

Maple Inn Dance Pavilion Built At Smalley's Corners

Dewitt—John Aldrich of Lansing purchased a piece of property on U. S.-27 near Smalley's corners or as it is called the 8-mile-road north from Lansing and built a large building that is called the Maple Inn Dance Pavillion.

The main hall or dance floor is 40 x 80 feet that will accomodate 200 couples at a time, very nicely. Around this floor is standing room 9x129 feet for spectators.

From this hall is a lunch room 18x20 feet equipped with all the modern appliances for serving lunches, hot coffee and soft drinks. A check room 9x12 feet is at all times under the supervision of competent and careful persons to look after wraps, baggage, etc. An orchestra pit 12x20 feet, the Blue Diamond six-piece orchestra of Lansing has been secured to furnish music for the dances which are held Sunday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings. The dances are good respectable dances and Mr. Aldrich has a large patronage of people from nearby towns, especially Lansing. The furnace room 12x12 feet is equipped with two furnaces which furnish heat for the building by being blown through openings in the ceilings by electric fans and the building is furnished throughout with electric lights.

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Long-ago veterans had local ties

There were many veterans of the War of 1812 who came to the DeWitt area in the early years of its settlement. Some stayed briefly before moving on, others remained and eventually died here. Several became prominent settlers while others lived out an obscure life; their former military service unrecorded.

Unlike veterans of all later wars (with the exception of the war with Mexico, 1846-48) veterans of the War of 1812 formed no local organizations. As a result, much of the information of these men's military past has been forgotten. Likewise, even many of the names have been lost.

The following are some veterans of this war who have a recorded association with early DeWitt.

Perhaps the most notable veteran of early DeWitt was its founder, Capt. David Scott. He was born in Litchfield, Conn., Nov. 1, 1779, and was reportedly a captain in the 23rd U.S. Infantry. He married Eunice Forbes of Shoreham, Vt., in 1801. They settled at DeWitt in 1833 and it was here that he died, May 7, 1851. He and his wife are buried in the DeWitt cemetery.

Col. Thomas Lee was born Dec. 20, 1774, in Hudson, N.Y. He came to DeWitt at a relatively early date but no information concerning his life here has been confirmed. His wife's maiden name was Asenath Winants and they had at least one son, George W. Lee. Col. Lee died at DeWitt, Dec. 2, 1852, and is buried in the DeWitt cemetery.

Barna Allen (also recorded as Burma or Barney Allen) was born in Washington Co., N.Y., Nov. 12, 1786 (?). He settled south and west of DeWitt in 1837 and was among the earliest members of the DeWitt Baptist Church in 1842. He died March 4, 1847, and is buried in the DeWitt cemetery beside his wife, Betsey (Heath) Allen who died in 1841. Their son George W. Allen became a prominent settler of section 19, this township.

The tombstone of Enos Silsbee in the DeWitt cemetery has been engraved (at a later date) "PVT. N.Y. Militia, War of 1812." He died Nov. 7, 1845, at the age of 48. He is buried with his wife, Abigail, and two daughters who died at an early age. Other than these facts, nothing fur-

ther is known.

David Olin Sr. came to DeWitt at an early date, reportedly in 1837. His name is frequently mentioned in the early histories of this area but as he had a son by the same name it is nearly impossible to distinguish who is being credited. David Sr. is credited with building the Baptist Meeting House on north Bridge street and one of the early schools at Gunnison's corners. He is also listed among the early owners of DeWitt's Clinton House hotel. He died here on August 25, 1857, at the age of 62, and is buried in the DeWitt cemetery.

Henry Chappell (also spelled Chappel) is believed to have been an early settler south and west of DeWitt. He died here on May 25, 1861, at the age of 72 and was originally buried in the former Goodrich cemetery on Schavey road. His grave, along with several others, was removed to the DeWitt cemetery at a later date.

James Stickles, an early settler of southern DeWitt township, died August 26, 1876, at the age of 79. He is said to have been buried in the Hurd cemetery beside his wife Lucy.

Daniel Ferguson Jr. (1794-1864) is believed to have come to the DeWitt settlement in 1834 along with his father, Daniel Sr. and several brothers. Most of this large family, including Daniel Jr., eventually settled in Olive township near Muskrat Lake. Specific references to him are confusing due to be and his father having the same name. He was probably buried in either the Alward or Merrihew cemeteries, though no connection to either has been located.

