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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 188I (uppercase "I" 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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Almond Denslow Aldrich

Staunch Democrat. Source: Adams pg. 369.

He was a great lover of good horses and owned at one time eighteen. He loved to hunt, and it took a lively man to keep up with him in the woods, but as well as he loved, the sport he never neglected his work for the pleasure of hunting. He was known as a good farmer and believed in doing his work in the very best way. One of his sayings was, "a thing that is worth doing at all is worth doing well." Source: Mrs. W. A. Melton in Adams pg. 369.

- Apr 9, 1815 Born in Connecticut. Source: Durant, pg. 235; Adams pg. 368.
- 1818 Family moved Plymouth, Chenango County, New York. Source: Durant, pg. 235; Adams pg. 368.
- Mar 1, 1837 Married Miss Delilah Ann Phillips Source: Durant, pg. 235; Adams pg. 368.
- Had four children:
Adelaide born Mar 11, 1839
Almond Denslow, Jr., born April 19, 1843
Ann Eliza, born Dec 23, 1849
Nathan Phillips, born March 28, 1853.
Source: Adams pg. 368.
- 1844 Moved to Michigan and settled in Delhi township.
"His worldly effects after arriving here were a horse-team and thirty dollars in cash. This small amount of cash he lost the first time he went into the woods to work but found it after a while. Every cent they ever had was made by their own straightforward industry... his religion was the best and highest of morality. No one did or every could doubt his sincere honesty. A better neighbor never lived... His principal farm resources were in grain raising. It was A. D. Aldrich who introduced in this section the celebrated Poland Hog. No one ever went to his house for a good sociable visit who failed to get it. He took much comfort in hunting coons and foxes. Even in his old age he was always ready with the youngsters for a game of ball."
Source: Durant, pg. 235
- First dwelling was single-roof shanty, which he occupies for a few years and then built a good split-log house, and later fine brick dwelling in 1866. Source: Durant; pg. 235

Late Sep 1844	In 1844 Aldrich, wife Delilah Ann and two children settled in Delhi township. Mrs. Adelaide Aldrich Jones in Adams pg. 366. Had a horse team and thirty dollars in money; had four children.
Feb 28, 1847	Almon D. Aldrich purchased land in section 14 of Delhi Township. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 232.
1847	"My father (A. D. Aldrich) helped cut the underbrush so they could play ball where the capitol now stands. When a certain sawmill was built in Lansing all the men in Delhi who could went together and cut the tallest tree they could find, left all the limbs on and then hitched all the oxen and horses in town to it, and dragged it to mill." "They had so much fun pulling each other off the tree as they were going that my mother often told how she sat up all night to make a new pair of pants to take the place of the ones my father wore to the sawmill." Source: Paper by Mrs. W. A. Melton at June 1914 Ingham County Pioneer and Historical Society, Adams pg. 370.
1866	Built brick dwelling. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 235.
Apr 11, 1878	Died "Mr. Aldrich lost his life in consequence of a terrible accident; a heavy log having rolled against and upon him and broke his spine. He lived fifty-nine hours after the occurrence and died." Source: Durant, pg. 235
Sep 1880	Wife died. Source: Durant, pg. 235
Alton, W. J.	
Nov 30, 1847	W. J. Alton \$30.00 Source: Primary School Journal; Mar 1, 1847 - Mar 1, 1850; Lot. 3; Vol. 20; 57-31-A DNR/Conservation; pgs. 187-412.
Edy Baker	
1847-48?	Edy Baker, early sheriff of county, noted at 1894 Pioneer Society meeting that he was in Lansing when he had to twist his team about among the stumps and logs on Washington Avenue. 267 pg. 105.
Appleton Ballard	
	Republican, Strong advocate of Temperance

Father Frederic Ballard, born New Hampshire and died in Sparta, Ohio.

Jul 1, 1809 Appleton born in Hanover, N. H. When boy family moved Vermont

1829 Became Christian, Most life associated Methodist Episcopal Church

1830 Married Epiphene Ellenwood of Vermont

Had 10 children:

James Allen
Sindenia A
David E
Henry D
Eunice
Alonzo
Everett
Anna (Dr.)
Sarah M
Alice

1836 Family moved Sparta, Ohio

1848 Moved to Lansing, MI

spent early years as merchant, and the last years as a vegetable gardener, paying unusual attention to the propagation of choice new varieties of vegetables. He was the owner of forty acres of land in the northeastern part of the city. Before he died, he had platted this into city, lots, and the farm is now known as Ballard's Addition

Jul 21, 1848 Anna Ballard born in Lansing.

Oct 26, 1885 Died.

Mar 31, 1888 Wife died.

Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891; pg. 677-679.

Joseph W. Barker

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." Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 349.

- Nov 7, 1829 Born in Byron, Genesee County, N.Y. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 349.
- Nov 7, 1825` Born in Byron, Genesee County, NY. Source: Twentieth Century Edition, The Lansing Journal, January 1902
- 1844 Came to Michigan - Oneida township, Eaton county. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 349.
- Jun 1848 Came to Lansing: worked mason's trade under John N. Bush. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 350.
- 1851 Formed partnership with Mr. Alcott. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 350.
Formed partnership with Daniel Parker
- 1854 Married Elsie Maiden. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 350.
Had three children: Arthur A., Ina L. and William H. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 350.
- 1862 Alderman from Fourth Ward for two years. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 350-351.
- 1868 School Board two years. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 351.
- 1871 Left mason's business and entered furniture business (Barker & Wilbur) in North Lansing. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 350.
- 1873 Sold interest in furniture business, former partnership with Daniel Parker in grocery business (Barker & Parker) in opera house block. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 350.
Supervisor one year. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891.

