoll read at State Pioneer Society in Lansing, February 2, 1876; printed Pioneer Collection, Vol. 1; pg. 157.

Feb 1837

### **Erastus S. Ingersoll -**

Erastus S. Ingersoll (son), the writer of these notes, was the next to arrive February 27, 1837. He came with his family from Farmington via Shiawassee and DeWitt with sleigh and horses. "Supplies were transported by ox-team from Detroit. Provisions ruled very high, pork being \$40 and flour \$14 a barrel. We were without vegetables until the following spring. Account of Erastus S. Ingersoll. Source: Pioneer History of Eaton County Michigan 1833-1866 compiled by Daniel Strange, M. Sc., 1923; pg. 71-74.

Last Day -  
Feb 1837

### **Erastus Ingersoll - Purchased Supplies**

A Mr. Butterfield came down the river in the early spring with a boat laden with much needed potatoes. My father purchased both the cargo and the vessel, paying \$40 for the boat and \$2 a bushel for potatoes, seventy bushels in all. Account of Erastus S.

Ingersoll. Source: Pioneer History of Eaton County Michigan 1833-1866 compiled by Daniel Strange, M. Sc., 1923; pg. 71-74.

Mr. Billings, having completed his house, left the city for his country home, now (1876) occupied by Jason Nichols, and for six weeks Mrs. Ingersoll saw no woman except aborigines. Two men came down the river in a dug-out freighted with potatoes. They sold to Mr. Ingersoll their craft and cargo, the latter at \$2 per bushel, and received in part payment four at \$14 per barrel. You may think these were hard and lonesome times; but no, we had plenty of provisions and plenty of company, for our family numbered 13 person, and there were many men looking for locations, and scarcely a night passed but some one or more, generally three or four, called for entertainment.

Source: Paper of Mrs. E. S. Ingersoll read at State Pioneer Society in Lansing, February 2, 1876; printed Pioneer Collection, Vol. 1; pg. 157.

On the last day of February 1837, E. S. Ingersoll, his wife and two little boys arrived at Grand River City, and in their turn took the log house, Mr. Billings' family occupying the shanty until they could build a house on their own land.

Source: Paper of Mrs. E. S. Ingersoll read at State Pioneer Society in Lansing, February 2, 1876; printed Pioneer Collection, Vol. 1; pg. 157.

And soon the village he created was "the chief trading point between Eaton Rapids and Grand Rapids."...Grand River city would soon compete with the major commerce centers of the "new west." Source: A Watch for the Millions Robert Ingersoll's Empire by Manuel Castro, Lansing Metropolitan Quarterly, Spring 1991, pg. 33.

#### Clinton County

Note: Following US land patents issued to William Butterfield:  
Nov 2, 1837 40 acres on SESE of section 35 of Township 7 north, Range 2 west of Clinton County. (MI2580\_\_127)

Note: Following US land patents issued to Edward Butterfield:  
Nov 2, 1837 73.98 acres on N1/2NE of section 3 of Township 6 north, Range 4 west of Clinton County. (MI2600\_\_261)

Nov 2, 1837 160 acres on SE of section 34 of Township 7 north, Range 4 west of Clinton County. (MI2590\_\_275)

May 1, 1839 80 acres on E1/2SW of section 12 of Township 5 north, Range 3 west of Clinton County. (MI1460\_\_136)

#### Eaton County

Note: Following US land patents issued to Hiram Butterfield:  
Oct 10, 1839 160 acres on NE of section 36 of Township 1 north, Range 5 west of Eaton County. (MI2610\_\_389)

Ingham County

Note: Abel F. Butterfield purchased land:

May 3, 1837 Township 2-N, Range 2-E of Ingham County:

Section 35                      NE                      160 Acres

Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia? Land Office; MI0670\_\_\_.274.

Note: Following US land patents issued to Ira Butterfield:

Aug 10, 1841 80 acres on W1/2NW of section 20 of Township 3  
north, Range 2 west of Ingham County. (MI2620\_\_\_.123)

Jackson County

Note: Following US land patents issued to John Butterfield:

Oct 15, 1835 160 acres on NE of section 24 of Township 2 south,  
Range 3 west of Jackson County. (MI0380\_\_\_.472)

Oct 15, 1835 284.2 acres on NW and SW of section 19 of  
Township 2 south, Range 2 West of Jackson County.  
(MI0380\_\_\_.471)

Mar 20, 1837

**Travelers**

"About the 20th of March Mr. Compton and Mr. Cronkite, future  
settlers in Eagle, arrived with their families having made the trip  
from Eaton Rapids upon the ice. The ice was now melting rapidly  
and was free from our shore. They shouted lustily for assistance  
and called us from our supper table. We managed with poles to  
construct a bridge to the ice and they were landed safely.

Account of Erastus S. Ingersoll.

Source: Pioneer History of Eaton County Michigan 1833-1866  
compiled by Daniel Strange, M. Sc., 1923; pg. 71-74.

About March 20, 1837, two families from New York came down  
the river from Eaton Rapids on the ice, encountering many  
dangers. They arrive here just after dark, but were unable to reach  
the shore, the ice having melted away from the north bank of the  
river, leaving an open space nearly 10 feet wide. A rude bridge of  
poles and planks was soon constructed, and they all reached the  
shore in safety. They were Mr. Conkite and Mr. Compton, on their  
way to Danby, and after resting overnight they pursued their  
journey, preferring terra-firma to the treacherous ice.

Source: Paper of Mrs. E. S. Ingersoll read at State Pioneer  
Society in Lansing, February 2, 1876; printed Pioneer Collection,  
Vol. 1; pg. 157.

Note:

Watson Cronkite purchased land:

Nov 2, 1837 Township 6-N, Range 2-W of Clinton County:

Section 9                      E 1/2 SE                      80 Acres

Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office; MI1560\_\_\_.408.

Note:

Elmon Compton purchased land:  
Aug 1, 1837 Township 6-N, Range 7-W of Ionia county  
Section 17 E 1/2 NE  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office; MI2550\_\_\_.327.

John Compton purchased land:  
Nov 2, 1837  
Township 5-N, 5-W of Ionia County  
Section 34 W 1/2 SE  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office; MI2600\_\_\_.034.

Township 5-N, 5-W of Ionia County  
Section 33 NE  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office; MI2600\_\_\_.033.

Robert Compton purchased land:  
Aug 1, 1837 Township 6-N, Range 2-W of Clinton County:  
Section 31 W 1/2 NW  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office; MI2550\_\_\_.180.

April 1837

### **Snakes**

A few warm days in April brought out a great many black snakes to bask in the sun, but a severe frost proved that they had run before they were sent, and scores of them were found dead on the logs and on the ground. But here were plenty left, and though they never got into our kneading-troughs, they sometimes came into our houses. One was cut in pieces on the floor by Mrs. Ingersoll. Source: Paper of Mrs. E. S. Ingersoll read at State Pioneer Society in Lansing, February 2, 1876; printed Pioneer Collection, Vol. 1; pg. 157.

Apr 1837

### **Travelers**

After they had selected their land, they must go to Ionia with specie to obtain their duplicates. Two gentlemen called one evening and wished to stay overnight. While supper was being prepared, one of them said "We are very hungry. We have been to Ionia to buy land and had to wait around the door of the land office several hours, on account of the crowd. When we got through our business, we went to one of the shanties for something to eat. The woman told the little girl to run over to a neighbor's and "get the bone." She obeyed, and soon soup was ready for us. We had barely seated ourselves at the table when a boy came running in, saying that 'some men have come, and mother wants the bone.'" So, it went around from house to house, furnishing soup for all the company." Source: Paper of Mrs. E. S. Ingersoll read at State Pioneer Society in Lansing, February 2, 1876; printed Pioneer Collection, Vol. 1; pg. 157.



Jun 1, 1837

### **Erastus Ingersoll - Travel**

"About the first of June 1837, my father returned with his brother, the Rev. E. P. Ingersoll and Dr. Jennings of Oberlin and others from Ohio and Massachusetts. They came through from Howell bringing with them two yoke of oxen and four cows. They cut their own roads through the dense forest this entire forty miles, built bridges, dug down hillsides, removed obstructions and encountered many trying delays. On Saturday night they encamped on the banks of Cedar River and observed the Sabbath as a day of rest and religious worship. On our arrival Mr. Ingersoll's family was increased to eighteen members. Account of Erastus S. Ingersoll. Source: Pioneer History of Eaton County Michigan 1833-1866 compiled by Daniel Strange, M. Sc., 1923; pg. 71-74.

Jun 15, 1837

### **Travelers**

"Two weeks later Thomas Chadwick arrived accompanied by other Ingersolls with two yoke of oxen and a span of horses, having followed the new trail from Howell. Imagine the difficulties of constructing this road when you read the details of the next trip over it. On the first day they came to an open marsh and testing the strength of its turf though it sufficient to venture upon with the horse team. When half way over the horses broke through and mired. When released from the wagon they managed to get across. After selecting a new path, the oxen were tried with the same result. Both wagons were now stranded or mired to their axles in the mud. Mrs. Chadwick, a very stout old lady, was left alone in one wagon and now shouting for assistance. Her stalwart son managed after a time to carry her safe to land upon his back.

They next cut several long poles and connected them with ropes and chains and attached them to a wagon tongue. The teams now having firm footing brought the wagons, one at a time, safely to the shore, after they had liberated the wagons by carrying upon their backs much of the loads. The next day one of their horses gave out and much of the load was left in the forest. We then sent one of our number on ahead to return with provisions. He brought back pork and beans. With fresh meat we went forward and reached Delta Mills the third day from Howell. Wondrous was the capacity of a small log house in those pioneer days. They one now sheltered twenty-six persons besides occasional land lookers who perforce halted here. Account of Erastus S. Ingersoll. Source: Pioneer History of Eaton County Michigan 1833-1866 compiled by Daniel Strange, M. Sc., 1923; pg. 71-74.

In June, Thomas Chadwick and wife and Sally Chadwick (afterward wife of D. S. Ingersoll) arrived and occupied the shanty. A few days after, a company of men came on from Massachusetts and Ohio to start a school similar to the Oberlin institute. This increased our family to 26. They staid part of the summer, made

some preparation for building, but concluded to suspend operations and send Rev. E. P. Ingersoll east to raise funds. He succeeded in obtaining large subscriptions, but before they were due, came the great money crash called "wild-cat" times, and many wealthy men were left penniless. Consequently, the subscriptions were never paid, and the school failed.

Source: Paper of Mrs. E. S. Ingersoll read at State Pioneer Society in Lansing, February 2, 1876; printed Pioneer Collection, Vol. 1; pg. 157.

Summer 1837

### **Erastus S. Ingersoll - Grist Mill Built**

During the summer of 1837, a grist-mill, a frame barn, and two frame houses (A. Hayden's and E. S. Ingersoll's) were built. Considerable sickness prevailed among us, and Thomas Chadwick died in October. More families came in, and several young men--among them Alonzo Baker--came through from Howell, and he, failing to reach us on the first day, lay alone in the woods. He came in the next morning, about 10 o'clock weary and hungry. He and some other young men spent most of the winter chopping on the farm now owed by Mr. Burlingame. Quite an improvement was made there and here.

Source: Paper of Mrs. E. S. Ingersoll read at State Pioneer Society in Lansing, February 2, 1876; printed Pioneer Collection, Vol. 1; pg. 157.

Note:

Alonzo Baker purchased land:

May 5, 1837 Township 1-N, Range 2-E of Ingham County  
Section 21 E 1/2 NE

Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office; MI0700\_\_\_.118.

Nov 10, 1841 Township 2-N, Range 4-W of Eaton County  
Section 31 W 1/2 NW  
Section 31 NENW

Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office; MI2640\_\_\_.322.

Dec 10, 1850 Township 22-N, Range 4-W of Eaton County  
Section 31 SENW

Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office; MI2690\_\_\_.483.

An Aras Burlingame purchased land:

Nov 2, 1837 Township 6-N, Range 14-W of Ottawa County  
Section 33 E 1/2 SW

Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office; MI1570\_\_\_.210.

Nov 2, 1837

### **Erastus Ingersoll - Purchased Land**

Erastus Ingersoll purchased land:

Township 5-N, Range 3-W of Clinton County  
Section 36 W 1/2 NE 80 acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records; Ionia Land Office; MI2600\_\_\_.121.

Summer 1838

**Erastus S. Ingersoll -**

In the summer of 1838 (I think it was) four men went up the river to secure some logs which they had purchased of a Mr. Butterfield, who had put a great many logs into the river. The party went by land and encamped for the night at Spring Brook, near Dimondale. There they made rafts, and E. S. Ingersoll cut his foot severely. He got on to a raft and floated down to near Lansing, where the party stopped for the night. Early the next morning they heard a man chopping and went and found Jacob Cooley. We did not know of any such person and did not suppose there was anybody between our place and Eaton Rapids. He had lived there alone until he had forgotten the day of the week and almost forgotten his own name. Source: Paper of Mrs. E. S. Ingersoll read at State Pioneer Society in Lansing, February 2, 1876; printed Pioneer Collection, Vol. 1; pg. 157.

Summer &  
Fall 1838

**Erastus S. Ingersoll - Son Died**

In the summer and fall of 1838 we were again visited with severe sickness; but a Mr. Woodruff and E. S. Ingersoll's oldest son were the only ones who died. Source: Paper of Mrs. E. S. Ingersoll read at State Pioneer Society in Lansing, February 2, 1876; printed Pioneer Collection, Vol. 1; pg. 157.

Fall 1838

**Erastus S. Ingersoll -**

In the fall of this year E. S. Ingersoll and family went east for supplies. The journey was made with oxen. There was no house this side of Howell except that of Mr. Gaston, who lived about ten miles this side. We traveled all day and encamped at night on the bank of the Cedar, and on our return stayed in an Indian wigwam, a little below North Lansing. Rev. E. P. Ingersoll and family were with us. He partially organized a church, but it was never perfected, there being no other churches or religious organization in this part of the State. The first minister here was E. P. Ingersoll. The first merchant was Whitney Jones who now lives in Lansing. The first postmaster was E. S. Ingersoll. Source: Paper of Mrs. E. S. Ingersoll read at State Pioneer Society in Lansing, February 2, 1876; printed Pioneer Collection, Vol. 1; pg. 157.

Note:

Elijah Gaston purchased land:

Township 3-N, Range 4-E of Livingston County:

Section 14 N 1/2 NW 80 Acres

Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Detroit Land Office; MI0690\_\_\_.361.

1838

**Erastus Ingersoll - Purchased Land**

E. Ingersoll purchased land in section 26 of Delta Township.  
Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 451.

May 1, 1839

**Erastus Ingersoll - Purchased Land**

Erastus Ingersoll purchased land:  
Township 3-N, Range 11-W of Allegan County:  
Section 9      E 1/2 SE      80 acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records; Bronson Land Office; MI1350\_\_\_.217.

Township 3-N, Range 7-W of Barry County  
Section 15      W 1/2 NW      72.31 acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records; Bronson Land Office; MI1350\_\_\_/216.

Township 5-S, Range 15-W of Cass County  
Section 20      W 1/2 NW      80 acres.  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records; Kalamazoo Land Office; MI1410\_\_\_117.

Township 5-N, Range 3-W of Clinton County  
Section 35      W 1/2 NE      80 acres.  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records; Kalamazoo Land Office; MI1470\_\_\_244

Township 5-N, Range 2-W of Clinton County  
Section 3      E 1/2 SE      80  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records; Bronson Land Office; MI1320\_\_\_140.

Jun 11, 1841

**Erastus S. Ingersoll - Grand River City Platted**

June 11, 1841, a village plat was made of Delta Mills by E. S. Ingersoll, O. B. Ingersoll, D. S. Ingersoll, Eliel Ingersoll and Alexander Ingersoll, and their dream was no doubt expressed in its pretentious name, the "City of Grand River." Source: Beginnings in Eaton county: Its Earliest Settlements and Settlers by Edward W. Barber, MPC Vol. XXIX, pg. 364. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 453.

Mar 5, 1859

**Erastus S. Ingersoll - Missionary**

Article in Eaton County Republican that E. S. Ingersoll of Delta appointed traveling Missionary of the American Sunday School Union for Michigan, and was now working in Eaton County and will call a Convention about 1 May, and later will hold town meetings to awaken an interest in, and give an impetus to the cause. Source: Eaton County Republican, Saturday March 5, 1859; captioned in Eaton County, Michigan Newspapers, Vol. I 1845-1867, compiled and Indexed by Joyce Marple Liepins.

## Erastus Ingersoll

### Land Patents

- Apr 2, 1825      Township 1-N, Range 8-E of Oakland County:  
Section 24      E 1/2 SE      80 acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records; Detroit Land Office; MI0030\_\_\_.049.
- May 2, 1831      Township 1-N, Range 9-E of Oakland County.  
Section 19      W 1/2 NE      80 acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records; Detroit Land Office; MI0080--.436.
- Sep 10, 1834      Township 1-N, Range 7-E of Oakland County.  
Section 6      N 1/2 NW      59.67 acres.  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records; Detroit Land Office; MI0160--.165.
- Nov 2, 1837      Township 5-N, Range 3-W of Clinton County  
Section 36      W 1/2 NE      80 acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records; Ionia Land Office; MI2600\_\_\_.121.
- May 1, 1839      Township 3-N, Range 11-W of Allegan County:  
Section 9      E 1/2 SE      80 acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records; Bronson Land Office; MI1350\_\_\_.217.
- Township 3-N, Range 7-W of Barry County  
Section 15      W 1/2 NW      72.31 acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records; Bronson Land Office; MI1350\_\_\_/216.
- Township 5-S, Range 15-W of Cass County  
Section 20      W 1/2 NW      80 acres.  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records; Kalamazoo Land Office; MI1410\_\_\_.117.
- Township 5-N, Range 3-W of Clinton County  
Section 35      W 1/2 NE      80 acres.  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records; Kalamazoo Land Office; MI1470\_\_\_.244
- Township 5-N, Range 2-W of Clinton County  
Section 3      E 1/2 SE      80  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records; Bronson Land Office; MI1320\_\_\_.140.

### Family Tree

Rev. Elihu Ingersoll

Erastus Ingersoll

Had 9 children

Erastus S. Ingersoll Fall 1838 E.S. oldest son died.

E.R. Ingersoll (son)

### **H. Ingersoll**

May 9, 1867

The Charlotte Republican reported the Lansing House, built by Col. Baker, was been bought by Messrs. J. W. Longyear, H. B. Shank and H. Ingersoll and leased from them by Mr. Martin Hudson, proprietor of the American House. Source: The Charlotte Republican, May 9, 1867, captioned in Eaton county, Michigan newspapers, Vol. 1 1845-1867, compiled and indexed by Joyce Marple Liepins.

### **Giles S. Isham**

Block 199      Lots 1-6

Jun 21, 1848

Governor of Michigan, E. Ransom, to Giles S. Isham of Ionia Cty.; land in village of Lansing. (18:P605)

Certificate of State Building Lands Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 of block 199.

### **Ezra Jackson and Roswell Jackson**

May 31, 1844

Roswell Jackson to Ezra S. Jackson; for \$200.00; East half of the SE quarter of section in T4NR2W; Lot 30 in said township aforesaid situated near the Grand River and near the forks of the Red Cedar River which River runs through said T4Nand R2W as designated...(L9:P566)

### **William Jackson**

1814

Born Cazenovia, New York, Student Cazenovia Seminary  
Attended Union College (pg. 655)

1836

Graduated from Union

1836

In 1836, William Jackson came through Leoni looking for wild land, which was very scarce in those days. Leoni appeared to him a second garden of Eden, and the natural beauty of the location made such an impression of his mind, that in October, 1838, he chose it for his home, and engage dint he sale of dry-foods, groceries, Sapington's ague-pills, and Peleg White's salve and subsequently sold Pratt's pills and Lond's ointment. Jacksonburgh was then a mere territory, adjoining the independent State of Leoni. (pg. 913)

1838	Came Michigan, settled Leoni, Jackson County (pg.655)  Engaged in mercantile business
?	Postmaster 10 years Note: Post office established at Leoni on June 26, 1837.
?	Candidate legislature on Whig ticket
Sep 13, 1841	Henry B. Fitchworth and wife of Leoni to William Jackson of Leoni, land in section 25 of Onondaga Township. (L4:P354)
Feb 12, 1842	William Jackson of Leoni to Henry Hitchcock and Co., of Cazenovia, New York, land on section 25 of Onondaga Township. (L4:P348)
Aug 23, 1842	James Blaine and wife to William Jackson of Leoni, land on section 5 of Vevay Township. (L5:P122)
Jul 17, 1844	George Reeves and wife to William W. Jackson of Orange County, New York, land on section 17 of White Oak Township. (L5:P699)
Aug 14, 1845	Daniel L. Case to James Turner and William Jackson land on section 29 of Lansing Township. (L6:P183)
Aug 20, 1845	William Jackson of Leoni and James Turner and wife to Lucien D. Coman of New York, New York, land on section 29 of Lansing Township. (L6:P188)
Feb 26, 1846	Joseph C. Obeare and wife to James Turner and William Jackson of Leoni, land on section 4 of Williamston Township. (L6:P400)
Sep 27, 1847	William Jackson of Leoni and James Turner of Lansing to Dexter Philips of Mason, land in section 5 of Vevay Township. (L10:P382)
Dec 3, 1847	Henry P. Adams and wife of Syracuse, Onondaga County, New York to William Jackson, land in section 29 of Aurelius Township. (18:P444)
1848	James O'Connell came to Jackson in 1848, was clerk for William Jackson. (pg. 241)
1848	Benjamin Winne removed to Leoni in the fall of 1848 and worked for William Jackson, (pg. 936)
1852	Moved to Jackson (pg. 655)
1859	Elected Mayor of Jackson on Republican ticket. Won by 31 votes 473 for Jackson and 442 for Fidus Livermore, Democrat. (pg. 493)

- ? Member amateur dramatic company composed of Jackson residents. (pg. 655)
- 1860 Build finest hall for public entertainment's in Jackson, destroyed by fire, (pg. 655)
- 1861 In April 1861 Jackson Silver Grays organized, composed of volunteers ages 45-60 to act as a home reserve guard. Jackson member of. (pg. 404)
- 1865 Ran for Mayor of Jackson on Republican ticket. Lost by 140 votes. D. B. Hibbard, Democrat had 624 votes to 4384 for Jackson. (pg. 493)
- 1881 Most of life spent in grocery business, which in business in 1881., (pg. 655)
- "Mr. Jackson says he has escaped three great calamities that afflict society; riches, matrimony and politics:  
Source: History of Jackson County, Michigan, Vol I, printed by Inter-State Publishing Co., 1881, pg. 655.

#### **John Jeffrey**

Block 21 Lot 9

- 1844 Resident taxpayer Meridian Twp. D278.

#### **Dr. Charles A. Jeffries**

Block 149 Lot 5  
Block 158 Lot 2  
Block 159 Lot 4  
Block 160 Lot 4  
Block 161 Lot 4  
Block 177 Lot 13

- ? a homeopath when homeopathy was young. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 48.
- 1811 Born in Throopsville, Cayuga county, NY  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 48. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 120.
- Educated at Auburn, NY and Pittsfield,  
Studied Medicine at Auburn. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 48. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 120.
- 1834 Commenced practice at Ann Arbor



Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 48. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 120.

Removed to farm in Washtenaw county; didn't like farming.  
Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan; Everts & Abbott. 1880.

- Jul 2, 1836      Purchased 160 acres in section 8 of Wheatfield Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- 1836      Entered land on Section 30 of Oceola Twp. Livingston County. pg. 377. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan; Everts & Abbott. 1880.
- 1836-7?      Dr. Jeffries was surgeon in Michigan State troops during the "Toledo War"; on staff of Gen. Davis.  
Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan; Everts & Abbott. 1880. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 49.
- 1837      He remained there (Ann Arbor) three or four years when he removed to a farm in Washtenaw county, but the business not proving satisfactory or congenial to his taste, he continued it only about a year and a half, when he removed to Howell, in Livingston county, and resumed the practice of medicine. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 48. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 120.
- 1839      Came to Howell; second physician in Howell. pg. 145. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan; Everts & Abbott. 1880.
- 1843 or 1844      Removed to Dexter, Washtenaw County. pg. 38. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan; Everts & Abbott. 1880.
- 1844      He moved to Dexter, in Washtenaw county and continued until the spring of 1847. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 48.  
Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 120.
- 1846      Adopted practice of homeopathy medicine. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan; Everts & Abbott. 1880. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 49. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 121.
- 1847      Moved Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan; Everts & Abbott. 1880.
- Apr 1847      While visiting patients in Livingston county, in April of that year, he met three men who afterwards became prominent citizens of Lansing, --Messrs. Bush, Thomas, and Peck. these gentlemen were then busily interesting themselves in lands at the new

capital, and persuaded Dr. Jeffries to accompany them to the place, which he did. The spring was late, the steams had overflowed, and ice was everywhere. The roads were nearly impassable, and in one place they got the single wagon which they had along with them into a swampy place and were obliged to take off the horse and pull it out backwards. They came by the old Territorial road. At the crossing of the Cedar River they were delayed for some time. Finally, a part of the company went back, and the doctor, together with Bush and Thomas, took turns in riding the saddlehorse to Lansing, adopting the old method of "riding and tying." When they arrived at North Lansing the dwelling of Deacon Page, who usually kept travelers, was full, and they were obliged to proceed to the house of Justus Gilkey, nearly two miles farther down the river, to find accommodations. The doctor remained a few days, went over the ground where the new Capitol now stands, and examined the lands to the south of section 16. he remembers seeing wolf tracks near where the Capitol now stands.

The doctor soon returned to his home in Dexter. Messrs. Bush, Thomas and Peck were anxious to get him to settle in the new town, and as an inducement offered him lots on the corner south of where the Everett House now stands. the offer being a good one, the doctor concluded to accept it and make Lansing his home, and accordingly, in May, 1847, he came back and commenced to build 'his house, which forms the main portion of the one ...he complete it and removed his family to Lansing in the fall of the same year. He continued in practice from that date until 1850, when he returned to Washtenaw county to take charge of the farm of his father, who had died in 1849." Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 120-1.

He remained on the old place until 1861, when he returned to Lansing, principally for the purpose of having his daughter attend the school for young ladies then recently opened by Miss Rogers. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 49. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 120.

May 1847	Moved back to Lansing and commenced to build his house. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 49.			
Jun 23, 1847	Charles A. Jeffries	Block 158	Lot 2	\$99
Sep 1, 1847	<p>"Among the many pupils who attended Mrs. Burr's school, were find in the families mentioned, Mr. Dearin's two boys, henry and Matthew, Isaac, Charlie and Elbert Bush, brothers of Mrs. Hinmann, John being a messenger boy in the legislature; Amelia Hunt, James Thomas, Two Clapsaddle boys. The younger one fell into the river and was rescued by his older brother; one Quackenbush boy, Lucy Long, David and Nancy Goucher, Anna Jeffries, Mary Berry, later known as Mrs. H. D. Pugh, whose father at the time was proprietor of the original Lansing House; Hattie</p>			

Edgar, whose father built the first structure of the Commercial House, and Delia Ward, afterwards Mrs. F. M. Cowles." 276 pg. 178.

Oct 8, 1847	Charles A. Jeffries	Block 160	Lot 3	\$ 40
		Block 160	Lot 4	\$50
Oct 8, 1847	Charles A. Jeffries	Block 149	Lot 5	\$111
Oct 8, 1847	Charles A. Jeffries	Block 157	Lot 7	\$ 99
Oct 8, 1847	Charles A. Jeffries	Block 159	Lot 4	\$90
Oct 8, 1847	Charles A. Jeffries	Block 161	Lot 4	\$33
Jun 2, 1848	Charles A. Jeffries	Block 147	Lot 5	\$54
			Lot 6	\$67
Jun 2, 1848	Charles A. Jeffries	Block 158	Lot 7	\$88
			Lot 8	\$118
Jun 2, 1848	Charles A. Jeffries			
		Block 159	Lot 7	\$51
Jun 2, 1848	Charles A. Jeffries			
		Block 161	Lot 2	\$27
Jun 27, 1848	Charles P. Bush & Charles A. Jeffries	Block 178	Lot 11	\$18
		Block 187	L 2, 3, 4, & 5	\$67
Jun 28, 1848	C. P. Bush & C. A. Jeffries	Block 187	L 7, 8 & 9	\$48
Jun 28, 1848	C. P. Bush & C. A. Jeffries	Block 187	L 7, 8 & 9	\$48
1850	Moved to Washtenaw County. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan; Everts & Abbott. 1880.			
Feb 22, 1857?	Francis A. Jeffreys (son?) married Miss Caroline C. Kilborn of Meridian Township. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan; Everts & Abbott. 1880.			
About 1860	Eyesight began to fail. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 121.			
1861	Returned to Lansing "principally for the purpose of having his daughter attend the school for young ladies then recently opened by Miss Rogers." Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan; Everts & Abbott. 1880. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 49.			
	Practiced medicine until 1864. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan; Everts & Abbott. 1880. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 49.			
1863	Physician (homeopathic) lower town. A435. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan; Everts & Abbott. 1880.			
1863-4	Charles Jefferies, physician (homeopathic), lower town. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1863-64, pg. 378.			

- 1864 Returned to homestead. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan; Everts & Abbott. 1880. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 49. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 121.
- 1867 Sold homestead and moved to Ann Arbor, practiced medicine until 1871. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan; Everts & Abbott. 1880. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 49. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 121.
- 1871 Moved to East Saginaw. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan; Everts & Abbott. 1880. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 49. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 121.
- 1876 Moved to Omaha, NB. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan; Everts & Abbott. 1880. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 49. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 121.
- Jun 1877 Returned to Lansing  
Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan; Everts & Abbott. 1880. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 49. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 121.
- 1879 Returned to Omaha, NB. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan; Everts & Abbott. 1880. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 49. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 121.
- Jul 1880 Returned to Lansing and practiced with daughter Anna J. Jeffries. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan; Everts & Abbott. 1880. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 49. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 121.
- 1880 Living but blind. pg. 38. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan; Everts & Abbott. 1880.
- Appx. 1889 Died. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.
- 1902 He built the house now occupies by Judge Cahill. He was a physician of the homeopathic school and was one of the successful practitioners of the state, though perfectly blind for many years, his practice never diminished. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan; Everts & Abbott. 1880.

### **Orien Austin Jenison**

Nickname

"Uncle Jen"

"There are men who, though a life of fidelity to principle and scrupulous exactness of dealing, even in the heart of things gain a reputation for honesty so that no one hesitate to trust them. Mr. Jenison was one of these. He was more than this. He was a kind-hearted, genial, living man, who sometimes concealed under an off-hand brusqueness of manner, a gentle heart. Children knew him and loved him. A generation of them years ago learned to call him "Uncle Jen," and growing to manhood and womanhood have continued to call him so until the whole city has learned to use the name." Source: Adams pg. 497.

Republican Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 569.

May 22, 1823

Born in Watertown, New York, Father died before born  
One of 8 children. Source: Adams pg. 496

Father died ten weeks before born.  
Source: Obituary of Orien Austin Jenison; The Lansing Journal weekly edition; Lansing Michigan, Friday, August 9, 1895.

Father died 10 weeks before born.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 568.

School ended when 12. Source: Adams pg. 496  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 568.

Clerk in store 100 miles away from home for 15 months.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 568.

Returned and clerked in store. Source: Adams pg. 496

"During this time, he practiced artistic penmanship and became expert in the use of a pen. He then maintained himself until he was 21 as a writing master." Pioneer annual meeting 1896.  
Source: Adams pg. 496. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 569.

"The day after reaching his majority he started away from home with just a six pence in his pocket, bound for St. Lawrence county, N.Y. He made his way from place to place, earning what he got to eat by "setting copies" for the farmers' children along his route. Published writing books were unknown in those days and the beautiful examples of penmanship which he wrote for children to copy when learning to write were highly prized. Reaching St. Lawrence county, he remained there two years, following his business as a teacher of writing. From thence he started west and reached Detroit August 28, 1846. he had nine silver dollars in his pocket when he landed." Source: Obituary of Orien Austin Jenison; The State Republican, Tuesday August 6, 1895.

- 1843 Twenty years later (after born - born 1823) he came to Detroit. Source: Obituary of Orien Austin Jenison; The Lansing Journal weekly edition; Lansing Michigan, Friday, August 9, 1895.
- 1844 Left home with sixpence, bound for St. Lawrence county, NY; occupation teacher and writing. Source: Adams pg. 496
- Left home at age 21. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 569.
- Aug 28, 1846 Arrived in Detroit - had 9 silver dollars. Source: Adams pg. 496 Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 569. Source: Obituary of Orien Austin Jenison; The State Republican, Tuesday August 6, 1895.
- Sep 1, 1846 Secured position in private land office of Macey & Diggs. Source: Adams pg. 496 Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 569.
- Within three days he had secured a position in the private land office of Macey & Driggs. Source: Obituary of Orien Austin Jenison; The State Republican, Tuesday August 6, 1895.
- Dec 24, 1847 On Friday, December 24, 1847, Mr. Jenison took the cars for Jackson. The next morning, he took the stage, and, after traveling all day, walking a large part of the distance, and frequently helping to boost his coach over the corduroys, he arrived in Lansing, Saturday evening, December 25, 1847...
- Mr. Jenison lived at the National Hotel on Main street for three weeks, during which time he never saw a bed; he sat in a chair in the bar room every night, catching what sleep he might under the circumstances. A Mr. Carter was just completing a wood building two stories high on the present site of the Hudson and Baird block here Mr. Jenison secured quarters and moved up to the center near the Capitol. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 569.
- Dec 25, 1847 Arrived in Lansing; Firm sent to Lansing to establish a branch office.
- "He arrived here on Christmas day after having walked a large part of the way from Jackson on account of the miserable condition of the stage road." Source: Adams pg. 497
- Spent first 3 weeks at National Hotel.
- Est. office in building being constructed on site which in 1923 was site of Baird and Hudson block.
- Dec 25, 1847 "He arrived here on Christmas day after having walked a large part of the way from Jackson on account of the miserable

condition of the stage road.” Source: Obituary of Orien Austin Jenison; The State Republican, Tuesday August 6, 1895.

...Mr. Jenison spent his first three weeks in Lansing at the National hotel on Main street. The town was so crowded that during that time there was not an available bed in the city for Mr. Jenison to sleep in. A wooden building was being built on the present site of the Baird & Hudson block. Quarters were secured there for Macey & Driggs, and after getting their business into shape he resigned his position with them and went into the auditor general's department, where he held a clerkship for twelve years. Source: Obituary of Orien Austin Jenison; The State Republican, Tuesday August 6, 1895.

- 1847                      Upon his arrival in Lansing he took charge of the land office of Macey & Driggs but soon after retired therefrom to accept a position in the office of the Auditor General. Source: Obituary of Orien Austin Jenison; The Lansing Journal weekly edition; Lansing Michigan, Friday, August 9, 1895.
- 1848 - Spring 1860    Clerk in Auditor Generals Department  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 569.
- After getting the business of Macy & Driggs in good order, he resigned his position with them and accepted a clerkship in the auditor General's office., where he remained for about twelve years. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 569.
- 1850                      He remained a faithful employee of the State for 12 years, when he resigned to engage in the dry goods business. Source: Obituary of Orien Austin Jenison; The Lansing Journal weekly edition; Lansing Michigan, Friday, August 9, 1895.
- Went into the dry goods business with S. S. Coryell, the business continued until 1868. Source: Obituary of Orien Austin Jenison; The State Republican, Tuesday August 6, 1895.
- Jan 20, 1851            Married Helen M. Butler  
                              Children - Frank H. & Orien A. Jenison.  
Source: Adams pg. 497. Source: Obituary of Orien Austin Jenison; The Lansing Journal weekly edition; Lansing Michigan, Friday, August 9, 1895. Source: Obituary of Orien Austin Jenison; The State Republican, Tuesday August 6, 1895.
- 1856                      After six years' experience in mercantile business he entered the employ of John A. Kerr & Co., State printers and binders, as bookkeeper, and continued in this capacity with this company and its successors, W. S. George & Co., for 18 years. When Robert Smith & C., secured the State printing and binding contact he became their bookkeeper, and continued as such until September

- 1894, when on account of failing health, he was compelled to stop all work.  
Source: Obituary of Orien Austin Jenison; The Lansing Journal weekly edition; Lansing Michigan, Friday, August 9, 1895.
- 1856 Mr. Case had always been an active democrat until the bitter and bloody contest in Kansas between pro slavery and free state parties. The conduct of President Pierce toward the slave power forced Mr. Case to sever his relations with his party and in 1856 he fully identified himself with the Republican party and canvassed the state for Fremont and Dayton. During that exciting campaign, Mr. Case delivered an address to the democracy of Ingham county, giving the reason for his political change, which was considered one of the most powerful and convincing political arguments of the time. It was signed by Mr. Case and 23 of his fellow democrats, among whom were the late H. H. Smith, B. E. Hart, John R. Price, O. A. Jenison and John Tooker.  
Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.
- 1859 Listed as clerk in Auditor General's office. Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- 1860 - 1868 Clerk in mercantile business of S. S. Coryell. Source: ?  
  
Resigning this position (Auditor General's office) he formed a co-partnership with the late S. S. Coryell and engaged in the mercantile trade, which he continued until the spring of 1868, when he closed out the business.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 569.
- 1864-65 Lansing city Auditor. Source: Durant.
- 1865-1866 Lansing city Auditor. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 569.
- 1865 Sent petition to legislature, with others, urging Agriculture remain at E. Lansing; responding to report of the President (W. G. Beckwith) of the Michigan State Agricultural Society and Secretary of society (R. F. Johnstone) alleged failure of crops, unsuitableness of farm for fruits, location, etc. in 1863.  
Source: House Document No. 45 of 1865.
- Spring 1868-  
Jan 1, 1886 Bookkeeper for John A. Kerr & Co. (printer of State Republican)  
Source: Adams pg. 497. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 569. Source: Obituary of Orien Austin Jenison; The State Republican, Tuesday August 6, 1895.
- 1886-1890 Various position. Source: Obituary of Orien Austin Jenison; The State Republican, Tuesday August 6, 1895.



For the next four years Mr. Jenison took a rest, which he much needed and greatly enjoyed January 1, 1890 he again took the position of bookkeeper for the State printing and binding establishment conducted by Robert Smith.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 569.

- 1890 Bookkeeper in state printing office (Robert Smith had obtained state contract. Source: Obituary of Orien Austin Jenison; The State Republican, Tuesday August 6, 1895.
- Sep 3, 1894 Resigned position with Robert Smith. Source: Obituary of Orien Austin Jenison; The State Republican, Tuesday August 6, 1895.
- Aug 6, 1895 Died. Source: Adams pg. 498. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 570. Source: Obituary of Orien Austin Jenison; The Lansing Journal weekly edition; Lansing Michigan, Friday, August 9, 1895.
- Nov 15, 1897 Wife died. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 570.

When Jenison's store was built, we had to go down in a gully and climb some rudely erected stairs to order to get to tour work. There was a thick tamarack swamp on the east side of Washington ave from Saginaw st to Shiawassee st. Nobody would buy the land. That was the mistake made by most of us pioneers. We couldn't see far enough ahead to realize that we were rich in lands and that the people would come pouring in by the thousands later on. We used to comment on that swamp and say that it would never be fit for anything but a goose swamp. You could have bought it for almost a song then, but now it's much different. I don't know how much it would come to now bit it would be more than I would want to pay at any rate.  
Source: John N. Bush in Lansing State Journal, August 15, 1913.

### **Catharine Jennings**

Jun 28, 1848 Catharine Jennings Block 66 Lot 10 \$54

### **John Jennings**

Sep 15, 1847 John Jennings Block 114 Lot 12 \$363

### **John Jennings**

Block 67 Lot 2 & 3  
Block 114 Lot 12

1848 The Methodist Episcopal church of Lansing also organized in 1848, with "F.A. Blades, preacher in charge of the Mapleton Circuit," appointed the following trustees: John Berry, John

Jennings, Ephraim F. Thompson, David A. Miller, Joseph Kilbourne, William Wheadone. Source: Adams pg. 190.

1877 John S. Jennings portrait painter, 155 Washington Avenue. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1877, pg. 560. Same John Jennings?

### Henry Jipson

Block 129 Lot 12

Jipson mechanic and builder. Source: Durant pg. 162.

May 1839 Married Miss. Davidson at pine Lake, in meridian Twp. D. pg. 234.

1847 Capitol construction worker - Worked on

Spring 1847 W. W. Upton and Jipson formed partnership and built first house 'erected on the west side of the river'; Lansing House.

"Among them the old Lansing House, a double lot house, hewed on the outside, built by Mr. Jipson, and made ready for the members of the Legislature," Source: Mrs. C. M. Smith; Adams pg. 14-5.

Jun 23, 1847 Henry Jipson & W. W. Upton Block 129 Lot 12 \$300

Fall 1847 Lansing House built of logs on SE corner of S. Washington Ave. by E. Washtenaw. 11 pg. 72; 15 pg. 35; 6 pg. 58-59; tavern 24 pg. 56; 25 pg. 162; 29 pg. C-2. Lansing House log construction and built SE corner of S. Washington and E. Washtenaw. 29 pg. H-11. "Gipson soon after got into a log house that he built opposite to the present Lansing House, and that was called Lansing House." 268 pg. 21. Note: Source 11 pg. 72 noted built late fall; already up or being built in 1847. Note: Source 236 pg. 21 notes "on the southeast corner of South Washington and Capitol avenues, between Allegan and Washtenaw streets." "also "center of stagecoach, mail and other commercial activity in the early days." 236 pg. 21.

Sep 16, 1847 At township board meeting:

"Henry Jipson and W.W. Upton applied for a license to keep a tavern ...in the building they occupy near the Capitol. Granted for the remainder of the year." Paid \$5 for license." Operated Lansing House - 1st Lansing House. Note: Jipson and Upton built Lansing House. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 198.

Sep 16, 1847	Jipson and Upton applied for license to keep a tavern in building they occupied near Capitol; granted for remainder of year.; paid \$5 for license.
Apr 29, 1848	Henry Jipson granted license as retailer of ardent spirits and tavern-keepers for fee \$7.75. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 198.
May 19, 1848	Henry Jipson Block 73 Lot 6 \$9
May 19, 1848	Henry Jipson Block 104 Lot 4 \$36
1849	Paid personal property tax on: Lot 12 in Block 129 (\$1,500) Lot 6 in Block 73 (\$15) Personal \$500
Feb 24, 1854	Paid \$20.00 by state for furnishing material and repairing roof of capitol. pg. 6 Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.
Dec 4, 1854	Paid \$3,714.78 by state for grading grounds about new offices, furnishing lumber, materials, &c., and for services as Commissioner appointed by the Governor, under Act No. 87 of 1853. pg. 3. Source: Annual Report of the Board of State Auditors for 1855, dated December 1, 1855; Joint Documents 1855, No. 3.
Block 129	
Lansing House (1st)	SE corner W. Washington & E. Washtenaw Stood opposite and east of where Hotel Downey now stands (1897) 276 pg. 176.
1847	Built and opened by Henry Jipson. Built of logs and later one-story frame addition added on south side. 276 pg. 176.
1848	Original moved east and replaced 3 story building.
Lansing House (2nd)	SE corner W. Washington & E. Washtenaw
1848	Original (1st) Lansing House moved east and replaced by new 3 story building.
Mar 1848	Construction started by John N. Bush who constructed Packard House and finished Seymour Hotel. 117 pg. 384.
Mid 50's	James M. Shearer became proprietor of Lansing House.
1857	Relinquished to stepsons, Ben. B. and Henry B. Baker.
1859	Martin Hudson came Lansing and leased hotel. 117 pg. 515.
?	Hudson purchased and remodeled. 276 pg. 175.
Jun 2, 1861	Destroyed by fire?

### **Dr. Daniel Johnson**

- Oct 1, 1795 Born at Canterbury, Conn. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 46. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.
- Fall 1818 or 1819 Moved to Lansing, Tompkins County. New York and practiced for about two years and married in the meantime. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.
- Fall 1848 Moved to Lansing, Michigan accompanied by his son, Daniel B and Dr. H. B. Shank, who married his daughter; never practiced his profession in Michigan; build somewhat pretentious dwelling for those days on block 157, facing Washington Avenue, now owned by Dr. Shank, and also owned the farm property in the southern part of the city now occupied by his son. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 46. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.
- Nov 9, 1848 Daniel Johnson      Block 242      Lot 1      \$181
- 1848-9 People at once began the erection of better dwellings, generally small, single-story or two-story upright and one-story wing, frame, all of them painted white, that were painted at all. This was the general architecture for many years, with a few exceptions, notably three houses built in 1848 and 1849 ...house built by Dr. Daniel Johnson, on the southeast corner of Washington Avenue and Hillsdale Street. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 57.
- Jan 8, 1849 Purchased 160 acres in section 21 of Delhi Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- Dec 2, 1865 Died at Lansing, MI. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 46. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.
- Jul 11, 1867 Col. D. Johnson, M. D. married Floy D. Smiley of Batavia, NY.
- Nov 5, 1836 Daniel C. Johnson of Monroe County Michigan purchased 80 acres of section 10 of Town 1 South, Range 3 West of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.  
Note: Same Daniel Johnson?

### **Norris Johnson**

- Dec 4, 1847 James Seymour to Norris Johnson, Oneida, Eaton county land in section 9 (L7:P591)
- Purchased 14 acres for \$280:

Part of NE quarter of Section 9; boundaries

Begin at point in the center of a road continue North from Turner Street in the Town of Michigan and distant from the center of North Street in Said Town of Michigan 27 rods and running Thence N along said Street 5 1/2 rods  
Thence N 30\* W along the center of said road to the N line of section 9  
Thence W 16 1/2 rods to the North quarter post of section 9  
Thence S along the center line of Section 9 to a point W of the place of beginning  
Thence E to the place of beginning.

Nov 8, 1848

James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee county Michigan to Ray C. Andrews of Lansing, Ingham county, Michigan; Land in Lansing Twp. Sec. 9. (L11:P636)

Purchased for \$400 the NE quarter of SE quarter of section 9.

NE quarter of Section 9  
beginning in center of said section from N to S with Grand River road or ...said line and makes an angle from W to SW course and on the northerly line of said road and running  
Thence N along said center line 25 rods to SW corner of Johnsons and  
Thence E along the S line of said Johnsons land 2 rods  
Thence S 5 rods  
Thence E 8 rods  
Thence S 20 rods  
Thence W 10 rods to place of beginning

**William Johnson**

Block 228      Lot 1, 2 & 3

Oct 28, 1830

William Johnson of Washtenaw county purchased 30 acres in section 8 of Eaton Township, Eaton county.  
Same William Johnson?

1844

William T. or C. Johnson in census listed as resident of Locke Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

Feb 11, 1847

William Johnson purchased 40 acres in section 34 of Eaton Township, Eaton county.  
Same William Johnson?

Oct 21, 1847

Zalmon Holmes and wife Emily of Michigan, City, Ingham Cty. to William Johnson of same land in village of Michigan. (18:P544)

Purchased for \$275 Lot 3 on Block 23

- Oct 21, 1847      Zalmon Holmes and Wife Emily of Michigan city, Ingham County Michigan to William Johnson of same; Land in Village of Michigan (18:P546)
- Oct 21, 1847      Zalmon Holmes and wife Emily of Michigan, City, Ingham Cty. to William Johnson of same land in village of Michigan. (L9:P89)
- Purchased for \$275 Lot 3 in Block 228.
- 1840              William T. or C. Johnson in census listed as resident of Locke Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- 1859              W. S. Johnson listed as owning land in section 5 of Hartland, Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- 1859              W. Johnson listed as owning land in section 14 of Williamstown and section 5 of White Oak Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- 1860              William Johnson dealer in stoves, tin, sheet iron and hardware, Washington Avenue. Source: George W. Hawes' Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1860, pg. 225.
- 1863              Saddle and harness business in middle town. A435
- 1863-4            William Johnson, saddle and harness, middle town. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1863-64, pg. 378.
- 1865              Lansing township Justice. Source: Durant.

### **Coe G. Jones**

- 1837              Jones of Monroe county, NY purchased (land patent) land on NW quarter of section 4, 62.77 acres.
- Oct 2, 1837      Purchased 62.77 acres in section 4 of Lansing Township. Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- Oct 3, 1837      Coe G. Jones entered his land October 3, 1837, and gave his residence as Monroe county, New York. Source: J. P. Cowles at May 1873 meeting of Ingham County Pioneer Association; pgs. 27-28; Pioneer History of Ingham County; compiled and arranged by Mrs. Franc L. Adams, Vol. 1, 1923.

Sep 11, 1838	"Coe G. Jones had a piece of land on section 4 in Lansing township in October 1837. I married him in York Center, Genesee county, New York, on the 11th day of September 1838." Catherine Jones. Source: Catherine Jones, widow of Coe in letter quoted by J. P. Cowles in letter in State Republican after May 1873 meeting of Ingham County Pioneer Association; pgs. 27-28; Pioneer History of Ingham County; compiled and arranged by Mrs. Franc L. Adams, Vol. 1, 1923.
Oct 16, 1838	"Mr. Cooley's family came in the spring before we did, we moved into Lansing, October 16, 1838." Source: Catherine Jones, widow of Coe in letter quoted by J. P. Cowles in letter in State Republican after May 1873 meeting of Ingham County Pioneer Association; pgs. 27-28; Pioneer History of Ingham County; compiled and arranged by Mrs. Franc L. Adams, Vol. 1, 1923.
1838	According to sister (Mrs. Garret L. Dingman) Coe Jones settled on north half of NW quarter of section 4, containing 62.77 acres in spring or summer of 1838; purchased land in 1837. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, by Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 195.
Spring-summer 1838	Settled on land.
?	When raised log house, help came from Ingersoll's (Delta) and DeWitt. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, by Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 195.
Fall 1838	In the fall of 1838 they heard of neighbors down the river and to the southeast to them. These were Coe G. Jones, on section 5, and Joseph E. North, Jr., on section 32. the Norths made them a visit. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 194. Source: Past and Present, pg. 23.  In the fall of 1839 or '40 they heard that a family had moved into the woods, and that family heard at the same time that there was a family living on the bank of the river. The family proved to be that of Joseph E. North, Jr., and they soon came down to see the Cooley's. They found the Cooley's by following the section lines. Source: Adams, pg. 26. Identified as from letter of Frederick Cooley, Jr. Note: Had to be fall of 1838.
Oct 10, 1839	Purchased Land Township 4-N, Range 2-W of Ingham County. Section 4                      N 1/2 NW                      62.77 Source: Bureau of land Management, General Land Office Records, MI2610--.467; entered at Ionia Land Office.

- Spring 1839 "We did not know that any family lived in the township until the spring of 1839, when our cattle strayed off, and in looking for them Mr. Jones found the Cooley's." Source: Catherine Jones, widow of Coe in letter quoted by J. P. Cowles in letter in State Republican after May 1873 meeting of Ingham County Pioneer Association; pgs. 27-28; Pioneer History of Ingham County; compiled and arranged by Mrs. Franc L. Adams, Vol. 1, 1923.
- Mar 24, 1840 "My daughter Harriet was the first girl born in the township, and Nathan L. Cooley was the first boy born there. She was born on March 24, 1840, and he on January 6, 1840." Source: Catherine Jones, widow of Coe in letter quoted by J. P. Cowles in letter in State Republican after May 1873 meeting of Ingham County Pioneer Association; pgs. 27-28; Pioneer History of Ingham County; compiled and arranged by Mrs. Franc L. Adams, Vol. 1, 1923.
- 1840 In census listed as resident of Alaiedon Township and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- 1844 In census listed as resident of Lansing Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- 1845 Ambrose Jones, father of Coe came from Allegany County, NY, and settled in Delta township, Eaton county in 1845, died in 1846. Ambrose had 10 children. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, by Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 195.
- 1846 Were 13 votes cast in township, twelve of them Democratic and one Whig. The Democrats were five Norths, three Gilkeys, Cooley, Earl, Delano, and J. W. Yauger. The Whig was Coe. G. Jones." Source: J. P. Cowles at May 1873 Ingham County Pioneer Association meeting: Adams pg. 23.
- 1850 In census listed as resident of Lansing Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- Jan 13, 1862 Dated will.
- Jan 16, 1862 Died on farm. Heirs: Catherine (widow) and children in Michigan: Daniel, Mary Jane, William, Ambrose, Melinda, John W, Chester, Vesta, Edward, Sarah E. Emma, and Henry Z. Jones. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 230. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, by Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 195.



Nov 18, 1876 Commissioners on partition to William Jones 5/12. to Michael Howell 2/12. to Chester Jones 1/12. to Mary L. Cater 1/12. to Edward Jones 1/12. to guardian to Daniel Hall 2/12. to the minor children of George Jones deceased (Emma and Henry J. Jones) 1/12. Memo of Nov. 17, 1876 William Jones share represents his part, that of Melinda Jones Hacker, represents the share of Chester and Vesta Jones; Chester Jones share is that of Sarah E. Jones; Mary J. Jones Cater and Edward Jones have their own shares, and Daniel Hall's share (as guardian) are those of Emma and Henry Z. Jones. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 230.

### **Orville H. Jones and William L. Jones**

1844 William Jones in census listed as resident of Leslie Township. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

Aug 3, 1847 Orville H. Jones & William L. Jones Block 153 Lot 3 \$63

### **Peter Jones**

Jun 21, 1836 Biddle City  
William Ford of Biddle City, Michigan to Peter Jones of Ohio and Peter Jones of Chicago, Cook county, Ill; Land in Biddle City, Ingham county. (L1:P75 Ingham county)

Lot 15, Block 32

William Ford of Biddle City to Peter Jones of Chicago, land in Biddle City of \$202.00. (L3:P28 Jackson county)

Aug 5, 1836 Peter Jones of Cook county, Ill. to Peter Farrell of Cook county, ILL; Land in Biddle City, Ingham county. (L1:P87) (Ingham county)  
Lot 2 & 3, Block 26, Lot 5, Block 13, Lot 15, Block 22\* or 32

Peter Jones of Cook county IL to Peter Farrell of Cook county, land in Biddle City for \$210.00; 3-189. (Jackson county) Same Peter Jones?

Sep 15, 1858 Peter Jones of Delhi died. Heirs: Cordelia Luther (wife of John Luther), Sally Barrowman (wife of William Barrowman), Betsy Willoughby (wife of William Willoughby), Samuel E., Orrin D., Griffin J., and John J. Jones all children of deceased, residents of New York and Michigan. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 229.

Jun 21, 1853 Purchased 40 acres in section 16 of Delhi Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

### **Samuel Jones**

Dec 2, 1835 Samuel K. Jones of Yates County, New York, purchased 291.43 acres of Town 1 South, Range 2 West of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck. Note: Same Samuel Jones?

Jun 1, 1839 Mortimer B. Martin of Shiawassee County, Michigan to Samuel Jones and James Lorimer Graham and George W. Hatch of New York, NY; Land in Lansing Twp. Sec. 14 (L3:P101)

Dec 2, 1839 Samuel Jones Esq. of New York, NY and James Lorimer Graham and wife Julia Matilda of New York, NY and George W. Hatch and wife Mary Ann of New York, NY to Thomas Boyd of New York, NY; Land in Lansing Twp. Sec. 14, 12, 11, 18, 17, 21, 26, 10. (L3:P541)

### **Whitney Jones**

Block 21 Lot?

"...left as a monument to his memory and enterprise, "The Octagon," corner of Washington avenue and Kalamazoo streets." Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.

May 2, 1812 Born Chautauqua county, NY

? Was Gov. William H. Seward's (NY) "right hand man for the western part of the state."

Summer 1839 Moved to Detroit with a stock of cloths he had brought from Jamestown, New York, having taken then in trade. He afterwards traded a portion of them for land in Michigan. he remained in Detroit but a short time, and in August 1839, removed to Marshall, Calhoun County. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 453.

Summer 1839 Moved from New York to Detroit; had stock of goods which he took in trade at Jamestown. Source: Pioneer History of Eaton County, 1833-1866; by Daniel Strange, M. Sc., 1923; pg. 77.

1839 Moved to Michigan; Delta in Eaton county where was county merchant.

- Aug 1839 Took his stock of goods to Marshall. Source: Pioneer History of Eaton County, 1833-1866; by Daniel Strange, M. Sc., 1923; pg. 77.
- Supervisor and postmaster
- 1840 Came to Lansing?
- 1842 Married Louisa Stimpson at Marshall
- Mar 1842 Transferred stock of goods to Eaton Rapids; "Here he built two boars measuring twelve by sixteen feet and floated his goods to Delta Mills where he opened the first store. His second stock was boated all the way from Jackson."; remained at Delta Mills until 1845. Source: Pioneer History of Eaton County, 1833-1866; by Daniel Strange, M. Sc., 1923; pg. 77.
- March 1842 moved to Eaton Rapids "he left Marshall with a stock of goods and transported them by team to Eaton Rapids. At that place he built two boats, twelve feet wide and sixteen feet long, and floated his goods down to Ingersoll's Mills (Grand River City, where he opened the first store. His second stock was boated all the way from Jackson. The Colonel purchased part of the plat of Grand River City before locating there. He remained in business at the place until 1846, having in the meanwhile been elected township supervisor and representative in the Legislature. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 453.
- May 10, 1842 Joseph T. Gilbert, Marshall Michigan to Whitney Jones of Marshall; land in sections 5, 10, 13 7 14 of Lansing Township.
- Feb 2, 1843 Whitney Jones & Louisa of Delta Township, Eaton County to Augustus Allen of Jamestown, Chautauqua county, NY. Land in sections 5, 10, 13 & 14 of Lansing township. L5:P69.
- 1844 Resident taxpayer of Delta Township, Eaton county. Source: Pioneer History of Eaton County, 1833-1866; by Daniel Strange, M. Sc., 1923; pg. 80. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 454.
- 1844 Whitney Jones, elected State Representative; Whig, received 449 votes in Ingham and 434 in Eaton for Representative. Source: Adams pg. 41.
- Jul 2, 1845 Eaton Bugle notes Col. Whitney Jones will read the Declaration at Charlotte July 4th celebration. Source: Eaton Bugle, Wednesday July 2, 1845.
- 1845 Moved to Detroit. Source: Pioneer History of Eaton County, 1833-1866; by Daniel Strange, M. Sc., 1923; pg. 78.

- 1845-6 Representative for Eaton and Ingham counties.  
Source: Adams pg. 166.
- Apr 17, 1846 Addison Hayden and wife Mary to Whitney Jones of Eaton Co.;  
land in Lansing Twp. Section 5. (L7:P240)
- 1846 Moved to Detroit with his family. Source: History of Ingham and  
Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880; pg. 453.
- Jul 19, 1847 Whitney Jones and wife Louise of Detroit, Wayne Cty. to William  
Hall of Jamestown, Chautauqua, Cty. NY; land in Lansing Twp.  
Section 22. (18:P360)
- 1847 Whitney Jones "was with the commissioners when the capital city  
was located and exerted no small influence to secure its location  
here."
- 1847 Moved to Lansing. Source: Pioneer History of Eaton County,  
1833-1866; by Daniel Strange, M. Sc., 1923; pg. 78.
- immediately after the capital was located at Lansing he removed  
to the latter place, where he yet resides. Source: History of  
Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880;  
pg. 453.
- Feb 10, 1848 Whitney Jones and Wife Louisa of Town of Michigan, to James  
Seymour of Flushing, MI; for \$1.00;  
"the right and privilege of keeping up to its present height his mill  
dam across Grand River in said town of Michigan being in the SE  
quarter of section number 9 in T4N, R2W and to add and raise an  
additional height on said dam of 18 inches and to set back the  
pond made by said dam into the Cedar River and to use and  
occupy so much of the land in the West part of the SW fractional  
quarter and the NW fractional quarter of section 22? (21?) in said  
town....as may be flowed by the water of said mill." (18:P21)
- Apr 1, 1848 Rep. Mathews presented the claim of Whitney Jones to the House  
of Representative, which was referred to the Committee on  
Claims. HJ pg. 687.
- Apr 3, 1848 Ran for supervisor received 110 votes, beaten by Lawson S.  
Warner who received 120. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties,  
Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 198.
- 1849-1853 Postmaster of Lansing Township.
- Feb 24, 1854 Paid \$82.00 for clearing lots 3, 4, 5 and 6 of block 246. pg. 13.  
Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated  
December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.

Jan 1, 1855- Dec 31, 1858	Auditor General Source: Auditor General Annual Report for fiscal year ending September Sep 30, 1874.
Jun 17, 1856	Delegate national Republican convention Philadelphia.
Feb 16, 1857	Joint Resolution relative to the claim of Whitney Jones against the State. Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the Board of State Auditors be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to audit and allow to Whitney Jones such a sum as they, the said Board may deem just and equitable for lands deeded to the State of Michigan, adjoining the site and for the use of the House of Correction, which lands the board of control for said institution require in addition to the twenty acres selected and designated as said site, in accordance with the law establishing said institution. Approved February 16, 1857.
1859	Senator from Clinton and Ingham counties.
Mar 28, 1861	Helen Isadore Jones, daughter of Whitney and Louisa Jones died in Lansing, at age of 2 years, 2 months.
1862-66	US assessor for third district.
Dec 14, 1866	Subdivided Block 97. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton counties Michigan, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of their Prominent Men and Pioneers by Samuel W. Durant, D. W. Ensign & Co., 1880; pg. 129.
Dec 28, 1866	Subdivided lots 2 and 3 of Block 2. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton counties Michigan, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of their Prominent Men and Pioneers by Samuel W. Durant, D. W. Ensign & Co., 1880; pg. 129.
1868-71	Postmaster of Lansing.
1871	Listed as manager of Homeopathic medical Institute. Source: First Annual Announcement of the Central Michigan Homeopathic Medical Institute, Organized April 4, 1871 at the City of Lansing, Session of 1871-72.
1872	Resident of Mason. A785.
1872	Supported Greeley became member Greenback party.
1880	Elected County Treasurer. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 54.
1883-1887	Treasurer of Ingham county.

1883 President of Ingham county Pioneer Society. Source: Adams pg. 58.

1887 Moved to Alameda, California.

1889 Returned to Lansing

Feb 29, 1892 or Mar 1, 1892 Died

? Helped organize Republican party at Jackson; prior was Whig.

### **James Kedzie**

Block 149 Lot 2

Jan 1849 Presbyterian. Later moved to Blissfield.

### **Orange Keeler**

Block 20 Lot Pt. 5  
Block 21 Lot 3

1840 In census listed as resident of Vevay Township, and born in Conn. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

1848 Jointed Methodist Episcopal Church. D168.

1850 In census listed as resident of Lansing Township, and born in Conn. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

### **Chauncey P. Kellogg**

Jun 28, 1847 Chauncey P. Kellogg & Daniel Munger  
Block 97 Lot 2 \$22  
Lot 3 \$22

### **Jacob Keyser**

Jun 21, 1836 Biddle City  
William Ford of Biddle City, Ingham county, Michigan to Jacob Keyser; Land in Biddle City. (L1:P77 Ingham county)

Lot 11, Block 26

William Ford of Biddle city to James Keyser, land Biddle City for \$26.00. (L 3: P60 Jackson county)

### **George A. Kilborn**

Nov 6, 1847                      George A. Kilborn & Hiran W. Green Block 152                      Lot 13 \$126

**Joseph H. Kilborn**

Nov 6, 1847                      Joseph H. Kilborn                      Block 153                      Lot 6                      \$58

**Joseph Henry Kilbourne**

Block 5                      Lot 10, 11 & 12  
Block 12                      ?  
Block 39                      ?  
Block 53                      Lot 2 & Pt. 1

May 8, 1809                      Born near St. Francis River and remained there until 1839.  
Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston  
Counties, Michigan, Chapman Brothers, 1891, pg. 775.

May 8, 1809                      Born near Brockville, Canada Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry  
Kilbourne, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday,  
November 2, 1891.

Note: Frazier notes born near Bennington, Vermont. Source: Let  
the Record Show a Legal History of Ingham County by Richard  
Frazier; MSU Press, 1997.

Farmer until 27 years of age.  
Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The State  
Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, November 2, 1891.

Methodist Episcopal Church  
Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston  
Counties, Michigan, Chapman Brothers, 1891, pg. 775.

?                      Married Susannah Hughes of Berkshire County, Pa.  
Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston  
Counties, Michigan, Chapman Brothers, 1891, pg. 775.  
  
Had five children: William V., Caroline Jeffers, Joseph H. Jr.,  
Samuel L. and Emily I (1891 was principal of Larch Street School.)  
Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston  
Counties, Michigan, Chapman Brothers, 1891, pg. 775.

Had eight children: Miss Emily L. Kilbourne, Samuel L Kilbourne  
J. H. Kilbourne and M. B. Kilbourne  
Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The Lansing  
Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, November 2, 1891.

Had all children by first wife: William H. Kilbourne, Joseph Henry  
Kilbourne, Samuel L. Kilbourne and Emily L. Kilbourne

Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, November 2, 1891.

1836

Entered Patriot War as Captain

Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, November 2, 1891.

was a Captain of rebel infantry in the Patriot War was taken prisoner and held in Toronto until he with five others escaped, crossed the St. Clair River at Point Sarnia, reaching Detroit where he obtained work as a blower and striker in a blacksmith shop. he was in the employ of his wife's brother, another refugee who had escaped with him. After they had accumulated some means they sent for their families, and going to Northville, Wayne county, built a store and blacksmith shop."

Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston Counties, Michigan, Chapman Brothers, 1891, pg. 775.

Mar 1838

Captured by Royalists and thrown into prison at Toronto.

Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, November 2, 1891.

Son Samuel L born at Westbury, Lower Canada.

Son born while in prison - Son (Samuel L) St. Rep. in 1875.

Nine days later (after imprisoned) escaped.

Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, November 2, 1891.

"He made his escape, and, in disguise, took charge of a drove of cattle that the British Commissary wished taken to the troops at Sarnia. He delivered the cattle, drew his pay, and then made his escape across the river." Source: Rep. Men of MI; pg. 47.

Crossed to Michigan in rowboat, walked to Detroit; found employment in blacksmith shop.

Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, November 2, 1891.

Apr 15, 1839

Son, Samuel L. Kilbourne born near Toronto, Canada.

Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston Counties, Michigan, Chapman Brothers, 1891, pg. 775.

1839

Wife and son joined in Detroit, when son 6 weeks old.

"His family joined him two years after (came to Detroit), and they moved to Northville and opened a store.

Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, November 2, 1891.

1839

Resided in Detroit/Northville



- 1843 Moved Okemos; purchased land  
Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, November 2, 1891.
- ? "A large tract of land was obtained from Chief Okemos and his tribe of Potawatomi Indians." Source: Obituary of Samuel L. Kilbourne, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Friday, June 12, 1925.
- Oct 15, 1839 Eric Prince of Oakland county to Joseph H. Kilbourn of Plymouth, Wayne county; land in section 21 of Meridian township. L3:P341
- Dec 1839 Built first house in what became village of Okemos.  
Source: I. H. Kilbourne in August 1874; Adams pg. 672.
- Jan 1840 Joined by Freeman Bray, brother in law.  
Source: I. H. Kilbourne in August 1874; Adams pg. 672.
- Post office soon est. Kilbourne postmaster A673.  
"The mail bag was carried on horseback from Howell to Grand Rapids. At this time travelers followed an Indian trail from Howell to Portland, a distance of fifty miles. The Grand river turnpike was not yet opened west of Howell, the solitude being broken by only one family residing in town four north, range two east. From Sanford to Delta, Eaton county, there was but one family.  
Source: I. H. Kilbourne in August 1874; Adams pg. 672.
- Feb 8, 1840 Joseph H. Kilborn of Alaiedon, Ingham county to Freeman Bray, land in section 21 of Meridian township. L3:P342.
- 1840 In census listed as resident of Alaiedon Township and born in Canada. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- About 1840 Methodist Episcopal class formed, among members were Joseph H. Kilbourne and wife, his mother Mrs. Phebe Kilbourne.  
Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 282.
- Aug 27, 1841 Joseph H. Kilborn purchased 40 acres in section 23 of Meridian Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 227.
- 1841 Freeman Bray laid out village of Okemos.  
1842 Freeman Bray built first sawmill.  
Source: I. H. Kilbourne in August 1874; Adams pg. 672.
- 1843 "In 1843 Joseph H. Kilbourne removed to Ingham county and bought a tract of land which had been occupied by Chief Okemos

and three hundred Potawatomi Indians. In connection with his brother-in-law he built a sawmill and a large double log house and opened a store. They proceeded to clear up a farm and remained in that locality until 1849."

Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston Counties, Michigan, Chapman Brothers, 1891, pg. 775.

- Apr 1844 "My father was among those who made a search for the body in the water of Grand river." Source: S. L. Kilbourne quoted in State Republican, April 15, 1909.
- 1844 Listed as resident taxpayer of Meridian Township. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 228.
- 1844 In census listed as resident of Meridian Township and born in Canada. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- Mar 24, 1845 PA 103 of 1845 authorized expenditure of non-resident highway taxes on part of road between Howell and house of Justus Gilkey in Ingham county. Joseph H. Kilbourne, of Meridian, Ingham County appointed act special commissioner and have superintendence of said road within Ingham County.
- Oct 1845 Appointed a committee to secure a site for a public burial-ground for Meridian Township. Apparently, nothing happened. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 283.
- 1845 Supervisor of Meridian Township. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 279.
- Jan 28, 1846 Governor Felch nominated: Owen Sharp, Joseph Woodhouse, Almon M. Chapin, Amos E. Steele, Joseph P. Cowles, David Waite, Joseph H. Kibbon (Kilborn) , Griffin Paddock, Amaziah Winchell, Levi Rowley and Daniel L. Case, to be notaries public for Ingham county, senate consented to on January 29, 1846. Source: Executive Journal, Senate Journal 1846; pg. 2, 3 & 5.
- 1846 First wife Susanna Hughes died; had 8 children; 5 survived to adulthood. Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, November 2, 1891.
- 1846 Elected to legislature.
- 1846 Overseer of Meridian Township road district No. 6. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 281.
- 1846-1847 County superintendent of the poor.  
Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, November 2, 1891.

- 1847 Represented Ingham County in House. Source: Adams pg. 166.
- 1847 Member legislature "and was more largely interested in bringing that about than any other man. After the capitol's location he came to Lansing and took charge of the Seymour interests, dealing largely in real estate in and about the city. He was elected a member of the first legislature body seated in Lansing, defeating J. W. Longyear, the Whig candidate, by one vote."; moved back Okemos in 1858 after stint in California. Source: Pioneer, pgs. 140-141.
- "He was a member of the State Senate in 1847, and the Hon. Joseph H. Kilbourne of Meridian, was a member from this county, in the House of Representatives. They worked with untiring zeal and energy to secure the location of the seat of the State government at Lansing. Fortunately for the prosperity of this section of the Sate and the more northern portion of the Lower Peninsula, their labors were crowned with success. Source: The Pioneer Newspapers, Ingham county News, June 11, 1874.
- As a member of the last Legislature which convened at Detroit Mr. Kilbourne did more than any other one person to secure the location of the State capitol in this city. For this he was rewarded by being re-elected and sat in the first Legislature which met in Lansing. Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, November 2, 1891.
- May 1, 1847 James Seymour to Joseph H. Kilborn; Land in sections 8, 9 and 10 of Lansing Twp. (18:P138)
- Seymour "...do hereby authorize and empower J. H. Kilborn ...as my attorney and in my name to contract and sell any and all of the lands which I may own at the time of such sale on section numbers 8, 9, 10 and 15" in Lansing Twp.
- Exception "that he shall not have power to sell any land which is affected or covered by the water of the mill pond or race on said section 9 or which would be affected or covered by the pond of the dam was raised to the height of 8 feet as allowed by law or to sell any part of said land in such manner as shall not leave the right to the free and undisturbed use of said water in the pond and race in me and my heirs"
- May 1, 1847 Became agent of James Seymour for purpose of selling land in section 8, 9, 10 & 15 of Lansing Twp.
- 1847 On location of the Capitol ".... he removed to that city and took charge of what was known as the Seymour property, building a large sawmill and attending to its operation. At the same time, he

sold large tracts of land and built the first woolen mills which were erected in this part of the State.”

Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston Counties, Michigan, Chapman Brothers, 1891, pg. 775.

“When the capitol was located in Lansing the elder Kilbourne came here and had charge of the Seymour property, building a large sawmill and superintending its operation. The father also superintended the erection of the first woolen mill here. it is often cited that the father, Joseph H. Kilbourne, was a member of the legislature of 1847 and was instrumental in having Lansing made capital. Source: Obituary of Samuel L. Kilbourne, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Friday, June 12, 1925.

- 1847 Supervisor of Meridian Township.  
Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 279.
- 1847 “He was elected a member of the first legislative body seated in Lansing, defeating J. W. Longyear, the Whig candidate, by one vote.” Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, November 2, 1891.
- Mar 1, 1848 Governor Ransom nominated:  
Orin Sharpe, Joseph Woodhouse, Joseph P. Cowles, Joseph H. Kilborn, Griffin Paddock, Aramaic Winches, Levi Rowley, Vavasa H. Powell, Mason Branch, Minus McRobert, Edwin Hulburt and Moses B. Hess, to be notaries public for Ingham county for the legal term. Senate consented to the nominations.  
Source: Executive Journal, Senate Journal 1848; pg. 710.
- Nov 18, 1848 Quarterly-Meeting Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church held in Lansing. Joab Page, William S. Calkins, E. F. Thompson, and Joseph H. Kilbourne were appointed stewards, Joab Page was made recording steward. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 168.
- 1848 Married Miss Louisa Turner of Okemos; she died while he was in California. Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, November 2, 1891.
- 1848 “While the legislators of those early pioneer days, meeting in the smoky, draft-chilled wooden State House...the lawmakers purchased water rights from the Honorable Joseph H. Kilbourne, the representative from the local representative district. This important transaction wherein a member of their own group engineered a sale to the State of Michigan does not appear to have created any kind of scandal.”  
Source: Bicentennial History of Ingham County Michigan by Ford Stevens Ceasar, pg. 213.

- 1848 Colonel in State militia.  
Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, November 2, 1891.
- 1848 Married Louisa Turner; Louisa died while in California.
- 1848 The Methodist Episcopal church of Lansing also organized in 1848, with "F.A. Blades, preacher in charge of the Mapleton Circuit," appointed the following trustees: John Berry, John Jennings, Ephraim F. Thompson, David A. Miller, Joseph Kilbourne, William Wheadone. Source: Adams pg. 190.
- 1849 Represented Ingham County in House. Source: Adams pg. 166.
- 1850 In census listed as resident of Meridian Township and born in Canada. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- 1851 Sold Lansing interest; moved family back to Okemos.  
Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston Counties, Michigan, Chapman Brothers, 1891, pg. 775.  
Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, November 2, 1891.
- 1851 About this time he took a small company across the plains to California, acting as their captain and remained there until the fall of 1858, when he returned to his farm"  
Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston Counties, Michigan, Chapman Brothers, 1891, pg. 775.
- 1851 Took company across plains to California.
- ? Ran for California legislature; defeated.  
Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, November 2, 1891.
- 1851 Wife Mary died.
- Jan 9, 1854 Methodist society reorganized due to removal from the place of Joab Page, Joseph H. Kilbourne, and others. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 168.
- Feb 22, 1857 Francis A. Jeffreys married Miss Caroline C. Kilborn of Meridian Township.
- 1858 Returned to Okemos.  
Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, November 2, 1891.
- 1859 Married Mary Holden

Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, November 2, 1891.

- 1859 Listed as owning land in section 23 and 26 of Meridian Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- 1860 Wife Mary (Holden) Kilbourne died.  
Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, November 2, 1891.
- Jun 27, 1860 Anna D. Kilborn, wife of Joseph H. Kilborn died; age 41. died in Meridian.
- Dec 8, 1862 Caroline C. Jeffers wife of Francis A. Jeffers and daughter of J. H. Kilborn died at age 28.
- 1862 Son (Samuel L. Kilbourne) married Louisa F. Burchard, daughter of Burchard. Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston Counties, Michigan, Chapman Brothers, 1891, pg. 776.
- 1864 Married Marinda Salsbury of Owosso (fourth wife)  
Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, November 2, 1891.
- May 28, 1872 Attended the organizational meeting of Ingham County Pioneer Society at Mason. Source: Adams, pg. 11.
- Nov 1, 1891 Died at Okemos; age 82.  
Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, November 2, 1891.
- Jan 13, 1892 Wife Marinda died.  
Sources: Pioneer Reports; Annual meeting 1892; pg. 140-1.; State Bio. pg. 394; Representative Men of Michigan; pg. 47.
- Founder of North Lansing Methodist Episcopal church.  
Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, November 2, 1891.
- Farmer & Democrat.  
Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday evening, November 2, 1891.
- "Mr. Kilbourne was a man of remarkable physical strength and energy and possessed a very fine intellect which was unimpaired to his last day. An iron will, great determination, simple habits, warm and tender sympathies made him what he was and gained him a large circle of warmly attached friends, who will sincerely mourn his death." Source: Pioneer Reports; Annual Meeting 1892;

pg. 140. Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, November 2, 1891.

S. L. Kilbourne

1867 City Attorney. Source: Durant.

1873 City Attorney. Source: Durant.

**P. I. Kinney**

Block 10 Lot 13  
Block 40 Lot 6  
Block 44 Lot 12  
Block 45 Lot 1

Nov 27, 1847 Granted license to keep a grocery in "building he now occupies" on block no. 6 of section nine, charged \$2.00 for license. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 198.

Durant Note: "probably kept the Seymour House".

**Franklin L. Knapp**

Dec 29, 1847 Franklin L. Knapp Block 133 Lot 4 \$179

**Harvey Lamoreaux**

May 20, 1819 Born Rensselaerville, Albany county, NY. Source: Adams pg. 383-4. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 234.

1819 Family moved to Green county, NY. Source: Adams pg. 383-4.

1824 Family moved to Wayne county on old Erie canal. Source: Adams pg. 383-4.

1834 Family moved to Lenawee county, Michigan. Source: Adams pg. 383-4. Note: Durant pg. 234 notes 1835.

1835 Moved to Lenawee county. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 234.

1843 Married Lucretia Glassbrook.  
Had 8 children. Source: Adams pg. 383-4.  
Salem born Feb. 1844 had smallpox in July/Aug 1852.  
Augetine born Sept. 10, 1847, had smallpox in July/Aug 1852.  
Frances born June 15, 1851  
Eunice born Oct 18, 1864.

Alice A. born Nov. 15, 1857  
James H. Born Dec. 9, 1860.  
Josephine, born Jan. 31, 1864.  
Edwin F. born Jan 19, 1866.  
Source: Cowles pg. 335; Durant pg. 237.

- 1843/1844 Purchased 80 acres in section 10 of Delhi Township.  
Source: Adams pg. 379  
3/4 mile from German church in North Holt. Purchased from  
Alexander Morton in 1843 for \$175. Source: Adams pg. 383. Note:  
Adams pg. 383 notes purchased in 1843.
- 1844 Purchased land in Delhi Township, cleared some before brought  
family in 1845. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan,  
1880, Durant, pg. 234.
- 1844 Mrs. Myrtle B. Hillard at June 6, 1916 meeting Ingham County  
Pioneer and Historical Society noted purchased in 1844.  
Source: Adams pg. 379.
- Nov 1845 Moved family to Delhi Township, located on section 10.  
Source: Adams pg. 379; Durant pgs. 234-5. Source: Ingham and  
Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 234.
- 1847 'Mrs. Lamoreaux has a distinct recollection of Michigan's capital  
being removed from Detroit and helped the teamsters out of the  
mire in hauling the furniture for the new capitol. "Source: Cowles  
pg. 335
- Jul-Aug 1852 Smallpox hit Delhi Township; Salem and Augeline Lamoreaux,  
children of Harvey Lamoreaux died. Source: Ingham and Eaton  
Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 237.
- Feb 23, 1905 Mrs. Lamoreaux died. Source: Adams pg. 384.
- May 20, 1919 100 years old. Source: Adams pg. 379
- Jan 1920 Died. Source: Adams pg. 379

### **George Lathrop**

Block 16      Lot 16 &?  
Block 17      Lots 11- 16  
Block 147     Lot 1

- Jul 23, 1847 James Seymour and wife Mirra of Flushing, Genesee Cty. to  
George Lathrop of Genesee Cty. NY; land in village of Michigan.  
(18:P226)
- Purchased for \$400 Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16 of Block 17  
Purchased Lots 16 & 17 of Block 16.



Autumn 1847

**School: Cedar Street**

Cedar street school shortly replaced large structure and winter term teacher was Eli Ellwood. 20 pg. 168

...shanty school removed, and a respectable frame schoolhouse was built in its place, fronting on Wall street, and painted white. Elihu Elwood was the first teacher in that schoolhouse, followed by George and Mary Lathrop  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 82.

Jun 21, 1848

George Lathrop      Block 147      Lot 1      \$50

Jun 21, 1848

(Patent) State of Michigan to George Lathrop of Genesee Cty, NY; land in village of Lansing. (18:P225)

Purchased for \$50 Lot 1 of Block 247.

Aug 10, 1848

George Lathrop of Genesee county New York to George D. Lathrop and wife many Ann, Porter M. Lathrop, Julius B. Lathrop, Edwin J. Lathrop and Cleveland T. Lathrop of Ingham county, Michigan : Land in Lansing Twp. Sec. 35 (L11:P135)

1848

Joined Methodist Episcopal church

1854

Med Episcopal church purchased chapel with funds contributed in part by Lathrop.

Jan 15, 1857

Married Amelia A. Wood.

Feb 3, 1857

Married Amelia A. Wood in Lansing.

1859

Listed as owning land in section 15 of Lansing Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

1892

Died Ingham Twp. A91

**Eveline Lavery**

Block 176      Lot 5

Nov 7, 1847

Charles T. Allen and wife Sophronia of Michigan, Ingham Cty to Eveline Lavery of same place; Land in village of Michigan (L7:P564)

Purchased part of Lot 5 of block 176 for \$115. Land purchased:

Begin NW corner of Lot running  
Thence East along South line of Main Street 25 1/2 feet  
Thence South at right angle to rear of lot  
Thence Westerly along rear of lot to West line

Thence North along last-mentioned line to beginning.

Mar 28, 1848

Philander E. Pieroe and wife Rosina of town of Michigan to Eveline Laverty of same; land in town of Michigan. (18:P93)

Purchased for \$400 part of Lot 5 of Block 176 beginning at NE corner of lot running

Thence along South line of Main Street 24 feet West

Thence South to rear of lot on Grand River

Thence Easterly along Grand River to East line of Said lot

Thence North along east lot line to place of beginning.

### Chancy H. Leach

Jun 23, 1847	Chancy H. Leach	Block 143	Lot 3	\$7
			Lot 4	\$13
Jun 23, 1847	Chancy H. Leach	Block 148	Lot 8	\$54
Jun 24, 1847	Chancy H. Leach	Block 153	Lot 7	\$112
Oct 25, 1848	C. H. Leach	Block 153	Lot 7	\$84*
Oct 25, 1848	C. H. Leach	Block 143	Lot 3	\$5.25*
			Lot 4	\$9.75*
Oct 25, 1848	C. H. Leach	Block 148	Lot 8	\$40.50*

### DeWitt C. Leach

1847 "The first store in the city was kept by D. C. Leach, then a young man, in a small board pen and about ten feet square. he had a few dry goods, a small lot of boots and hoes, tea, coffee, and sugar, about as much in all as one horse could draw. That was the beginning of D. C. Leach in Lansing. Since then he has been a member of the Legislature, a member of congress, is now well-to-do in the world, and is editor and publisher of the Grand Traverse Herald." Source: J. P. Cowles at May 1873 Ingham County Pioneer Association meeting: Adams pg. 22-23.

1850 Rep. from Genesee County

1855 Moved Lansing; ed. *Lansing Republican*

1857-1861 Congressman

1861 Moved Traverse City

### Daniel L. Lee

Father-in-law of George W. Peck.

1806 Born Yates County, NY

1836 Moved Michigan. Merchant in Farmington, MI

1839	Purchased farm in Novi. Moved business to Novi
1843	Representative from Oakland county
1844	Became merchant and farmer at Brighton.
?	The name, Lee, was a prominent name here (Brighton) for many years. There was Horace, Thomas, Daniel, and James Lee in the early days. They and their descendants were engaged in business or had farms in the area. There are two houses with tall porch pillars still standing, one on Spencer Street, and one on Grand River owned by the Presbyterian Church that were built by the Lee's. Source: Brighton marks 148 years of History reprinted in An Abridgment of the History of Livingston County Michigan, original text by Franklin Ellis.
1847	Moved Lansing
Spring 1847	In the spring of 1847 a new real-estate firm-Bush, Thomas & Lee--came to Lansing, where they purchased a large amount of land, and Bush and Thomas erected a store and opened an extensive stock of goods. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 128.
Dec 17, 1847	<p>William H. Townsend and wife Sarah of New York City to Daniel E. Lee and Charles P. Bush and John Thomas; land in Lansing Twp. Section 21 (L7:P620)</p> <p>Purchased for \$9,000.  NW fractional quarter  NE fractional quarter of section 21 (301 &amp; 91/100 acres)  exception conveyance made by William H. Townsend, Mead &amp; Peck bearing date the 5th of May and recorded liber 1 page 300 &amp; 301 and reserving and excepting such lots in the town of Michigan as have been heretofore conveyed to other persons or parties by the said parties of the first part (Townsend's) or either of them...and further reserving and excepting</p> <p>Blocks 166, 169, 178, 181, 183, 184, 187, 189, 192, 193, 194, 199, 202, 209, 211, 216, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225 conveyed to state</p> <p>convey to the parties of the second part the exclusive right and privilege of raising and forever keeping up and maintaining the waters of Grand River on and through section 20 in said Twp. 4 North range 2 west to and at such height as they deem necessary or convenient for hydraulic or milling purposes but so as not to raise the same above the bank on the west line of said section 20 and also further exclusive privilege of building, keeping up and maintaining forever a dam across Grand River on said section 20 at such point or place as may be deem necessary or convenient</p>

raising or keeping up the water of Grand River at or below the height above and limited and no higher and also the right and exclusive privilege of digging or otherwise constructing, keeping in repair and maintain forever a canal or race through such portions of said section 20 as they deem necessary or convent of such depth and width as may be necessary for the full and perfect use and enjoyment of the water power hereby conveyed either by itself or in connection with the water power on section 21 of said Twp. with the right and full power and authority to enter upon said section 20 and \_\_\_ Thereupon whenever and as long as it shall at any time be necessary for the construction repair or maintenance of said dam races, canal and their appurtenances and the right to take and use for the purpose of building and keeping in repair said dam all earth gravel and stone from the banks of said river and from the line of said canal and also such timber now standing within two rods of the center of said canal and also such earth gravel or stone adjoining the rim of said race or canal for the repair of the same whenever such repair may be necessary.

and the said parties of the first part do hereby sell assign transfer and set over unto the said parties of the second part all and singular their right title and interest of in and to all monies bills, bonds, notes, mortgages and contracts which have been received for or on account of sales of lots in the Town of Michigan and in and all property goods and chattels? arising from such sales and belonging to the said Townsends. Together with all and singular the \_\_\_ and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in ....

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| Feb 19, 1848 | Daniel L. Lee of Brighton, Livingston county, Michigan to Charles P. Bush of same. (former grants power of Attorney to last). (L6:P631?)   |
| Feb 28, 1848 | Charles M. Lee and wife Elizabeth of Rochester, NY to Jacob Shoff of Lancaster Ohio; land in Lansing Twp. Section 17 (18:P34)  |
| Mar 2, 1848  | Daniel Lee and wife Sarah and John Thomas and wife Ann of Michigan (by Atty. C. P. Bush) and George W. Peck and wife Minerva of Michigan to William Harrison Ransdell of Plymouth, Wayne Cty.; land in village of Michigan. (18:P10)                   |
|              | Purchased for \$100 dollars Lot 13 of Block 174.   |
| Mar 4, 1848  | John Thomas and wife Ann (by Atty. C. P. Bush), Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura (by Atty. C. P. Bush) and George W. Peck and C. P. Bush, and wife Minerva Peck, all of Michigan to Garner P. Shaw of Oakland Cty.; land in village of Michigan. (18:P201) |
|              | Purchased Lot 6 of Block 173 for \$130.  |

- Mar 4, 1848 Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura L. (by Atty. C. P. Bush) of Ingham Cty. to Sylvester Thompson of Ionia Cty.; land in town of Michigan (18:P85)
- Purchased for \$150 Lots 4 and 5 of Block 231, except claims of Chapsaddle widow.
- Mar 31, 1848 Public Act 161 authorized Daniel S. Lee, Charles P. Bush and John Thomas to erect and maintain a dam, not exceeding 8 feet in height above the common low water mark, across the Grand River on sections 20 and 21 in township four north or range two west.
- Owners to construct good and convenient lock, at least eight feet long and eighteen feet wide, for the passage of all boats, barges, rafts or other water craft that may navigate river, and shall be constructed as to receive such boats and other craft in slack water of sufficient depth below said dam, and pass them to slack water of sufficient depth above said dam for all purposes of the navigation of river at all times, whenever the circuit or county court shall order the same to be done, upon good cause. At the time of the construction of the dame there shall be construct therein or thereat a convenient shut or slide for the passage of all craft navigating the river. Its duty of owner at all times to keep the lock in repair and to pass any water craft through the dam, free of tools and without unnecessary delay. Source: Public Act 161 of 1848, approved March 31, 1848.
- May 4, 1848 John Thomas and wife Ann (by Atty. Charles P. Bush) Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura R. (by same Atty) and George W. Peck and wife Minerva (by same Atty.) all of Michigan to George Haskell of Ohio; land in town of Michigan (18:P145)
- Purchased for \$40 Lot 2 of Block 176.
- May 10, 1848 John Thomas and wife Ann (by her atty. C. P. Bush) Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura (by her atty. Charles P. Bush) and wife Minerva and George W. Peck to Isaac L. Taylor of Town of Michigan, Ingham Cty.; land in village of Michigan. (L9:P186)
- Purchased for \$400 the West half of NW quarter of Section 14 of Twp. 4 North Range 2 East; containing 80 acres and
- 20 acres - West part of East 1/2 of NW quarter of Section 14.
- Jul 15, 1848 John Thomas and wife Ann (by Atty. C. P. Bush, Daniel Lee and wife Laura (by same Atty) George W. Peck and wife Minerva (by same atty) to Jerome E. Eaton and John S. Hurd; land in village of Lansing. (18:P242)
- Purchased for \$150 Lots 7, 8, 9, 10 of Block 218.

- Sep 29, 1848 Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva, Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura L. and George W. Peck all of Michigan to Charles L. Seeley of Plymouth, Wayne county, Michigan; Land in city of Lansing. (L12:P328)
- Purchased for \$100 Lot 16 of block 176.
- Nov 4, 1848 John Thomas and wife Ann; Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura L. (by her attorney C. P. Bush), George W. Peck and Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva all of Michigan to Peter J. Weller and Augustus F. Weller of Lansing, Ingham county, Michigan; Land in Village of Lansing. (L9:P458)
- Purchased for \$130 Lot 4 of Block 177.
- Jan 8, 1849 Silver (State Land Commissioner) to C. P. Bush, Lee & Thomas (L9:P274)
- Assignees of Townsends by virtue of Joint Resolution of April 3, 1848 for just compensation "to flow certain land therein described and whereas said parties of the second part have become and now are the assignees of all the aforesaid rights of said Townsend under said resolution and whereas the sum of o dollar as deemed by said party of the first part a full and adequate compensation of the privileges herein after granted, Now therefore the said parties of the first part on behalf of the State of Michigan by virtue of...give and grant. .the right and privilege to flow or overflow by raising the waters in the Grand or Cedar Rivers of either of them the whole of any portion of the following described parcels or tracts of land to wit:
- Blocks 194, 216, 225.
- Mar 7, 1849 Daniel S. Lee and Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva, John Thomas and wife Ann of Lansing and Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura L. of Brighton to James Seymour of Flushing; for \$2,000\*; "the right and privilege of raising and keeping up the water of the mill pond created by the said Seymour's dam on the Grand River in section 9 as far ....high through section 21 in T4N,R2W in said town of Lansing and flowing as much land in said section 21 as the present dam with an additional raising of 4 inch plank will raise it..": land in section 21. (18:P616)
- \*Note: from microfilm look like '2' but could be '5'.
- Mar 7, 1849 James Seymour to C. P. Bush, Thomas, Lee; land in Section 21 (L9:P272)
- Purchased for \$2,000 the SW fractional quarter of Section 21; 130 acres

“together with the water rights and privileges appertaining to the same excepting and reserving the right and privilege of setting back unto the land ready covered its water of said Seymour mill pond as far and as high as his present dam across Grand River on section 9 with an addition covering of four inch planks will raise it

Spring 1850 “This caused the organization of another company which secured its incorporation in the spring of 1850, James Seymour, Hiram H. Smith, Ephraim B. Danforth, George W. Lee and Frederick C. Whipple were the commission to solicit sixty thousand dollars of stock. Their company was given the Grand River road from Lansing to Howell. They had raised enough to commence work by that fall and two years later, had the road completed. Source: *History of Howell*, pg. 80.

1850 Member Constitutional Convention.

Oct 3, 1837 Lee & Thomas purchased 160 acres in section 16 of Farmington Township of Oakland County.

Sep 26, 1856? Died in Brighton.

Sep 26, 1857? Died in Brighton.

### John Long

Block 143 Lot 5 & 6  
Block 144 Lot 7 & 8  
Block 163 Lot 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 & 8

“Not far from this time Mr. Long built a house on the highest point of St. Joseph street west, a long distance through the woods. It is still standing (1897). “276 pg. 177.

Sep 15, 1835 John Long of Seneca County, New York purchased 40 acres of section 27 of Town 1 South, Range 1 West of Jackson County. Source: *Landsmen of Jackson County*, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck. Note: Same John Long?

Aug 20, 1847	John Long	Block 164	Lot 1 & 2	\$27
Aug 20, 1847	John Long	Block 163	Lot 1 & 2	\$34
			Lot 5 & 6	\$24
Aug 20, 1847	John Long	Block 144	Lot 7 & 8	\$26
Aug 20, 1847	John Long	Block 148	Lot 7	\$77

1847 “Not far from this time (1847) Mr. Long built a house on the highest point of St. Joseph street west, a long distance through the woods. It is still standing (1897). “276 pg. 177.

Sep 1, 1847 “Among the many pupils who attended Mrs. Burr’s school, were find in the families mentioned, Mr. Dearin’s two boys, Henry and

Matthew, Isaac, Charlie and Elbert Bush, brothers of Mrs. Hinmann, John being a messenger boy in the legislature; Amelia Hunt, James Thomas, Two Clapsaddle boys. The younger one fell into the river and was rescued by his older brother; one Quackenbush boy, Lucy Long, David and Nancy Goucher, Anna Jeffries, Mary Berry, later known as Mrs. H. D. Pugh, whose father at the time was proprietor of the original Lansing House; Hattie Edgar, whose father built the first structure of the Commercial House, and Delia Ward, afterwards Mrs. F. M. Cowles." 276 pg. 178.

Sep 9, 1847 Whig convention held at courthouse in Mason; James Turner appointed with T. S. Holmes as standing corresponding committee in Lansing township; John Long appointed delegate to State convention. Source: Adams pg. 129.

Feb 17, 1848 John Long Block 162 Lot 6 \$22

Feb 28, 1848 John Long Block 143 Lot 5 & 6 \$29

Feb 24, 1854 Paid \$225.25 by state for clearing 26 1/2 acres, on school section, under act 133 of 1851, at \$8.50 per acre. Pg. 7  
Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.

### **Ephraim Longyear**

Feb 7, 1827 Ephraim Longyear born in Shandaken, Ulster County, New York. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.

Source: Obituary of Ephraim Longyear, The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, January 18, 1889.

Autumn 1843 Longyear family moved from New York to Alaieton Township  
Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113. Source: Obituary of Ephraim Longyear, The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, January 18, 1889.

Including Ephraim (son); John (son) stayed in New York;

1843 Ephraim came Michigan in spring of 1843. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.

Winter 1843-44 Ephraim taught school in Unadilla, Livingston County; for about six years taught school in winter and worked on father's farm in summer. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.

Jun 11, 1845 Longyear's father killed by falling tree; left 6 sons; 1 daughter and wife. Source: Let the Record Show A Legal History of Ingham



- County by Richard Frazier; MSU Press; 1997; pg. 59. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.
- 1846 John W. Longyear studied law and admitted to bar in 1846. Source: The Red Book of Michigan a Civil, Military and Biographical History by Charles Lanman, 1871. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 36. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
- Formed law partnership with brother Ephraim Longyear, which continued until about 1860. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 36.
- 1847 Longyear brothers moved law office to Lansing. Source: Let the Record Show A Legal History of Ingham County by Richard Frazier; MSU Press; 1997; pg. 60. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
- 1847 Ephraim Longyear admitted to bar in Ingham county. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 37. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.
- 1847 Ephraim Longyear moved to Lansing; practiced law with brother except during 1852-53. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.
- 1847 Ephraim Longyear account: "I came into Michigan with my father (family settled Alaiedon township in spring 1843). His name was Peter Longyear, and he was killed by the fall of a tree at Alaiedon, aged sixty-one years...When we came into this country it was very new and had but few inhabitants. I taught school the first years in several part of the county-viz, at Mason, four miles south of Mason, at Ingham, and at Unadilla. When the capital was located, in 1847, I came to Lansing and taught the first school at the middle town. Lansing has been my home ever since. Having practiced law several years; am now a banker. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880." Durant, pg. 214.
- 1848 E. Longyear - when 21 elected township (Unadilla, Livingston county?) clerk and served two years. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.
- ? E. Longyear taught district school in North Lansing for two terms, and first public school in the central district, south of where the new Capitol stands. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.
- 1852-53 Ephraim Longyear practiced law in California. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.
- Oct 27, 1857 S. E. Longyear charter member of Torrent Engine Co., No. 1.

Source: J. P. Edmunds, LSJ 11-11-1921.

- 1859 J. W. & E. Longyear listed at attorneys. (Block 100, Lot 6)  
Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- 1859-60 E. Longyear Lansing city Recorder. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.
- 1860 E. Longyear, dealer in dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, readymade clothing, etc., corner of Washington and Ionia.  
Ad:  
E. Longyear  
Dealer in Boots and Shoes,  
Ready Made Clothing, Buffalo Robes, &c.  
Corner Washington Avenue & Ionia Streets,  
Lansing, Michigan  
Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1860, pg. 225.
- ? E. Longyear first president of city board of education. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.
- Nov 22, 1862 Ephraim Longyear appointed postmaster. Served until March 28, 1867. During term (1862-1867) he moved office to building in rear of the Second National Bank. Source: Post Offices of Michigan, edited by Sr. Marriana, SSJ, 1976, pg. 518
- 1861-1866 E. Longyear appointed postmaster of Lansing. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 37. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.
- 1863-4 Ephraim Longyear, lawyer, Middle Town. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1853-4, pg. 378.
- 1865 Ephraim Longyear and other called for formation of Union Agricultural Society in November 1865; Central Michigan Agricultural Society organized January 31, 1966, formed in 1865. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 103.
- 1866 Ephraim Longyear after being postmaster "...engaged in mercantile business for a short time and after that in the banking business for the remainder of his business life.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 37.  
Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.

- 1867-8 Ephraim Longyear attorney, real estate, conveyancing, etc. Michigan Avenue. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1867-8, pg. 276.
- ? Built Longyear building on NE corner of Washington and Michigan avenues.
- 1871 E. Longyear listed as manager of Homeopathic medical Institute. Source: First Annual Announcement of the Central Michigan Homeopathic Medical Institute, Organized April 4, 1871 at the City of Lansing, Session of 1871-72.
- 1879 Ephraim Longyear, president of Second National Bank. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1877, pg. 560.
- 1879 Ephraim Longyear, president of Second National Bank. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1879, pg. 740.
- Jan 17, 1889 Died in Pasadena, California. Source: Obituary of Ephraim Longyear, The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, January 18, 1889.
- Jan 18, 1889 Ephraim died in Pasadena, California; buried in Mount Hope Cemetery. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 37.
- ? Engaged in banking business of this city and accumulated a comfortable fortune. Source: Obituary of Ephraim Longyear, The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, January 18, 1889.
- ? Charter member of State Pioneer and Historical Society, Treasurer at time of death. Source: Obituary of Ephraim Longyear, The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, January 18, 1889.
- ? Treasurer of State Agricultural College. Source: Obituary of Ephraim Longyear, The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, January 18, 1889.
- Member First Presbyterian church. Source: Obituary of Ephraim Longyear, The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, January 18, 1889.

## Longyear

Judge Longyear, when a young man, was considered the ablest lawyer in Ingham county and later one of the ablest in the State and was regarded as among the most careful and learned of the U. S. Judges. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 37.

### Judge Longyear

There was no attorney practicing here who was neater and more exact and scrupulous in the way of papers than Mr. Longyear. His law was carefully looked up and noted in his brief. He never made a mistake. His law was always law with the court. He appeared to be as candid, as conscientious, and as anxious for truth and justice as the judge himself. His talks to the jury were mere informal talks, evincing no ambition for oratory and no anxiety to win a verdict, and yet all that he said was listened to and remembered, appearing, by its own weight, to impress itself upon the mind without any impressiveness of voice or manner. In personal appearance he was the very personification of the nervous, energetic, quick, and intelligent lawyer. His hair was black, bushy, and curly. His eyes, dark, piercing, and quickly expressive, and the color around them remarkably dark. His complexion was dark and bloodless. His high and handsome brow often wore an expression of bodily suffering and mental anxiety. In person he was tall, slender, and straight as an Indian. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880, pg. 373.

Oct 22, 1820

John W. Longyear born in Shandaken, Ulster county, NY; received academic education; moved Michigan in 1844. Source: The Red Book of Michigan a Civil, Military and Biographical History by Charles Lanman, 1871. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 36. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880, pg. 373. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111. Source: Obituary John W. Longyear, The Lansing Semi-Weekly Republican, Friday, March 12, 1875.

1835

Family moved to Delaware county.  
Source: Obituary John W. Longyear, The Lansing Semi-Weekly Republican, Friday, March 12, 1875.

Completed school in the seminars of Amenia & Lima, New York. Source: Historical Society of Grater Lansing, Lansing Pioneers & Notables, Ghostwalk 2004.

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Received academic education, and went to Western New York, where he taught school and commenced the study of law. Source: Obituary John W. Longyear, The Lansing Semi-Weekly Republican, Friday, March 12, 1875.

Autumn 1843

Longyear family moved from New York to Alaieton Township Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.

including Ephraim (son); John (son) stayed in New York;

- Apr 5, 1844      Came to Michigan and landed at Detroit on April 5, 1844. He came up Lake Erie on the old steamer St. Clair, the second trip made that spring by any boat. He remained one night at Detroit, the next morning rode to Dexter over the Michigan Central "Strap rail." From Dexter he footed it through a sparsely settled country to Stockbridge, and staid all night with John Dubois. Next day he footed it into Alaiedon, where his father had located a farm the year previous. Source: Obituary John W. Longyear, The Lansing Semi-Weekly Republican, Friday, March 12, 1875.
- 1844      John W. Longyear visited family in Alaiedon:  
"Longyear left New York late in March of 1844 on a Lake Eire steamer that arrived at Detroit on April 5. The following morning, young Longyear boarded a railroad coach and rode as far as Dexter. He wrote, "From Dexter, I footed it through sparsely settled country to Stockbridge, and staid all night with John Dubois." Longyear walked the trail for over nine hours before arriving at the Dubois Inn in Ingham county's earliest settled village nearly thirty miles from Dexter. The next morning John continued his journey to the Alaiedon Township homestead by walking the fifteen or so miles. An often-used word in his account is "fatigue." Source: Let the Record Show A Legal History of Ingham County by Richard Frazier; MSU Press; 1997; pg. 58.
- 1844      Soon afterwards he located at Mason and commenced the practice of law and also engaged in school-teaching.  
Source: Obituary John W. Longyear, The Lansing Semi-Weekly Republican, Friday, March 12, 1875.
- 1844      John W. Longyear moved to Michigan, settled at Mason; completed study of law under brother-in-law Daniel L. Case; taught district school during winter while pursuing his studies.  
Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
- 1844      In 1844 he (John) removed to Mason, completed his law studies, having begun the same in New York, teaching district schools during winters, was admitted to bar in 1846.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 36.
- Studied law in office of D. L. Case. Source: Historical Society of Grater Lansing, Lansing Pioneers & Notables, Ghostwalk 2004.
- ?      Studied law in office of his brother, John W. at Mason, with whom he was subsequently associated. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.
- ?      While at Mason married Miss Monroe a sister of D. L. Case and Mrs. James Turner. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.

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- John W. Longyear married Harriet Munro, sister of Mrs. James Turner and Mrs. Daniel Case; had soon John Munro Longyear. Source: Let the Record Show A Legal History of Ingham County by Richard Frazier; MSU Press; 1997; pg. 58.
- Munro trace ancestry back to "Josiah Munro, who was a Connecticut soldier during the revolution and took part in the expedition to Canada in 1777, and after the Declaration of Independence moved to Pawlet, Vermont." Source: Men in Progress by Evening News Association, 1900, Detroit.
- Oct 31, 1844
- (John) Select School  
The subscriber being aware of the disadvantages under which the people of this new county labor, has established the following low terms for tuition in his select school
- For common English branches per quarter of eleven weeks \$3.00  
For higher English including mathematics \$4.00  
For French & Latin Languages \$4.50
- No pains will be spread in rendering this school worthy the patronage of an enlightened community. It is highly important that students should be in at the commencement as the classes are then formed for the quarter.
- N. B.--A reduction of fifty-cents from the above terms will be made, for cash paid in advance, or during the quarter. Board can be obtained in the vicinity at from 1 dollars 25 to 1 dollars 50.  
J. W. Longyear. Mason, October 31st, 1844  
Source: Ingham Herald January 9, 1845.
- Jan 1845
- John W. Longyear opened Select School in Mason; read law in office Daniel Case. Source: Let the Record Show A Legal History of Ingham County by Richard Frazier; MSU Press; 1997; pg. 58.
- Jun 11, 1845
- Longyear's father killed by falling tree; left 6 sons; 1 daughter and wife. Source: Let the Record Show A Legal History of Ingham County by Richard Frazier; MSU Press; 1997; pg. 59.  
Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.
- 1845-46
- J. W. Longyear commenced the practice of law in Mason in 1845 or 1846. He went to Lansing very soon after the location of the Capitol and became one of the most successful lawyers we had and has been promoted out of sight of us all.  
Source: Cpt. Cowles at Pioneer Society meeting; Adams pg., 27.
- 1846
- John W. Longyear studied law and admitted to bar in 1846.  
Source: The Red Book of Michigan a Civil, Military and Biographical History by Charles Lanman, 1871. Source: Past and

Present, Cowles, pg. 36. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.

Formed law partnership with brother Ephraim Longyear, which continued until about 1860. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 36.

- Spring 1847 John W. Longyear moved to Lansing. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
- 1847 When the state capital was removed from Detroit he came to Lansing and formed a law partnership with his brother Ephraim, which continued until 1859. Source: Obituary John W. Longyear, The Lansing Semi-Weekly Republican, Friday, March 12, 1875.
- 1847 Longyear brothers moved law office to Lansing. Source: Let the Record Show A Legal History of Ingham County by Richard Frazier; MSU Press; 1997; pg. 60. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
- 1847 "He was elected a member of the first legislative body seated in Lansing (1848), defeating J. W. Longyear, the Whig candidate, by one vote."  
Source: Obituary of Joseph Henry Kilbourne, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, November 2, 1891.
- 1847-1848 John W. Longyear township clerk of Vevay Township. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 314.
- 1848 (John) Whig candidate for House; opponent Joseph Kilbourne
- Jun 25, 1849 Married Harriet M. Monroe at Eagle in Clinton County. Miss Monroe's sister married James Turner.  
Source: Historical Society of Grater Lansing, Lansing Pioneers & Notables, Ghostwalk 2004.
- Oct 27, 1857 S. E. Longyear charter member of Torrent Engine Co., No. 1. Source: J. P. Edmunds, LSJ 11-11-1921.
- 1859 J. W. & E. Longyear listed at attorneys. (Block 100, Lot 6)  
Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- 1859 J. W. Longyear Lansing city attorney. Source: Durant, pg. 131.
- 1860 J. W. Longyear, Attorney and counselor at law, over J. C. Bailey's Bank. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1860, pg. 225.

Fall 1862	Elected to Congress. Source: Historical Society of Grater Lansing, Lansing Pioneers & Notables, Ghostwalk 2004.
1863	John W. Longyear elected to Congress from Third District composed of Calhoun, Eaton, Ingham, Jackson and Washtenaw Counties. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
1863-1867	U.S Congressman. Source: Obituary John W. Longyear, The Lansing Semi-Weekly Republican, Friday, March 12, 1875.
1862	John W. Longyear elected to Congress; served on Committee on Commerce, and Chairman of the Committee on Expenditures on the Public Buildings. Source: The Red Book of Michigan a Civil, Military and Biographical History by Charles Lanman, 1871. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880, pg. 373.  Represented Calhoun, Eaton, Ingham, Jackson and Washtenaw counties. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 36.
1863-4	John W. Longyear, lawyer, Middle Town. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1863-4, pg. 378.
1864	John W. Longyear re-elected to Congress; served on same committees. Source: The Red Book of Michigan a Civil, Military and Biographical History by Charles Lanman, 1871. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
1866	John W. Delegate to the Philadelphia "Loyalist's Convention" of 1866. Source: The Red Book of Michigan a Civil, Military and Biographical History by Charles Lanman, 1871. Source: Obituary John W. Longyear, The Lansing Semi-Weekly Republican, Friday, March 12, 1875.
1867-8	John W. Longyear, lawyer, Michigan and Washington Avenue. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1867-8, pg. 276.
1867-1870	In partnership with S. F. Seager of Lansing, and firm acquired large local practice and state reputation. Source: Obituary John W. Longyear, The Lansing Semi-Weekly Republican, Friday, March 12, 1875.
May 9, 1867	The Charlotte Republican reported the Lansing House, built by Col. Baker, was been bought by Messrs. J. W. Longyear, H. B. Shank and H. Ingersoll and leased from them by Mr. Martin Hudson, proprietor of the American House.



Source: The Charlotte Republican, May 9, 1867, captioned in Eaton county, Michigan newspapers, Vol. I 1845-1867, compiled and indexed by Joyce Marple Liepins.

- 1867 (John) Member of Constitutional Convention. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 36. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880, pg. 373. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111. Source: Obituary John W. Longyear, The Lansing Semi-Weekly Republican, Friday, March 12, 1875.
- ? Built Longyear building on NE corner of Washington and Michigan avenues.
- Feb 18, 1870 John W. Longyear appointed judge of US district Court for Eastern district of Michigan; moved Detroit.
- 1870 John W. Longyear appointed by Pres. Grant, the US Judge for the **Southern** District of Michigan. Source: The Red Book of Michigan a Civil, Military and Biographical History by Charles Lanman, 1871.
- May 1870 Appointed judge of **Eastern** District of Michigan, continued to serve as judge until death. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 36. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880, pg. 373.
- Appointed judge of United States District Court. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
- 1871 John W. Longyear moved to Detroit. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
- Mar 11, 1875 John W. Longyear died in Detroit. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 37. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880, pg. 373. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111. Source: Obituary John W. Longyear, The Lansing Semi-Weekly Republican, Friday, March 12, 1875.
- Dec 18, 1917 Wife Harriet died.

### Simon Lowell

Block 18 Lot 4 & 5

- 1848 Business...there were, in 1848, at "lower towns," two potteries; one on the east side of Center street, about twenty rods north of Adams street, owned by a Mr. Lowell, and the other on the west side of Cedar street, a few rods south of Adams street, owned by

a Mr. Norris, where the writer saw the clay assumed wonderful shapes in the hands of the potter on his wheel run by pedal.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 88-89.

Apr 1853 Est. pottery in North Lansing.  
Subsequently became Lowell & Richardson

1858 Sold interest (D139-140.

### **Daniel G. Ludlum**

Block 177 Lot 2

Aug 16, 1847 William H. Townsend and wife Sarah, Samuel P. Mead and George Peck to Daniel G. Ludlum of Adrian, Lenawee Cty; Land in village of Michigan. (L7:P419)

Purchased lot 2 on Block 177 for \$100.

### **Elisha Marble**

Nov 8, 1847 Elisha Marble Block 159 Lot 4 \$73

### **William W. Markham**

Jun 23, 1847	William W. Markham B 158	Lot 1	\$132
Jun 23, 1847	William W. Markham B 158	Lot 5	\$104
		Lot 6	\$91
Jun 23, 1847	William W. Markham B 159	Lot 5	\$67
	Block 159	Lot 6	\$53
Jun 23, 1847	William W. Markham B 141	Lot 5	\$16
		Lot 6	\$22
Jun 23, 1847	William W. Markham B 160	Lot 2	\$42

### **Ebeneger Martin**

Jun 26, 1847 Ebeneger Martin Block 97 Lot 6 \$36

### **E. C. Massey**

Oct 6, 1847 E. C. Massey Block 128 Lot 3 \$202

Apr 15, 1849 Ezekiel Massey of Lancaster in Fairfield County, Ohio died at Cincinnati. Heirs: widow Mary Anne Massey, Van Buren, Mary Anne, Angelica, Amanda, and Elizabeth Massey all of Ohio; administration to James Turner - lot in city of Lansing. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 276.

### **Jeremiah Massy**

Nov 20, 1847      Jeremiah Massy      Block 136      Lot 3      \$148

**George Mathews**

Father:      Daniel Matthews who settled on section 13 (Meridian Township) about 1840. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 278. Note: No US land patent issued to Matthews in Meridian Township.  
Daniel A. Matthews on July 1, 1857 issued US land patent for 120 acres on SWSE of section 31 of Township 1 North, Range 2 East (Stockbridge Township). MI0870\_\_\_.247. Same Daniel Matthews?

Occupation Clothier. of Meridian

George farmer and mechanic. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 278.

Whig then Republican

Apr 17, 1799      Born Watertown, Conn.

1837      Came Michigan, settled Meridian, Ingham county; named township "Meridian"

1837-1838      George Matthews...and their families arrived (Meridian)  
Source: The Ingham County News, Centennial Issues; April 23 and 30 and May 7 and 14, 1959; pg. 10  
Source: I. H. Kilbourne in August 1874; Adams pg. 672.

1840      George Mathews in census listed as resident of Alaiedon Township and born in Conn. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

1840      Daniel Mathews settled on section 13 of Meridian Township; he and wife died in 1851; father of George Mathews.

George Mathews was first supervisors of Meridian township  
Source: I. H. Kilbourne in August 1874; Adams pg. 672.

Apr 9, 1840      Mathews appears as member of board of commissioners. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan; Durant, 1880; pg. 106.

1841      1839-1842 board of three commissioners elected to transact county business in place of township supervisors; Mathews elected in 1841. Source: Durant pg. 101.

1841      Elected County Commissioner. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 101.

1841-42      County commissioner. Source: Adams pg. 168.

- Oct 6, 1842 Minos McRobert, Joseph Gale and Mathews appointed as committee to procure suitable place for holding Circuit Court for November term of 1842. Source: Durant pg. 106.
- 1842 Committee of five appointed to build courthouse; Mathews member of. Source: Durant pg. 107.
- 1842 The second school in Meridian township was taught in a log shanty adjoining the dwelling of George Matthews on section 14 by Amy Nutt in 1842. Her father kept a log tavern in Livingston county, Michigan between Howell and Fowlerville. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 281.
- Oct 6, 1842 Movement started to erect court house by supervisors; building committee consisted of Dr. Minos McRoberts, Peter Linderman, George Matthews, Benjamin Davis and Samuel Skadan; cost \$800 including painting; located on spot now occupies (1938) by Walter Root's and McArthur's offices; court house sat back on lot and had board fence around it; size 28 x 34 and two stories; in 1838 building was residence on S. Jefferson and owned by Fred Harvey. Source; Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938, Chapter 10.
- Dec 28, 1842 Board of Supervisors appropriated \$800 for courthouse; \$200 of real estate and \$600 of State bonds; Mathews appointed one of 5-member building committee. Source: Adams pg. 40. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan; Durant, 1880; pg. 107.
- 1842 Supervisor of Meridian Township; first supervisor of township. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 279.
- 1844 Supervisor of Meridian Township. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 279.
- 1844 Erected first regular school building in Meridian township on east half of the SW quarter of section 11; "The frame, about eighteen by twenty-two feet, was made of oak and tamarack and sided up with whitewood. This was in District No. 1." Source: Durant pg. 281.
- 1844 Meridian Township-Haslett: "The first regular school building in the township was built in 1844 by George Matthews at the northeast corner of what is now Carlton street and Haslett road. Source: Haslett One of Ingham's Growing Areas; The Ingham county News; September 26, 1962.
- Built on east half of southwest quarter of section 11. The frame, about 18 by 22 feet, was made of oak and tamarack and sided up

- with whitewood, District 1 school. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 281.
- 1844 Elected (Whig) county treasurer. Source: The City of Mason, Its Past and Present Life 1838-1897, compiled by Roy C. Vandercook; pg. 12. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 53.
- "...Universally esteemed for his noble traits of character and many good deeds..." Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 50.
- County treasurer; "The salary of the treasurer, including expenses to Detroit, was \$300, clerk salary, \$175." Source: Adams pg. 41.
- "At the election in 1844, that able man and stanch Whig, the late George Matthews, Esq., of Meridian, universally esteemed for his noble traits of character and many good deeds, was elected County Treasurer of this county. The election of Mr. Matthews, it was believed, offered a good opportunity for the establishment of a Whig paper in the county. J. H. Child and H. P. Stillman, purchased of Mr. Raney the printing materials in Mason, and in December 1844, commenced the publication of the Ingham Herald. In January following they entered into a contract with the county Treasurer to do the tax advertising of the county. At that time the influence of the Democratic press of the State was all powerful. In several counties Whig Treasurers had been elected, and some of the "spoils" were liable to go to the enemy. so the Democratic legislature, on or about the 21st of March 1845, passed an act restoring to the Auditor General the entire control of the tax advertising." Source: Adams pg. 159. Source: The Pioneer Newspapers; Ingham County News, June 11, 1874. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 50. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 207.
- 1844 Listed as resident taxpayer of Meridian township. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 278.
- 1844 George Mathews in census listed as resident of Meridian Township and born in Conn. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- Jan 9, 1844 Land for county farm deed to county; Superintendents of Poor Peter Linderman, George Matthews and Caleb Carr. Source: Adams pg. 274.
- 1845-48 Served as treasurer. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 100. Source: Adams pg. 168.
- He filled the office of county treasurer for four years, during which he resided at Mason. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 278.

May 1, 1847?	<p>"The announcement was made the same afternoon. George Matthews, Smith Tooker, George Pease, Whitney Smith and myself were the first to arrive at the stake. The brush and some small trees were cut down with jack knives in order to clear a place to play ball, and we played until six o'clock that night."</p> <p>Source: J. P. Cowles at May 1873 Ingham County Pioneer Association meeting: Adams pg. 22.</p>
Sep 9, 1847	<p>Whig convention held at courthouse in Mason; James Turner appointed with T. S. Holmes as standing corresponding committee in Lansing township; Geo. Matthews appointed to county corresponding committee. Source: Adams pg. 129.</p>
1847	<p>Erected bridge on Main Street for Bush, Thomas &amp; Lee.</p> <p>Source: Durant pg. 143.</p> <p>"It was built after the ordinary style of those days, on the old "bent" plan..." D pg. 128.</p>
Mar 16, 1848	<p>George Matthews of Mason to Phebe Milnef of Dutchess Co. NY; and in Section 33 of Vevay Twp. (18:P26)</p> <p>Same George Mathews?</p>
Jun 8, 1848	<p>George Matthews of Mason to Able Woodward of Sharon, Litchfield Co. Conn; land in section 33 of Vevay Twp. (18:P144)</p> <p>Same George Mathews?</p>
1848	<p>Member House of Representatives.</p> <p>Source: Durant pg. 70. Source: Adams pg. 166.</p> <p>Built 23 miles of Lansing and Detroit plank road.</p>
Feb 7, 1849	<p>John Rayner of Vevay Township to George Matthews of Meridian Township, land in Meridian Township section 13. (L9:P568)</p>
1844	<p>George Mathews in census listed as resident of Meridian Township and born in Conn. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.</p>
1848-1850	<p>Supervisor of Meridian Township. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 279.</p>
1851	<p>Among the early ones buried here (cemetery in northwest quarter of section 21 of Meridian Township) are George Matthews and wife, in 1851. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 283.</p>
?	<p>Was interested in building the plank-road from Lansing to Detroit. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 278.</p>

1852-53 Supervisor of Meridian Township. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 279.

1853 Elected superintendent of road, held position 17 years.

? Moved Farmington, president of village board

Apr 10, 1870 Died at Farmington

**George Mathews**  
(Same George Mathews?)

Land Patent Purchases

Jun 4, 1833 A George Mathews purchased land  
Township 5-S, Range 9-W of St. Joseph County  
Section 32 E 1/2 NE 54.08 Acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, White Pigeon Land Office, MI0520\_\_\_.101.

May 1, 1839 A George Mathews purchased land  
Township 8-S, Range 6-W of Branch County  
Section 4 E 1/2 NE 59.61 Acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Bronson Land Office, MI1300\_\_\_.479.

. Township 8-S, Range 6-W of Branch County  
Section 4 NENW 40 Acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Bronson Land Office, MI1300\_\_\_.480.

Oct 10, 1865 A George Mathews purchased land  
Township 22-N, Range 7-E of Iosco County  
Section 12 SWNE 80 Acres &  
Section 12 SENW  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, East Saginaw Land Office, MI1840\_\_\_.264.

**David McCalpin**

Jun 29, 1848 David McCalpin Block 107 Lot 6 \$15  
Lot 7 \$20

Feb 24, 1854 Paid \$20.00 by state for ditching on School Section, ordered by  
State Auditors. pg. 5. Source: Annual Report of the State  
Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents  
1854, No. 2.

**David G. McClure (McClune?)**

Note: Cowles and Durant have as David E. McClure.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 46.  
Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant.

- About 1785 Born in Middletown, Rutland County, Vt. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.
- ? Studied medicine with Dr. Clark in Middletown. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.
- ? Moved Swanton, Franklin County, Vt., near Canada line, and practiced medicine; practiced in Swanton for about 10 years; married while residing in Swanton. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.
- ? Moved back Middletown, Rutland County, bought Dr. Clark's residence and practiced for about 10 years in Middletown. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.
- ? Moved to Granville, Washington County, New York. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.
- ? After 4-5 years moved to Bennington, Vt., then Brockport, Monroe county, New York. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.
- 1837-1838 Moved to Jackson, Michigan, where remained for about 10 years. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.
- Jul 26, 1848 David G. McClure Block 110 Lot 10 \$450
- Aug-Sep 1848 Moved to Lansing, boarded at National Hotel; did not practice medicine in Lansing. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.
- Nov 6, 1848 David G. McClune Block 241 Lot 1 \$218
- Nov 16, 1848 Daniel G. McClune Block 67 Lot 5 \$225
- 1848 He erected a frame store, one of the first in the central part of the town, on the northwest corner of Washington Avenue and Allegan Street. It was a wide building and occupied by himself--for a drug and grocery store and a tenant. He subsequently erected several business buildings. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 46. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.
- 1849 ...reduced very low by a disease which had probably been induced by years of severe labor, but, contrary to the opinion of all the medical men who visited hem, he recovered sufficiently to



attend to his business affairs, and even made a journey to new York City for goods. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.

About 1851 Build a two-story frame dwelling on the northeast corner of Washington Avenue and Ionia Street. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 46. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.

Nov 21, 1858 Died; Dr. David G. McClure died at age 65 years; native of Vt.; had 3 wives, 3rd surviving; had two children - daughter died quite young, son Henry B. McClure is a lawyer in Illinois.

Widow Eliza

Will mentions: Son Henry B McClure of Jacksonville, Illinois. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 264.

### **Daniel McGilvrey**

Jun 10, 1848 Granted tavern license for \$7.50. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 198-199.

### **Patrick McGurrian**

Oct 9, 1859 Patrick McGurrian of Jackson to Joseph E. North and Henry N. North of Ingham county; land in Delhi Twp. Sec. 4 (L3:P278)

### **Orin C. McKinstry**

Nov 8, 1847 Orin C. McKinstry Block 164 Lot 3 & 4 \$23

### **David McLaughlin and Michael McLaughlin**

Jul 18, 1848 Michael McLaughlin &  
David McLaughlin Block 110 Lot 2 \$285

### **Minos McRobert**

Mason's first physician.

Feb 4, 1804 Born in Springfield, Vermont. Source: The City of Mason, Its Past and Present Life 1838-1897, compiled by Roy C. Vandercook. Source; Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938, Chapter 6.

1808 Moved with parents to Clinton, Co., N.Y. Source: The City of Mason, Its Past and Present Life 1838-1897, compiled by Roy C.

- Vandercook. Source; Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938, Chapter 6.
- 1829 Began practicing medicine. Source; Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938, Chapter 6.
- 1837 Moved to Mason, Michigan, age 32; first physician in mason, second in Ingham County. Source: The City of Mason, Its Past and Present Life 1838-1897, compiled by Roy C. Vandercook. Source; Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938, Chapter 6.
- Jan 10, 1838 Purchased 40 acres in section 12 of Aurelius Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- Dec 12, 1838 H.H. Smith and wife Frances D. to Minos McRobert of Mason; land in Mason. (L2:P186)
- Apr 19, 1839 Purchased 40 acres in section 8 of Vevay Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- Nov 13, 1839 Minos McRoberts of Mason sold land to John W. Burchard; land in Mason; Lot 10 in Block 30 of Section 8 of Vevay Township for \$50.00. (L3:P268)
- Mar 5, 1840 Burchard of Mason, to Minos McRobert of Mason; land in Mason; Lot 10 Block 13 for \$40.00. (L3:P368)
- 1841 Married Nancy Abbott of Ingham township. Source; Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938, Chapter 6.
- Oct 6, 1842 Movement started to erect court house by supervisors; building committee consisted of Dr. Minos McRoberts, peter Linderman, George Matthews, Benjamin Davis and Samuel Skadan; cost \$800 including painting; located on spot now occupies (1938) by Walter Root's and McArthur's offices; court house sat back on lot and had board fence around it; size 28 x 34 and two stories; in 1838 building was residence on S. Jefferson and owned by Fred Harvey. Source; Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938, Chapter 10.
- 1844 In census listed as resident of Aurelius Township, and born in VT. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- May 18, 1846 Clipping from Ingham Democrat list editor as henry P. Stillman and proprietors as Ephraim B. Danforth and Minos McRoberts.

Source; Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938, Chapter 14.

- Jan 1, 1847 Daniel L. Case and wife Mirinda and Hiram H. Smith and wife Mary Jane all of Vevay Twp. to Minos McRobert and John Coatsworth of Ing. Co; land in section 5 of Vevay Twp. (18:P128)
- Mar 1, 1848 Governor Ransom nominated:  
Orin Sharpe, Joseph Woodhouse, Joseph P. Cowles, Joseph H. Kilborn, Griffin Paddock, Aramaic Winches, Levi Rowley, Vavasa H. Powell, Mason Branch, Minus McRobert, Edwin Hulburt and Moses B. Hess, to be notaries public for Ingham county for the legal term. Senate consented to the nominations.  
Source: Executive Journal, Senate Journal 1848; pg. 710.
- ? Owned drug store in mason, located where Jefferson Food Market is now (1838), sold to Dr. D. W. Halstead in 1848. Source; Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938, Chapter 6.
- ? Erected brick mansion on Oak street known as D. P. Whitmore property in 1838. Source; Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938, Chapter 6.
- 1844 In census listed as resident of Vevay Township, and born in Vt. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- Dec 30, 1854 Purchased 40 acres in section 35 of Delhi Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- Mar 1, 1854 At age petition for degrees from Mason Lodge, No. 70, F & A M; degree conferred on March 8, 1854. Source; Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938, Chapter 24.
- Jul 12, 1854 Purchased 40 acres in section 9 of Aurelius Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- Aug 1, 1854 Purchased 40 acres in section 2 of Leslie Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- 1854-55 Methodist built their first church in Mason; money raised by Dr. McRobert and Mr. Page; hit by lightning and destroyed July 4, 1865; new church built under leadership of McRobert.  
Source: The City of Mason, Its Past and Present Life 1838-1897, compiled by Roy C. Vandercook; pg. 31.
- Mar 27, 1865 Listed as elector in Mason; elected president of Mason.

Source: The City of Mason, Its Past and Present Life 1838-1897, compiled by Roy C. Vandercook.

Oct 29, 1870 First National Bank (Mason) organized on September 54, 1870; Minos McRobert member of board of directors.  
Source: The City of Mason, Its Past and Present Life 1838-1897, compiled by Roy C. Vandercook.

1971 President of village of Mason.  
Source: Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938.

1884 Died at Mason. Source: The City of Mason, Its Past and Present Life 1838-1897, compiled by Roy C. Vandercook; pg. 36.

### **Alfred McVeigh**

Jun 23, 1847	Alfred McVeigh	Block 159	Lot 1	\$90
			Lot 2	\$75
Jun 24, 1847	Alfred McVeigh	Block 131	Lot 6	\$80
			Lot 7	\$85
Jun 24, 1847	Alfred McVeigh	Block 134	Lot 1	\$126

### **Samuel P. Mead**

Block 177      Lots 16 & 17

May 5, 1847 William Townsend of New York city to Samuel P. Mead and George W. Peck of State of MI.; Land in Lansing Twp. Sec. 21 (L7:P300)

Purchased for \$2,000 an "equal undivided one third part and interest of in and to the following described lands excepting water rights".

NW fractional quarter and NE fractional quarter section 21; 301 and 91/100 acres.

Aug 4, 1847 William Townsend and wife Sarah of New York city to Samuel P. Mead and George W. Peck of State of MI.; act as attorneys with right sale land in Lansing Twp. Sec. 21  
In N 1/2 of section 21 in town of Michigan; except could not sell waterpower on premises and land necessary & reserved for impoundment of water.

Townsend retains Samuel P. Mead and W. Peck attorneys "to contract for the sale of & to sell grant release & convey & to any person or persons whatever & upon such terms as to our said attorney shall seem proper all or any part or parts of the lands in the said town of Michigan in the State of Michigan aforesaid which are embraced in the north half of Section twenty one (21) the town of Lansing County of Ingham now belonging to me the Said

William H. Townsend. Subject however, to the contract entered into by and between me and said William H. Townsend & the State of Michigan & bearing date the thirteenth day of April 1847... (Leaving?). & excepting here from all the waterpower on said premises & all the land necessary & reserved for the improvements of said water power." Source: L7:P537

Aug 14, 1847 William H. Townsend and wife Sarah of New York City, Samuel P. Mead and George W. Peck of Michigan to Charles Wescott of Ingham Cty; Land in village of Michigan (L7:P415)

Purchased Lot 6 on Block 231 and Lot 9 on Block 174 for \$200.

Aug 16, 1847 William H. Townsend and wife Sarah, Samuel Mead and George Peck, to Charles P. Bush; Land in Lansing Twp. Sec. 21 (L7:P358)

Purchased Lot 16 on Block 177 for \$100.

Aug 16, 1847 William H. Townsend and wife Sarah, Samuel P. Mead and George Peck to Daniel G. Ludlum of Adrian, Lenawee Cty; Land in village of Michigan. (L7:P419)

Purchased lot 2 on Block 177 for \$100.

Aug 25, 1847 William H. Townsend and wife Sarah of NY city to Samuel P. Mead of Michigan, Ingham Cty; Land in town of Michigan (L7:P551)

Purchases Lot 17 on Block 177 for \$100.

Aug 27, 1847 William H. Townsend and wife Sarah, Samuel P. Mead and George W. Peck to Augustus S. Dryer of White Oak; Land in village of Michigan (L7:P418)

Purchased Lot 11 on Block 176 for \$40.

Sep 13, 1847 William H. Townsend and wife Sarah, Samuel P. Mead and George W. Peck to John H. Peck; Land in village of Michigan (L7:P436)

Purchased Lot 9 on Block 220 for \$65.

Sep 14, 1847 William H. Townsend and wife Sarah, Samuel P. Mead and George W. Peck to George W. Spencer of? land in village of Michigan (L7:P586)

Purchased Lot 4 on block 175 for \$125.

- Sep 15, 1847 William R. Townsend and wife Sarah and Samuel P. Mead and George W. Peck of Michigan to Zalmon Holmes; for \$75.00; Lot 3 of Block 228 in Michigan. (L7:P417)
- Sep 23, 1847 Samuel P. Mead and George W. Peck and wife Elizabeth of Michigan to Charles P. Bush of same place; land in Lansing Twp. Section 21 (L7:P517)
- Purchased 1/3 interest in lands in section 21 for \$1,500.
- Sep 24, 1847 George W. Peck of Michigan village to Samuel P. Mead of Wayne Co. Michigan; Land in Village of Michigan. (L7:P413)
- Purchased Lot 17 on Block 177 for \$1.00.
- Sep 24, 1847 Samuel P. Mead and wife Elizabeth of Michigan to John Thomas of Farmington, Oakland Cty, MI; land in Lansing Twp. Section 21 (L7:P518)
- Purchased 1/3 interest in their 1/3 interest of section 21 for \$800.
- Dec 1847? William Townsend to Mead and Peck - Power of attorney; William Townsend and wife Sarah Ann appoint Samuel Mead & George Peck as "our true lawful attorneys for us in our name contract for the sale of and to sell, grant, release, convey....land" on north half of section 21; except land to state and "excepting here from all the water power on said premises and all ...reserved for the improvement of said water power such sale." (18:P42)
- Note no date on document; recorded after (18:P41)
- Aug 5, 1848 Samuel P. Mead and wife Elizabeth C. of Plymouth, Wayne Cty. to James B. Waits of Brighton, Livingston, Cty; land in village of Michigan now Lansing. (L9:P271)
- Purchased for \$300 Lot 17 of Block 177.
- Nov 13, 1855 S. P. Mead married Miss Armida H. Barker.
- 1859 S. P. Mead listed as printer. (Block 129, Lot 5)
- Mead and Robson listed as merchants. Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

### **Lawrence Meech**

He (Meech) and some companions once employed some Indians to make them a canoe, which they dug from a log; it was 44 feet long and 3 feet and 2 inches inside. They paid the Indians 20 gallons of whiskey, and cheated them some by watering it, just as men would do today. With the canoe they went to Eaton Rapids

and brought back 100 brick, two barrels of flour and other things too numerous to mention.

L. Meech .... called out again, and Mr. Meech said he could assess non-resident land so high that he was elected supervisor of Lansing by 18 out of 20 votes cast. Source: Related in report of 1894 Pioneer Meeting; 267 pg. 108-9. Note: Believe came county 1842. Believe talking about township.

1871

E.R. Merrifield listed as manager of Homeopathic medical Institute. Source: First Annual Announcement of the Central Michigan Homeopathic Medical Institute, Organized April 4, 1871 at the City of Lansing, Session of 1871-72.

### **Mrs. E. R. Merrifield Account**

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Early impressions are most lasting, but it is no easy task to gather from the byways of memory the incidents and facts which make the prose of everyday life.

In the year 1844, a man named Page moved into the wilderness of interior Michigan. When he had nearly reached the center of the State, a river swollen by spring freshets, stopped his progress. "Here will I settle," said he. "I will dam that river and build a town," soon a log house was built into which he moved his family. A mill was subsequently finished, standing until a few years since, a landmark of early times at North Lansing.  
Comment: Nonsense

Shortly after this settlement by Mr. Page, the impression became general that Detroit was not a safe location for the seat of government on account of its exposed position on the frontier. At that time the prospect of a war with England was a frequent theme of conversation, and my youthful fancy pictured bands of English soldiers or of Indians marching through from Canada and butchering all they came in contact with.

The excitement over this apprehended danger finally culminated in the resolve to remove the capital to the interior of the State. Then arose an exciting contest between the towns of the State, each desiring to capture the prize, and great bitterness of feeling resulted, and amid much agitation the legislature decided to locate the capital in the wilderness.

I was a schoolgirl in Detroit, and with my father, who was a member of the House from Oakland county, attended several sessions to hear the discussions on the removal. According to the act, the commissioners looking for a site for the capital came upon the settlement mentioned and decided that should be the location. This was in 1847. In the following year the edifice to be used for the capitol was erected in a clearing made for that purpose. The

same year my father removed to the growing settlement and built on the east side of the river on Cedar street the first store in the then wilderness. Later with his partner he built two hotels, one on Cedar street known as the National Hotel, the other on the corner of River and Main streets, called the Michigan house. Both these hotels burned, one in 1855, one later. Comment: Thomas legislator in 1846 not 47; debated discussed was in 46'. Comment: noted father partner with Hunt & Quackenbush in hotels - doubt.

In October 1848, father removed his family and all his goods, to take up our abode in the place of great expectations.

Twelve large loaded wagons came through the forest taking four days to come from Farmington, twenty miles west of Detroit....

Even then, streets had been laid out with due regard for the future greatness of a metropolis and on all maps of the time were printed with imposing clearness. But paths and Indian trails were the more frequently used roadways. Well do I remember passing the one solitary log house that stood on the lot formerly owned by Col. Burr, between the Michigan House where we lived and the capitol. Stump machines were busily employed in clearing village lots and roadways.

The winter of 1848, which was unusually severe, saw much sickness, and almost every house had one or more cases of brain fever, or as now called, spinal meningitis. main street was at that time the best improved street in the city.

A change of administration in 1849 brought a new set of clerks in the different offices. The society people amused themselves with sleighing parties and an occasional dance. The clerks in the departments were styled "capital boys," and included some who are now Lansing's oldest and most respected citizens.

The opening of the old Benton House was a great event and duly celebrated with a social party, dancing, etc. Chas. P. Bush was the proprietor and cook and waiters were engaged from one of the steamboats running between Detroit and Buffalo. The first marriage celebrated in Lansing took place in this house.

The arrival of the legislature was always hailed with interest. Some members came in one-horse buggies, some by the only stage that ran into the city from Jackson, the then terminus of the M. C. R. R. To Mr. James Turner, Sr., belongs the credit of pushing the plank road enterprise which made it possible to cover the distance between Lansing and Detroit in a single day.

A widely printed article on the early days in Lansing says that the first frame house built in Lansing was the one on Turner street,



North Lansing, built by Mr. Turner in 1850. Evidently the writer was mistaken since our family came to Lansing in 1848 and moved into the Michigan House. Several times during the summer of '49, in company with young land friend I rowed down the river to Mr. Turner's. Many small frame dwellings were building in different directions, but Lansing was for more than a score of years a city of "Magnificent distances." I am told that the first dwelling erected in the city was situate near the Hudson House block and built by Mr. Darling in 1847.

I have already said that Main street was the best improved in the city. On that street were shoe stores, a tailor shop, bakery and a jewelry store. Early in the fifties trade began centering in what was called "Middle town," and Main street ceased to lead.

In the summer of 1849 Mr. Cooper, the secretary of state, had the Capitol yard graded and laid out in flower beds around the trees. In due time the flowers were charming, and I still keep a faded bouquet gathered from that primitive flower garden.

A two board walk laid from the Capitol to the newly finished Seymour House at North Lansing, or Lower Town as it was called, was considered a great addition to the city improvements. A mill at the north end of the city attracted the trade of farmers, and that was for a time considered the most desirable location for business. Among the citizens locating there were James Turner, Sr., H. H. Smith and F. M. Cowles.

An anecdote is told of the Hon. H. H. Smith on his arrival here in 1850 with the intention of becoming a resident of the capital. On selecting a lot, he found the agent, no very great task in those days. Accompanying him to the desired location, he inquired the price of that lot. "Well," said the speculator, "the location is central, the ground high, and in five years it will be in the center of a large, flourishing town, and will double in value in that time," to all of which Mr. Smith assented. Again, asking the price the man said, "I don't care to sell, but should like to encourage immigration to this part of the town. The timber is well worth the price of the lot, and I will make it to you cheap, only \$450 a foot. Mr. Smith drew a long breath, his face assumed a lengthy shape and smiling faintly said, "I will take just six inches of the lot."

The first religious services held here after the location of the Capitol were at North Lansing as it is now called. The congregation were called together by the effective blowing of a tin horn. The first church erected was the Free Will Baptist recently used by the Industrial Aid Society. The North Lansing Methodists had repaired an old barn and held services in it some time. The different denominations in the middle town held services in the house and senate chamber alternately, the Episcopal in the state library, the clergyman coming from Flint every four weeks...

Often in my journey around Lansing I think of the great change, and wonder what the old pioneers, who with a helping had made Lansing what it is today, would say if they were permitted to return. It would be to them like Rip Van Winkle's sleep and coming to himself in find everything changed.

Mrs. E. R. Merrifield. Source: Early Days in Lansing; A Well-Known Lady's Personal Reminiscences.  
Undated newspaper clip in Lawler collection.

- 1859 E. R. Merrifield listed as merchant. (Block 110, Lot 10)  
Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- Sep 17, 1863 Mortgage sale - Mortgager, Thomas Britton of Lansing, to Mortgagee, John Thomas, Edwin R. Merrifield and Augustus F. Weller of the same. Liber M, p. 197. Assigned by the latter three to Conrad Miller. Liber M, p. 459. Source: The Republican (Charlotte), captioned in Eaton county, Michigan newspapers, Vol. 1 1845-1867, compiled and indexed by Joyce Marple Liepins.
- 1863-4 Peck & Merrifield, (George W. Peck, Edwin R. Merrifield and Augustus F. Weller), had dry goods store, etc. Middle Town. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1863-4.
- 1863-4 Edwin R. Merrifield, insurance agent, middle town. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1863-64, pg. 378.
- 1867-8 Merrifield & Weller (Edward R. Merryfield and Augustus F. Weller) sold dry goods, groceries, hats, caps, boots and shoes on Washington Avenue. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1867-8, pg. 276.
- 1877 Edwin R. Merrifield, insurance agent, 117 Washington Avenue. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1877, pg. 562.
- 1879 Edwin R. Merrifield, insurance agent, 115 Washington Avenue. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1879, pg. 740.

#### **Thomas W. Merrill and Hias W. Merrill**

Jun 26, 1847	Thomas W. Merrill	Block 136	Lot 6	\$171
Jun 26, 1847	Thomas W. Merrill	Block 138	Lot 6	\$99
Oct 6, 1847	Thomas W. Merrill	Block 136	Lot 4	\$141
Oct 6, 1848	Hias W. Merrill	Block 136	Lot 7	\$158

Jan 12, 1853      Petition for guardianship by Daniel D. and Harriet Julia Merrill, minors, who were left a legacy by George L. Oakes of Boston, Mass; asks for guardian their father Rev. Thomas W. Merrill. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 260.

