

Gage

DEATH OF MRS. POLLY GAGE

AGED RESIDENT OF OLIVE PASSED
AWAY OF DROPSY.

Mrs. Polly Gage, aged eighty-five, died last Thursday afternoon at the home of her son, Mark Gage, of Olive, after a long illness of dropsy. She is survived by five children, Mrs. Jeanette Keich of Gratiot county, Mrs. Emma Griffith of Sheridan, Montcalm county, Mrs. Hannah Benton, Mark and Marvel Gage of Olive.

The deceased was born in Ontario, Canada, in 1819. At the age of twelve years she moved with her parents to Oakland county, Michigan. In 1840 she was united in marriage to Ivan Gage and in 1854 they moved to Olive where they resided until their deaths. Mr. Gage died in 1881 since which time Mrs. Gage resided with her son.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at one o'clock at the United Brethren church, Rev. West officiating. There was a large attendance and many beautiful floral offerings showing the high esteem with which the deceased was regarded in the neighborhood. The interment was made in South Bingham cemetery.

~~Furl~~ Gage

GAGE-FURL.

Arthur J. Gage of Bingham and Miss Edna C. Furl of Olive were united in marriage New Year's morning at 8 o'clock, the ceremony taking place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Furl, in the presence of the immediate families only. A. H. West of the United Brethren church was the officiating clergyman.

After a short wedding trip to Carson City and other Michigan points, Mr. and Mrs. Gage will reside in Bingham.

Gage

*Mr. and Mrs. Horace P. Gage Observe
59th Anniversary Sunday, Feb. 9th
Feb 1941*



MR. and MRS. HORACE P. GAGE

Mr. and Mrs. Horace P. Gage observed their 59th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 9.

To celebrate the occasion Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knapp entertained in their honor. Dinner guests besides the honored couple included Mrs. Viola Lewis, who was bridesmaid at their wedding, Herbert Ormes, Mrs. Anna Halsey and Mrs. Lillie Yallop. A colorful centerpiece of sweet peas adorned the table.

Open house was held from 2:30 to 5:30 o'clock when 62 friends and relatives called to extend congratulations and best wishes. Mr. Gage is 86 years old and Mrs. Gage is 78. They were presented with a lovely

bouquet of flowers.

The following program was presented during the afternoon: Song, "Mate of Mine," Rev. A. L. Spafford; two piano selections, Mrs. Goldie Brooks; vocal selection, "Sing Every Voice," by Arthur, Mary Lou and Eleanor Spafford; and Mrs. Anna Halsey read the same poem she composed in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Among those from out of town who called were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Servis, Mrs. Alma Servis of Ovid; Mr. and Mrs. King Servis and two sons of Owosso; Mrs. Jessie Granger, Gordon Granger and son of Lansing; and Mrs. Emma Devereaux of Dewitt.

ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

TOOK HIS LIFE

GEORGE J. GALL OF DEWITT
COMMITTS SUICIDE.

DAUGHTER FOUND BODY

EIGHT HOURS AFTER THE DEED
WAS COMMITTED.

Shot Himself Through Head With A
Shotgun—Former Wealthy Farm-
er Victim of Despondency.

George J. Gall, a well known farmer of DeWitt township, living one mile south and one mile east of DeWitt village, committed suicide some time before midnight Tuesday evening.

The deceased lived with his son, Geo. Gall, he occupied a part of the house while his son's family occupied the other portion. Tuesday night the spent the evening out, returning about one o'clock. Supposing that Mr. Gall was asleep they retired as usual. In the morning he did not respond to the call to breakfast, and his daughter, Miss Louise Gall, on going into the sitting room found her father lying dead with a shot gun beside him on the floor.

It is supposed that he took his life about 10 or 11 o'clock. He sat in a rocking chair and placed the muzzle of the gun in his mouth, pulling the trigger by means of a cleaning-stick. He had removed the shot from a loaded shell, replacing the shot with three bullets. The bullets passed entirely through his head and were found embedded in the wall.

He made out a will which he gave to his daughter Louise but as he had done the same thing several times before, his daughter did not feel worried as to his safety. She retired about 9 o'clock. The charge of powder was light and the report did not waken her. He also left a note, which was written in German, in which he said that he would be better off dead than alive and that he had decided to kill himself that he might join his wife.