George C. Bates

- 1812 Born in Canandaigua, NY. Attended common schools until 12 years old. Prepared for college at Canandaigua Academy

Aug 5, 1831	Graduated from Hobart college, Geneva, NY
	Studied Law in office John C. Spencer in NY; studied under Spencer for three years.
May 13, 1833	Arrived in Detroit
Fall 1833	Entered office of Cole & Porter
1833-34	Bates in speech before Pioneer society of Michigan on Feb. 7, 1878 noted "A part of the years 1833-4 I spent in the <i>state</i> of Monroe."
May 5, 1834	Admitted to Bar
?	Practiced law in Detroit for several years.
?	Pres. Harrison appointed district attorney for Michigan.
1836	"In this connection I might mention that in the summer of 1836, In Detroit, in the office of Bates & Tallbot, the Detroit and St. Joseph Railroad company was organized. I was the first secretary, and my partner was the first treasurer. The amount subscribed was \$100,000, and that magnificent gentleman, John Biddle headed the list." Source: Remarks of Hon. George C. Bates before Pioneer Society of Michigan in Feb. 7, 1878.
1839	Michigan delegate to Whig National Convention in Harrisburg, PA; Harrison and Tyler nominated.
Feb 24, 1847	President of Senate announced Senate invited to Baptist Church at half past twelve o'clock, to hear an oration delivered by Geo. C. Bates, Esq., before the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; invitation accepted. Source: Sen. Journal 1847 pg. 225.
Mar 20, 1848	The editor of the Advertiser appears to delight in originating and publishing "Roarbacks"-- the barest kinds of falsehoods. The Advertiser of Saturday last contains the following: "The majority of the locofocs members of the legislature were constantly playing cards at Turner's" Now, this wholesale charge was known to be false by its author. The editor has not been here, and he can give no authority for the assertion. The whigs of course are no such men as playcards! We do not say they are. There was a general expression of disgust among the whigs in the Legislature on reading the above. We will refer the editor of the Advertiser to George C. Bates, Esq., who is known to be a prominent whig, and who has been here all winter. If that gentlemen will not say the assertion above as well as the daily insinuations of the editor, are false, we are very much mistaken. Mr. B. is a gentleman and would not utter a falsehood even to make a little political capital. If

the readers of the Advertiser abroad view, such falsehoods as they are viewed here by the whigs, the editor will gain very little by the course he has been pursuing. Source: Detroit *Daily Free Press*; March 24, 1848

- 1848 Whig candidate for Congress; defeated.
- 1849 Again named District Attorney.
- 1852 Resigned as District Attorney.
- 1852 Stumped for California for Scott.
- 1856 Stumped for Fremont in MI, Ill and Wisconsin.
- 1861-1871 Practiced law in Chicago; lost must property in great fire.
- 1871 Pres. Grant appointed US attorney for Utah.
- ? Counselor of Mormon church for two years.
- Jan 1877 Returned to Detroit and practiced law.
- ? Went Colorado.
- 1884 Visited Detroit for last time.
- ? Died Denver.
- ? Alderman for city of Detroit.

J. Berry & Co.

- Feb 25, 1848 Paid \$2.50 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 c commencing December 1, 1847, dated December 28, 1848.

John Berry

- 1840 John Berry, Jr. listed in census listed as resident of Leslie Township, born in Maine. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- 1844 John Berry, Jr. listed in census listed as resident of Leslie Township, born in Maine. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- Feb 10, 1848 Paid \$61.69 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; Joint Documents of 1849, No. 8.

- Feb 25, 1848 J. Berry & Co. paid \$2.50. Source: Annual Report of the Board of State Auditors for fiscal year commencing December 1, 1847, dated December 28, 1848; Joint Documents of 1849, No. 8.
- 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, Ephriam F. Thompson, David A. Miller, Joseph Kilbourne, William Weadone. Source: Adams pg. 190.
- 1850 John Berry, Jr. listed in census listed as resident of Leslie Township, born in Maine. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.
- Jul 1, 1855 John Berry of Leslie died. (Same John Berry?)
Widow: Julian Berry
Minor Children: Maria, Anne, Henry, Edwin, all of Ingham Co.
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 45.

Mary Berry

- 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, Issac, 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 bother; 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.

Broson, Joseph

- Nov 30, 1847 Joseph Broson" \$18.00
Source: Primary School Journal; Mar 1, 1847 - Mar 1, 1850; Lot. 3; Vol. 20; 57-31-A DNR/Conservation; pgs. 187-412.

S.S. Brown

- 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. S. S. Brown, from Connecticut and seven citizens formed
Congregational society; Congregational and Presbyterians
cooperated under national Plan of Union of 1801, which
encouraged two denominations to worship together. LSJ 11-23-95

1859 S. Brown listed as owning land in section 16 of Bunker Hill
Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The
Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil,
Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

Oliver Bush

Presbyterian. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham
and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 383.

Mason by trade. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham
and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 383.

? Married Laiura Duset, native of Connecticut
Had 8 children: John N
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston
counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 383.

? Born Monmouth County, N.J. Source: Portrait and Biographical
Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 383.

1810 Moved to Seneca County, N. Y. Source: Portrait and Biographical
Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 383.

1820 Moved Mason, Murray Township, Orleans county
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston
counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 383.

1825 Moved to Michigan, worked as mason in Detroit.
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston
counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 383.

Fall 1825 Moved family to Detroit. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album,
Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 383.

