

July 21 '63

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MRS. LARRY L. CLARK

## Elaine Farr, Larry L. Clark Speak Vows

DEWITT — A honeymoon trip to northern Michigan followed the Saturday wedding of Miss Muriel Elaine Farr and Larry L. Clark at the DeWitt Community Church.

The bride, who is the daughter of the Russell Farris of DeWitt, attended Michigan State University. Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Clark of Sears are the parents of the bridegroom.

The bride wore a gown of peau de soie fashioned with a bell-shaped skirt. A shallow crown of aurora borealis crystals held her veil. She carried a bouquet of cascading stephanotis centered with an orchid.

Mrs. Eileen Keel, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Miss Wilma Schieber, Grosse Pointe, was the bridesmaid. Both bridal attendants wore lavender Chantilly lace over taffeta dresses. They carried arm bouquets of mums tied with lavender streamers.

Alpha Clark II, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Clyde Clark was groomsman.

The newlyweds will make their home in Lansing.

Fa/or

Mrs. A. Falor died suddenly Wednesday morning, May 16, at her home in Lebanon. Deceased was the daughter of Lewis and Mary J. Smith and was born in Olive township, January 22, 1858. Was married to Alexander Falor in 1882. Her husband, six children, three children having died in infancy, her mother, two brothers and one sister survive her. Their many neighbors deeply sympathize with the relatives in their great grief. Rev. E. Mudge conducted the funeral services at the house Friday morning and the interment was in Olive cemetery.

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**DEWITT.**

DEWITT, May 26, 1891.

Died, Friday, May 22d, at Cleveland, Ohio, Sarah, wife of Frank Flewellyn, aged 27 years, of consumption. The remains was brought here yesterday, accompanied by her husband and two sisters, and now rest in our cemetery by the side of a little daughter, laid there about two years ago. Deceased will be remembered as Miss Sarah Fancher, a neice of Mr. Wm. Dills.

Farrier

## DEATH TAKES YOUNG MOTHER

Mrs. Paul Blonde Succumbs  
To Tuberculosis At Ann  
Arbor Hospital

Dewitt—Iva, youngest daughter of Charles and Louisa Farrier, was born Feb. 3, 1910 in the village of Dewitt. At the age of 10 she suffered the loss of her mother, but was cared for by her father and sister Hazel. Iva graduated from the Dewitt high school with the class of 1926 and is the second of her class to pass on. Her chum and classmate, Dorothy Ryckman Scrim preceded her by 2 years.

On June 25, 1928 Iva was united in marriage to Paul Blonde of Burnside. To this union two sons were born, Paul, Jr., and James Edward. Since July, 1930, Mrs. Blonde has been suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, but in April came home from Muskegon county sanitarium much improved in health, but it was of short duration. August 26 she entered the U. of M. hospital at Ann Arbor where she passed away early Friday morning, Sept. 4, 1931, aged 21 years and 7 months.

To mourn her passing on are her husband and two young sons, Paul, Jr. and James Edward; her father, Charles Farrier; two sisters, Hazel at home, and Mrs. Edna DuBreuil of this place, besides a host of other relatives and friends. Her funeral was held from St. Mary's church at Burnside at 10 o'clock Monday morning, Sept. 7, with burial in St. Mary's cemetery. Rev. Fr. McGuiness said the Mass.

The following relatives who attended her funeral from here were here sisters, Miss Hazel Farrier, Mr. and Mrs. DuBreuil, Mr. and Mrs. McConnell, Mrs. Bertha Kla-ver of Dewitt, Mrs. Lizzie Forest of Owosso and Mrs. Frank Herblet of Lansing. The floral offerings were many and very beautiful. Mrs. Blonde was a member of Dewitt Camp No. 432, Royal Neighbors of America.

FARRIER

Their Only Child Meets With a Painful  
Death.