The deceased was formerly a wealthy farmer, but during his later years he had distributed a large part of his estate among his children. He had about \$900 in gold on his person at the time of his death.

His wife died about nine years ago, and Mr. Gall has often been heard to say that he wished he was dead, and was subject to fits of despondency.

Justice Hurd, who lives in the vicinity, impaneled a coroner's jury, who found a verdict of suicide.

The deceased leaves six children, George Gall, Mrs. Irish, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Vigas, and Miss Louisa and Miss Caroline Gall, who lived at the home. The funeral arrangements have not been announced.

The Twenty-Third Psalm

*THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT WANT.
HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES;
HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.
HE RESTORETH MY SOUL: HE LEADETH ME IN THE
PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE..
YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF
THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL:
FOR THOU ART WITH ME; THY ROD AND THY STAFF
THEY COMFORT ME. THOU PREPAREST A TABLE
BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES:
THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP
RUNNETH OVER... SURELY GOODNESS AND
MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS
OF MY LIFE: AND I WILL DWELL IN THE
HOUSE OF THE LORD FOR EVER.....*

In Memory of

CARYL H. GALL

Date of Birth

January 2, 1898
Watertown Township

Date of Death

March 8, 1975
Valdosta, Georgia

Services at

LEE R. RUMMELL FUNERAL HOME
DeWitt, Michigan

Thursday, March 13, 1975
1:30 P. M.

Clergyman

Rev. Murl Eastman
DeWitt Community Church

Bearers

Jack Cole	Robert Cole
Donald Cole	William Savage
Charles Fisher	Donald Reed

Burial

DeWitt Cemetery
DeWitt, Michigan
Masonic Services 8 P. M.
Wednesday, March 12, 1975

PEARSON BROTHERS OF RILEY
WED HAZEL AND RUBY
GEDNEY SATURDAY

Gedney

In a unique double wedding ceremony performed at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon September 14, 1929, at Bethel, Ontario, Canada, two brothers Clyde and Glenn Pearson well known Riley township young men and the sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pearson, took as their brides two sisters, the Misses Hazel and Ruby Gedney of Bethel. Those from St. Johns who attended the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pearson and son Lewis; Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Pearson, and Mrs. Lewis Brown and daughter Gladys. Following is the account of the wedding which appeared in the Saturday issue of the Brantford Expositor published at Brantford, Ontario. :

A very pretty double wedding took place at Bethel church this afternoon at 1 o'clock, when the Misses Hazel and Ruby Gedney became the brides of Messrs. Clyde and Glenn Pearson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Pearson of St. Johns, Mich. The Rev. Gordon Raymer of Sarnia performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Godfrey Burford. The church was prettily decorated with ferns, white and pink asters, vines and choice gladioli, with other fall flowers. Two arches were prettily arranged with asters, roses and vine to form the initials of the families, G. and P. The ushers were Messrs. Alton McAllister and Robert Milburn both of Bethel. The brides were given in marriage by their parents, Miss Hazel on the arm of her mother, with Miss Ruby leaning on her father's arm. Both brides were dressed alike in lovely satin gowns with radium lace trimmings and wore silk net bridal veils with orange blossom bandeaux. They carried lovely shower bouquets of sweetheart roses and baby breath. Miss Verna Gedney, sister of the brides, and Miss Hazel Pearson, cousin of the groom, were winsome flower girls, dressed alike in orchid organza and carried baskets of sunset roses and mixed flowers. The bridal chorus from Lohengrin was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Gordon Raymer of Sarnia and during the signing of the register Miss Hazel Gedney of Brantford, cousin of the brides, sang very sweetly "For You Alone." A reception at "Willow Heights," followed the ceremony, and a dainty buffet luncheon was served by girl friends to about 60 guests. The brides mother wore a lovely golden brown crepe back satin gown with shoulder bouquet of sunset roses. The grooms mother was becomingly gowned in black silk crepe with American Beauty rose shoulder bouquet. Many beautiful wedding gifts were received, among which were both grooms' gifts to their brides—beautiful dressing cases. The pianist and soloist were presented with lovely bar pins, the ushers with military brush sets and the flower girls each received pretty signet rings. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pearson and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Pearson then left amid showers of confetti and good wishes for a short motor trip. Mrs. Clyde traveling in Wedgewood blue ensemble with silver grey accessories, while Mrs. Glenn wore Fitchpine green with brown accessories. On their return the happy couples will reside together on the grooms' farm near St. Johns, Mich.