Fall 1826 Moved Ypsilanti was mason and hunted and trapped.
Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston
counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 383.

1832 Returned to Murray Township, New York. Source: Portrait and
Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman,
1891, pg. 383.

Jun 1847 Came to Lansing, MI; took contact to build Seymour house.

Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 383.

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.

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?). 117 pg. 384.

Oct 9, 1847 Had to leave work on Seymour house due to sickness erysipelas. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 383.

Oct 20, 1847 Died, at age 60. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 383.

Charles W. Butler

Mar 1847 Came to Lansing from Jackson, Michigan up "upon business with a 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. Mr. Butler's father settled in Delta, Eaton Co., in July 1847, and Mr. Butler came to Lansing in September 1848, as a clerk in the auditor-general's office. He was subsequently deputy auditor-general under Col. Whitney Jones for four years.

Mr. Butler has been an extensive builder in Lansing, and from 1825 to 1872 or 1873 associated in the real estate business with William Woodhouse, who died at Maosn several years since. Mr. Woodhouse was a county register for a period of ten years. Messrs. Butler & Woodhouse at one time owned the land on which the artesian well is situated, and for a time owned the well. Messrs. Butler, Woodhouse & Angell erected the Mineral Well Hotel in the spring of 1871, at a cost of about \$12,000. Mr. Butler sold his interest to Woodhouse, and he and Angell sold it to Messrs. C. Y. & D. Edwards, and it was burned Feb. 5, 1876. Source: History of Ingham and Eaton Counties, by Durant, 1880; pg. 129.

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.

William Calkins

	Methodist Episcopal Church, Republican
Feb 11, 1814	Born in Pennington, new Rochester, N.Y.
1836	Family settled in South Lyon Township, Oakland county, cleared a farm.
1847	Moved to Lansing and "at once engaged in business with Mr. Norris, carrying on a pottery."
Sep 1847	Church: Methodist Episcopal Church First class formed Page house in 1844, with Joab Page as first leader; in September 1847 Elvira Elliott and William S. Calkins joined class. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 167-168.
1847	One of first six who organized Lansing Methodist Episcopal Church. Trustee of Central Methodist Church
?	Sold lands for James Turner and was also in business as a fire insurance agent, making the latter his special line of work during the last fifteen or twenty years of his life.
Aug 30, 1875	Married Martha Stedman
Nov 8, 1889	Died at Lansing. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston Counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 557.

George P. Carman

Jan I, 1839	George P. Carman of Cayuga County, NY, purchased 160 acres of section 13 of Benton Township, Eaton county. Same Carman?
Jan I, 1839	George P. Carman of Cayuga County, NY, purchased 80 acres of section 24 of Benton Township, Eaton county. Same Carman?
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 schoolteachers, 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 ifs 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 hatched 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 tow mall 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.

Calvin Clark

Jul 1847

"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.

1859

Listed as owning land in section 25 of Howell and section 30 of Oceola Township, Livingston County. Same individual?
Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

Coats, Marvin

Apr 7, 1847

"Drowned, in the Grand River near Seymour's Sawmill, April 7th, Marvin Coats, Half brother of Ray G. Andrews. His body was found the 10th and buried the 11th." Source: Letter of May 5, 1847 Joseph H. Cook to DeWitt to brother George H. Cook of Lima, New York; reprinted Dewitt Area History #4 by Kenneth R. Coin.

Robert Colister, Jr.

- Nov. 2, 1837 Father granted government patent on lands in Bath township.
- Robert Jr. 19 years of age when arrived Bath township. "He help to build the log house and at that time there were few neighbors, and there was but one house in Laingsburg."
- 1840 Purchased fathers farm. NW 1/4 of Section 1 of Bath Township; 160 acres
- 1840 School Inspector and Director of Poor
- 1844 & 1849 Served two terms as Township Assessor.
- "He was generous and benevolent, always helping the poor and often losing money by aiding neighbors who were never able to repay him, yet he himself never was in debt to any man."
- 1847 He helped get out the timber for the old State House at Lansing.
- May 29, 1850 Married Louisa C. Fletcher - born August 10, 1827, daughter of Isaac, Sr. and Esther (Cole) Fletcher of Bath.
- Had 9 children:
Ellen - later Mrs. Salem Harper
Fred - married Laura Bartles
Herbert
Edgar L - married Anna E. Carl
Hiram H - married Anna Thompson
Paul c.
- 1855 Director of Poor.
- Jan 1891 Died at age 74, buried Rose Cemetery.
- 1906 Wife Louisa died; buried Rose Cemetery
- Source: History of Bath Charter Township, Clinton county, MI, 1816-1976 by Harold B. Burnett.

William Comfort

- 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.

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.

David E. Corbin

Married. Had two children: 1 died before 1850.

Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.

Mar 11, 1814

Born Lincoln, Addison County, Vt. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.

1827

At age 13, family moved to Lockport, Niagara County, New York. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.

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Attended school in Western New York, and completed education at Lewiston Academy, in Niagara County - gave considerable attention to practical surveying and civil engineering, devoting his attention for a considerable time after he became of age to the latter calling. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.

About 1840

When about 26 enter law office of Woods & Bowen, at Lockport, New York to study law; studied law seven years admitted to practice at Buffalo. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.

- ? Practiced law for short period in Niagara County, New York.
Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.
- About 1845 Wife died. Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.
- Spring 1848 Came to Lansing. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 37.
Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.
- 1848 David E. Corbin formed law partnership with W. W. Upton.
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 37.
Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.
- Mid Jul 1850 Went to visit father's family in New York, where taken ill.
Source: Ingham and Eaton County, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 113.
- Aug 3, 1850 Died in New York. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 37.