Dr. Hiram Stowell (whose veteran status has not yet been firmly established) was a native of Cayuga Co.,

Historic DeWitt

By Kenneth Coin

N.Y. He and his family came to DeWitt in 1837 and settled on the Looking Glass river, several miles upriver from the Scott settlement. He was elected Clinton county's first Judge of Probate in 1839 and afterwards came to the village of DeWitt where he built an impressive home on the northeast corner of Main and Franklin. He died here on August 25, 1857, at the age of 62 and was buried in the DeWitt cemetery.

According to records of the Daughters of 1812, Porter Briggs is said to have lived in the DeWitt area but this has not been confirmed by local records. It is possible that he was connected with the later Briggs family of southern DeWitt township.

Allen

Allen

FORMER DEWITT LADY DEAD.

Mrs. Margaret Allen, formerly of Dewitt, died last Thursday at Imperial, California. Mrs. Allen, whose maiden name was Margaret Laughlin, was born in Ashtabula, Ohio, April 17, 1810, and was married to George Allen in 1831. They settled at Plymouth, Michigan, and soon after moved to Dewitt where she lived for many years. After the death of her daughter Mrs. Mary Lott, she went to live with her granddaughter, Mrs. Carrie Bonta, where she passed away.

St. Johns News

8-30-1906

George Allen, one of the prominent pioneers of DeWitt township, died Jan. 27, aged 76 years. He was born in Rome, Oneida Co, N. Y., in 1806 and in 1831 was married to Miss Margaret Laughlin, who survives him. In 1837 they settled in Wayne county, and in 1840 removed to DeWitt, where he continued to live up to the time of his death. He had been a subscriber to THE CLINTON REPUBLICAN ever since it was first established.

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Don Allen Will Take Flint Girl As Bride Dec. 25

Bath—Miss Mary Adah Herbst of Flint and Don Allen of Bath will be married Christmas evening at 8:00 at the parsonage of the Court street Methodist church in Flint with Rev. Chas. T. Carr officiating. They will be attended by Miss Beverly Allen, sister of the groom and Roe Johnson of Bath.

Miss Herbst is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Emery Herbst and was a graduate of the Brindley high school in Flint. Mr. Allen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Allen of Bath and graduated from the James Couzens high school with the class of 1939. He is now employed in Lansing. They have a new home in Bath which will be ready for them the first of the year. Don wishes to the young people from the people of Bath.

Pioneer Settler Of This County Buried Tuesday

Alward

Mrs. Harriet Alward, an old resident of St. Johns and Clinton county passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Mann, of this city, Saturday evening, April 26.

Harriet Cole was born in VanAngo county, Ohio, Sept. 20, 1837. When six years old her family moved to Medina county, Ohio, where she resided until thirteen when she moved with her family to Clinton county and settled on a farm near what is now called Alward Lake. In 1856 she was united in marriage to Henry Alward, seven children were born to this union, four of whom preceded their mother in death.

In 1877 the Alward family journeyed to Nebraska with a covered wagon returning to Michigan in three years and settling on a farm in Riley township. In 1889 they came to St. Johns where Mrs. Alward has since resided. Mr. Alward passed away in 1913.

The deceased is survived by three children, Mrs. George Mann, Mrs. Henry Bristol and Lyman Alward, all of St. Johns, six grandchildren, a brother, Munro Cole, of Detroit, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Ingram, of St. Johns.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Mann home at two o'clock, Rev. M. L. Fox officiating. Interment was made in Dewitt cemetery.

Anderson

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Mark Golden Wedding



MR. AND MRS. ORA E. ANDERSON

Mr. and Mrs. Ora E. Anderson, 14960 Francis road, will hold an "open house" on Sunday, July 1, in celebration of their golden wedding anniversary. Friends will be received from 2-6 p. m. Children of the honored couple will act as hosts at the affair for which guests are expected from Missouri, Indiana, and Ohio. The children in-

clude Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Anderson of Woodbury, Mr. and Mrs. Harold I. Jenkins of Lansing, and Mr. and Mrs. John Hileman of Grand Rapids, assisted by eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Also present for the affair will be the 80-year-old father of Mrs. Anderson, Philip Lettel, of Lima, Ohio.