HENRY GIBBS' LIFE ENDED PEACE- FULLY LAST EVENING

He Had Been a Resident of Lansing
for Fifty Years—Helped Build
Many Prominent Buildings in the
City—His Death Was Unexpected.

At 9:30 o'clock last evening, Henry Gibbs, one of the oldest and most highly respected pioneers of the city, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Winans, 145 Larch street north. Although Mr. Gibbs was 82 years old, he was enjoying exceptionally good health and his life went out without the slightest suffering. He had had a severe cold and remained in bed for the past week, but less than five minutes before he died was talking as happily as ever in his life. He was a remarkably interesting and bright old man, having retained his mental faculties until the end. He came to this city in 1847 when the capitol was moved from Detroit and his memory never failed him in relating the early history and growth of the city. He was a kind hearted, loyal friend and many times when questioned upon religious views he would reply, "My religion is to do unto others as others do unto you."

Mr. Gibbs was elected a member of the school board from the fifth ward in 1874, which office he held until 1885. In this office he made many warm friends among the children of the fifth ward, especially, to whom he was always known as "Uncle Gibbs." Henry Gibbs was born in Stabbs, Vermont, April 18, 1816, and when 15 years old moved with his parents to Monroe county, New York, where he worked with his father as a carpenter. After living in that state seven years he moved to Eagle, Michigan, and settled upon 160 acres of wild lands. The following year, 1833, he built the first frame schoolhouse in Clinton county. In 1841 he was married to Miss Augustine Niles, who died in 1843. The following year he married Miss Samantha Webber, who died in February, 1895. He was the father of two children, both of whom died several years ago. He came to Lansing in 1847 and began work upon the old capitol building in August, under Henry Jipson. He bought the property and erected the house on Washington avenue south, where L. R. Hudson now resides. In 1854 he moved to Watertown, where he held offices as justice of the peace and supervisor and returned to Lansing in 1875. He was a contractor most of his life and was connected with building the Downey House, state office block, Plymouth Congregational, St. Paul's Episcopal and Park Street Baptist churches, the middle building of the school for the blind, and the old postoffice building. He also superintended the building of Central school building and in 1888 the woodwork in Larch street school.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Maudy Baldwin of Onondaga.

During the last year he has spent much of his time writing and among the manuscripts which were found was an account of his life and a history of the city of Lansing, which he desired to be published May 18, the 50th anniversary of the staking out of the capitol. A letter was left for Mrs. Winans, who had cared for him since Mrs. Gibbs' death. He also left instructions in regard to the arrangements for his funeral. He desired it to be in charge of D. W. & Mayton Buck and to have the services conducted by Rev. Charles Legal and Rev. E. B. Allen. He asked that either the Universalist or Pilgrim Congregational church provide funeral music and that the services be held at 11 A. M. at the residence of Mrs. Winans, 145 Larch street north.

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SAMUEL WAYNE GIBSON, S. K.
3-c is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam
Gibson of Dewitt R-2. He has served
with the U. S. Navy, somewhere in
the Pacific for some time, and the
first of August was promoted to the
rating of Store Keeper 3rd class.



Gladys and Roy Gilbertson

The Gilbertsons

Celebrate golden anniversary

Roy and Gladys Gilbertson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house Saturday, Oct. 18, from 6 to 11 p.m. at the VFW Post No. 671, 12550 S. U.S. 27, DeWitt.

They have two children, Craig and Cindy Gilbertson, and three grandchildren, Katie, Timothy, and R.J.

TALENTED MUSICIAN CALLED TO LAST REST

Gillet

MRS. GEO. P. GILLET PASSED TO THE GREAT BEYOND.

Mrs. George P. Gillet died at an early hour Saturday morning after a declining illness of several months. She is well known here and in the East as a musician of marked talent, and will be missed greatly by her many friends. In spite of her failing health, her great courage never deserted her.

Mrs. Gillet was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gillet of this city. She was born in DeWitt, December 19, 1873. When but a child her parents removed to St. Johns where she obtained her early education in the high school of this city. Several years later when she was still a young lady her parents moved to Detroit where she was given every possible advantage in the musical line. She studied for several years under the best masters in that city where she was married to George P. Gillet, a talented tenor singer. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Gillet went to Europe where they studied together for some time under the best masters.