Demorest

- Nov 30, 1847 J.W. & J. Demorest clearing Streets at Cap. \$31.00
Source: Primary School Journal; Mar 1, 1847 - Mar 1, 1850; Lot. 3; Vol. 20; 57-31-A DNR/Conservation; pgs. 187-412.
- 1859 J Demerist (Demarest) listed as owning land in section 28 of Wheatfield Township. Same individual?
J Demerest (Demorest) listed as owning land in section 28 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. Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

Henry Edgar

- Fef 26, 1848 Paid \$4.00 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 c commencing December 1, 1847, dated December 28, 1848.

Elvira Elliott

- Sep 1847 **Church: Methodist Episcopal Church**

First class formed Page house in 1844, with Joab Page as first leader; in September 1847 Elvira Elliott and William S. Calkins joined class. Source: Ingham and Eaton Counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 167-168.

Eli Ellwood

Autumn 1847 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.

Roswell Everett

Born Monroe county, New York. Source: Durant, pg. 235

May 1834 Settled in Plymouth Wayne county, MI. Son William E. Everett one year old when moved to Michigan. Source: Durant, pg. 235

Feb 1841 Moved Delhi, Ingham county with family. Source: Durant, pg. 235

1844 In census listed as resident of Delhi Township. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell.

J. B. Frink

Jun 30, 1847 Paid \$31.50 for work in Michigan, Michigan.

H. A. Gorton

Feb 8, 1848 A claim against the state for losses incurred by N. F. Johnson, D. B. Johnson and H. A. Gorton during the move of contents of the capitol to Lansing from Detroit.

"...John Cane (sic) while hauling a load of state property from Dexter to Lansing (the Capitol of Michigan) under the direction of Samuel G. Southerland (the State Librarian) one of his horses owing to the bad state of roads and heavy load fell when ascending (sic) the hill between the Capitol Building and Bridge near bush & Thomas Store. He would further state that the horse died the next day and he gave it as in opinion without hesitation that the horse died in consequence of the wounds rece'd as above state." Note: did Johnson and Gorton own horse or actual help move?

William Hake

Dec 15, 1847

William Hake, wholesale liquor dealer, 390 and 41 East Bridge street, was born at Westphalia, Germany, March 11, 1828. He (William Hake) received a good scholastic education in his native country, and when 19 years of age, bade adieu to the "Faderland," and set sail for the metropolis of the West. He located in Detroit in the fall of 1847, and soon after was employed in the State printing office as "devil." When the seat of State Government was removed to Lansing, Mr. Hake accompanied the removal of the office to that point. They started from Detroit, with the presses on wagons, on "Christmas Day" of that year, and were seven days on the road, arriving at their destination Jan. 2. A rude building had been previously erected to answer for the purpose of an office. The now Capital City contained but a few log houses, and the printing office was such a rude structure that had the winter been severe the poor German boy would have suffered many hardships. The house where he boarded was a small affair, the larger one of the two in the place being only 25x60 feet in size, neither plastered or sided. Our subjected was offered a lot now covered by the Capitol building for \$40, but not possessing the ready cash, he was obliged to decline the purchase. After three months of hard and incessant labor, he came to Grand Rapids, but soon after re moved to Dexter, Washtenaw Country where he learned the harness trade with Albert Guest, not a resident of that place. After working one year he was taken ill, and for better treatment was taken to a hospital at Detroit, where he lay on a bed of pain for over nine months. ...He could talk but little English, but his wiling manner secured. Source: History of Kent County, Michigan; Together with Sketches of its Cities, Villages and Township, pg. 1022-1023. Note: End up in Grand Rapids owning liquor store. Picture of Hake in volume.

Hand, Judge

Feb 5, 1848

Accommodations-Social

But yet we are not without pleasures. We had a concern here last night a *la Christy*--and which very much resembled the original so far as the lamp-black went, but alas! not much farther. We are also promised a Grand Concert the coming week by the Jackson Brass Band. The convention has also left among us a few distinguished strangers who contribute much to our social, or rather bar-room circles--for our bar-rooms are about the only place where we can meet at all. Among others our excellent friend **Judge Hand** is exhilarating our gatherings with his wit and good humor. Some of his repartees, jokes and conundrums, are becoming as famous here as they usually are in your good city (Detroit). Source: Detroit *Daily Free Press*; February 8, 1848

John Harmon

1848 The first newspaper published in Lansing was the *Free Press*, by Bagg & Harmon. Its first issued was on January 11, 1848. It continued only a short time when it was changed to the Michigan State Journal, edited and published by John Harmon of Detroit, the office, which the writer (Cowles) well remembers, was a two-story frame building standing back of where the Hudson House now stands. There was a book bindery in the second story under the Management of a Mr. Gumbert. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 111.

H. Havens

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

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

Aug 31, 1847 H. Havens for clearing land at Michigan \$5.00
Source: Primary School Journal; Mar 1, 1847 - Mar 1, 1850; Lot. 3; Vol. 20; 57-31-A DNR/Conservation; pgs. 187-412.

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

1859 H. J. Havens listed as owning land in section 27 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.

Cyrus Hewitt

? Came to Michigan and settled in Marshall, Calhoun county "and was in early life a surveyor." Source: The Lansing Journal, November 30, 1882.

1837 "...he (Cyrus Hewitt) came to Lansing in 1837 to survey the mill site at North Lansing." Source: The Lansing Journal, November 30, 1882.