A horrible accident, which ended fatal-  
ly befell the little 16 months old daughter  
of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Farrier, in Oliver  
Friday. She was playing around the  
cellar way and unobserved it reached the  
head of the stairs and fell the entire  
length into the cellar below. She seemed  
to rally from the shock, but it was only  
temporary and she died Saturday even-  
ing. The blow comes with awful force  
on the parents, especially so as the little  
one was an only child. The funeral ser-  
vices was held at the South Bingham-  
ton church Monday.

Ferrier

~~Democrat~~ Pioneer.

Geo. Ferrier, an old and respected citizen of Riley, died at his home on Friday Mar. 29 at the age of seventy five years. He was one of the oldest residents of the county and came to this country from England fifty two years ago. The funeral services were held at the family residence Saturday conducted by Rev. Thomas Corwin. The burial took place at the south Bingham cemetery on Saturday. He leaves a wife and six children.

FARRIER

Obituaries from the Scrapbook of C. Harry Moon

Now owned by Eleanor Moon McKinney (1984)

JOHN FARRIER 73, died Monday in Clinton Memorial Hospital following a heart attack. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen and the South Riley Grange. Surviving are the widow, Mellie; a daughter, Mrs. Jean Gibson of DeWitt, and a brother Burt of Charlotte; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Vincent Funeral Home. Burial will be in the DeWitt Cemetery.

Farrier

## Du Breuil-Farrier Nuptials Announced

Special to The State Journal

De Witt, Dec. 14.—Monday at 5:30 o'clock Celestine Du Breuil, of Lansing and Miss Edna Farrier of this place daughter of Charles Farrier, were quietly married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Northrup in St. Johns. Rev G. S. Northrup pastor of the First Baptist church, of this village officiated at the wedding ceremony. Mr. Du Breuil is employed at the State school for the Blind.

The bride is a graduate of the De Witt High school and is one of our most estimable young ladies. Mr. and Mrs. Du Breuil will be at their home in Lansing after Jan. 1.

Favier

# CLYDE FAVIER DIED MONDAY

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Well Known Olive Man Victim  
of Pneumonia at  
Hospital

Clyde Louis Favier, 67, well known Olive township resident, died at Clinton Memorial hospital Monday, Sept. 4, following a brief illness of pneumonia. Mr. Favier's death came as a distinct shock to the community. He had lived all of his life in Clinton county.

Born Jan. 9, 1887, in Watertown, the son of Louis and Justine Favier, natives of France, the family later lived on a farm in Riley. He was married to Flossie Edna Palmer, who survives, on Nov. 29, 1911. To this union three children were born, all of whom survive. One son, Gerald, is in the Navy in the Pacific. There are two daughters, Mrs. Jeanette Hatta of St. Johns, and Opal at home.

Also surviving are one grandchild and two brothers, Frank of Watertown, and Amiel of California.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the Osgood funeral home in St. Johns, Rev. Ray Caldwell officiating. Interment was made in the Dewitt cemetery.

# Feazel

Samuel Feazel died of paralysis at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Septimus Miller, in South Riley, at the age of 76 years. Deceased was born in Wayne county, Ohio, January 16, 1824, and was married to Elizabeth Kime, August 22, 1849. He emigrated to Michigan in 1865 and settled on section 26, Riley, where he resided until 1888, then sold his farm and moved to Gratiot county, remaining there three years, then returning to Clinton county, where he resided until his death, which occurred March 20. He leaves an aged wife, four sons and one daughter besides a host of friends to mourn his loss. He passed away quietly and his friends and neighbors laid him away in the South Riley cemetery beside a daughter who preceded him twenty-one years ago. Rev. Dotty, of the M. E. church of Wauosta, officiated.

*Centennial Song Chosen***68-Year-Old DeWitt Woman Wins Contest**

By VIRGINIA BAIRD  
(State Journal Woman's Editor)

Composer of Lansing's Centennial History of Transportation parade song is neither native daughter nor resident, poet nor musician.

But the beautiful "adopted daughter" who corralled Lansing's proud past and confident future in the phrase, "Built by men who through the ages, set their goal upon a star," has seen a good two-thirds of the century she wrote about.