After returning from Europe, Mr. and Mrs. Gillet located in New York City where they remained for several years. While there many recitals and concerts were given in that city as well as in the surrounding cities, even going as far west as Nebraska. Every summer was spent with her parents who removed to this city several years ago. As usual, Mr. and Mrs. Gillet came early in the spring to spend the summer in St. Johns but on account of her failing health did not return to New York City.

Mrs. Gillet was a member of the Mother church, "The First Church of Christ," Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts, and also a member of the Christian Science Society of this city.

The funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon at two o'clock. The service was a Christian Science service and was conducted by A. D. Baker, of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Lansing.

A quartet composed of Mrs. Frank Stone, Mrs. S. L. Marshall, G. B. Judd and H. B. Walworth sang the hymns, "Abide With Me," "In Heavenly Love Abiding," and "Nearer My God To Thee."

Relatives here from away were: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. O'Neill of Chicago; Mrs. E. Ellis and daughters and Mrs. Alex. Kennedy of Grand Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. W. Rich, Thos. Rich and Byron Rich of Ionia; Mrs. Nettie Huston, Harry Huston, Mrs. Ida Huston, Mrs. May Esselstye, George Holmes and Glenn Holmes of Lansing; J. V. O'Keefe of Detroit; and Mr. and Mrs. Helmer Goette of Orion.

Christian Scientist friends present from away were: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Baker, Mrs. Wm. Donovan, Mrs. F. Seibly, Mrs. George Field, Mrs. Shultz and Mrs. Tressell of Lansing; Mrs. Henson of Fort Collins, Colo.; and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Burns of Mable Beach.

Gingrich

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Obituary

Homer B. Gingrich

Homer B. Gingrich, 69, formerly of DeWitt, died Oct. 31, 1987, in St. James City, Fla.

Mr. Gingrich was born Sept. 11, 1918, in Reed City. He was a member of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local No. 388, American Legion Post, St. Johns, VFW Edwin Leyanna Post No. 671, and the DeWitt Lodge No. 2291 Loyal Order of Moose.

Survivors include his wife, Audrey Gingrich; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Dean (Isabel) Koski of DeWitt and Mrs. Jimmie (Margaret) Williams of Reston, Va.; three stepgrandchildren; and sister-in-law Florence (Blondie) Gingrich of DeWitt.

Services were Nov. 5 at Gorsline-Runciman DeWitt Chapel with the Rev. Daniel Biteman officiating. Interment was in DeWitt Cemetery.

Casket bearers and military services were by Edwin J. Leyanna VFW Post No. 671, DeWitt.



DEWITT REMEMBERED — A typical log homestead of the 1840's, this one was located on the East side of US-27 south at State Road (original settlers unknown), ca. 1920. Photo courtesy of DeWitt Library.

DeWitt in the 1840's wasn't a backwoods, dirtwater town

This is the first installment in a two-part column by Ken Coin. The second segment will appear in next week's issue.

One of the most rewarding aspects of researching local history is to be able to take something from the local history books, do some further research, and come up with the rest of the story which the books omitted.

DeWitt in the 1840's was not exactly the backwoods dirtwater town we often imagine. It offered a lot of potential for the adventurous Yankees flocking into the then, Far West. Among the typical pioneer wanna-be's, DeWitt attracted a large number of very industrious, well-educated young people, looking for the right opportunity to seize life by the tail.

Open any history of Clinton County and you're sure to find individual mention of three young girls, the Gooch sisters. (No, they weren't a Vaudeville act!) They started life in the state of Maine, the pampered daughters of a successful lumber dealer, Benjamin Gooch. The War of 1812 had dealt him an unfavorable hand and trying to regain some of this former wealth, he wagered all he had left on government land in the Territory of Michigan.

The year 1834 finds the Gooch family on a packet boat on the Erie Canal, traveling through New York enroute to Michigan. The journey did not agree with the wife and mother, Lucy (Boyington) Gooch. She had the misfortune of falling overboard one night and was never seen nor heard from again. Undaunted the Gooch's pressed on. The father's destination was Wayne County where he temporarily settled. The three sisters, sticking together, soon moved further and within a few years arrived at DeWitt.