"Cyrus Hewitt a civil engineer, came down the river from Eaton Rapids in a dugout, or canoe, and surveyed the tract, (section 9 for Bushnell) and took levels for a dam." 8 - pg 142

In 1837 he came to Eaton Rapids, and from there descended the river to the present site of North Lansing, in a "dug-out" with two other men, and surveyed the Seymour mill property, talking the levels for the dam which was built there. One of these men was

John W. Burchard. Source; Lansing Republican, November 15, 1882, Michigan Pioneer Society, Vol. VI, pg. 295.

Cyrus Hewitt came Lansing in "dug-out," with two other men, and surveyed the Seymour mill property, taking the levels for the dam which was built there....He was official surveyor of Calhoun county for many years, and also a United States surveyor, and surveyed the lands of Calhoun, Hillsdale, Jackson, and other counties."

- 1843-44 County Surveyor of Calhoun county. Source: History of Calhoun County Michigan, Everts & Co., 1877; pg. 22
- 1837 Marshall Township clerk. Source: History of Calhoun County Michigan, Everts & Co., 1877; pg. 70
- Mar 17, 1837 Legislature authorized road from Marshall to Ionia. Cyrus Hewitt one of commissioners named to lay out road. Source: History of Ionia and Montcalm Counties Michigan by John S. Schenck, D. W. Ensign & Co., Philadelphia; 1881, pg. 34
- 1858 Hewitt moved Lansing in 1858 as employ of State land office; deputy of department from 1861-1865; later Mayor of Lansing. Source: Death of Cyrus Hewitt, Lansing Republican, Nov. 25, 1882.
- 1863-4 Cyrus Hewitt deputy commissioner State Land Office. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1863-4, pg. 378.
- 1866? After retirement from land office he engaged in banking with L. K. Hewitt. Source; Lansing Republican, November 15, 1882, Michigan Pioneer Society, Vol. VI, pg. 295.
- 1868 Mayor of Lansing. Source: Durant.
- 1869 Mayor of Lansing. Source: Durant.
- 1870 Purchased 40 acres in section 28 of Delhi Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
- 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.
- 1873 Cyrus Hewitt & Company, banking house, corner Washington and Michigan Avenues. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1873, pg. 400.

1877 Cyrus Hewitt & Company, bankers, corner Washington and Michigan Avenues. Source: Michigan State Gazetteer and Business Directory, for 1877, pg. 560.

Dr. James Watts Holmes

May 27, 1810 Born at Pompey Hill, Onondaga county, New York.
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 45. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.

? He read medicine with Drs. Hanford and Diomick, of Monticello, Sullivan County, New York. attend lectures at Little Falls and took a second course at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, in which the celebrated Dr. Valentine Moss filled a professorship. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.

? He began practice in Lansing, Tompkins county, New, York.
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 45. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.

1836 Moved to Lenawee county, Michigan. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 45. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.

1838 Married Harriet B. Wright; had three children two sons (Theodore S., and Roscius Judson) and a daughter (Caroline). Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.

Jan 1848 Moved to Lansing Michigan. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 45. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.

About 1852 Gave up medicine and engaged in mercantile pursuits, for about 20 years.

Erected block of frame stores on southwest corner of Michigan and Washington Avenues, later made brick structures. One of the buildings is still standing, next west of the Chapman House, on Michigan Avenue. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.

? Member of State Medical Society. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 45. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.

? Member board that located State Reform School.
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 45. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.

May 8, 1872 Died. Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 45. Source: Ingham and Eaton counties, Michigan, 1880, Durant, pg. 116.

N. F. Johnson and D. B. Johnson

Feb 8, 1848 A claim against the state for losses incurred by N. F. Johnson, D. B. Johnson and H. A. Gorton during the move of contents of the capitol to Lansing from Detroit.

“...John Cane (sic) while hauling a load of state property from Dexter to Lansing (the Capitol of Michigan) under the direction of Samuel G. Southerland (the State Librarian) one of his horses owing to the bad state of roads and heavy load fell when assending (sic) the hill between the Capitol Building and Bridge near bush & Thomas Store. He would further state that the horse died the next day and he gave it as in opinion without hesitation that the horse died in consequence of the wounds rece’d as above state.” Note: did Johnson and Gorton own horse or actual help move?

1859 Daniel B. Johnson listed as owning land in section 17 and 21 of Lansing Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

Lovejoy

Dec 6, 1837 Israel H. Lovejoy purchased 87.30 acres in section 2 of Locke Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

Jan 29, 1838 Israel H. Lovejoy purchased 40 acres in section 29 of Delhi Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham county, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.

1844 Listed in census as resident of Locke Township. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan by George L. Hammell, compiler.

1847 Locke Township: Hiram J. Lovejoy? settled on Section 3 of Locke Township. 117 pg. 760.

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.” 117 pg. 837.

1859 Hiram Lovejoy listed as owning land in section 3 of Locke Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

1859 J. H. Lovejoy listed as owning land in section 2 of Locke Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

Maiden

1847 Elsie Maiden, native to Utica, NY who came to Wayne County, Michigan with here parents when three years of age, thence all came to the city of Lansing in 1847. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 350.

1854 Married Joseph W. Barker. Source: Portrait and Biographical Album of Ingham and Livingston counties, 1891, pg. 349.

W. R. Marsh

Nov 30, 1848 Paid \$2.75 for furniture for Executive office. Source: Report of Auditor General for year ending Nov. 30, 1848.