And she loves the town she wrote about.

Mrs. John Adam (Edna) Feick, 68, of DeWitt, is the winner of the competition. The pretty, snowy-coiffed, beautifully accoutred grandmother lived all of her life in Harbor Beach until the death of her husband eight years ago. Then she came to DeWitt to be near a daughter and began working in Green's Apparel shop, Washington ave.

**LOVES LANSING**

"I have learned to love Lansing," she explained today. "It is such a beautiful, friendly place. I hope to live always in the neighborhood of Lansing."

She entered the song contest for love of competition. She had hoped that she might win, but she had never expected to.

The song has been set to music by Dr. David Machiel. Important in its choice for the centennial song was the fact that its rhythm will make it fine to set to music, says Carlisle Carver, chairman of the five-mile long parade, May 23. The Oldsmobile Rockets will sing the song in the parade.

Rhythm is native to Edna, who has played a piano since childhood, and who has metered out verse for 40 years, "just for her own amusement."

**TAKES RIBBING**

She read of the contest in The State Journal. Two weeks later she wrote her entry, "trying to include things which entered into the life of Lansing," and a few days later sent it in.

She took a little ribbing from "the children."

She was "surprised . . . very thrilled" to have won.

Honorable mention in the contest went to Joseph Chervinski, Mrs. Stanley Simpson and Mrs. Joann Parrish of Lansing, Ethelyn Sexton of Olivet, and Opal Sedelmaier of Mason.

Mrs. Feick, five-foot five and model slender, never worked out a day in her life until her husband of 40 years, a Harbor Beach grocer, died in 1951. Then, to allay grief, and time on her hands, she went to work fulltime as a saleslady in Green's. Now she works partime in dresses, coats and suits.

She makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Henry A. Richards, and her family. When she came to DeWitt, she did not intend to stay, and so it was when she took employment in Lansing . . . but now the ties are deep.

They're getting deeper all the time. The soft-voiced, lovely mannered song writer (actually she has made a couple of song writing attempts before) will receive a \$50 savings bond from Lansing's Centennial year committee. She will be honored by her compatriots. She will ride in one of the beautiful automobiles in the Centennial parade.

And if the queen pickers run into any trouble, she'll fit in there pretty well, too.

She's animated, real and humble . . . and personality-wise she makes Dale Carnegie pale.

Feick



MRS. EDNA FEICK  
... Creates winning Centennial poem ...

**Centennial Song Winner**

Lansing tells a tale of progress  
Thru a century of years; with its  
Struggles, joys and sacrifices,  
Burning hopes, and bitter tears.

Built by men, who thru the ages,  
Set their goals upon a star;  
Raising churches, schools and industry  
Mid spreading trees and rivers far.

With our Capitol to guide us  
We are filled with love and pride,  
As forward we march, onward we strive,  
God walking by our side.

# Lifestyle

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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 Winsants 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 he 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

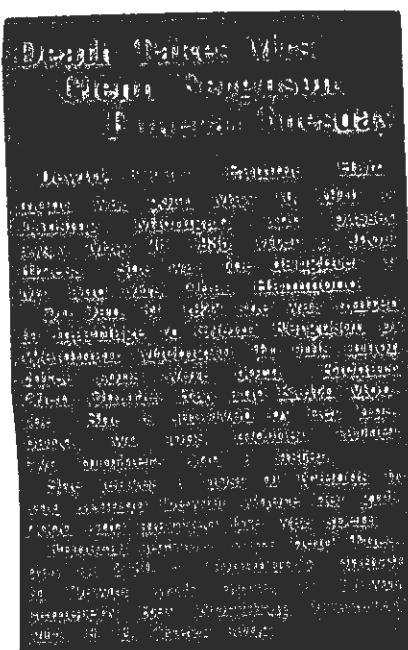
By Kenneth Colm

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.