Mar 12, 1853      Guardianship granted; another minor added: Thomas Gates Merrill. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 260.

### **John H. Mevis**

Mar 17, 1848      John H. Mevis Block 68      Lot 1      \$32

### **Oliver H. Mevis**

Dec 11, 1847      Oliver H. Mevis      Block 64      Lot 1      \$72

Sep 18, 1848      Oliver H. Mevis      Block 65      Lot 1      \$61

### **Polly Mevis**

Block 64      Lots 1, 2, 7 & 8  
Block 66      2 & 4

Dec 31, 1847      Polly Mevis      Block 64      Lot 2, 7 & 8      \$169

1847      'Uncle Dan' (Dan Mevis) came to Lansing. 176 Sec. 3

Lived at 623 N. Washington, SW corner of West Saginaw:  
"Serenaded every night by the denizens of an immense frog pond near the cabin and with clouds of mosquitoes indoors and outdoors adding their plaintive thrills. These and other romantic sights and sounds, like the snarling of wolves, the distant cry of the panther--like a woman in distress--and watching the pretty deer as they fearlessly browsed among the newly made brush heaps, made for us a new and novel experience.

"These deer were perfectly safe, as far as we were concerned, not a gun on the place, and not a man who know how to shoot one if we had it. (The family had come from the east and "civilization.")

"We were, however, frightened later on, when one evening in the early winter, the cabin door opened softly and in stalked four Indians, who, after giving the usual grunt, proceeded to spread their blankets upon the clay earth and lie down, heads to the fire,

and remain quietly there until morning. Rising at the first peep of day, they filed out in the same order as they had come in, again giving us the grunt. It is needless to say that the only sleeping done in the cabin that night was by those four Indians.

"We soon found that our fears were needless as we were frequently visited in like manner, as night would sometimes overtake the Indians when tracking bears." 59

Mar 17, 1848	Polly Mevis	Block 66	Lots 2 & 4	\$99
Apr 8, 1862.	Will dated. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 269.			
May 9, 1862	Polly Mevis died at age of 53. Heirs: All children: John Henry Mevis in service of US (Volunteer for service in 1st. Regt. Michigan Cavalry on August 21, 1861; was in army of Potomac on Jan 21, 1864), Oliver Hiram Mevis of Tennessee, Nancy M. Fish (wife of Hiram Fish) of Lansing, Polly Ann Stafford (wife of Daniel Stafford of Lansing, Daniel S. Hannah A., and Levi Layelle? Mevis of Lansing. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 269.			

#### **Alfred Miles**

	Block 135	Lot 1		
1847	Land entry	Sec. 30, Meridian.	D277.	
May 8, 1847	Purchased 40 acres in section 30 of Meridian Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.			
Nov 6, 1848	Alfred Miles	Block 240	Lot 1	\$155
Feb 24, 1854	Paid \$672.05 by state for clearing on section 16, per contract with Com. State Land Office, under act 133 of 1851. Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.			

#### **David A. Miller**

	Block 41	Lot 4		
Apr 9, 1847	Land entry Sec. 23, meridian Twp. D277			

Apr 9, 1847 Purchased 120 acres in section 23 of Meridian Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

1848 Joined Methodist Episcopal church. D 167.

1848 The Methodist Episcopal church of Lansing also organized in 1848, with "F.A. Blades, preacher in charge of the Mapleton Circuit," appointed the following trustees: John Berry, John Jennings, Ephraim F. Thompson, David A. Miller, Joseph Kilbourne, William Wheadone.  
Source: Adams pg. 190.

### **Joseph J. Miller**

Block 130 Lot 1 & 2

1844 Resident taxpayer of Alaieton. D216.

Nov 30, 1848 Paid \$48.59 for brick walk in front of Capitol. Source: Report of Auditor General for fiscal year ending November 30, 1848.

Oct 8, 1857 Joseph Miller purchased 40 acres in section 16 of Chester Township, Eaton county.  
Same Joseph Miller?

### **William Miller**

Jul 6, 1835 William Miller of Jackson County purchased 40 acres of section 5 of Town 4 south, Range 1 East of Jackson County.  
Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.  
Note: Same William Miller? Note: Same source also notes William Miller of Jackson County originally from Tompkins County, New York. pg. 162.

Jul 23, 1836 Land entry SEC. 33. Vevay Twp. D305.

Jul 2, 1836 Purchased 40 acres in section 30 of White Oak Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

Oct 2, 1848 Purchased 160 acres in section 19 of Delhi Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

May 7, 1866 William H. Miller of Eaton Rapids married Frances S. Roberts of Windsor.

1859 William H. Miller listed as owning land in section 9 of HW Township, Livingston County. Same individual? Source:

Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

- 1859 Listed as owning land in section 1, 14 and 15 of Iosco Township, Livingston County; owning land in section 11 of Ingham Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- 1873 William Miller physician. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1873, pg. 402.
- 1877 William Miller physician, & Washington Avenue. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1877, pg. 562.
- 1879 William Miller physician, & Washington Avenue. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1879, pg. 740.

#### **John D. Mills**

Nov 6, 1847 John D. Mills Block 128 Lot 5 \$184

1859 John Mills listed as owning land in section 18 of Alaiedon Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

#### **Archibald R. Milne**

Jun 26, 1847	Archibald R. Milne	Block 161	Lot 5	\$29
			Lot 6	\$22
Jun 26, 1847	Archibald R. Milne	Block 160	Lot 5	\$42

#### **John R. Mirmaugh**

Nov 20, 1847	John R. Mirmaugh	Block 128	Lot 6	\$245
Nov 20, 1847	John R. Mirmaugh	Block 129	Lot 9	\$191
Nov 20, 1847	John R. Mirmaugh	Block 123	Lot 5 & 6	\$44

#### **Husaon Montgomery**

Nov 22, 1848	Husaon Montgomery	Block 111	Lot 1	\$266
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#### **Martin Montgomery**

Block 177 Lot 3

Jun 15, 1848 Daniel Stanton and wife Harriet of Lansing, Ingham Cty. to Martin Montgomery of Darien, Genesee Cty, NY; land in village of Lansing (18:P158)

Purchased for \$600 Lot 3 of Block 177.

### **Almira Moody**

Apr 23, 1836      Biddle City  
Jerry Ford to Almira Moody of Jackson for \$220.00 land in Ingham County. 2-336. (Jackson county)

Jerry Ford of Jacksonburgh, Jackson county Michigan to Almira Moody of Jacksonburgh, Jackson County, Michigan; Land in Biddle City, Ingham, county. (L1:P62) (Ingham county)

Lot 1 Block 36  
Lot 2 Block 51

### **Jane & Joseph Moon**

Jun 3, 1848	Joseph Moon	Block 142	Lot 5	\$14
Aug 25, 1848	Jane C. Moon	Block 142	Lot 1	\$23
Oct 19, 1848	Joseph Moon	Block 141	Lot 12	\$21
		Block 144	Lot 9 & 10	\$21

Feb 18, 1865      Jane Moon married Jerome Hall at Lansing.

### **Charles Mooney**

Jun 23, 1847      Charles Mooney      Block 103      Lot 2      \$81

Sep 24, 1849      Mill Dam right; Charles Mooney to James Seymour. (L9:P232)

Purchased for \$30; Mooney "do hereby release to James Seymour...the right of keeping up his mill dam across Grand River on Section 9 in said town of Lansing and of covering it with four inch plank in addition to the present height but no higher and of selling back the pond in high water on part of lot number 5 in Block 175.

### **Margaret Mooney**

Block 175      Lot 5

Aug 5, 1848      John Thomas and wife Ann (by her Atty. C. P. Bush) to Margaret Mooney of Lansing, Ingham Cty.; land in village of Lansing. (18:P217)

Purchased for \$100 Lot 5 of Block 175.

### **William Moore**

Block 68      Lot 4 & 5  
Block 82      Lot 1 & 2

Jul 23, 1836	Purchased 80 acres in section 33 of Vevay Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.		
Dec 11, 1847	William Moore Block 82	Lot 1	\$122
Dec 16, 1847	William Moore Block 82	Lot 2	\$98
	Block 68	Lot 4	\$54
Dec 29, 1847	William Moore Block 68	Lot 5	\$72
Nov 25, 1851	William Moore purchased 40 acres in section 40 of Roxand Township, Eaton county. Same William Moore?		
1859	William A. Moore listed as owning land in section 8 of Wheatfield Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.		
1892?	Died Meridian Twp. A107.		

#### **Alexander B. Morton**

	Block 219	Lot 3 & 4	
Jul 11, 1840	Alexander Morton of Lenawee County, purchased 40 acres in section 29 of Delhi Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.		
Nov 11, 1840	Alexander Morton of Lenawee County, purchased 40 acres in section 22 of Delhi Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.		
1844	In census listed as resident of Delhi Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.		
1843	One of first jurors in Delhi Twp. D237.		
Oct 13, 1847	Alexander Morton	Block 163	Lot 3 & 4 \$36
1844	In census listed as resident of Delhi Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.		
1859	A. B. Morton listed as owning land in section 14 of Delhi Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.		



**Benjamin G. Mosier**

Oct 6, 1847                      Benjamin G. Mosier Block 130                      Lots 1 & 2                      \$157

**Daniel Munger (& C. P. Kellogg)**

Block 97                      Lot 2 & 3

Jan 11, 1850                      Charter member Capitol Lodge, No. 45, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. D155.

Jun 28, 1847                      Chauncey P. Kellogg & Daniel Munger  
Block 97                      Lot 2                      \$22  
Lot 3                      \$22

**Peter Murtha**

Feb 4, 1848                      Peter Murtha Block 151                      Lot 2                      99

**John Nelson**

Aug 12, 1848                      John Nelson Block 65                      Lot 2                      \$58

**Dr. Solomon. D. Newbro**

He was of the Thompsonian School, relying almost entirely on the curative properties of roots and herbs. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 38.

1847                      He came immediately after the location of the capitol in 1847. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 44.

He first built himself an office on the south side of Franklin Street, eight feet east of Center Street, and afterward the building known as the Newbro Block on the east side of Center Street between Franklin and Wall Streets. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 44-45.

...was on the ground when the capitol was located, and in 1850, built the old frame building on Center street known as the Newbro block. He kept a drug store and practiced medicine for more than a quarter of a century. Died a few years ago in this city. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.

1859                      Listed as druggist; phonographist & general business agent. (Block 14, Lot 5) Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

- 1859                      Lansing alderman. Source: Durant.
- 1860                      S. D. Newbro physician and surgeon, Center Street.  
Source: George W. Hawes' Michigan State Gazetteer and  
Business Directory, for 1860, pg. 225.
- 1867-8                    S. D. Newbro justice of the peace, Franklin. Source: Michigan  
State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1867-8, pg. 276.
- 1879                      Solomon D. Newbro apiary and apiary goods, North Lansing.  
Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for  
1879, pg. 740.
- Mar 12, 1896            Died at Lansing. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 38.

### **Aron Norris**

Block 21              Lot 7

- Mar 3, 1836            Purchased 40 acres in section 24 of Stockbridge Township; same  
individual? Source: First Land Owners of Ingham County,  
Michigan, by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- 1847                      William S. Calkins came city, engaged in business with Mr. Norris  
of carrying on a pottery; later and for many years "he was  
engaged in selling lands for the late James Turner, and was also  
in business as a fire insurance agent; died in 1889.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston  
Counties, 1891. pg. 557.
- "He assisted that gentleman in the building of the Lansing &  
Howell plank road. A large part of his occupation was in buying  
and selling tax lands around the State."  
Source: Pioneer, Vol. XVII, pg. 99.
- Jul 7, 1847            Congregational Church organized - died within a few months. 15 -  
pg. 45. (86 - pg. 467) 7 members merged with Presbyterian  
Church. Joint Congregational Presbyterian group. Presbyterian?  
86 - pg. 467.
- "Rev. Calvin Clark first preached in July 1847, and in the same  
month a Congregational church was organized, with seven  
members, by Rev. Mr. Brown, of the Connecticut Home Mission  
Society. The First Presbyterian Church was projected, and  
partially organized in December following by Rev. Calvin Clark,  
with four members." Mr. James Seymour, Mr. Aaron Norris, Mrs.  
Louisa Norris, E. and Mrs. Randall. Source: Church Manual of the  
Franklin Street Presbyterian Church, of the City of Lansing, by  
Rev. C. S. Armstrong, M. A. 1869.

Dec 17, 1847

To wit, on the 17th day of December, 1847, James Seymour, Aaron Norris, Mrs. Louisa Norris, and a Mrs. Randall, with the Rev. Calvin Clark, agent of the American Home Missionary Society, as Moderator, met in a school house on Cedar Street and organized 'The First Presbyterian Church of the Town of Michigan,' with church, in the year 1848, was designated 'The First Presbyterian Church of Lansing, Michigan,' after the legislature, which met there that year, had changed the name of the village to the name of Lansing.

From the organization of the church until the last Wednesday in December 1852 the church services were held in such temporary quarters as the officers of the church could find available.  
Source: First Presbyterian Church (Lansing) 1847-1947. Booklet printed as part of the Centennial Celebration, pages 2 & 3.

Dec 17, 1847

First Presbyterian Church organized in Cedar Street School. 81 pg. 113. First church on corner of Washington Avenue and Genesee Street; While organized in December 17, 1848 church did not hold religious services until November 1848. 94 pg. 404. James Seymour, Aaron Norris, Mrs. Louise Norris and Mrs. Randall organized First Presbyterian church of the town of Mi. 25

"The First Presbyterian church was organized with four members Dec. 17, 1847 but did not begin to hold religious services till Nov. 1848. The American Home Missionary Society, which at that time aided both Congregational and Presbyterian Churches, sent to it its first pastor, Rev. Mr. Atterbury, and its second. Rev. Benj. Franklin and gave to it financial aid for seven years. With this church those who preferred the Congregational form of government united and worked for several years. The meetinghouse was built on its present site, to accommodate both parts of the town. Within ten years the church had 164 members, it became self-supporting in 1856." 274 pg. 404.

"The Presbyterians did, in December, vote to organize, but there were not enough men to fill the offices and the organization was not completed for nearly a year." Source: History of Plymouth Congregational Church, Lansing, Michigan, 1864-1893; by c. B. Stebbins.

"The First Presbyterian church of Lansing, Michigan; was organized December 17, 1847, at the school house in First Ward on Cedar Street, by the Rev. Calvin Clark, Agent of the A. H. M. Society for Michigan. Only four persons presented themselves for membership. Mr. Aaron Norris was appointed a deacon pro tem. The Confession of Faith and Covenant of Geneva, New York was presented by Rev. Calvin Clark, and adopted for this church." Source: History of the Beginning and Growth of the First Presbyterian Church, Lansing Michigan 1847-1922; pg. 7

"The services of the First Presbyterian church of Lansing were first held in a building known as the Ohio House, on Washtenaw street, where Dearin's livery stable now stands; afterwards for three years in Representative Hall in the old capitol building in the morning, and in the afternoon in the school house in North Lansing, in which the church was organized December 17, 1847. Then for one and half years the members worshipped in a chapel in North Lansing, which when vacated was given to the M. E. church." pg. 7. For the first three years of his pastorate the Sunday services were held in Representative hall of the old capitol, excepting during three months in the early part of 1849 at which time they were held in a building known as the Ohio House" pg. 22. Source: History of the Beginning and Growth of the First Presbyterian Church, Lansing Michigan 1847-1922;

Feb 24, 1848

James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee, Cty. to Aron Norris of Michigan City, Ingham Cty.; land in Michigan City. (18:P563)

Purchased for \$50 Lot 7 of Block 21.

1848

there were, in 1848, at "lower towns," two potteries; one on the east side of Center street, about twenty rods north of Adams street, owned by a Mr. Lowell, and the other on the west side of Cedar street, a few rods south of Adams street, owned by a Mr. Norris, where the writer (Cowles) saw the clay assumed wonderful shapes in the hands of the potter on his wheel run by pedal. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 88-89.

**Norris**

Block 20      Lot Pt. 5

1847

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**North's**

"Glenn Norris in the DeWitt Historical Bulletin, December 1858, relates that the North Family came in 1799 or earlier. Their deed to Lot #71 was dated April 5, 1799. The land was bought for \$3.00 per acre. The North Family is noted for the fact that they pioneered in Michigan and named Lansing, Michigan for Lansing, New York." Source: Town of Lansing Its Beginning by Louise Bement Lansing Town Historian, 1984; Lansing New York; pg. 22

Years ago, when one of the members of the North family went to Michigan, people there were debating when to name their new state capital. North suggested Lansing his home town, and thus it was named. Source: More Bits and Pieces of Lansingville History by Nellie Tucker Minturn, 1971, Historical Society of Tompkins County; pg. 27.

A few years later, when the Capital was located at the junction of the Grand and Cedar rivers, at what was then the town of Michigan, his younger brother, Henry Harrison North, my grandfather, went before the Legislature and proposed the name of Lansing for the new city, which was accepted April 1, 1848. Source: The North Family in Delhi by Howard C. North, Holt, Michigan, 1920; Adams, pg. 384.

Joseph North gave the name Lansing to the township after his old home in New York. Source: The North Family in Delhi by Howard C. North, Holt, Michigan, 1920; Adams, pg. 384.

- 1838 Came Michigan located in Lansing Township, "which he named for the township from which he came. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.
- Feb 16, 1842 The act authorizing the organization of the township was passed
- Feb. 16, 1842. The name was suggested by Joseph E. North, Sr., after the township of Lansing, on the shore of Cayuga Lake, in Tompkins Co., N. Y. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 195.
- June 8, 1886 at Ingham county Pioneer Society meeting Manning K. North....noted "His father gave Lansing its name, in place of "Michigamme," as it was formerly called." Source: Adams pg. 71.
- Delhi was inserted in the petition to the Legislature for organization in 1841 by Roswell Everett. Source: Henry D. North in Adams pg. 382.

#### Settled in Township

- 1836 Joseph E. North, Jr. settled in Ingham township
- 1837 Joseph E. North, Jr. traded land for land in section 32 of Lansing township.
- Sep 1837 H. H. North came to Lansing township.

#### Joseph E. North, Sr.

Joseph North gave the name Lansing to the township after his old home in New York. Source: The North Family in Delhi by Howard C. North, Holt, Michigan, 1920; Adams, pg. 334.

Sep 16, 1791

Born in Juniata Valley, Penn.; son Thomas and Naomi  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 191.

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Father purchased large tract land Lansing Township, Tompkins county, New York.

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Native of Lansing township, New York  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.

Dec 18, 1813

Married Christiana Teeter of Pennsylvania.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 191.

Had 12 children - 9 sons and 3 daughters a son and daughter died in New York while young.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 191.

1812-1815

Served in War 1812  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.

taken prisoner on the Canadian frontier and kept in close confinement at Quebec until the close of the war. When captured he was in the act of carrying a wounded comrade (Bruce Packard) from the field. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 191.

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Farmer on Schuylkill River, Lansing Township, New York.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.

Winter 1836-37

In the winter of 1836 two young men (Ford's) traveled through the town of Lansing, Tompkins county, New York, selling to the farmers lots in Biddle City, which they represented as already well started in the new state, and which was located, they said, at the junction of the Grand and Cedar rivers in Central Michigan. They told of the great forests surrounding the village that needed only to be removed to uncover the richest farming country in the world, and they assured the men of New York who had sons old enough to start for themselves that they need but to send the young men to Biddle City where fortunes in timber and fortunes in land would be found for all.

The Tompkins county farmers became greatly interested; meetings were held--many of them at the home of Daniel Buck, father of D. W. Buck--and finally a stock company was formed out of which sixteen men were chosen to go west and make secure the purchases of the rest.

The long trip was made in the usual way, down the canal, across Lake Huron and so to Detroit, but when the party reached Detroit, however, and inquired the way to Biddle City, no one was found who had ever heard of such a place. The rivers were known, of course, but all the country through which they flowed it was said was a wilderness Biddle City didn't exist.

Failing of any information at Detroit the party traveled to Pontiac. There was the same ignorance of Biddle City and the same story of the wilderness told. The men became discouraged; three of four abandoned their comrades and the search; they bought land at Pontiac and their descendants are there to this day.

The remainder of the travelers determined to push on, however, until the rivers on which their town was said to be built were found, so they hired guides and slowly made their way north and west into Clinton county, and finally when near where DeWitt now stands they found one settler named Scott, who gave them the first news they had obtained of the place they sought. He had heard of Biddle City vaguely, but he told them that west of him there was the home of a settler named William Gilkey who lived near the place where the Cedar empties into the Grand river and he could tell them all there was to tell about Biddle City. Starting once more they traveled to the log cabin of William Gilkey, who was the only settler in all the country round; he lived on what is now known as the Stambaugh place, north of Lansing. He told them what they wished to know.

During the preceding winter, he said, two young men from their own state had stayed with him while on a hunting trip in Michigan. At his house they made their plans to have a town of their own; they platted the ground, staked the lots, named the streets and made ready to sell the town, so beautifully done on paper, to the people whom they expected to interest at home.

Mr. Gilkey promised to show the purchasers of those lots the place they were in search of and he did so, taking them through the woods to the point where R. E. Olds' residence now stands, he pointed across the Cedar to where on the opposite side of the river the low land was lying under water, and he said:

"There gentlemen, is Biddle City."

The travelers had not even the satisfaction of feeling that the uncleared land was theirs, for they were told that the site of the city was a part of the princely tract owned by William H. Townsend of New York. (Note: false)

Mr. Gilkey endeavored to prove to them that they need not be cast down even if the town of their hopes had vanished.

"He told them that they saw the greatest county God ever made," said Mr. Buck in telling the story. He said "land could be bought at ten shillings an acre; and the timber was of the finest quality in the world;" in the end to of them were comforted; Joseph E. North and Daniel Buck elected to invest their money since they had come west for that purpose. Each of the gentlemen bought large tracts of land south of the city; that purchased by Mr. North being known as the "North settlement" at the present time.

The hopes of others of the party were too badly blighted to allow them to remain on the scene of their disappointment. A Mr. Atwood went to what is now Dansville, where Messrs. Townley, Ludlow and others went to Jackson county and the towns of Parma and Tompkins Center bear record in their names that their founders did not forget the homes from which they came.....

After making the purchase of their lands Messrs. Buck and North returned to New York; in 1839 the latter sold his eastern home and came west with his family, eight sons and two daughters. Mr. Buck did not return himself but sent his son Levi, two nephews, Able Miller and peter Clark, and another young man, Monroe Packard. The three settled upon the lands Mr. Buck had purchased, but Clark was a cabinet maker and could not resist the charms of the magnificent timber; he went to Ionia to settled and practice his trade and his grandchildren still live in that locality. Source: Statement of D. W. Buck, published in Lansing Journal, November 24, 1904, reprinted Past and Present, Cowles, pgs. 113-115.

- May 8, 1837 Purchased 160 acres in section 24 of Delhi Township.  
Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- Aug 2, 1837 A Joseph E. North purchased land  
Township 2-N, Range 1-E of Ingham County  
Section 26 NW 240 Acres &  
Section 27 E 1/2 NE  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Detroit Land Office, MI0690\_\_179.
- Nov 2, 1837 A Joseph E. North purchased land  
Township 3-N, Range 2-W of Ingham County  
Section 24 SE 160 Acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office, MI2600\_\_481.
- 1837 Purchased land in section 33 of Lansing township, MI.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 190 and 233 footnote.



- 1837 Joseph North, (Sr. or Jr.?) who was a surveyor, laid out the road from Lansing to Mason through Delhi Center in 1837. The same year he built the first bridge over the Cedar river in Lansing. Source: The North Family in Delhi by Howard C. North, Holt, Michigan, 1920; Adams, pg. 334.  
Note: Doubt, purchased November 1, 1838, moved family in 1839, arrived June 1839.
- 1838 Came to Lansing Township from Lansing, New York
- 1838 Came Michigan located in Lansing Township, "which he named for the township from which he came."  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.
- Fall 1838 "According to the recollection of his son Joshua, he visited Michigan in the fall before his settlement and purchased the land."  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 192.
- Fall 1838 Sons (of Joseph E. North, Sr.) Joshua and Thomas came to Lansing; assisted Joseph E., Jr., in clearing his land; when father came; helped him.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 192.
- Oct 1838 Visited Michigan and entered large tract of land.  
Sr. and Jr. had 1280 acres.  
"While Joshua was absent in New York State his father wrote him to borrow a hundred dollars and come back to Michigan, which he did in November 1839, bringing a lumber wagon, a few tools, and some dried fruit. The foods were shipped by canal to Buffalo, and thence by the steamer "Michigan" to Detroit. This steamer was blown ashore at Buffalo in the great storm of 1844. From Detroit they shipped their goods by the Central Railway to Ypsilanti, then the terminus of the road, and from that point to Ingham county by ox-team, which Joseph E. North, jr. brought from Lansing to meet them."  
Joshua came May 1838 in fall 1838 returned to New York; third son of Joseph E. North, Sr.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 233.
- Their goods were shipped by canal to Buffalo, thence by the streamer Michigan to Detroit. From there they were shipped to Ypsilanti, which was then the end of the road. There they were met by Joseph E., Jr., who had come from Lansing with an ox team to meet them. Source: The North Family In Delhi by Howard C. North, 1920; reprinted in Adams pg. 384-5.
- Nov 1, 1838 Purchased 120 acres in section 33 of Lansing township. (Land patent)  
"which was covered with a splendid grove of beech and maple trees, and having built a log house, he proceeded to improve the farm." Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.

- Nov 1, 1838 Purchased 160 acres of section 3 of Delhi Township.  
Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- Nov 11, 1838 Purchased land on section 3 of Delhi township.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 232.
- Fall 1838 Walked back to Lansing Township, NY  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.
- May 20, 1839-  
Jun 2, 1839 Left Lansing, Tompkins County, NY - reached Lansing June 2, 1839 township, Michigan.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 192.
- When Joseph E. North, Sr., removed with his family to Michigan, in 1839, he brought a yoke of oxen, purchased in Ohio, and a horse and buggy. At Detroit he hired four two-horse teams to transport his goods to Ingham county. Joshua met him at Mason upon his arrival there.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 233.
- Jul 9, 1839 A Joseph E. North purchased land  
Township 2-N, Range 1-E of Ingham County  
Section 22 SESE 40 Acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Detroit Land Office, MI0710\_\_\_.123.
- Oct 10, 1839 A Joseph North purchased land  
Township 4-N, Range 2-W of Ingham County  
Section 33 W 1/2 SE 200 Acres &  
Section 33 E 1/2 SW  
Section 33 SWSW  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office, MI2610\_\_\_.234.
- 1839 Brought family to new home - entered land in section 33.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.  
Source: Henry D. North in Adams pg. 382.
- 1839 Eliza A. North, daughter John E. North, Sr. married Russell P. Everett of Delhi Township; Durant notes first marriage in Delhi Township; Adams notes was one earlier. Source: Durant, pg. 235.
- 1840 In census listed as resident of Alaiedon Township and born in Pa.  
Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- 1840-41 Cedar bridge built under superintendence. Source: Durant pg. 143.

- May 1841 Joshua North, wife and wife's older brother, Levi Buck and Monroe Packard came Michigan. "On his arrival with his wife and goods at Ann Arbor he found his father (Joseph E. North, Sr.) there with an ox-team and a load of wheat which he had brought to market. From thence Henry's (Joshua?) family and goods made the trip to Lansing in the old gentleman's ox-wagon. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 233.
- Aug 10, 1841 A Joseph E. North purchased land  
Township 4-N, Range 2-W of Ingham County  
Section 33 E 1/2 SE 120 Acres &  
Section 33 NWSW  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office, MI2620\_\_\_\_.297.
- Township 3-N, Range 2-W of Ingham County  
Section 3 SW 160 Acres &  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office, MI2620\_\_\_\_.296.
- Dec 1841 Henry H. North, Joseph E. North, Sr., Roswell Everett, Zalmon S. Holmes framed petition to Legislature for organization of two townships; North suggested Lansing - wanted it named after Lansing, New York. 25 pg. 192
- "In December 1841, Roswell Everett, Zalmon S. Holmes, and myself (Henry H. North) met at the house of my father, by appointment, and framed two petitions to the Legislature for the organization of two townships. But one name was suggested for the first, --that of Lansing, my father saying he wanted it named after our old town of Lansing, in New York. For the second two names were proposed, --Delhi, by Roswell Everett, and Genoa, by myself, not knowing that there was a Genoa in Livingston county at that time." Source: Henry H. North, in Durant, pg. 192.  
Source: Alvin Rolfe in letter to the Republican in undated newspaper clipping in Lawler collection.
- Jan 6, 1842 Rep. French presented the petition for new township in Ingham county. House Journal 1842, pg. 58.
- Jan 10, 1842 Rep. French presented the petition for new township in Ingham county. House Journal 1842, pg. 73
- Jan 12, 1842 Rep. French presented the petition for new township in Ingham county. House Journal 1842, pg. 84.
- Jan 20, 1842 Rep. Bush presented the petition for new township in Ingham county. House Journal 1842, pg. 132.

- Feb 16, 1842 Michigan Legislature approved and organized Lansing Township. The name Lansing was suggested for the township by Joseph E. North Sr. after his homeland Township of Lansing, Tompkins County, New York. 3 pg. 12; 7; 25 pg. 192. Note: See Dec 1841
- Feb 16, 1842 Township of Eaton Rapids of Eaton organized.  
Windsor of Eaton  
Delhi of Ingham  
Lansing of Ingham  
Meridian of Ingham  
Locke of Ingham  
Delta of Eaton (PA 57 of 1842)
- Feb 12, 1842 Public Act 57 signed:  
  
Sec. 7. Delhi Township organized.  
Sec. 8. Lansing Township organized.  
  
“All that part of the county of Ingham designated by the United States survey as township number four north, or range number two west, to be set off and organized into a separate township, by the name of Lansing, and the first township meeting shall be held at the shantee near the cedar bridge in said township.”  
  
Sec. 9. Meridian Township organized.  
Sec. 10. Locke Township organized.
- ? Joseph E. North, Sr., is generally accorded the honor of having given the name “Lansing” to the township, from a town of the same name on Cayuga Lake, now in Tompkins Co., N.Y. When the Legislature named the new village “Town of Michigan,” he is said to have felt not a little disappointed, and it was owing somewhat to his remonstrances that the name was changed to Lansing within a year thereafter. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton counties Michigan, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of their Prominent Men and Pioneers by Samuel W. Durant, D. W. Ensign & Co., 1880; pg. 129.
- 1840-1842 Constructed log bridge over Cedar River on what now Cedar street in Lansing.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 143.
- 1842 Joseph E. North, Sr., surveyed the present road between Lansing and Mason as early as 1842; and he also built the first bridge over the Cedar River, on Cedar Street, at Lansing, about the same time. These transactions may have been a year or two earlier. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 233.
- Feb 16, 1842 The act authorizing the organization of the township was passed Feb. 16, 1842. The name was suggested by Joseph E. North, Sr.,

	after the township of Lansing, on the shore of Cayuga Lake, in Tompkins Co., N. Y. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 195.
?	Supervisor for 14 years. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.
Apr 4, 1842	First town-meeting, Joseph E. North chosen Moderator of meeting. Elected township Supervisor, one of Justices, one of Overseers of the Poor, and Overseer of Highways for third district. (Highways - Sr. or Jr.?) Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 195-196.  "the first justice of the peace in the township was Joseph E. North, and he held office until he died." Source: Adams pg. 23.  First town meeting held at the "shantee near the Cedar bridge." Source; Durant pg. 100.
1842	Member of Board of Supervisors. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 100. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan; Durant, 1880; pg. 107.  Served as Supervisor for 14 years. Source: Past and Present, pg. 389.
1842-1843	Log school house erected on land of Joseph E. North, Sr., on section 33; among the early teachers was Mrs. Joseph E. North. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 201.
1843	Road districts increased from 3 to 4, Joseph E. North (Sr. or Jr.?) elected 1 of 4 overseers. Source: Durant pg. 197.
1843	Township Supervisor and Treasurer. (Sr. or Jr.?) Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 196.
1843	Member of Board of Supervisors. (Sr. or Jr.?) Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 107. Source: Adams, pg. 40.
1843	Joseph E. North (Sr. or Jr.?) elected one of overseers of roads. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 197.
1843	Joseph E. North (Sr. or Jr.?) was one of election inspectors. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 197.
1844	Listed as resident taxpayer of Delhi Township. Source: Durant, pg. 195.
1840	In census listed as resident of Lansing Township, and born in Pa.

Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

- 1846 Were 13 votes cast in township, twelve of them Democratic and one Whig. The Democrats were five Norths', three Gilkeys, Cooley, Earl, Delano, and J. W. Yauger. The Whig was Coe. G. Jones." Source: J. P. Cowles at May 1873 Ingham County Pioneer Association meeting: Adams pg. 23.
- 1846 Associate county judge. (Sr. or Jr.?)  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 100.
- 1847 Associate county judge (Sr. or Jr.?). Source: Adams, pg. 167.
- Dec 10, 1847 George D. Pease bought land in Section 32 of Lansing Township from Joseph North.
- 1849 Lansing township Justice (to fill vacancy)  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 196.
- 1850 Lansing township Justice.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 196.
- 1840 In census listed as resident of Lansing Township, and born in Pa.  
Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- Aug 1854 Wife died (age 64) Source: Adams, pg. 382.
- 1854 Lansing township Justice (Sr. or Jr.?)  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 196.
- 1854 Lansing township Justice. (Sr. or Jr.?) Source: Durant, pg. 198.
- 1858 Lansing township Justice. (Sr. or Jr.?) Source: Durant, pg. 196.
- 1858 Lansing township Justice (Sr. or Jr.?)  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 196.
- May 15, 1862 A Joseph North purchased land  
Township 14-N, Range 14-W of Newaygo County  
Section 19 SENE 40 Acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office, MI2880\_\_\_.007.
- Nov 5, 1862 Died. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.
- Nov 5, 1862 Died in Lansing, at age of 71.  
Heirs: Harrison, Jackson, John, Seth, Manning R., Jesse North;  
Eliza Ann Skinner (wife of Howard Skinner) and Jane Cranson  
(wife of Samuel Cranson), all of Michigan.

Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper No. 10; record A-11  
 Source: Obituary Joseph E. North, Sr., The Lansing State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Wednesday morning, November 12, 1862.

? When I was quite a lad the Indian chief, Okemos, and his tribe was much talked of. I saw him once. The squaws came several times to our house, peddling baskets. The old chief often visited Lansing, but could never be persuaded to have his picture taken, saying it they took his face he would die, until on one occasion Joseph North, father of the North's that settled in Delhi, and my grandfather, Dennison Hewett Hilliard, met him in Lansing, and knowing his appetite for fire-water persuaded him to take enough so that he was in condition to fall in with their plan for getting his picture taken.

This I saw several times, with North on one side of the old Chief and Hilliard on the other. Source: Paper of M. E. Park, Holt, Michigan read at Ingham County Pioneer and Historical Society on December 4, 1919; reprinted Adams of. 394-5.

## Joseph North

### Land Patent Purchases

Aug 2, 1837	A Joseph E. North purchased land Township 2-N, Range 1-E of Ingham County Section 26                      NW                      240 Acres & Section 27                      E 1/2 NE Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, Detroit Land Office, MI0690___.179.
Nov 2, 1837	A Joseph E. North purchased land Township 3-N, Range 2-W of Ingham County Section 24                      SE                      160 Acres Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, Ionia Land Office, MI2600___.481.
Jul 9, 1839	A Joseph E. North purchased land Township 2-N, Range 1-E of Ingham County Section 22                      SESE                      40 Acres Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office Records, Detroit Land Office, MI0710___.123.
Oct 10, 1839	A Joseph North purchased land Township 4-N, Range 2-W of Ingham County Section 33                      W 1/2 SE                      200 Acres & Section 33                      E 1/2 SW Section 33                      SWSW

Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office, MI2610\_\_\_.234.

Aug 10, 1841

A Joseph E. North purchased land  
Township 4-N, Range 2-W of Ingham County  
Section 33                      E 1/2 SE                      120 Acres &  
Section 33                      NWSW  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office, MI2620\_\_\_.297.

Township 3-N, Range 2-W of Ingham County  
Section 3                      SW                      160 Acres &  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office, MI2620\_\_\_.296.

May 15, 1862

A Joseph North purchased land  
Township 14-N, Range 14-W of Newaygo County  
Section 19                      SENE                      40 Acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office, MI2880\_\_\_.007.

### **Joseph E. North, Jr.**

May 5, 1836

Purchased 40 acres of section 22 of Ingham Township.  
Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard  
E. Lucas, 1982.

Sep 1836

Settled in Michigan located land in Ingham township.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 191.

Sep 1936

"In September 1836, my brother, Joseph E. North, junior, located  
lands, jointly with myself (H. H. North), in what is now the township  
of Ingham. Source: Henry H. North in letter dated Nov. 21, 1879;  
to Republican.

1836

Came from Lansing Township, New York with Levi Buck (older  
brother of Daniel W. Buck) and settled in Lansing Township  
(section 32) Source: Adams, pg. 384.

May 18, 1837

Hezekiah Forgison (Ferguson) to Joseph E. North Jr. of Ingham  
County, land in Lansing Township, Section 32. (L2:P26)  
Note: Forgison or Ferguson had purchased entire section on May  
4, 1837.

Spring 1837

Exchanged land in Ingham township for land in section 32 of  
Lansing township. Exchanged with Hezekiah Ferguson (Ferguson);  
Ferguson paid as "boot" a gold watch to equalize the trade.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 191.

Spring 1837

In the spring of 1837 he (Joseph E. North, Jr.) traded those lands  
for section 32 in town 4 north of range 2 west, now the township of



- Lansing; Source: Henry H. North in letter dated Nov. 21, 1879; to Republican.
- May 26, 1837 Joseph E. North Jr. of Ingham. County to William Phillips of Ingham. County; land in Delhi Township, Sec. 25. (L1:P471)  
Source: Henry H. North in letter dated Nov. 21, 1879; to Republican.
- May-Sep Joseph E. North, Jr., erected temporary shanty on Lansing Township property.
- “The next day (September 1837) after Henry’s arrival, the two brothers (Joseph E. North, Jr. and Henry H. North) started to visit the land of Joseph E. North, Jr., in Lansing township. He had already erected a temporary shanty for shelter, and they reached this about four p.m.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 192.
- Jun 3, 1837 Purchased 200 acres in section 33 of Lansing township. (Land patent)
- Sep 1837 Working for Judge Danforth of Mason.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 191.
- Sep 1837 in September of that year (1837) I (H. H. North) came to Ingham county. My bother (Joseph E. North, Jr.) was at work for Judge Danforth of Mason, and the morning following my arrival we started for Lansing, guided by compass, to see our land. About 4 o’clock P.M. we reached a shanty which my bother (Joseph E. North, Jr.) had built on the land a short time previous for a shelter overnight.
- “In looking over the land I found some leeks, and (to use a moderate expression) they looked “perfectly lovely.” I gathered my hat half full, roasted and ate them without supper, and we retired to spend our first night in Lansing. In the night I awoke, very sick. It was raining furiously, and such thunder I thought I never heard before. This warring of the elements was in perfect consonance with the conflict between my stomach and the leeks, but I ejected them, and have never eaten one since.
- “To add to my misfortunes, I was terrible afraid of wild beasts; and the rain having deadened our only protection, the fire, I lay in fear of an attack, which was not allayed by a loud and doleful sound coming from the woods in our vicinity. I awoke my bother and told him my rears, only to be informed that the “ferocious beast” was an owl. I subsided but was not sorry when daylight came. My brother arose and broiled some meat on a stick, but I could not eat, for I had not recovered from the effect of that leak supper. my bother consoled me with the assurance that I “wouldn’t mind those little things after I had been here two or three years.”

"The culinary duties of camp life did not agree with me, and I declared that if I came to Michigan to reside, I would bring a wife. In the light of after events I think my brother (Joseph E. North, Jr.) indorsed those views, for (See July 1, 1838). Source: Henry H. North in letter dated Nov. 21, 1879; to Republican.

Sep 1837

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Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 191-2.

1837

Joseph North, (Sr. or Jr.?) who was a surveyor, laid out the road from Lansing to Mason through Delhi Center in 1837. The same year he built the first bridge over the Cedar river in Lansing. Source: Howard C. North, in 1920 account, printed in Adams, pg. 385.

Jul 1, 1838

Married Emily F. Rolfe, second daughter of Benjamin Rolfe. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 192.

Married Joseph E. North; 'Came to Lansing the same year on horseback. She was the first white woman to settled in Lansing. She died March 1893. Source: Alvin Rolfe paper read at 1893 meeting of Ingham County Pioneer Society, Adams pg. 100.

Jul 1, 1838

On July 1, 1838, he (Joseph E. North, Jr.) married Miss Emily Rolfe of Vevay, and moved on to this land, where he had previously made a beginning." Source: Henry H. North in letter dated Nov.

- 21, 1879; to Republican. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 102.
- Early Sep 1838 Settled on Section 32 in Lansing township.  
"he probably built the first frame dwelling erected in the township of Lansing."  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 192.
- Fall 1838 Sons (of Joseph E. North, Sr.) Joshua and Thomas came to Lansing; assisted Joseph E., Jr., in clearing his land; when father came; helped him.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 192.
- Nov 26, 1838 Joseph E. North Jr. of Alaiedon, to Steph Town of Jackson; land in Lansing Township, Sec. 32. (L2:P178)
- Oct 12, 1839 Joseph E. North Jr. and wife Emily of Alaiedon, to Daniel Buck of Tompkins Co. N. Y.; land in Lansing Township. Section 32. (L3:P455)
- Oct 1839 J. E. North, Jr. and N. Blain commissioners, Anson Jackson surveyor, laid out Shiawassee Road and Meridian-Line Roads in Meridian Township; Shiawassee road laid out through sections 1 and 12, one mile, 265 rods, 10 links in length; and Meridian-Line Road laid out northeast corner of meridian township; 53 rods in length. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 281.
- Feb 15, 1840 Feb 15, 1840 12:00 Noon, 60 Democratic Republicans met Ingham township to organize more thoroughly; three appointed from each township to read democratic newspaper and advocate democratic measures; supported taxation for public schools, etc. J. E. North (Sr. or Jr.?) appointed to Alaiedon township democratic committee. Source: Minutes of proceedings printed in Detroit Free Press, February 26, 1840.
- 1840 In census listed as resident of Alaiedon Township and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- Apr 4, 1842 At organizational meeting of township, elected one of two assessors & elected one of the Commissioners of Highways.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 196.
- Elected one of Justices.
- Nov 12, 1842 Abram Shear had been elected township treasurer in April, did not fulfill duties, declared vacant by town board and Joseph E. North, jr., appointed to office on Nov. 12, 1842.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 196.

Nov 16, 1842 Joseph E. North Jr. and wife Emily of Lansing Township. to Daniel R. Barnes of Lansing Township, land in section 32. (L5:P572)

1843 Lansing township Supervisor. (Sr. or Jr.? believe Sr.)  
Lansing township treasurer. Source: Durant, pg. 196.

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1844 In census listed as resident of Lansing Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

1844 Listed as resident taxpayer of Lansing Township.  
Source: Durant, pg. 195.

Apr 27, 1844 John W. Burchard elected township Supervisor, after drowned Joseph E. North, Jr., elected at special election on April 27, 1844.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 196.

Jan 9, 1845 Listed in Ingham Herald (newspaper), January 9, 1845 issue as supervisor for Lansing township. Source: Adams, pg. 144.

1846 Joseph E. North and Joseph E. North elected associate judges  
Prior to 1850 constitution, were two associate judges of Circuit Court elected from each county. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 29.

1854 Lansing township Justice. (Sr. or Jr.?) Source: Durant, pg. 198.

1858 Lansing township Justice. (Sr. or Jr.?) Source: Durant, pg. 196.

Oct 9, 1859 Patrick McGurrin of Jackson to Joseph E. North and Henry N. North of Ingham county; land in Delhi Township, Sec. 4 (L3:P278)

Dec 10, 1847 Joseph E. North Jr. and wife Emily of Lansing to George D. Pease of same place, for \$100.00; NW quarter of SW quarter of Sec 32 in Lansing Township; 40 acres. (L7:563)

- Oct 16, 1848 Joseph E. North, Jr. (Justice of Peace) and wife Emily F. to Samuel B. Dayton; land in Lansing Township, Section 32. (18:P408)
- 1840 In census listed as resident of Lansing Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

### Henry Harrison North

A few years later, when the Capital was located at the junction of the Grand and Cedar rivers, at what was then the town of Michigan, his younger brother, Henry Harrison North, my grandfather, went before the Legislature and proposed the name of Lansing for the new city, which was accepted April 1, 1848. Source: The North Family in Delhi by Howard C. North, Holt, Michigan, 1920; Adams, pg. 334.

- Jan 18, 1816 Born. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 196.
- Second son of Joseph E. North, Sr.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 233.
- Raised on farm and worked with father who was a mason by trade. Durant, pg. 232+
- Sep 1836 "In September 1836, my brother, Joseph E. North, junior, located lands, jointly with myself (H. H. North), in what is now the township of Ingham. Source: Henry H. North in letter dated Nov. 21, 1879; to Republican.
- 1837 Came visit Ingham County. Went back New York
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of camp life, and declared that if he came to Michigan to reside, he should bring a wife with him."

Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 191-2.

1838 Returned to New York.

Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 233.

1838 Came with his father (Joseph E. North) to Michigan and Lansing Township. "...being a mason by trade found abundant opportunities for employment, engaging largely in building as well as entering and improving land in Delhi township, which was then a part of Lansing township. When that portion was set off as a separate corporation, he gave to it the name of Delhi."  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.

Settled with father in Delhi Township

Dec 16, 1838 Married Miss Almira Buck in Tompkins county, New York  
Almira Buck native of Tompkins County, NY  
Daughter of Daniel Buck of Lansing Township, NY.  
Sister of Daniel W. Buck. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 390. Source: Obituary of Henry Harrison North, The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Friday, November 6, 1885.

Members of Presbyterian Church.

Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 390.

He and brother Joshua married sisters.

Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 233.

Had 12 children.

Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 232+.

Had 9 children:

Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 390.

Source: Obituary of Henry Harrison North, The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Friday, November 6, 1885.

Marian L.

Mrs. Holmes died in Delhi.

Oldest child was first white child born in Delhi Township.

Source: Adams, pg. 382 and 285.

Marian - first white child born in Delhi township.

Source: The North Family in Delhi by Howard C. North, Holt, Michigan, 1920; Adams, pg. 335.

Elmer D. North, M.D. -

Childhood... spent on farm "and in the district schools of the neighborhood, which were then held in private houses. He was able to attend only the winter schools but when a little older attended Taylor's Academy at Lansing. At the

age of eighteen in engaged in teaching in Delhi township and the next year in Delta, Eaton county. He entered Michigan Agricultural College in the spring of 1861 but did not remain there long, as in the fall his patriotic impulses got the better of his love for learning, and he laid this opportunity for education upon the altar of his country.

It was in Company E. Eight Michigan Infantry that his young man began service as a private, being mustered in at Ft. Wayne, Detroit, but he was afterward transferred to the Fourteenth Michigan Infantry, in Company D, in which he served as Sergeant. This regiment was placed in the Fourteenth Army Corps in the Army of the Cumberland and was active during the siege of Corinth. He served three years and seven months and received his discharge March 14, 1865. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 390.

Elmer D. was with Sherman on his "March to the Sea."  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 232+.

Albert E.

Belonged Seventh Michigan Veteran Cavalry  
Enlisted 1864 and served until close of war  
Later resided in Dakota

Henry E.

Member of Eighteenth Michigan Regiment  
Disabled and discharged after one year's service and  
Lived in Delhi Township.

Dr. James S.- of Delhi Township.

Myra L. -

Mrs. Field of Dansville

Hattie B. -

Mrs. Wilcox of Lansing Township

Howard -

Died at age 4

Theron C. of Delhi township.

Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 390.

May 20, 1839

Joseph E. North and son Henry left Lansing, Tompkins county, NY for Lansing township, Michigan. Source: Henry H. North in letter dated Nov 21, 1879; to Republican.

June 21, 1839

Purchased 80 acres in section 4 of Delhi Township.  
Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

Jun 21, 1839

Purchased land Section 4 of Delhi Township.  
Source: Durant, pg. 232.



- Jun 1839 Henry H. North selected the land where he now lives took possession of it early in June 1839.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 232+.
- 1839 Came with father and settled permanently in Delhi township, south of his father's farm.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 233.
- ? Member of Presbyterian Church.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 390.
- 1839-1840 Purchased land in section 4 of Delhi township.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 233.
- ? Henry H. North brought into the township (Delhi) with him the first hog that was here. He made a log pen and covered it with logs to keep out the wild animal. One spring day while he was making sugar in the woods my grandmother, hearing the hog making an outcry, ran out just in time to see a bear push off the top logs and try to lift the hog out of the pen. She ran where they were and tried to scare the bear away, but he had no mind to lose his pork dinner. At this opportune moment two of my grandfathers' brothers arrived on the scene, and succeeded in driving the bear away with clubs, and without the hog. The porkers back had to be sewed up where the bear's claws had ripped it opened, but in a short time she was none the worse for the adventure and lived to tell the story to her children. Source: The North Family in Delhi by Howard C. North, Holt, Michigan, 1920; Adams, pg. 386.
- ? I have heard my father tell stories of the Indian chief Okemos. He often stopped at grandfather's (H. H. North) and would open the door and walk in without knocking. Grandfather reproved him, saying that white folks knocked before entering anyone's house. The next time Okemos stopped he pounded vigorously on the door, then opened it at once and entered with a satisfied expression, exclaiming, "Me heap white man now, me knock." Once a year, sometimes twice, he and his band would pass grandfather's home and camp on the flats north of there. The sting of ponies was often more than three quarters of a mile lone. When the first one was opposite the house the last one had not yet passed the North school house. Source: The North Family in Delhi by Howard C. North, Holt, Michigan, 1920; Adams, pg. 386.
- ? Joshua North account of incident... "It was on the occasion of the birth of the first child in the Township (Delhi), a daughter of Henry H. North. The family requiring a little additional help at that time, Joshua went on horseback and procured the services of a young woman living in the vicinity, and was taking her home behind him on the house in the night, through a blind road which had been partially bushed out. He lost the path and looked for it in vain. The candle in the old-fashion tin lantern which he carried threatened to

become extinguished, and as a last resort he dismounted and made a fire in the slivered butt of a fallen tree, and leaving the young woman there searched again for the road, but not finding it concluded to make the best of the situation and stayed by the fire until daylight. It was quite cool, and the young people huddled close to the fire, while jumping and frisking about in the thick, woods the gray wolves made anything but pleasant music in their ears. the girl was sure they were something dangerous, but young North, knowing the terror they would inspire if she was fully aware of their character, insisted they were only owls, and partially quieted her fears. He know well enough they would not attack them by their bright fire, for all wild animals have a mortal dread of this element; and so they sat and listened and watched until the day-dawn sent the unwelcome visitors to their haunts in the depths of the forest, and then went on their way.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 233-4.

The family need additional help and Joshua went over where Mt. Hope Cemetery is now and engaged the services of a young woman living there. He was taking her home behind him on horseback. The road was only partly brushed out; night fell; he had lost the path and looked for it in vain. The candle in his old-fashioned tin lantern was nearly gone, so he stopped and kindled a fire in the butt of a fallen tree, to drive off the wolves which were following them. They sat by the fire and watched until morning. When day came, they found the trail and continued their journey.  
Source: The North Family in Delhi by Howard C. North, Holt, Michigan, 1920; Adams, pg. 385.

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One day a squaw stopped at grandfather's (H. H. North) and wanted to trade baskets for food. Seymour North, then a little fellow of three or four, had crawled way back under the elevated oven of the old fashioned stove, but the sharp eyes of the Indian woman saw him, and she pointed at him with a broad grin, saying, "Little papoose, little papoose!" Then she turned and picked up a board which she had leaned against the wall on entering. On it was strapped an Indian baby and holding it up she said, "Me little papoose too."

One day father and some of his bothers followed the band to see them make camp. When they reached the flats a short distance north of the old home, the braves seized their guns and disappeared in the forest in quest of game, leaving the squaws the setting up of tents, starting fires, and such trivial duties. They worked very swiftly, and in a short time the rifles began to crash out in the forest, telling that the braves, too, were busy. One another they came in with their woodchucks, squirrels, rabbits or birds and threw them at the feet of the squaws. Their part was done until meal time. The daughter of chief Okemos who was one of the most beautiful Indian girls, had just married a young brave, who by virtue of his marriage to the Chief's daughter became

second chief. She had just finished setting up the wigwam and started the fire when her husband stalked in with a big deer over his shoulder. This he laid at her feet. In an incredibly short time, she had skinned it and had some of the choicest portions over the fire. Perhaps this was due to entire elimination of washing either hands or venison.

Once some of the boys persuaded Chief Okemos to have his picture taken. He protested vigorously, saying, "If any take my face I die. Then one after another sat for their pictures to show them it did not harm them. At last with some misgivings he sat with two of them to have his picture taken.

Fifty-five years ago (1865) my father was passing along the path where Whitmore's Corners now lies. He'd been spending the evening with a young land and was returning home somewhere about midnight. Suddenly a black shape reared up in front of him, and an ominous growl was heard. thinking it a rather surly, big black dog he fired twice with his pistol. The black shape vanished, and he went on to the place where he worked just west of the corners. The next day two men came by inquiring if head bad seen a bear. He said "No," but went with them, following the tracks. These led to the place just where he had seen and fired at the "dog." They were bloody tracks from that point, the men followed on, found the bear and killed him just west of where the School for the Blind is now. In the bear's hide they found two holes made by father's pistol shots.

One-night John North, Dr. E. P. North's father, was on his way home from an evening spend with Miss Eliza Skinner, who later became his wife. When he reached a little flat which was known as "Grovenburg's prairie" he was overtaken by a pack of wolves. He shinned up a tree just in time to escape the leader's jaws. there he was forced to cling and shiver while the pack camped underneath. At last, when daylight came, the brutes withdrew deeper into the forest, and cramped and half-frozen he was able to scramble down and go home. Source: Howard C. North, in 1920; reprinted in Adams, pgs. 395-6.

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| 1840         | In census listed as resident of Alaiedon Township and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.  |
| Feb 18, 1841 | Son - Elmer D. North, M. D. born in Delhi Township<br>Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.  |
| 1841         | Henry H. and Joshua North lived for a short time in the same house in the summer of 1841 until the latter could complete a log house. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 233. |

- Jul 6, 1841 Purchased 40 acres in section 4 of Delhi Township.  
Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- Jul 6, 1841 Purchased land Section 4 of Delhi township.  
Source: Durant, pg. 232.
- Aug 10, 1841 A Henry N. North purchased land  
Township 3-N, Range 2-W of Ingham County  
Section 4 W 1/2 SE 80 Acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office, MI2630\_\_056.
- Dec 1841 Henry H. North, Joseph E. North, Sr., Roswell Everett, Zalmon S. Holmes framed petition to Legislature for organization of two townships; North suggested Lansing - wanted it named after Lansing, New York. 25 pg. 192
- "In December 1841, Roswell Everett, Zalmon S. Holmes, and myself (Henry H. North) met at the house of my father, by appointment, and framed two petitions to the Legislature for the organization of two townships. But one name was suggested for the first, --that of Lansing, my father saying he wanted it named after our old town of Lansing, in New York. For the second two names were proposed, --Delhi, by Roswell Everett, and Genoa, by myself, not knowing that there was a Genoa in Livingston county at that time." Source: Henry H. North, in Durant, pg. 192.  
Source: Alvin Rolfe in letter to the Republican in undated newspaper clipping in Lawler collection.
- Delhi was inserted in the petition to the Legislature for organization in 1841 by Roswell Everett.  
Source: Henry North at annual meeting held May 25, 1873 of County Pioneer Association, reprinted Adams, pg. 382.
- The township of Delhi was organized from Alaiedon in February 1842. The name is credited to Roswell Everett, who inserted it in the petition sent to the Legislature. Source: Howard C. North, in 1920 account, printed in Adams, pg. 385.
- Jan 6, 1842 Rep. French presented the petition for new township in Ingham county. House Journal 1842, pg. 58.
- Jan 10, 1842 Rep. French presented the petition for new township in Ingham county. House Journal 1842, pg. 73
- Jan 12, 1842 Rep. French presented the petition for new township in Ingham county. House Journal 1842, pg. 84.
- Jan 20, 1842 Rep. Bush presented the petition for new township in Ingham county. House Journal 1842, pg. 132.

“when that portion was set of as a separate corporation, he gave to it the name of Delhi.” Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, pg. 389.

Feb 12, 1842

Public Act 57 signed:

Sec. 7. Delhi Township organized.

Sec. 8. Lansing Township organized.

“All that part of the county of Ingham designated by the United States survey as township number four north, or range number two west, to be set off and organized into a separate township, by the name of Lansing, and the first township meeting shall be held at the shantee near the cedar bridge in said township.”

Sec. 9. Meridian Township organized.

Sec. 10. Locke Township organized.

Feb 16, 1842

Michigan Legislature approved and organized Lansing Township. The name Lansing was suggested for the township by Joseph E. North Sr. after his homeland Township of Lansing, Tompkins County, New York. 3 pg. 12; 7; 25 pg. 192.  
Note: See Dec 1841

Feb 16, 1842

Township of: Eaton Rapids of Eaton organized.  
Windsor of Eaton  
Delhi of Ingham  
Lansing of Ingham  
Meridian of Ingham  
Locke of Ingham  
Delta of Eaton (PA 57 of 1842)

Feb 26, 1842

Organizational meeting of new school district 8 held in house of Henry H. North, on Feb. 26, 1842 at 3:00 p.m. Source: Adams. pg. 271.

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Joseph E. North, Sr., is generally accorded the honor of having given the name “Lansing” to the township, from a town of the same name on Cayuga Lake, now in Tompkins Co., N.Y. When the Legislature named the new village “Town of Michigan,” he is said to have felt not a little disappointed, and it was owing somewhat to his remonstrances that the name was changed to Lansing within a year thereafter. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton counties Michigan, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of their Prominent Men and Pioneers by Samuel W. Durant, D. W. Ensign & Co., 1880; pg. 129.

Apr 4, 1842

Delhi township held first organizational meeting; Henry H. North appointed one of election inspectors. Elected supervisor.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 235.

- Meeting held in log school house at Delhi Center.  
Source: The North Family in Delhi by Howard C. North, Holt, Michigan, 1920; Adams, pg. 386.
- 1842 Member of Board of Supervisors.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 106.
- 1842 North Cemetery laid out, cost township \$15 dollars.  
Source: The North Family in Delhi by Howard C. North, Holt, Michigan, 1920; Adams, pg. 386.
- 1843-44 One of Justices of Delhi township.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 236.
- 1843 First jury selected in Delhi township; Henry H. North one of.  
Source; Durant pg. 237.
- 1844 Henry H. North and James Reeves coroners.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 101.
- 1844 In census listed as resident of Delhi Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- 1844 Resident taxpayer of Delhi township.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 235.
- Jan 9, 1845 Listed in Ingham Herald (newspaper), January 9, 1845 issue as one of three county coroners. Source: Adams, pg. 144.
- Jun 1, 1845 A Henry N. North purchased land  
Township 3-N, Range 2-W of Ingham County  
Section 4                      NESW                      40 Acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office, MI2650\_\_\_.032.
- 1845-46 One of two county coroners. Source: Adams, pg. 168.
- 1846 Henry H. North and Stephen V., Kinney coroner.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 101.
- Apr 29, 1848 On Delhi Township Board and granted tavern license to John Ferguson. Source: Durant, pg. 237.
- 1848 Justice of Delhi Township.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 236.
- 1847-1848 One of two county coroners. Source: Adams, pg. 168.
- 1848 Justice of Delhi Township.

	Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 237.
1848-1849	Member of Delhi township board. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 237.
Jan 6, 1849	On Delhi Township Board, granted license to sell liquor to Price Welch. Source: Durant, pg. 237.
1850	Henry H. North and William Pratt coroners. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 101.
1844	In census listed as resident of Delhi Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
1851-1852	One of two county coroners. Source: Adams, pg. 169.
1853	Justice of Delhi Township. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 236.
Aug 2, 1859	Louisa North, oldest daughter of H. H. North married Mr. Washington Irving Holmes.
Oct 9, 1859	Patrick McGurrin of Jackson to Joseph E. North and Henry H. North of Ingham county; land in Delhi Township, Sec. 4 (L3:P278)
May 28, 1872	Attended the organizational meeting of Ingham County Pioneer Society at Mason. Source: Adams, pg. 11. Appointed to prepare history of Delhi Township. Source: Adams, pg. 11.
1877	Vice President of Ingham County Pioneer Society. Source: Adams pg. 53.
?	Supervisor of Township "and was a man of prominence and influence in the community."
1885	Died on his farm - age 69. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 387.
Oct 29, 1885	Died. Source: Obituary of Henry Harrison North, Ingham County News, Mason, Michigan, Thursday, November 5, 1885.
Oct 31, 1885	Died. Source: Obituary of Henry Harrison North, The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Friday, November 6, 1885.
May 1890	Wife Almira Buck died in Delhi Township - age 73. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 390.
	Republican. Source: Durant, pg. 232+

## Joshua North

- 1837 Came Michigan. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.
- May 1838 Came (third son of Joseph E. North, Sr.) Source: Durant, pg. 233.
- May-Fall 1838 Helped clear brothers (Joseph E. North, Jr.) land. Source: Durant, pg. 192 and 233.
- Fall 1838 Joshua and Thomas came to Lansing Township; lived with Joseph E. North, Jr. Source: Durant pg. 192.
- Fall 1838 Returned to New York. Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 192 and 233.
- Oct 1838 Visited Michigan and entered large tract of land.  
"While Joshua was absent in New York State his father wrote him to borrow a hundred dollars and come back to Michigan, which he did in November 1839, bringing a lumber wagon, a few tools, and some dried fruit. The foods were shipped by canal to Buffalo, and thence by the steamer "Michigan" to Detroit. This steamer was blown ashore at Buffalo in the great storm of 1844. From Detroit they shipped their goods by the Central Railway to Ypsilanti, then the terminus of the road, and from that point to Ingham county by ox-team, which Joseph E. North Jr. brought from Lansing to meet them."  
Joshua came May 1838 in fall 1838 returned to New York; third son of Joseph E. North, Sr.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 233.
- 1839 Made second trip to Michigan; accompanied by Judge Huntington's father and John French and his family.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 233.
- 1839 When father (Joseph E. North, Sr.) came, they (Joshua and Thomas) they became inmates of his family. Source: Durant, pg. 192.
- May 1839 Mr. North also relates how he and Benjamin Leek, a son of Esquire Leek, of Alaiedon, went through the woods to witness the marriage at Pine Lake, In Meridian, in May 1839, of Henry Jipson and a Miss Davidson. Esquire Leek performed the ceremony. The two young men went via Okemos, when, in attempting to cross the Cedar River on a raft of poles and hickory bark, they were precipitated into the swift waters up to their middle and had to walk four miles father to the place of rendezvous. Source: Durant, pg. 234.
- Fall 1840 Returned New York again. Source: Durant, pg. 233.



- 1840 Purchased adjoining farm (adjoining John and Henry North's)  
Went back New York
- Jan 23, 1841 Married Louisa Buck, sister of Daniel Buck's.  
sister of Daniel Buck's.
- Had five children - 2 sons and 3 daughters  
Source: Durant, pg. 233.
- May 1841 In company with wife's oldest brother returned to Michigan settled  
section 4 of Delhi township.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 233.
- May 1841 Joshua North, wife and wife's older brother, Levi Buck and  
Monroe Packard came Michigan. "On his arrival with his wife and  
goods at Ann Arbor he found his father (Joseph E. North, Sr.)  
there with an ox-team and a load of wheat which he had brought  
to market. From thence Henry's (Joshua?) family and goods made  
the trip to Lansing in the old gentleman's ox-wagon.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 233.
- 1841 Henry H. and Joshua North lived for a short time in the same  
house in the summer of 1841 until the latter could complete a log  
house.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 233.
- 1844 In census listed as resident of Delhi Township, and born in New  
York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County,  
Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- 1844 Listed as resident taxpayer of Delhi township.  
Source: Durant, pg. 235.
- 1845 Treasurer of Delhi township.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 236.
- 1850 In census listed as resident of Delhi Township, and born in New  
York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County,  
Michigan by George L. Hammell.

### **John North**

- John North Brother of Henry Harrison North. Son - Dr. E. P. North
- Purchased farm next to Henry H. North's
- 1844 In census listed as resident of Delhi Township, and born in New  
York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County,  
Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- 1844 Listed as a resident taxpayer of Delhi township.

Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 235.

1844 One of Grand Jurors of Delhi Township. Source; Durant, pg. 237.

1850 In census listed as resident of Delhi Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

**Elmer D. North, M. D.**

Feb 18, 1841 Born Delhi Township, son of H. H. North.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.

? Childhood... spent on farm "and in the district schools of the neighborhood, which were then held in private houses. He was able to attend only the winter schools but when a little older attended Taylor's Academy at Lansing.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 390.

1859 At the age of eighteen an engaged in teaching in Delhi township and the next year in Delta, Eaton county.

Spring 1861 He entered Michigan Agricultural College in the spring of 1861 but did not remain there long, as in the fall his patriotic impulses got the better of his love for learning, and he laid this opportunity for education upon the altar of his country.

It was in Company E. Eight Michigan Infantry that his young man began service as a private, being mustered in at Ft. Wayne, Detroit, but he was afterward transferred to the Fourteenth Michigan Infantry, in Company D, in which he served as Sergeant. This regiment was placed in the Fourteenth Army Corps in the Army of the Cumberland and was active during the siege of Corinth. He served three years and seven months and received his discharged March 14, 1865.

Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 390.

After War Returned home and attended school for short time at old academy in Lansing.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 390.

Apr 1867-1870 Entered Albion College obtained Bachelor of Sciences in 1870.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 390.

? Taught 7 months in Leslie  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 390.

1871-1875 Elected County Superintendent of Schools held office 4 years.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.

? Taught Dansville High School

Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.

- ? Took up study of medicine.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.
- 1879-1881 Entered Detroit Medical College took degree Doctor of medicine in 1881 Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.
- 1881 Started practice of medicine in Lansing.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.
- ? Member Lansing and State medical societies.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.
- ? Secretary of Board of Examining Surgeons and Pensions.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.
- ? Member Charles T. Foster Post of GAR  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.
- ? Delegate county and state democratic conventions  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.
- ? Retained part of old homestead - 160 acres.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 389.

### **Thomas North**

- Fall 1838 Came with Joshua to Lansing township and lived with Joseph E. North, Jr., until father came in 1839. Source: Durant pg. 192.
- Apr 4, 1842 Thomas North chosen as one of Inspectors of Election at first town meeting - Act authorizing organization of township passed Feb 16, 1842.  
Elected township clerk at meeting and one of Justices.  
Source: History of Ingham County, Michigan; Durant, pg. 195-196.
- 1842 Elected Register of Deeds for Ingham County.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 53.
- 1843-44 Register of Deeds & Justice. Source: Adams, pg. 168. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 100.
- 1844 In census listed as resident of Lansing Township  
Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- 1844 Resident taxpayer of township. Source: Durant pg. 195.
- Dec 18, 1845 Auditor General (Patent) to Thomas North of Ingham county.  
L5:P365.

Mar 31, 1847      Thomas North of Ingham County to Justus Gilkey of Ingham, County; Land in Lansing Township, Section 5 (L7:P226)

N part of NW quarter and W 1/2 of S part of NW quarter of Section 5 for \$30.00.

**Phimas A. North**

Sep 14, 1848      Phimas A. North      Block 111      Lot 3      \$200

**Alanson Olds Block 5      Lot 15**

1847      Alanson Olds came to city, trade was cabinetmaker; engaged in hotel business in North Lansing; latter moved to Livingston County. 117 pg. 266.

Mrs. Page madden name was Olds; relatives?

May 11, 1811      Joab Page married Abigail Olds (born Poultney, Rutland Co. April 3, 1787.)

Feb 6, 1848      James Seymour and wife Mira of Flushing, Genesee county, Michigan and Horatio Seymour and wife Mary of Utica, New York to Alanson Olds of Lansing, Ingham county, Michigan; Land in Village of Michigan now Lansing. (L11:P494)

Purchased for \$100 Lot 15 of Block 5.

Jane Olds      Block 5      Lot 14  
O. F. Olds      Block 5      Lot 13

?      Mrs. Page madden name was Olds; relatives?

May 11, 1811      Joab Page married Abigail Olds (born Poultney, Rutland Co. April 3, 1787.)

Oct 20, 1867      Charles McGregor married Mrs. Jane Olds in Okemos.

**Leonard Osgood**

Aug 18, 1834      Leonard Osgood of Cuyahoga County Ohio purchased 80 acres of section 24 of Town 2 South, Range 2 East of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck. Note: Same Osgood?

May 11, 1835      Leonard Osgood of Jackson County purchased 40 acres of section 13 of Town 2 South, Range 2 East of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.

Oct 15, 1835 Leonard Osgood of Jackson County purchased 80 acres of section 15 of Town 2 South, Range 2 East of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.

Nov 10, 1835 Leonard Osgood of Jackson County purchased 40 acres of section 13 of Town 2 South, Range 2 East of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.

**Biddle City**  
Apr 12, 1838 George J. Sly of Grass Lake, Jackson Co. Michigan to Leonard Osgood of Grass Lake, Jackson, Co. Michigan; Land in Biddle City (L1:P491 Ingham county)

Lots 2 & 3 of Block 45

### **Packard House**

1848 Constructed by John N. Bush after he completed Seymour House. 117 pg. 384

Aug 12, 1841 Daniel Buck and wife Betsy of Lansing, Tompkins Co. NY to James M. Packard of Ing. Co. land in section 32 of Lansing Twp. (L4:P221)

### **Packard? James M.**

Aug 12, 1841 Daniel Buck and wife Betsy of Lansing, Tompkins Co. NY to James M. Packard of Ing. Co; land in Section 32 of Lansing Twp. (L4:P221)

1842 Jason M. Packard elected county treasurer. Source: The City of Mason, Its Past and Present Life 1838-1897, compiled by Roy C. Vandercook; pg. 9.

1844 James M. Packard listed in census listed as resident of Lansing Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

1854 James M. Packard listed in census listed as resident of Lansing Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

Jul 24, 1856 Will dated, age 38; mentions wife Malinda (and also a wife before Malinda); land in Lansing and Aurelius.

Dec 19, 1856 James M. Packard died at Lansing. Heirs: widow Malinda; Alice Amelia, Frances Elmina, Adeliza Loretta, Effa Maria, Mary Jane, and James M. Packard, all of Lansing. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 296.

**Orville H. Paine**

Block 177      Lot 1

Sep 13, 1847      William H. Townsend and wife Sarah Ann to Orville H. Paine of Cooperstown NY; land in village of Michigan (L7:P483)

Purchased Lot 1 on Block 177 for \$120.