B. F. Millard

Jul 7, 1847 On the 7th of July, 1847, less than four months after the bill locating the Capitol at Lansing was signed, a Congregational Church was organized by Rev. S. S. Brown of the Connecticut Home Missionary Society, in this, the "town of Michigan." as it was then called. It consisted of seven members, only two of whom had previously been Congregationalists. In the autumn, when the State House was finished, the Church secured the use of Representative hall; Rev. B. F. Millard, under commission of the American Home Missionary Society, became its pastor; services were held for a few months; and the building lot, afterwards used by Plymouth Church, was secured from the State.

"Soon three of the members moved away. The remaining four were divided into two factions, neither of which would work with, or grant letters of dismission to, the other. The pastor who had gone to new England, on an unsuccessful tour to collect funds to build a meeting-house, gave up his work, certifying to Rev. Calvin Clark, agent of the Home Missionary society that "the only hope for Calvinistic believers here, lay in the organization of a Presbyterian Church," and making a special request that such a Church be formed. Later in the same year the Congregational church, under the lead of one faction, and with only two members, having received financial aid, and also a minister (Rev. Mr. Demarest) from the Dutch Reformed Church, resumed services. But after two months, during which the audience dwindled to one person, this attempt was given up, and the church practically ceased to exist." Twenty years of the history of Plymouth church pg. 404.

Autumn 1847 "Rev. B. F. Millard was sent to Lansing in the autumn of 1847, under commission of the American Home Mission society. After a few month he went east to collect funds to build a church, and not succeeding, abandoned the field. Source; Church Manual of the Franklin Street Presbyterian Church, of the City of Lansing by Rev. C. S. Armstrong, M. A., 1869.

Andrew Morton

1844 A. D. Morton listed in census as resident of Delhi Township. Source: Index to Early Residents of Ingham County, Michigan, compiled by George L. Hammell.

Mar 13, 1848 Paid \$5.00 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.

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.

1859 A. C. Morton listed as owning land in section 1 of Delhi Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

W. Norton

Jul 31, 1847 Paid \$11.75 for chopping wood at capital. Source: Primary School Journal, Mar 1, 1847-Mar 1, 1850; Lot. 3; Vol. 20; 57-31-A DNR/Conservation; pages. 187-412.

6-15-1849 William W. Norton purchased 146.94 acres in section 18 of Oneida Township, Eaton County. Same William Norton?

Ozias A. Phelps

1838 Moved to Bath area with brother Edwin"...were both single men and kept a "Bachelor's hall" for three or four years." "Was a huntsman and held various elected officers in the township." He assisted in surveying out the site for the state capitol at Lansing.

1841 Treasurer of township (Bath - at time called Ossowa.)

Mar 1843 Township (Ossowa) split into Victor and Bath. Ozias A. Phelps first supervisor of Bath Township

- 1844 Ozias supervisor of Bath Township.
- April 1846 Elected Justice of Peace for four years.
- Source: History of Bath Charter Township Clinton county Michigan 1826-1976 by Harold B. Burnett.
- 1859 O. Phelps listed as owning land in section 23 and 26 of Locke Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.
- P. Phillips**
- Jul 31, 1847 Paid \$15.00 for chopping wood at capital. Source: Primary School Journal, Mar 1, 1847-Mar 1, 1850; Lot. 3; Vol. 20; 57-31-A DNR/Conservation; pages. 187-412.
- Feb 8, 1858 Philetus Phillips purchased 43.51 acres of section 5 of Roxand Township, Eaton county. Same Phillips?
- Eliza Powell**
- May 1, 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 (grandfather of C. E. 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.
Source: Past and Present, pg. 78.
- ? Miss Eliza engaged with Joab Page, school director of district No. 2, to teach the district school for two dollars per week and board herself. Mr. Page had a shed roof board shanty hastily constructed on the lot where the first ward school building now stands. It had a door with leather straps for hinges and one window, without glass, made by cutting a piece out of one of the board and hanging the piece from the upper board with leather hinges so that it was opened by raising the board and closed by letting it down.
- In May 1847, Miss Powell commenced her school with ten scholars; but settlers came in so plentifully that, at the end of here three months' term, she had forty scholars.
Source: Past and Present, Cowles, pg. 79.
- May 1, 1847 Miss Eliza Powell started first school on Grand River Avenue just east of Cedar Street. The building was a board shanty with one window and only one door which was hung on leather hinges. This was a private venture, starting with 10 pupils which soon

increased to 30. This school was continued for about a year when all the territory in the northern part of the town was organized into a school district and administered by an elected board. 6 pg. 100. Powell received \$2 week plus room and board. 15 pg. 51. Powell paid \$20 week and boarding at various student's homes. 20 pg. 168.

"...commenced a school at the lower town in a board shanty, whose only window was an opening in the wall, having a door hung with leather straps at the top to close the room when not in use. She commenced with ten pupils, which number in three months increased to thirty. We can find no one who remembers whether she was employed by individuals or by district officers; probably the latter, as a school-house was built the same autumn where the First Ward school-house now stands. The winter school in 1847-48 was kept in the new house by Elihu Elwood". Durant pg. 165.

Miss Powell (Later Mrs. J. N. Bush) paid \$2.00 a week and had to provide her own board. 176 Sec. 3, pg. 3

"Her first enrollment was ten pupils. This increased and at the end of the third month she had forty youngsters on her record. In the fall of 1847, her school had outgrown her room, so the school board was compelled to build a large frame building facing Wall street on the block west (Block 14) for the winter term." 8 - pg 112.

John P. Powell

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.

Samuel Preston

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 schoolteachers, 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 if's 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.