Ferguson

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Charles Ferguson, a well known farmer, of Olive, died at his residence on the Lansing road last Tuesday morning of consumption. Mr. Ferguson was one of the pioneers of this county having moved to Olive with his parents when only two years of age and has resided there up to the time of his death. He was born at Nichols, Tioga county, New York, on Feb. 11, 1837, and had just passed his 58th birthday. He leaves a wife and three children besides two sisters, Mrs. Swarthout, of Grand Rapids and Mrs. John O. Palmer, of Munroe county, New York. The funeral services were held at the Congregational church in this city Thursday last.



Ferguson  
Ferguson

**FIVE GENERATIONS**—More than 90 years separates the ages of Mrs. Bell Martin, 91, seated left, and her great-great-grandson, Mark Ehle, being held by granddaughter Lela Ferguson, Prudenville. Standing are Mrs. Ethel Cooley, DeWitt, left, Mrs. Martin's daughter, and a great-granddaughter Mrs. Loreen Ehle, Lansing. Mrs. Martin resides in Muskegon.

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The  
25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
of

Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Ferguson  
is

being celebrated on October  
11st at the DeWitt  
Community Church

2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ferguson  
Mrs. & Mrs. Ferguson  
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Eads



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# PERSONALITY PROFILE

## Keeping busy is the key for 68-year old

By Sue Kiley  
Staff Writer

### Bath

Lela Ferguson started a new way of life last year. She reversed her role from a senior citizen to working with them, doing everything from escorting elderly women around town to picking raspberries.

Mrs. Ferguson had gone to a Bath nutritional lunch last spring after returning from Florida. Her husband had recently died and she was trying to get back into the swing of everyday living.

"I told Catherine Reed (DeWitt Township supervisor) that I just had to start doing things again, but I didn't know what to do," she said relating the situation. "My main idea was for helping others...that's when Catherine told me not to look any farther, she had a job for me."

Less than five days later, Mrs. Ferguson began her job coordinating some senior citizen activities. Sometimes she says she got a little more than she bargained for.

Some of Lela's biggest jobs consist of transporting five women ranging in age from 68 to 88 years old anywhere from the doctor's office to shopping in St. Johns.

She has accompanied the group to Bob-Lo Island also. She added the seniors didn't go on any of the rides, but instead sat and played bingo all day long. "They loved the boat ride though," Mrs. Ferguson said.

Lela has become quite an organizer since she took over the job working with senior citizens. One of her major productions was planning a somewhat unorganized fashion show featuring the seniors. The theme of the show was "What the Best Dressed Woman Will Not Wear." She found 10 senior citizen women who would go along with wearing football gear, a skirt filled with pencils, and long underwear complete with a drop seat.

"I didn't have any trouble at all getting them to participate," she said. "In fact, they were quite happy to be a part of the program."

Mrs. Ferguson believes senior citizens have a vital role to play in today's society. That's why she likes working with them and helping any she can. In her spare time she has worked with the "Vial of Life" program, covering almost all of King Arthur's Trailer Park. The CETA employee also

helped seniors work on energy rebate forms, helping them save money.

The 68-year-old woman has taken a few of "her girls" to church with her and makes a lot of phone calls to shut-ins just to make sure they are okay, or just to talk a while.

"I love driving, so anywhere they want to go I'll take them," she said. "I feel as long as I can keep doing these activities I'll stay young too."

Some days Mrs. Ferguson puts in a normal eight-hour day and yet other days entail staying at it until 10 at night. Once she stayed up late hemming some clothing one of the women was not able to do herself.

Children are not the only ones who come up with cute little statements concerning life. Lela related one story where a 78-year-old senior citizen was being teased about having a 40-year-old boyfriend. Some of her friends kept asking her when he was going to ask her to marry him.

"She just came right back," Mrs. Ferguson said, "saying 'you girls are too late, he's already asked me.' I thought we would never stop laughing."

Thursday was Lela's last day on the job. She has gone to Florida for the winter, something she has done for the past seven years.

"I'm not going to just sit around though," she said. "I've got a few jobs in the trailer park where I live and I'm going to keep busy."