**John B. Parks**

Dec 2, 1847      James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee Co. MI to John B. Parks and Jesse Gano of Troy, Oakland Co. MI; for \$350; part of section 10 beginning at point in center of grand river and in the east line of west half of the SE quarter of said section and running north 100 rods to the NE corner of said west half of said SE quarter and running west along the center line of said section to a point 6 rods west of the center thereof  
Thence South 25 rods to the center of the Grand River  
Thence southeasterly along the center of said line to the place of beginning and containing 34 acres; land in Section 10 of Lansing Twp. (L7:P529)

**George J. Parsons**

Nov 21, 1848      George J. Parsons      Block 99      Lot 1      \$135

**G. I. Parsons**

1822      Born in new Hartford, New York  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 38.

1836      Admitted to bar in Oneida county, New York  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 38.

1848      Came to Lansing, practiced law. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 38.

1849      Lansing Township Justice (to fill vacancy) Source: Durant.

1852      Lansing Township Supervisor. Source: Durant.

Apr 21, 1856      George I Parson subdivides lots 1-5 of block 244.  
Source: Ingham & Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant.

1857-1860      Prosecuting Attorney of Ingham County.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 38.

1860      Lansing City Attorney. Source: Durant.

- 1860 Parsons & Wiley, attorneys and counselors at law Washington Avenue. Source: George W. Hawes' Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1860, pg. 225.
- 1861-1862 Lansing City Attorney Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 38.
- 1862 Lansing City Attorney. Source: Durant.
- 1869 Moved to Winona, Minn. Source: Past & Present, Cowles, pg. 38.
- Feb 27, 1884 Died at Winona, Minn. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 38.

### **George W. Peck**

Block 97 Lot 4 & 5  
Block 177 Lot 14

Democrat. He was a lawyer of the brightest type and as an orator and campaign speaker he had few if any equals. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.

Wife: the source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 575 notes wife's name was Sophia E. other sources Minerva?

Only heir: Daniel S. Peck. Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 575

George Washington Peck House (later Colonial Apartments) at 1025 N. Washington Avenue; built about 1847.  
Source: Art in Public spaces In Ingham County.

- May 18, 1816 Born in New York City.  
Source: Obituary of George Washington Peck, The Saginaw Evening News, Saginaw, Michigan, Saturday, July 1, 1905.  
Source; Obituary of George Washington Peck, The Saginaw Courier-Herald, Saginaw, Michigan, Saturday, July 1, 1905.
- Jun 4, 1818 Born in NY city, where spent childhood.  
Source: Freemasonry in Michigan a Comprehensive History of Michigan Masonry from Its Earliest Introduction in 1764 by Jefferson S. Conover, Vol. 1, 1897.
- By 1836 Kensington: Thomas Curtis, physician opened office in tavern he built; Robert and Chauncey Crouse had settled with stock of merchandise, George Peck built store on west side of river, Mr. Carr built frame hotel on west side of river. ...town important stage stop. Town dwindled to nothing by 1850. Source: *1830-1930 Yesteryears or Green Oak*, Green Oak Township Historical Society, 1981.

- 1837 Began study of law, at age 19 after good academically education. Source: Freemasonry in Michigan a Comprehensive History of Michigan Masonry from Its Earliest Introduction in 1764 by Jefferson S. Conover, Vol. 1, 1897. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
- 1839 Came to Michigan. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
- 1839-1841 Engaged in mercantile pursuits in Oakland and Livingston counties. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
- 1841 Resumed study law. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111. Source: Freemasonry in Michigan a Comprehensive History of Michigan Masonry from Its Earliest Introduction in 1764 by Jefferson S. Conover, Vol. I, 1897.
- 1842 Came to Michigan after he had graduate from Yale University and completed his studies at law in New York city; settled at Brighton, Livingston county.  
Source: Obituary of George Washington Peck, The Saginaw Evening News, Saginaw, Michigan, Saturday, July 1, 1905.  
Source: Obituary of George Washington Peck, The Saginaw Courier-Herald, Saginaw, Michigan, Saturday, July 1, 1905.
- Feb 7, 1842 Governor Barry nominated, along with two others, to be notary public for county of Livingston; Senate concurred.  
Source: Executive Journal, Senate Journal 1840; pgs. 306.
- Jun 22, 1842 Buys land in Section 28 of Green Oak township of Livingston county (NW-NE); sells in 1848. Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 575
- 1842 Admitted to Bar; Commenced practice as attorney in Brighton.  
Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111. Note: one source notes admitted in 1841.  
Source: Let the Record Show A Legal History of Ingham County by Richard Frazier; MSU Press; 1997; pg. 58. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan by Franklin Ellis, pg. 42.
- 1842 or 3 Entered law partnership with F. C. Whipple. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan by Franklin Ellis, pg. 42.
- 1842-5 Practices law in Brighton.  
Source: Freemasonry in Michigan a Comprehensive History of Michigan Masonry from Its Earliest Introduction in 1764 by Jefferson S. Conover, Vol. 1, 1897.

...the country was too new to admit of any remarkable advance in the profession or the accumulation of any great amount of



pecuniary profits. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.

Jan 10, 1843

Add in Livingston Courier (ad ran in several issued in January and February 1843)

Whipple & Peck  
Attorneys and Counselors at Law.  
Office in Powers building. Brighton  
Frederick C. Whipple  
George W. Peck

Note: Frederick C. Whipple, the second attorney of the Village (Brighton), and who became the most brilliant of the lawyers of Livingston county, came to Brighton in 1840. He was the first editor of the "Livingston courier," which was established in the village by Nicholas Sullivan in 1843, and became prosecuting attorney, circuit court commissioner, and judge of probate of Livingston county. he was associated in business with George W. Peck another eminent lawyer, who came a year or two later to Brighton and afterwards held several high offices, among them ...Mr. Whipple removing to Howell in 1846. He died in Oscola township in 1872.

Source; Brighton Area Centennial, Brighton 1867-1967.

Whipple settled Brighton 1841; founded *Livingston Courier*, paper first issued Jan. 10, 1843, Nicholas Sullivan publisher, F. C. Whipple 1st editor; paper 5 column folio paper; first paper printed in county; moved paper to Howell 1846; served Circuit court Commissioner, Prosecuting Attorney, Judge of Probate.

"He was a brilliant lawyer and was recognized as a leading jury lawyer of the state."

Feb 7, 1843

Land! Land! Land!

Fifteen hundred acres of choice land, located in counties of Ingham and Livingston, for sale by the subscribers.

Whipple and Peck

A long credit will be given for most of the purchase money. W & P Brighton, February 7, 1843. Source: *Livingston Courier*; ran in February and March 1843 issues of paper.

Mar 15, 1843

Peck listed as member of Township Committee on notices called for Democratic Caucus for Democratic electors of Brighton Township at home of B. P. Vealt in Brighton on March 25 at 3:00 p.m. Source: *Livingston Courier*; March 15, 1843.

Feb 14, 1845

Governor Barry nominated; Senate consented to nomination as notary public of Livingston county.

Source: Executive Journal, Senate Journal 1845; pg. 17.

- 1845 Supervisor of Brighton Township, Livingston county. pg. 228.
- Jun 4, 1845 Peck and wife Sophia E. buy land in section 31 of Brighton township, (Wp-NE) village lot; residence listed as Brighton. Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 575
- Jul 4, 1845 At Brighton 4th celebration Peck gave oration; was also a member of the Committee on Toasts. Source: Livingston Courier, June 18, 1845.
- Aug 6, 1845 Peck appointed to be member Democratic County Correspondence Committee. Source: Livingston Courier, August 13, 1845.
- Summer 1845 Peck appointed to building committee to build Livingston county courthouse and jail. pg. 31.
- Sep 15, 1845 Livingston Democratic county Convention vote for State Representatives nominees:
- 1st informal ballot  
Peck 37 votes highest votes of 10 candidates.
- 2n informal ballot  
Peck 41 (second highest vote total)  
Washington Wing 41
- 3rd informal ballot  
Peck 42  
Wing 46  
Peck and Wing declared nominated.  
Source: Livingston Courier
- Nov 4, 1845 Elected to House; two elected from Livingston. Peck received 701 votes and Wing 770; third place candidate received 572. Source: Livingston Courier, November 19, 1845. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
- Feb 16, 1846 Prominent member of Masonic order; initiated Feb `16, 1846, passed Feb 25, 1846 and raised March 17, 1846 in Detroit Lodge, No. 2, of Detroit. Source: Freemasonry in Michigan a Comprehensive History of Michigan Masonry from Its Earliest Introduction in 1764 by Jefferson S. Conover, Vol. I, 1897.
- 1846-7 Representative from Livingston county. pg. 45.
- ...he immediately distinguished himself as a prominent debater and active member. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.

"The latter (Peck) was always ready to give his opinion on any question, through never tiresome, and as ready to sit down when through with his speech, which is not always the case with public speakers. His silver-toned voice seems ringing in my ears as I write." Source: Reminiscences of Seventeen Years Residence in Michigan, 1836-1853; by George H. Hazelton; Pioneer collection vol. XXI; pg. 399.

"...he distinguished himself as a forcible, fluent and eloquent debater, and at once took a stand beside the ablest of his associates." Source: Freemasonry in Michigan a Comprehensive History of Michigan Masonry from Its Earliest Introduction in 1764 by Jefferson S. Conover, Vol. 1, 1897.

1846

Reelected to House.

1847

Speaker of House. pg. 44 Other candidates John J. Adam and A. Noble. Source: Durant 111

Speaker at age of 23. Source; Obituary of George Washington Peck, *The Lansing Journal*, Lansing, Michigan, Saturday, July 1, 1905.

"...the experience he had gained in the former secessions marked him as a suitable person for Speaker, and although the youngest member of the House, he was elected to that office over such distinguished competitors as John J. Adam, David A. Noble and others. He presided with much dignity, was always affable in his manner, clear in his understanding of parliamentary rules, remarkably ready in his rulings, and impartial and, firm in his decisions." Source: Freemasonry in Michigan a Comprehensive History of Michigan Masonry from Its Earliest Introduction in 1764 by Jefferson S. Conover, Vol. 1, 1897.

Capitol move: "As Speaker he was in a position to wield a considerable influence, which he used to bring about this change." Source: Freemasonry in Michigan a Comprehensive History of Michigan Masonry from Its Earliest Introduction in 1764 by Jefferson S. Conover, Vol. 1, 1897.

"He was a good talker, and very effective before a jury, but was not a profound lawyer. The profession was distasteful to him, and in the year 1847 he abandoned it, and afterwards removed to Lansing." Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan by Franklin Ellis, pg. 42.

"His position and influence as speaker, his keen perception and familiarity with the details of legislation leads me to think that if George W. Peck had not been speaker in 1847, the capital might not have been located on the wild school section which is now

occupies by the prosperous city of Lansing. his was one of the master minds in the movement. The last speech made in the house of the old capitol in Detroit was the farewell address of speaker Peck, on March 17, 1847, which is preserved in volume 8 of this society's collections and is a gem among speeches of its kind. in 1856, nine year later, Mr. Peck was the first citizens of Lansing elected representative in congress, but in the evolution, if not evolution, of politics, he was defeated by Dewitt C. Leach in 1858." Source: Michigan Men in Congress; the Chosen of The People, by Edward W. Barber; Historical Collections, Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, Vol. XXXV, 1907; pgs. 501-2.

1847

At that time Detroit was the state capital and it was largely through the efforts of Mr. Peck that it was removed to Lansing and following the removal, he resided in Lansing with his family for many years.

Source: Obituary of George Washington Peck, The Saginaw Evening News, Saginaw, Michigan, Saturday, July 1, 1905.

He was prominent in the movement to locate the capital at Lansing. Source; Obituary of George Washington Peck, The Saginaw Courier-Herald, Saginaw, Michigan, Saturday, July 1, 1905.

He helped the commissioners locate the site of the present state capitol. He also acted as agent for other parties and sold the land where the capitol now stands. Source: The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, March 3, 1902.

Spring 1847

Moved to Lansing. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.

Apr 1847

While visiting patients in Livingston county, in April of that year, he met three men who afterwards became prominent citizens of Lansing, --Messrs. Bush, Thomas, and Peck. These gentlemen were then busily interesting themselves in lands at the new capital, and persuaded Dr. Jeffries to accompany them to the place, which he did. The spring was late, the steams had overflowed, and ice was everywhere. The roads were nearly impassable, and in one place they got the single wagon which they had along with them into a swampy place and were obliged to take off the horse and pull it out backwards. They came by the old Territorial road. At the crossing of the Cedar River they were delayed for some time. Finally, a part of the company went back, and the doctor, together with Bush and Thomas, took turns in riding the saddle-horse to Lansing, adopting the old method of "riding and tying." When they arrived at North Lansing the dwelling of Deacon Page, who usually kept travelers, was full, and they were obliged to proceed to the house of Justus Gilkey, nearly two miles farther down the river, to find accommodations. The doctor remained a few days, went over the ground where the new Capitol

now stands, and examined the lands to the south of section 16. he remembers seeing wolf tracks near where the Capitol now stands.

The doctor soon returned to his home in Dexter. Messrs. Bush, Thomas and Peck were anxious to get him to settle in the new town, and as an inducement offered him lots on the corner south of where the Everett House now stands. The offer being a good one, the doctor concluded to accept it and make Lansing his home, and accordingly, in May, 1847, he came back and commenced to build 'his house, which forms the main portion of the one ...he complete it and removed his family to Lansing in the fall of the same year. He continued in practice from that date until 1850, when he returned to Washtenaw county to take charge of the farm of his father, who had died in 1849." Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 120-1.

He remained on the old place until 1861, when he returned to Lansing, principally for the purpose of having his daughter attend the school for young ladies then recently opened by Miss Rogers. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 49. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 120.

Apr 27, 1847

Post office established; George W. Peck first postmaster; post office known as Michigan, Michigan from April 27, 1847 to April 20, 1848. 263 pg. 318.

"He had the office (post office) in the store of Bush and Thomas on the east side of the river, a little above the bridge which crossed at the foot of Main Street." Source: Freemasonry in Michigan a Comprehensive History of Michigan Masonry from Its Earliest Introduction in 1764 by Jefferson S. Conover, Vol. 1, 1897.

May 5, 1847

William Townsend of New York city to Samuel P. Mead and George W. Peck of State of MI.; Land in Lansing Township Sec. 21 (L7:P300)

Purchased for \$2,000 an "equal undivided one third part and interest of in and to the following described lands excepting water rights".

NW fractional quarter and NE fractional quarter section 21; 301 and 91/100 acres.

May 29, 1847

A correspondent of the Monroe Advocate thus describes the new capital of Michigan:

The nearest post office to be found, at present, is at Delta, Eaton county, about 5 or 6 miles from the capitol; but it is expected that soon an office will be established here, and G. W. Peck, Esq., Speaker of the House of Representatives last winter, be appointed Post Master. It is also expected that Mr. Harmon, of Detroit, will

start a paper here about the first of July, and Mr. Peck is spoken of as editor.”

Source: The Signal of Liberty, Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 29, 1847.

Jun 26, 1847	George W. Peck      Block 97      Lot 7      \$54
Aug 4, 1847	<p>William Townsend and wife Sarah of New York city to Samuel P. Mead and George W. Peck of State of MI.; act as attorneys with right sale land in Lansing Township, Sec. 21</p> <p>In N 1/2 of section 21 in town of Michigan; except could not sell water power on premises and land necessary &amp; reserved for impoundment of water.</p> <p>Townsend retains Samuel P. Mead and W. Peck attorneys “to contract for the sale of &amp; to sell grant release &amp; convey &amp; to any person or persons whatever &amp; upon such terms as to our said attorney shall seem proper all or any part or parts of the lands in the said town of Michigan in the State of Michigan aforesaid which are embraced in the north half of Section twenty one (21) the town of Lansing County of Ingham now belonging to me the Said William H. Townsend. Subject however, to the contract entered into by and between me and said William H. Townsend &amp; the State of Michigan &amp; bearing date the thirteenth day of April 1847... (Leaving?) ... &amp; excepting here from all the water power on said premises &amp; all the land necessary &amp; reserved for the improvements of said water power.” Source: L7:P357</p>
Aug 14, 1847	<p>William H. Townsend and wife Sarah of New York City, Samuel P. Mead and George W. Peck of Michigan to Charles Wescott of Ingham County; Land in village of Michigan (L7:P415)</p> <p>Purchased Lot 6 on Block 231 and Lot 9 on Block 174 for \$200.</p>
Aug 16, 1847	<p>William H. Townsend and wife Sarah, Samuel Mead and George Peck, to Charles P. Bush; Land in Lansing Township, Sec. 21 (L7:P358)</p> <p>Purchased Lot 16 on Block 177 for \$100.</p>
Aug 16, 1847	<p>William H. Townsend and wife Sarah, Samuel P. Mead and George Peck to Daniel G. Ludlum of Adrian, Lenawee County; Land in village of Michigan. (L7:P419)</p> <p>Purchased Lot 2 on Block 177 for \$100.</p>
Aug 25, 1847	<p>William H. Townsend and wife Sarah of NY city to George W. Peck of Michigan, Ingham County; Land in town of Michigan (L7:P511)</p> <p>Purchased Lot 15 on Block 177; for \$100.</p>

Aug 27, 1847 William H. Townsend and wife Sarah, Samuel P. Mead and George W. Peck to Augustus S. Dryer of White Oak; Land in village of Michigan (L7:P418)  
Purchased Lot 11 on Block 176 for \$40.

Sep 13, 1847 William H. Townsend and wife Sarah, Samuel P. Mead and George W. Peck to John H. Peck; Land in village of Michigan (L7:P436)  
Purchased Lot 9 on Block 220 for \$65.

Sep 14, 1847 William H. Townsend and wife Sarah, Samuel P. Mead and George W. Peck to George W. Spencer of ?; land in village of Michigan (L7:P586)  
Purchased Lot 4 on block 175 for \$125.

Sep 15, 1847 William R. Townsend and wife Sarah and Samuel P. Mead and George W. Peck of Michigan to Zalmon Holmes; for \$75.00; Lot 3 of Block 228 in Michigan. (L7:P417)

Sep 23, 1847 Samuel P. Mead and George W. Peck and wife Elizabeth of Michigan to Charles P. Bush of same place; land in Lansing Township, Section 21 (L7:P517)  
Purchased 1/3 interest in lands in section 21 for \$1,500.

Sep 24, 1847 George W. Peck of Michigan village to Samuel P. Mead of Wayne Co. Michigan; Land in Village of Michigan. (L7:P413)  
Purchased Lot 17 on Block 177 for \$1.00.

Nov 6, 1847 George W. Peck Block 97 Lot 4 & 5 \$49

Nov 30, 1847 Charles P. Bush & George W. Peck Block 133 Lot 1 \$135

Nov 30, 1847 Paid \$19.47 for transportation of books.  
Source: Report of Auditor General for year ending Nov. 30, 1848.

Dec 1847? William Townsend to Mead and Peck - Power of attorney; William Townsend and wife Sarah Ann appoint Samuel Mead & George Peck as "our true lawful attorneys for us in our name... contract for the sale of and to sell, grant, release, convey....land" on north half of section 21; except land to state and "excepting here from all the water power on said premises and all ...reserved for the improvement of said water power... such sale." (18:P42)  
Note no date on document; recorded after (18:P41)

- 1848-50 Appointed Secretary of State by Gov. Ramson.  
Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
- Feb 4, 1848 Governor Ransom nominated George W. Peck to be secretary of state, for the constitutional term, to commence on the sixth day of February instant, when the term of the present incumbent will expire. (pg. 682); senate consented to be vote 17 to 0.  
Source: Executive Journal, Senate Journal 1848; pg. 682.
- Feb 7, 1848 Correspondence, Michigan, February 7, 1848  
Judge Whittemore, the last Secretary of State left this place this morning on his return home... His successor, George. W. Peck, Esq., this morning entered on the duties of his office. His high capacity and gentlemanly manner eminently qualify him for the duties of the station.  
Source: Detroit *Daily Free Press*; February 12, 1848
- Mar 2, 1848 Daniel Lee and wife Sarah and John Thomas and wife Ann of Michigan (by Atty. C. P. Bush) and George W. Peck and wife Minerva of Michigan to William Harrison Ransdell of Plymouth, Wayne County; land in village of Michigan. (18:P10)  
  
Purchased for \$100 dollars Lot 13 of Block 174.
- Mar 4, 1848 John Thomas and wife Ann (by Atty. C. P. Bush), Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura (by Atty. C. P. Bush) and George W. Peck and C. P. Bush, and wife Minerva Peck, all of Michigan to Garner P. Shaw of Oakland County; land in village of Michigan. (18:P201)  
  
Purchased Lot 6 of Block 173 for \$130.
- Apr 3, 1848 Legislature chartered Michigan and Mason Plank--Road Company; capitol stock fixed at \$25,000; one of incorporators was George W. Peck. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 94.
- Apr 24, 1848 Purchased land Sec. 31 of Meridian Township,  
Purchased land with Bush in sec. 30 of Meridian Township.  
Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 277.
- Apr 24, 1848 Purchased 160 acres in section 31 of Meridian Township.  
Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- May 4, 1848 John Thomas and wife Ann (by Atty. Charles P. Bush) Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura R. (by same Atty.) and George W. Peck and wife Minerva (by same Atty.) all of Michigan to George Haskell of Ohio; land in town of Michigan (18:P145)



- Purchased for \$40 Lot 2 of Block 176.
- May 10, 1848 John Thomas and wife Ann by her attorney C. P. Bush; Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura by her attorney C. P. Bush; Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva and George W. Peck to Isaac L. Taylor of town of Michigan; for \$375.00;
- Lot 4 of block 228 and Lots 2, 3 and 8 of Block 173. (L9:P186)
- May 13, 1848 George W. Peck of Lansing to John Bennett and Peter Bennett of Knox Township, Colombian County, Ohio; for \$320.00; East half of NW quarter and West half of SE quarter of section 31 Meridian Township. (18:P101)
- May 13, 1848 Epaphroditus Ransom of Michigan (Governor) to George W. Peck of Ingham County; Land in Town of Michigan (18:P123)
- Purchased for \$49 Lots 4 & 5 of Block 97.
- Jun 23, 1848 George W. Peck of Lansing to Charles Bush; for \$50.00; half part interest in SE quarter of SW quarter of section 30 of Meridian Township. (18:P355)
- Jul 15, 1848 John Thomas and wife Ann (by Atty. C. P. Bush, Daniel Lee and wife Laura (by same Atty.)) George W. Peck and wife Minerva (by same atty.) to Jerome E. Eaton and John S. Hurd; land in village of Lansing. (18:P242)
- Purchased for \$150 Lots 7, 8, 9, 10 of Block 218.
- Sep 29, 1848 Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva, Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura L. and George W. Peck all of Michigan to Charles L. Seeley of Plymouth, Wayne county, Michigan; Land in city of Lansing. (L12:P328)
- Purchased for \$100 Lot 16 of block 176.
- Nov 4, 1848 John Thomas and wife Ann; Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura L. (by her attorney C. P. Bush), George W. Peck and Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva all of Michigan to Peter J. Weller and Augustus F. Weller of Lansing, Ingham county, Michigan; Land in Village of Lansing. (L9:P458)
- Purchased for \$130 Lot 4 of Block 177.
- 1848 Among first to move for Masonic Lodge in Lansing.  
Source: Freemasonry in Michigan a Comprehensive History of Michigan Masonry from Its Earliest Introduction in 1764 by Jefferson S. Conover, Vol. 1, 1897.

- 1848 Sells land purchased June 24, 1842 in Green Oak township, Livingston county. Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 575
- Jan 1849 Named in dispensation as first Senior Warden of Lansing Lodge, became W. M. Source: Freemasonry in Michigan a Comprehensive History of Michigan Masonry from Its Earliest Introduction in 1764 by Jefferson S. Conover, Vol. 1, 1897.
- May 26, 1849 Buys land section 18 of Conway township, Livingston county (Wp-NW); buys for taxes; sells in 1854.  
Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 575
- Jan 31, 1850 Installed first Master under the charter of January 31, 1850, by Grand Master Jeremiah Moors, at a public installation held in Representative Hall. He resigned March 28, 1850 and represented Brighton Lodge, No. 43 in the Grand Lodge, Jan. 143, 1852; returned Lansing Lodge No. 33 with dimit from Brighton Lodge and elected to membership March 24, 1853, and took a dimit Aug. 25 of same year to become one of the organizers of Capitol Lodge, S. No. 66, and became its first master. May 6, 1857 took a dimit from No. 66 and again became member of No. 33. Source: Freemasonry in Michigan a Comprehensive History of Michigan Masonry from Its Earliest Introduction in 1764 by Jefferson S. Conover, Vol. 1, 1897.
- Mar 19, 1849 George Peck of Lansing to Ellen M. Bates of Detroit: for \$300.00; Lots 4 and 5 of Block 97 in Lansing. (L9:P29)
- 1849 Married Miss Sophia Lee of Brighton.  
Source; Obituary of George Washington Peck, The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Saturday, July 1, 1905.
- 1850 Listed as resident of Brighton in census.  
Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 575
- 1851 School Inspector of Brighton Township, Livingston County. pg. 228.
- Jan 16, 1851 First regular communication of Brighton Lodge No. 41 (Brighton) held, Peck elected officer. pg. 214.
- 1852 Proprietor Michigan State Journal and State printer. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
- 1852 Became proprietor of Lansing Democrat.  
Source: Let the Record Show A Legal History of Ingham County by Richard Frazier; MSU Press; 1997; pg. 58.

- 1853-55 Printed Lansing Democrat later named changed to State Journal; state printer.
- Feb 24, 1853 Livingston county Agriculture Society formed, Peck member.
- Oct 6, 1853 Agriculture Society held fair at Brighton; Peck gave address at on Oct 7th at 2:00 PM. pg. 126.
- Jan 11, 1854 At Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, elected Grand master; re-elected in January 1855.
- 1854 Elected to Congress; defeated Republican candidate Moses Wisner. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
- 1854 Sells land purchased May 26, 1849 in Conway township, Livingston county. Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 575
- Jun 4, 1855 Buys land in Section 9 of Handy township, Livingston county (Ep-SE). sells in 1866. Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 575
- Jul 16, 1855 Buys land in Section 9 of Handy township, Livingston county (Wp-SW) & Section 17 (Ep-Ne); sells in 1866. Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 575
- 1855 Built colonial-style house at 1025 N. Washington. LSJ 1-18-98
- 1855-56 Congressman – Thirty-fourth Congress.  
Source: Obituary of George Washington Peck, The Saginaw Evening News, Saginaw, Michigan, Saturday, July 1, 1905.  
  
Saginaw was part of congressional district.  
Source: Obituary of George Washington Peck, The Saginaw Courier-Herald, Saginaw, Michigan, Saturday, July 1, 1905.  
  
Represented third congressional district. Source: The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, March 3, 1902.
- 1856 Defeated for re-election to Congress.
- Jul 22, 1856 Hon., G. W. Peck made a speech recently at Alexandria, Virginia, which seems to have been specially relished by the slave-driving Democracy of the "Old Dominion." We infer that he repudiated the Declaration of Independence, as in his late address at Lansing. Source: The Lansing Republican.
- Sep 26, 1856 Father-in-law, Daniel S. Lee died in Brighton.
- Sep 1856 The brilliant George W. Peck was a star of the time.

Source: Reminiscentail by George P. Sanford, Lansing Journal, February 22, 1883; Michigan Pioneer Society, Vol. VI; pg. 292-295.

- 1856 St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal church organized; first board of vestrymen included George W. Peck. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 176.
- Oct 5, 1857 Mass meeting held in Senate chamber for purpose of organizing a fire company, George W. Peck chairman of meeting. Source: J. P. Edmunds, LSJ 11-11-1921.
- Oct 18, 1857 Bobier Arson Case
- Moore Block owned by George W. Peck.
- Moore Block (S. Washington block from 215 S. to Allegan street) burned out; *Michigan State Journal* located in block and Granes Hardware store. 11 pg. 171 and 93; 11 pg. 28. Loss \$25,000. I27. Torched by Bobier brothers who came to city to sell load wheat. 20 pg. 212. Masonic Lodge 33 housed in building. 25 pg. 149.
- "One of the earliest of the many destructive fires which have desolated Lansing" . . . The aggregate loss approximated \$25,000. Among the heaviest losers were G. W. Peck, one block of business buildings, \$10,000; Burr & Grove, hardware, \$6,000; Mead & Griswold, *State Journal* office, \$6,000; John Thomas & Co., \$2,000; Masonic lodge, \$300." 25 pg. 144. 6 or 7 buildings lost. 29 pg. C-8.
- "Like other farmers, a pair of brother-farmers from Alaiedon township had driven their team into Lansing on October 18, and after conducting their business at the mill late in the afternoon, decided to stay in town and make a night of it.
- The brothers made a tour of the bars and taverns and by 10 p.m. both were in a drunken stupor. So were some of the others who joined the bucket brigades as flames licked at the heart of Lansing.
- At the peak of the excitement, a crowd of people surged downtown from the direction of the United Brethren church, crying at the tops of their lungs "Lynch them - string the culprits up!"
- Leaders of the mob were dragging one of the brothers, and a second group set out in search of the other one. They had been caught in the act of setting the torch to the U.B. (United Brethren) church, and Lansing was going to see to it that they wouldn't start another fire.



- 1864-1866      "...in 18645, 1865, and to June 6, 1866, by George W. Peck and Wm. H. Chapman; at least, Mr. Chapman had an interest in the paper, though Mr. Peck was generally supposed to be the sole editor." Michigan State Journal Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 112. Note: How if in Saginaw?
- 1864      Moved and practiced law East Saginaw - moved to East Saginaw. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111.
- Nov 1865      Ephraim Longyear and other called for formation of Union Agricultural Society in November 1865; Central Michigan Agricultural Society organized January 31, 1966, formed in 1865. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 103.
- 1865      Sent petition to legislature, with others, urging Agriculture remain at E. Lansing; responding to report of the President (W. G. Beckwith) of the Michigan State Agricultural Society and Secretary of society (R. F. Johnstone) alleged failure of crops, unsuitableness of farm for fruits, location, etc. in 1863. Source: House Document No. 45 of 1865.
- 1866      Moved Saginaw where he practiced law for several years. Source: Obituary of George Washington Peck, The Saginaw Evening News, Saginaw, Michigan, Saturday, July 1, 1905. Source; Obituary of George Washington Peck, The Saginaw Courier-Herald, Saginaw, Michigan, Saturday, July 1, 1905.
- 1866      Sells land in Handy township purchased on July 16, 1855 and June 4, 1855. Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 575
- 1867      Ran for Mayor and won. Source: Durant
- 1867-8      Lansing Academy chartered in 1863, Trustees in 1867-8 were George W. Peck, William Hinman among others. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1867-8, pg. 272.
- Jan 1868      Formed partnership in Saginaw; later resigned as Mayor.
- 1871      Sells land in Brighton township, Livingston county, resident of East Saginaw, Saginaw county, MI.  
  
Sells land purchased on Dec 5, 1857 in Genoa township. Source: Early Land Owners & Settlers of Livingston County, MI 1828-1870s; pg. 575
- 1875      Moved St. Louis, Mo. - attorney for St. Louis & Iron Mountain RR.

Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111. Source: Freemasonry in Michigan a Comprehensive History of Michigan Masonry from Its Earliest Introduction in 1764 by Jefferson S. Conover, Vol. 1, 1897.

By 1880

Moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas; had extensive law practice. Source: Let the Record Show A Legal History of Ingham County by Richard Frazier; MSU Press; 1997; pg. 78. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 111. Source: Freemasonry in Michigan a Comprehensive History of Michigan Masonry from Its Earliest Introduction in 1764 by Jefferson S. Conover, Vol. 1, 1897.

1880

He is now (1880) connected, in some capacity, with a coal-mining enterprise in Missouri. Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan by Franklin Ellis, pg. 42.

Dec 1882

Moved Bismarck, Mo., was Attorney for St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad; later moved St. Louis, Mo. Source: Freemasonry in Michigan a Comprehensive History of Michigan Masonry from Its Earliest Introduction in 1764 by Jefferson S. Conover, Vol. 1, 1897.

By 1902

"...the one-time political giant was crippled, destitute, and living in near poverty at the Masonic Home in Grand Rapids..." Source: Let the Record Show A Legal History of Ingham County by Richard Frazier; MSU Press; 1997; pg. 78.

Mar 3, 1902

Crippled and suffering with many ills in the declining years of his life, one of the most widely known of Michigan politicians of half a century ago, is the occupant of a little room in the Masonic home in Grand Rapids. Forgotten and lonely, this man, who was once one of the prominent figures in Michigan old-time democracy, has passed from public view. George W. Peck, one of Lansing's first mayors, secretary of state under Gov. Ransom, former speaker of the state house of representatives, and later representative from his district in Congress, a well-known promoter and financier, now subsists upon the bounty and beneficence of the fraternal order in which he was so active and honored a member...

Mr. Peck says the last chapter of his life is nearly closed. The closing days are near at hand, he feels, and the light of life will soon be sniffed out. he has lived an honorable life, but it seemed that he was doomed to suffer disappointment the like of which few such capable men have suffered. But the old man does not despair. not a complaint is heard. Instead, he calmly smokes his pipe during the day time, gazes out of the window at the beautiful lake, and thinks of the better days which have gone. The happiness which he once knew is past, never to return, but he has that same sturdiness and gentleness which have always

characterized his career. It is given to but few men to possess such a winning personality as this grand old man possesses. Source: The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, March 3, 1902.

- 1902 Moved to Saginaw to spend the last days with his daughter. Source: Obituary of George Washington Peck, The Saginaw Evening News, Saginaw, Michigan, Saturday, July 1, 1905.
- Aug 1902 Moved to Saginaw to spend time with daughter. Source; Obituary of George Washington Peck, The Saginaw Courier-Herald, Saginaw, Michigan, Saturday, July 1, 1905.
- Dec 16, 1903 Peck visited Lansing for first time in 30 years - since left. Source: The Lansing Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Wednesday, December 16, 1903.
- Dec 16, 1903 Guest of Honor a celebration by Capital Masonic Lodge. Source: Let the Record Show A Legal History of Ingham County by Richard Frazier; MSU Press; 1997; pg. 78.
- Jun 30, 1905 Died at home of daughter Mrs. C. H. (Isabel) Gage of Saginaw. Source: Obituary of George Washington Peck, The Saginaw Evening News, Saginaw, Michigan, Saturday, July 1, 1905. Source; Obituary of George Washington Peck, The Saginaw Courier-Herald, Saginaw, Michigan, Saturday, July 1, 1905.
- Jul 1, 1905 Died in Saginaw. Source: Let the Record Show A Legal History of Ingham County by Richard Frazier; MSU Press; 1997; pg. 78.
- Jul 4, 1905 Services at 2:00 a.m. in East Saginaw; full Masonic rites; since Peck past grand master of the grand lodge of Michigan, F. & A. M. at the Masonic temple, of local lodge No. 77; buried at Brady Hill. Source: The Saginaw Evening News; Saginaw Michigan, Wednesday, July 5, 1905.
- Source: History of Livingston County, Michigan; Everts & Abbott; 1880. Let the Record Show A Legal History of Ingham County by Richard Frazier; MSU Press; 1997; pg. 58.

### **John H. Peck**

Block 220 Lot 9

- May 12, 1836 Purchased 160 acres in section 9 of Vevay Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- Sep 13, 1847 William H. Townsend and wife Sarah, Samuel P. Mead and George W. Peck to John H. Peck; Land in village of Michigan (L7:P436)



Purchased Lot 9 on Block 220 for \$65.

**Caroline Perry**

Jun 13, 1848      Caroline Perry Block 66      Lot 8      \$54

**Peleg Pettey**

Jul 9, 1849      Hiram H. Smith and wife May Jane of Lansing to Peleg Pettey of Lansing; land in Lansing. (L9:P494)

Nov 30, 1849      Peleg Pettey and wife Ellen W. of Lansing to James Seymour of Flushing; for \$80.00; Lot 5 of Block 43? in Lansing. (L9:P495)

**George Phillips**

Dec 13, 1838      Purchased land in section 23 of Delhi Township.  
Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 232.

1839      George Phillips settled on section 23 in 1839, and afterwards kept a hotel and the post-office at his place, which was at the Centre. he was a brother-in-law of A. D. Aldrich. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 233.

?      Among early Methodist Episcopal in Delhi Township: Mrs. George Phillips. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 242.

1844      In census listed as resident of Delhi Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

1847      George Phillips, the first settler at the Centre (Holt), opened the first place for the accommodation of the public in his dwelling on the northeast quarter of section 22, sometime in the spring of 1847, but the place was not considered a regular hotel. he also had the post-office in his house when first established at the Centre. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 239.

1850      In census listed as resident of Delhi Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

Feb 15, 1851      Reeves sold land in Delhi Twp. to George Phillips. (L10:P457)

Purchased for \$81 dollars 27 acres:

Land in a square running equally distance N & E from the SW corner of SE 1/4th of section 26.

Dec 9, 1850

Barnes sold land in Delhi to George Phillips. (L10:P581)

Purchased for \$39 dollars 27 acres;

SE quarter of the SE quarter of Section 26; excepting 27 acres or the SW corner being a square of land.

### **William Phillips**

May 26, 1837

Joseph E. North Jr. of Ing. County. to William Phillips of Ing. Co; land in Delhi Twp. Sec. 25. (L1:P471)

Jan 23, 1845

In Auditor General's report to Senate on Benjamin Porter prison claims noted Porter paid William Phelps \$79.50 for work on State Penitentiary. Source: Auditor General Report to Senate; dated Jan 23, 1845; Senate Document No. 3, 1845 Legislature.

### **Philander E. Pierce**

Mar 28, 1848

Philander E. Pierce and wife Rosina of town of Michigan to Eveline Laverty of same; land in town of Michigan. (18:P93)

Purchased for \$400 part of Lot 5 of Block 176 beginning at NE corner of lot running  
Thence along South line of Main Street 24 feet West  
Thence South to rear of lot on Grand River  
Thence Easterly along Grand River to East line of Said lot  
Thence North along east lot line to place of beginning.

### **James W. Potter**

Feb 13, 1843

Born at Saline. Source: Obituary James William Potter, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, July 29, 1926.

1860

Went to Minnesota, looking for work.  
Source: Obituary James William Potter, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, July 29, 1926.

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Fought in Civil War. Enlisted in 3rd Minnesota regiment.  
Source: Obituary James William Potter, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, July 29, 1926.

1866

Went back to Minnesota. Source: Obituary James William Potter, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, July 29, 1926.

Aug 26, 1866

Married Celia Ray. Source: Obituary James William Potter, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, July 29, 1926.

- 1868 Returned to Michigan. Came into possession of primitive sawmill.  
Source: Obituary James William Potter, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, July 29, 1926.
- 1878 Sarah Porter
- by 1880 Owned sawmill and trading lumber to Kansas City for buffalo hides. Source: Obituary James William Potter, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, July 29, 1926.
- ? Started manufacture of furniture at Potterville.  
Source: Obituary James William Potter, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, July 29, 1926.
- 1889 Moved furniture factory to Lansing; built furniture factory, later became Hugh Lyon's company plant.  
Source: Obituary James William Potter, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, July 29, 1926.
- 1896 President of American State Savings bank.  
Source: Obituary James William Potter, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, July 29, 1926.
- 1901 Closed furniture business. Source: Obituary James William Potter, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, July 29, 1926.
- 1913 Gave 50 acres for park - Potter Park.
- 1921 Moved to California. Source: Obituary James William Potter, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, July 29, 1926.
- 1926 Died in Lansing, at sons' home.  
Source: Obituary James William Potter, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, July 29, 1926.  
\*Source: significant People Buried in MT. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, Michigan a Tour Through History by Linda Peckham.

### **Nathaniel R. Potter**

- Nov 24, 1847 Nathaniel Potter Block 104 Lot 1 23
- 1873 City Marshall. Source: Durant

### **Theodore Potter**

- 1830 Moved from Cayuga County, New York to Saline.  
Source: The Autobiography of Theodore Edgar Potter; pg. 1.
- Father was a surveyor and laid off much land in Washtenaw County. He bought land and carried on farming and also worked at his trade as a tailor. Source: Portrait Biographical Album of

Barry and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Chapman, Bros. 1891, pg. 808.

Mar 10, 1832

Ted born in Saline Michigan. Source: The Autobiography of Theodore Edgar Potter; pg. xxii and 2.

...was the first white child born in Saline, Washtenaw county, Michigan, his birthplace being the first plastered house in the village. he attended the district schools until he was fifteen years old. Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Barry and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Chapman, Bros. 1891, pg. 808.

1836

Broke leg when four years old, while his parents were away at a funeral. His eldest brother who had him in charge, carried him around all the afternoon with the broken limb dangling, as the boy did not understand the injury. Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Barry and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Chapman, Bros. 1891, pg. 809.

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The father ...took from the government...the land on which the village of Potterville now stands. Source: Obituary James William Potter, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, July 29, 1926.

1845

Family settled in Eaton County. Source: The Autobiography of Theodore Edgar Potter; pg. xxii. Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Barry and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Chapman, Bros. 1891, pg. 808.

The family walked the entire distance and brought what household effects they could. Source: Obituary James William Potter, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, July 29, 1926.

Started for Ionia with 100 Mexican silver dollars to pay the entering fee on his land. Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Barry and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Chapman, Bros. 1891, pg. 808.

Jul 1846

Father died. "...leaving his widow with seven children, the oldest of which was 17, the youngest, three. There in the dense, hardwood forest, with the nearest neighbors seven miles away, the family remained. Source: Obituary James William Potter, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, July 29, 1926. Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Barry and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Chapman, Bros. 1891, pg. 808.

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A large bear annoyed the neighbors in the vicinity of the Potter homestead, Killing hogs and other stock. Several unsuccessful efforts were made to capture him. One day our subject and an elder brother found a hog that had been terribly lacerated by the bear, which and however been frightened away by dogs before he

had a change to devour his feast. The boys dragged the hog about a mile and placed it upon a log bridge, and then secreted themselves in a tree nearby, with tow loaded guns to await the arrival of bruin. In less than an hour the old fellow appeared and just as he was climbing up to reach his victim the boys fired, and their prize was captured. The boys received great praise from old hunters for their wily scheme and the neighbors all around were supplied with bear meat.

Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Barry and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Chapman, Bros. 1891, pg. 809.

Aug 1847

The year of our bear hunt the State Capital was located at Lansing within twelve miles of us, settlers came in rapidly, new roads were surveyed and opened to the Capital from the surroundings towns and villages, and general improvements and prosperity was manifest. A company of ten men, surveying an air-line road from Battle Creek through Bellevue and Charlotte to Lansing, stopped over night at our house, sleeping on the cabin floors, my mother getting supper and breakfast for them. In the morning, the head surveyor needing another hand, and offering twenty-five cents a day and board until their return, I was selected to take the position. My duties were to carry water, make fires, and do other miscellaneous work as required. The foreman asked me if I was the boy who killed the buck with a club and said that they had two guns in their party, but that they had killed no game except a few partridges and a woodchuck since staring. he told me jestingly that they would expect me to furnish the party with venison, even if I had to do it with a club, although I might use their guns if I wished and could take time to hunt while they were at work on the way. We started early but made only three miles that day as the route from our place on was almost wholly through an unbroken forest of hard wood timber, the only cleared land in the vicinity being my mother's farm. My first day's hunt netted seven partridges for supper. the next day we made less than a mile, crossing the Old Maid Swamp which was covered with a thick growth of tamarack and willow brush, with mud and water underneath. I cut brush and small trees for a path nearly all day. as soon as we reached solid ground, I was ordered ahead to locate a good camping spot which I found near a stream of water. While preparing the camp I was two deer coming towards me on the trot. I seized my gun, dropped behind a log, and when they were within five rods of me, I bleated, and they stopped. I fired and broke the back of one. After cutting his throat I went back and reported to the arty that I had located the camping place but said nothing about killing the buck. When the party came up, they were all greatly surprised to find a deer, dressed and hung up ready for cooking. We had plenty of venison that night, and in fact during the rest of the journey. This was my first deer killed with a gun. my former failures were from excitement and aiming too high. After this I never had another attack of "Buck Fever." pg. 11-12.

The fourth night we camped near the present location of Waverly Park, west of Lansing. next morning, we heard cow bills, and the sound of someone chopping. Some of us followed the sound, and on reaching Grand River saw a log house on the other side where a Mr. Cooley lived. He came across in his boat, told we were within three miles of Lansing, and took one of our party in his boat to town. They returned about noon, accompanied by Charles Bush, a prominent citizen of the new capital. We pushed on and at four o'clock P.M. we were at the corner of Washington Avenue and Main Street, where they were then building the Benton House to accommodate the first Legislature, which was to meet in January 1848. I had seen brick buildings before but had no idea how they were put together until I saw them using mortar with the brick on the Benton House. The influx of people was so great, and the houses so few, that we could find no roof to sleep under that night. We followed Washington Avenue, which had just been underbrushed, north to Briggs' store where we bought supplies for our supper and then pitched our tent under a large elm tree just south of the store and camped for the night. next morning most of the party, after breakfast, walked farther north, past the frame of the first capitol building on to North Lansing where there were two or three small stores, and a sawmill. pgs. 12-13.

All the settlers around Lansing had been invited to the "Raising" of the capitol that day. Jugs of whiskey, and dinner and supper were provided free for all. The whole preceding of the erection of the capitol building of the State was after the fashion of an old-style raising of the heavy frame of a barn or house. The most of our party assisted at the raising, and also at the dinner and supper and helped to empty the jugs, but all rallied at our tent under the elm-tree that night, every man sober. pg. 13.

Next morning, we started on our return, following our previous trail for the first four miles, then making a new survey half a mile south of the previous one to avoid a party of the swamp. In after years the Peninsular railroad followed our first survey west of Charlotte most of the way to Lansing. On the tenth day after my leaving, I reached home much elated over my first visit to Lansing, the infant Capital and hub of the State of Michigan. pg. 13.

Source: The Autobiography of Theodore Edgar Potter.

Sep 1847

In the following month of September, I made my second visit to Lansing, under the following circumstances. A man by the name of Corydon P. Sprague, a relative of my father, with his young wife, both school teachers, visited us on his way to Wisconsin. he went to see Lansing and concluded to settle there and open a school instead of going further west. Having no means to build a schoolhouse, five families of his relatives volunteered to go and build one for him and make him a present of it. So on September 10th, 1847, Samuel Preston, John Strange, George P. Carman, Wm. H. Taylor, and Theodore E. Potter, who represented his

mother's family, with axes and teams met in Lansing near the junction of Grand and Cedar Rivers, where Bush & Thomas had given a lot for the purpose and near the spot where the Potter Manufacturing Company's factor was afterwards built. We cut the timber on the lands of speculators, who were not there either to consent or object, hauled the logs to the lot with our ox teams and in ten days had completed a tow-story log schoolhouse and residence--the first schoolhouse ever built in Lansing--hauling the pine lumber for the floors and desks from Flushing, a distance of 40 miles. In this tow-story log house Mr. Sprague and his wife lived and opened the first Select School in Lansing, having a full attendance the first winter, Mrs. Sprague teaching the primary classes, and he the more advanced. During the summer of 1848, new schools were opened in other parts of the city, as most of the people were settling along Washington Avenue on the north side of the river, which left the Sprague school out of reach and inconvenient of access. In the fall of that year Mr. Sprague opened but one department and his wife taught a district school at Delta Mills. The same year she was taken sick and died, and he became disheartened and returned to his former home near Auburn, New York. Afterwards he went to California, located at Sonora, and in 1850 was elected a member of the California Legislature, serving two terms. he later moved to Oregon and began the practice of law, and still later returned to California. pg. 13-14.

While building the log schoolhouse, old Chief Okemos, then eighty years old, and a few of his tribe were camped near us. They had been hunting near our home not long before, and he knew me; and also, about the story of my killing the buck with a club. He delighted to prove his own bravery and many dangerous encounters by showing the numerous scars he carried from conflicts with both Indians and white men, made by the tomahawk, knife and rifle. history tells of the British commissioning him as a Colonel of an Indian regiment with fought the Americans at the battle of the Thames, and how he afterwards went to Detroit and agreed with General Cass to lay down the tomahawk and scalping knife and to become a good Indian, and how he never broke his agreement. he took great interest in me, calling me his "Pick-a-nin-ne She-m-ke-man" (white young man). he watched me intently while I hauled and skidded logs with the oxen and a log chain. As it was very warm, I was working with bare feet, and he pointed to his own feet, and said--" Squaw make moccasins--you wear moccasin." That nigh he took me to his wigwam. The squaws looked at my bare feet and at each other and then began to shake with laughter. One of the men said they were making fun of my bare feet. Soon one of them handed Okemos a pair of new, nicely beaded moccasins and he asked me to put them on. I offered to pay him for them, but he refused. I walked proudly around displaying the moccasins in all the wigwams, greatly to the delight of Okemos. I did not go barefoot again in Lansing. Since that time,

I have been acquainted with numerous tribes of Indians but Okemos is the only Indian I ever knew to give a present to a white man. pg. 14-15.

One day Okemos asked me to take a night hunt with him up the Cedar River. Three of us went in a large canoe, Okemos in the bow, I in the center, and another Indian in the stern to steer. We paddled up the river about two miles where we stopped until it was dark. The weather was warm and sultry, and the mosquitoes very thick and tormenting. As soon as it was dark torches were lighted, and the boat was permitted to drift slowly and silently down the stream. Okemos sat in the bow of the boat armed with a hatchet fastened to a long pole. In a short time, we saw the antlers of a large deer protruding out of the water, his body immersed to keep off the mosquitoes, and his eyes shining like two small brilliant stars. Before we reached him, we discovered the heads of two more submerged deer, all intently gazing at the bewildering lights and unconscious of danger until Okemos with his hatchet struck the antlered one in the head. With a quick movement he then struck one of the others, which made such a splashing in the water as to frighten the third one away. Before midnight we were back in the camp with two fine deer. This was the first time I ever had a hand in this kind of a still hunt, though I had heard about it before, and often practiced in on the lakes and rivers of the West years afterwards... pg. 15

Source: The Autobiography of Theodore Edgar Potter.

Spring/Summer  
1848

In the spring and summer of 1848 the jobs to open the State road from Battle Creek to Lansing which I had helped to survey, were let to different parties. Among the successful bidders were four men by the name of Gilkey, living near Lansing, who took four miles of the road near our home, making their headquarters at our house. I took a contract from them to build eight rods of the road one mile east of our farm for which I was to have \$2350.00 in State land script, good for 200 acres of land anywhere in the State. I was in my seventeenth year and strong and rugged for one of my age. I first cut the timber four rods wide and then cleared the center of the road one rod wide by pulling out the stumps. Twenty rods of the road had to be corduroyed with logs 12 feet long. I always took my dinner and gun with me, and twice during my noon hour killed a deer near my lunching place. pg. 18

While on this job I had another hunting experience, one which laced all the enjoyment of my other successes and which resulted in a loss that was also irreparable to our family. One Noon I had left the ox-team for their rest and carrying my musket had stepped into the brush when I saw three deer coming towards me and, as I though stopping within ten rods of me in the thick willow brush. I fired at the spot where I supposed they were, and the next moment my mother's best cow came rushing out towards me from



the willows and fell mortally wounded within two rods of where I stood I started back to my work broken-hearted, asking myself, "What shall I do?" How shall I break the news to my mother?" I knew it would be a great loss to the family, as that cow furnished nearly all the milk and butter for a poor family of seven children. I bethought myself that the cow would at least be good for beef, and when I got there, she was still alive and struggling for breath. She looked up at me with her great soft eyes as much as to say, "You have made a great mistake in shooting me." It took all of the nerve I could muster to end her struggle. I couldn't work anymore that day and started for home to break the sad news to my mother and the family. As I neared the two log shanties that constituted our home, I saw my mother and the smaller children standing in the yard, and when mother saw me she called out, "Ed what is the matter?--What have you come home so early for?" I broke right down and cried and told her I had killed "old Brinn." As soon as she and my younger brothers and sisters realized that what I said was true, they joined me, and we all wept together. My oldest brother who was out at work was called in to hear the sad news and the only thing he said was, "I have always told you that Ed was too young to handle a gun."

We hitched the oxen to a wooden sled made out of small logs, and my older brother going with me, we loaded the cow onto it and drew her home. When we got there, I joined the family in another weeping time over our loss. We dressed and prepared the cow for market and started in the middle of the night with the ox-team for Charlotte, eight miles away, arriving there early next morning. As very little money was in circulation at that time, we were obliged to trade the beef for groceries, dry goods and other necessities for the family. The financial loss to my mother was not great, but the loss of milk and butter to the family was felt painfully for the next two years. Since that time, I have never killed a deer without its reminding me of my mother's bridle cow. pg. 19-20.

After finishing my road job I would \$100 worth of my script in Lansing for \$20 cash, and with the remainder located eight acres of land in Kent county, and forty acres in Shiawassee County near Corunna. pg. 20

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Source: The Autobiography of Theodore Edgar Potter.

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Children were often lost in the wilds and swamps of Windsor as well as in other townships. Neighbors for many miles around would join in the search. A noted case that excited the whole county was that of a small child of Charles Wrights, of Windsor. The child became lost while on his way from school. Two

published accounts, differing somewhat in detail, are before me. One says he was five, and other that he was six years old. Both agree that two hundred fifty men from several townships joined in the search. One says at dusk on the third day, the other says after five full days' search, the child was found alive but badly frozen. The toes of one foot were entirely lost with partial loss of the others. They had previously found his cap two miles from the schoolhouse and found nests where he had slept. He was found in the midst of a willow swamp and by T. E. Potter of Benton. Source: Pioneer History of Eaton County, 1833-1866; by Daniel Strange, M. Sc., 1923.

- 1852 At age of 20 went to California to mine for gold.  
Source: The Autobiography of Theodore Edgar Potter; pg. xxii
- 1856 Returned from California by way of Nicaragua where he had enlisted in failed attempt to take over country.  
Source: The Autobiography of Theodore Edgar Potter; pg. xxii.
- 1856 Prison guard at Jackson prison; went to Minnesota where fought in Sioux War and farmed.  
Source: The Autobiography of Theodore Edgar Potter; pg. 149.
- Mar 1, 1856 Quite prison job.  
Source: The Autobiography of Theodore Edgar Potter; pg. 149.
- 1858 Married Diantha O. DeGraff, had five children: Evelyn M, Ezoa F., George E., Waldo and Mary. Source: Portrait Biographical Album of Barry and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Chapman, Bros. 1891, pg. 809.
- 1875 Returned to Michigan with family (wife & 5 children); settled on farm near Vermontville.  
Source: The Autobiography of Theodore Edgar Potter; pg. xxii.
- Fall 1875 Moved family back to Michigan from Minnesota.  
Source: The Autobiography of Theodore Edgar Potter; pg. 222.
- Summer 1876 Went back to Minnesota; exchanged farm in Minnesota for one at Vermontville, Michigan; settled on farm until all five children reached age.  
Source: The Autobiography of Theodore Edgar Potter; pg. 222.
- Engaged with two brothers in hard wood lumber business at Potterville.  
Source: The Autobiography of Theodore Edgar Potter; pg. 227.
- 1888 Founded village of Mulliken. Source: Post Offices of Michigan, edited by Sr. Marriana, SSJ, pg. 632

1890 Sold Vermontville farm and bought another in same county;  
located on new line of Pere Marquette Railroad.  
Source: The Autobiography of Theodore Edgar Potter; pg. 228.

Laid out village of Mulliken  
Source: The Autobiography of Theodore Edgar Potter; pg. 228.

Purchased quarter interest in Potter Furniture Manufacturing  
Company at Lansing.  
Source: The Autobiography of Theodore Edgar Potter; pg. 228.

Oct 25, 1910 Died in lensing.  
Source: The Autobiography of Theodore Edgar Potter; pg. xxii.

## **Potter**

Parents Linus & Diana Phelps

Oct 1830 Family moved from Cayuga County, NY to Saline, Washtenaw,  
Co. pg. 419  
Came by Erie Canal to Buffalo, steamboat to Detroit. (7-day  
journey), from Detroit walked to Plymouth, MI, then walked to  
Saline. Potter erected first frame house in Saline  
Saline at time largest village on Chicago Road. Linus lost property  
in Saline by financial reverses. pg. 421.  
George oldest was 3 - founded Potterville.  
Louisa - 2nd child a baby  
Had 5 boys and 2 girls.  
Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel  
W. Durant, 1880, pg. 419.

Dec 4, 1844 Diana Potter purchased 80 acres of section 23 of Benton  
Township, Eaton County. (Land patent) Source: History of Ingham  
and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880, pg. 417.

Nov 1844 Family moved to (Section 23) Benton Township, Eaton county.  
George 18 when moved. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton  
Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880, pg. 419.

Jan 1845 Family moved Eaton County, had 7 children at time. pg. 421.  
Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel  
W. Durant, 1880, pg. 419.

James youngest child.

1845 They came by way of Pray settlement, in Windsor, from which  
they cut a road through, four miles, to his location on section 23,  
the present site of Potterville. Source: History of Ingham and  
Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880, pg. 421.

- 1845 Had just settled down when all 7 children were taken severely sick with measles. Source: Mr. Foote in 1876 Centennial Address.
- 1845 Linus purchased land on section 24.
- Jul 26, 1846 Father died, left George N. (age 18) head of family. Buried on farm on what now lot on SW corner of Main Street and Hartel Road.
- Aug 1846 Father died. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880, pg. 419.
- Feb 1, 1848 George N. Potter - Purchased Land  
Township 3-N, Range 4-W of Eaton County:  
Section 23 SENE 40 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI2670\_\_\_.201; Ionia Land Office.
- Jun 1, 1848 Diana Potter - Purchased Land  
Township 3-N, Range 4-W of Eaton County:  
Section 23 E 1/2 SE 80 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI2650\_\_\_.452; Ionia Land Office.
- Jun 1, 1848 Linns? Potter - Purchased Land  
Township 3-N, Range 4-W of Eaton County:  
Section 24 MWSW 40 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI2650\_\_\_.492; Ionia Land Office.
- 1856 George N. elected sheriff of Eaton County.  
Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties; Michigan, Samuel W. Durant, 1880.
- 1866 George one investor and Director in Peninsular Railroad (became Grand Trunk)
- 1868 George with James founded Potterville; when built saw mill and boarding house for hired hands  
  
Boarding house later converted into Gladding House.
- 1869 George est. general store; later furniture factory.
- Sep 10, 1869 George N. Potter - Purchased Land  
Township 3-N, Range 4-W of Eaton County:  
Section 36 NENE 40 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI2910\_\_\_.985; Ionia Land Office.
- 1869 Children of Linus Potter

George - born Oct 16, 1827 at Ira, NY, died Nov. 1, 1902 at Charlotte.  
 Maria L - born March 17, 1829, Ira, NY.  
 Theodore E. - born Mar 10, 1832 at Saline, MI  
 Charles N. - born September 27, 1833 at Saline, MI  
 Sarah M - born June 10, 1826, Saline, MI; died December 27, 1904.  
 John H. - born June 2, 1838, Saline, MI  
 James W - born Feb 13, 1843, Canton, MI.

George: At 18 surveyed line from Cleveland, Ohio to St. Louis, Missouri. At 19 helped survey board road across Ohio, Indian, and Illinois to Quincy, Ill. on the Mississippi River. 1856 Sheriff of Eaton county. State Senate. Source: Potterville Then and Now, by Evelyn VanFossen, April 1872. The History of Potterville, Michigan 1869-1976, by Ruth Lovell Wright.

### **Rolla Powers**

Sep 29, 1847	Rolla Powers	Block 116	Lot 1, 5 & 6	\$825
Sep 29, 1847	Rolla Powers	Block 114	Lot 1 & 2	\$450

### **Aaron Preston, Jr.**

Nov 14, 1848	Aaron Preston, Jr.	Block 161 Lot 7	\$27
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Sep 3, 1851 Aaron Preston purchased 40 acres on section 25 of Town 1 South, Range 1 East of Jackson County.  
 Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.  
 Note: Same Aaron Preston?

### **Lewis D. Preston**

	Block 7	Lot 16
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1849-50 Surveying. Cty. Source: Durant pg. 100

1854-6 Treas. Lansing Twp. Source: Durant pg. 196.

1859 L. Preston listed as owning land in section 36 of Wheatfield Township. Same individual?  
 Listed as surveyor in Lansing. (Block 36 Lot 1)  
 Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

Dec 26, 1866 Acknowledge consolidated plat of village of Mason.  
 Source: The City of Mason, Its Past and Present Life 1838-1897, compiled by Roy C. Vandercook; pg. 9.

1873 Louis D. Preston surveyor and civil engineer. north Lansing.

Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1879, pg. 402.

**John R. Price, Cpt.**

Block 14      Lot 9  
Block 19      Lot 5, 6, 9, 10 & Pt. 11  
Block 20      1

Republican

“...genial and always happy, came early, engaged in the manufacture of fanning mills, with business he conducted for many years. Was prominent in the Presbyterian church and took and active part in building the old church, corner Washington avenue and Genesee street. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.

Known as “old Marshall” Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 340.

- Jul 1 or 5, 1816      Born in South Amboy Township, Middlesex County, NJ  
Source: Adams (July 5) Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 340. (July 1)  
Durant note born on July 5. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, of 128.
- 1831      At age 15; took position as cook upon boat  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 341. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, of 128.
- 1831      Apprentice in carpenter’s trade at Batavia, Genesee County, NY  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 341.
- 1831      Moved Genesee county, New York, with married sister.  
Source: Adams. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, of 128.
- 1834      Revisited NJ. Source: Adams. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, of 128.
- 1834      Came to Michigan to Sandstone, Jackson County. Worked at carpenter’s trade. Source: Adams. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 341. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, of 128.
- 1837 or 1840      Moved Albion, Calhoun county engaged in mfg. fanning-mills.

Source: Adams (1840) Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 341. (1837)  
Durant notes moved in 1840 Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, of 128.

Mar 15, 1843 Married Jane Powell; rented farm in Marengo Twp. farmed for four and half years - raised wheat. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 341. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, of 128.

Had four children: Clara, Mary J., Ella J. (died at age 6) William A Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 341.

Apr 1847 Cpt. John R. Price came to Lansing. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 341.

Jun 1847 In June bought tract of land near North Lansing all covered with timber upon which built a house' moved in Feb. 1848; lived at least to 1891; first Marshal; served in Civil War.  
Source: Livingston and Ingham pg. 341; 25 pg. 128.

Jun 1847 Came Lansing; bought 4 acres of land, built house  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 341.

Feb 1848 Moved into house. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 341.

Also owned farm in Olive Twp. Clinton County.

Built fanning-mills

Ran Seymour saw-mill for year and half.

Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 341.

1851 Lansing township treasurer. Source: Durant  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 341.

1854 Marshall first Republican rally and procession in city.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 342.

1856 Mr. Case had always been an active democrat until the bitter and bloody contest in Kansas between pro slavery and free state parties. The conduct of President Pierce toward the slave power forced Mr. Case to sever his relations with his party and in 1856 he fully identified himself with the Republican party and canvassed

the state for Fremont and Dayton. During that exciting campaign, Mr. Case delivered an address to the democracy of Ingham county, giving the reason for his political change, which was considered one of the most powerful and convincing political arguments of the time. It was signed by Mr. Case and 23 of his fellow democrats, among whom were the late H. H. Smith, B. E. Hart, John R. Price, O. A. Jenison and John Tooker.  
Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.

- May 2, 1859      First city council elected John R. Price City Auctioneer.  
Source: The State Republican, April 14, 1909.
- 1859      J. Price listed as owning land in section 16 and 21 of Locke Township. Same individual? (Block 20, Lot 1)  
Listed as fanning mill manufacturer in Lansing. (Block 20, Lot 1)  
Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- 1861      "at the first tap of the drum, and raising a company, which was known as the Williams Rifles tendered himself and his company to Gov. Blair." Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 341.  
51 years old at time.
- Company part of Third Regiment, Michigan Inf., under title Co. G.; mustered in at Grand Rapids; elected Cpt.
- Taken sick at Detroit on way to battle of Bull Run; resigned Aug.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 341.
- 1862      Went to the war in 1862 as captain of a Lansing company.  
Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.
- Aug. 1861      Returned to farm his farm in Clinton county.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 341.
- 1873      J. R. Price, auctioneer. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1873, pg. 402.
- 1878      Member Executive Committee of Ingham County Pioneer Society.  
Source: Adams pg. 55.
- 1880      Member Executive Committee of Ingham County Pioneer Society.  
Source: Adams pg. 56. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan; Durant, 1880; pg. 104.



- 1883 Vice President of Ingham County Pioneer Society.  
Source: Adams pg. 55.
- 1893 President of Ingham County Pioneer Society. Source: Adams pg. 97.
- ? Served on School board.
- Commissioner of Highways for several years in Lansing Twp.
- Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 341.
- Republican.
- First Marshall of Lansing.
- ? Died a few years ago in the home where he first settled, on Cedar street north. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.

### Quackenbush

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Jun 23, 1847	Purchased land:			
	Philander Collender	Block 107	Lot 1	40
	Philip French	Block 114	Lot 6	90
	Henry Jipson & W. W. Upton	Block 129	Lot 12	300
	Henry C. Whitman	Block 149	Lot 3	118
		Block 149	Lot 4	90
	Philip French	Block 136	Lot 1	253
			Lot 2	157
	William W. Markham	B 158	Lot 1	132
	Charles A. Jeffries	Block 158	Lot 2	99
	William W. Markham	B 158	Lot 5	104
			Lot 6	91
	Charles Mooney	Block 103	Lot 2	81
	Alfred McVeigh	Block 159	Lot 1	90
			Lot 2	75
	William W. Markham	B 159	Lot 5	67
		Block 159	Lot 6	53
	James Sturges	Block 157	Lot 5	119
	Philander Collender	Block 66	Lot 9	54
	William L. Driggs	Block 113	Lot 3	85

		Lot 4	90
Henry C. Whitman	Block 113	Lot 6	120
Simon Dearing	Block 131	Lot 2	61
		Lot 3	65
Philip French	Block 132	Lot 3	83
Isaac Cochrane	Block 132	Lot 7	66
William W. Markham	B 141	Lot 5	16
		Lot 6	22
Philip French	Block 141	Lot 9	12
		Lot 10	15
Chancy H. Leach	Block 143	Lot 3	7
		Lot 4	13
	Block 148	Lot 8	54
Eleazer H. Beebe	Block 160	Lot 1	68
William W. Markham	B 160	Lot 2	42
Elizabeth Quackenbush & Ruema Fuller	Block 237	Lot 1	130
	Block 238	Lot 1	120

Source: Primary School Journal; Mar 1, 1847 - Mar 1, 1850; Lot. 3; Vol. 20; 57-31-A DNR/Conservation; pgs. 187-412.

Sep 1, 1847,

She procured some rough scats, and on the 1st of September called the children together under the trees on the bank of the river on River Street. She commenced with nine pupils. Her school continued in the grove till cold weather, when their dwelling was so far completed that she could move the school into it, and by Christmas she had eighty pupils. Through the winter she was assisted by Miss Delia L. Ward, now Mrs. Mortimer Cowles. (1880) Mrs. Burr had pupils in drawing, Latin, and French. She tells how she one day walked to the lower town by the road on the east side of the river with her husband, and wishing to return on the west side he carried her across in his arms below the dam, and picking their way up through the roads, around swamps, and across ravines, they became lost, and found their way out only with considerable difficulty." 25 - pg. 165.

"Among the many pupils who attended Mrs. Burr's school, were find in the families mentioned, Mr. Dearin's two boys, Henry and Matthew, Isaac, Charlie and Elbert Bush, brothers of Mrs. Hinmann, John being a messenger boy in the legislature; Amelia Hunt, James Thomas, Two Clapsaddle boys. The younger one fell into the river and was rescued by his older brother; one Quackenbush boy, Lucy Long, David and Nancy Goucher, Anna Jeffries, Mary Berry, later known as Mrs. H. D. Pugh, whose father at the time was proprietor of the original Lansing House; Hattie Edgar, whose father built the first structure of the Commercial House, and Delia Ward, afterwards Mrs. F. M. Cowles." 276 pg. 178.

Sep 15, 1847

### Capitol Construction

We have received a letter from the contractor for building the State capitol of Michigan, in which he says they are rapidly progressing, and that the building will be raised during the present week. It will then go forward rapidly. The contractor was disappointed in depending on a steam saw mill, for sawing the timber, which accounts for the delay. He writes us that three rooms will be ready for the State officers by the first of December. We have been informed by those living at Michigan, that the contractor labored under many disadvantages, being obliged to cut roads, build shops for work, &c.  
Source: *Democratic Free Press*, September 15, 1847.

1848

### **Business**

...there were, in 1848, at ...Mr. Quackenbush had a steam sawmill on the west side of Cedar street off Kalamazoo street, about where the oil tanks now are, Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 88-89.

### **D P Quackenbush**

Block 44      Lot 2

Apr 11, 1848      Organized First Baptist Church. Elected trustee. Source: Adams pg. 189.

### **L D. Quackenbush (Lorenzo)**

Block 24      Lot 2

Oct 3, 1848      Organized Second Baptist Church. Listed as trustee. Source: Adams pg. 190.

### **Myndert W. Quackenbush and Elizabeth Quackenbush**

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Jun 23, 1847      Elizabeth Quackenbush &  
Ruema Fuller Block 237      Lot 1      \$130

Jun 23, 1847      Elizabeth Quackenbush &  
Ruema Fuller Block 238      Lot I      \$120

Sep 1, 1847      "Among the many pupils who attended Mrs. Burr's school, were find in the families mentioned... one Quackenbush boy..." 276 pg. 178.

Apr 1848	Mr. Tooker came to Lansing in April 1848, and built a steam saw mill for Col. Quackenbush, on the east bank of the river just north of main street. He was a Baptist minister of more than ordinary talent, and while engaged in contracting and building during the week, he always had his sermons well prepared and preached every Sunday in the senate chamber. He was chaplain of the senate up to the time of his death, which occurred June 20, 1851. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.			
Jul 8, 1848	Myndert W. Quackenbush & Edward L. Fuller	Block 111	Lot 4 & 5	\$600
185?	M. W. Quackenbush, one of the directors of the poor for Source: The Past and Present Shiawassee County, Michigan pg. 202.			
Jan 10, 1856	Myndert W. Quackenbush installed as officer of Owosso Lodge, No. 81, F. & A. M.; charter for lodge granted the same day. Source: The Past and Present Shiawassee County, Michigan pg. 214.			
Apr 4, 1859	Owosso incorporated as city; first election held; M. W. Quackenbush elected director the poor for Owosso. Source: The Past and Present Shiawassee County, Michigan pg. 201-202.			
Nov 1, 1861	Maj. 14th Infantry. Source: Michigan in the War.			
Feb 1862	Company E of Fourteenth Michigan Infantry made up men from Shiawassee county; Fourteenth Regiment mustered into service in February 1862, and among its officers was major M. W. Quackenbush, of Owosso. Source: The Past and Present Shiawassee County, Michigan; pg. 85.			
	Later reference to Lt. Col. Quackenbush of Fourteenth Infantry from Shiawassee county. Source: The Past and Present Shiawassee County, Michigan; pg. 66.			
Nov 11, 1862	Lt. Col. Source: Michigan in the War.			
Mar 25, 1863	Resigned and honorably discharged. Source: Michigan in the War.			
Feb 14, 1874	Charter granted in January to Owosso chapter No. 89 R.A. M; on February 17th, 1874 Myndert W. Quackenbush installed as H. P. Source: The Past and Present Shiawassee County, Michigan pg. 215.			