Anderson

Funeral Cards from the Scrapbook of C. Harry Moon

Now owned by Eleanor Moon McKinney (1984)

Ethel I. Anderson- May 20, 1901 - Nov. 23, 1950

Colonial Chapel- Estes Leadley Funeral Home

Mon, Nov. 27, 1950 1:00 p.m.

Rev. C. Harry Moon- Miss Mildred Koonsman, Organist

Gunnisonville Cemetery

Pallbearers: Roy Billington, Cecil Rhynard, Paul
Stanaway, Charles Fritz, Arthur Fritz, Bill Fritz.

DeWitt loses zest following Civil War

Families leave during and following war years

By KEN COIN

In 1860, DeWitt was competing as the most vibrant community in the area. Lansing was a mere thirteen years old. St. Johns, the new county seat, less than four years old. But at 27 years old, DeWitt was already into its second generation and had long since shaken off its rough-hewn pioneer exterior. It had established churches and businesses. The school was in its third decade. There were nicely appointed hotels and comfortable taverns. The streets were graded, free of stumps and lined with comfortable homes; homes that were filled with families, young and old.

But, for all its promise and quaintness, DeWitt would within the next five years of the Civil War, slip into a drab stagnation that would last for decades. During these war years most families would leave and by 1865 the faces and names that made up the DeWitt community would become very different. Some left to follow the county seat to St. Johns. But, perhaps that was more often a diplomatic excuse to leave without admitting to the remaining neighbors that life in DeWitt had lost its zest. Most simply left because there was nothing remaining here for them.

For a semi-random sampling of what I'm trying to get at here, let's look in on some war era families in one of DeWitt's neighborhoods; up in the northeast part of town near Franklin and Madison streets.

On the northeast corner of that intersection stands a house which was purchased about 1860 by George W. Anderson. It

had been built about ten years earlier by Phillip Peck and went through several owners before Anderson, a young farmer from north of town, brought his family here just prior to his enlistment in company E of the 23rd Michigan Infantry. His wife spent the war years here waiting with her small children for Anderson to return. He never did. He was captured and died at Andersonville prison camp two days after Christmas in 1864.

The Anderson's new neighbors in the house next door (to the north) were Shubal and Jane Vincent. They too had been farmers north of DeWitt and although he was well past forty, Vincent defied his wife's protests and enlisted as a hospital steward in company G of the 23rd. He died of disease at the end of 1863 in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Unlike Mrs. Anderson, whose whereabouts after the war is unknown, Jane Vincent remained in this same house in DeWitt. She ultimately remarried and continued living in this house for a good many years. But she was the exception to the norm.

Their neighbor to the southeast, at the end of

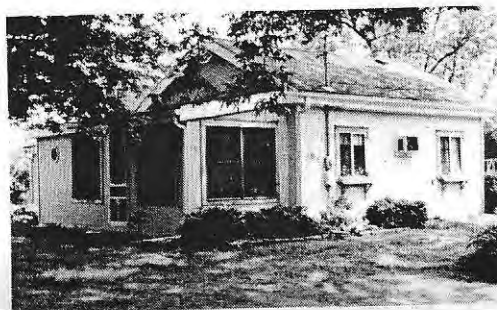
Madison street was the Abram Casterline family. Like Shubal Vincent, Casterline felt a need to contribute his services and he also enlisted in the 23rd, as a hospital steward. After returning from the war he remained in for only a brief time, then sold out and moved his family to Maple Rapids.

On the western side of this neighborhood, Morgan and Cornelia Christopher, who lived at the northeast corner of Madison and

Bridge, saw two of their sons, John and George, enlist in company H of the 27th Michigan Infantry. These boys saw hard fighting throughout their service and when they mustered out in 1865 they did not return to DeWitt. Their family, like far too many others, had by that time left town.

Monday, June 19, 1995

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George Anderson purchased this house in the city of DeWitt in 1860. Photo by Jennifer Vincent.

Anderson

Linda Darlene Cornell

and

Robert Carl Anderson

invite you to share in the joy

when they exchange marriage vows

and begin their new life together

on Saturday, the thirty-first of August

Nineteen hundred and seventy-four

at four o'clock

United Methodist Church

200 East State Street

St. Johns, Michigan

Reception following ceremony

VFW Hall

2497 North US 27

DeWitt Police Chief Leaving Post

By FAYE HANSON
State Journal Correspondent

DeWITT—Police Chief
Charles Anderson resigned



CHIEF CHARLES
ANDERSON

Monday night because the job entails long hours and said he plans to become a salesman at a local car agency.