Hiram Rogers of Eaton Rapids

Dec 19, 1847

Description Of

Our county sends one representative to the legislature. The seat of government is located in the county of Ingham. It is only fifteen miles from where I live. It is located in the wilderness. There was not but one house where the capitol was located and that was a log house. It was located last winter. They commenced building last April and now they have got 200 houses built. The State House is ready for the legislature and that will sit the first Monday in January next. This is what Hiram tells me, he has worked there this last season.

Source: Letter of James I Rogers, of Eaton Rapids, Eaton County, to his brother and sister. MSU archive call no. C00142.

Rev. R. Sapp

Jan 1848 -

Chaplain for first legislature at salary of \$150 and who is said to have made the prayer for the capitol, dedication...

Source: First Methodist Church Began Here Back in 1845, by Ethelyn Sexton, State Journal, March 1947.

Anson Simons

1827 Married Lavia McMillan. Had 9 children (7 sons, 2 daughters) Benjamin

1840 Settled at Lexington, on Lake Huron, then moved to Lansing.

1848 Moved to Lansing with family.
Anson Simons was by trade a carder and clothdresser and on coming to Lansing built a factory here. He purchased and added to the land previously owned by Joseph Kilbourne.

1850 He continued in that business for two years and then moved upon a farm in Shiawassee County

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Oct 7, 1867 Died.

Feb 1, 1886 Wife died.

Source: Portrait and Biographical Album, Ingham and Livingston counties, Chapman, 1891, pg. 395-6.

H. P. Smith

Jul 13, 1847 "I stayed over Sunday in Detroit attended church & paid 25cts a meal & 25 for lodging. I started on the Central Cars at 8 Monday morning & went to Dexter 50 miles, Fare \$1.50. I arrived in Dexter at 1 PM (very slow) took dinner at Dexter and started at 2 in a wagon for Michigan and went to Mason 38 Miles arrived there at 11 PM Fare \$2.00 stayed all night & started next morning at 8 & arrived here at 1, Fare 75 cents, 18 miles. I have to pay \$2.00 per week here I am now at the upper town but think I shall locate at the lower town as there are 2 physicians here & none there. There is no sickness here now, but all are making calculations to be sick in about 3 or 4 weeks & feel anxious for a physician to be here. There are now some 7 or 8 stores 7 groceries in both towns 7 several others going up immediately and almost all kinds of shops here or to be here soon. All is bustle and uproar on a weekday. On Sunday they say they have Methodist, Baptist, & Presbyterian preaching every Sabbath at the lower town and there is no drinking or immorality in that town & I think I choose to locate in that place." Source: Letter to Rev. D. Smith of Bath, New York from his son H. P. Smith, dated July 13, 1847. Note: Doctors in upper town - Drs. Burr & Jefferies

1859 Harvey P. Smith listed as owning land in section 8, 9 and 17 of Green Oak Township, Livingston County. Same individual?

Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

Smith, S. P.

- Feb 8, 1848 Petition for administration filed by Joab Page for S. P. Smith who died September 20, 1847 in Lansing without will. 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.
- 1859 Stephen Smith listed as owning land in section 1 and 12 of Meridian Township. Same individual? Source: Topographical Map of The Counties of Ingham and Livingston, Michigan published by Geil, Harley & Siverd, Philadelphia, 1859.

Snow

- Feb 28, 1848 **Legislators-Whigs
Convention-Whig**
What's broke lose now? Yesterday, Mr. **Snow** the bosom friend of Weed Dawson & co. of New York, arrived here and has been in close confab with the whig portion of the members of the Legislature, in reference to Millard Fillmore, as a candidate for the Presidency. Are Clay, Taylor, and McLean, to be thrown overboard? There is certainly some secret maneuver going on at Albany, and from the known intimacy of the gentleman with the junta, there, it is surmised he is on a tour to prepare the way for Fillmore delegates from this State. It is whispered, the whig members here will fall in with the move.
- The Whig State Convention has just been called, by order of the whig minority, and we predict there is more in this move than first meets the eye. Instance the Hillsdale whig paper out for Fillmore. Source: Detroit *Daily Free Press*; March 3, 1848

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1837? School organized in Oneida Township of Eaton County. Second term taught by Emma O. Sprague, later married Strange, father of Daniel Strange. Source: Pioneer History of Eaton county, Michigan 1833-1866, compiled by Daniel Strange, M. Sc. 1923. ? related to Sprague?

B. G. Stimpson

1848 Paid \$1.50 for transportation of books. Source: Report of Auditor General for year ending Nov. 30, 1848; Joint Documents of 1849, No. 2.

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Feb 5, 1848

Paid \$1,328.41 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 c commencing December 1, 1847, dated December 28, 1848; Joint Documents of 1849, No. 8.

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- William H. Taylor**
- May 25, 1836 William Taylor purchased 80 acres on section 10 of White Oak Township; same individual? Source: First Landowners of Ingham County, Michigan by Richard E. Lucas, 1982.
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Teeter

"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.

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.

Tooker, John S.

Jul 7, 1836	Born in Tyrone, Steuben County, New York
1838	Family moved Ann Arbor
1840	Family moved to Woodhull Township, Shiawassee County

1847	Family moved to Lansing
?	At age 18 purchased foundry in North Lansing and manufactured farm implements for nearly 14 years.
Oct 11, 1862	Enlisted in Sixth Michigan Cavalry. Discharged a year later because of failed health.
?	Entered drug business followed by boot and shoe business.
?	Married Emma, eldest daughter of Dr. William & Lydia Haze. Emma died on May 30, 1869 at age of 25.
	Married Ann Leech Thompson who died Aug. 14, 1872 at age 33.
	Married Agnes who died in June 1931, 17 years after Tooker.
1872 & 1873	Elected mayor.
1876	Elected mayor.
1878	Elected State Senate as Republican.
1880	Elected State Senate as Republican.
1883	Elected State Senate as Republican.
1883	Appointed Secretary of the Montana Territory by President Arthur.
1884	Railroad accident recovered at son's farm in Dakota Territory for six months.
1885	Ill health forced resign as Secretary of Montana Territory.
?	Entered business in Helena, Montana.
1915	Died, body returned to Lansing. Source: History Explorer, A publication of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing, September 2004.