### John C. Rainey

Nov 20, 1847	John C. Rainey	Block 135	Lot 12	\$229
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Nov 20, 1847	John C. Rainey	Block 135	Lot 11	\$157
Nov 20, 1847	John C. Rainey	Block 144	L 1, 2, 3 & 4	\$69
		Block 66	Lot 6	\$54

### Leonard Rand

Block 114

1847-48 "On the south side of the block on which the Hudson House stands, was a log house, in which lived Leonard Rand from Eaton Rapids, once a partner of my father, in his store, and in which Mr. Rand died." 276 pg. 178.

1848 Paid personal property tax.

Aug 7, 1848 Leonard G. Rand Block 114 Lot 3 \$171

Mar 5, 1849 Petition for guardianship filed by Rachel P. Rand, widow of Leonard J. Rand who died intestate - without will. Leonard G. Rand is only heir (aged 1 1/2 months) of deceased Leonard J. Rand; minor is in Eaton Rapids. Land in Lansing, Orleans Township Ionia County and Fair Plain Township Montcalm County. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 310.

### William Harrison Ransdell

Mar 2, 1848 Daniel Lee and wife Sarah and John Thomas and wife Ann of Michigan (by Atty. C. P. Bush) and George W. Peck and wife Minerva of Michigan to William Harrison Ransdell of Plymouth, Wayne Cty.; land in village of Michigan. (18:P10)

Purchased for \$100 dollars Lot 13 of Block 174.

### Truman Rathburn

Block 41 Lot 12

May 1, 1848 James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee Cty. to Truman Rathburn of Lyon, Oakland Cty, land in town of Michigan. (18:P161)

Purchased for \$80 Lot 12 of Block 41.

### Josiah B. Redfield

Feb 28, 1848 Josiah B. Redfield Block 159 Lot 8 \$68

### Platt Reynolds

Oct 13, 1847      Platt Reynolds Block 123      Lot 4      \$ 20

1859      P. M. Platt listed as owning land in section 21 of Bunker Hill Township. Same individual?  
Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

### **Hugh Richards**

Nov 30, 1847      Hugh Richards      Block 130      Lot 5      \$121

### **Ludlow L. Richardson**

Mar 27, 1848      Ludlow L. Richardson B 138      Lot 5      \$78

### **William L. Rigby**

May 3, 1847      William T. Rigby purchased 40 acres on section 17 of Meridian Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

Nov 20, 1847      William L. Rigby      Block 135      Lot 8      \$117

### **Lydia A. Roberts**

Apr 22, 1836      **Biddle City**  
Jerry Ford of Jacksonburgh, Jackson, county, Michigan to Lydia A. Roberts of Detroit, Michigan; Land in Biddle City. (L1:P122 Ingham county)

Lot 2 of Block 22 (fronting on Church Square)

Jerry Ford to Lydia A. Roberts of Detroit, land in Ingham county for \$100.00. (L 3:P432 Jackson county)

### **William W. Rodgers**

Block 6      Lot Pt. 7

Sep 30, 1847      James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee Cty to James Videto of Spring Arbor, Jackson Cty. ; Land in Village of Michigan. (L7:P520)

Purchased for \$300: Included:

Lot 8 on Block 6

Pt 7 on Block 6 all except pt. contracted to William W. Rogers bounded from point on S line of lot 7 distance 4 rods from SE corner  
Thence N 80 feet

Thence W 40 feet  
Thence S 80 feet  
Thence E 40 feet.

Sep 21, 1849 William W. Rogers of Lansing died; had will, had lot in Lansing.  
Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 311.

### **Alvin Rolfe**

Oct 30, 1847 Nathan Rolfe sold land to Alvin Rolfe; land in Vevay Twp. Section 29 (L7:P481)

Purchased for \$250; 60 acres:

E 1/2 of NW fourth of section 29 beginning at quarter post on the N side of Section 29 and running W. 60 rods to Royals Dalfs? line  
Thence S running parallel with W line of section 29; 160 rods to Lewis Reynolds line  
Thence E 60 rods to stake and stone  
Thence N 160 rods to beginning.

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Same individual?

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### **Benjamin Rolfe**

Aug 15, 1836 Nathan Rolfe and wife Dorcas of Jacksonburgh, Jackson, County Michigan to Benjamin Rolfe of Jacksonburgh, Jackson, county, MI, land in Vevay Township, section 30.  
(LI:P93)

Dec 14, 1839 Pliny Rolfe to Vevay to Benjamin Rolfe of Vevay; land Section 29 of Vevay Twp. (L3:P265)

1840 In census listed as resident of Vevay Township.  
Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

1844 In census listed as resident of Vevay Township  
Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

Jul 3, 1841	Benjamin Rolfe and wife Rebecca of Vevay Twp. to Ormel W. Rolfe of Vevay; land in section 30 of Vevay Twp. (L4:P475)
<b>Nathan Rolfe</b>	
Jul 19, 1836	<p>Purchased 160 acres on section 29 of Vevay Township; same individual?</p> <p>Purchased 160 acres on section 30 of Meridian Township; same individual?</p> <p>Purchased 160 acres on section 32 of Meridian Township; same individual?</p> <p>Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.</p>
Aug 15, 1836	Nathan Rolfe and wife Dorcas of Jacksonburgh, Jackson, County Michigan to Pliny Rolfe of Jacksonburgh, Jackson, county, MI, land in Vevay Township, section 30. (L11:P92)
Aug 15, 1836	Nathan Rolfe and wife Dorcas of Jacksonburgh, Jackson, County Michigan to Benjamin Rolfe of Jacksonburgh, Jackson, county, MI, land in Vevay Township, section 30. (L1:P93)
Aug 15, 1836	Nathan Rolfe and wife Dorcas of Jacksonburgh, Jackson, County Michigan to Allen Hathaway of Jacksonburgh, Jackson, county, MI, land in Vevay Township, section 32. (L1:P94)
Aug 15, 1836	Nathan Rolfe and wife Dorcas of Jacksonburgh, Jackson, County Michigan to Griffin Coffin of Jacksonburgh, Jackson, county, MI, land in Vevay Township, section 30. (L1:P95)
Sep 20, 1936	Nathan Rolfe of Jacksonburgh, Jackson, County Michigan to Ira Hara of Jacksonburgh, Jackson, county, MI, land in Vevay Township, section 30. (P1:P106)
Sep 27, 1836	Nathan Rolfe of Jacksonburgh, Jackson, County Michigan to Allen Hathaway of Vevay, Ingham County land in Vevay Township, section 29. (L1:P108)
Sep 27, 1836	Allen Hathaway of Vevay, Ingham County to Dorcas Rolfe of Vevay, Ingham, county, MI, land in Vevay Township, section 29.
1840	In census listed as resident of Vevay Township, and born in Vt. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
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### **Orimel W. Rolfe**

Jul 3, 1841 Benjamin Rolfe and wife Rebecca of Vevay Twp. to Orimel W. Rolfe of Vevay; land in section 30 of Vevay Twp. (L4:P475)

1844 In census listed as resident of Vevay Township, and born in Vt.  
Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

1850 In census listed as resident of Aurelius Township, and born in Vt.  
Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

### **Pliny (Plinny) Rolfe**

Aug 15, 1836 Nathan Rolfe and wife Dorcas of Jacksonburgh, Jackson, County Michigan to Pliny Rolfe of Jacksonburgh, Jackson, county, MI, land in Vevay Township, section 30.  
(L11:P92)

Sep 26, 1836 Purchased 80 acres on section 29 of Vevay Township; same individual?  
Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

Oct 6, 1836 Pliny Rolfe of Jacksonburgh, Jackson, County, MI, to Ira Wolman Jr., of Genesee County, New York, land in Leslie Township, section 28.  
(LI:P113)

Dec 14, 1839 Pliny Rolfe to Vevay to Benjamin Rolfe of Vevay; land Section 29 of Vevay Twp. (L3:P265)

Dec 13, 1847 Pliny W. Rolfe and wife Lucinda of Leslie to Phebe C. Woodhouse; land in section 28 of Leslie Twp. (18:P487)

## **Rolfe**

In the autumn of 1854-October 18th- Mr. Hawley was married to Mrs. Rolfe, formerly Charlotte I. Chapin. She was born at Camillus, Onondaga County, N.Y., May 17, 18320. her girlhood was mostly passed in Livingston County, N.Y., whiter her father removed while she was a child. In the winter of 1842-43 she came with here bother, A. M. Chapin, to Vevay, Ingham county, Michigan and immediately began teaching in the Rolfe district. Oct. 30, 1844, she was married to Carlos Rolfe, of Vevay, who died Sept. 25, 1847, leaving one son, who died in childhood. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 316.

## **Nicholas Sagendorfh**

Oct 8, 1847	Nicholas Sagendorfh B 128 Lot 4	\$174
Nov. 30, 1854	Paid \$18.00 to J. C. Bailey for amount paid Sagendorfh, Darling, and others, grading for plank walk, and team work. pg. 24. Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.	
1859	Listed as owning land in section 20 of Williamstown Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.	

## **David Sanford**

Oct 4, 1848	David Sanford Block 161 Lot 1	\$41
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## **John H. Sanford**

Dec 9, 1847	John H. Sanford	Block 160	Lot 6	\$34
Mar 11, 1848	John H. Sanford	Block 161	Lot 3	\$22

1849	John H. Sanford came city; was evangelist of the Universalist church; brought small printing press. A 519.
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## **Charles L. Seeley**

### **Block 176 Lot 16**

Sep 29, 1848	Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva, Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura L. and George W. Peck all of Michigan to Charles L. Seeley of Plymouth, Wayne county, Michigan; Land in city of Lansing. (L12:P328)
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Purchased for \$100 Lot 16 of block 176.

## **Dr. Hulbert Bartow Shank**

No one was better known or more widely respected among the residents of this city than Dr. Shank, and few were more popular. his manners were genial and courteous, and he had many warm friends...In his character, Dr. Shank was peculiarly decisive, of undoubted integrity and rigid honesty.

Source: Obituary in April 24, 1889, The Lansing Journal.

May 31, 1820

Born in Springport, Cayuga county, New York.

Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 45. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114-115.

Source: Obituary in April 24, 1889, The Lansing Journal.

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Obtained early education at Auburn, New York.

Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 420.

1838

Taught school. Source: Obituary in April 24, 1889, Lansing Journal.

1841?

At age of 21 began medical studies under Dr. Wertz of Waterloo, New York. After completing 4 years medical courses at Geneva New York Medical College, came to Lansing.

Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 420.

Studied medicine in Geneva, New York, graduated from Geneva Medical School. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114-115.

?-1846

Studied medicine first at Cayuga, afterward at Waterloo, spending his winters at Geneva medical college, he graduated in 1846.

Source: Obituary in April 24, 1889, The Lansing Journal.

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Practiced short time at Aurelius, Cayuga County, New York.

Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114-115.

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He practiced ten years (?) at Aurelius, N.Y., when he moved to Michigan. Source: Obituary in April 24, 1889, The Lansing Journal.

Dec 20, 1847

Married Frances P. Johnson at Aurelius, N.Y.

Source: Obituary in April 24, 1889, The Lansing Journal.

1848

Married Francis P. Johnson, daughter of Dr. Daniel Johnson.

Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 420. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114-115.

Had five children:

Dr. Rush J. Shank, M.D., graduated State University in 1871, practiced with father. Charles - died in 1855. Ann

(Mrs. H. A. Farrand of Lansing), Robert B. and Edward H. Shank.

Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 421.

Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114-115. Source: Obituary in April 24, 1889, The Lansing Journal.

...Hulbert B. Shank, a pioneer who felled the trees where now the most important city streets are laid out and charred the ground by burning out the stumps and underbrush. His home was where his son, Dr. Shank, now lives, on Allegan Street between Washington and Capitol Avenues. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 441.

Sep 1848

Settled in Lansing. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 420. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 45. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114-115. Source: Obituary in April 24, 1889, The Lansing Journal.

Dr. David E. McClure, giving up active practice of medicine, gave Dr. Shank the benefit of his experience and assisted him into practice. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114-115.

Nov 11, 1848

Hulbert Shank Block 111 Lot 2 \$200

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Build house on Allegan Street between Washington and Capitol Avenues. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 441.

Dec 15, 1848

Son Rush J. Shank born in Lansing; became M. D. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album; pg. 441. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 420.

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First physician of State Reform School for boys. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114-115.

1849

Became member of Masonic lodge; held all office in; still member at time of death...was the first High Priest of Lansing chapter and is a Past Deputy Grand High Priest of the State. Source: Obituary in April 24, 1889, The Lansing Journal.

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he interested himself to a considerable extent and depleted his pecuniary resources in endeavoring to secure the first railroad through Lansing. Source: Obituary in April 24, 1889, The Lansing Journal.

Jan 23, 1857

Stockholders of Amboy, Lansing and Traverse Bay Railroad Company elected first directors on June 3, 1857, Hulbert B. Shank elected as director. Source: The Amboy, Lansing and Traverse Bay Railroad by Bruce W. Carlson, (Thesis - Central Michigan University)

- Oct 27, 1857 H. B. Shank charter member of Torrent Engine Co., No. 1.  
Source: J. P. Edmunds, LSJ 11-11-1921.
- 1857-1860 Dr. Ira Hawley Bartholomew in partnership with Dr. Shank.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 46.
- Feb 1859 Following elected officers and directors of Amboy, Lansing and Traverse Bay Railroad company: Alfred L. Williams president, Alvin N. Hart vice president, George C. Munroe treasurer William H. Brockway, Marvin Hannahs, Henry Smith, Walter W. Murphy, Henry A. Shaw, H. B. Shaw, George W. Peck, Geo. W. Bullock, John Gallanger and J. H. Lockwood directors; William P. Innis acting resident engineer agreed to construct road from Lansing to Owosso for \$650,000 payable one-half in stock and other half in bonds of company. Source: Memorial to Legislature; House Document No. 16 of 1965.
- 1859 Listed as physician and surgeon. Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- ? ...for a number of years, a member of the Board of Control of the State Reform School, and it was he who inaugurated the mild policy which now prevails in the management of that institution. Source: Obituary in April 24, 1889, The Lansing Journal.
- 1860 Elected to Michigan House of Representatives.  
Source: Obituary in April 24, 1889, The Lansing Journal.
- 1860 "Owing to his election to the Legislature, Dr. H. B. Shank found it necessary to resign his position, very much to our regret, as he has taken, ever since his appointment, a deep interest in all that concerned the welfare of the Institution, and much of the success of the management, and the present prosperity of the School, may be attributed to his efforts."  
Source: Report of the Board of Control of the State Reform School included in Twenty-Fourth Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction; pg. 118; Doc. No. 7. Joint Documents for 1860.
- 1860 H. B. Shank physician and surgeon, Allegan Street.  
Source: George W. Hawes' Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1860, pg. 226.
- 1861-62 Member of Michigan House of Representatives.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 45. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114-115.
- ? ...entered the military service during the second year of the Civil War, being commissioned by Governor Blair as Surgeon of the Eight Michigan Infantry. After one year in the field, he resigned to

- accept the appointment of (examine) surgeon of the Third Congressional District, his duties being to examine those who drafted into the army and who were residents of that district. he remained in this capacity until the close of the war, when he returned to Lansing and continued in practice until his death. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 420-421. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 45. Source: Obituary in April 24, 1889, The Lansing Journal.
- ? He was a charter member of Charles T. Foster post, G.A.R., and was very active toward effecting its organization. Source: Obituary in April 24, 1889, The Lansing Journal.
- May 9, 1867 The Charlotte Republican reported the Lansing House, built by Col. Baker, was been bought by Messrs. J. W. Longyear, H. B. Shank and H. Ingersoll and leased from them by Mr. Martin Hudson, proprietor of the American House. Source: The Charlotte Republican, May 9, 1867, captioned in Eaton county, Michigan newspapers, Vol. I 1845-1867, compiled and indexed by Joyce Marple Liepins.
- ? Dr. Shank acted with the Whig party until it became extinct. He was a member of the convention that organized the Republican party in Michigan and has voted with that party ever since. he was a delegate to the convention at Philadelphia that nominated John C. Fremont. Source: Obituary in April 24, 1889, The Lansing Journal.
- Nov 14, 1873 Purchased 40 acres on section 17 of White Oak Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- 1875 Became member of Pioneer and Historical Society. Source: Obituary in April 24, 1889, The Lansing Journal.
- 1879 Hubert B. Shank, physician, 56 Allegan. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1879, pg. 742.
- ? Member of State Medical Society and served as its president one term. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 38.
- Winter 88-89 Gave up practice of medicine. Source: Obituary in April 24, 1889, The Lansing Journal.
- Apr 23, 1889 Died. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 45.
- Buried at Mt. Hope. Source: Obituary in April 24, 1889, The Lansing Journal.

Belonged First Universalist Church. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114-115.

### **Garner P. Shaw**

Mar 4, 1848 John Thomas and wife Ann (by Atty. C. P. Bush), Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura (by Atty. C. P. Bush) and George W. Peck and C. P. Bush, and wife Minerva Peck, all of Michigan to Garner P. Shaw of Oakland Cty.; land in village of Michigan. (18:P201)

Purchased Lot 6 of Block 173 for \$130

### **James Shaw**

Block 67 Lot 4

1838-39 James Shaw and R. R. Richards held a series of meetings at Romeo. Interest and opposition were both aroused so the net result was 219 more Church members, the greatest gain on the entire Detroit District that year. One husband was so opposed to his wife's conversion at Romeo that he publicly threatened to horsewhip the preacher. But Mr. Richards calmly presented "the claim of the Gospel" to him and brought both husband and wife into the membership of the Methodist Church. pg. 134.  
Source: The Methodist Church in Michigan: The nineteenth Century by Margaret Burnham Macmillan.

Jun 10, 1847 James Shaw of Knox county, Ohio purchased 37.51 acres (land patent) in section 2 of Lansing township. Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

Summer 1847 In the summer of 1847, William Comfort, of the Lyons Circuit, came to Lansing and set up a church, although one already existed in what was to become the northern part of the city of Lansing. At the Annual conference of 1847, Francis Asbury Blades was appointed to Mapleton Circuit with the specific understanding that it included Lansing. The same year, Lansing became head of a District when Presiding Elder James Shaw fixed his residence there. pg. 175.  
Source: The Methodist Church in Michigan: The nineteenth Century by Margaret Burnham Macmillan.

Jun 10, 1847 James Shaw of Ohio, Knox county, purchased 37.51 acres on Section 2.

Oct 29, 1847 James Shaw Block 149 Lot 2 \$121

1847? Lansing situate between Lyons and Mapleton Circuits, called "four weeks' circuits. On Lyons Circuit the preachers were Rev. F. A. Blades, now of Detroit, and Rev. William C. Comfort...on Mapleton

Circuit were Rev. S. Bessey, now of Grand Rapids, and Rev. Orrin Whitmore, now of Grand Blane, Genesee County, Michigan.

The Grand River district, which covered the grand river Valley, and extend as far east as Flint and Pontiac, included these circuits. In 1846, Rev. Larmon Chatfield was presiding elder of the Grand River district, and resided at Portland, in Ionia county.

Rev. William C. Comfort continued to preach in Lansing until the meeting of the Annual Conference at Ypsilanti in September 1847, when Rev. James Shaw was appointed presiding elder of the district and located in Lansing. He officiated as chaplain to the State Senate in the session of 1848. Rev. F. A. Blades labored in Lansing from 1847 until the Annual Conference of 1848, when Rev. Ransom R. Richards was stationed there. Mr. Richards also officiated as chaplain to the Senate in 1849. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 168.

Mar 25, 1848	James Shaw	Block 67	Lot 4	\$150
1848	Paid \$135 personal property tax.			

**Hiram F. Sheldon**

Sep 20, 1847	Hiram F. Sheldon	Block 155	Lot 1	\$112
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**Emon Shippey**

Jun 28, 1847	Emon Shippey	Block 135	Lot 1	\$144
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**Mary B. Slover**

Nov 30, 1847	Mary B. Slover	Block 129	Lot 6	\$148
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**George I. Sly**

Nov 13, 1837	Biddle City Jerry Ford of Jacksonburgh, Jackson county, Michigan to George I. Sly of Jacksonburgh, Jackson county, Michigan; Land in Biddle City, Ingham county. (L1:P340 Ingham county)			
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Sold for \$20 Lot 2 & 3 of Block 45.

Jerry Ford to George J. Sly of Jackson land in Ingham county for \$20.00. (P6:L177 Jackson county)

Apr 12, 1838	George J. Sly of Grass Lake, Jackson Co. Michigan to Leonard Osgood of Grass Lake, Jackson, Co. Michigan; Land in Biddle City (L1:P491 Ingham county)			
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Lots 2 & 3 of Block 45



## **Charles Smith**

Block 21      Lot 1, 2 & 13

Aurelius Twp. family early settlers. of., A

- Apr 3, 1837      Charles Smith, Middlesex county, Mass. purchased 80 acres in section 10 of Eaton Rapids Township, Eaton county. Same Charles Smith?
- Dec 1, 1853      Charles Smith purchased 40 acres in section 31 of Eaton Township, Eaton County. Same Charles Smith?
- Jul 8, 1859      Mr. Charles Smith of Meridian married Miss Sarah Fletcher of Bath.
- May 9, 1868      Purchased 40 acres on section 31 of Meridian Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

## **Don Carlos Smith**

- Oct 6, 1837      H. H. Smith of Ing. Co. to Don Carlos Smith of Ing. Co.; land in Ingham Twp. section 28. (L1:P346 Ingham County)
- Oct 11, 1837      Don Carlos Smith of Ingham. Twp. to H.H. Smith of Ingham Twp. land in Sections 28 and 33 (L2:P29)

## **Hiram Horton Smith**

Block 12      Pt.

He was one of the projectors of the Jackson & Lansing Railroad, and with R. A. MacDonald, built the road to Saginaw.  
Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan; compiled by Colonel Charles V. DeLand; 1903: pg. 268.

- Dec 9, 1809      Born Malone, Franklin county, NY  
Source: St. Bio pg. 595. Source: Pioneer XXVIII, pg. 341.  
Source: DeLands' - Jackson County. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Saturday Evening Star, Jackson, Michigan, May 21, 1898. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Jackson Daily Citizen, Monday, May 16, 1898.
- 1814-5      Son of Oliver M. Smith. Source: Southeastern Michigan Pioneer Families compiled by Helen F. Lewis, 1998.
- 1814-5      Moved Brandon, VT; when H. H. 5 years old.  
Source: DeLands'- Jackson County

- Appx. 1819-1824 Lived with Grandfather (Judge Horton), from age 10 to 15; enjoyed excellent school privileges; 10-15 years  
Source: DeLands'- Jackson County
- 1820 Returned Malone; lived with grandfather - Judge Horton; student at Malone Academy for 5 years. Source: Pioneer XXVIII, pg. 341. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Jackson Daily Citizen, Monday, May 16, 1898.
- Appx. 1824 Grandfather died when 15; became self-sufficient.  
Source: DeLands'- Jackson County
- Appx. 1824-1829 5 years clerk at Castleton, VT; received \$36 dollars year and clothes.  
  
3 years clerk years clerk at Castleton.  
Source: DeLands'- Jackson County
- 1830-35 Merchant at Granville, NY; failed as merchant.  
Source: St. Bio pg. 595. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Jackson Daily Citizen, Monday, May 16, 1898.
- 1831 Moved to Jackson "and settled on farm six miles south of the city."  
Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan; compiled by Colonel Charles V. DeLand; 1903: pg. 268.
- 1831 Married Miss Frances Dean Dennison of Woodstock, Vermont. Had four sons and one daughter. One of sons Dwight S. Smith. Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan; compiled by Colonel Charles V. DeLand; 1903: pg. 338.  
  
Children: Henry H., Mrs. R. M. Newman and Dwight S. Smith, died November 1897. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Saturday Evening Star, Jackson, Michigan, May 21, 1898.
- Apr 1835 Moved Michigan, after few months settled in Summit, Jackson county; farmed for 2 years.  
"Mr. Smith's experience on his farm was a hard one. It was during one of the hardest of winters. Mr. Smith broke up some land and put it in wheat and spent his last dollar for the seed wheat. he husked corn and dug potatoes for Isaac Hutchins at fifty cents a day and took his pay in potatoes and pumpkins, which he lived on during the winter. During the severe winter his oxen both perished, and he skinned them, used the hide for shoes for himself and wife and picked the bones of meat to keep from starving. After two years he sold out to Dr. Peck a wealthy emigrant from New Hampshire, and with proceeds of the sale bought a section of land in Vevay, Ingham county, and removed there when there were but three houses in Mason. Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan; compiled by Colonel Charles V. DeLand; 1903: pg. 311.

- 1835 Came to Jackson, but after a year's sojourn he removed to Ingham county and became a farmer where he worked hard and endured the privations attendant upon farmers in those early days. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Saturday Evening Star, Jackson, Michigan, May 21, 1898.
- Jun 16, 1835 Enter land in what became Summit Township, Jackson, county. At time entered land he was living in Washtenaw county. Moved to land and in 1837 moved to Vevay, Ingham County. Source: Southeastern Michigan Pioneer Families compiled by Helen F. Lewis, 1998.
- Apr 4, 1836 At township meeting Hiram H. Smith and William R. DeLand each received 48 votes for justice of the peace. "The sun being then down, it was declared that no more votes could be polled upon that day...William R, DeLand was elected justice by "lot" on April 16. Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan; compiled by Colonel Charles V. DeLand; 1903: pg. 148.
- May 2, 1836 Special election held for justice of peace, Hiram H. Smith received 34 votes and DeLand 38. Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan; compiled by Colonel Charles V. DeLand; 1903: pg. 148.
- 1836 Farmer in Ingham county. Source: St. Bio pg. 595. Source: Pioneer XXVIII, pg. 341. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Jackson Daily Citizen, Monday, May 16, 1898.
- Oct 6, 1837 H. H. Smith of Ing. Co. to Don Carlos Smith of Ing. Co.; land in Ingham Twp. section 28. (L1:P346 Ingham County)
- Oct 11, 1837 Don Carlos Smith of Ingham. Twp. to H.H. Smith of Ingham Twp. land in Sections 28 and 33 (L2:P29)
- 1837 Moved Ingham county. Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan; compiled by Colonel Charles V. DeLand; 1903: pg. 337.
- 1838 Elected County Treasurer, first county treasurer. Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan; compiled by Colonel Charles V. DeLand; 1903: pg. 337. Source: St. Bio pg. 595. Source: Pioneer XXVIII, pg. 341. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 53. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 100. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Jackson Daily Citizen, Monday, May 16, 1898.
- Received \$14 for his services as treasurer. Source: Adams pg. 82.
- Dec 12, 1838 H.H. Smith and wife Frances D. to Minos McRobert of Mason; land in Mason. (L2:P186)

Feb 19, 1839	Hiram H. Smith and Wife Frances D. of Mason to Amaziah Winchell; land in Mason. (L2:P290)
Nov 12, 1839	First session of Circuit Court held in county; H. H. Smith appeared as grand juror. Source: The City of Mason, Its Past and Present Life 1838-1897, compiled by Roy C. Vandercook; pg. 9.
1839	H. H. Smith served as clerk pro tem of Ingham County. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan; Durant, 1880; pg. 106.
1839-1840	County Treasurer. Source: Adams pg. 167.
1840	In census listed as resident of Vevay Township and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
Feb 20, 1840	H. H. Smith of Mason to James Blain of Mason; land in Mason. (L3:P361)
Mar 31, 1840	Governor Woodbridge nominated "Hiram H. Smith, Silas Beebe, Jr., and John W. Burchard, to be notaries public for the county of Ingham; senate consented to by vote 16 to 0. Source: Executive Journal, Senate Journal 1840; pgs. 683 & 685.
May 29, 1840	H. H. Smith to John Rayner of Brutus, Cayuga Co. N.Y.; land section 9 of Vevay Twp. (L3:P462)
1841	County Clerk. Source: St. Bio pg. 595. Source: Pioneer XXVIII, pg. 341. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Jackson Daily Citizen, Monday, May 16, 1898.
1841	One of two representative for Ingham county. Source: Adams pg. 39.
Mar 7, 1842	Hiram H. Smith of Mason, to William Hammon of Mason; land in Mason. (L4:P361)
1842	Elected State Representative. Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan; compiled by Colonel Charles V. DeLand; 1903: pg. 337. Source: Adams pg. 39. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Saturday Evening Star, Jackson, Michigan, May 21, 1898. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Jackson Daily Citizen, Monday, May 16, 1898.
1843	Representative from Ingham County. Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan; compiled by Colonel Charles V. DeLand; 1903: pg. 337.

- 1843 James Turner and H. H. Smith were the merchant princes of Mason. Source: J. W. Longyear at 1873 Ingham County Pioneer Society meeting; Adams pg. 18.
- 1843 Smith painted the fence around the new court house for \$3.75. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan; Durant, 1880; pg. 107.
- 1844 Merchant at Mason.
- 1844 Listed as resident taxpayer of Mason. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 205.
- Oct 1844 At that time there were but two stores in mason, Turner's and Smith's, and these would now be called department stores, as they carried all sorts of commodities. Source: Mrs. Mary Miller Stillman, father A. R. Miller came Ingham county in Oct 1844; Adams pg. 779.
- Dec 28, 1845 H. H. Smith and wife Mary Jane of Ing. Co to Daniel L. Case of Mason; land in Mason. (18:P43)
- 1847 Moved to Lansing; built first flour mill erected; carried on milling business in connection with mercantile trade. Source: St. Bio pg. 595. Source: Pioneer XXVIII, pg. 341. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Saturday Evening Star, Jackson, Michigan, May 21, 1898. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Jackson Daily Citizen, Monday, May 16, 1898.
- An anecdote is told of the Hon. H. H. Smith on his arrival here in 1850? (1847) with the intention of becoming a resident of the capital. On selection a lot, he found the agent, no very great task in those days. Accompanying him to the desired location, he inquired the price of the lot. "Well," said the speculator, "the location is central, the ground high, and in five years it will be in the center of a large, flourishing town, and will double in value in that time," to all of which Mr. Smith assented. Again, asking the price the man said, "I don't care to sell, but should like to encourage immigration to this part of the town. The timber is well worth the price of the lot, and I will make it to you cheap, only \$450 a foot. Mr. Smith drew a long breath, his face assumed a lengthy shape and smiling faintly said, "I will take just six inches of the lot." Source: Mrs. E. R. Merrifield, in undated newspaper article, "Early Days In Lansing".
- Jan 1, 1847 Daniel L. Case and wife Mirinda and Hiram H. Smith and wife Mary Jane all of Vevay Twp. to Minos McRobert and John Coatsworth of Ing. Co; land in section 5 of Vevay Twp. (18:P128)

- Summer 1847 "During the summer several stores were started, one by H. H. Smith of Mason, one by James Turner, of Mason, and one by Crossman & Walker of Flint."  
Source: Mrs. C. M. Smith, daughter of Page; Adams pg. 16.
- Sep 30, 1847 James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee Cty to James Videto of Spring Arbor, Jackson Cty. and HH Smith; Land in Village of Michigan. (L7:P431)
- Purchased pt. Block 12 for \$500; part purchased:
- Begin stake standing N 14\* west 1 chain and 70 links distant from the NE corner of Seymour saw mill and S 28\* E two chains and 50 links distant from SE corner of Walker Turner & Co. furnace and running  
Thence W 132 feet to Grand River  
Thence S 60 (or 62?) feet hence E to a point south 30\* E from the stake  
Thence N 30\* W to the place of beginning.
- Had right to take from race on east side of lot water to propel 4 runs of flouring mill stones.
- Nov 29, 1847 James Videto and wife Lucinda of Spring Arbor, Jackson Cty to Hiram H. Smith of Lansing, Ingham Cty; land in village of Michigan. (L7:P522)
- Purchased undivided half for \$1,500 of following land:
- Lots 4, 5, 15, 16, 17 and Block I  
Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 on Block 4  
Lots 5, 6, 7, 18 & 19 on Block 5  
Lot 8 on Block 6  
Pt 7 on Block 6 all except pt. contracted to William W. Rogers bounded from point on S line of lot 7 distance 4 rods from SE corner  
Thence N 80 feet  
Thence W 40 feet  
Thence S 80 feet  
Thence E 40 feet.  
Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 on Block 7  
Lots 5 & 6 on Block 8  
Lots 2 & 3 on Block 15  
Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 on Block 16.  
Lots 1, 2 & 4 on Block 17  
Lots 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 on Block 18  
Lots 2, 3, 4 pt. 11 on Block 19.  
Pt. begin SE corner of Lot 11 running  
Thence W 4 chains  
Thence N 1 chain and 33 links

Thence E 4 chains  
 Thence S 1 chain and 33 links to begin.  
 Lot 6 on Block 20 except area contracted to Ambrose Crane in  
 SW corner bounded as follows:  
 Begin SE corner Lot 5 running  
 Thence E 1 chain and 33 links  
 Thence N 3 chains 3 links  
 Thence W 1 chain 93 links  
 Thence S 3 chains and 3 links to begin.  
 Lots 14, 15 & 16 on Block 21  
 Lots 7, 8, 9 & 10 on Block 22  
 Lots 7 & 8 on Block 24.  
 Lots 3, 7, 8 & 9 on Block 25  
 Lot 3 on Block 26  
 Two blocks of lots laid out by the Seymour on the east half of  
 Block 26 and on the NE part of B 27.

First block 'A' begins at point 5 rods W of the NW  
 corner of B 28 and running  
 thence S 24 rods  
 thence W 20 rods  
 thence N 24 rods  
 thence E. 20 rods to beginning.

Block 'B' begin at point 5 rods W of NW corner of  
 Block 37  
 Thence S 24 rods  
 Thence W 20 rods  
 Thence N 24 rods  
 Thence E 20 rods to begin.  
 Lots 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 on Block 27  
 Blocks 29  
 Lots 6 & 7 on Block 33  
 Block 36  
 Lots 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 on Block 41  
 Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 on Block 43  
 Blocks 48, 50, 54, 55 & 57.  
 SE quarter of SE quarter of section 18.

Nov 29, 1847

James Videto and wife Lucinda, Hiram H. Smith and wife Mary  
 Jane, of Spring Arbor, Jackson Cty and Lansing, Ingham Cty  
 respectively; land in village of Michigan (Grantee -- Ephraim B.  
 Danforth of Lansing, Ingham Cty (L7:P527)

Purchased Pt. Block 12 for \$450. Land purchased: Begin state  
 standing 14\* West 1 chain and 70 links distant from the NE corner  
 of James Seymour Saw Mill & S 28\* East 2 chains and 50 links  
 distant from SE corner of Walter Turner & Co. Furnace and  
 running  
 Thence W 132 feet to Grand River  
 Thence South 62 feet (? or 62)

Thence East to point South 30\* East from the stake  
Thence North 30\* west to beginning.

Also had water rights needed for 4 stone flour mill.

- 1847 He became a contractor and became well off. He was one of the projectors of the Jackson & Lansing Railroad, and, with R. A. MacDonald, built the road to Saginaw. Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan; compiled by Colonel Charles V. DeLand; 1903: pg. 268.
- 1847 "Smith Tooker built the first shanty in the city of Lansing. It was sixty feet long and crowded with people who slept on the ground inside and were very glad to get so good a shelter. I boarded with him and built smith & Case's store at North Lansing. This was the first frame raised in the city after the Capitol was located. The Seymour House was raised the next day. Source: J. P. Cowles at May 1873 Ingham County Pioneer Association meeting: Adams pg. 22.
- ? Among these early houses was one erected...on the west side of Washington avenue, between Kilborn and Maple streets by Hiram H. Smith. Source: The State Republican, April 14, 1909.
- Hiram H. Smith built his house at or near the southeast corner of North Washington Avenue and maple street. Dr. Nice has remodeled the house and lives there now. I can remember the old house as it was, the largest and finest house on North Washington Avenue, with its et-in port and four large wooden pillars facing the avenue. Mr. Cowles, who had worked for and been associated with Mr. Smith in business, built next the brick house on the square that bears his name. There seemed to be some rivalry between these men as each tried to build somewhat different or better than his neighbor or business associate, for while Hiram built his house of wood in the eastern or colonial style or architecture, Mortimer built of brick in the villa or southern style of architecture., also placed a copula on the roof of the main part with Hiram's roof was plain and unadorned.  
Source: The Cowles Property, Adams pg. 456.
- Jan I, 1848 Daniel L. Case and wife Mirinda, and H. H. Smith and wife Mary Jane to Ephraim B. Danforth of Ingham Twp.; land in Mason. (18:P409)
- Feb 21, 1848 James Videto and wife Lucinda of Spring Arbor, Jackson Cty. to Hiram H. Smith of Lansing Twp.; land in Town of Michigan (18:P11)
- Purchased \$20,000
- Undivided half of



Block 29, 36, 48, 50, 54, 55, 57,

Block 1            Lot 4, 5, 15, 16 & 17

Block 4            Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21,  
22,                23, 24, 25

Block 5            Lot 5, 6, 7, 18 & 19

Block 6            Lot 8 on Block 6

Pt 7 on Block 6 all except pt. contracted to William  
W. Rogers bounded from point on S line of lot 7  
distance 4 rods from SE corner

Thence N 80 feet

Thence W 40 feet

Thence S 80 feet

Thence E 40 feet.

Block 7            Lot 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6

Block 8            Lot 5 & 6

Block 15           Lot 2 & 3

Block 19           Lot 2, 3, 4, & part Lot 11 bounded

Begin SE corner of said lot 11 and running

Thence W 4 chains

Thence N 1 chain and 33 links

Thence E 4 chains

Thence S 1 chain and 33 links to place of  
beginning.

Block 20           Lot 6 on Block 20 except area contracted to  
Ambrose Crane in SW corner bounded as follows:

Begin SE corner Lot 5 running

Thence E 1 chain and 33 links

Thence N 3 chains 3 links

Thence W 1 chain 93 links

Thence S 3 chains and 3 links to begin.

Block 24           Lot 7 & 8

Block 25           Lot 3, 7, 8 & 9

Block 26           Lot 3

Block 26 and on the NE part of B 27.

First block 'A' begins at point 5 rods W of the NW  
corner of B 28 and running

thence S 24 rods

thence W 20 rods

thence N 24 rods

thence E. 20 rods to beginning.

Block 'B' begin at point 5 rods W of NW corner of  
Block 37

Thence S 24 rods

Thence W 20 rods

Thence N 24 rods

Thence E 20 rods to begin.

Block 27      Lot 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17  
 Block 33      Lot 6 & 7  
 Block 41      Lot 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12  
 Block 43      Lot 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10  
 Note: Blocks 45, 60 & 70 not included.  
 Same as L7:P522  
 E part Block 26; NE part Block 27

Oct 29, 1847

James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee Cty. to Hiram H. Smith, Ephraim B. Danforth of Mason and James Videto of Spring Arbor, Jackson Cty; land in town of Michigan. (18:P14)

Purchased part of Block 12 for \$35. Land purchased:

Being a strip of land on south side and adjoining a mill lot conveyed to parties (Smith/Videto) on Sep. 30, 1847 and extending East and West the whole length of lot and is 14 feet wide.

Another strip lying between the margin of the mill race and the two pieces of land above mentioned and extending the same distance North and South as lands conveyed to (Smith/Videto) to keep open road 12 feet wide running as near North and near the parallel with the foundation frame of the flouring mill now erecting and at the east end thereof (Smith/Videto) have right build over road.

Feb 21, 1848

HH Smith and wife Mary of town of Michigan to James Videto of Spring Arbor, Jackson county; for \$1,000.00 the undivided half part of SE quarter of the SE quarter of Section 8 of Lansing Twp. and:

Lot 5 of Block 1  
 Lot 6 & 17 of Block 4  
 Lot 19 of Block 5  
 Lot 1 of Block 7  
 Lot 6 of Block 8  
 Lot 4 of block 19  
 Lot 7, 8, 9 and 12 of Block 22  
 Lot 7 of Block 25  
 Lot 3 of Block 26  
 Lot 3 of Block 17; part of beginning  
 SE corner of said Lot 3 and running  
 Thence West 20 rods  
 Thence North 8 rods  
 Thence East 20 rods  
 Thence South 8 rods and known as South part of Block B.  
 Lot 3, 4, 5, and 6 of Block 29  
 Lot 11 of Block 41  
 Lots 9 & 10 of Block 43  
 Lots 5 and 9 of Block 54  
 Lot 1, 9 and 10 of Block 55

Lot 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Block 57 (18:P48)

Feb 22, 1848

James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee Cty. to Hiram H. Smith of Town of Michigan and Alvin V. Hart of Town and Cty. of Lapeer; land in town of Michigan. (18:P15)

Purchased for \$1,000

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 & 9 of Block 5

Lot 10 Block 1

Lots 12, 13, 14 & 15 of Block 16

Lot 10 in block 25

Lot 1 of Block 40

Lots 4, 5 & 6 of Block 24.

Lots 1 & 2 of Block 31.

Lot 6 of Block 41.

Lot 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 & 14 of Block 7

Lot 11, 12? & 13 of Block 1

Pt Block 27 bounded

A point on South line of Lot 14 in Block 27, distant 25 rods West of the SE corner thereof and running

Thence West 12 rods

Thence South 20 rods to the N line of Saginaw Street.

Thence East 12 rods

Thence North 20 rods to place of beginning

3/5 undivided to Smith

2/5 undivided to Hart

Feb 22, 1848

Hiram H. Smith and wife Mary Jane of Town of Michigan to James Seymour of Flushing, MI; for \$1,000.00; land in town of Michigan.

Lots 3, 23, 24, 25 of Block 4

Lots 2, 3, of Block 15

Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of Block 16

Lots 2 & 4 of Block 17

Lot 12, 15, 17, 18 of Block 18

Lot 11 of Block 19; part bounded as follows:

Beginning at the NE corner of Lot number 12 in said Block and running

Thence West four chains

Thence North one Chain, 33 links

Thence East 5 chains

Thence South 1 chain & 33 links to beginning.

Lot 6 of Block 20; part bounded as follows:

Begin at stake standing in the Se corner of Lot number 1 in said Block and running

Thence West 1 chain and 93 links to a stake

Thence South 1 chain and 50 links

Thence West 1 chair 93 links

Thence North 1 chain 50 links to beginning.

Lots 14, 15 & 16 of Block 21

Lots 7 & 8 of Block 24  
 Lot 3 of Block 25  
 Block 27; pieces of land in lots 11, 12, 13 and 14 of  
     Block 27 being all that part of said lots which lie East of the  
     east line of Pine Street continued from section 16 in the  
     present direct North.  
 Lots 3 & 12 of Block 41 (18:P20)

Mar 11, 1848

Hiram H. Smith and wife Mary Jane of Lansing, Ingham Cty. to  
 Alvin H. Hart of Lapeer Cty; land in village of Michigan. (18:P589)

Purchased for \$8,000 the  
 undivided 2/5 parts of the following lots

Block 1	Lot 4
Block 4	Lot 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 25
Block 5	Lot 5, 6, 7 & 18
Block 7	Lot 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6
Block 8	Lot 5
Block 18	Lot 12, 14, & 16.
Block 19	Lot 2 & 3
Block 20	Part of Lot 6 bounded as follows, beginning SW corner of lot number 4 and running Thence on S line of lot 4 Thence 1 chain and 93 links Thence South 1 chain and 50 links to the NE corner of Ambrose Crain lot Thence West on a ____line 1 chain and 93 links to the East line of lot number 5. Thence north on the east line of lot number 5 one chain and 50 links to the place of beginning.

Also another piece of Lot 6 bounded  
 Beginning on south line of said lot number six 1  
 chain and 93 links distant and East from the SW  
 corner thereof and running  
 Thence East to the SE corner of said lot 6  
 Thence north to a stake 1 chain and 50 links south  
 of the NE corner thereof  
 Thence west parallel with the South line to the NE  
 corner of Ambrose Crain lot  
 Thence South to the place of beginning

Block 25      Lot 8 & 9

One Block and 2/3 of one other block of lots as laid out by James  
 Seymour on the East part of Block 26 and on the NE part of Block  
 27

First block 'A' begins at point 5 rods W of the NW corner of  
 B 28 and running

thence S 16 rods  
thence W 20 rods  
thence N 16 rods  
thence E. 20 rods to beginning.

Block 'B' begin at point 5 rods W of NW corner of B 37  
Thence S 24 rods  
Thence W 20 rods  
Thence N 24 rods  
Thence E 20 rods to begin.

Block 27      Lot 11, 12, 13 & 14  
Block 29      Lot 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12.  
Block 33      Lot 6 & 7.  
Block 36      Entire block  
Block 41      Lot 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 & 10  
Block 43      Lot 5, 6, 7 & 8.  
Blocks 48 & 50.  
Block 54      Lot 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 10.  
Block 55      Lot 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.  
Block 57      Lot 1, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10.

Also, and undivided 1/2 part of Lot 8 in Block 6 and Lot 7 in Block 6 except a part thereof which was heretofore contracted by James Seymour to William Rogers.

Pt 7 on Block 6 all except pt. contracted to William W. Rogers bounded from point on S line of lot 7 distance 4 rods from SE corner  
Thence N 80 feet  
Thence W 40 feet  
Thence S 80 feet  
Thence E 40 feet.

Fall 1848

Hart-Smith and Danford Grist Mill with "three runs of stone" constructed. 15 pg. 24. First in Lansing - inferior. 29 pg. 8H.

"A company, consisting of Messrs. Case, Smith, Danforth, and Hart, who had previously purchased the water power, proceeded to build a grist mill; it was a large mill for those days, having three run of French burr stones, not a primitive affair, as has been stated in the 'History of the City of Lansing,' which says 'the stones were made of the native boulders.' The mill was built by Case and Smith, the other members of the firm not having removed to Lansing. The mill that now occupies the site is the third one, the other two having been burned." 64 - pg.? Note: North Lansing or Race Street.

1848

The earliest gristmill erected in Lansing was one built by A. N. Hart, E. B. Danforth, and H. H. Smith, on the ground now occupied by the Hart's Mills, in 1848. It was a primitive affair,

containing three or four runs of stone, probably made from boulders. Judge Danforth brought out the other partners and operated it for several years in his own name. Subsequently it became the property of B. E. Hart, and son of A. N. Hart. It was burned in the fire of 1866, and rebuilt on an extensive scale, soon after, by B. E. Hart, who put in ten runs of stone and added a plaster-mill. an extensive business was done until the great fire of 1877 again totally destroyed it. It was a second time rebuilt, in 1878k by Arthur N. Hart, another son of A. N. Hart, on a smaller scale, but in a very substantial and complete manner. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 133.

- Autumn 1848      “..a company, consisting of Messrs. Case, Smith, Danforth, and Hart, who had previously purchased the water power, proceeded to build a grist mill, it was a large mill for those days, having three run of French Burr stones, not a primitive affair, as has been stated in the “History of the City of Lansing,” which says “the stones were made of the native boulders.”” 279 pg. 419.
- 1848                Alvin N. Hart migrated to Lansing, born Cornwall, Conn. on Feb. 11, 1807; later built grist mill at 220 E. Maple; served as state senator, alderman from first ward from 1863-1874; state representative in 1870 one of projectors of Amboy, Lansing and Traverse Bay railroad; backer of Michigan Female College, and new capitol; died Aug 22, 1874. Source: Alvin N. Hart A Leader Here, Lansing State Journal, April 22, 1955.
- 1848                First gristmill erected contained 3 or 4 runs of stone, probably made from boulders. 25 pg. 133. "Old Pearl" or Christian Breisch Grist Mill built Turner & Franklin Street (Grand River) across from 1131 Race Street. 1 Note: See Fall 1848.
- 1848-9             People at once began the erection of better dwellings, generally small, single-story or two-story upright and one-story wing, frame, all of them painted white, that were painted at all. This was the general architecture for many years, with a few exceptions, notably three houses built in 1848 and 1849 ....one, that built by Hiram H. Smith, on the west side of Washington Avenue between Kilbourne and Maple Streets, now owned by Mrs. George W. Peck... Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 57.
- Feb 21, 1849      H. H. Smith and wife Mary Jane, and Daniel L. Case to Alvin N. Hart of Lapeer county; land in Lansing. (18: P592 & 594)
- Feb 21, 1849      Alvin N. Hart and wife Charlotte F. of Lapeer Co to Daniel L. Case and Hiram H. Smith of Ingham co.; land in Lansing. (18:P608)
- Apr 6, 1849        James Seymour of Flushing to Hiram H. Smith of Lansing; for \$162.00; Part of Lot 5 of Block 14 Beginning at NW corner of said lot number 5 and running Thence East 80 feet

	Thence South 28 feet Thence West 80 feet Thence North 28 feet; land in Lansing. (L9:P15)
May 7, 1849	James Seymour & Horatio Seymour to H. H. Smith, J. Turner and Charles Seymour (L11:P581)  Purchased for \$202.50 Lot I of block 33.
May 14, 1849	HH Smith and wife Mary Jane of Lansing, to James Seymour of Flushing; for \$100.00; Lot 4? of Block 54 in Michigan (Lansing). (L9:P106)
Jul 9, 1849	Hiram H. Smith and wife May Jane of Lansing to Peleg Pettey of Lansing; land in Lansing. (L9:P494)
Nov 30, 1849	Peleg Pettey and wife Ellen W. of Lansing to James Seymour of Flushing; for \$80.00; Lot 5 of Block 43? in Lansing. (L9:P495)
1850	In census listed as resident of Lansing Township, and born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
Mar 20, 1850	<b>Howell Plank Road</b> Howell Plank-Road Company chartered; incorporators James Seymour, Hiram H. Smith, Ephraim B. Danforth, George W. Lee, Frederick C. Whipple; authorized capital stock of \$60,000 in 2400 shares of \$25 dollars each. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan; Durant, 1880; pg. 95.
Spring 1850	"This caused the organization of another company which secured its incorporation in the spring of 1850, James Seymour, Hiram H. Smith, Ephraim B. Danforth, George W. Lee and Frederick C. Whipple were the commission to solicit sixty thousand dollars of stock. Their company was given the Grand River road from Lansing to Howell. They had raised enough to commence work by that fall and two years later, had the road completed. Source: <i>History of Howell</i> , pg. 80.
Sep 9, 1850	Luman K. Plimpton and wife Mary S. of Buffalo, NY to James Turner, Charles Seymour, HH Smith all of Lansing; land in Leroy Twp.; for \$1,009.00; Section 6. (L10:P152)  SE fractional quarter of section 6 (T3N, R2E)  SE quarter of section 31 (T4N, R2E); in all 265 acres.
1850	An anecdote is told of the Hon. H. H. Smith on his arrival here in 1850 with the intention of becoming a resident of the capital. On selection a lot, he found the agent, no very great task in those days. Accompanying him to the desired location, he inquired the

price of the lot. "Well," said the speculator, "the location is central, the ground high, and in five years it will be in the center of a large, flourishing town, and will double in value in that time," to all of which Mr. Smith assented. Again, asking the price the man said, "I don't care to sell, but should like to encourage immigration to this part of the town. The timber is well worth the price of the lot, and I will make it to you cheap, only \$450 a foot. Mr. Smith drew a long breath, his face assumed a lengthy shape and smiling faintly said, "I will take just six inches of the lot."

Source: Mrs. E. R. Merrifield, in undated newspaper article, "Early Days in Lansing".

- Mar 15, 1851 H. H. Smith and wife Mary Jane of Lansing to William S. Calkins of Lansing Twp.; land in Lansing. (L10:P64)
- Feb 19, 1851 James Videto and wife Lucinda of Spring Arbor to H. H. Smith; for \$100.00; Lot 11 in Block 41 in Lansing. (L10:P463)
- 1851-2 Engaged in building plank road from Lansing to Howell.  
Source: St. Bio pg. 595. Source: Pioneer XXVIII, pg. 341.  
Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Jackson Daily Citizen, Monday, May 16, 1898.
- 1852 Retired from active merchandising; dealt in real estate, erected extensive mills, etc. Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan; compiled by Colonel Charles V. DeLand; 1903: pg. 337.
- Nov 11, 1854 H. H. Smith and William Spencer, Assignee purchased 40 acres on section 16 of Locke Township; same individual?
- H. H. Smith, Frederick M. Cowles and Solomon Tuttle assignee purchased 40 acres on section 16 of Locke Township; same individual?
- H. H. Smith, Frederick m. Cowles and Michael Goit assignee purchased 40 acres on section 16 of Locke Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- 1856 Became Republican; had been Democrat.  
Source: St. Bio pg. 595. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Jackson Daily Citizen, Monday, May 16, 1898.
- 1856 Mr. Case had always been an active democrat until the bitter and bloody contest in Kansas between pro slavery and free state parties. The conduct of President Pierce toward the slave power forced Mr. Case to sever his relations with his party and in 1856 he fully identified himself with the Republican party and canvassed the state for Fremont and Dayton. During that exciting campaign, Mr. Case delivered an address to the democracy of Ingham county, giving the reason for his political change, which was



considered one of the most powerful and convincing political arguments of the time. It was signed by Mr. Case and 23 of his fellow democrats, amount whom were the late H. H. Smith, B. E. Hart, John R. Price, O. A. Jenison and John Tooker.

Source: Obituary of Daniel L. Case, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Friday evening, November 25, 1898.

Jan 24, 1857

Amboy, Lansing and Traverse Bay Railroad Company petition legislature for grant of lands in petition dated January 24, 1857; company to construct railroad from Amboy to Hillsdale and Lansing to point on or near Traverse Bay; company to build and finish portion of road that lies between Michigan Central Railroad and the Detroit and Milwaukee Railway within two years from the first day to July 1857, and construct whole road within 10 years; request railroad be northern portion of the great line of railroads which is intended to connect the city of Cincinnati with the Straits of Mackinac, generally denominated the Cincinnati and Mackinac Railroad.; petitions requested that Legislature give company the whole of said grant of lands made by act of Congress on said route; "petitions therefore respectfully pray that an act may be passed granting to the said "Amboy, Lansing and Traverse Bay Railroad Company" the lands lying within fifteen miles of the line of their proposed route, pursuant to the provision and subject to the conditions of said act of Congress.

Singed by directors including Hiram. H. Smith, Charles. Seymour, and James Turner.

Source: House Doc. No. 11 of Documents of House for biennial session of 1857.

1859

First Mayor of Lansing, one-year term.

Source: St. Bio pg. 595 & Durant. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Jackson Daily Citizen, Monday, May 16, 1898.

Feb 7, 1859

Jane Smith (Mary Jane Waldo) wife of H. H. Smith died; 3 surviving children.

Sep 1, 1859

Married Mrs. E. B. Danforth late husband of E. B. Danforth.

1859

Married Mrs. G. W. Forham, who died prior 1898- H. H. Smith's death. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Jackson Daily Citizen, Monday, May 16, 1898.

Feb 1859

Following elected officers and directors of Amboy, Lansing and Traverse Bay Railroad company: Alfred L. Williams president, Alvin N. Hart vice president, George C. Munroe treasurer William H. Brockway, Marvin Hannahs, Henry smith, Walter W. Murphy, Henry A. Shaw, H. B. Shaw, George W. Peck, Geo. W. Bullock, John Gallanger and J. H. Lockwood directors; William P. Innis acting resident engineer agreed to construct road from Lansing to Owosso for \$650,000 payable one-half in stock and other half in

bonds of company. Source: Memorial to Legislature; House Document No. 16 of 1965.

- 1859 Listed as owning land in section 21 of Lansing Township. Same individual?  
Listed as owning land in section 8, 15 and 35 of Lansing Township. Same individual?  
Listed as owning land in section 25 of Onondaga Township. Same individual?  
Listed as owning land in section 16 of Meridian Township. Same individual?  
Listed as owning land in section 21 of Marion Township, Livingston County. Same individual?  
Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- 1859 Listed as merchant of dry goods, groceries, etc. (Block 14 Lot 5)  
Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- 1863 In 1863 a company was formed for the purpose of building a railroad from Jackson to Saginaw, and Mr. Smith was elected managing director and vice president. Under his able supervision the road was successfully completed. Source: Pioneer XXVIII pg. 341. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Jackson Daily Citizen, Monday, May 16, 1898.
- ? Vice-Pres. and managing director of J.L. & S. R.R;  
Source: St. Bio pg. 595. Source: Pioneer XXVIII, pg. 341.  
  
"had supervision as chief executive man in building the road; managed its construction, etc."  
Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan; compiled by Colonel Charles V. DeLand; 1903: pg. 337.
- 1864 Moved Jackson  
Source: Pioneer XXVIII pg. 341. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Saturday Evening Star, Jackson, Michigan, May 21, 1898. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Jackson Daily Citizen, Monday, May 16, 1898.
- Aug 31, 1864 Elizabeth D. Foster wife of H. H. Smith died.
- 1866 Returned to Jackson. "...with his sons, Dwight s. and Henry, and the late s. B. Collins, engaged largely in manufacturing. Mr. Smith was a man of great energy and perseverance, and of excellent business judgment. to him and his sons the city (Jackson) is indebted for its street railway system and many other improvements. He lived to the age of eight-four years...

Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan; compiled by Colonel Charles V. DeLand; 1903: pg. 268.

- 1867-8 H.H. Smith, vice president of Second National Bank, corner of Washington and Michigan Avenue. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1867-8, pg. 277.
- 1868 Left Jackson, Lansing and Saginaw railroad to build Jackson & Ft. Wayne Railroad; with P. B. Loomis was principal movers and builders.
- 1868 In 1868 he aided largely in extending the line (Jackson & Ft. Wayne Railroad) from Jackson to Fort Wayne, Ind., a distance of 100 miles, and he was made its president. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Saturday Evening Star, Jackson, Michigan, May 21, 1898.
- 1868 ...he was instrumental, in projecting the road from Jackson to Fort Wayne, Ind., a distance of 100 miles, and was elected its first president. This road was finished in less than two years after the company was formed. Source: Pioneer XXVIII pg. 341. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Jackson Daily Citizen, Monday, May 16, 1898.
- 1868-Jan 71 Pres. of Fort Wayne & Jackson RR; road completed in fall of 1870. Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan; compiled by Colonel Charles V. DeLand; 1903: pg. 337.
- Jan 1871 President of Detroit, Lansing & Northern Railroad, with offices in Detroit; "built that road and then built the Detroit & Bay City road. Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan; compiled by Colonel Charles V. DeLand; 1903: pg. 337.
- In 1871 Mr. Smith was made president of the D. L. & N. R. R. and superintended the building of this road from Detroit to Howard City, a distance of 180 miles. He also built a branch road from Ionia to Stanton. Source: Pioneer XXVIII pg. 341. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Jackson Daily Citizen, Monday, May 16, 1898.
- 1871-72 Superintended the building of the D. L. & N. and the Detroit & Bay City RR. Source: St. Bio pg. 595
- 1871 President in 1871 of the Detroit, Lansing & Northern road and superintended its construction from Lansing to Howard City, 180 miles. He also built the Detroit & Bay City road, 108 miles, besides a branch road later from Ionia to Stanton. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Saturday Evening Star, Jackson, Michigan, May 21, 1898.
- 1872 ...he built the Detroit and Bay City railroad, extending 108 miles.

Source: Pioneer XXVIII pg. 341

- Fall 1873 Retired. Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan; compiled by Colonel Charles V. DeLand; 1903: pg. 338.
- ? President of Ingham County Savings Bank; large property interests. Source: St. Bio pg. 595
- Appx. 1898 Died. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.
- May 15, 1898 Died at home in Jackson at age 89. Source: Pioneer XXVIII, pg. 341. Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith, The Saturday Evening Star, Jackson, Michigan, May 21, 1898.

#### Marriages

Married four times:  
1st Miss Frances Denison of Rutland, VT  
2nd Mrs. Mary Jane Waldo of Williamston  
Had 3 children; Dwight S., Henry H. and Mrs. R. M. Newman of Jackson  
3rd Widow of Judge Danforth of Ann Arbor  
4th Widow of Dr. Gorham of Jackson  
Source: Obituary of Hiram Horton Smith the State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Monday, May 16, 1898.

#### Peter C. Smith

##### Block 174 Lot 12

- Jun 1, 1840 Peter Smith of Saratoga County, NY purchased 80 acres in section 35 of Sunfield township. Same Peter Smith?
- 1857 Ran bakery and restaurant on Washington between Allegan and Michigan. A 563.
- 1859 P. Smith listed as owning land in section 6 and 7 of Marion Township, Livingston County. Same individual?  
Listed as owning land in section 12 of Iosco Township, Livingston County. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- 1860 Peter C. Smith eating saloon, Washington Avenue.  
Source: George W. Hawes' Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1860, pg. 226.

#### Sanul D. Smith [Samuel]

Nov 13, 1848	Sanul D. Smith	Block 156	Lot 4	\$126
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## Whitney Smith

See Page.

Block 52      Lot 7

Son in law of Page.

"...principal millwright in "this part of the country for a number of years and did most of the work in his line about Lansing until his death..." Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 126.

Fall 1839      Methodism in Mason dates back to the fall of 1839, when a regular appointment was taken up and the first Methodist sermons was preached by a Brother Jackson, in the old schoolhouse. (The date should possibly be 1837. The members of the first class were Joab Page, Abigail Page, Whitney Smith, Cornelia Smith, Orcelia Pease, Emeline Lowe, Nancy McRobert, Zeruah Osborn. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 212.

May 1, 1847?      "The announcement was made the same afternoon. George Matthews, Smith Tooker, George Pease, Whitney Smith and myself were the first to arrive at the stake. The brush and some small trees were cut down with jack knives in order to clear a place to play ball, and we played until six o'clock that night." Source: J. P. Cowles at May 1873 Ingham County Pioneer Association meeting: Adams pg. 22.

Sep 7, 1866      Died at Mason. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 126.

## William Smith

Jan 21, 1837      William Smith of Jackson county purchased 89.43 acres in section 3 of Roxand Township, Eaton county.  
Same William Smith?

1840      William Smith listed in census listed as resident of Stockbridge Township. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

1844      William Smith listed in census listed as resident of Stockbridge Township. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

Dec 9, 1847      William Smith   Block 160      Lot 7 & 8      \$84

Jan 24, 1850	Purchased 160 acres on section 21 of Aurelius Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
Jun 21, 1852	William R. Smith purchased 40.27 acres on section 2 of Aurelius Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
Apr 1856	William Smith died; a German.
1859	W. C. Smith listed as owning land in section 2 of Hartland Township, Livingston County. Same individual? W. H. Smith listed as owning land in section 19 of Delhi; section 25 of White Oak Township of Ingham County; section 18 of Iosco Township and section 27 of Handy Township, Livingston County and. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

### **George W. Spencer**

Block 175      Lot 4

Sep 14, 1847	William H. Townsend and wife Sarah, Samuel P. Mead and George W. Peck to George W. Spencer of (?); land in village of Michigan (L7:P586)  Purchased Lot 4 on block 175 for \$125.
Oct 15, 1847	George W. Spencer and wife Sarah of Ingham Cty, to David Blain of same place; land in village of Michigan. (L7:P587)  Purchased Lot 4 of block 175 for \$91 cash and mortgage of \$93.75.
Oct 19, 1847	David Blain of Michigan to Siloam S. Carter of same place; land in village of Michigan (L7:P588)
Nov 1, 1847	James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee Cty to David Dresser of Michigan, Ingham Cty; land in village of Michigan. (L7:P590)  Purchased Lot 4 of Block 175; \$190 (Mortgage of G. W. Spencer)

### **William Sprague**

1848	"...in the summer of 1848 William Sprague had a school for a few months, with thirty or forty pupils, in a log house, a few rods east of Washington avenue, on Mains street. the school was supported in part by a subscription and partly by tuition." Source: Article in State Republican; undated clip in Lawler Collection.
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**Peter Suprey**

Block 51                      Lot 4

Feb 29, 1848                James Seymour of Flushing Genesee Cty. to Peter Suprey of Michigan, Ingham Cty.; land in town of Michigan (L9:P222)

Purchased for \$100 Lot 4 of Block 51.

**George W. Squier**

Dec 11, 1847                George W. Squier      Block 157      Lot 1                      \$90

**William Standish**

Sep 15, 1847                William Standish      Block 154      Lot 3 & 4                \$207

Oct 22, 1847                William Standish      Block 154      Lot 1 & 2                \$202

**Daniel H. Stanton**

Block 148      Lot 7

Block 177      Lot 3

Builder by Trade. Married Harriet White

Children, had eight:

Lewis H. Stanton - born 1835, oldest child.

? married George W. Bristol of Mason.

Source: Pioneer History of Ingham County - Adams; pg. 243

1839                      Came to state from Newark, N. J. Came overland - took four weeks. Mrs. Stanton's sister came with family; later married John Ferguson. Source: Pioneer History of Ingham County - Adams pg. 243

1840                      In census listed as resident of Delhi Township, born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

1841                      Family settled in Delhi, 1 mile east present Holt on 200 acres. Source: Pioneer History of Ingham County - Adams, pg. 243.

1841                      "When he (Lewis) was six years old, and the nearest neighbor lived a mile away, one day at night fall the boy was missing. How the news traveled so rapidly thorough the surrounding country seems a mystery to us to today, but they soon gathered from many miles around, bearing torches, bells and guns, for there were bears and wolves in the forest, and all realized the danger the child was in. Special anxiety was felt because only a few nights before bears had come to a neighboring homestead and carried off a couple of pigs from the pen. The searching party

organized and started in every direction to look for the lost child. The women had gathered as well as the men, and they waited with the grief-stricken mother in the log cabin, eagerly listening for the report of a gun, which was to be the signal when the boy was found, but not until about one o'clock in the morning did they hear this welcome sound. Little Lewis had wandered four miles from home and was so badly frightened by the darkness and the strange sounds of the forest that he had crawled into a hollow log, and though he heard the calls of the men he did not dare answer until he recognized his Uncle John Ferguson's voice." Source: Pioneer History of Ingham County - Adams; pgs. 244-5.

- 1844 In census listed as resident of Delhi Township, born in New York. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- 1847 "The father, Daniel Stanton, was a builder by trade and when the State Capital was located in the woods eight miles north of his clearing, he helped to build many of the first houses in Lansing." Source: Statement of Harriet Stanton Briston, 1916; Pioneer History of Ingham County - Adams pg. 244. (See 1841 Alaiedon Township).
- Apr 25, 1848 John Thomas and wife Ann of Michigan to Daniel H. Stanton of Town of Michigan; land in town of Michigan (18:P157)
- Purchased for \$120 Lot 3 of Block 177.
- Jun 15, 1848 Daniel Stanton and wife Harriet of Lansing, Ingham Cty. to Martin Montgomery of Darien, Genesee Cty, NY; land in village of Lansing (18:P158)
- Purchased for \$600 Lot 3 of Block 177.
- 1851 Son (Lewis H. Stanton) at age of 16 "employed in driving the stage coach and carrying the United States mail from Lansing to Marshall, which was then the only railroad station in that part of the State. Travel was slow, and it took one entire day to go and another to come, with Charlotte as a half-way station. Stops were also made at Eaton Rapids and Olivet. When there were no passengers the lad often made the trip on horseback. The trail lay through dense forest and over corduroy roads across swamps, and deer, bear and wolves were a common sight, and must have sometimes struck terror to the boy's heart. He soon found, however, that they would not attack a person unless molested. " Source: Pioneer History of Ingham County - Adams; pg. 245.
- 1859 Listed as owning land in section 24 of Delhi Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.



### **Edwin Stanton**

(Note confusion Daniel and Edwin)

- 1838                      Came to state. Source: Adams pg. 176
- Started first steam saw mill in Lansing. Source: Adams pg. 176.
- 1847                      Capitol construction worker -Helped clean the stumps from the State Capitol grounds. Source: Adams pg. 176.
- 1860                      Began running old Stanton mill in Mason "This was burned twice, before he gave up the business." Source: Adams pg. 176.
- 1863                      Lumber dealer in Mason.

### **Harrie H. Stanton**

Sep 13, 1848              Harrie H. Stanton              Block 150              Lot 21      \$108

### **Israel Stephens**

Jan 17, 1838              Nathaniel J. Brown of Chicago, Cook Co. Ill to Israel Stephens; land in section 1 & 12 of Vevay Twp. (L1:P472)  
Note: Can't read microfilm in Register of Deeds office.

### **John Steeples, Jr.**

Sep 2, 1847              John Steeples, Jr. Block 129 Lot 8              \$180  
Oct 6, 1848              John Steeples Jr.              Block 136              Lot 11      \$146

### **Harett Stoddard [Harriet]**

Sep 15, 1848              Harett Stoddard              Block 216              Lot 2              \$28

### **James Sturges**

Jun 23, 1847              James Sturges              Block 157              Lot 5              \$119

### **Fred Sweet**

Oct 27, 1857              Fred Sweet charter member of Torrent Engine Co., No. 1. Source: J. P. Edmunds, LSJ 11-11-1921.

### **Jonathan Sweet**

Nov 7, 1848              Jonathan Sweet              Block 100              Lot 8              \$200

### **Kneeland Sweet**

Block 156      Lot 5 & 6

operated "bowling-alley ...which was perhaps the first "gaming-house" in the town." Durant pg. 128.

Feb 9, 1848      Kneeland Sweet      Block 156      Lot 5 & 6      \$243

1848-9      People at once began the erection of better dwellings, generally small, single-story or two-story upright and one-story wing, frame, all of them painted white, that were painted at all. This was the general architecture for many years, with a few exceptions, notably three houses built in 1848 and 1849 and still standing. One is that on the northeast corner of Grand and St. Joseph Streets, built by a Mr. Sweet. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 57.

1859      K. Sweet listed as owning land in section 18 of Vevay Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

#### **William Sweet**

1847      Bowling alley by Sweet on east side of river "was perhaps the first "gaming-house" in the town." Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, of 128.

Jun 29, 1847      Applied for license to open groceries and victualing house; denied.

Jul 7, 1847      Applied for a license to keep a public house in the house he now occupies in the 'village and retail ardent spirits.; not granted for reason "that we have no evidence that he sustains a good moral character." Twp. Board composed Joab Page, Justus Gilkey and Isaac C. Page. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 198.

Apr 29, 1848      Licensed to retail ardent spirits and tavern-keep.; license \$6.75. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 198.

Same William Sweet?

Jul 4, 1854      Petition for guardianship filled by Warren G. Sweet, father of Maria M. Sweet aged 2 in Mason. Her mother is dead. Father in Mason. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 323.

?      Among these early houses was one erected at the northeast corner of Grand Ave and St. Joseph St. by Mr. Sweet. Source: The State Republican, April 14, 1909.

### **Geo Taylor**

Block 176      Lot 7

Died Onondaga Twp. 1888? A

- Dec 14, 1836      George W. Taylor purchased 160 acres in section 6 of Walton Township, Eaton county. Same George Taylor?
- Feb 22, 1835      George Taylor purchased 40 acres on section 9 of town 3 south, range 1 west of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck. Same George Taylor?
- Nov 3, 1855      George Taylor and Daniel Huntoon of Jackson county purchased 80 acres on section 16 of town 3 south, Range 1 west of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck. Same George Taylor?

### **Isaac L. Taylor**

- May 10, 1848      John Thomas and wife Ann by her attorney C. P. Bush; Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura by her attorney C. P. Bush; Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva and George W. Peck to Isaac L. Taylor of town of Michigan; for \$375.00;

Lot 4 of block 228 and Lots 2, 3 and 8 of Block 173. (L9:P186)

### **Isaac S. Taylor**

- Jun 27, 1848      Isaac S. Taylor      Block 187      Lot 6 & 10      \$33

### **James H. Taylor**

- Nov 2, 1836      James Taylor of Jackson county purchased 40 acres in section 24 of Hamlin Township, Eaton county. Same James Taylor?