Anderson had been chief six years, and, although there are two other men on the force, he told the city council that the chief's job has increased to the extent that he is neglecting time which he should spend with his family.

COMBINING POSTS

The resignation is effective June 1.

Councilmen said after that date the police chief also will serve as superintendent of public works and they will advertise for applicants to fill the combined post at an annual salary of \$10,000-plus.

The council also designated

May 5 as the beginning of Clean-up Week and said any trash or rubbish that is placed along the street by home owners will be picked up by city crews.

Gerald Lankfort, supervisor for DeWitt and the north sector of DeWitt Township, said the city will likely benefit from a county wide landfill project.

The council approved installation of 29 street lights by Consumers Power Company in the Lake Geneva area at an annual cost of \$1,334.

It was decided to hold the second meeting in May on Friday, May 16, instead of on Monday that week because of the Mayor's Exchange Day program connected with Michigan Week.

Anderson

JULY BRIDE



Mrs. Wm. Puetz (Margaret Andrews)
Winner of "Miss St. Johns" contest, prior to Old Home Week two years ago married Tuesday.

MARGARET ANDREWS AND WM. PUETZ WED

CEREMONY SOLEMNIZED AT
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
TUESDAY

Two well known St. Johns young people were united in marriage at 9 a. m. Tuesday, July 17, 1928, when Miss Margaret Andrews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Andrews, became the bride of William Puetz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Puetz. The ceremony was performed at St. Joseph Catholic church by Fr. G. Warren Peek. The guardian angel mass was sung by the male choir accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Leo Snitgen. Floyd Parish sang "Ave Maria." Don Puetz and Alfred Miller acted as ushers.

The bride was becomingly gowned in pink flat crepe and the bridesmaid, Miss Cecil Johnson, wore a cream colored gown of the same material. The groom was attended by Roman Stump of Lansing.

After the ceremony a three-course wedding breakfast was served to 36 friends and relatives at the home of the bride's parents which was attractively decorated with summer flowers. Miss Helen Hamilton of Laingsburg and Miss Hazel Puetz served the bride's table while the Misses Edna Puetz and Mildred Bissell attended the other guests. At the breakfast the bridesmaid and

best man announced their coming wedding which will be solemnized at St. Joseph church August 7th.

Mrs. Puetz was graduated from St. Johns high school in 1924 and from the Clinton County Normal in 1925. She has taught school the past two years. Both she and her husband, who is employed by the St. Johns Gas & Oil Company, have many friends here. After a wedding trip to Niagara via Canada they will return to make their future home in this city.

Andrews

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Open House Fete to Mark Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. ANDREWS

DEWITT—Mr. and Mrs. Ora Andrews who have resided in DeWitt for the past 43 years will mark their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house next Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the DeWitt Memorial Building.

They were married Jan. 14, 1916, in Mason. He is a retired farmer and she taught in rural Ingham County schools for five years. Both are members of the DeWitt Community Church, the DeWitt Grange Club, the Clinton County Pomona Grange and the Clinton County Farm Bureau.

Friends and relatives are invited to the fete which will be hosted by their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kraft of Detroit and their grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. John Kraft of Farmington.

TO ORA and EDNA

Andrews

Mebbe it is a secret,
Mebby I ought not to tell,
But it seems Edna and Ora
Have just made out rather well;
'N somewhere it has been hinted
It can't be too long till spring,
When there's Euchre in the offing
And some Walleyes on the string.

Couldn't tell when it all started,
'N I wouldn't if I could,
Back there somewhere they got goin'
'N they've kept on pretty good;
Wouldn't swear of my own knowin'
It could Golden Wedding bring,
When there's Euchre in the offing,
Wall-eyed Pike upon the string.

Guess it really doesn't matter
What the formula has been,
Seems they sort of hang together
Just as much now as back then.
Wouldn't dare to second guess 'em,
If they said they'd had their fling,
With some Euchre in the offing
And Choice Walleyes on the string.

Could be recipes are varied,
For a long and happy life.
When a man starts out to find him
Both a good and willing wife;
But with Edna for a partner
Ora's happy as a king,
With some Euchre in the offing,
And fine Walleyes on the string.