## Dr Grost at seminar

Dr. James M. Grost of St. Johns attended the 30th Annual Scientific Assembly of the American Academy of Family Physicians in San Francisco.

The medical meeting began Sept. 25 and ran through Sept. 28. More than 4,000 family doctors are participating in this once-a-year continuing medical

education conclave.

Dr. Grost, who is a member of the Academy, heard nationally-known speakers discuss up-to-the-minute health care topics. He also had an opportunity to attend clinical seminars on 50 different topics and visit some 100 scientific and 300 technical exhibits.

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October



**Lela Ferguson (center)**



**Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Woodhams, Jr.**

Song, "I and You  
Me". Organist was Rita  
Gower.

The bride wore a white  
crystal organza floor length  
gown embellished with  
Chantilly lace. The full skirt  
and chapel length train were  
accented with flowered  
appliques. She wore a finger-  
tip veil which matched the

yellow

For her daughter's  
wedding, Mrs. Towne chose  
a floor length sleeveless  
gown of light yellow with a  
matching cape. The groom's  
mother wore a floor length  
gown of turquoise with a  
chiffon cover up cape.

Both mothers wore  
corsages of white and yellow

# Marriage licenses

Ned Edward Noecker, 5416 St. Louis, Ferguson, 21-3. Millard Tector, DeMolay, 21-4. Michael Joseph Moody, 24.

Ferguson

Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson

request the pleasure of your company

at the wedding reception of their daughter

Saturday Night, October

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Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson

on Saturday, the second of June

at eight o'clock

Memorial Building

Detroit, Michigan

John Ferguson  
John Ferguson  
John Ferguson  
John Ferguson

Ferguson

*Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ferguson*

*request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter*

*Jo Ellen*

*to*

*Mr. Alan M. Wing*

*Saturday evening, the twenty-seventh of October  
nineteen hundred and sixty-two*

*at seven-thirty o'clock*

*DeWitt Community Church*

*DeWitt, Michigan*

*Reception following ceremony*

*Memorial Building*

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ferguson  
cordially invite you to join with them  
at the marriage of their daughter

Constance Irene

to

Michael E. Botke

They would be honoured to have you join them  
in prayer and witness their vows on Friday, January  
fourth, nineteen hundred and seventy-four, at seven  
o'clock in the evening, at St. Therese Church, 2620  
North Turner Street, Lansing, Michigan.

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Fields

## LIFELONG CLINTON RESIDENT SUCCUMBS

MRS. HARRY FIELDS, ST. JOHNS,  
DIES SUDDENLY AT HOME  
FRIDAY, AUG. 23, 1940

Funeral services for Mrs. Harry Fields of St. Johns, a lifelong resident of Clinton county, were held Monday at 1 p. m. at the Osgood funeral home, with Rev. Leo B. Niles, pastor of the local Methodist church, officiating. She had observed her 89th birthday only 13 days previously.

Mrs. Fields, the former Cora May Isbell, died suddenly of a cerebral hemorrhage at her home in St. Johns late Friday. Born Aug. 13, 1871 in Olive township, she was united in marriage to Harry Fields on Dec. 23, 1898 in Bengal township. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary a year ago last December. She was long a member of the Methodist church in St. Johns.

Surviving Mrs. Fields are her husband; a brother, George Isbell, of Lansing; two children, Frank of Detroit, and Mrs. C. D. Selfridge of Lansing; and four grandchildren, Mrs. William Elliott of Alliance, O., Stuart W. Selfridge of Lansing, and two others in Kalamazoo.

# Finkle

Lysander Finkle died at the Poor Farm Monday evening last. The funeral was held at the Baptist church Wednesdays. He leaves two brothers, John and Benjamin, and a sister, Mrs. M. D. Baker, of Olive.

Fisher

Mr. Joseph Fisher, a former resident of DeWitt, died Monday, after a long illness, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. J. T. Norris, in Lansing. The funeral was held to-day at his late residence, and the remains taken to Rushville, Ontario county, N. Y., to be interred by the side of his wife. 2/18/12