- Jul 11, 1848      James H. Taylor      Block 247      Lot 2      \$75  
   Lot 3      \$75

- 1859      J. Taylor listed as owning land in section 23 of Alaiedon Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

### **Miss E. Teeter**

- Jan 11, 1850      Married G. R. Murray at Jackson.

### **Elson Teeter**

Block 120      Lot 7, 8 & 9

Apr 1847?

Came Lansing before platted. Carpenter worked on first capitol.

"Near his home on Washtenaw street, which was then practically a wilderness, there were living 14 families named Teeter, and that portion of the city was for many years called Teetertown.

"When he first came to Lansing, he secured from the government three lots of school lands and retained the land for more than 50 years by paying annually a few dollars interest." pg. 79.

Clear land where Lansing State Savings and City national banks stood.

Sep 2, 1847

Elson Teeter	Block 120	Lot 9	\$18
Ninson Teeter	Block 120	Lot 10	\$19

Oct 7, 1847

"In October, '47, my aunt, Mrs. Eckman, ...any myself (daughter of C. C. Darling), spent one week with my father and brother (father and 15 year old brother came Lansing in early spring of 1847) visiting the new capital, and boarding with Mr. Dearin, father of A. V. Dearin, yet living in the place. Mr. Dearin put up a building of boards nailed perpendicularly on or near the site of Clark & Co.'s carriage works, for the accommodation of the influx of people to the embryo city. It had a gabled roof, with just sufficient attic room for beds for the male members of the house. The ground floor was used for dinning and sitting rooms, with possibly the kitchen partitioned off from one end, though I am not certain, but all were together. The other end of the room was partitioned off with bed-quilts for two sleeping rooms. One of these contained two beds, separated only by a few inches of space, one occupied by my father and brother; and the other by my aunt and myself. Of course the gentlemen arose first, leaving us to arrange our toilet in the best manner possible with the conveniences at hand. The other rooms were occupied by the Dearin family.

"One long continuous board table, well filled with all attainable good things, and prepared by Mrs. Dearin and her two daughters, gave perfect satisfaction to a hungry crowd. Evening usually found this large and jolly family gathered here discussing the various topics of the day. One discussion in particular attracted my childish attention, form its very earnestness. Religion was the subject and all present paid close attention to the speakers, who were allowed ten minutes each. Captain Cowles and his brother, than a young man, then as now call 'Mort,' were among the speakers. While occupying this building Mr. Dearin erected the Capital Hotel, a three-story house, the nucleus of the Hudson House of today." 276 pg. 175.

"Mr. Teeter...occupied with his family a similar building to Mr. Dearin's, and only a few feet from it to the south and west. Mary, then a young girl (daughter of Mr. Teeter), and little 'Jimmy' Dearin, with his large yellow dog, Watch, were my playmates on this memorable and never-to-be-forgotten visit. Another pet of Mr. Dearin's while living in the hotel (hotel believe finished in 1848) , was a tame deer, called Fanny, who roamed at will, daily coming to our bakery door, taking the loved cracker from our hands. Mr. Teeter purchased the place, which he still (1897) cultivates to some extent, and raised the little board house that is yet standing, where many a gay evening was spent by the young people of that early day with his daughter, Charles S. Hunt was of the number." 276 pg. 176.

"At that time, it was seemingly a long distance and certainly a very rough road. Near Mr. Dearin's boarding house, down in a ravine between that and River street, but invisible from either, Dr. Burr and Wife, Mrs. Laura Burr....lived in a small but tidy board shanty at this time. here Mrs. Burr was teaching a few pupils, while building their future residence on River street, to which place they soon moved, the upper part affording ample room for the large number of pupils who attended her popular school in later years, myself among the number, all rapidly advancing under the able instruction. A few years ago this building was still standing, innocent of all modern improvements, with its large upper windows of 7x9 glass." 276 pg. 176.

Elson Teeter came Lansing in 1847 before Capital city platted and "was one of the carpenters who worked on the first capital building erected in Lansing. Mr. Teeter was engaged in gardening during his long life when able to work, and it was he who performed the work of clearing the underbrush from the corners where the Lansing State Savings and City national Banks now stand. near this home on Washtenaw street, which was then practically a wilderness, there were living 14 families named Teeter, and that portion of the city was for many years called Teetertown. When he first came to Lansing, he secured from the government three lots of school lands and retained the land for more than 50m years by paying annually a few dollars interest." Source: Pioneer XXIX pg. 79.

Jan 13, 1848	Elson Teter	Block 120	Lot 7 & 8	\$41
1848	Wife (Mary) died; married Ithaca, NY in 1833. One child by first wife - Mary - later Mary Case			
1862	Married brothers' widow, Mrs. Elenor Teeter. One child by second wife - Kimball Teeter.			
Jan 3, 1899	Died; survived by Anson Teeter of New Baltimore, MI;			

Vinson Teeter of Nashville, Tenn.; sister Sophrona Baker of Jackson County, MI.

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#### **Jerome Teeter**

1847 Jerome Teeter built small house on Washtenaw between Pine and Sycamore Street. 120 pg. 66.

#### **Lewis Teeter**

Oct 22, 1847 Lewis Teeter Block 123 Lot 12 \$22

#### **Moses Teeter**

Feb 24, 1848 Moses Teeter Block 120 Lot 11 \$20

#### **Rachel Teeter**

Feb 24, 1848 Rachel Teeter Block 120 Lot 12 \$24

#### **James B. Terry**

May 4, 1848 James B. Terry Block 138 Lot 3 \$96

**Lewis Teter**

Mar 22, 1848	Lewis Teter	Block 121	Lot I	\$28
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**Ninson Teter**

Sep 2, 1847	Elson Teter	Block 120	Lot 9	\$18
	Ninson Teter	Block 120	Lot 10	\$19

**Vinson Teter**

Jun 3, 1848	Vinson Teter	Block 106	Lot 3 & 4	\$49
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**Ann Thomas**

Feb 18, 1848	Ann Thomas of Farmington, Oakland Cty., grants power of Attorney to Charles P. Bush of Michigan, Ingham Cty. (L7:P631)			
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**John Thomas**

John Thomas (Bush & Thomas)

...was a man of strong personality, kind and hospitable in manner and made friends readily, and became quite prominent and successful...

...his strength of character, his honorable conduct and his fidelity to manly principles made him one of the representative and valued citizens. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 506.

He was and old time Democrat. Source: Cowles pg. 342.

Daughter Sarah (Mrs. E. R. Merrifield)

1802	Born Allegheny, Pa. Source: St. Bio. pg. 634 Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 342.
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Family later moved Penn Yan, NY. Source: St. Bio. pg. 634

1810	Born, son of Griffith Thomas; a farmer. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 506.
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1830?	When a young man he went to Yates county, New York, where he found employment as a clerk in a dry goods store owned by a Mr. Eben Smith. Being ambitious and showing a marked capability for the business, he was eventually taken into partnership with Mr. Smith, and there remained for six years. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 506.
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- ? Married Miss Ann Lawrence, daughter of Samuel Lawrence of Yates county, N. Y.; had 10 children.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 506.
- 1825 Orville Goss purchased land NW quarter of section 18 of Southfield township; later sold to John Thomas.  
Source: History of Oakland County, L. H. Everts & Co. 1877; pg. 268  
If same John Thomas, was John Thomas of Oxford township at same time; died in 1875.
- 1829 George W. Cook purchased land on section 22 of Southfield township, Oakland; later sold to John Thomas. Source: History of Oakland County, L. H. Everts & Co. 1877; pg. 268  
? If same John Thomas, was John Thomas of Oxford township at same time; died in 1875.
- 1832 Daughter Sarah Thomas born. Source: Adams pg. 529.
- Jan 31, 1834 Purchased 80 acres on section 36 of Southfield Township, Oakland county.
- 1835 Moved Farmington, MI. Source: St. Bio. pg. 634  
  
With partner Daniel S. Lee had large mercantile business.  
Source: St. Bio. pg. 634
- Feb 11, 1836 John S. Thomas purchased 182 acres in section 12 of Hamlin Township, Eaton county. Same John Thomas?
- 1836 Moved to Michigan and settled 20 miles west of Detroit in Oakland county. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 506.
- Sep 23, 1836 Land entry on section 4 of Tyrone Twp. Livingston, County.  
Source: History of Livingston Cty, pg. 391.
- Mar 17, 1837 PA provided for a state road from Farmington city in Oakland county running by head of Walled Lake to Byron in Shiawassee county, one of three commissioners appointed was John Thomas.  
Source: History of Livingston Cty, pg. 52.
- Summer 1837 John Thomas and Benjamin Page built Presbyterian church in Troy Corners for \$2,000. Source: History of Oakland County, L. H. Everts & Co. 1877; pg. 293  
If same John Thomas, was John Thomas of Oxford township at same time; died in 1875.
- Oct 3, 1837 Lee & Thomas purchased 160 acres in section 16 of Farmington Township of Oakland County.



- ? John Thomas and Daniel S. Lee were early merchants of Farmington. Source: History of Oakland County, L. H. Everts & Co. 1877; pg. 154
- 1842 Kept small store on section 13 of Brandon Twp., Oakland county. Source: History of Oakland County, L. H. Everts & Co. 1877; pg. 154
- Appx. 1844 Closed store in Brandon Twp. Source: History of Oakland County, L. H. Everts & Co. 1877; pg. 154
- 1846 Representative from Oakland county. Source: St. Bio. pg. 634; Journal of the House for 1846.
- Apr 1847 While visiting patients in Livingston county, in April of that year, he met three men who afterwards became prominent citizens of Lansing, --Messrs. Bush, Thomas, and Peck. these gentlemen were then busily interesting themselves in lands at the new capital, and persuaded Dr. Jeffries to accompany them to the place, which he did. The spring was late, the steams had overflowed, and ice was everywhere. The roads were nearly impassable, and in one place they got the single wagon which they had along with them into a swampy place and were obliged to take off the horse and pull it out backwards. They came by the old Territorial road. At the crossing of the Cedar River they were delayed for some time. finally a part of the company went back, and the doctor, together with Bush and Thomas, took turns in riding the saddlehorse to Lansing, adopting the old method of "riding and tying." When they arrived at North Lansing the dwelling of Deacon Page, who usually kept travelers, was full, and they were obliged to proceed to the house of Justus Gilkey, nearly two miles farther down the river, to find accommodations. The doctor remained a few days, went over the ground where the new Capitol now stands, and examined the lands to the south of section 16. he remembers seeing wolf tracks near where the Capitol now stands.
- The doctor soon returned to his home in Dexter. Messrs. Bush, Thomas and Peck were anxious to get him to settle in the new town, and as an inducement offered him lots on the corner south of where the Everett House now stands. the offer being a good one, the doctor concluded to accept it and make Lansing his home, and accordingly, in May, 1847, he came back and commenced to build 'his house, which forms the main portion of the one ...he complete it and removed his family to Lansing in the fall of the same year. He continued in practice from that date until 1850, when he returned to Washtenaw county to take charge of the farm of his father, who had died in 1849." Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 120-1.

He remained on the old place until 1861, when he returned to Lansing, principally for the purpose of having his daughter attend the school for young ladies then recently opened by Miss Rogers. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 49. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 120.

1847

With Charles P. Bush and Daniel S. Lee purchased tract of land south of school section and opened store; sold goods at store for until 1852. Source: St. Bio. pg. 634

#### Bush & Thomas

This corner (Main & Cedar), remote as it now is from the principal commercial centers of Lansing, was a natural location for a central store. Cedar Street was the only road from the south over which the earliest travelers entering the county by way of Stockbridge or from Jackson and Eaton Rapids could get to Lansing. Main street was a through road across the city connecting the Grand River Road with the state road to the southwest. Continuing from Cedar Street, Main street ran east in a straight line a mile and half to where it evidently struck the old Indian trail along the north bank of the Cedar River, and from the east line of Section 21 - at the present (1933) location of the viaduct over the M.C. R. R. - it was designated as the Okemah road. Its course ran parallel with the Cedar River entering the college grounds at the west entrance, following the river to near the gymnasium where it took a northeasterly course crossing the town line near Abbot Hall and joining Grand River Road about opposite M.A. C. Avenue. The road was never more than an Indian trail cleared and widened for wagon traffic. After Michigan Avenue was established a few months later, Okemah Road generally fell into disuse like many others of the wilderness roads. Source: History of The City of East Lansing, by James D. Towar, 1933; pg. 28.

1847

Established first dry goods store in capital city, on east side of river; sold goods for 6 years. Source: St. Bio. pg. 634  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 506 and 342.

In the spring of 1847 a new real-estate firm-Bush, Thomas & Lee--came to Lansing, where they purchased a large amount of land, and Bush and Thomas erected a store and opened an extensive stock of goods. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 128.

Sep 1, 1847

"Among the many pupils who attended Mrs. Burr's school, were find in the families mentioned, Mr. Dearin's two boys, Henry and Matthew, Isaac, Charlie and Elbert Bush, brothers of Mrs. Hinmann, John being a messenger boy in the legislature; Amelia Hunt, James Thomas, Two Clapsaddle boys. The younger one fell into the river and was rescued by his older brother; one Quackenbush boy, Lucy Long, David and Nancy Goucher, Anna Jeffries, Mary Berry, later known as Mrs. H. D. Pugh, whose father

at the time was proprietor of the original Lansing House; Hattie Edgar, whose father built the first structure of the Commercial House, and Delia Ward, afterwards Mrs. F. M. Cowles." 276 pg. 178.

Sep 24, 1847

Samuel P. Mead and wife Elizabeth of Michigan to John Thomas of Farmington, Oakland Cty, MI; land in Lansing Twp. Section 21 (L7:P518)

Purchased 1/3 interest in their 1/3 interest of section 21 for \$800.

Dec 17, 1847

William H. Townsend and wife Sarah of New York City to Daniel E. Lee and Charles P. Bush and John Thomas; land in Lansing Twp. Section 21 (L7:P620)

Purchased for \$9,000.

NW fractional quarter

NE fractional quarter of section 21 (301 & 91/100 acres)

exception conveyance made by William H. Townsend, Mead & Peck bearing date the 5th of May and recorded liber 1 page 300 & 301 and reserving and excepting such lots in the town of Michigan as have been heretofore conveyed to other persons or parties by the said parties of the first part (Townsend) or either of them...and further reserving and excepting

Blocks 166, 169, 178, 181, 183, 184, 187, 189, 192, 193, 194, 199, 202, 209, 211, 216, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225 conveyed to state

convey to the parties of the second part the exclusive right and privilege of raising and forever keeping up and maintaining the waters of Grand River on and through section 20 in said Twp. 4 North range 2 west to and at such height as they deem necessary or convenient for hydraulic or milling purposes but so as not to raise the same above the bank on the west line of said section 20 and also further exclusive privilege of building, keeping up and maintaining forever a dam across Grand River on said section 20 at such point or place as may be deem necessary or convenient raising or keeping up the water of Grand River at or below the height above and limited and no higher and

also the right and exclusive privilege of digging or otherwise constructing, keeping in repair and maintain forever a canal or race through such portions of said section 20 as they deem necessary or convent of such depth and width as may be necessary for the full and perfect use and enjoyment of the water power hereby conveyed either by itself or in connection with the water power on section 21 of said Twp. with the right and full power and authority to enter upon said section 20 and

\_\_\_Thereupon whenever and as long as it shall at any time be necessary for the construction repair or maintenance of said dam

aces, canal and their appurtenances and the right to take and use for the purpose of building and keeping in repair said dam all earth gravel and stone from the banks of said river and from the line of said canal and also such timber now standing within two rods of the center of said canal and also such earth gravel or stone adjoining the rim of said race or canal for the repair of the same whenever such repair may be necessary.

and the said parties of the first part do hereby sell assign transfer and set over unto the said parties of the second part all and singular their right title and interest of in and to all monies bills, bonds, notes, mortgages and contracts which have been received for or on account of sales of lots in the Town of Michigan and in and all property goods and chattels? arising from such sales and belonging to the said Townsends. Together with all and singular the \_\_\_\_and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in ...

Feb 18, 1848

Ann Thomas of Farmington, Oakland Cty., grants power of Attorney to Charles P. Bush of Michigan, Ingham Cty.

Mar 2, 1848

Daniel Lee and wife Sarah and John Thomas and wife Ann of Michigan (by Atty. C. P. Bush) and George W. Peck and wife Minerva of Michigan to William Harrison Ransdell of Plymouth, Wayne Cty.; land in village of Michigan. (18:P10)

Purchased for \$100 dollars Lot 13 of Block 174.

Mar 4, 1848

John Thomas and wife Ann (by Atty. C. P. Bush), Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura (by Atty. C. P. Bush) and George W. Peck and C. P. Bush, and wife Minerva Peck, all of Michigan to Garner P. Shaw of Oakland Cty.; land in village of Michigan. (18:P201)

Purchased Lot 6 of Block 173 for \$130.

Mar 4, 1848

John Thomas and wife Ann to Peter S. Weller and Augustus Weller; land in town of Michigan. (18:P53)

Purchased for \$50 the North half of Lot 2 of block 227 excepting and reserving right to control water.

Mar 31, 1848

Public Act 161 authorized Daniel S. Lee, Charles P. Bush and John Thomas to erect and maintain a dam, not exceeding 8 feet in height above the common low water mark, across the Grand River on sections 20 and 21 in township four north or range two west.

Owners to construct good and convenient lock, at least eight feet long and eighteen feet wide, for the passage of all boats, barges, rafts or other water craft that may navigate river, and shall be constructed as to receive such boats and other craft in slack water of sufficient depth below said dam, and pass them to slack water of sufficient depth above said dam for all purposes of the

navigation of river at all times, whenever the circuit or county court shall order the same to be done, upon good cause. At the time of the construction of the dame there shall be construct therein or thereat a convenient shut or slide for the passage of all craft navigating the river. Its duty of owner at all times to keep the lock in repair and to pass any water craft through the dam, free of tools and without unnecessary delay.

Source: Public Act 161 of 1848, approved March 31, 1848.

- Apr 25, 1848      John Thomas and wife Ann of Michigan to Daniel H. Stanton of Town of Michigan; land in town of Michigan (18:P157)
- Purchased for \$120 Lot 3 of Block 177.
- May 4, 1848      John Thomas and wife Ann (by Atty. Charles P. Bush) Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura R. (by same Atty) and George W. Peck and wife Minerva (by same Atty.) all of Michigan to George Haskell of Ohio; land in town of Michigan (18:P145)
- Purchased for \$40 Lot 2 of Block 176.
- \*May 10, 1848      John Thomas and wife Ann by her attorney C. P. Bush; Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura by her attorney C. P. Bush; Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva and George W. Peck to Isaac L. Taylor of town of Michigan; for \$375.00;
- Lot 4 of block 228 and Lots 2, 3 and 8 of Block 173. (L9:P186)
- Jul 15, 1848      John Thomas and wife Ann (by Atty. C. P. Bush, Daniel Lee and wife Laura (by same Atty) George W. Peck and wife Minerva (by same atty) to Jerome E. Eaton and John S. Hurd; land in village of Lansing. (18:P242)
- Purchased for \$150 Lots 7, 8, 9, 10 of Block 218.
- Aug 5, 1848      John Thomas and wife Ann (by her Atty. C. P. Bush) to Margaret Mooney of Lansing, Ingham Cty.; land in village of Lansing. (18:P217)
- Purchased for \$100 Lot 5 of Block 175.
- Nov 4, 1848      John Thomas and wife Ann; Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura L. (by her attorney C. P. Bush), George W. Peck and Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva all of Michigan to Peter J. Weller and Augustus F. Weller of Lansing, Ingham county, Michigan; Land in Village of Lansing. (L9:P458)
- Purchased for \$130 Lot 4 of Block 177.
- 1848              Bush sold interest in store to Thomas.

Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 128.

Jan 8, 1849

Silver (State Land Commissioner) to C. P. Bush, Lee & Thomas (L9:P274)

Assignees of Townsends by virtue of Joint Resolution of April 3, 1848 for just compensation "to flow certain land therein described and whereas said parties of the second part have become and now are the assignees of all the aforesaid rights of said Townsend under said resolution and whereas the sum of o dollar as deemed by said party of the first part a full and adequate compensation of the privileges herein after granted, Now therefore the said parties of the first part on behalf of the State of Michigan by virtue of...give and grant...the right and privilege to flow or overflow by raising the waters in the Grand or Cedar Rivers of either of them the whole of any portion of the following described parcels or tracts of land to wit:

Blocks 194, 216, 225.

Mar 7, 1849

Daniel S. Lee and Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva, John Thomas and wife Ann of Lansing and Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura L. of Brighton to James Seymour of Flushing; for \$2,000\*; "the right and privilege of raising and keeping up the water of the mill pond created by the said Seymour's dam on the Grand River in section 9 as far ....high through section 21 in T4N,R2W in said town of Lansing and flowing as much land in said section 21 as the present dam with an additional raising of 4 inch plank will raise it": land in section 21. (18:P616)

\*Note: from microfilm look like '2' but could be '5'.

Mar 7, 1849

James Seymour to C. P. Bush, Thomas, Lee; land in Section 21 (L9:P272)

Purchased for \$2,000 the SW fractional quarter of Section 21; 130 acres

"together with the water rights and privileges appertaining to the same excepting and reserving the right and privilege of setting back unto the land ready covered its water of said Seymour mill pond as far and as high as his present dam across Grand River on section 9 with an addition covering of four inch planks will raise it

1849

Lansing Township paid John Thomas \$6.50 "for work done on flood-wood above Cedar bridge and Grand River bridge."  
Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 199.

- Sep 10, 1850 George I. Parsons (Master in Chancery of MI) to John Thomas of Lansing; land in town of Michigan. (L10:P162)
- Dec 10, 1851 Daughter Sarah married E. R. Merrifield.  
Source: Cowles pg. 341. Source: Adams pg. 533.
- 1852 Returned to Farmington. Source: St. Bio. pg. 634
- Fall 1853 Daughter - Ann married Frank D. Weller in fall of 1853  
Frank D. Weller son of Augustus F. Weller and Ann  
Augustus came Capitol commissioners in 1847. 117 pg. 340.
- Dec 6, 1853 Purchased 80 acres in section 31 of Southfield Township of Oakland County.
- Dec 12, 1853 Land entry on section 6 of Handy Twp. Livingston County.  
Source: History of Livingston Cty, pg. 233.
- 1859 Baptist church of Farmington purchased from John Thomas, for \$96 a lot one hundred by one hundred and fifty feet on which to build new church. Source: History of Oakland County, L. H. Everts & Co. 1877; pg. 154
- 1859 E. R. Merrifield "Became identified with John T. Thomas and A. F. Weller in the dry goods business, under the firm name of Thomas and Co. he was identified in this concern for fourteen years and then disposed of his interest. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 341.
- Mar 18, 1863 Died. Source: St. Bio. pg. 634
- Mar 19, 1863 Died. Source: Past and Present, Cowles pg. 342.
- Died at the Hudson House. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 506.
- Sep 17, 1863 Mortgage sale - Mortgager, Thomas Britton of Lansing, to Mortgagee, John Thomas, Edwin R. Merrifield and Augustus F. Weller of the same. Liber M, p. 197. Assigned by the latter three to Conrad Miller. Liber M, p. 459. Source: The Republican (Charlotte), captioned in Eaton county, Michigan newspapers, Vol. I 1845-1867, compiled and indexed by Joyce Marple Liepins.

Block 171

Benton House (Everett)

NW Corner S. Washington & W. Main

1847 During the summer the Benton House was built by Bush and Thomas. At the same time this firm built a small store on the east

side of the river, a bridge being thrown across from Main Street.  
287 - pg. 177.

1848  
May 18, 1849  
Opened.  
Managed by William Hinman, former clerk for Bush & Thomas;  
managed for 10 years; purchased and sold to Mr. Parkard who  
renamed Everett House. Source: Port. Ing. & Liv Cty, Chapman,  
Bros, 1891 pg. 362.

1857  
1861?  
Re-opened.  
After Lansing House burned Martin Hudson became proprietor  
until appx. 1863 when went to Eagle. 117 pg. 515.

1867  
1870  
Closed after Lansing House opened  
Opened as Everett House  
Degenerated into boarding house

1874  
1902  
Listed in atlas as Everett House  
Everett torn down.

1849  
"My, how pa and Mr. Bush did drive to get this tavern ready for the  
opening of the Legislature--everyone said they couldn't do it, but  
they did." continued Sarah in the way of safe conversation. "Ann  
Cochran, who came over here with her brother, Henry, from  
Woodhull, to do the cooking, told ma the other day that if it were  
not for so much cheap whiskey helping out as filling that they  
never could fill all these men with food. How Ann does hate the  
black waiters pa and Mr. Bush hired from the lake boat at Detroit  
to come up here during the session." Source: Fiction article based  
on fact in State Journal. 267 pg. 531.

Same Thomas?

Thomas emigrated to Michigan in 1837 at age of 22, learned  
tailoring trade in England, engaged in tailoring trade in Michigan  
then entered mercantile business. "He first located at Farmington,  
but about the year 1838 (1848?) moved with his family to Lansing  
where he worked at his trade until his death, which occurred in  
Lansing." Source: Past and Present of the City of Lansing and  
Ingham county, Michigan by Albert E. Cowles, pg. 162.

### J. Palmer Thompson

Block 152      Lot 2

1826  
Born at Hartford, Conn. Source: Ingham and Eaton County,  
Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114.

?  
Admitted to practice law in Conn. Source: Ingham and Eaton  
County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114.

1848  
Came Lansing was partner with William H. Chapman. Source:  
Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114.

J.P. Thompson and William H. Chapman, attorneys, arrived in  
Lansing. 18 pg. 114.



J. P. Thompson came city, attorney, partner of Wm. H. Chapman; subsequently editor *Lansing State Journal*; in 1856 editor of Grand Rapids *Herald and Enquirer*. 18 pg. 114.

"His (Chapman) first business venture here was in connection with judge William H. Pinckney, these two men taking a contract to clear forty acres for the Sate and to be paid in city lots. At the same time, he carried on a mercantile business with J. P. Thompson. A year later this partnership was dissolved, and, associated with Mr. Pinckney, Mr. Chapman opened a real estate office, at the same time practicing law." in 1861 elected mayor. Source: Pioneer, XXVII, 1807, pg. 81.

Nov 6, 1848	William H. Chapman & Jonathan P. Thompson B 111 Lot 8 \$200
1850	Lansing township Justice. Source: Durant
1852	Lansing township Treasurer. Source: Durant
1855 - 1858	Edited Michigan State Journal. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 111.
Sep 11, 1855	J. P. Thompson of the Journal "has found it necessary to visit a water cure establishment in the east." Source: The Lansing Republican September 11, 1855
Dec 11, 1855	J. P. Thompson returned to Lansing. Source: The Lansing Republican December 11, 1855
?	Became editor of the Lansing State Journal. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114.
1856?	Became editor Grand Rapids Herald and Enquirer. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114.
1859	J. Thompson listed as owning land in section 8 of Deerfield Township, Livingston County. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
1861	Became interested in agricultural and mainly through his influence the State Pomological Society founded. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114.
?	Became secretary of State Pomological Society founded in 1869.
1876	Elected secretary of State Agricultural Society. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114.

- ? Assistant editor of Michigan Farmer. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114.
- ? Assistant editor of Detroit *Post and Tribune*. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114.
- Jul 5, 1880 Died of Bright's disease, at age 54. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 114.

### **Jacob Thompson**

Dec 11, 1847 Jacob Thompson Block 152 Lot 2 \$99  
 Aug 23, 1861 Jacob Thompson died at Okemos, at age of 64 years.

### **Philander Thompson**

Block 219 Lot

May 12, 1847 Purchased 40 acres on section 5 of Meridian Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 227.

Purchased 80 acres on section 30 of Meridian Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880; Durant; pg. 227.

1859 Listed as owning land in section 30 of Meridian Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

1863 Cooper in Okemos. A 672.

### **Sylvester Thompson**

Block 231 Lot 4

Feb 7, 1848 Delilah S. Clapsaddle widow of Daniel Clapsaddle petitions for administration, recommends Sylvester Thompson, brother-in-law of Delilah of Ionia, Ionia County. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 72.

Apr 6, 1848 Sylvester Thompson appointed administrator.  
 Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record 72.

- Apr 29, 1847 License ardent spirits & tavern. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 198.
- Mar 4, 1848 Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura L. (by Atty. C. P. Bush) of Ingham Cty. to Sylvester Thompson of Ionia Cty.; land in town of Michigan (18:P85)
- Purchased for \$150 Lots 4 and 5 of Block 231, except claims of Chapsaddle widow.

### **William D. Thompson**

- May 13, 1835 William Thompson purchased 158.78 of section 1 and 151.16 acres of section 2 of Oneida Township, Eaton County. Same William Thompson?
- Jan 5, 1836 William Thompson of Seneca Co., New York purchased 163.51 acres on section 28 of Williamstown Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- Mar 29, 1836 William Thompson of New York city., New York purchased 163 acres on section 28 of Williamstown Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- Apr 12, 1836 William Thompson purchased land in section 3 of Leroy Township. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, Durant, 1890, pg. 250.
- May 13, 1836 William Thompson purchased 235.43 acres and 144.22 of Section 1 of Delta Township, Eaton County.
- Purchased 159.75 acres of section 2 of Delta Township.  
Purchased 20.50 acres of section 3 of Delta Township.  
Purchased 26.56 acres of section 7 of Delta Township.  
Same William Thompson?
- May 18, 1836 William Thompson purchased 147.14 of Oneida Township, Eaton county. Same William Thompson?
- Dec 12, 1836 William D. Thompson of Jackson county purchased 160 acres in section 8, and 160 acres in section 9 of Brookfield, Township, Eaton county. Same William D. Thompson?
- Dec 14, 1836 William D. Thompson of Jackson county purchased 160 acres in section 23, and 160 acres in section 26 of Eaton Township, Eaton county.

Purchased 80 acres in section 28 of Eaton Rapids township, Eaton county. Same William D. Thompson?

- Dec 15, 1836 William D. Thompson of Jackson purchased 80 acres on section 22 of Wheatfield Township; same individual?  
Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- Jan 26, 1837 William D. Thompson of Jackson to William Ford, land in Ingham county for \$500.00; the west half of the SE quarter section 22 and the East half of the North half of the SE quarter of section 21 (120 acres). (L5:P10 Jackson county)
- Nov 11, 1828 William D. Thompson of Jackson County purchased 80 acres in section 16 of town 3 South, Range I west of Jackson County.  
Source: Landsmen of Jackson County by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.
- Dec 21, 1838 William D. Thompson of Jackson County purchased 160 acres on section 35 of Onondaga Township; same individual?  
Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 291.
- Jan 23, 1845 In Auditor General's report to Senate on Benjamin Porter prison claims noted Porter paid William Thompson \$54.68 (William D?) for work on State Penitentiary. Source: Auditor General Report to Senate; dated Jan 23, 1845; Senate Document No. 3, 1845 Legislature.

### **William R. Thompson**

- Apr 23, 1836 Biddle City  
Jerry Ford of Jacksonburgh, Jackson county Michigan to William R. Thompson of Ann Arbor, Wash. County, Michigan; Land in Biddle City, Ingham County. (L1:P63 Ingham county)  
  
Lot 2, Block 36  
  
Jerry Ford to William R. Thompson of Ann Arbor, for \$100.00 land in Ingham county. (L2:P337 Jackson county)
- Dec 24, 1836 Oliver Johnson and wife Eliza of Monroe, Monroe County Michigan to William R. Thompson of Ann Arbor, Michigan; Land in Lansing Twp. Sec. 28 (L1:P287)
- Jan 23, 1845 In Auditor General's report to Senate on Benjamin Porter prison claims noted Porter paid William Thompson \$54.68 (William R?) for work on State Penitentiary.  
Source: Auditor General Report to Senate; dated Jan 23, 1845; Senate Document No. 3, 1845 Legislature.

Apr 15, 1852      Same William R. Thompson?  
William R. Thompson of Texas died in Texas; wife Betsy.  
Petition of administration filed May 15, 1860 by Jesse P. Hall  
notes claims against Thompson and Betsy by Eber White of Ann  
Arbor. Land in Lansing Township; Eagle and Essex Townships,  
Clinton County and Putnam and Unadilla Township in Livingston  
county. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham  
County, Michigan 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society,  
Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper No. 10; record 366.

### **Philip Thurber**

#### Section 21

Mar 15, 1845      William Ford and wife of Jackson to Philip Thurber of Jackson;  
Land in section 21. (L6:P115)

Purchased for \$500 the SW fractional quarter of Section 21:  
(Biddle City)

Block 13	Lot 5 & 10
Block 26	Lots 2 & 3
Block 28	Lot 11
Block 29	Lot 1
Block 32	Lot 15
Block 46	Lot 4

Correct: Mar 15, 1845 (L6:P115) 'SW' & Apr 21, 1845 (L6:116)  
'NW'.

Apr 21, 1845      Philip Thurber and wife Frances E. of Jackson to James Seymour;  
land in section 21. (L6:P116)

Purchased for \$1615 the NW fractional quarter Section 21;  
(Biddle City)

Block 13	Lot 5 & 10
Block 26	Lots 2 & 3
Block 28	Lot 11
Block 29	Lot 1
Block 32	Lot 15
Block 46	Lot 4

Correct: Mar 15, 1845 (L6:P115) 'SW' & Apr 21, 1845 (L6:116)  
'NW'.

### **Hector Marion Todd**

Oct 18, 1848	Hector Marion Todd B122	Lot 5 & 6	\$36
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### **Rev. Eliphalet S. Tooker**

One of the most interesting characters brought to light by our investigation is the subject of this epitomized history.

- Apr 11, 1848 First Baptist church organized; listed as trustee. Source: Adams pg. 189.
- Apr 1848 Mr. Tooker came to Lansing in April 1848, and built a steam saw mill for Col. Quackenbush, on the east bank of the river just north of main street. He was a Baptist minister of more than ordinary talent, and while engaged in contracting and building during the week, he always had his sermons well prepared and preached every Sunday in the senate chamber. He was chaplain of the senate up to the time of his death, which occurred June 20, 1851. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.
- Jun 20, 1851 Died. "Was buried under the auspices of the Masonic lodge, participated in by the two other organizations. his was the first Masonic funeral held in Lansing. Sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Lamb, of Dewitt, and his text was a fitting tribute to this pioneer preacher. This is the test: "Mark the perfect man. Behold the upright for the end of that man is peace."  
Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.
- ? Guardian bond no date to John S. Tooker for Frances S. daughter (minor) of Eliphalet S. Tooker, late of Lansing.  
Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper No. 10; record 376.

### Smith Tooker

Block 20 Lot 2  
Block 33 Lot 6

Played ball at capitol site. A22

Smith Tooker Built first shanty in Lansing. 267 pg. 51.

- E. S. Tooker Helped organize First Baptists church in Lansing. 267 pg. 189.
- Oct 14, 1819 Born in Lodi, Seneca County, NY. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 141.  
  
Born in North Hector, NY (Pioneer, Annual Meeting 1887)
- 1826 Family moved Steuben County. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 141.

- 1830 Came to Michigan. Source; Obituary of Smith Tooker, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, May 12, 1887.
- 1835 Family moved to Ann Arbor Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 141.
- 1840 Father moved to Woodhull, Shiawassee county. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 141.
- 1841 Mother died in Shiawassee county. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 141.
- ? Married Marietta Sowle and settled Bath, Clinton county. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 141.
- ? Married had five children - three sons and two daughters - buried all before died. Source; Obituary of Smith Tooker, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, May 12, 1887.
- ? Soon after marriage he settled in Bath, Clinton county. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 141.
- Apr 8, 1847 Arrived in Lansing; brother V. W. Tooker came with him? (Pioneer)
- Apr 8, 1847 Came Lansing. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 141.
- He was one of the first settlers in the city and was present when the stake was set making Lansing the Capitol of the State. Source; Obituary of Smith Tooker, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, May 12, 1887.
- Apr 10, 1847 During winter of 1846-47 Frederick M. Cowles teaching at Ionia. "As soon as the spring opened, Mr. Cowles starting on foot through the woods arrived April 10, 1847, at the same time the commissioners for laying out the capitol did....A log house occupied by Father Page and his three sons-in-law marked North Lansing at that time. Mr. Cowles slept for two weeks in a barn in the rear of the now Franklin terraces, until the house Smith Tooker was building on Wall street on the site of the present (1910) house of Mr. Spoor was completed. Source: Historical Collections, Collections and Researches Made by the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society; Vol. XXXVIII, pgs. 737-8.
- Apr 10, 1847 F. M. Cowles became resident of Lansing, "he had been here, temporarily, two or three times before. He says for three weeks he slept in a barn and took his meals at Mr. Smith Tooker's residence, a slab shanty, in which the dining table was two slabs running side by side, though the center of the principal room. He, being a carpenter and joiner, engaged in building.

Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 115.

H.H. Smith came Ingham county in 1836; treasurer in 1838; 1841, county clerk, 1842 state rep; then merchant in Mason; 1847 moved Lansing engaged in mercantile trade; 1851-2 built Lansing-Howell plank road; 1859 elected city's first Mayor; 1864 moved Jackson. Source: Pioneer XXVIII pg. 341.

1847 Smith Tooker (age 28) and wife (one of first white women to settle in Lansing) settled in Lansing; later would be noted bridge builder. 176 Sec. 4, pg. 1

May 1, 1847? "The announcement was made the same afternoon. George Matthews, Smith Tooker, George Pease, Whitney Smith and myself were the first to arrive at the stake. The brush and some small trees were cut down with jack knives in order to clear a place to play ball, and we played until six o'clock that night." Source: J. P. Cowles at May 1873 Ingham County Pioneer Association meeting: Adams pg. 22.

1847 "Smith Tooker built the first shanty in the city of Lansing. It was sixty feet long and crowded with people who slept on the ground inside and were very glad to get so good a shelter. I boarded with him and built Smith & Case's store at North Lansing. This was the first frame raided in the city after the Capitol was located. The Seymour House was raised the next day. Source: J. P. Cowles at May 1873 Ingham County Pioneer Association meeting: Adams pg. 22.

1847 Tooker "Helped clear the land where the capitol (1879) now stands." Adams pg. 71.

Apr 3, 1848 Elected pound master at annual township meeting. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 198.

1848 Tooker's father (Eliphalet) came Lansing, died June 1851; father Baptist minister; Father chaplain to State Senate when died. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 141.

1865 In 1848-49 larger one (saw-mill) was built by Mr. Seymour, and known as a "double mill," - that is, having two upright saws and two set of gearing. In 1862, Messrs. Parmelee and Ellis tore away the old original mill and erected a new one. The double mill was still standing at that time, but in a dilapidated condition.

In 1865, Smith Tooker became the owner of the old frame, took it down, removed it to the west side of the river, rebuilt it, and, leasing water power of Horatio Seymour, operated it for about 10 years, when the business was abandoned. The old frame is still



standing. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 132-133.

Aug 20, 1866

Bertie Tooker, four-month-old son of Smith Tooker died at Lansing.

1870

The city then was but a wilderness, muddy streets with no sidewalks or pavements of any kind. There were very few houses, and only two hotels, the Half-Way house, in the downtown area, and the Green Tree hotel at Cedar Street and Michigan Avenue. There was but one grocery store and no dry goods or clothing stores. "But then it didn't matter," Mrs. Tooker said, "As there wasn't much money in those days."

Also recalling the Indians that used to pass through their yards, Mrs. Tooker said that they used to slave over a hot cook stove, baking bread and other foods to exchange with the Indians for fowl, in order to keep them on friendly terms. A barn recently razed on the property about four years ago (1943), she said, revealed the skeleton of an Indian.

The only form of amusement in those days she related were quilting and pedro parties at various homes or attending the Republican and Democratic meetings held in the old capitol building. She said she also saw the laying of the corner-stone for the new capitol building. Source: Pioneer Woman Tells of Early Life in Lansing; State Journal, March 1947. Story about Mrs. Martha Moore Tooker, 1119 N. Washington Avenue; moved Lansing in 1870 in cover wagon; married Ed S. Tooker in winter of 1878. Note: Unclear talking about 1870 or 1878; probably 1870.

1875

Lansing city Marshall. Source: Durant.

1886

At annual meeting of Ingham County Pioneer Society: "There were found to be 45, among them some who had been very active in the work of the society, particularly smith Tooker, of Lansing, who helped clear the land where the Capitol now stands." Source: Adams pg. 71.

Spring 1887

Told his brother after spring election: "Yesterday was the first time my legs ever refused to take me to the polls to vote a democratic ticket." LJ, May 12, 1887.

May 11, 1887

Died at home at 410 Wall street 'The ailment, from which he has been a long sufferer, was softening of the brain.' Source; Obituary of Smith Tooker, The State Republican, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, May 12, 1887.

One of 12 original members of State Pioneer Society.

? Constructed bridge over Cedar River between Webberville and Belle Oak. Source: Adams pg. 666.

### **Stephen Town**

Nov 21, 1831 Stephen Town of Onondaga County, New York, purchased 160.63 acres of town 2 south, range 1 west of Jackson County.  
Source: Landsmen of Jackson County by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.

Nov 26, 1838 Joseph E. North Jr. of Alaiedon, to Steph Town of Jackson; land in Lansing Twp. Sec. 32. (L2:P178)

### **James Towson**

Nov 20, 1847 James W. Towson Block 141 Lot 1, 2, 3, 4 \$83

### **Amos Turner**

? Born Washtenaw County, MI. Source: Portrait & Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 361.

1847 Came Lansing with uncle, James. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 361.

Clerked in uncles store. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 361.

Nov 2, 1858 Amos Turner married at Grand Ledge to Miss Philena Barker [Barber] of Oneida, Eaton County.

1860 Amos Turner had dry goods, grocers, &c., business on Franklin Street. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1860, pg. 227.

Had merchandise and produce business in North Lansing, building two brick blocks there. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham & Livingston Counties, Michigan", published by Chapman Brothers, Chicago, 1891.

1863-4 Turner, Rogers & Co., (Amos Turner, Horace B. Rogers and Daniel L. Case) operated dry goods, groceries, etc. store in Lower Town. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1863-4, pg. 379.

1867-8 Amos Turner produce dealer on Franklin Street.  
Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1867-8, pg. 277.

Mar 15, 1868 Amos Turner subdivided lots 1, 2 & 3 of block 16.

Source: Ingham & Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant.

- ? Went into merchandise and produce business in N. Lansing.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 361.
- 1873 Lansing city alderman. Source: Durant Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 361.
- ? Supervisor of First Ward. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 361.
- 1879 Sold business and moved Perry, Shiawassee County.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 361.
- 1882 Moved back Lansing; started dry-goods and groceries business at 117-119 Michigan Avenue. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham & Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 361.
- 1888 Sold out grocery department to son J. A. Turner; continued in dry-goods business. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 361.
- ? Transferred dry-goods business to Seattle Washington.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 361.
- ? Became Traveling salesman for Michigan Condensed Milk company. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 361.

## James Turner

Block 10      Lot 10 & 11

Note: Was another James W. Turner prominent in Osceola county at same time.

## Quick Overview

Apr 1820	Born Cazenovia, Madison County, New York
1835 (age 15)	Family moved Michigan
1840 (age 20)	Moved Leoni, Jackson County. Store clerk
1840?	Moved Jackson, Jackson County.
Aug 1840-February 1841	Guard at Jackson Prison
1841	Moved Mason, Ingham county
	With William Jackson started mercantile business.
1842	Trustee of Methodist Episcopal church of Mason.
1843	Painted and installed stoves and pipe in new county courthouse.

1843	Purchased land in Mason
1843	Sold land Aurelius township, Ingham County
1843	One of 'merchant princes' of Mason
1844?	Moved from Leoni to Mason - store on corner of Main and Maple.
1844	Established tax and land agency at Mason.
1845	Moved Mason store to store formerly occupies by W. Hammond, Co. Business carried on by William Jackson, J. L. Tinker, James Turner under firm name of Turner & Co.
1845-46	Into wool processing
1846	Turner agent for Seymour
1846	Store ad: Sold dry goods, groceries, crockery, leather, salt, nails & glass.
1847	Moved Lansing. Opened store in part Seymour House
July 5, 1847	Purchased Lots 10 & 11 of Block 10
July	Built store
Summer 1847	Opened store.
Sep 9, 1847	Attended Whig county convention
Apr 3, 1848	Commissioner of Michigan-DeWitt Plank Road
Nov 1, 1848	Purchased land with Richard Turner from Seymour
Dec 21, 1848	Sold land Aurelius township
1848	Turner & Crosman Foundry established
1849	Subdivided lot in Lansing
Apr 23, 1850	Son James Munro Turner born.
Appx. Jul 1850	Engaged in construction Plank Road, moved store Leroy & Fowlerville
Sep 9, 1850	Purchased land with others in Leroy Township
1850-51	Spent winter Florida because of "pulmonary difficulties"
?	Engaged mercantile business with Daniel L. Case. Store on Northeast corner Franklin & Turner.
1851	Member Board Education
1851	Treasurer & superintendent of Lansing & Howell Plank Road Company.
1852	Purchased land
Feb 24, 1854	Supplied girders to State office building.
Mar 1, 1851	Joined Methodist Church
1855	Founder of Female College
1855	Secretary of Saginaw and Lansing Railroad Company.
Jan 1857	Original director of Amboy, Lansing and Traverse Bay Railroad Company; Turner not stockholder.
1857	Member Board of Control for House of Corrections for Juvenile Offenders.
1858	Chairman of Board of Control of House of Corrections for Juvenile Offenders.
1858	Built house on North Street. became Tuner-Dodge House.
1859	Turner brothers paid for boilers and pumps for House Juvenile offenders.
1859	Member of Board of Control of House of Juvenile Offenders.
1859	Land and tax agent.
1859	Elect City Council
	City Auditor
1859	Owned land Unadilla Township? and Leroy Township?

1860-1866	Deputy State Treasurer
1860	Member Board of Control of State Reform School
1860	Agent of Merchants Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn.
1860	James & Turner Brothers operated foundry.
1860	Member of Board of Education
1861	Turner paid \$2.00 for advertisement of war loan.
Oct 21, 1861	Executor for brother - Marshall Turner who died in 1861.
1866	Elected state Senator
1867	Member Board of Education
Oct 10, 1869	Died.

### James Turner - Crno

Apr 1, 1820	Born Father Francis S. Turner and mother Deborah Morton. Native of Cazenovia, Madison County, NY. Source: Cyclopedia of Michigan; pg. 60. Source: Early History of Michigan With Biographies of State Officers; pg. 646. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 289. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 126.
1833	Family moved to Michigan. Source: Cyclopedia of Michigan; pg. 60. Note: See 1835.
1835	Family moved to Michigan. Source: Dr. Frank Turner Note: See 1833.
1835	Francis Stiles Turner family moved Sylvan Township, Washtenaw County, MI. Father (Francis) died in December 1835
?	Lewis Butler settled early in 1837 and lived in Aurelius Township until fall of 1837, removed to village of Jefferson in Alaieton Township, Butler settled east of Bullen. Butler sold place to James Turner and after time became property of Abram Wilson. James and Richard Turner very early settlers of Aurelius Township. Source: Durant, pg. 220. Note: Reuben R. Bullen issued US land patent on November 2, 1837 for 77.51 acres on N 1/2 NE of section 4 Township 2 North, Range 2 West of Ingham County. Bullen of Washtenaw County, Michigan. MI2560__147. Same James Turner? Brother was Richard.
Apr 1, 1837	US land patent issued to Stiles Turner (father of James) of Washtenaw County, 40 acres on NENE of Township 2 South, Range 4 East of Lima Township, Washtenaw, County. MI0270__470.
1837	Lewis Butler settled early 1837 in Aurelius Township, Ingham County, and lived in the township until fall of 1837, removed to village of Jefferson in Alaieton Township. Butler settled east of Bullen. Butler sold place to James Turner and after time became property Abram Wilson. Source: Durant pg. 220.

Note: Reuben R. Bullen of Washtenaw County, MI issued US land patent for 77.51 acres on N 1/2NE of Township 2 North, Range 2 West of Ingham county. MI2560\_\_\_.147.

James and Richard Turner very early settlers of Aurelius Township.

- 1840 He moved Leoni, MI and became store clerk. Source: Early History of Michigan With Biographies of State Officers; pg. 646. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 290. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 181. Source: Notes on the Turner and Connected Families, Bailey.
- Later sold goods from wagon and purchased produce while traveling through country. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 290. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 181.
- 1840 Moved Jacksonburgh (Jackson). Source: Significant People buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, MI, a Tour Through History, by Linda Peckham.
- Sep 19, 1840 James Turner paid for services to August 31, 1840, \$34.87 from by David Adams, Agent State Prison at Jackson. Source: Annual Report of the Auditor General, dated December 20, 1840; 1841 Joint Documents, No. 2; pg. 139.
- Sep 30, 1840 James Turner paid for services to date, \$33.75 from by David Adams, Agent State Prison at Jackson. Source: Annual Report of the Auditor General, dated December 20, 1840; 1841 Joint Documents, No. 2; pg. 139.
- Oct 31, 1840 James Turner paid for services \$34.88 from by David Adams, Agent State Prison at Jackson. Source: Annual Report of the Auditor General, dated December 20, 1840; 1841 Joint Documents, No. 2; pg. 141.
- Nov 25, 1840 James Turner paid as guard at Jackson Prison  
Paid "on account services as guard \$5.00.  
Source: Joint Documents for Annual Session of 1842.  
Same James Turner?
- Nov 26, 1840 James Turner paid as guard at Jackson Prison  
Paid \$5.00 for services as guard.  
Source: Joint Documents for Annual Session of 1842.
- Dec 7, 1840 James Turner paid as guard at Jackson Prison. Paid \$28.75 for services to November 30, 1840. Source: Joint Documents for Annual Session of 1842.
- 1840 Dinner at raising of first grist mill in Mason; fracas ensued "in which James Turner was prominent. The trouble arose at the

dinner table, and pumpkin pies were used as missiles." Source: Adams pg. 176.

- Feb 18, 1841 James Turner paid as guard at Jackson Prison  
Paid to Dec. 31, 1840 \$34.87. Paid to date \$18.00  
Source: Annual Report of the Auditor General dated Nov. 30, 1841; Joint Documents 1841.
- 1841 Moved to Mason and engaged in mercantile business until 1847.  
Source: Early History of Michigan With Biographies of State Officers; pg. 646. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 290.  
Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 181. Source: Notes on the Turner and Connected Families, Bailey.
- In company with William Jackson, of Leoni, Jackson County, he engaged in the mercantile business....  
At Mason, and probably at Lansing, their goods were exchanged for wheat, corn, oats, grass-seed, flaxseed, pork, tallow, lard, beeswax, butter, cheese, furs, deer-skins, hides, ashes, black salts, etc. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 126-7.
- 1841-1844? Moved from Leoni, to Mason and engaged in the business Believe of a merchant, in a store situated on what is now the corner of Main and Maple Streets. Source: Obituary of James Turner, The Ingham County News, Thursday, October 14, 1869.
- Jan 28, 1842 James Turner listed as witness of appointment of trustees for Methodist Episcopal church of Mason, in Ingham Circuit Marshall District, Michigan Conference. Source: Adams pg. 188-189.
- Jun 26, 1842 E. B. Danforth and wife, Charles S. Noble and wife, Samuel Skinner and wife of New York, and John B. Skinner and wife of NEW York to James Turner and James Blain of Mason, land in section 5 Vevay Township. (L5:P118)
- 1843 James Turner was allowed \$100 for painting the building and \$42 for furnishing stoves and pipe, including the expense of putting them up in new Ingham county court house. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan; Durant, 1880; pg. 107.
- In 1842 "James Turner was paid \$100 for painting and \$42 for furnishing and installing stoves and stove pipes." in new court house in Mason." Source: *Let the Record Show A Legal History of Ingham County* by Richard Frazier, David Thomas, editor; MSU Press; 1997. Believe 1843 - Durant notes built in 1843.
- Apr 29, 1843 Nathaniel Blain of Alaiedon, Ingham county to James Turner of Mason; land in Mason. L5:P358.

- Jun 6, 1843 James Turner to Richard Turner, land in Aurelius township, Section 3. L5:P359.
- Oct 1, 1843 Married Marion Munroe (of Eagle) at Eagle  
Had 10 children
- Married by Thomas P. Emerson of Mason clergyman of the Marshall Presbytery.  
Source: Ingham County Families, F572 15 h35 1900z, St. Lib.
- ? Purchased 75 acres in northern part of city along Grand River
- ? "For a number of years, he was the agent of Eastern holders of Michigan lands, possessing the confidence of many prominent capitalists, by whom he was instructed with large amounts of money for investment. During a period of several years, he was agent of the Society of Shakers in the investment and loaning of money." Source: American Biographical History of Eminent and Self-Made men with Portrait Illustrations on Steel, Michigan Volume, 1878, Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 290.
- For a number of years, he was agent of Eastern holders of Michigan lands, by whom he was entrusted with large sum of money for investment. During a period of several years he was agent for the Society of Shakers in the investment of money.  
Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 181.
- Agent for several New York investors including:  
Quakers from Albany, N.Y.  
Seymour's  
Wadsworth's  
Danforth's (Source: Adams pg. 493)  
Agent of Horatio Seymour.
- 1843 James Turner and H. H. Smith were the merchant princes of Mason. Source: J. W. Longyear at 1873 Ingham County Pioneer Society meeting; Adams pg. 18.
- Aug 14, 1844 James Turner (Administrator for John W. Burchard) of Mason, to James Seymour of Rochester NY, land in Lansing Twp. Sec. 9 (L5:P652)
- Purchased for \$50.28  
SE fraction quarter of Sect 9; 109 acres and 62/100  
SE quarter of SE quarter of Section 6; 40 acres; of Twp. 2 N R 2 E  
SE quarter of NW quarter of Section 29; Twp. 1 N R 2 E; 40 acres.
- 1844 James Turner and James Turner & Company listed as resident taxpayers of Mason. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 205.



- Oct 1844 At that time there were but two stores in Mason, Turner's and Smith's, and these would now be called department stores, as they carried all sorts of commodities.  
Mrs. Mary Miller Stillman, father A. R. Miller came Ingham county in Oct 1844; Adams pg. 779.
- Dec 2, 1844 First Presbyterian Society of Mason organized; James Turner listed as member. Source: Adams pg. 189.
- Dec 3, 1844 William Presley and wife Martha of Stockbridge, Ingham County to James Turner of Mason, Land in village of Mason. (L7:P241)
- Dec 12, 1844 Michigan Tax and Land Agency  
The subscriber has established an agency for the payment of taxes, sale of lands, investigation of titles, &c., Business entrusted to his care will be promptly attended to.
- Particular attention will be paid to the payment of taxes in the townships where they are assigned, if situated within the counties of Ingham, Clinton, Livingston and Jackson, by which a saving of 10 percent will be affected.  
Address James Turner  
Mason, Ingham county, Michigan.
- Reference  
Wm. Jackson, Leoni, Jackson county, Michigan.  
Coman, Hopkins & Co., 60 Front St. and  
John M'Comb 63 2d Avenue, New York  
H. S. Beeche & Co., Buffalo, New York  
A. Champion, Rochester, NY  
Henry, Hitchcock & Co., Cazenovia, NY  
R. Johnson & Co, Cazenovia, NY  
Gen. Charles Fay, Cazenovia, NY  
L. W. Tinker, Detroit, Michigan  
Mason, December 12, 1844.  
Source: Ad in Ingham Herald dated January 9, 1845.
- Note:  
Only Coman from New York that purchased land in Michigan was Lucius D. Coman:  
May 30, 1837 purchased:  
576.02 acres in section 31 of T4S, R1W of Jackson county.  
320 acres on E 1/2 of section 33 of T4S, R1W of Jackson County.  
80 acres on E 1/2 NE of section 31 of T4S, R2E of Jackson County.
- A. Champion from Rochester that purchased land in Michigan. on August 10, 1837 purchased 480 acres NE and W 1/2SE of section 23, W 1/2NW and E 1/2 SW of section 24 and W1/2SE of section 26 of T1N, R1E of Ingham county. MI0760\_\_036

August 12, 1837 purchased 1825.32 acres on SW and NE of section 2, NW and SW of section 14, SE and SW of section 15, NW of section 23 and ? on section 12 of T4N, R1E of Ingham County. MI0750\_\_\_.119.

No land patent issued to William Jackson in Ingham county.

- 1844 Mr. Turner had purchased lots in the lower town previous to his marriage and removal here. On these Mrs. Turner planted a few locust-trees in the spring of 1844, one of which is still looking thrifty and vigorous. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 127. Note: Why? Doubt.
- Jan 9, 1845 James Turner, would respectfully inform his old customers and the public generally, that he has removed to the store formerly occupied by W. Hammond & Co. The mercantile business will hereafter be carried on Wm., Jackson, J. L. Tinker, Jas. Turner, under the firm of Turner & Co.  
Source: Ad in Ingham Herald dated January 9, 1845.  
Note: at bottom of ad (Feb 2) could indicate ad ran from Feb 2, 1845. Same ad often repeated in papers during 1840 & 1850 - week after week, the same ad.
- Jan 9, 1845 Jems Roberts made the announcement of the opening of a tailoring shop over the James Turner store on Main Street.  
Source: Ingham Herald dated January 9, 1845; Adams pg. 145.
- Jan 1845 James Turner Michigan Tax and Land Agent  
Will promptly attention to the payment of taxes for non-residents, also, the redemption of lands sold for taxes, ex examination of titles, &c.  
  
Particular attention will be paid to the payment of taxes in the townships where they are assigned, if situated within the counties of Ingham, Clinton, Eaton, Jackson or Livingston (can't read rest of line)  
  
James Seymour, President Bank of Rochester, Rochester, NY.  
Coman, Hopkins & Co., 60 Front St.  
H. S. Beeche & Co., Buffalo, New York  
John M'Comb 63 2d Avenue, New York  
A. Champion, Rochester, New York  
Henry, Hitchcock & Co., Cazenovia, New York  
William Jackson, Leoni, Jackson, county, Michigan.  
  
We the undersigned, from our long acquaintance with Mr. James Turner, take pleasure in recommending him to non-resident land owners, as a land and tax agent, being satisfied that the business of the land owner and tax payer will at all times meet prompt attention at his hands.  
E. B. Danforth, Associate Judge.

George Matthews, County Treasurer  
D. L. Case, Prosecuting Attorney  
W. H. Horton, Register of Deeds  
John Coatsworth, County Clerk  
George W. Shafer, Deputy Treasurer  
Francis G. Lee, Deputy County Clerk  
P. Low, Ex. County Clerk.  
January 1845

Address James Turner  
Mason, Ingham County, Michigan.  
Source: Ingham Herald dated June 25, 1845

Apr 10, 1845

Ad in June 22, 1846 Ingham He:

Settlers Ho.  
The following choice Lands for farming purposes, will be sold on  
very reasonable terms, to actual settlers, Viz:

(Lists lands in following townships: Locke, Meridian, Lansing,  
Alaiedon, Wheatfield, LeRoy, White Oak, Vevay, Onondaga,  
Leslie, Stockbridge.

Land in Lansing Township in listed as...

Northwest quarter of sections 27  
Southeast quarter of sections 28  
East half of southeast quarter sections 98? (check)  
South fractional half of section 9  
North east fractional quarter of section 9  
South part of a west fractional quarter of section 9  
West half of south east quarter of section 10  
South west quarter of section 10  
West half of north west quarter of section 15)

The above Lands comprise a complete variety of openings, plains,  
and some of the finest timbered lands in the State--

Inquire of Geo. F. Macy, Detroit, or  
James Turner, Agent  
Mason, Ingham county, Michigan  
Mason, April 10, 1845.

Aug 14, 1845

Daniel L. Case of Mason to James Turner and William Jackson.  
Case of Mason and Jackson of Leoni. Land in Lansing township,  
section 29. (L6:P183)

Aug 20, 1845

William Jackson of Leoni and James Turner and wife Marian of  
Mason to Lucien D. Colman of New York, NY, land in Lansing  
township section 29. (L6:P188)

- Aug 1845                      Plat of Lansing Township drawn in August 1845 by James Turner, shows location of actual settlers in township and wagon roads laid out or in use. Source: Durant
- Dec 10, 1845                James Turner of Mason to Charles W. Singer of Mason, land in Alaiedon Township, section 31. (L6:P327)
- Jan 23, 1846                Wool, in any quantities, can be left with the subscriber at Mason, and it will be promptly forwarded to the machines and the rolls returned to Mason, at five cents per pound.
- Maple Sugar, Grass Seed, Bees Wax and Grain received in payment. Turner & Jackson  
Source: Ingham Herald dated June 25, 1845
- Feb 26, 1846                Joseph C. Obeare and wife Hannah of Vevay Township to James Turner and William Jackson of Leoni, land in Williamston Township, Section 4. (L6L:P400)
- Apr 20, 1846                James Seymour and wife Mira of Rochester, Monroe county NY to James Turner, Attorney of Vevay, Twp. (Power of Attorney) (L6:P512)
- Seymour appointed Turner "our true and lawful attorney for us and in our name to bargain, sell and convey by contract or deed any or all of the lands owned by said James Turner in the county of Ingham.
- Jun 22, 1846                Ad in Ingham County Herald:
- New Goods  
Turner & Jackson  
Have just receive a new and complete assortment of DRY GOODS, comprising a Yankee retail stock--well bought--and will be sold for *what they are worth* in CASH.
- Also, the largest stock of GROCERIES ever offered in this market; and any quantity of *Crockery*, of the hot and latest patterns--which with Leather, Salt, *Nails* and Glass, makes up the best stock of Goods, Wares and merchandise ever offered in Mason.
- Being engaged in the payment of Taxes, which enables them *to use County and Town Orders*, we are desirous of selling any and *everything* we have to offer, for such pay at *par*.
- As we are now trying the *quick sixpence and ready* PAY plan, we will sell LOWER than can be bought at any other establishment in Ingham Co. *Try us*.  
MASON, June 17, 1846.

- Nov 6, 1846 James Turner of Mason and William Jackson of Leoni, Jackson County to Lucien D. Coman of New York City, land in Williamston Township, Section 4. (18:P263)
- Nov 16, 1846 John S. Griffen and wife Prudence of Mason to James and Richard Turner of Mason, land in Village of Mason, (L7:P63)
- Apr 17, 1847 James Turner and wife Marion of Mason to William H. Horton of Mason; land in Mason. (18:P30)
- May 1847 Helped lay out city of Lansing.
- 1847 About the time the Capitol was located at Lansing he went there as an agent for a Mr. Seymour. Source: Obituary of James Turner, The Ingham County News, Thursday, October 14, 1869.
- Spring 1847 Came to Lansing engaged in mercantile business. Source: Early History of Michigan With Biographies of State Officers; pg. 646.
- Mr. and Mrs. Turner moved from Mason to Lansing and were all day on the road, on account of the mud. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 115.
- Mrs. Turner came in spring of 1847 "but cannot remember the date and neither she or Mrs. Bush know which of them came first.
- They went into the little frame house still standing on Turner street. Mr. Turner had hurriedly built the house and they moved into it before it was finished. Source: Cowles, pg. 115.
- 1847 Mr. H. H. Smith was an eastern man and came to Mason before the Capital was located at Lansing, and in 1847 he came with James Turner, Dan Case and my father to the city in the woods., He engaged in business with James Turner and cleared this farm (H.H. Smith farm later Ford farm). Source: Account of Dr. F. N. Turner in Pioneer History of Ingham County by Mrs. Franc L. Adams, Vol. I, 1823, pg. 442.
- Summer 1847 "During the summer several stores were started, one by H. H. Smith of Mason, one by James Turner, of Mason, and one by Crossman & Walker of Flint." Source: Mrs. C. M. Smith, daughter of Page; Adams pg. 16.
- 1847 James Turner opened mercantile business in part Seymour House (SW corner Center/Franklin). 6 pg. 38.
- He occupied for a store a portion of the Seymour House, the first hotel erected in the lower town, which was built the same year of

Mr. Turner's arrival. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 126-7.

Store in Seymour Hotel.

Goods probably "...exchanged for wheat, corn, oats, grass-seed, flaxseed, pork, tallow, lard, beeswax, butter, cheese, furs, deer-skins, hides, ashes, black salts, etc." Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 126-7.

Jul 5, 1847

James Seymour and Wife Mira of Flushing, Genesee Cty to James Turner of Town of Michigan, MI; Land in town of Michigan. (L7:P460)

Purchased Lots 10 & 11 on Block 10; 80 rods in front and extending to Fish Street.; purchased for \$100.

1847

"Mr. James Turner immediately decided to remove here from Mason; he built the first frame dwelling house in Lansing; he had it made at Mason and brought here ready to set up; it was not exactly like Solomon's Temple where the 'noise of hammer was not heard.' In this case the sound of the hammer and the busy workmen added new interest to the scene. The house still remains, several additions having been made to it to accommodate Mr. Turner's increasing family. The house was built by Mr. James Turner's brother, Richard Turner, and stands on Turner street." 64 pg. 419.

1847

...that while looking for a stake which marked the ground where the capitol building was to be erected, he became bewildered and was lost in the woods. He assisted his brother James in the erection of the first frame house in North Lansing, which building stands just north of the site of the present brewery. The frame was made at Mason and brought to Lansing with teams and set up. He recalls that at this time there were not sufficient houses in Lansing to accommodate the working men with lodgings and he-his father-was obliged to sleep under his work-bench. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 429.

Jul 1847

"The James Turner house was built in 1847. The sills and other parts of the frame were hewn out of hardwood, the siding, flooring and cornice was dressed by hand, also first shingles were riven with an old-fashioned hand froe by workmen in Mason, then hauled by ox teams over the hogsback road through the almost unbroken wilderness to the few months old Capitol city. Mr. Turner's brothers in July 1847, cleared a place in the woods and erected the first frame dwelling in North Lansing. While the workmen were erecting this building, they had to fight deer flies, mosquitoes, snakes and other pests of the wilderness. I remember one of them told about killing two moccasin snakes that came out and sunned themselves on a log in a cat hole just north of the house. He said they were real snakes as the men had

nothing to drink but spring water." Source: Dr. F. N. Turner, Sep. 30, 1916; Source: Adams pgs. 493.

Mr. Turner built a small one-and-a-half-story frame dwelling still standing) ((1880)) on these lots, which are situated south of the lane leading to the family residence. The present property was purchased at various times of F. M. Cowles, James Seymour, and Isaac Townsend, or his heirs. Mr. Turner was administrator of the Isaac Townsend estate. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton counties Michigan, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of their Prominent Men and Pioneers by Samuel W. Durant, D. W. Ensign & Co., 1880; pg. 127.

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Administrator of the Isaac Townsend estate.

Winter 1847-48

First Frame House Built in Lansing

This house was built by James Turner in the winter of 1847-48 and was occupied by the Turner family many years. The frame was construed from timber taken from the forest nearby. The doors, sash, glass, hardware and finishing lumber were purchases in Jackson and rafted down the river to Lansing. The old house stands today (1909) intact, without the slightest addition or alteration, since it was built. It is located just north of the brewery. Source: The State Republican, April 14, 1909.

...the little frame house still standing on Turner street, just north of the brewery. Mr. Turner had hurriedly built the house and they moved into it before it was finished.

Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 115.

Sep 9, 1847

Whig convention held at court house in Mason; James Turner appointed with T. S. Holmes as standing corresponding committee in Lansing township. Source: Adams pg. 129.

Sep 27, 1847

James Turner and wife Marian of Michigan village, Ing. Co. and Richard Turner of Mason, Ing. Co. to John Coatsworth and Minos McRobert of Mason, Ing. Co.; Land in Mason. (L7:P413)

Sep 27, 1847

William Jackson of Leoni and James Turner to Dexter Philips of Mason, land in section 5 of Vevay Township. (L10:P382)

1847

Tax assessment rolls show James owning lots 10 and 11 of block 10 in the Town of Michigan valued at \$50.00 in 1847. His tax was .92 cents. Source: Turner-Dodge House Preservation Master Plan, March 1993.

1847-1848

Mr. Turner built an ashery and manufactured pearl ashes. Source: Durant, pg. 126.

Feb 9, 1848

James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee Cty. to Richard Turner of town of Michigan; land in town of Michigan. (18:P33)

- Purchased for \$500.  
 Lots 3 & 4 of Block 53  
 Part Lot 1 of block 53 that lies between lots 3 & 4 and Grand River  
 and 8 rods in width from north to South and the North line of piece  
 described as being  
 8 rods from north line of Lot I  
 excepting and reserving out of aid part of Lot I so much of same  
 as may be flowed at any time by the water of the mill...
- ? Important events marking the advance of the city was the  
 establishment of the first foundry here by James Turner who set  
 up this business at Race street and Franklin Ave. about the same  
 time that James Beal started the first brickyard in 1850.  
 Source: The Lansing Republican, April 14, 1909.  
 Note: Brick yard opened in 1847.
- Jun 10, 1848 Petition for probate by James Turner (brother) of Mason of John  
 A. Turner deceased. John A. Turner died Wednesday last. Will  
 dated June 5, 1848 mentions children Adeline, Thomas, Mary,  
 Amos, Louisa, Horace, Oliver, Martha, and John all minors; land in  
 White Oak; executive and guardians to be James Turner of  
 Lansing, bother, and Abraham Haynes of White Oak brother-in-  
 law. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham  
 County, Michigan, 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical  
 Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper, No. 10; record  
 323.
- Apr 3, 1848 James W. Turner one commissioners of Michigan and DeWitt  
 Plank-road Company, incorporated April 3, 1848 to plank road  
 from Michigan (Lansing) to DeWitt. Source: History of Shiawassee  
 and Clinton Counties Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880, pg. 29.
- James W. Turner, James Seymour, Siloam S. Carter, George T.  
 Clark and David Ferguson appointed commissioners of Michigan  
 and Dewitt Plank Road Company. Public Act 262 of 1848,  
 approved April 3, 1848. To build plank road from town of Michigan  
 to village of Dewitt.
- Nov I, 1848 James Turner appointed administrator of Burchard's estate re-  
 deeded property to James Seymour; deed recorded March 10,  
 1850. Source: Adams pg. 438.
- Nov I, 1848 James Seymour of Flushing Genesee county Michigan (by his  
 attorney Joseph H. Kilborn) to James Turner and Richard Turner  
 of Lansing, Ingham county, Michigan; Land in village of Lansing  
 (L9:P460)
- Purchased for \$200 part of Block 12 bounded commencing at the  
 SE corner of the furnace building now standing on the lot running  
 Thence South 75\* west 74 feet



Thence North 15\* West 60 feet  
Thence North 75\* East 75 feet  
Thence South 30\* East 60 feet to beginning.

Together with the land lying between the west end of the lot and the Grand River with the common use of the tail race and the ground eighteen ? feet wide on the south side of the above lot for that purpose and the Street or alley 20 feet wide between the lot and the mill race to be extended North to Franklin Street.

Together with the right as appurtenant to said premises to take from the mill race leading from the mill pond in Grand River to said furnace sufficient water to propel machinery not reigning more than half as much power as ordinary run flowing mill stones (which water for all other purposes except propelling machinery shall be estimated at one fortieth part of the water power of Grand River liable? to that proportion of the expenses) or such part of it same as they may be entitled to under the contract to be used upon water wheels of the most approved construction for saving water and in prudent manner for propelling machinery.

The parties of this contract have hereby especially? convent not to waste the water while now using it on machinery.