Here is hoping double harness
Fits them just as well as yore,
That they long may dwell among us
To achieve still higher score;
Should Saint Peter seek to win 'em
He could coax 'em if he'd sing
Of the Euchre in the offing
Fancy Walleyes on the string.

W. E. Dobson

January 16, 1966

Ora and Edna (Hammond) Andrews

1916-1966



June 2, 1961

Fred Angell, 80 Dies Friday

Lifelong Resident of Gunnisonville

Gunnisonville — The community was saddened Friday by the death of one of its oldest citizens.

Fred Angell, a life time resident of Gunnisonville, died Friday at the home, 14183 Wood road. Mr Angell was born February 11, 1881, and died June 16, 1961. He was 80 years old. He was united in marriage to Miss Zadie May Day, March 18, 1903. He brought her as a bride to the farm home where he died.

MR ANGELL, a charter member of the Michigan Farm Bureau, had lived on the present farm in DeWitt township for 53 years. He was a supporter of the Gunnisonville Community church, a charter member of the Gunnisonville school board for many years.

Surviving are the widow, Zadie M., two sons, Oliver S. of Lansing and Bruce E. of Bath; two daughters, Mrs Erma Kautz and Miss Eva L. Angell, both of Lansing; three sisters, Mrs Mary Boughner and Mrs Lydia Eichele, both of Lansing, and Mrs Mabel Siegrist of Mason; two grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

FUNERAL services were held at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Estes-Leadley Colonial chapel. Rev John P. Keith of Gunnisonville Community church, officiated and interment was in Gunnisonville cemetery.

Bearers were Robert Angell, Donald Boughner, Horace Welland, Clinton Welland, James Siegrist and Arthur Day.

Bruce Angell to run for sheriff

Angell

Bruce Angell, chief of police for DeWitt Township, announced his candidacy Tuesday for sheriff of Clinton County.

A graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in police administration and public safety, he is a lifelong Republican and resident of Clinton County for over 20 years. He is also currently serving as civil defense director of DeWitt Township.

Angell holds several commendations for his work in the area of public safety and for his work with young adults in the community. Believing in the great need to establish higher respect for law and order, he has been instrumental in initiating programs to allow young adults to work with police officers and school officials to build a closer understanding of the problems being faced by our society.

"It is time to take a fresh approach to law enforcement in Clinton County in order to keep pace with our ever-changing society with its social ills," Angell said.

A former member of the Boy Scout advisory staff, Angell has also been active in planning social events for Clinton County teenagers and has acted as an informal youth counselor.

Angell is an American Red Cross first aid instructor and has played an active part in several



BRUCE ANGELL

community safety programs in addition to teaching classes in first aid. He resides with his wife Virginia, and son, Bruce III, at 2201 Clark Road, Bath. He is a member of the Central Michigan Law Enforcement Assn.

- April 19, 1928

Apthorp

Mourn Passing of Life-long Riley Township Resident

South Riley—John G. Apthorp was born in Riley, Clinton county, Oct. 27, 1849 and died April 3, 1928 aged 78 years. He was the eldest son of John and Anna F. Apthorp.

He was married Oct. 12, 1912 to Miss Mary Gorman who survives him; also two children, John Alden, age 14, Elma Patricia, aged 9 and three sisters, Mrs. Mary S. Ferris of Dewitt, Mrs. Eldah A. Swan and Mrs. Emma L. Warner, both of Blanchard, Mich., and a host of friends.

He had always lived in Riley except one winter in Nebraska and one or two winters in the pine woods. We know the world is better for his having lived in it as he was ever ready to lend a helping hand when able. Yet again we hope to meet thee where no farewell tear is shed.

He was honored and esteemed by all his friends and neighbors and was a kind husband and father.

The funeral was held at the home Thursday afternoon, April 5 and burial at Dewitt cemetery.

Armstrong

Lyle Steves And Dorothy VanVleet Married January 2

Lyle D. Steves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Steves of Olive, and Miss Dorothy A. VanVleet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee VanVleet of Olive, were united in marriage by Rev. G. S. Northrup at his residence in St. Johns Monday, Jan. 2, 1928. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Yallup, Mrs. Yallup being a sister of the bride.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Steves are well known young people. The bride has had a successful record as a teacher and Mr. Steves has been mail carrier on St. Johns R. P. D. for several years. 1928

Arleita Armstrong Becomes Bride Of Robert VanVleet

Robert VanVleet and Miss Arleita Armstrong, popular Olive township young couple and graduates of St. Johns high school with the Class of '30 and '31 respectively, were united in marriage at a pretty wedding ceremony performed by Rev. Thomas S. Cleaver at the Congregational manse in St. Johns at 8:30 o'clock Monday evening, June 27, 1932. They were attended by Miss Eileen Harris and Raymond Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. VanVleet will make their future home on a farm south of this city.