Ward, Alanson and Olive Perkins

1847	Alanson and Olive Perkins Ward brought their family to Lansing from New York.
	Daughter Laura assisted Mrs. Laura E. Burr in teaching school in upper town, married Frederick Mortimer Cowles. Source: History Explorer, A publication of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing, September 2004.

Delia L. Ward

- Aug 13, 1835 Born in Middleburg, New York. Source: History Explorer, A publication of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing, September 2004.
- 1847 Daughter of Alanson and Olive Perkins Ward came Lansing from New York in 1847. Source: History Explorer, A publication of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing, September 2004.
- 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.
- Jul 1, 1895 Died Source: History Explorer, A publication of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing, September 2004.
- ? related to Alanson Ward?
- Alanson Ward a shoemaker by trade, supplied the understanding for many of the first comers and finally pegged his way up to the office of justice of the peace, which position he held for many years; lived to a ripe old age and died honored and respected by his fellow citizens. Source: Twentieth Century Education, the Lansing Journal, January 1902.

Joseph E. Warner

- 1847 Joseph E. Warner came to Lansing; later served as Mayor in 1878; on City Council and as City Clerk. Source: Has Lived Here Longer Than Any Other Person; State Republican, April 14, 1909.

Orrin Whitmore

Orrin Whitmore (1823-87) served on frontier circuits from 1845; became a prominent Minister and served as presiding Elder of the Adrian District 1872-1876. He was the founder of the publication of the Adrian District Methodist which was enlarged and made the Michigan Christian Advocate in January 1874. He directed Methodist relief in the thumb, following the forest fires of 1881. pg.

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

- April 1847 Ingham Methodist Mission had been set up as part of the Marshall District in 1838. Preaching had occurred at the log cabins of the area and a small society had been organized at Lower Town, as the only settlement near Lansing was then known. As soon as the location of the new capitol was announced, the Rev. Orrin Whitmore, then minister on the Mapleton circuit, made Lansing one of his regular preaching appointments. Thus, say Pilcher*, Methodism sent "the first minister of any denomination to establish services here." pg. 175. (* Pilcher, Hist. Prot. Michigan. pg. 406-408.) Source: The Methodist Church in Michigan: The nineteenth Century by Margaret Burnham Macmillan.
- 1872-1875 From 1872-1875, the Presiding Elder of Adrian district was Orrin Whitmore.
During time Whitmore and Re. Isaac N. Elwood started publication of Adrian District Methodist expanded to state paper. pg. 315. Source: The Methodist Church in Michigan: The nineteenth Century by Margaret Burnham Macmillan.
- Dec 1873 or 4 Methodist Publishing House Company organized. Orrin Whitmore had five shares of stock. pg. 319. Source: The Methodist Church in Michigan: The nineteenth Century by Margaret Burnham Macmillan.
- Sep 1881 Great Fires in Thumb area
The Rev. Orrin Whitmore had taken supernumerary rank in 1882 and given all his time and best efforts to working as the Agent for the Burnt District Relief fund. The Conference decided to leave the tasks of closing the books of the Fund and winding up all business involved to the Agent and the Presiding Elder of the Port Huron district.
Agent Whitmore died on March 19, 1887 (age 63). He had been appointed to the St. Ignace Church in September 1886 and was trying to relieve its embarrassed financial situation. pg. 337-338. Source: The Methodist Church in Michigan: The nineteenth Century by Margaret Burnham Macmillan.

Whittemore, Judge

- Feb 7, 1848 **State Officers**
Correspondence, Michigan, February 7, 1848
Judge Whittemore, the last Secretary of State left this place this morning on his return home. He has retired from his office with the sincere respect and good will of all his fellow citizens. He has administered his office with that integrity, purity and ability which has distinguished him through life in all situations both public and private.

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

Gideon O. Whittemore

Aug 12, 1800	Born at St. Albans, Vt.
1826	Settled Pontiac practiced law. Justice, Associated Judge of Oakland county
1837-40	Member Board of Regents of University of Michigan
1846-1848	Secretary of State
1850	Member Constitutional Convention
1852-56	Member State Board of Education; elected Nov. 2, 1852 and resigned March 28, 1856.
1854	Founded Tawas City, Iosco county. Built large steam saw-mill, first on Tawas Bay. Probate Judge & Prosecuting Attorney of Iosco County
Jun 30, 1863	Died, buried at Pontiac. Source: Michigan Biographies, Vol. L. Z., Michigan Historical Committion, 1924.

William Woodhouse

Jan 31, 1854	Mason Lodge No. 70, F. & A.M. organized, William Woodhouse one of original members. Source: The City of Mason, Its Past and Present Life 1838-1897, compiled by Roy C. Vandercook; pg. 9.
1855	Appointed one of three commissioners to superintend erection of courthouse. Source: The City of Mason, Its Past and Present Life 1838-1897, compiled by Roy C. Vandercook; pg. 9.
1844	I. B. Woodhouse platted Maple Grove Cemetery (Mason). Source: The City of Mason, Its Past and Present Life 1838-1897, compiled by Roy C. Vandercook; pg. 9.

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