It is further covenanted and agreed by the said parties of the second part their heirs and assigns that if any whenever it shall become necessary or expedient to build a lock in the dam aforesaid or water gap apron or shut for the passage of boats or rafts at said dam they will pay their proportion of the expense thereof.

It is further covenanted by and between said parties their heirs and assigns that whenever the owner or owners of more than half of the water power created by said dam or which may hereafter be created thereby in an improved condition thereof or by any other dam built to supply its place. The owner of more than half thereof may appoint a committee for the year or from year to year who shall have power to decide whether or what repairs and improvements are proper or may be necessary upon said am or its appurtenances aside from private and separate interests and shall also have power to make the same and all of the owners shall be liable and pay towards the same their share of its expense thereof in proportion to the amount of their interests...

Nov 9, 1848

Richard Turner of Lansing to James Turner of Lansing, land in Aurelius Township, Section 3. (18:P504)

Dec 21, 1848

James Turner and wife Marian M. of Lansing to Abram Wilson of Aurelius; land in section 3 of Aurelius. (18:P567)

- 1848 (James Turner?) Turner & Crosman established foundry and machine works. Succession of owners finally became Cody, Glassbrook & Co. earliest foundry and machine works in city. Water chief source of power. 25 pg. 134. Note: North Lansing Race Street.
- 1848 **Business**  
...there were, in 1848, at "lower towns," .... there was also James Turner's foundry, where plow points and small castings were manufactured, and where the writer, in big-eyed wonder, first saw molten iron run from the stack into vessels and form them into the molds. It was on the west side of Race street, several rods south of Franklin avenue, Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 88-89.
- 1848 Assessment on lots 10 & 11 of Block 10. \$50.
- 1848? James Seymour barn on lot 6, block 14 used as church  
"I (Dr. F. N. Turner) went to Sunday school in this building and old James Turner was our superintendent. Members of this church (Methodists) used to boast of his length of service and no absent or tardy marks against his record. He was a great lover of children and never a youngster walked the streets of North Lansing, but he formed his acquaintance and invited him to come to Sunday school." Source: Lansing's First Church Building Was Old Stable, Pioneer Declares by Dr. F. N. Turner; Adams pg. 591.
- Apr 3, 1849 James Turner subdivided blocks Nos. 26 & 27.  
Source: Ingham & Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant.
- Apr 3, 1849 James Turner subdivided block 12.  
Source: Ingham & Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant.
- May 7, 1849 James Seymour & Horatio Seymour to H. H. Smith, J. Turner and Charles Seymour (L11:P581)  
Purchased for \$202.50 Lot 1 of block 33.
- 1849 Assessment. James Turner & Co. \$400 on lot 3 block 12.
- Feb 21, 1850 James and Marian M. and Richard and Euphemia Turner to George Barnum of Lansing, land in village of Michigan. (L10:P9)
- Mar 1850, 1850 Census #675  
James Turner, age 30, born NY  
Marian, age 31, born NY  
Adaline age 19, born NY  
Amos, age 15, born MI  
Harriet, age 5, born MI  
Marian, age 4, born MI  
James M, age 2 months, born MI  
Deborah, age 69, born VT (mother of James)

Apr 23, 1850	Son James M. Turner born at Lansing; fourth child, and third son; only son to survive. Source: Cyclopedia of Michigan; pg. 60.
Appx. Jul, 1850	Continued in business in Lansing until he engaged with Charles Seymour and H. H. Smith in the construction of the plank-road between Lansing and Mason about July 1, 1850, when he removed his store to the road, locating a part of the time at Leroy, and afterwards at Fowlerville. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 126.
Jun 1, 1850	James' lots 10 and 11 on block 10 were valued at \$1,000. The whole of block 9 was valued at \$80. Lot 3, block 24, valued at \$100; lot 8 through 13, block 23, \$400; and personal estate, \$1225. Taxes were \$1,631. The entire township was valued at \$530,000. Lansing population of 1,229 included saddlers, sawyers, cigar makers, students, a secretary of state, surveyors, teachers, farriers, teamsters, turners, wagonmakers, a government guide, innkeepers, physicians, and potters, according to the census. Source: Turner-Dodge House Preservation Master Plan, March 1993.
Sep 9, 1850	Luman K. Plimpton and wife Mary S. of Buffalo, NY to James Turner, Charles Seymour, HH Smith all of Lansing; land in Leroy Twp.; for \$1,009.00; Section 6. (L10:P152)  SE fractional quarter of section 6 (T3N,R2E)  SE quarter of section 31 (T4N,R2E); in all 265 acres.
1850	James mother, Deborah Morton living with. Age 69 in March 1850 when recorded in census of James Turner residence.
1850-51	Spent winter in Florida "where he went for his health, being threatened with a pulmonary difficulty." Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 126.
?	Subsequently to his return from the South he was again engaged in the mercantile business in company with Daniel L. Case on NE corner of Franklin and Turner Streets; later burned out, on the northeast corner of Franklin and Turner streets. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 126.  Case married sister of Mrs. James Turner
Mar 17, 1851	H.H. and Mary Jane Smith, James and Marian Turner and Charles Seymour of Lansing to Thomas W. Colby, Sr., of Phelpsstown, Ingham County, land in section 6 of Leroy Township. (L19:P144)
Jun 7, 1851	George W. Barnum and wife Julia A of Lansing to James and Richard Turner , land in village of Lansing. (L11:P47)

- 1851 Member of first board of education.  
 "Upon the organization of the Board of Education in 1851 he was elected member and held the position during life." Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 290. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 181.
- In 1851 he began a life membership on the board of education, and taught Sunday school for many years. Source: Turner-Dodge House Preservation Master Plan, March 1993.
- 1851-Oct 10, 1869 James Turner treasurer and superintendent of Lansing and Howell Plank Road Company. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan; Durant, 1880; pg. 95.
- Mr. Turner, Mr. H. H. Smith and Mr. D. L. Case were the principal projectors of the Detroit, Howell & Lansing Plank Road, of which Mr. Turner has held the position of treasurer from its beginning to the day of his death. Source: Obituary of James Turner, The Ingham County News, Thursday, October 14, 1869.
- Treasurer of Lansing-Howell Plank Road. Source: Early History of Michigan With Biographies of State Officers; pg. 646.
- With Charles Seymour and H. H. Smith engaged in construction of plank road (Howell to Lansing)  
 Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 290.
- Smith, Seymour, and Turner were contractors for the construction of the Lansing and Howell Plank Road chartered in 1850. They are described as merchants who made payment for much of the labor in store goods. The road opened in 1853, making Lansing more accessible. Source: Turner-Dodge House Preservation Master Plan, March 1993.
- For some time, he carried on the mercantile trade, and then engaged in the construction of the Lansing and Howell plank-road, of which company he was treasurer and manager. The building of this road was of vast importance to this section of the State. Mr. Turner carried it through against many obstacles, securing a large amount of foreign capital to complete the work.  
 Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 290.
- Developer of Lansing-Howell Plank Road. Source: Significant People buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, MI, a Tour Through History, by Linda Peckham.
- Jul 20, 1852 James Seymour to James Turner (L12:P88)
- Purchased for \$1,000, part of Block 12; bounded

Begin at point on E. line of Lot 5 of the recorded subdivision map of said block 12 and distant S 28° E 30 feet from the NE corner thereof and running

Thence S 60° W 95 feet to the E bank of Grand River

Thence N 28° W along Bank to the SW corner of a lot heretofore sold to James Turner for a furnace

Thence N Easterly along the S line of said furnace lot to the SE corner thereof

Thence S 28° E 78 feet to the place of beginning.

Reserving a highway of 20 feet across the E side of the lot and along the bank of the mill race together with rights as appurtenances of said premise to take from the mill race one 40th ? part of water of Grand River

- Oct 23, 1852 H. H. and Mary Jane, James and Marion Turner, Charles Seymour of Lansing to District School Board No. 3 of Leroy, land in section 6 of Leroy Township. (L12:P74)
- Oct 27, 1852 H. H. and Mary Jane Smith, James and Marian Turner, Charles Seymour to John Grimes of Locke Township, land in section 31 of Locke Township. (L12:P295)
- Dec 13, 1852 H. H. and Mary Jane, James and Marion Turner, Charles Seymour of Lansing to William P. Hopkins of Howell, land in section 31 of Locke Township. (L12:P353)
- Dec 20, 1852 H. H. and Mary Jane, James and Marion Turner, Charles Seymour of Lansing to Lorenzo D. Chadwick of Leroy Township, land in section 6 of Leroy Township. (L13:P153)
- H. H. and Mary Jane, James and Marion Turner, Charles Seymour of Lansing to James Wilsey  
Check entry not complete (L13:P149 or 150)
- H. H. and Mary Jane, James and Marion Turner, Charles Seymour of Lansing to Alphens M. Chadwick of Leroy Township, land in section 6 of Leroy Township. (L12:P267)
- Jan I, 1853 Richard Turner and wife Euphemia W. of Lansing to James Turner land in village of Lansing. (L12:P323).
- Apr I, 1853 H. H. and Mary Jane Smith and Charles Seymour to James Turner. Land in section 6 of Leroy Township. (L13:P318)
- H. H. and Mary Jane Smith and James and Marion Turner to Charles Seymour Land in section 6 of Leroy Township. (L12:P591)
- June 29, 1853 Ruama Fuller of Ann Arbor to James Turner, land in section 6 of Leroy Township. (L13:P13)

Jul 10, 1853	James and Marian M. Turner to William Brown of Leroy, land in section 6 of Leroy Township. (L14:P152)
Dec 5, 1853	James and Marian M. Turner to John Longyear of Lansing, land in section 10 of Delhi Township. (L13:P554)
Dec 20, 1853	H.H. and Mary Jane Smith, James and Marian Turner and Charles and Jane H. Seymour of Flushing, to James Wilsey of Leroy land in section 6 of Leroy Township. (120:P595)
Feb 24, 1854	Paid \$150.00 by state for damages of great girders in strong room of new offices, in consequence of defect of pattern. pg. 5. Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.
Mar 1, 1854	James Turner and wife, untied with Methodist Church. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 168.
1855	With Case, Longyear was founder of female college (Miss Roger's School. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 127.
Dec 15, 1855	<p>Friend Leach:--Above I hand you a statement of freights that have left and came into town by our plank road, for accuracy of which I have sworn statement of Mr. Van Hausen, the Gate Keeper. The time covers three months and five days; but it is intended to cover three months, and five days are for the five days in which the bridges were gone from freshet in Nov. I think it is hardly a fair average for one-fourth of the year, as no flour of consequence has left yet the high water precluding flouring, and the roads so near impassable that much less than one-fourth of the wheat has come to town for shipment. I think freights may be safely set down as 12,000 tons. I have procured the above from the Gate as a Railroad statistic. Yours.</p> <p>James Turner</p> <p>Source: The Lansing Republican, Jan 1, 1856.</p> <p>Railroad Statistics. James Turner, Esq., the indefatigable Secretary of the Saginaw and Lansing Railroad Company, is making every possible effort to place this subject before capitalists in its true light. The following note from him gives one item of the statistics which he has collected;</p> <p>Statement of Wheat, flour, merchandise, House hold goods and other Freights that have passed Gate No. 1, of the Lansing &amp; Howell Plank road, from Sep. 10th to Dec. 15th inclusive.</p> <p>Wheat, 29,302 bushels, a 60 lbs. per bushels is 879,000 Tons.</p>

Merchandise, Coal and Iron, &c.,	952,325 Tons
Household goods	565,075 Tons
Freight other than above	348,900 Tons
Total	2,745,300 Tons

Add 138 barrels flour at 9 barrels per ton, say  
15,000 Tons

Total 2,760,300 Tons  
Source: The Lansing Republican, Jan 1, 1856.

1855 Engaged in real estate and mercantile business with Daniel Case, firm being J. Turner & Case, partnership continued until Turner's death in 1869.  
Source: Death notice: Was Ingham County's Very Oldest Resident

Sep 1856 J. Turner & Case kept a store on the corner of Franklin and Turner streets, and the ...Mr. Turner lived in a one-story house, just north of his store, which is still standing. He was the director of the school district and had hired us to teach the school a year for them, to us, princely sum of \$600. Miss Hattie Seymour was one of the assistant teachers. ...

H. H. Smith, D. L. Case, and James Turner were the potential triumvirate of Lower Towns. ...John Tooker was a genial, witty young fellow, who worked in the foundry. Source: Reminiscentail by George P. Sanford, Lansing Journal, February 22, 1883; Michigan Pioneer Society, Vol. VI; pg. 292-295.

1857 Original director of Amboy, Lansing and Traverse Bay Railroad Company; listed on Articles of Association; elected by Stockholders on June 3, 1857, Turner not one of.  
Source: The Amboy, Lansing and Traverse Bay Railroad by Bruce W. Carlson, (Thesis - Central Michigan University)

Jan 24, 1857 Amboy, Lansing and Traverse Bay Railroad Company petition legislature for grant of lands in petition dated January 24, 1857; company to construct railroad from Amboy to Hillsdale and Lansing to point on or near Traverse Bay; company to build and finish portion of road that lies between Michigan Central Railroad and the Detroit and Milwaukee Railway within two years from the first day to July 1857, and construct whole road within 10 years; request railroad be northern portion of the great line of railroads which is intended to connect the city of Cincinnati with the Straits of Mackinac, generally denominated the Cincinnati and Mackinac Railroad.; petitions requested that Legislature give company the whole of said grant of lands made by act of Congress on said route; "petitions therefore respectfully pray that an act may be passed granting to the said "Amboy, Lansing and Traverse Bay Railroad Company" the lands lying within fifteen miles of the line

of their proposed route, pursuant to the provision and subject to the conditions of said act of Congress.

Signed by directors including Hiram. H. Smith, Charles. Seymour, and James Turner. Source: House Doc. No. 11 of Documents of House for biennial session of 1857.

- Nov 2, 1853 H.H. and Mary Jane Smith, Charles and Jane H. Seymour of Flushing, to Daniel S. Case and James Turner, land in section 6 of Leroy Township. (120:P372)
- Feb 27, 1854 Charles Seymour of Flushing by James Turner, his attorney to Benjamin Carpenter Jr. of Lansing, land in village of Lansing. (L17:P289).
- Jun 19, 1854 John Haggarty of Whitestown, Queens County, New York to James Turner, land in section 32 of Meridian Township. (L16:P13)
- Jan 8, 1855 Charles Seymour of Flushing by attorney, James Turner to Alanson Olds of Lansing, land in Lansing. (L19:P538)
- May 8, 1855 Charles Seymour of Flushing by James Turner, his attorney to Cyrus Beach, land in village of Lansing. (L17:P167).
- Jun 6, 1855 Erastus Linton of Portage County, Ohio to Daniel L. Case, Hiram H. Smith & James Turner, land in village of Lansing. (L17:P231)
- Jun 16, 1855 Charles Seymour of Flushing by James Turner, his attorney to Louisa Norris of Lansing, land in village of Lansing. (L17:P331).
- Jun 18, 1855 Lucien and Sarah Merrell of Lansing to Daniel L. Case, James Turner and Hiram H. Smith land in village of Lansing. (L17:P262)
- Oct 5, 1855 Charles Seymour of Flushing by James Turner, his attorney to Walter E. Smith of Lansing, land in village of Lansing. (L17:P435).
- Oct 20, 1855 Charles Seymour of Flushing by James Turner, his attorney to Sarah Brittain of Lansing, land in village of Lansing. (L17:P486).
- Nov 30, 1855 Horatio Seymour & wife, Mary of Utica, New York to James Turner of Lansing, land in village of Lansing. (L18:P5)
- Dec 7, 1855 Edward C. and Harriette S. Delavan of Albany, New York, to James Turner land in section 3 of Leroy Township. (L17:P521)
- Jan 2, 1856 Luman K. Plimpton and wife Mary S. of Buffalo, New York, to James Turner and Daniel L. Case of Lansing, land in section 9 of Leroy Township. (L18:P109)
- Feb 16, 1856 Edward C. and Harriett S. Delavan of Albany N.Y. to Daniel L. Case and James Turner, land in section 11 of Leroy Township. (L17:P630)



Feb 19, 1856	Farmers & Mechanical Bank of Michigan to James Turner & Daniel L. Case , land in section 18 of Alaiedon Township. (L18:P100)
Mar 14, 1856	Charles Seymour of Flushing by attorney, James Turner, to Joseph P. Cowles of Lansing, land in Lansing. (L18:P193)
Apr 19, 1856	Charles Seymour of Flushing by attorney, James Turner, to Maria J. Carpenter of Lansing, land in Lansing. (L18:P498)
Jun 4, 1856	Peter G. Miller of Bark Shanty, Sanilac County to James Turner, David L. Case, Hiram H. Smith, assignees of F. M. Cowles of Lansing. Land in section 6 of Meridian Township. (L19:P262)
Dec 16, 1856	Orestes Taylor of Farmington, Oakland County to James Turner & Daniel L. Case, land in section 11 of Leroy Township. (L18:P493)
Feb 4, 1857	James and Marian M. Turner and Daniel and Adelia Case to David T. Burgess of Lansing, land in section 18 of Alaiedon Township. (L18:P576)
Sep 19, 1857	Joseph H. Kilborn by Richard R. Low, Sheriff of Ingham County to James Turner, land in section 23 of Meridian Township. (120:P300)
1857	James Turner along with Ezra Jones and Charles W. Penny composed first Board of Control of the House of Correction for Juvenile Offenders. Source: First Annual Report of the Board of Control of the House of Correction for Juvenile Offenders for the year ending November 18, 1857; Joint Document of 1857, No. 5. Note: See January 19, 1858.
Jan 29, 1858	Governor nominated "for the office of a member of the "Board of Control of the House of Correction for Juvenile Offenders," James Turner, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Nelson G. Isbell." Source: Executive Journal; Senate Journal Extra Session 1858; pg. 131. Note: See 1857.
1858	Chairman of Board of Control of the House of Correction for Juvenile Offenders. Source: Second Annual Report of the Board of Control of the House of Correction for Juvenile Offenders for the fiscal year ending November 17, 1858.
1858	Built house on North Street - later enlarged and now known as Turner-Dodge House. Source: Significant People buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Lansing, MI, a Tour Through History, by Linda Peckham.
Sep 1, 1859	Turner Brothers paid \$72.30 for boiler front & grates for State Reform School. pg. 88.

- Sep 17, 1859 Turner Brothers paid \$15.71 for shaft for force pump and fixtures for State Reform School. pg. 88.  
Source: Receipts and Disbursements in erecting South Wing, &c., under PA 193 of 1859; Fourth Annual Report of Board for 1860; included in Twenty-fourth Annual Report of Superintendent of Public Instruction for 1860; Joint Document No. 7 for 1860.
- Sep 19, 1859 Turner Brothers paid \$6.90 for boiler stand for State Reform School.  
Source: Receipts and Disbursements in erecting South Wing, &c., under PA 193 of 1859; Fourth Annual Report of Board for 1860; included in Twenty-fourth Annual Report of Superintendent of Public Instruction for 1860; Joint Document No. 7 for 1860.
- Oct 13, 1859 Turner Brothers paid \$5.73 for bars for furnace and smithing for State Reform School.  
Source: Receipts and Disbursements in erecting South Wing, &c., under PA 193 of 1859; Fourth Annual Report of Board for 1860; included in Twenty-fourth Annual Report of Superintendent of Public Instruction for 1860; Joint Document No. 7 for 1860.
- Nov 22, 1859 Turner Brothers paid \$8.00 for work on building for State Reform School. Source: Receipts and Disbursements in erecting South Wing, &c., under PA 193 of 1859; Fourth Annual Report of Board for 1860; included in Twenty-fourth Annual Report of Superintendent of Public Instruction for 1860; Joint Document No. 7 for 1860.
- 1859 Member Board of Control of State Reform School with H. B. Shank, and George W. Lee. Source: Annual Report of Superintendent of Public Instruction for 1859; Joint Document No. 5 for 1859.
- 1859 Turner & Case listed as Land and Tax Agents in Lansing. J. Turner listed as merchant. (Block 6, Lot 7) (James or Jessie?)  
Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- 1859 First city council elected James Turner, city auditor.  
Source: The State Republican, April 14, 1909.
- Lansing city Auditor. Source: Durant
- 1859 Listed as owning land in section 33 of Unadilla Township, Livingston County. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

- 1859 Turner & Case listed as owning land in section 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11 of LeRoy Township. Same individual? (Block 6, Lot 7)  
Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- 1860-6 Appointed deputy State Treasurer, John Owen State Treasurer.  
Source: Early History of Michigan With Biographies of State Officers; pg. 646. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 181.
- "In 1860, upon the election of John Owen as State Treasurer, Mr. Turner was appointed Deputy State Treasurer, the duties of the office being under his exclusive supervision for six years.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 290.
- Mar 1860 Census # 208  
James Turner, age 41, born NY  
Marian, age 41, born NY  
Marian, age 13, born MI  
James, Jr., age 10, born MI  
Adda, age 8, born MI  
Jenise, age 3, born MI  
Eva, age 3, born MI  
May Makepeace, age 22, domestic, born NY
- May 1, 1860 **Mortgage**  
D. L. Case to James Turner mortgages the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of section 10 and all that part of the west 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of section 10 which lies north of the center of the Lansing and Howell Plank Road, in Lansing township, containing 50 acres.  
Source: Mortgage  
Dated May 1, 1860  
Recorded July 9, 1860  
Liber 14, page 121.
- Jul 6, 1860 **Assignment of Mortgage**  
James Turner assigns mortgage dated May 1, 1860 to Edward Fowler. Source: Dated July 6, 1860  
Recorded July 9, 1860. Liber 14, page 122
- 1860 Member Board of Control of State Reform School for year ending November 17, 1860.  
Source: Fourth Annual Report of Board for 1860; included in Twenty-fourth Annual Report of Superintendent of Public Instruction for 1860; Joint Document No. 7 for 1860.
- 1860 James Turner agent Merchants Insurance Company of Hartford, office on Franklin. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1860, pg. 226.

- 1860 James Turner & Brothers, foundry and machine shop.  
Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1860, pg. 226.
- 1861 Member Lansing Board of Education.
- Aug 24, 1861 Report of the Special Committee appointed to inquire into the Military expenditures of the State during the last year (1861):  
  
Paid by Quarter Master General  
Aug 24, 1861 James Turner, expenses on bill for advertising war loan \$2.00. Source: Doc. No. 8 of 1862.
- Oct 21, 1861 Petition for probate filed by James Turner. Marshall Turner of Lansing died there 1861 leaving will. Heirs: Horace Turner and Olive Turner. Will dated June 8, 1861 of Marshall Turner mentions wife Charlotte, land in Douglas Township, Montcalm county; nephew Horace Turner and niece Alice Olive Turner, both James Turner as exec. Witness: James Turner and T. W. Greene. Administrative bond filed February 17, 1862 to James Turner; A. Turner and Charles Turner sureties. Letter November 2, 1865 from Charles Turner mentions death of James Turner and a brother Elisha Turner. Administrative bond December 23, 1869 to Calvin Tracy. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper No. 10; record 366.
- Dec 1, 1861-  
Nov 30, 1862 James Turner paid \$5.50 for expenses at Mason on trial of John McKinney. Source: Annual Report of the Board of State Auditors for the Year 1862.
- Dec 12, 1862 Resolved, That James Turner, Esq., purchase for the use of the State, 25 cords of dry wood, at the cheapest rates possible, and cause 15 cores thereof to be delivered at the Capitol, and 10 cords at the State offices.  
Adopted December 12, 1862. Source: Annual Report of the Board of State Auditors for the year 1863; dated December 1, 1863.  
  
James Turner & Bros. paid \$145.00 for one hot air furnace for Auditor General and State Treasurer's office.  
Source: Annual Report of the Board of State Auditors for the year 1863; dated December 1, 1863.
- Aug 10, 1863 The Board met pursuant to appointment, in special session, for the purpose of examining the "sealed proposals," submitted to them for the erection of a building for the Treasury Department of the State.  
  
A quorum being present, the Board proceeded to examine and compare the bids before them, and after a careful examination

- and comparison, awarded the contract for the erection of a building for the Treasury Department of the State, to Messrs. VanKuren and Ayres, of Lansing, they being the lowest bidders. Source: Annual Report of the Board of State Auditors for the year 1863; dated December 1, 1863.
- Sep 16, 1863 Resolved, That Hon. James Turner be, and he is hereby appointed the Agent of this Board, to superintend the erection and completion of the new building for the Treasury Department of the State. Source: Annual Report of the Board of State Auditors for the year 1863; dated December 1, 1863.
- Dec 22, 1863 Meeting held in court house to organize the Jackson & Lansing Railroad Company. Subscription started and \$28,000 was subscribed. James Turner chosen Treasurer. Source: Pioneer History of Ingham county, Vol. 1, by Franc L. Adams, 1923, pg. 155.
- 1863 One of 12 directors and treasurer of the Jackson and Lansing Railroad. Source: Turner-Dodge House Preservation Master Plan, March 1993.
- 1863-64 Appointed Deputy State Treasurer by J. Owen, State Treasurer; paid \$855.26 in 1863 and \$809.48 in 1864 for services; office hours for Treasurer Dept. were 8 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:30 to 4:00 p.m., being six and half hours. Source: communication from the State Treasurer, giving the names, salaries, etc., of the clerks employed in his office, dated February 22, 1865. Source: Senate Doc. 30 of 1865.
- 1863-4 James Turner & Brothers (James, George and Charles), had iron foundry, machine shop, agricultural implements, and hot air furnaces business in lower town. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1863-4, pg. 379.
- Jan 22, 1864 James Turner paid \$7.75 for expenses to Jackson, with bonds for Governor's signature. Source: Annual Report of the Board of State Auditors for the year 1864; dated December 1, 1864; pg. 51.
- 1864 Originated Jackson to Lansing Railroad project; later known as Jackson, Lansing and Saginaw Railroad; treasurer and land commissioner of company. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 290. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 181.
- Feb 24, 1865 Jackson, Lansing and Saginaw Railroad company incorporated, James Turner, treasurer and land commissioner; O. M. Barnes, Attorney and Secretary; length of road 116 miles, all open by 1868. Source: Annual Report of the Jackson, Lansing and Saginaw Railroad company for the year ending December 31, 1868. Source: Early History of Michigan With Biographies of State

Officers; pg. 646. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 126-7.

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- He was also director and treasurer of the Lansing & Ionia railroad, was agent for non-resident Michigan land-holders, and loaned money largely for the New Lebanon Shakers. Source: Early History of Michigan With Biographies of State Officers; pg. 646. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 181.
- Was treasurer, superintendent and member of the board of Directors of company formed to construct railroad from Ionia to Lansing. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 290.
- 1865
- Paid \$6.00 for expense to Detroit and back to carry \$25.00 to Michigan Insurance Bank for State. Audit Report of the Board of Auditors for fiscal year November 30, 1865.
- Summer 1866
- In the summer of 1866 a few of the citizens agitated the idea of a railroad, and Mr. Bartow was chosen to confer with the Hon. James Turner, of Lansing, as to the practicability of procuring a railroad through Portland on a line from Lansing to Ionia. A company was formed, of which Mr. Bartow was chosen director. He took a very active part in its advancement, paying liberally of his limited means and obtain aid from others, and through of passage with little coast to the road. When this was mainly accomplished there seemed to be a peculiar falling off of zeal at Lansing and Ionia, at least in parties having control of the road. Source: History of Ionia and Montcalm Counties Michigan, by John S. Schenck, 1881. pg. 337.
- 1866
- Elected State Senator
- 1867-68
- State Senator from Twenty-first District (Ingham & Clinton counties.) Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 290.
- "He was prominently identified with the railroad legislation of that session and was a member of the finance committee and chairman of the committee on the Asylum for the Insane." Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 290. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 181.
- 1867
- Member Lansing Board of Education.
- 1869
- Stockholder of Jackson, Lansing and Saginaw Railroad Company, in annual report for year ending December 31, 1869 notes received land grants and notes James Turner and D. L. Case contracted to buy 960 acres at rate of \$4.16  $\frac{2}{3}$  per acre, amount paid on contract \$1,000. Source: Annual Report of the Jackson, Lansing and Saginaw Railroad Company for the year ending December 31, 1869.

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- Old Chief Okemos used to make James Turner's his visiting place when he came to Lansing. These visits became too frequent and Mrs. Turner had to scheme to stop them. One time he wanted to stay all night, but he was too dirty to sleep in a bed, so Mrs. Turner gave him some blankets and set him to the barn. This offended him and he said to her, in a tone of wounded pride and dignity, "No sleep with horses and own wigwam." Another time when he said he was hungry Mrs. Turner gave him a "hand out" and he very promptly gave it back, saying, "Okemos big chief, no little boy, eat out of hand." This was his last visit. Source: Account of Dr. F. N. Turner in Pioneer History of Ingham County by Mrs. Franc L. Adams, Vol. 1, 1823, pg. 484.
- 1869
- At time of his death he held the position of Treasurer of the Jackson, Lansing & Saginaw Railroad, and Superintendent and Treasurer of the Lansing & Ionia Railroad. Source: Obituary of James Turner, The Ingham County News, Thursday, October 14, 1869.
- Oct 1, 1869
- Died. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 127.
- Oct 10, 1869
- Died - of typhoid fever.
- Oct 10, 1869
- Died. Source: Early History of Michigan With Biographies of State Officers; pg. 646. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 181. Source: Obituary of James Turner, The Ingham County News, Thursday, October 14, 1869.
- Republican Methodist
- "He was a warm friend of the temperance cause and an earnest Christian. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and for nineteen years was superintendent of the Sabbath school." Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 290. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 181.
- "Mr. Turner was a man of commanding personal appearance, being six feet four inches in height and well proportioned, weighting two hundred and forty-five pounds. He possessed great strength and remarkable powers and endurance. He was kind-hearted and benevolent to a fault, and a real friend and helper to the poor." Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 181.
- 1870
- Acres received and sold to stockholder in corporation: Turner & Case - Numbers of acres contracted to be sold to them, 960; rate per acre, \$4.16  $\frac{2}{3}$ ; amount paid on contract, \$2,000.

Source: Annual Report of the Jackson, Lansing and Saginaw Railroad company for the eight months ending August 31, 1870, filed December 20, 1870.

1870 The inventory of his final estate lists "I share of Lansing & Howell P R stock" valued at \$20,00. Auction and private sale of his personal property brought \$448.73. The total value of his estate administered by Marion M. Turner and John Longyear in 1870 was \$16,642.83.

A list of household furniture and personal property selected by Marion M. Turner, James' widow, included a Good Samaritan cookstove valued at \$30.00; one extension table, \$10.00; 12 dining chairs, \$15.00; 2 dozen ivory handled knives and forks, \$6.00; one black walnut bedstead, \$17.00; two hair mattresses, \$25.00; one set of silver plate ware, \$25.00; one rocking chair, \$1.50; 7 urns and basins, \$9.00; one bookcase, \$10.00; six feather beds, \$30.00; one milk cow, \$30.00; and like items.

Daniel L. Case, with whom James operated a store and purchased land, filed a claim listing kind of merchandise and value. Sugar was 16 cents; one pair of calf boots, \$2.13; 5-1/2 pounds of butter, \$1.27; 1-1/2 packages of white fish, 23 cents; one pencil, 6 cents. Source: Turner-Dodge House Preservation Master Plan, March 1993.

June 1880 Jesse Munroe "in good health" living "with his daughter, Mrs. Turner."

1880 In census Marion Turner listed as keeping house with real estate valued at \$7,114 and personal estate valued at \$1,000. Source: Turner-Dodge House Preservation Master Plan, March 1993.

1884 Mrs. Marion Turner listed in Michigan census as "real estate owner." Household included Eva, 27, Abby, 22, and Augusta, a servant. Source: Turner-Dodge House Preservation Master Plan, March 1993.

Jul 11, 1912 Mrs. Marian Turner died.

### **James Turner**

#### **Patent Land Purchases**

Sep 2, 1835 Purchased Land (Date land patent issued)  
Township 1-N, Range 10-E of Oakland County:  
Section 24 W 1/2 NW 80 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0150\_\_\_.102; Detroit Land Office.  
Turner listed as of Oakland County



Apr 1, 1837 Purchased Land (Date land patent issued)  
Township 1-N, Range 11-E of Oakland County:  
Section 34 NWNW 40 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI1260\_\_\_.278; Detroit Land Office.  
Turner listed as of Oakland County

Aug 7, 1837 Purchased Land (Date land patent issued)  
Township 6-N, Range 5-E of Genesee County:  
Section 14 W 1/2 SE 80 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0740\_\_\_.219; Genesee Land Office.  
Turner listed as of New London, Conn.

Aug 10, 1837 Purchased Land (Date land patent issued)  
Township 5-N, Range 6-E of Genesee County:  
Section 3 S 1/2 NE 320 Acres &  
Section 3 S 1/2 NW  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI0750\_\_\_.186; Detroit Land Office.  
Turner listed as of New London, Conn.

Sep 10, 1838 Purchased Land (Date land patent issued)  
Township 7-S, Range 20-W of Berrien County:  
Section 13 W 1/2 NE 80 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI1290\_\_\_.030; Bronson Land Office.  
Turner listed as of Wayne County.

Township 7-S, Range 20-W of Berrien County:  
Section 27 S 1/2 SE 80 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI1290\_\_\_.031; Bronson Land Office.  
Turner listed as of Wayne County.

Township 7-S, Range 19-W of Berrien County:  
Section 15 NW 240 Acres &  
Section 15 W 1/2 NE  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI1290\_\_\_.032; Bronson Land Office.  
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Township 7-S, Range 19-W of Berrien County:  
Section 30 SENE 40 Acres  
Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents  
MI1290\_\_\_.450; Bronson Land Office.  
Turner listed as of Wayne County.

May 10, 1869 Purchased Land (Date land patent issued)  
Township 11-N, Range 9-E of Tuscola County:

	Section 4	SESE	40 Acres
	Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents		
	MI1850___.464 East Saginaw Land Office.		
	Turner listed as of Tuscola County.		
May 15, 1869	Purchased Land (James Seymour and E. F. Godfrey)		
	(Date land patent issued)		
	Township 11-N, Range 9-E of Tuscola County:		
	Section 6	W 1/2 SW	76.2 Acres
	Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents		
	MI1860___.038; East Saginaw Land Office.		
	Turner listed as of Tuscola County.		
	Note: Who E. F. Godfrey?		
	No other land patent issued to.		
Mar 20, 1872	Listed as James Turner in index and heading but original shows it is James M. Turner.		
	Purchased Land (Date land patent issued)		
	Township 14-N, Range 15-W of Oceana County:		
	Section 1	SENE	40 Acres
	Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents		
	MI2930___.191; Ionia Land Office.		
	Turner listed as of Oakland County.		
Dec 16, 1885	A James Turner purchased land		
	Not same James Turner		
	Land purchased by Waw-be-me-koo alias James Turner		
	(Date land patent issued)		
	Township 16-N, Range 3-W of Isabella County		
	Section 32	NENE	40 Acres
	Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents		
	MI3290___.111.		
Doubt same James Turner			
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	Township 1-N, Range 10-E of Oakland County:		
	Section 24	W 1/2 NW	80 Acres
	Source: General Land Office Records, Land Patents		
	MI0150___.102; Detroit Land Office.		
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## James Turner

### Stores

1841	With William Jackson engaged in mercantile business at Mason.
1843	With H. H. Smith were merchant princes of Mason.
1844	Store corner of Main & Maple in Mason.
1845	Moved store to one formerly occupies by W. Hammond & Company, carried on as Turner & Co., store on Main Street in Mason. Associated with Turner in Turner & Co. were William Jackson and J. L. Tinker.
June 1846	As ran as Turner & Jackson.
Summer 1847	Opened mercantile business in part Seymour House located on Southwest corner Center and Franklin in Lansing.
1856	J. Turner & Case kept store at Franklin and Turner Streets in Lansing. Turner lived-in one-story house just north of store.

## James Turner

### Railroad

1864	Jackson to Lansing later Jackson, Lansing & Saginaw. Turner Treasurer and Land Commissioner
1866	Lansing & Ionia Railroad Treasurer & Superintendent

## Marian Turner

Fall 1836?	Jesse Monroe at the age of 21 left his native home, Pawlet, Vermont, to seek his fortune in the far west. He walked the whole distance, about 300 miles, till he reached the shores of Lake Erie. The rich lands, fine timber and bright waters of the lake had many attractions for the New England youth, who had no fears of toil and hardship, but believed the fortune he sought would come to him there sooner than from the sterile fields and rocky hillsides of the Green mountains.
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He soon entered the volunteer service for the War of 1812 and was stationed at Black Rock for picket duty. He witnessed the naval battle in which the brig Adams and the schooner Caledonia were captured by the English but recovered by our forces. In 1815 he purchased a farm of 125 acres, five miles east of Buffalo and five miles west of Cayuga Creek, on the south of Batavia road.

February 5, 1816, he married Harriet Parker of Sandgate, Vermont. In March he returned to his farm leaving his bride with her parents. He took with him two yoke of oxen. He cleared a part of his land and built a log house 22 by 32 feet.

When this was finished, he brought his young wife, then only 17 years of age, and together they established a home in this wild woodland. No small change was this from the house of comfort, culture and refinement she had left. But these pioneers brought with them brave hearts, full of courage and hope; and a few years of hardy toil saw their hopes changed to fruition and the "Wilderness blossomed as the rose."

Their home soon became the stopping place for travelers, known the Half-way House," and added not a little to the increase of the growing family. A large commodious frame house replaced the log house, while spacious barns were filled, and numerous out-buildings gave the place the appearance of a lively little village. Nor was the house empty and silent, for six sons and daughters filled it with the music of merry voices.

Twenty years passed by. The forest gave place to cultivated farms and they found themselves surrounded by a foreign population and felt it no longer a desirable place to bring up their children, so the old home was sold and the husband and father again turned his face to the setting sun, and once more sought a new home in the "Far West." He was absent three months. Still undaunted by toil and hardship, as in youth, he had purchased a farm in the heart of the Michigan forest. He then returned for his family and in October 1836, they crossed Lake Erie in the steamer Robert Fulton.

He had hired three men to work for him, two of whom drove the horses, oxen and wagons through Canada. The family landed at little, old black Detroit, with which they were thoroughly disgusted, as they compared it to Buffalo.

Here they were obliged to remain a week, awaiting the arrival of the little caravan, and searching for a large box of clothing which by some mistake had been separated from the house hold goods, and sent to another warehouse. After a week the search was abandoned, and they resumed their journey. The oldest son and four of the daughters (of whom the writer was one) were seated in the light buffalo wagon, one of the older sisters carrying in her arms the little one of 3 years, while the mother, with her infant boy and one little girl were provided for in one of the large wagons. The heavy fall rains had rendered the road nearly impassable, the wagons often sinking in mud over the hubs. There were no bridges and we had to ford the swollen streams. The night of the first day found us but nine miles from the point we had left at an early hour of the morning. But nature gave some compensation for

even such trials, for the autumn days were beautifully bright, the skies were the softest blue, with flecks of fleecy clouds. The trees were gorgeous with scarlet, crimson, and gold, while the earth was carpeted with mossy green and russet of fallen leaves. We had many hardships before we reached the end of that long journey. But while we have not time or space to recount many of these, we cannot fail to mention kindness and hospitality of the people all along the way. No matter how small or how poor the accommodations, they counted it no sacrifice to share their very best with the stranger who called at their door. One night we were entertained at a log house where we witnessed a novel method of burning a fire. A stone fireplace extended nearly across the end of the building, large stones were placed against the jambs and severed as andirons. Great logs of wood were drawn up to the door. A yoke of oxen were then driven to the other side of the house, the doors being opposite, a log chain was fastened to the neckyoke between the oxen, then passing through the house was attached to one of the logs; the oxen were driven a short distance and the log thus drawn into the house. It was then rolled to the fireplace with iron crowbars. This process was continued until the back-log, fore-log and back-stick were in position; then the smaller material was filled in, and soon the great fire was leaping, blazing and roaring up threw the wide mouth of the stick chimney. The house was filled with a ruddy glow which the brightest coal stoves of the present day cannot equal for light and good cheer. To those who have not known pioneer life the stick chimney may seem almost an impossibility. Brick and lime were not to be had in a new country, but man's ingenuity never fails him, and in this instance, all needed material was ready. Selecting small branches of suitable length, the ends were crossed so as to form square corners as in laying logs for the house. Our tough, heavy clay that has made farming so hard in many parts of Michigan have found a sphere of usefulness. The sticks were laid up with this clay as we now lay bricks with mortar. Sometimes the chimney rested on the ground and sometimes the stone fireplace protruded beyond the outer wall of the house and the chimney rested on this. When all was completed a heavy coat of clay was spread over the inside, making it fireproof. At the close of the day of travel we reached the log cabin of Mr. Laing on the present site of Laingsburg. The house had no floor but the beaten ground. A new house was in process of building and the men and boys of both families took possession of this for the night while beds were spread on earth floor of the first for the women and children. Mrs. Laing, fearing the mother with her baby could not rest, with typical pioneer hospitality, gave up her own bed, climbed the ladder and laid down under the low roof. The men and boys, having no beds, were unable to sleep and amused themselves by howling like a pack of hungry wolves. The next morning Mr. Laing apologized, saying, with a twinkle in his eyes "You must excuse my men, I have fed them wolf meat so long they can't help howling."

Our next stop was with Captain Scott, who had built a large double log house in which to entertain travelers, where now stands the hotel of DeWitt. Here we passed the night, and the next morning removed to Mr. Ferguson's, one-mile distance, where arrangements were made for women and children to remain till suitable arrangements could be made in the new house. The men went on to what is now called Eagle. They were obliged to cut a road through seven miles of forest before reaching there with the teams. The site selected for the house was an elevation sloping gently down to the brook which wound its way through all the farm, and whose clear, pure waters would supply not only the needs of the family, but to the adjoining lands.

Note: Were 3 US land patents issued to Chauncey S. Ferguson in Clinton County.

July 1, 1836 for 9.13 acres on N 1/2 NE of section 7 of Township 5 North, Range 2 West (DeWitt Township)

(MI0600\_\_033)

July 1, 1836 for 160 acres on SE of section 6, Township 5 North, Range 2 West (DeWitt Township)

(MI0600\_\_34)

May 1, 1839 for 80 acres on E1/2NW of section 18 of section 18 of Township 5 North, Range 2 West (DeWitt Township).

(MI1420\_\_167)

A claim was soon made, and the building commenced.

Source: Mrs. Harriet Longyear, Mid-weekly State Republican, Lansing, MI 1899; Jesse Monroe was the father of Marion Monroe (Mrs. James) Turner; reprinted in Among Friends, Spring 1999, newsletter of Turner Dodge House.

Route: Detroit, Nine Miles, Laings, Scotts, Fergusons and Eagle Township

1836

...as early as 1836 Mrs. Turner with her father and three hired men had traveled though Canada to Detroit; thence to DeWitt, where she waited until her father went on to Eagle township to establish a home."

Source: Mrs. Marian Turner in paper read by daughter Marian Reasoner and reported in State Republican, April 16, 1909.

The party in which she and her father went from Detroit to their new place of abode numbered twelve and she relates that on their way from Detroit they stopped at the don of the first days travel, in which they made the magnificent distance of nine miles they were kept overnight amid royal hospitality in a log cabin hardly large enough to accommodate half as many. ...After settling in Ingham county supplies for the family of twelve persons, were to be obtained only at Detroit or Dexter. Flour at \$16 a barrel could be obtained in DeWitt.

Taught school when school established. (Eagle)

Later Mrs. Turner taught school in Mason, meeting while there the man who later became her husband - James Turner, proprietor of a general store.

1837-1838

I think in the year 1837 or 1838, my oldest sister, Marion Munroe, now Mrs. Turner, was teaching school in our own district, as there were three or four families to supply children, which were seven or eight in all. The names of these families were Jesse Munroe, Abijah Shoff, Daniel Nusome, Adolphus Skinner. The teacher's services were gratuitous--also the board; as were those of Mr. Shoff the following winter.

Note: Abijah Shoff on May 1, 1839 was issued a US land patent for E1/2NE of Section 1 and SESW of Section 12 of Danby Township. (MI1410\_\_\_.177)

No US land patent issued to Adolphus Skinner.

I remember very well Mrs. Jane Starks and myself went to visit Miss Munroe's school, and soon after arriving there, we looked out of the place where a window should have been--as there were places for a door and windows, but neither was in the log body in which the school was kept. To our great surprise, we saw a large number of Indians communing down the hill from the west, which cut us off from the Shoff family; and as they passed the school-house, they cut us off from Jesse Munroe's, and there we were, hemmed in on either side by Indians, and no chance to escape, if we wished to. But we quieted the children by telling them that they were friendly Indians--as they had their ponies and squaws and papooses with the. Many of them came up to the door and windows and asked for scota, or fire in our language, to light their pauguns, or pipes. They also called for quashagun, or bread, which we did not have to give them; and they passed on and on--it seemed to us such a long time for them all to get by. We afterwards learned that there were five or six hundred of them fleeing to Canada to escape Gen. Brady, as he was gathering them to take to the Black Hills, and they were not willing to go and leave their beautiful hunting grounds to which they were so much attached. They then encamped about one mile from my father's for a few days, and then passed along without molesting anyone. On returning from another visit to the school, a huge bear lay in the road before us, who being frightened at our approach, gave a ferocious sound and made a hasty retreat, leaving us to our own company, which we much preferred to that of the bear.

Source: Early Recollections by Mrs. Betsey Webber; MPC Vol. XVIII, pg. 429-430.

About 1838

About 1838, Mrs. Turner made a visit to friends residing in Mason, going on horseback, accompanied by a relative. She went via Okemos, fording the Cedar River at that point, which was so swollen that Mrs. Turner--then Miss Munroe--was obliged to hold



her feet upon the horse's back to keep them out of the water. On their return to Clinton County they followed the Indian trail along Grand River, and stopped for lunch on the ground, or very near, where the Turner mansion now stands. Miss Munroe was greatly pleased with the location and the fine view it afforded, and remarked that she would not wonder if, when she was married, she might someday make her home there. The prophecy has long since been fulfilled, and certainly there is no more pleasant site for a home in Ingham county, overlooking as it does, long sweep of the beautiful river and a broad scope of cultivated country in all directions. At the time of this first visit the whole region was wilderness. The high bluff bank of the river at this point is clothed with a majestic growth of forest-trees, then open and unobstructed by undergrowth, with cold, pure springs gushing from the slopes, and dashing to the river below. This is to-day the most romantic spot in the vicinity of Lansing, and with a small outlay could be transformed into a picturesque park.

Source: History of Ingham and Eaton counties Michigan, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of their Prominent Men and Pioneers by Samuel W. Durant, D. W. Ensign & Co., 1880; pg. 127.

Nov 1838

One cold day in November 1838, our people had an urgent appeal for them to send one of their girls to an uncle's (Hiram Parker) in Ingham county, about four miles beyond Mason, which made the distance thirty-five miles through the forest. The matter was talked over, and it was decided that Betsey should go--must necessarily go on horseback as there was no other way. My brother being fourteen years old and my myself sixteen, he would have to go to bring back the horse which I should ride.

We started and went as far as Grand River City, now Delta, fed our horses and were ready to start again. Now it was nineteen miles before coming to another house, and the road so bad we had to walk our horses nearly all the way, and intensely cold weather. Passed through where Lansing now stands--it was a howling wilderness. When we came to Okemos, we were in hopes to find some Indians so that we could go into their wigwams and get warm, but not so; they had all gone farther north into the woods. The river was to be forded, the sun was nearly down, and then we had seven miles of Indian trail before coming to another house. We were thinly clad and very cold. The river was frozen from each bank, three or four feet. My brother got a large stick and broke the ice, so we got down into the water very sell, but when we came to the ice on the other side the horse had to rear and plunge and break the ice themselves, and if I had not been an expert horseback rider should have been throw in the river (Red Cedar river), but we got through all right. Now we struck the trail to go to the next stopping place.

It being dark and the ground heavily covered with leaves we lost the trail, and how to find it we didn't know, but we stopped and considered what was best to do. I said to brother, "I will stand still land hold the horses, and you take a circle round and see if you can find the trail." The first circle was made to no effect, and another larger to no effect, and still the third and he could not find it. By this time another idea had come into my mind--that we got down low to the ground and follow our track back until we struck the trail, and this we did. After walking some distance, we found it and felt to rejoice. The we mounted our horses and went on our way, hoping soon to come to a clearing where someone lived where we could stop and get warm least, for we were nearly frozen.

Please bear in mind we were a couple of children lost in the dense forest and death almost staring us in the face, but yet we were brave. None but pioneers could have held out. After a while we could see that we were coming to an opening, and a small shanty stood near the road; we did not know who or what was there, but we summoned all the courage we could and went in, and found an old couple there by the name of Strickland. I think they must have been perfectly dazed at our unexpected appearance. We asked them if we could stay with them all night and have some supper and get warm. They asked us many question--where we were from, and where we were going? We told them we were from Clinton county and going to Hiram Parker's , an uncle of ours. He said, 'Oh yes; we know Squire Parker; he is our justice of the peace; fine man he is, too, but we can't keep you, but one mile from here is a good place for you to stay, and it is a good road.'" So, we went out and got our horses and started again. I had not gone but a few rods from the house when my horse got his feet hung in the logs or poles thrown in a bad place in the road and frozen in. He made a desperate spring to extricate himself and broke the girth of the saddle and threw me to the ground. Fortunately, I came to my feet unhurt, and then had to repair the break and get ready to start again. This we did and hastened on our way;' found the rest of the road very good, Now we came to a place called Jefferson city, with one or two houses and a sawmill, but best of all we found a hospitable lady by the name of Lewis, and she took us in and cared for us.

She made me some composition tea and warmed my feet, got us some supper and was a real Samaritan. Gave us nice beds, and in the morning we were ready to make the rest of the journey, and reached Uncle Parker's about noon, where I remained until nearly spring, my brother returned home with the horses the next day after we reached our destination." Source: Mrs. Betsey (Munroe) Webber; raised farm near Wacousta in Clinton county; Adams pg. 251-253. Source: Similar account by Mrs. Webber in MPC Vol. XVIII, pgs. 431-433.

Route: Eagle Township, Grand River City – Delta 19 miles,  
Okemos, Stricklands, Lewis, Parker

- Apr 15, 1909      Attended program in celebration of city of Lansing (50th anniversary) being 50; 90 years old at time; paid respects to audience and had daughter Marion Reasoner read paper she prepared. Source: State Republican, April 16, 1909.
- Apr 15, 1909      “When I look out over this beautiful city, see the smoke from the chimneys of its manufacturing establishments and its growth, it seems to be I am living in a dream and this is not the Lansing I once knew as a mere dot in a wilderness.”  
Source: Marian Turner (Mrs. James Turner) at age 90, quoted in State Republican, April 16, 1909.

### **James Turner**

Foundry

Location:

West side of Race Street. Several rods south of Franklin Avenue.

1847-1848      Turner & Crossman

Aug 7, 1847      Letter from Charlotte Cook to son George in New York. Notes Lansing has 6-8 stores and grocers, 2-3 taverns, 1 steam saw mill, 2 blacksmith, “furnace and tin shop”.

Nov 1, 1848      James Seymour of Flushing Genesee county Michigan (by his attorney Joseph H. Kilborn) to James Turner and Richard Turner of Lansing, Ingham county, Michigan; Land in village of Lansing (L9:P460)

Purchased for \$200 part of Block 12 bounded commencing at the SE corner of the furnace building now standing on the lot running Thence South 75\* west 74 feet  
Thence North 15\* West 60 feet  
Thence North 75\* East 75 feet  
Thence South 30\* East 60 feet to beginning.

Together with the land lying between the west end of the lot and the Grand River with the common use of the tail race and the ground eighteen ? feet wide on the south side of the above lot for that purpose and the Street or alley 20 feet wide between the lot and the mill race to be extended North to Franklin Street.

Together with the right as appurtenant to said premises to take from the mill race leading from the mill pond in Grand River to said furnace sufficient water to propel machinery not reigning more than half as much power as ordinary run flowing mill stones (which water for all other purposes except propelling machinery shall be

estimated at one fortieth part of the water power of Grand River liable? to that proportion of the expenses) or such part of it same as they may be entitled to under the contract to be used upon water wheels of the most approved construction for saving water and in prudent manner for propelling machinery.

The parties of this contract have hereby especially? convent not to waste the water while now using it on machinery.

It is further covenanted and agreed by the said parties of the second part their heirs and assigns that if any whenever it shall become necessary or expedient to build a lock in the dam aforesaid or water gap apron or shut for the passage of boats or rafts at said dam they will pay their proportion of the expense thereof.

It is further covenanted by and between said parties their heirs and assigns that whenever the owner or owners of more than half of the water power created by said dam or which may hereafter be created thereby in an improved condition thereof or by any other dam built to supply its place. The owner of more than half thereof may appoint a committee for the year or from year to year who shall have power to decide whether or what repairs and improvements are proper or may be necessary upon said am or its appurtenances aside from private and separate interests and shall also have power to make the same and all of the owners shall be liable and pay towards the same their share of its expense thereof in proportion to the amount of their interests...

Nov 1, 1848 &  
Mar 10, 1850

Burchard property re-deeded to James Seymour on November 1, 1848, the deed was recorded on March 10, 1850. Between dates the framework of the will was built, and foundry started...

In its early days it did a general jobbing business, made plows, agricultural and similar implements. Some of the old castings found in the homes and other buildings in the city were made there. At M.A.C. the old College Hall--wrecked a year ago--had a water table of the foundry's cast iron that protected the exposed layers of brick near the ground. This was cast in this foundry, and my father (Richard Turner) laid it on the college wall.

Mr. Cady, father of William Cady, of North Lansing, was one of the workmen hat worked a long time in this foundry, and when my father (Richard and his brothers, George and James, built the 'Turner Brothers Foundry' where the offices of the Auto Body Works are today, Mr. Cady went with them into the new place. He was a pattern maker, and my ideal of a workman. His painstaking accuracy and interest in his work always attracted my boyish fancy.

Mr. Hildreth, who owned the foundry at one time, was a son of my father's head moulder. Then Glassbrook, another owner, was a boy from the street that my father took an interest in and got him into the machine shop, where he made such rapid progress that he afterward became owner of the shop where he had worked. Source: Account of Dr. F. N. Turner in Pioneer History of Ingham County by Mrs. Franc L. Adams, Vol. I, 1823, pg. 438.

1848 (James Turner?) Turner & Crossman established foundry and machine works. Succession of owners finally became Cody, Glassbrook & Co. earliest foundry and machine works in city. Water chief source of power. 25 pg. 134. Note: North Lansing Race Street.

1848

### **Business**

..there were, in 1848, at "lower towns," ..... there was also James Turner's foundry, where plow points and small castings were manufactured, and where the writer, in big-eyed wonder, first saw molten iron run from the stack into vessels and form them into the molds. It was on the west side of Race street, several rods south of Franklin avenue, Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 88-89.

The earliest foundry and machine-works in Lansing were put in operation by Turner & Crossman, in 1848. Many changes occurred in the firms which operated the business, and among the names of parties who were at various times interest were the two brothers, James and Richard Turner, Hiram H. Smith, Watkins & Tompkins, now of Williamston; Hayes & Tooker, and Thomas Metlin & Son, the latter being succeeded by the present firm (Cady, Glassbrook & Co.). The originally establishment was located on the site of the present works, which represent a consolidation of several firms that have at various periods carried on the business. About 1857 or 1868, James. Richard and George Turner established a foundry and machine -shop on the site, near the grand River Bridge, now occupied by the planing-mill of Walker & Huston. It was operated by then until about 1863, which upon the death of George Turner, who was the business man of the firm, the machinery was purchased by Messrs. Hayes & Tooker, who removed it to the site now occupies by Cady, Glassbrook, & Co., and the business after many changes has come into the hands of the last mentioned firm. Messrs. Cady, Glassbrook & Cody, are doing a general foundry and machine-shop business. They also build portable farm engines and do general repairing and job work. The capital invested is about \$12,000, and eight hands are employed. The works were repaired and improved in 1970, during which period the firm rented the Lansing Iron-Works for one year. Water-power is exclusively used. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 134.

May 31, 1850	State paid Turner, Barnum & Co. \$92.04 for casting 2 iron pillars for Representative Hall.
Appx. 1850	Turner & Coatsworth established small foundry in Mason; in 1856 purchased by Jesse Beech. Source; Early History of Mason by Dr. William B. Hartzog, 1938, Chapter 8.  Which Turner?
1850?	Important events marking the advance of the city was the establishment of the first foundry here by James Turner who set up this business at Race street and Franklin Ave. about the same time that James Beal started the first brickyard in 1850. Source: The Lansing Republican, April 14, 1909. Note: Brick yard opened in 1847.
Jan 14, 1851	State paid Turner, Barnum & Co. \$92.00 for casting 2 iron pillars for Representative Hall.
Jul 20, 1852	James Seymour to James Turner (L12:P88)  Purchased for \$1,000, part of Block 12; bounded  Begin at point on E. line of Lot 5 of the recorded subdivision map of said block 12 and distant S 28° E 30 feet from the NE corner thereof and running Thence S 60° W 95 feet to the E bank of Grand River Thence N 28° W along Bank to the SW corner of a lot heretofore sold to James Turner for a furnace Thence NEasterly along the S line of said furnace lot to the SE corner thereof Thence S 28° E 78 feet to the place of beginning.  Reserving a highway of 20 feet across the E side of the lot and along the bank of the mill race together with rights as appurtenances of said premise to take from the mill race one 40th ? part of water of Grand River
Dec 26, 1854	William Turner sold out his furnace. See William Turner account.
1854	W. W. Hildreth came Lansing and was connected with dry goods store of Richard Elliot for two years, and then year with F. M. Cowles, dry goods, returned to Mr. Elliot and remained with "him until he began his permanent career as an iron workers and manger.  Mr. Hildreth's first employment in that line was in the foundry of James Turner, and after working there for about a year, spent another year in Appleton, Wis., ...returned Lansing in 1871, one of organizers of Lansing Iron Works. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 457.

Feb 24, 1854	<p>Paid \$150.00 by state for damages of great girders in strong room of new offices, in consequence of defect of pattern. pg. 5.</p> <p>Source: Annual Report of the State Treasurer for 1855, dated December 30, 1854; Joint Documents 1854, No. 2.</p>
Sep 1856	<p>J. Turner &amp; Case kept a store on the corner of Franklin and Turner streets, and the ...Mr. Turner lived in a one-story house, just north of his store, which is still standing. He was the director of the school district and had hired us to teach the school a year for them, to us, princely sum of \$600. Miss Hattie Seymour was one of the assistant teachers. ...</p> <p>H. H. Smith, D. L. Case, and James Turner were the potential triumvirate of Lower Towns. ...John Tooker was a genial, witty young fellow, who worked in the foundry. Source: Reminiscentail by George P. Sanford, Lansing Journal, February 22, 1883; Michigan Pioneer Society, Vol. VI; pg. 292-295.</p>
Sep 1, 1859	<p>Turner Brothers paid \$72.30 for boiler front &amp; grates for State Reform School. pg. 88.</p>
Sep 17, 1859	<p>Turner Brothers paid \$15.71 for shaft for force pump and fixtures. pg. 88. Source: Receipts and Disbursements in erecting South Wing, &amp;c., under PA 193 of 1859; Fourth Annual Report of Board for 1860; included in Twenty-fourth Annual Report of Superintendent of Public Instruction for 1860; Joint Document No. 7 for 1860.</p>
Sep 19, 1859	<p>Turner Brothers paid \$6.90 for boiler stand.</p> <p>Source: Receipts and Disbursements in erecting South Wing, &amp;c., under PA 193 of 1859; Fourth Annual Report of Board for 1860; included in Twenty-fourth Annual Report of Superintendent of Public Instruction for 1860; Joint Document No. 7 for 1860.</p>
Oct 13, 1859	<p>Turner Brothers paid \$5.73 for bars for furnace and smithing.</p> <p>Source: Receipts and Disbursements in erecting South Wing, &amp;c., under PA 193 of 1859; Fourth Annual Report of Board for 1860; included in Twenty-fourth Annual Report of Superintendent of Public Instruction for 1860; Joint Document No. 7 for 1860.</p>
Nov 22, 1859	<p>Turner Brothers paid \$8.00 for work on building.</p> <p>Source: Receipts and Disbursements in erecting South Wing, &amp;c., under PA 193 of 1859; Fourth Annual Report of Board for 1860; included in Twenty-fourth Annual Report of Superintendent of Public Instruction for 1860; Joint Document No. 7 for 1860.</p>
1860	<p>James Turner &amp; Brothers, foundry and machine shop.</p> <p>Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1860, pg. 226.</p>

1863-1864	James Turner & Brothers
1862	Turner Brothers (Richard, James & George)
Dec 12, 1862	<p>Resolved, That James Turner, Esq., purchase for the use of the State, 25 cords of dry wood, at the cheapest rates possible, and cause 15 cores thereof to be delivered at the Capitol, and 10 cords at the State offices.</p> <p>Adopted December 12, 1862.</p> <p>Source: Annual Report of the Board of State Auditors for the year 1863; dated December 1, 1863.</p> <p>James Turner &amp; Bros. paid \$145.00 for one hot air furnace for Auditor General and State Treasurer's office.</p> <p>Source: Annual Report of the Board of State Auditors for the year 1863; dated December 1, 1863.</p>
1863-4	James & Richard Turner
1863-4	James Turner & Brothers (James, George and Charles), had iron foundry, machine shop, agricultural implements, and hot air furnaces business in lower town. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1863-4, pg. 379.
?	Watkins & Thompkins & Turner (Richard)
?-1862	Haynes & Tooker
?	Thomas Metlin & Son
1880	Cady, Glassbrook & Company
Jan 6, 1920	<p>Today, January 6, 1920, workmen are tearing out the old frame work and replacing the same with brick and iron. The large oak timbers my father (Richard Turner) helped hew and frame are many of them sound, due, perhaps, to the fumes of the iron permeating their fiber and acting as a preservative. It has kept them form decay for 70 years. I hope the renovated building will melt and mold iron until it reaches the century mark. Source: Account of Dr. F. N. Turner in Pioneer History of Ingham County by Mrs. Franc L. Adams, Vol. I, 1823, pg. 439.</p>

### **Jesse Foot Turner**

1810	Born Albany, N.Y. Source: Early History of Michigan With Biographies of State Officers; pg. 647.
1838	Came to DeWitt and engaged in mercantile business; afterwards studied law with Joab Baker. Source: Early History of Michigan With Biographies of State Officers; pg. 647.



- 1839 Arrived at DeWitt; brother Milo H. Turner came in 1838.  
Source: Past and Present of Clinton County, pg. 527.
- Came to DeWitt from Rochester, N.Y. in 1839. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880.
- 1840 James F. Turner purchased two lots for taxes in New Albany (DeWitt). Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties Michigan, E. W. Ensign & Co., 1880; pg. 405.
- 1841 Justice of the Peace of DeWitt Township  
Source: History of Shiawassee County, Michigan; pg. 204.  
Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 411.
- 1841 Highway Commissioner of DeWitt Township  
Source: History of Shiawassee County, Michigan; pg. 411.
- 1841 County Commissioner of Clinton county in 1841.  
Source: Early History of Michigan With Biographies of State Officers; pg. 647.
- 1842 Supervisor of DeWitt Township  
Source: Past and Present of Clinton County, pg. 527.  
Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 411. Source: Clinton County Republican-News, Centennial Issue, 1956; Section 5, pg. 7.
- 1842 law abolished office of county commissioner and restored Board of Supervisors, effective date of transfer, July 4, 1942.  
Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co., 1880, pg. 340.
- Nov 7-8, 1842 Elected Register of Deeds of Clinton County.  
Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 352.
- 1842 List of Juror for Clinton county in 1842.  
Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 410.
- 1842 Listed as Assessor of township.  
Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 410.
- Prior 1843 Public office kept at different places; Jan 5, 1843 committee on Public Buildings reported noted "To Jesse Turner and Seth P. Marvin, \$20 for rent for counties offices."  
Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 343

- 1843-44 Clinton County Register of Deeds. Source: Clinton County Republican-News, Centennial Issue, 1956; Section 5, pg. 7.
- Nov 1843 Elected State Senator. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 351
- Nov 1844 Re-elected State Senator. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 351
- 1844-5 State Senator. Source: Early History of Michigan With Biographies of State Officers; pg. 647.
- 1844 Justice of Peace of DeWitt Township  
Source: History of Shiawassee County, Michigan; pg. 204.
- 1844 Erected grist-mill with brother Milo on Looking Glass; destroyed by fire in 1847; rebuilt.  
Source: Past and Present of Clinton County, pg. 527.
- 1845 **North Branch - DeWitt:** A small portion of the business records of the DeWitt Mills and of J. F. Turner & Co., have been preserved among the early civil records of DeWitt township...These mill records begin in 1845 and show the accounts of major customers of the mill.....It can also be discerned that flour from the DeWitt Mills was transported by wagon along the Pontiac-Grand River road to Pontiac and Detroit. Sometimes the flour was transported from Pontiac to Detroit area along the Pontiac Railroad. Teamsters from the DeWitt area were usually hired to transport the flour and often were paid in four for their services.... pg. 53  
Source: *DeWitt Area History #3*, Establishing of Communities by Kenneth R. Coin.
- 1846-48 Supervisor of DeWitt Township. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 411. Source: Clinton County Republican-News, Centennial Issue, 1956; Section 5, pg. 7.
- Nov 3, 1846 Elected county Judge. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co., 1880, pg. 340.  
Source: Early History of Michigan With Biographies of State Officers; pg. 647.
- Apr 5, 1847 Held first court session in upper room of David Scott's house in DeWitt.
- Jun 17, 1850 Studied law and admitted to bar in Clinton county on June 17, 1850. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 346

- Nov 5, 1850 Re-elected county judge. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 351
- Feb 8, 1851 Resigned as county judge, held position since Apr 5, 1847. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co., 1880, pg. 340.
- 1851 Supervisor of DeWitt Township. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties Michigan, E. W. Ensign & Co., 1880; pg. 411. Source: Clinton County Republican-News, Centennial Issue, 1956; Section 5, pg. 7.
- Apr 21, 1851 Elected to Board of Trustees of Congregational Church. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties Michigan, E. W. Ensign & Co., 1880; pg. 412-3.
- Nov 8, 1851 Resigned as county judge. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 351
- 18? Later moved to California, where he was elected to fill the position of judge of one of the courts. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 346
- 1851 Moved to California and was collector of the port of Sacramento under President Pierce. He was circuit judge of the Sacramento judicial circuit for twelve years. Source: Early History of Michigan With Biographies of State Officers; pg. 647.
- About 1878 Died. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 346
- 1880 Died in Oakland, California. Source: Early History of Michigan With Biographies of State Officers; pg. 647.

#### **Milo H. Turner**

Block 13      Lot Pt. 1 & 2

- 1812 Born at Albany, NY. Source: Early History of Michigan With Biographies of State Officers; pg. 649.
- ? Rochester, NY
- Oct 21, 1833 New Albany: Land for site of proposed village of New Albany entered by Hiram F. Sheldon; village platted. Sheldon sold land in 1836. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co., Philadelphia; 1880, pg. 405.

- 1835 Site of village of Middletown or Middleton: Land entered by Sebastian Beckwith and platted by Beckwith, Joel Wicks and George J. Goodhue; situated on north side of the river east of the present village of DeWitt, and was the north fraction of the northwest quarter of section 9 and southwest quarter of section 4. Surveyed on January 25 of 1836. Sold for unpaid taxes in 1842. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co., Philadelphia; 1880, pg. 405.
- Oct 1, 1836 New Albany: Sheldon sold land (south fraction of the northeast quarter of section 8, containing 107 + acres) purchased in 1833 for the village of New Albany to George F. Clark, of Albany N.Y. Milo H. Turner of Rochester N.Y. was agent for Mr. Clark and managed the sale of the property. The village was divided into 29 blocks; many lots were sold, but the anticipations of the proprietors soon came to naught, and in 1840 the lots were advertised to be sold for unpaid taxes. Milo H. Turner purchased 55 lots, J. F. Turner, 2 lots. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co., Philadelphia; 1880, pg. 405.
- 1837 Came to Michigan, pioneer merchant of DeWitt.  
Source: Early History of Michigan With Biographies of State Officers; pg. 649.
- 1838 Milo H. Turner an agent of George T. Clark (Clark had platted New Albany) arrived and brought a stock of goods, erected a log house, and opened the first store in the village of DeWitt. He leased the saw-mill of Hiram Wilcox, and after effecting a considerable clearing, built a large frame structure, which was devoted to the uses of a hotel.  
Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co., Philadelphia; 1880, pg. 405.
- 1838 Arrived in DeWitt as agent of George T. Clark who platted New Albany. "He brought with him a stock of goods, erected a log house, and opened the first store in the village of DeWitt. He leased the saw-mill of Hiram Wilcox, and after effecting a considerable clearing, built a large frame structure, which was devoted to the uses of a hotel. His brother, Jesse Foot Turner, arrived the following year, and embarked with Milo H. in business enterprises." Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties Michigan, E. W. Ensign & Co., 1880; pg. 406.  
Source: Past and Present of Clinton County, pg. 495.
- 1838 In October 1836 George T. Clark of Albany, NY purchased village (except 18 lots that Sheldon kept) laid out but not platted by Hiram S. Sheldon in 1833 in section 8 of DeWitt Township; "Mr. Clark immediately set out to promote his town and hired Milo H. Turner of Rochester, New York to manage the sale of lots. In 1838 Mr. Turner came to the proposed village. he brought with him a large

stock of merchandise and opened the first actual store in the New Albany-DeWitt area. this first store was a crude log structure and its exact location has gone unrecorded. It was possibly the same location as the later frame structure which is still standing or possibly the location mentioned in the tax assessments of the mid-1850's which referred to an "old store, northwest of the DeWitt Mills", a description which would place it on the north side of Dill and west of Locust.

"During 1838, Turner leased the recently completed sawmill or Hiram Wilcox and set about building the "DeWitt Hotel" and a permanent store, both of which were built on Rochester street (now Webb), the following year his brother, Jesse Foote Turner, arrived and together they operated Mr. Clark's business interests." Source: DeWitt Area History #3 by Kenneth R. Coin.

Prior to the construction of the "Clinton House" by Captain Scott on the north side of the river in 1842, George Clark's "DeWitt Hotel" in New Albany served as the most visible sign that civilization had indeed reached the wilds of Clinton county. Travelers in route to Grand Rapids or the government land office at Ionia found comfortable hospitality here.

Apr 1, 1839

Clinton County Election  
Milo H. Turner elected Register of Deeds.  
Source: Past and Present of Clinton County, pg. 527.  
Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co., 1880; pg. 352 notes election April 4, 1839.  
Source: Early History of Michigan With Biographies of State Officers; pg. 649.

1839

Listed as resident taxpayer of DeWitt Township; listed as owning 148 acres on section 8.  
Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co., Philadelphia; 1880, pg. 409.

1840

The selling of village lots did not go well however, and although many lots of the 29 blocks were sold, there remainder went for unpaid taxes in 1840. A sale was advertised, and prices ranged from a dollar and six cents to a dollar and seventy-four cents per lot. Of those sold at the original sale, Milo H. Turner bought fifty-five lots...Jesse F. Turner, two., William E. Turner, one, and George T. Clark, one. All were not sold in 1840 and the reminder stayed on the books until the last one was sold in 1848.