Arthur



DEWITT—Mr. and Mrs. Clinton J. Couzzins of DeWitt announce the engagement of their daughter, Colleen Elizabeth, to Loyal Douglas Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Arthur of DeWitt.

Thursday, September 10, 1964

Arthur



MRS DOUGLAS ARTHUR

Couzzins-Arthur vows are spoken in church

DeWITT—Following a honeymoon in northern Michigan, Mr and Mrs Douglas Arthur are residing at 405 W. Howe Avenue in Lansing.

Mrs Arthur is the former Miss Colleen Couzzins, daughter of Mr and Mrs Clinton J. Couzzins of DeWitt. The bridegroom's parents are Mr and Mrs James H. Arthur of DeWitt.

THE COUPLE exchanged their vows in a double ring ceremony before Rev Max Fisher in St. Therese Church in Lansing. White gladioli adorned the altar. Organ music was played by Mrs Hubert Hill.

The bride wore a floor length gown of tiered Chantilly lace over nylon netting fashioned with wrist length, lace sleeves. Her star-shaped headpiece was studded with sequins and pearls. She wore a sterling silver cross, a gift from the bridegroom, and she carried a bouquet of white carnations edged in blue atop a prayer book.

MISS CATHERINE C. Couzzins

was her sister's maid of honor. Her floor length gown of blue chiffon was complemented with a tiara covered with blue net and she carried a bouquet of white carnations edged in blue.

James Fox served as best man. Michael Couzzins, brother of the bride, and Richard Arthur, brother of the bridegroom were ushers.

MRS COUZZINS wore a blue dress with a bolero jacket and black accessories. Mrs Arthur was attired in a Rudy suit with black accessories. Their corsages were of pink carnations.

A reception for 400 guests was held in the Memorial Building in DeWitt. Mr and Mrs John Danks of Pigeon, grandparents of the bride, and Mrs Nina Arthur of Laingsburg, grandmother of the bridegroom, were special guests.

Mrs Arthur graduated from DeWitt High School in 1963 and attended Lansing Business University. Her husband is a 1960 graduate of St. Johns High School.

WELL KNOWN OLIVE FARMER SUCCEUMBS

CHARLES D. AUSTIN TAKEN
BY DEATH SEPT. 15;
1938 RITES SATURDAY

Charles D. Austin, lifelong resident of Clinton county and father of Prosecuting Attorney C. W. Austin, died at the Clinton Memorial hospital this (Thursday) morning following an illness of several years.

He was born in Bath, Michigan, June 9, 1878, and had resided in Clinton county during his entire life. He was married Aug. 1, 1903 to Grace Crane of Ovid. They had resided in Olive township for the past 20 years.

He is survived by his wife, Grace; one son, Charles W.; two sisters, Mrs. Cora Molnet of Olive, and Mrs. Jessie Isham of Leslie; and one brother, Bert of Crawford, Neb.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Osgood funeral home.

Obituary.

John Austin, an old and highly respected citizen of Olive township, died at his home Saturday, February 20, of stomach trouble, after a lingering illness. He was born December 18, 1836, in Machias township, Cattaraugus county, New York, and was brought up on a farm. He being an only son lived with his parents until he reached the age of manhood. He was married to Miss Luann VanSlyke of Buffalo, in 1859, still living in New York until 1867 when he moved to Clinton Co., Michigan, where he has lived for thirty years. He owned three different farms within a radius of a mile and a half. Mr. Austin was a man who believed in helping the needy and his kind acts will long be remembered by his many friends. He was ever ready to lend a helping hand in sickness or death, and his place in the community will be hard to fill. He was respected by all who knew him and we can truly say another good man has been called home. He leaves three daughters, Mrs. Victor Clovey, Mrs. Augustus Boron and Mrs. Riley Mead, all of Olive, who mourn with the bereaved wife and mother. The funeral was held at the Wilsey church the Tuesday following, Rev. Rowe of Laingburg, officiating. The remains were laid to rest in the Olive cemetery. *.*