George T. Clark brought his family top New Albany about 1847 and they took up residence in the "DeWitt Hotel". It is not known if they then continued the renting of rooms in the hotel or if they discontinued the business. Clark personally took charge of his other business holdings which included some land in both new Albany and Mapleton (Rochester colony in Duplain township), a

store at Mapleton, a store in new Albany, and half interest in both the Colony :(Mapleton) gristmill and sawmill. He does not appear to have any remaining interest in the mills at DeWitt by this date as the Turner brothers had apparently taken over both the management and ownership of the mills.

The exact business arrangement between George Clark and Jesse and Milo Turner is unknown. It is very possible that Clark experienced reverses in his personal fortunes and had to sign over his remaining interest in the mills in order to pay off his debt to the Turners. ...Both Milo and Jesse turner are listed at different times as resident tax payers from the early 1840's to 1848. Their names also appear on the tax rolls for the hotel and surrounding property in 1846, after which time George Clark's name is listed for both the hotel and store. pg. 52-53

A small portion of the business records of the DeWitt Mills and of J. F. turner & Co., have been preserved among the early civil records of DeWitt township...These mill records begin in 1845 and show the accounts of major customers of the mill.....It can also be discerned that flour from the DeWitt Mills was transported by wagon along the Pontiac-Grand River road to Pontiac and Detroit. Sometimes the flour was transported from Pontiac to Detroit area along the Pontiac Railroad. Teamsters from the DeWitt area were usually hired to transport the flour and often were paid in four for their services. pg. 53

In 1849, both George and his wife Jane, died within days of one another. A nineteen year old son, Joseph Clark, of Albany, new York, petitioned the Probate Court of Clinton county to be made both administer of the estate and guardian of the two younger children....Joseph Clark hired his father's old friend and agent, Milo H. Turner, as his personal agent to execute the sale of portions of the estate. (sale held at Court house on January 22, 1850). pg. 54-55

William Shepard was the purchaser of the interest in the Colony Mills; Milo Turner, the Prairie creek property lying south of Rochester street; and Caroline Turner, some rural acreage, a house and lot on Mill street in new Albany and the hotel on Rochester street and other surrounding acreage. The terms of the sale included ash in full that day or half the price as a down payment (depending on the parcel) with probably accounts for the low prices recorded.

Although the Turners bought heavily to add to their other businesses and investments in new Albany and DeWitt, they were no longer residents of the area. by the late 1840's they were removed to North Lansing. There they worked together operating the "Seymour House", a hotel and tavern on the southwest corner of Grand River and Center streets. It was built and still owned at

that time by James and Horatio Seymour. The Turner brothers remained in North Lansing for only a short period of time and then submitted to the beckoning calls of the California gold fields. They sold all interest in DeWitt and new Albany and traveled west, abruptly ending the record of any enterprising pioneer family that greatly contributed to the settlement and growth of the DeWitt area. pg. 55. Source: DeWitt Area History #3 by Kenneth R. Coin.

- Apr 4, 1839-1842 Milo H. Elected Register of Deeds; term commenced upon election. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 352. Source: Clinton County Republican, Centennial Issue, 1956; Section 5, pg. 7.
- Mar 14, 1840 Gov. Woodbridge nominated, Senate approved, Miles H. Turner to be notary public for Clinton County. Source: Executive Journal, Senate Journal 1840; pg. 670.
- Nov 2-3, 1840 Re-elected Register of Deeds. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 352
- 1840 Property of New Albany advertised and sold for unpaid taxes. Milo H. Turner secured 55 lots; last sale of property made in 1848. Source: Past and Present of Clinton County, pg. 494.
- 1841 DeWitt Township Clerk. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co., Philadelphia; 1880, pg. 411.
- Nov 1-2, 1841 Elected State Representative from Clinton and Shiawassee counties. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 351
- 1842 State Representative - Whig. Source: Early History of Michigan With Biographies of State Officers; pg. 649.
- 1842 Middleton or Middletown: In 1835, Sebastian Beckwith entered land - SW quarter of section 4 of the northern fraction of the NW quarter of section 9 of DeWitt township; surveyed January 25, 1836 and plat filled in February, the town lying along the Pontiac-Grand River road, was divided into eighty-six blocks; town did not materialized and sold for unpaid taxes on October 12, 1842; Milo H. Turner listed as one of purchasers at sale; "No development of this village is recorded but, the log tavern which stood east of Scott's on the Pontiac-Grand River road by 1838, was possibly owned by Beckwith or one of the other proprietors. pg. 61. Source: DeWitt Area History #3 by Kenneth R. Coin.
- Oct 12, 1842 On October 12, 1842 land (site of proposed village of Middletown or Middleton, on north side of river east of DeWitt) sold to Milo H.

- Turner, David Sturgis, Hiram Stowell, W. H. Case, and W. A. Hewitt for unpaid taxes.  
Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co., Philadelphia; 1880, pg. 405.
- Oct 1842      Lots of village of Middleton sold for unpaid taxes to Milo H. Turner, David Sturgis, Hiram Stowell, W. H. Case and W. A. Hewitt.  
Source: Past and Present of Clinton County, pg. 494.  
Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 405
- Prior 1843      Public office kept at different places; Jan 5, 1843 committee on Public Buildings reported noted "To Milo H. Turner, \$11.44, for rent for counties offices." Milo H. Turner lived on south side of Looking-Glass River, in the village of new Albany. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880.
- Dec 6, 1843      Mark Healy of Boston to M. H. Turner of DeWitt; land not given. L5:P391 (Ingham county)
- 1844      Milo H. and Jesse Foot Turner (brothers) erected grist mill at DeWitt. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co., Philadelphia; 1880, pg. 406-7.
- 1844      "In 1844 they (Milo & Jesse) erected on the Looking-Glass River a grist-mill, which was consumed by fire in 1847, but soon after rebuilt. The brothers Turner were men of much activity, and largely identified with the interests of the township and the county." Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties Michigan, E. W. Ensign & Co., 1880; pg. 406.  
Source: Past and Present of Clinton County, pg. 469.
- 1845      In 1837 Hiram Wilcox erected the first saw mill in Clinton county on a piece of land in new Albany. It was completed and in working order by the spring of 1838... It contained a vertical saw which operated much like an oversized band saw. Under favorable conditions one saw could cut two thousand feet of lumber in one day. This form of saw was used in this are until the mid-1850's when the more familiar circular saw was introduced...Hiram Wilcox died in 1845 and his mill was taken over by the Turner brothers. In fact, Jesse F. Turner was appointed administrator of Mr. Wilcox's estate. The Turner brothers incorporated it into their mill complex on Prairie creek. Their saw mill (possibly the same as built by Mr. Wilcox) was located north of Mill street (now Dill), a little northwest of the gristmill. This portion of new Albany became commonly known as the "DeWitt Mills" ...." pg. 59-60.  
Source: DeWitt Area History #3 by Kenneth R. Coin.



- 1845 Supervisor of DeWitt Township. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan; pg. 411. Source: Clinton County Republican-News, Centennial Issue, 1956; Section 5, pg. 7.
- Jul 21, 1846 Milo H. Turner and wife Caroline of DeWitt to John S. Vannetter of Medina County, Ohio, land in section 25 of Williamston Township. (L7:P44)
- Milo H. Turner and wife Caroline of DeWitt to Caleb Carr of Phelpsstown, land in section 26 of Williamston Township. (L6:P537)
- 1847 "The grist mill, which had been built in 1844 and rebuilt in 1847 by the Turner brothers, straddled the mill race just west of Prairie creek at the corner of Locust and Dill." pg. 58  
Source: DeWitt Area History #3 by Kenneth R. Coin.
- ? Nelson K. Allport came to DeWitt as early as 1839 and opened a store, having erected a built for that purpose. He later purchased the hotel formerly kept by Milo H. Turner and built by David Scott. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co., Philadelphia; 1880, pg. 408.
- Mar 26, 1847 Frederick dePeyster of New York City to Milo H. Turner of DeWitt, Clinton County, MI (Revocation of Power of Attorney)
- Dec 17, 1847 License keep tavern, charged \$5.00. Block. 13. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 198.
- 1848 1848 assessment  
Part lots 1 & 2 of Block 13, ? at NE corner of said block south 140 feet, west 11 rods, to factory Street, north along side street 140-feet, east along Franklin Street 10 rods to place of beginning.  
\$1,500; personal \$500.
- May 30, 1848 (Revocation of Power of Attorney) Mark Healey of (acknowledged in Boston, Suffolk county, Mass.) to Milo H. Turner.
- 1850 Milo not in 1850 Census in Lansing.
- 1850 They (Milo & Jesse) remained residents until 1850, when the gold fields of California lured them to the Pacific coasts. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties Michigan, E. W. Ensign & Co., 1880; pg. 406.
- 1851 Moved to California. Source: Early History of Michigan With Biographies of State Officers; pg. 649.
- 1877 Living at Oakland. Source: Early History of Michigan With Biographies of State Officers; pg. 649.

Nelson K. Allport came to DeWitt as early as 1839 and opened a store, having created a building for the purpose. He later purchased the hotel formerly kept by Milo H. Turner and built by David Scott. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties Michigan, E. W. Ensign & Co., 1880; pg. 408.

## Richard Turner

Block 53      Lot 3, 4 & Pt. 1

Mechanic by trade. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 428.  
 Staunch Republican. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 428.  
 No US land patents issued to Richard Turner  
 Brother of James Turner

- Jan 11, 1814      Richard born in New York. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, 1891; pg. 522.
- Jan 22, 1818      Born in New York. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 428.
- Jan 11, 1818?
- 1831      Settled in Lima Center, Jackson County. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, 1891; pg. 522.
- 1837      Came to Ingham County, soon returned to New York  
 Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, 1891; pg. 522.
- ?      Lewis Butler settled early in 1837 and lived in Aurelius Township until fall of 1837, removed to village of Jefferson in Alaiedon Township, Butler settled east of Bullen. Butler sold place to James Turner and after time became property of Abram Wilson. James and Richard Turner very early settlers of Aurelius Township. Source: Durant, pg. 220. Note: Reuben R. Bullen issued US land patent on November 2, 1837 for 77.51 acres on N 1/2 NE of section 4 Township 2 North, Range 2 West of Ingham County. Bullen of Washtenaw County, Michigan. MI2560\_\_147.
- 1842      Returned to Ingham County and worked as carpenter  
 Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, 1891; pg. 522.
- Jun 6, 1843      James Turner to Richard Turner, land in Aurelius township, Section 3. L5:P359.
- Jun 7, 1844      Amos Mattison of Vevay Township to Richard Turner of Vevay Township, land in section 9 of Leroy Township. (L6:P46)

- Feb 18, 1845 Richard Turner of Mason to David Blain of Mason. Land in section 9 of Leroy Township. (L6:P88)
- Jun 4, 1845 Ephram B. Danforth, and Charles Noble and Samuel Skinner and John B. Skinner to Richard Turner of Mason, land in section 9 of Vevay Township. (L6:P213)
- Aug 29, 1845 Daniel L. Case and wife to Richard Turner. Land in Mason. (L6:P212)
- Sep 30, 1845 Richard Turner of Mason to Solomon H. Worden of Mason, land in Mason. (L6:P367)
- Solomon H. Worden and wife to Richard Turner of Mason, land in section 17 of Wheatfield Township. (L6:P425)
- Dec 26, 1845 Zaccheus Barnes and wife to Richard Turner of Mason, land in section 9 of Vevay Township. (L6:P341)
- Apr 1846 Ad in Ingham Herald (Mason) of June 22, 1846:  
Window Sash  
Constantly on hand, and made to order by RICHARD TURNER  
Mason, April 1846.
- Nov 16, 1846 John S. Griffin and wife of Mason to James and Richard Turner of Mason, land in Mason. (L7:P63)
- 1847 Came to Lansing and was associated with his brother for a number of years, but his health failing him he bought a farm, west of the city later known as Beechbrook addition. The land was in a state of nature at the time. ...made improvements and in 1865 disposed of the property to J. N. Warner.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 428.
- 1847 ...that while looking for a stake which marked the ground where the capitol building was to be erected, he became bewildered and was lost in the woods. He assisted his brother James in the erection of the first frame house in North Lansing, which building stands just north of the site of the present brewery. The frame was made at Mason and brought to Lansing with teams and set up. He recalls that at this time there were not sufficient houses in Lansing to accommodate the working men with lodgings and he-his father-was obliged to sleep under his work-bench.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 429.
- 1847 "...then unmarried young man, came up from Mason where his uncle kept store and started to work on the hotel for the Seymours." A587
- 1847 Came to Lansing from Mason where his uncle kept store and started to work on the hotel for Seymours

Richard Turner "came to Lansing when it was all woods, and at one time was lost in the forest where the State Capitol now stands." (1891) Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties Michigan, Chapman Bros., 1891; pg. 522.

"...assisted in erecting the first frame house ever built in Lansing." Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, 1891; pg. 522.

- 1847 Richard helped build the original wooden state capitol in 1847. Source: Obituary, Mrs. Kate Turner Was Oldest Living "Grad" of Lansing High." Died July 4, 1861.
- Oct 19, 1847 Richard Turner to Edwin Hurlbut. Land in section 9 of Vevay Township. (L7:P466)
- Feb 9, 1848 James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee Cty. to Richard Turner of town of Michigan; land in town of Michigan. (18:P33)
- Purchased for \$500.  
Lots 3 & 4 of Block 53  
Part Lot 1 of block 53 that lies between lots 3 & 4 and Grand River and 8 rods in width from north to South and the North line of piece described as being  
8 rods from north line of Lot 1  
excepting and reserving out of aid part of Lot 1 so much of same as may be flowed at any time by the water of the mill...
- Nov 9, 1848 Richard Turner of Lansing to James Turner; land in section 3 of Aurelius Twp. (18:P504)
- Nov 1, 1848 Richard Turner of Lansing, Ingham Cty to Jacob L. Brown of same; land in village of Lansing. (18:P430)
- Purchased for \$200 Lots 3 & 4 of Block 53 and part of Lot 1 of Block 53 bounded on  
South by a line starting at SE corner of said lot 3 and running east to River  
Thence South side by a line starting at NE corner of said lot 4 & running  
Thence East to the Grand River
- Nov 1, 1848 James Seymour of Flushing Genesee county Michigan (by his attorney Joseph H. Kilborn) to James Turner and Richard Turner of Lansing, Ingham county, Michigan; Land in village of Lansing (L9:P460)
- Purchased for \$200 part of Block 12 bounded commencing at the SE corner of the furnace building now standing on the lot running

Thence South 75\* west 74 feet  
Thence North 15\* West 60 feet  
Thence North 75\* East 75 feet  
Thence South 30\* East 60 feet to beginning.

Together with the land lying between the west end of the lot and the Grand River with the common use of the tail race and the ground eighteen ? feet wide on the south side of the above lot for that purpose and the Street or alley 20 feet wide between the lot and the mill race to be extended North to Franklin Street.

Together with the right as appurtenant to said premises to take from the mill race leading from the mill pond in Grand River to said furnace sufficient water to propel machinery not requiring more than half as much power as ordinary run flowing mill stones (which water for all other purposes except propelling machinery shall be estimated at one fortieth part of the water power of Grand River liable? to that proportion of the expenses) or such part of it same as they may be entitled to under the contract to be used upon water wheels of the most approved construction for saving water and in prudent manner for propelling machinery.

The parties of this contract have hereby especially? convent not to waste the water while now using it on machinery.

It is further covenanted and agreed by the said parties of the second part their heirs and assigns that if any whenever it shall become necessary or expedient to build a lock in the dam aforesaid or water gap apron or shut for the passage of boats or rafts at said dam they will pay their proportion of the expense thereof.

It is further covenanted by and between said parties their heirs and assigns that whenever the owner or owners of more than half of the water power created by said dam or which may hereafter be created thereby in an improved condition thereof or by any other dam built to supply its place. The owner of more than half thereof may appoint a committee for the year or from year to year who shall have power to decide whether or what repairs and improvements are proper or may be necessary upon said am or its appurtenances aside from private and separate interests and shall also have power to make the same and all of the owners shall be liable and pay towards the same their share of its expense thereof in proportion to the amount of their interests...

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| 1848 | 1848 assessment, Richard Turner, Lots 3 & 4 of block 53 + feet of Lot I, adjoins river at high water. \$80, no personal. |
| 1849 | Married Euphemia Smith. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, 1891; pg. 522.          |

Had eight children: Frank N. (Dr.), Emmagene, John, Elizabeth, William S., Hattie, Catherine, and John  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 428.

Had 8 children: Florence E., Augustus, Libby, Frank N., William S., Hattie, Kate E. and John M. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, 1891; pg. 522.

- 1850                      Census  
Richard Turner, age 32, furnace man, born NY  
Euphena, age 26  
Eugena, age 2 months.
- Oct 25, 1854            Frederick dePeyster and wife, Maria A. of New York City, to Richard Turner, land in section 8 of Lansing Township. (L17:P369)
- Mar 13, 1855            Son Frank N. Turner, born. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 428.
- Dec 31, 1857            William Turner of Delhi, Ingham County to Hezekiah Turner, of Delhi, land in section 35 of Delhi Township. (120:P449)
- 1859                      R. Turner listed as Plow Wooder?  
Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- 1860                      Census  
Richard, age 42, furnace man  
Euphemia, age 35  
Elibly, age 6  
Frank, age 4  
Willie, age 2  
Elizabeth Smith, age 78, born NY
- 1864                      Had farmhouse area of Logan and Warner streets. A442
- 1865                      Sold farm west of city to J. Warner, bought farm four miles west of Williamston. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 428.
- 1866                      Bought and settled on farm in Williamston  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, 1891; pg. 522.
- Apr 8, 1888            Died. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, 1891; pg. 522.
- 1910s                    Richard and sons George and James started "Turner Brothers Foundry" on site of 1920 Auto Body Works Office.  
Source: Pioneer History of Ingham County, by Adams, pg. 439

“Dr. Turner’s mother often related how the first legislators cussed the town. Dr. Turner’s father married here and settled on north Washington avenue in a little clearing past which ran what was the city’s main street. It was a cow path at the time, full of stumps and roots and bog holes.”

Source: Pioneer History of Ingham County, by Adams, pg. 588.

## **William W. Upton**

Block 34      Lot 1 & 2  
Block 53

Born Victor, Ontario Co., NY. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.

Educated at Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, of Lima, NY. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.

Summer of last two years at seminary engaged with corps of engineers in making survey of Auburn and Rochester Railroad  
Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.

Surveyed and laid out canal in Northern Indiana. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.

Settled at Victor, Clinton Co. Michigan while still a minor; cleared farm. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.

Farmed and studied law under Levi Townsend, Esq. of DeWitt.  
Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.

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| Fall 1838     | W.W. Upton and James Upton entered section ten of Victor Township, Clinton County; planted 4 acres wheat, began building log house; Uptons returned east; in February 1839 d. H. Blood took possession of Upton land and began a clearing on section 13. Source: Past and Present of Clinton County, pg. 485. |
| 1840          | Married Amanda Hollister at Victor, NY. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.   |
| Nov 2-3, 1840 | Elected county Treasurer of Clinton County.<br>Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 352   |
| Nov 1-2, 1841 | Elected county surveyor. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 352   |

Note: *Footsteps A Biography of the Elected Shiawassee County Surveyors 1837-1997* by Norman C. Caldwell, P.S., 1997 notes Upon surveyor in 1843-44 and Jared Higbee surveyor in 1841-42.

- 1841-2 Supervisor of Ossowa (Bath & Victor) Township, Clinton county. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties MI; D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880. Source: Clinton County Republican-News, Centennial Issue, 1956; Section 5, pg. 6.
- Nov 7-8, 1842 Re-elected county surveyor. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 352  
Note: *Footsteps A Biography of the Elected Shiawassee County Surveyors 1837-1997* by Norman C. Caldwell, P.S., 1997 notes Upon surveyor in 1843-44 and Jared Higbee surveyor in 1841-42.
- Mar 9, 1843 Legislative act approved March 9, 1843 authorized to extend form Byron, in Shiawassee county, to Lyons, in Ionia County, with Henry Buell, James M. Blood, and William W. Upton named as commissioners. Source: History of Ionia and Montcalm Counties Michigan by John S. Schenck, 1881.
- Nov 4-5, 1844 Re-elected County Treasurer of Clinton County. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 352
- 1845 Admitted bar at DeWitt. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 37. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.
- 1845-46 County Treasurer. Source: Clinton County Republican-News, Centennial Issue, 1956; Section 5, pg. 7.
- Nov 3, 1846 Elected as State Representative.
- 1846 School Inspector with Lewis Coburn of DeWitt township. Source: History of Shiawassee County, Michigan; pg. 411.
- Nov 13, 1846 Admitted to practice law in Clinton County. Source: History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan, D. W. Ensign & Co. 1880; pg. 346
- 1847 Representative - Clinton county. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 37. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.
- 1847 He removed to Lansing in 1847 and commenced the practice of law which he continued until 1852. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 37.
- Spring 1847 W. W. Upton, represented Clinton County in legislature; removed to Lansing; " in partnership with Henry Jipson, he built the first



house that was erected on the west side of the river in Lansing, and engaged actively in the construction of the old State Capitol and other prominent buildings, where were erected on contract." Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.

- Jun 23, 1847      Henry Jipson & W. W. Upton Block 129      Lot 12 \$300
- Jun 30, 1847      Paid \$179.25 by State for surveying Michigan, Michigan.
- 1847      Worked on Capitol.
- Fall 1847      Resumed practice of law. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.
- Sep 16, 1847      At township board meeting:
- "Henry Jipson and W.W. Upton applied for a license to keep a tavern ...in the building they occupy near the Capitol. Granted for the remainder of the year." Paid \$5 for license."  
Operated Lansing House - 1st Lansing House.  
Note: Jipson and Upton built Lansing House. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 198.
- Jan 1848      Session of Board of Supervisors adopted resolution that state William W. Upton, late treasurer of the county, had received from the township treasures \$628.20 for which he had never given an account. ...Committee appointed to call upon the delinquent ex-treasure and demand payment. Source: Past and Present of Clinton County Michigan by Judge S. B. Daboll, 1906.
- 1848      Lansing Township clerk. Source: Durant.
- May 13, 1848      William W. Upton      Block 138      Lot 1      \$155
- 1848      David E. Corbin and Upton formed law partnership.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 37.
- 1849      Prosecuting Attorney of Ingham County.  
Source: Annual Report of the Attorney General, dated January 1, 1850; Joint Documents, No. 12 of 1850.
- Winter 1848-49      Elected J.D. of Lansing Lodge, No. 33
- Jun 12, 1849      William W. Upton and wife Maria A. of Lansing to Nancy D. Carter of Lansing; for \$125.00; Lot 6 of Block 53 in Lansing. (L9:P129)
- 1848-52      Prominent attorney in Lansing. Source: Cowles pg. 37.
- Fall 1850      Elected Prosecuting Attorney. Source: Cowles pg. 54.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 54.

- 1851-52 Prosecuting Attorney. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 100.
- Apr 1, 1852 Moved California; arrived September 18th; first wife and three children accompanied him on overland trip; practiced law in California. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112. Source: Cowles pg. 37.
- 1856 Member California legislature. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 37. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.
- 1860 Married for second time to Marietta Bryan at East Avon, NY Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.
- 1861-1863 District Attorney of Sacramento county. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 37. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.
- Fall 1864 Moved Portland, Oregon, practiced law until Feb. 1868. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 37. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.
- Feb 1868 Appointed Justice of Supreme Court of Oregon - filled vacancy. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 37. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.
- June 1869 Elected justice of Supreme Court. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 37. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.
- Sep 1, 1872-  
Sep 1, 1874 Chief Justice of State of Oregon. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 37. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.
- Oct 1, 1877-  
Jun 1, 1885 Appointed by Pres. Hayes Second Comptroller of US Treasury; held office until June 1, 1885. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 37. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 112.
- 1896 Died. Source: Let the Record Show a Legal History of Ingham County by Richard Frazier; MSU Press, 1997.

### **Ephraim H. Utley**

Oct 8, 1847	Ephraim H. Utley	Block 135	Lot 9	\$126
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May 9, 1848      Universalist Congregation organized "worshipped Senate Chamber of Capitol." 9 Selected Ephraim H. Utley, Levi Hunt and Henry H. Ross trustees. Source: Adams pg. 190.

**James Videto**

Block 12      Lot      Pt.

Wife Lucinda, born 1815 and Died 1891

Children: Julia 1843-1923, James Jr 1845-1936, Fred 1848-1892 and Ella? Source: Spring Arbor Township 1830-1980, Reminiscing Thru a Hundred and Fifty Years; published by The Spring Arbor Historical Committee; written and edited by William J. Terman.

Jul 27, 1804      Born Oxbury, Upper Canada Source: Southeastern Michigan Pioneer Families, Compiled by Helen F. Lewis, 1998.

Born Hawkesbury, Upper Canada  
Source: Spring Arbor Township 1830-1980, Reminiscing Thru a Hundred and Fifty Years; published by The Spring Arbor Historical Committee; written and edited by William J. Terman.

Had 8 brothers and sisters including:  
Justus, Stephen, Hymen, Jonathan and Hannah.  
Source: Spring Arbor Township 1830-1980, Reminiscing Thru a Hundred and Fifty Years; published by The Spring Arbor Historical Committee; written and edited by William J. Terman.

?      Family moved to New York

1815      Went to live with uncle at Shelburne, VT

When 11 years of age moved to Shelburne, Vermont to live with Judge Hall until he became of age.  
Source: Spring Arbor Township 1830-1980, Reminiscing Thru a Hundred and Fifty Years; published by The Spring Arbor Historical Committee; written and edited by William J. Terman.

1828      Came to Detroit; engaged for 15 years in surveying government lands in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa.  
Source: Spring Arbor Township 1830-1980, Reminiscing Thru a Hundred and Fifty Years; published by The Spring Arbor Historical Committee; written and edited by William J. Terman.

1830?      Settled in Jackson County.

Oct 1830      Settled in Concord, Jackson, county. Source: Southeastern Michigan Pioneer Families, Compiled by Helen F. Lewis, 1998.

1832	Jonathan L. Videto was one of those self-made lawyers who are always admired for their persistence, honesty and conscientious fidelity to their clients as well as their conviction. Mr. Videto came to Jackson county in 1832 and was first a school teacher. In 1840 he was elected sheriff and later was a justice of the peace. he was chosen probate judge and filled the office for four years. he was a radical temperance man and a strong Republican. Few men were more noted for their courage and devotion to what they deemed right than Judge Videto. Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan by Colonel Charles V. DeLand, 1903; pg. 277.
1832	Letter of Lucius Lyon to sister from Galena Illinois, dated October 13, 1832. "In about a week I am to resume my duties as commissioner to establish the northern boundary of Illinois and hope to complete the business in about two months. I shall then have a survey of several townships of public lands to complete, and then return to Detroit. Orson is now surveying about 25 miles northeast of here and has James Videto, for formerly lived with Judge Hall in Shelburne, to assist him as chain bearer." Pg. 445 Pioneer.
After 1832?	Settled in Jackson County.
?	Early settler of Spring Arbor Twp.; Jackson County.
1832	Settled in Jackson County. Source: Spring Arbor Township 1830-1980, Reminiscing Thru a Hundred and Fifty Years; published by The Spring Arbor Historical Committee; written and edited by William J. Terman.
1833	Bought land in Concord Township, Jackson County. Source: Spring Arbor Township 1830-1980, Reminiscing Thru a Hundred and Fifty Years; published by The Spring Arbor Historical Committee; written and edited by William J. Terman.
1833	Located land in Concord.
Jan 10, 1834	Purchased 80 acres of Town 3 South, Range 3 West. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.
Apr 26, 1834	Entered land in Concord Township, Jackson County; stated from Wayne County, MI. Source: Southeastern Michigan Pioneer Families, Compiled by Helen F. Lewis, 1998.  Purchased 120 acres on section 13 of Town 3 South, Range 3 West of Jackson County. Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.
?	Supervisor of Spring Arbor Twp. - early pioneer of Spring Arbor Township.

Sep 15, 1835 Township 3-S, Range 3-W of Jackson County  
 Section 13 W-1/2 SW &  
 Section 13 SENW 120 acres.  
 Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
 Records, Monroe Land Office; MI0400\_\_\_.435.

Section 14 E 1/2 SE 80 acres  
 Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
 Records, Monroe Land Office; MI0400\_\_\_.049.

Sep 5, 1836 Amasa & Mary Gibson sell land in Sections 26 & 27 to James  
 Videto and 3 others for \$4000.

Sep 5, 1836 Ira Jacobs of Concord sells land in Sec. 27 of Concord to Videto &  
 3 others.

Oct 9, 1835 Township 3-S, Range 3-W of Jackson County  
 Section 14 E 1/2 NE 80 acres  
 Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
 Records, Monroe Land Office; MI0370\_\_\_.459.

Oct 9, 1835 Township 3-S, Range 3-W of Jackson County  
 Section 13 W 1/2 NW 80 acres  
 Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
 Records, Monroe Land Office; MI0370\_\_\_.458.

Mar 20, 1837 Buys land in Section 21 of Concord Twp. for \$200.

Aug 1, 1837 Township 6-N, Range 6-W of Ionia County  
 Section 1 E 1/2 SW 80 acres  
 Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
 Records, Ionia Land Office; MI2550\_\_\_.002.

Sep 29, 1837 Sells land in Section 21, Concord Twp. for \$271.56.

Nov 1837 Elected to State Senate by vote Videto, Dem. (1427), Henry  
 Acker, Whig (1264) and Seymour B. Treadwell, Abol (469).  
 Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan; compiled  
 by Colonel Charles V. DeLand; 1903: pg. 294.

Mar 5, 1838 Buys land in Section 9 of Spring Arbor Twp. for \$2000.

Mar 16, 1838 For \$1,800 sells land to Leonard Stan; land in Sections 26 & 27 of  
 Concord Twp., Jackson County.

Aug 16, 1839 Entered land in Spring Arbor Township, Jackson.  
 Source: Southeastern Michigan Pioneer Families, Compiled by  
 Helen F. Lewis, 1998.

? Became farmer and lived in Section 9 on King Road east of  
 Chapel (Site of Dowley Manufacturing Company in 1980).

Source: Spring Arbor Township 1830-1980, Reminiscing Thru a Hundred and Fifty Years; published by The Spring Arbor Historical Committee; written and edited by William J. Terman.

- 1840 Brother Jonathan L. Videto elected sheriff and later was a justice of the peace. Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan by Colonel Charles V. DeLand, 1903; pg. 277.
- 1840 In, 1840, about a year after it (prison) had gone into operation, a party of eight or ten convicts overpowered the guards and broke out (Jackson) for the purposes of offense and defense, they kept together in an organized gang, and traveled over the State in a westerly direction, robbing the farm houses and abusing their occupants on the way. At spring Arbor a farmer, named James Videto, undertook, with fowling piece in hand, to stop their progress; but, as the old inhabitants related, "they came near enough to Videto to see that he had no cap on his gun, and accordingly fell upon him and beat him in such an inhuman manner that he was left for dead on the highway," The gang were all re-captured with two exceptions. The leader, George Norton, was shot and killed by Dorus Spencer, a farmer."  
Source: History of Jackson County, pgs. 571-2.
- This year there was an insurrection at the state prison. the convicts, under leader of George Morton, a noted horse thief, rebelled and one morning in August, as they were brought out from breakfast, at a signal, fell upon the guards, overpowered them forced the rear gate, and about forty of them escaped. They forded the river and went in a body to the west. as soon as the news had spread a number of citizens armed themselves and started in pursuit. A few miles west of town they came across Mr. Robert's farm and tried to secure his horses. he went to the house and got his gun and returned to confront the gang, but they rushed upon him, and beat him with clubs until he was insensible. The pursing party came up with then near the Videto place in Spring Arbor. here they were surrounded and ordered to surrender. Morton, the leader, refused, and ordered a charge, when he was shot dead by Virgil Cummings, a keeper. One other was shot by Dorus Spencer, and the gang then surrendered and were marched back to prison. Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan; compiled by Colonel Charles V. DeLand; 1903: pg. 138.
- ? Spring Arbor school director.
- Jun 17, 1840 Porter member of Committee of Arrangements with J. L. Videto and four others for the Jackson sixty-fifty anniversary celebration of national Independence to be celebrated July 3rd; order of day, national salute at sunrise; 10:00 procession from Court House to Baptist Church or Grove where address on Temperance at 10:00; at 2:30 procession to form again at court House and go to Baptist

Church or grove for reading of Declaration of Independence; and oration; officers of day and speakers: Gordon Case, President. Walter Budington, Marshal, Benjamin I. Mather, Temperance Address; David Johnson, reader of Declaration, Augustus D. Hawley, oration; "The Citizens of the County are earnestly invited to attend and unite with us in celebrating the approaching birth Day of our Nation. Source: Notice in The State Gazette (Jackson) on June 10, 1841; notice dated June 17, 1841 (typo 7th?)

- Nov 19, 1840 Married Lucinda Thompson (1815-1891) daughter of James and Rachel Thompson.  
Source: Spring Arbor Township 1830-1980, Reminiscing Thru a Hundred and Fifty Years; published by The Spring Arbor Historical Committee; written and edited by William J. Terman.
- Jan 11, 1842 Rep. Videto of House Committee on Roads and Bridges reported that alteration of state road in Ingham county running from Mason Centre to Grand river, through townships 3 and 4 north, in range number 2 west, should be submitted to the commissioners of highways of the township of Alaiedon, with power to change the location of said road, commencing at the northwest corner of section number 10, in township number 3 north, or range number 2 west, thence to Grand river.  
  
"Your committee are decidedly of the opinion that the change of location of said road, would be conducive to the best interest of a large majority of all concerned." HJ pg. 82.
- 1842-44 Representative from Jackson County. Democrat. Source: Spring Arbor Township 1830-1980, Reminiscing Thru a Hundred and Fifty Years; published by The Spring Arbor Historical Committee; written and edited by William J. Terman.
- 1843 Daughter Julia born; died in 1923.  
Source: Southeastern Michigan Pioneer Families, Compiled by Helen F. Lewis, 1998.  
Source: Spring Arbor Township 1830-1980, Reminiscing Thru a Hundred and Fifty Years; published by The Spring Arbor Historical Committee; written and edited by William J. Terman.
- Nov 1844 Elected to State Senate  
Videto (Dem.) 1427 votes  
Henry Acker (Whig) 1264  
Seymour B Treadwell (Abol) 469  
Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan by Colonel Charles V. DeLand, 1903; pg. 294.
- 1845 Son James born; died in 1936. Source: Southeastern Michigan Pioneer Families, Compiled by Helen F. Lewis, 1998.

Source: Spring Arbor Township 1830-1980, Reminiscing Thru a Hundred and Fifty Years; published by The Spring Arbor Historical Committee; written and edited by William J. Terman.

- 1845-6                      Senator from Fourth District.
- Feb 20, 1847              On petition of Benj. Porter, James Videto & others dispensation granted by Deputy General Grand High Priest to form and open a chapter of Royal Arch Masons in town of Jackson.  
                                    Source: DeLand's History of Jackson County, Michigan by Colonel Charles V. DeLand, 1903; pg. 319
- Sep 30, 1847              James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee Cty. to James Videto of Spring Arbor, Jackson Cty. Land in Village of Michigan. (L7:P520)
- Purchased for \$3000:
- Lots 4, 5, 15, 16 & 17 Block I  
Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 on Block 4  
Lots 5, 6, 7, 18 & 19 on Block 5  
Lot 8 on Block 6  
    Pt 7 on Block 6 all except pt. contracted to William W. Rogers bounded from point on S line of lot 7 distance 4 rods from SE corner  
    Thence N 80 feet  
    Thence W 40 feet  
    Thence S 80 feet  
    Thence E 40 feet.  
Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 on Block 7  
Lots 5 & 6 on Block 8  
Lots 2 & 3 on Block 15  
Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 on Block 16.  
Lots 1, 2 & 4 on Block 17  
Lots 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 on Block 18  
Lots 2, 3, 4 pt. 11 on Block 19.  
    Pt. begin SE corner of Lot 11 running  
    Thence W 4 chains  
    Thence N 1 chain and 33 links  
    Thence E 4 chains  
    Thence S 1 chain and 33 links to begin.  
Lot 6 on Block 20 except area contracted to Ambrose Crane in SW corner bounded as follows:  
    Begin SE corner Lot 5 running  
    Thence E 1 chain and 33 links  
    Thence N 3 chains 3 links  
    Thence W 1 chain 93 links  
    Thence S 3 chains and 3 links to begin.  
Lots 14, 15 & 16 on Block 21  
Lots 7, 8, 9 & 10 on Block 22  
Lots 7 & 8 on Block 24.



Lots 3, 7, 8 & 9 on Block 25

Lot 3 on Block 26

Two blocks of lots laid out by the Seymour on the east half of Block 26 and on the NE part of B 27.

First block 'A' begins at point 5 rods W of the NW corner of B 28 and running  
thence S 24 rods  
thence W 20 rods  
thence N 24 rods  
thence E. 20 rods to beginning.

Block 'B' begin at point 5 rods W of NW corner of Block 37

Thence S 24 rods

Thence W 20 rods

Thence N 24 rods

Thence E 20 rods to begin.

Lots 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 on Block 27

Blocks 29

Lots 6 & 7 on Block 33

Block 36

Lots 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 on Block 41

Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 on Block 43

Blocks 48, 50, 54, 55 & 57.

SE quarter of SE quarter of section 18.

Sep 30, 1847

James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee Cty to James Videto of Spring Arbor, Jackson Cty. and HH Smith; Land in Village of Michigan. (L7:P431)

Purchased pt. Block 12 for \$500; part purchased:

Begin stake standing N 14\* west 1 chain and 70 links distant from the NE corner of Seymour saw mill and S 28\* E two chains and 50 links distant from SE corner of Walker Turner & Co. furnace and running

Thence W 132 feet to Grand River

Thence S 60 (or 62?) feet hence E to a point south 30\* E from the stake

Thence N 30\* W to the place of beginning.

Had right to take from race on east side of lot water to propel 4 runs of flouring mill stones.

Oct 29, 1847

James Seymour of Flushing, Genesee Cty. to Hiram H. Smith, Ephraim B. Danforth of Mason and James Videto of Spring Arbor, Jackson Cty; land in town of Michigan. (18:P14)

Purchased part of Block 12 for \$35. Land purchased:

Being a strip of land on south side and adjoining a mill lot conveyed to parties (Smith/Videto) on Sep. 30, 1847 and extending East and West the whole length of lot and is 14 feet wide.

Another strip lying between the margin of the mill race and the two pieces of land above mentioned and extending the same distance North and South as lands conveyed to (Smith/Videto) to keep open road 12 feet wide running as near North and near the parallel with the foundation frame of the flouring mill now erecting and at the east end thereof (Smith/Videto) have right build over road.

Nov 29, 1847

James Videto and wife Lucinda, Hiram H. Smith and wife Mary Jane, of Spring Arbor, Jackson Cty and Lansing, Ingham Cty respectively; land in village of Michigan (Grantee -- Ephraim B. Danforth of Lansing, Ingham Cty (L7:P527)

Purchased Pt. Block 12 for \$450. Land purchased: Begin state standing 14\* West 1 chain and 70 links distant from the NE corner of James Seymour Saw Mill & S 28\* East 2 chains and 50 links distant from SE corner of Walter Turner & Co. Furnace and running

Thence W 132 feet to Grand River

Thence South 62 feet (? or 62)

Thence East to point South 30\* East from the stake

Thence North 30\* west to beginning.

Also had water rights needed for 4 stone flour mill.

Nov 29, 1847

James Videto and wife Lucinda of Spring Arbor, Jackson Cty to Hiram H. Smith of Lansing, Ingham Cty; land in village of Michigan. (L7:P522)

Purchased undivided half for \$1,500 of following land:

Lots 4, 5, 15, 16, 17 and Block I

Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 on Block 4

Lots 5, 6, 7, 18 & 19 on Block 5

Lot 8 on Block 6

Pt 7 on Block 6 all except pt. contracted to William W.

Rogers bounded from point on S line of lot 7 distance 4 rods from SE corner

Thence N 80 feet

Thence W 40 feet

Thence S 80 feet

Thence E 40 feet.

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 on Block 7

Lots 5 & 6 on Block 8

Lots 2 & 3 on Block 15

Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 on Block 16.  
 Lots 1, 2 & 4 on Block 17  
 Lots 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 on Block 18  
 Lots 2, 3, 4 pt. 11 on Block 19.  
     Pt. begin SE corner of Lot 11 running  
     Thence W 4 chains  
     Thence N 1 chain and 33 links  
     Thence E 4 chains  
     Thence S 1 chain and 33 links to begin.  
 Lot 6 on Block 20 except area contracted to Ambrose Crane in  
     SW corner bounded as follows:  
     Begin SE corner Lot 5 running  
     Thence E 1 chain and 33 links  
     Thence N 3 chains 3 links  
     Thence W 1 chain 93 links  
     Thence S 3 chains and 3 links to begin.  
 Lots 14, 15 & 16 on Block 21  
 Lots 7, 8, 9 & 10 on Block 22  
 Lots 7 & 8 on Block 24.  
 Lots 3, 7, 8 & 9 on Block 25  
 Lot 3 on Block 26  
 Two block of lots laid out by the Seymour on the east half of Block  
 26 and on the NE part of B 27.

First block 'A" begins at point 5 rods W of the NW  
     corner of B 28 and running  
     thence S 24 rods  
     thence W 20 rods  
     thence N 24 rods  
     thence E. 20 rods to beginning.

Block 'B" begin at point 5 rods W of NW corner of  
 Block 37  
     Thence S 24 rods  
     Thence W 20 rods  
     Thence N 24 rods  
     Thence E 20 rods to begin.

Lots 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 on Block 27  
 Blocks 29  
 Lots 6 & 7 on Block 33  
 Block 36  
 Lots 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 on Block 41  
 Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 on Block 43  
 Blocks 48, 50, 54, 55 & 57.  
 SE quarter of SE quarter of section 18.

Feb 21, 1848

HH Smith and wife Mary of town of Michigan to James Videto of  
 spring Arbor, Jackson county; for \$1,000.00 the undivided half  
 part of SE quarter of the SE quarter of Section 8 of Lansing Twp.  
 and:  
 Lot 5 of Block I

Lot 6 & 17 of Block 4  
 Lot 19 of Block 5  
 Lot 1 of Block 7  
 Lot 6 of Block 8  
 Lot 4 of block 19  
 Lot 7, 8, 9 and 12 of Block 22  
 Lot 7 of Block 25  
 Lot 3 of Block 26  
 Lot 3 of Block 17; part of beginning  
 SE corner of said Lot 3 and running  
 Thence West 20 rods  
 Thence North 8 rods  
 Thence East 20 rods  
 Thence South 8 rods and known as South part of Block B.  
 Lot 3, 4, 5, and 6 of Block 29  
 Lot 11 of Block 41  
 Lots 9 & 10 of Block 43  
 Lots 5 and 9 of Block 54  
 Lot 1, 9 and 10 of Block 55  
 Lot 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Block 57 (18:P48)

Feb 21, 1848

James Videto and wife Lucinda of spring Arbor to Alvin N. Hart of  
 Town and Co. of Lapeer, for \$1,000.00 part of Block 12 bounded:  
 Begin at a stake standing North 14\* West 1 chain and 70  
 links distant from the NE corner of said James Seymour  
 saw mill and S 28\* east 5 chains 50 links distant from the  
 SE corner of the ...furnace and running  
 Thence West 1432 feet to Grand River  
 Thence East to a post South 30\* east from the  
 stake a line mentioned  
 Thence North 30\* west to place of beginning.  
 another piece of land on South of and adjoining the above lot and  
 another piece of land east of and adjoining the first above  
 described land; land in town of Michigan. (18:P50)

Feb 21, 1848

James Videto and wife Lucinda of Spring Arbor, Jackson Cty. to  
 Hiram H. Smith of Lansing Twp.; land in Town of Michigan (18:  
 P11)

Purchased \$20,000

Undivided half of  
 Block 29, 36, 48, 50, 54, 55, 57,

Block 1	Lot 4, 5, 15, 16 & 17
Block 4	Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25
Block 5	Lot 5, 6, 7, 18 & 19
Block 6	Lot 8 on Block 6

Pt 7 on Block 6 all except pt. contracted to William W. Rogers bounded from point on S line of lot 7 distance 4 rods from SE corner  
 Thence N 80 feet  
 Thence W 40 feet  
 Thence S 80 feet  
 Thence E 40 feet.

Block 7 Lot 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6  
 Block 8 Lot 5 & 6  
 Block 15 Lot 2 & 3  
 Block 19 Lot 2, 3, 4, & part Lot 11 bounded  
 Begin SE corner of said lot 11 and running  
 Thence W 4 chains  
 Thence N 1 chain and 33 links  
 Thence E 4 chains  
 Thence S 1 chains and 33 links to place of beginning.

Block 20 Lot 6 on Block 20 except area contracted to Ambrose Crane in SW corner bounded as follows:  
 Begin SE corner Lot 5 running  
 Thence E 1 chain and 33 links  
 Thence N 3 chains 3 links  
 Thence W 1 chain 93 links  
 Thence S 3 chains and 3 links to begin.

Block 24 Lot 7 & 8  
 Block 25 Lot 3, 7, 8 & 9  
 Block 26 Lot 3  
 Block 26 and on the NE part of B 27.  
 First block 'A' begins at point 5 rods W of the NW corner of B 28 and running  
 thence S 24 rods  
 thence W 20 rods  
 thence N 24 rods  
 thence E. 20 rods to beginning.

Block 'B' begin at point 5 rods W of NW corner of Block 37  
 Thence S 24 rods  
 Thence W 20 rods  
 Thence N 24 rods  
 Thence E 20 rods to begin.

Block 27 Lot 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17  
 Block 33 Lot 6 & 7  
 Block 41 Lot 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12  
 Block 43 Lot 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10  
 Note: Blocks 45, 60 & 70 not included.  
 Same as L7:P522  
 E part Block 26; NE part Block 27

- Feb 23, 1848 James Videto and wife Lucinda of Spring Arbor to E. B. Danforth of Mason; for \$1,000.00; North half part of the SE quarter of the SE quarter of Section 8 of Lansing Twp.; 20 acres. (18:P49)
- Apr 23, 1848 James Videto and wife Lucinda of Spring Arbor, Jackson Co. MI to Ephraim B. Danforth of Mason; for \$400.00; South half of Se quarter of SE quarter (20 acres) of section 8 of Lansing Twp. (18:P91)
- 1848 Son Frederick born; died in 1892.  
Source: Southeastern Michigan Pioneer Families, Compiled by Helen F. Lewis, 1998.  
Source: Spring Arbor Township 1830-1980, Reminiscing Thru a Hundred and Fifty Years; published by The Spring Arbor Historical Committee; written and edited by William J. Terman.
- Apr 27, 1849 James Videto and wife Lucinda of Spring Arbor to E. B. Danforth of Mason; for \$200.00; Lots 2 and 9 of Block 54 in Lansing. (L9:P76)
- Sep 1, 1849 James Videto and wife Lucinda of Spring Arbor to E. B. Danforth; land in Lansing. (L9:P225)
- 1850 Daughter Ellen born.  
Source: Southeastern Michigan Pioneer Families, Compiled by Helen F. Lewis, 1998.
- 1850 Census listed wife as Lorinda or Lucinda who was born ca. 1816 in New York.  
Source: Southeastern Michigan Pioneer Families, Compiled by Helen F. Lewis, 1998.
- Feb 19, 1851 James Videto and wife Lucinda of Spring Arbor to H. H. Smith; for \$100.00; Lot 11 in Block 41 in Lansing. (L10:P463)
- Mar 14, 1872? Attended first meeting of Pioneer society of Jackson County; one 22 vice presidents - one each township; Videto represented Spring Arbor.
- Mar 14, 1874 Attended the first meeting of Pioneer society of Jackson County.
- Jul 18, 1886 Died at Spring Arbor.

### **James Videto**

#### **Land Patents**

- Sep 15, 1835 Township 3-S, Range 3-W of Jackson County  
Section 13 W-1/2 SW &  
Section 13 SENW 120 acres.

Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Monroe Land Office; MI0400\_\_\_.435.

Section 14      E 1/2 SE                      80 acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Monroe Land Office; MI0400\_\_\_.049.

Oct 9, 1835      Township 3-S, Range 3-W of Jackson County  
Section 14      E 1/2 NE                      80 acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Monroe Land Office; MI0370\_\_\_.459.

Oct 9, 1835      Township 3-S, Range 3-W of Jackson County  
Section 13      W 1/2 NW                      80 acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Monroe Land Office; MI0370\_\_\_.458.

Aug 1, 1837      Township 6-N, Range 6-W of Ionia County  
Section 1      E 1/2 SW                      80 acres  
Source: Bureau of Land Management, General Land Office  
Records, Ionia Land Office; MI2550\_\_\_.002.

**P. F. Voorheis**

Oct 25, 1848      P. F. Voorheis      Block 155      Lot 16      \$84\*  
Note: 'Lansing forfeited'

**Peter J. Voorheis**

Nov 16, 1847      Peter J. Voorheis      Block 155      Lot 16      \$112

**James B. Waits**

Block 174      Lots 3 & 15.  
Block 177 Lot 17

Aug 5, 1848      Samuel P. Mead and wife Elizabeth C. of Plymouth, Wayne Cty.  
to James B. Waits of Brighton, Livingston, Cty; land in village of  
Michigan now Lansing. (L9:P27I)

Purchased for \$300 Lot 17 of Block 177.

Aug 31, 1848      James B. Waits and wife Susannah of Lansing Twp. to Charles P.  
Bush of same; land in village of Michigan. (18:P357)

Purchased for \$300 Lot 17 of Block 177.

Sep 6, 1848      Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva of Michigan to James B. Waits  
of Lansing, Ingham Cty.; land in village of Lansing. (18:P495)

Purchased for \$1,400 Lots 3 & 15 of Block 174.

- Sep 1, 1852 James B. Waits died without will in Lansing. heirs: widow Susannah, children William and James B. Waits, and Susanna J. Fall, child of deceased daughter.  
Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper No. 10; record 396.
- 1863-4 James Waits billiard room, middle town. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1863-64, pg. 379.

### **Richard Walton**

Block 41 Lot 1 & 2

- Oct 3, 1848 Second Baptist church org. in home of.  
Named trustee of church.  
Source: Adams pg. 189-190.

### **Daniel Wardwell**

Jul 8, 1848 Daniel Wardwell Block 111 Lot 6 \$375

### **Lawson S. Warner**

- Dec 10, 1836 Lucius Warner of Ontario County, NY purchased 160 acres of section 17 of Alaiedon Township. Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- Dec 12, 1836 Lucius Warner of Ontario County, NY purchased 160 acres of section 8 of Alaiedon Township. Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- Dec 13, 1836 Lucius Warner of Ontario county, NY purchased 200 acres in section 35 of Delhi Township. Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- Jun 3, 1848 Lawson S. Warner Block 98 Lot 8 for \$72.
- Nov 16, 1848 Lawson S. Warner Block 98 Lot 5 for \$157.
- Nov 30, 1848 Paid \$55.74 for painting fence round capitol. Source: Report of Auditor General for fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1848.
- 1848 Paid personal property tax. Same person?
- 1848-49 Lansing township supervisor. Source: Durant.

### **Lawson S. Warner**



Jun 3, 1848	Lawson S. Warner	Block 98	Lot 8	\$72
Nov 16, 1848	Lawson S. Warner	Block 98	Lot 5	\$157

### John G. Welch

Nov 29, 1847	John G. Welch	Block 129	Lot 2	\$130
		Block 149	Lot 1	\$162

Sep 17, 1863      Mortgage sale - Mortgager, Thomas Britton of Lansing, to mortgagee, John Thomas, Edwin R. Merrifield and Augustus F. Weller of the same. Liber m, p. 197. Assigned by the latter three to Conrad Miller. Liber m, p.459. Source; The Republican (Charlotte), captioned in Eaton county, Michigan newspapers, Vol. 1 1845-1867, compiled and indexed by Joyce Marple Liepins.

### Peter F. Weller

Son of Peter F– Augustus F. Weller – married Ann

Son of Augustus – Frank D. Weller Daughter - ? , married John T. Thomas in 1853

### Augustus F. Weller

Spring 1847      Came to Lansing with the commissions appointed to locate the capital in the spring of 1847. His recollection of the roads of those days is vivid. The party was three days in getting from Jackson to Lansing, a distance of some forty miles. At Mason, they an embryo village, they found both the dam and bridge over Sycamore Creek, or River, washed away, and were compelled to cross the swollen stream on the body of a tree which they felled for the purpose. The party, with the single exception of Smart, one of the commissioners, crossed the stream in safety, but the stubborn Scotchman refused to trust his valuable person on such a n unco' bridge, and they were obliged to construct a raft, upon which he finally consented to make the voyage. The team was driven through the torrent, and the proceeded on their way. But the road between Mason and Lansing was simply horrible; it had been bad enough between Mason and Jackson, but the last twelve miles was nearly impassable by reason of the overflow of the streams. The road was corduroyed more or less, and the logs were afloat in many places, while at all creek crossing the small culverts the whole was washed away.

Upon their arrival at what was then the nucleus of the future city they all put up at the house of Joab Page, who was boarding-house keeper, landlord, esquire, and boss mechanic all in one. There they boarded for several week while examining the present site of the city. Justus Gilkey, who lived on section 5, down the river, was the only man who had whisky for sale by the quantity within reasonable distance of the capital, and it was in constant

demand. The commissioners tramped through the woods from North Lansing to where the residence of Hon. O. M. Barnes now stands, and during the whole exploration the Scotchman, Smart, made the woods echo with his crisp expletives as he floundered through the mire or fell headlong over the rotten logs which everywhere covered the spongy ground. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 127.

- 1863-4 Peck & Merrifield, (George W. Peck, Edwin R. Merrifield and Augustus F. Weller), had dry goods store, etc. Middle Town. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1863-4.
- 1867-8 Merryfield & Weller (Edward R. Merryfield and Augustus F. Weller) sold dry goods, groceries, hats, caps, boots and shoes on Washington Avenue. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1867-8, pg. 276.
- 1873 A. F. Weller real estate, loan and insurance agent, 115 Washington avenue. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1879, pg. 403.
- 1877 Augustus F. Weller, justice of the peace, office 114 Washington Avenue. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1877.
- 1879 Augustus F. Weller, justice of the peace, office 114 Washington Avenue. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory for 1879.

#### **Augustus G. Weller**

- 1828 Born in Orange County, NY; son of Peter F. Weller  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 339-340.
- 1847 Family moved from Adrian to Lansing. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 340.
- Fall 1853 Married Ann Thomas, daughter of John Thomas.  
Had three children. Frank D., Charles A., and Anna T.  
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 340.
- 1859 A. F. Weller listed as merchant. (Block 110 Lot 10). Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- 1861 Wife died. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 340.

- ? Changed business to dry goods and moved to Washington Ave.
- ? Served 4 years a justice of peace. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 340.
- 1871 Closed business.
- 1871 Listed Secretary and Treasurer and one of managers of Homeopathic medical Institute. Source: First Annual Announcement of the Central Michigan Homeopathic Medical Institute, Organized April 4, 1871 at the City of Lansing, Session of 1871-72.
- 1875 Lansing city Alderman. Source: Durant
- ? Moved to Detroit, engaged in Equitable Life Insurance Co. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 340.
- 1889 Died. Served 4 years a justice of peace. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 340.

#### **Peter J. Weller & Son (Augustus)**

- Block 158 Lot  
Block 177 Lot  
Block 227 Lot
- 1847 Moved from Adrian to Lansing. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 340.
- 1847 Opened store (groceries and general utility) at time what known as "Mackerel Point" Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 340.
- 1847 Peter J. Weller had small eating house restaurant or 'eat-house' - east of river. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, of 128.
- 1847 Peter F. Weller came to Lansing from Adrian and opened "a genuine frontier store in the line of groceries and general utility. He first opened on what was at that time known as Mackerel Point, there being then no buildings in the city except one log house and sawmill....continued in business until 1871; later years dry goods line only; moved up to Washington Ave. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 340.

Jun 29, 1847      Applied for license to open groceries and victualing house; denied.

Jul 7, 1847      Applied for a license to keep a victualing house and grocery, and retail ardent spirit.; not granted . Twp. Board composed Joab Page, Justus Gilkey and Isaac C. Page.

Township board "Voted that the town board would not grant a license to any grocery the present year for the retailing of ardent sprits, for the reason that we do not think that the public good will be promoted thereby." Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 198.

Oct 6, 1847      Peter J. Weller &  
Augustus J. Weller Block 158      Lots 3 & 4      \$214

1847      Peter J. Weller had small eating house restaurant or 'eat-house' - east of river. 18-pg. 128

Mar 4, 1848      John Thomas and wife Ann to Peter S. Weller and Augustus Weller; land in town of Michigan. (18:P53)

Purchased for \$50 the North half of Lot 2 of block 227 excepting and reserving right to control water.

Apr 29, 1848      Licensed to retail ardent spirits and tavern-keep.; license \$7.75. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 198.

Nov 4, 1848      John Thomas and wife Ann; Daniel S. Lee and wife Laura L. (by her attorney C. P. Bush), George W. Peck and Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva all of Michigan to Peter J. Weller and Augustus F. Weller of Lansing, Ingham county, Michigan; Land in Village of Lansing. (L9:P458)

Purchased for \$130 Lot 4 of Block 177.

Dec 26, 1849      Peter J. Weller of Lansing died there. Heirs: Augustus F., Adelia N. Christian K, Lovina E., and Lucretia G. Weller; Mrs. Lucretia Weller. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper No. 10; record 361.

May 17, 1851      Petition by Augustus F. Weller to sell real estate of Peter J. Weller; same heirs except no mention of Mrs. Lucretia Weller. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper No. 10; record 391.

Apr 14, 1852      Petition for allowance for dower mentions widow.

Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper No. 10; record 391.

**Marshall M. Wells**

Block 169      Lot 1 & 10

Jul 3, 1848      Charles P. Bush and wife Minerva of Lansing, Ingham Cty to Marshall M. Wells of same; land in village of Lansing. (18:P212)

Purchased for \$250 Lot 1 of Block 169 and Lots 1 & 10 of Block 166.

**Dr. William L. Wells**

Block 227      Lot 3

1847      Moved Lansing from Howell. Remained short period then returned Livingston. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 115.

Sep 29, 1847      Dr. William L. Wells, Dr. John Goucher came September. 29 pg. 4-O. Dr. William L. Wells came from Howell, stayed only short time and returned to Livingston County. 18 pg. 115.

**Charles Wescott**

Block 231      Lot 6  
Block 174      Lot 9

Aug 14, 1847      William H. Townsend and wife Sarah of New York City, Samuel P. Mead and George W. Peck of Michigan to Charles Wescott of Ingham Cty; Land in village of Michigan (L7:P415)

Purchased Lot 6 on Block 231 and Lot 9 on Block 174 for \$200.

1848      Charles Westcott came Lansing from Warren, Ohio.  
Source: Pioneer, XXII, pg. 93.

**Francis R. West - helped survey**

Block 3      Lot 1 & 2

1847      Francis R. West helped survey the town; latter part of life totally blind; died in Lansing on July 28, 1892. Source: Pioneer, XXII, pg. 92.

Apr 6, 1865      Benny West at age 6 died in Lansing; son of Francis R. and Sarah West.

### Harvey Westfall

May 1, 1848	Harvey Westfall	Block 128	Lot 11	\$197
Oct 24, 1851	Harvey Westfall purchased 80 acres in section 17 of Oneida Township, Eaton county. Same Harvey Westfall?			
Jul 19, 1852	Harvey Westfall purchased 80 acres in section 7 of Vermontville Township, Eaton county. Same Harvey Westfall?			
Dec 18, 1852	Harvey Westfall purchased 40 acres in section 7 of Sunfield Township, Eaton county. Same Harvey Westfall?			

### William Whidden

Nov 30, 1847	William Whidden	Block 67	Lot 1	\$112
Dec 7, 1847	William Whidden	Block 67	Lot 2	\$108
Dec 29, 1847	William Whidden	Block 67	Lot 3	\$135

### Edward Whillaki [Willake]

Jun 28, 1848	Edward Whillaki	Block 184	Lot 2	\$4
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### Zebulon Whipple

Sep 10, 1847	Zebulon Whipple	Block 121	Lot 6	\$26
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### Henry C. Whitman

Jun 23, 1847	Henry C. Whitman	Block 149	Lot 3	\$118
		Block 149	Lot 4	\$90
Jun 23, 1847	Henry C. Whitman	Block 113	Lot 6	\$120
Jun 24, 1847	Henry C. Whitman	Block 132	Lot 4	\$75
Jun 24, 1847	Henry C. Whitman	Block 66	Lot 1	\$36
			Lot 3	\$54
			Lot 5	\$61
			Lot 7	\$58

1859	H. C. Whitman listed as owning land in section 17 of Lansing Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.			
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### John T. Wilcox

Biddle City

Jul 8, 1836 John T. Wilcox to Elias Beach, Rochester NY, land Biddle City, for \$145.00. (L 3:P104 Jackson county)

John T. Wilcox of Cleveland, Ohio to Elias Beach of Rochester, Monroe county, NY; Land in Biddle City, Ingham county. (L1:P80 Ingham county - Note are two L1:P80's)

Lot 16, Block 43

Apr 27, 1836 Jerry Ford of Jacksonburgh, Jackson County, Michigan to John T. Wilcox of Cleveland, Ohio; Land in Biddle City. (L1:P80 Ingham county - Note are two L1:P80's)

Lot 16, Block 46

Jerry Ford of Jackson to John Wilcox of Cleveland Ohio, land in Biddle City for \$135.00. (L 3:P104 Jackson county)

### **William F. Wilkinson**

Oct 6, 1847 William F. Wilkinson Block 152 Lot 1 \$126  
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Feb 21, 1837 Was William Wilkinson purchased 40 acres on section 15 of Town 1 South, Range 1 East of Jackson County, address listed as Washtenaw County, New York.  
Source: Landsmen of Jackson County, by Lt. Col. Paul R. Peck.  
Note: Same Wilkinson?

### **Ezra Willis**

May 17, 1848 Ezra Willis Block 123 Lots 8, 9, 10 & 11 \$61

### **Amaziah Winchell**

Mar 8, 1836 Amaziah of Washtenaw County, NY purchased 160 acres of section 13 of Ingham Township. Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

Feb 19, 1839 Hiram H. Smith and Wife Frances D. of Mason to Amaziah Winchell land in Mason. (L2:P290)

### **Oliver Cromwell Wiswell**

1847 Deputy Auditor General  
"...and with all the discomforts of pioneer days brought his wife (Addie E.) to this city, where she proved a benefactor to many and especially the young men who were employed in the state offices and were without homes. Source: Pioneer Meeting of 1898.

Nov 28, 1864 Mr. Simon Abell died at Lansing home of daughter, Mrs. O. C. Wiswell at age 88.

## Isaac Nelson Wolcott

- 1834 Jasper Wolcott, a young surveyor from Connecticut came to Michigan to survey land that is now Ingham and Jackson counties. Source: Mrs. Hogan in 1918, Adams pg. 727.
- ? Married Harriet Sargeant. First marriage in Vevay Township. Source: Mrs. Hogan in 1918, Adams pg. 727 and 729.
- Dec 18, 1835 Jasper S. Wolcott and S. Woodworth purchased land in section 28 of Onondaga Township. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 291.
- Dec 30, 1835 Purchased land in section 27 of Onondaga Township. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 291.
- Mar 1836 Elijah Woodworth notes settled in Leslie Township in spring of 1836. "During the summer new-comers in pursuit of homes found my habitation. Each had his name booked as he came to the door, and his turn of choice of land followed his registry. Amos Wortman, Jasper Wolcott, and myself became their guides in the wilderness." Source: Elijah Woodworth printed in Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 260.
- Appx Oct 1836 Jasper Wolcott settled on section 20 of Vevay Township. Source: Eaton and Ingham Counties, Michigan, Durant, 1880, pg. 313.
- Nov 9, 1836 Born; first white child in Vevay Twp.  
  
"On November 9, 1836, a son, Isaac Nelson, was born to these pioneers, and he was the first white child born in Vevay Township."  
Source: Mrs. Hogan in 1918, Adams pg. 727.
- Jan 1837 Married Miss Sargent "theirs being the first marriage which occurred in the township." The justice of the peace who married them was Joseph Bailey, of Jackson, afterwards State treasurer and a resident of Lansing, and he came on horseback from Jackson to perform the ceremony, having to remain over-night." Source: Eaton and Ingham Counties, Michigan, Durant, 1880, pg. 313.
- Nov 9, 1837 Born. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper No. 10; record 382.
- Nov 1837 "Mr. Wolcott died in November 1837 and was the first male person whose death occurred in the township (Vevay); a Miss Rolfe having died the previous spring. When Mr. Wolcott died, his wife lay sick in the house, and could not be permitted to see him; but a



son, Nelson Wolcott, born at that time, was given her to take the place of the husband she had lost, and this was the first birth of a white male child in town (Vevay). Source: Eaton and Ingham Counties, Michigan, Durant, 1880, pg. 313.

Nov 11, 1836

Father (age 26) died.

"When Isaac Nelson Wolcott was but two days old the father (only 26 years old himself) lay down to rest and when they called him, he was dead. They supposed he had caught cold and malaria from sleeping in camp when on his surveying trips and drinking poor water had poisoned his system."

Source: Mrs. Hogan in 1918, Adams pg. 727.

Mother first widow in Vevay Township.

Source: Mrs. Hogan in 1918, Adams pg. 729.

Nov 11, 1837

Jasper S. Wolcott died in Vevay without will. Left child Isaac Nelson Wolcott aged 2 living with H. H. Smith of Mason. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper No. 10; record 382.

Mrs. Wolcott "made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Fifield for several years and then married Edwin Hubbard, who brought up the small boy as his own. They lived for many years at the old home near the Hubbard school house, where he attended school. he was the only boy in the family, there being six girls bearing the name of Hubbard. Source: Mrs. Hogan in 1918, Adams pg. 727.

The playmates of Isaac Nelson Wolcott were often Indian boys, and he knew Chief Okemos and John Okemos very well. They were frequent guests at the home the old chief was very angry once when he learned that young John had come to call when intoxicated, and said to grandmother, "Why didn't white squaw put him to door and give big kick?"

Source: Mrs. Hogan in 1918, Adams pg. 727.

Jul 1843

Mrs. Jasper Wolcott married Edwin Hubbard. Source: Eaton and Ingham Counties, Michigan, Durant, 1880, pg. 313.

1845

Father (Isaac Nelson Wolcott) spent the "Fourth" in Lansing when nine years old. There were no houses except at North Lansing. Indians joined in the sports, and father often laughed when telling of this day and would say, "I never saw an automobile all day." Source: Mrs. Hogan in 1918, Adams pg. 727.

Sep 2, 1840

Appointment of guardianship to Hiram H. Smith of Vevay. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper No. 10; record 382.

- Sep 24, 1840      Guardian bond to H. H. Smith.  
Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper No. 10; record 382.
- 1843      Made trip North Lansing with ox team - were three house here.  
"When seven years old I made a trip to Lansing with one of my uncles and some of his neighbors. We made the trip with ox teams and made North Lansing our stopping place. There were three houses there, but all of them were on the east side of the river, and as there were no bridges in Lansing people coming from the south were obliged to ford the Red Cedar river out near the lad? race track east of the city, then travel on to the North Lansing settlement.  
Source: Isaac Nelson Wolcott at meeting of County Pioneer Society, reprinted in Pioneer History of Ingham county compiled and arranged by Mrs. Franc L. Adams, Vol. I, 1923, pgs. 728-9.
- Feb 24, 1846      Resignation of guardianship by H. H. Smith (he is leaving the county). Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper No. 10; record 382.
- Feb 24, 1846      Guardian bond to William H. Horton of Mason; surety Hiram Smith of Mason, for Isaac nelson Wolcott infant under 14.  
Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper No. 10; record 382.
- Sep 9, 1846      Inventory, William H. Horton is guardian.  
Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper No. 10; record 382.
- Jul 4, 1846      Spent in Lansing.
- 1847      "When the capitol was moved from Detroit to Lansing, I had small part in the work and helped to move the furniture for the Capitol building."  
Source: Isaac Nelson Wolcott at meeting of County Pioneer Society, reprinted in Pioneer History of Ingham county compiled and arranged by Mrs. Franc L. Adams, Vol. I, 1923, pgs. 728-9.
- 1847      Went with uncle to trap along Puget Sound in Washington, in employ Hudson Bay company of England.  
Source: Mrs. Hogan in 1918, Adams pg. 728.
- Nov 8, 1849      Affidavit of Hiram H. Smith is guardian for Isaac N. Wolcott; land in Vevay. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham

County, Michigan 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper No. 10; record 382.

Nov 10, 1851      Petition for guardian by Isaac N. Wolcott of Vevay, aged 14 on November 1851 asks John Coatsworth as guardian. Guardian bond on November 10, 1851 to John Coatsworth for Isaac N. Wolcott, heir of Jasper Wolcott. Source: Abstracts of the Early Probate Records of Ingham County, Michigan 1838-1869; Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Michigan, Occasional Paper No. 10; record 382.

1857      Went to California and stayed for 11 years.  
Source: Mrs. Hogan in 1918, Adams pg. 728.

?      Married Cora White

1911      Took trip to New Mexico.  
Source: Mrs. Hogan in 1918, Adams pg. 728.

Oct 13, 1917      Died. Source: Mrs. Hogan in 1918, Adams pg. 728.

### **Frederick Wolferberger**

Sep 28, 1847	Frederick Wolferberger B 116	Lot 2	\$222
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### **Jacob Warfle**

Nov 30, 1847	Jacob Warfle Block 134	Lot 2	\$90
Apr 13, 1848	Jacob Warfle Block 134	Lot 5	\$67

### **Solomon W. Wright**

Jun 22, 1817      Born in Rome, Oneida county, New York.  
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 46.

Oct 30, 1848	Solomon W. Wright Block 110	Lot 1	\$461
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1862      Lansing city alderman. Source: Durant.

1864      Lansing city alderman. Source: Durant.

1867      Lansing city Auditor. Source: Durant.

1870      Mayor. Source: Durant.

1873      S. W. Wright, insurance agent, corner Michigan and Washington Avenues. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1873, pg. 402.

1877      Solomon W. Wright, dry goods, Washington Avenue.

Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1877, pg. 566.

1879 Solomon W. Wright, fancy goods, 143 Washington Avenue.  
Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1879, pg. 744.

Mar 19, 1884 Died.

### **Anna Maria Yawger**

Oct 23, 1849 James Seymour of Flushing to Anna Maria Yawger; for \$350.00; Lots 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 of Block 32. (L9:P459)

### **Frederick Yeiter**

#### **Block 220 Lot I**

1847 Frederick Yeiter, native of German, came American at early age, came to Lansing in 1847; died October 23, 1889. Source: Pioneer, XVII, pg. 99.

1867-8 Fred Yeiter & Company (Frederick Yeiter, John Hertel and A. R. Thayer, Grand River Brewery, Madison. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1867-8, pg. 278.

1873 F. Yeiter & Company, brewers, Madison. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1873, pg. 402

1877 F. Yeiter & Company (Frederick Yeiter, John Hertel) brewers, Madison. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1877, pg. 559.

1879 F. Yeiter & Company (Frederick Yeiter, John Hertel), brewers, Madison. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1879, pg. 744.

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