Betsey Gooch (our first sister) arrived in DeWitt just in time to gain the distinction of the being the first teacher at the first school in the county — the Goodrich school which opened about 1836 in a log hut at the corner of Schavey and Howe roads. Shortly thereafter she was wooed and wed by another rising star of DeWitt's social elite, Dr. Seth P. Marvin, who had come to DeWitt in 1835 after completing his medical studies in Macomb County. His parents, "Deacon" Calvin and Deborah Marvin made the first settlement in Watertown Township (now the Lietzke farm on Airport road) and now Seth, upon hanging out his shingle, became the first practicing physician in Clinton County.

Shortly after Seth and Betsey's marriage they moved from the Marvin homestead to the new village of New Albany near the corner of Webb and Bridge street. Aside from his medical practice, Seth pursued local politics and in 1839 (when Clinton County was established) was elected the first county clerk. He went on to become county register of deeds and later Judge of Probate.

Mary Gooch (our second sister), like Betsey, was also a pioneer teacher in this county. Teachers and schools being both a rare commodity then, she taught not only in this area but also in Eagle and Victor townships. But in 1851, she caught the eye of a promising young attorney named Randolph Strickland (I suppose he could have caught her eye.) They settled in DeWitt where he had recently started his practice and built the home where Dan Matson now has his practice on Washington street. Like his brother-in-law, Seth, Randolph also stepped into the arena of politics and after several years as county prosecutor was, in 1860, elected to the Michigan Senate.

With the county seat being moved to St. Johns in 1856, the Stricklands went too and built one of the town's first "mansions" (it was located where St. Joseph's Catholic Church now stands, on the Courthouse Square). In the early years of the Civil War, Randolph was appointed by the Governor as Commissioner to Superintend the Draft and in 1863 was appointed by Abraham Lincoln as Provost Marshall. In 1868 he was elected to the House of Representatives and the Stricklands moved to Washington.

Olive Gooch (our third sister) had a less glittering life. She married her father's hired man, Stephen Hill, in 1835 and two years later they came to DeWitt, settling a homestead at the southwest corner of Lowell and Herbison roads in Watertown Township. Their beginning was not unlike that of her two other sisters but while the other sisters (and husbands) chased fame and fortune, Olive and Stephen took on the long laborous task of carving a farm from the wilderness.

Here the Hills remained for the rest of their lives, content with raising their six children and step by step, year by year improving their homestead into a productive farm.

Next week: The Rest of the Story.

Ken Coin is a DeWitt resident and the area's primary historian.

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Coin explains *The Rest of the Story of the Gooch Sisters*

A visit to the DeWitt cemetery will tell much of the rest of the story of Betsey Gooch. Her small white tombstone is there showing she died in 1860, at the young age of 44 years. But the real clue is almost hidden on the back side — the six children she buried within an eleven-year period; all dying at various ages from two months to nine years.

If the premature deaths of his six children weren't enough, the death of his wife proved too much for Seth Marvin. He experienced periods of deep dispondency and depression for which he could find no relief. He remarried and had more children — it didn't help. He changed careers by becoming a druggist — it didn't help. He relocated to Corunna — it didn't help. In 1864, while visiting his former in-laws at the Strickland Mansion in St. Johns, he unceremoniously went into the carriage barn, wrapped a bed cord around his neck, tied the ends to a peg above his head, then sat down on a box and by mere gravity and determination allowed himself to be strangled.



COLORING CONTEST WINNERS — The DeWitt Business Association Coloring Contest winners are (back row, l. to r.) Jessica Johnson, Nicole Piper, Amy Ruelle, (front row) Abby Fedewa and Janette Bourdan. Not pictured is Jade Zallman. DBA representatives are Bruce Joslyn (left) and Don DeRosia. Courtesy photo.

Mary Gooch was once described as "one of the bright lights of St. Johns society" and there are many glowing (no pun intended) memories written of the elegant parties at her stately home and the impressive rosters of dignitaries who were entertained there. She and husband Randolph were the cream of Clinton County society to be sure. But fame is fleeting and Randolph's poor health led him to the state hospital at Battle Creek in 1881 where he soon died. Mary remained mostly alone in the big house for the next 23 years and soon after her death in 1904 it was torn down.

For as many warm accounts that survive of Mary and Randolph Strickland there are an equal number of the not so kind accounts of their three daughters. In a nutshell — they were universally viewed as (to put it kindly) pampered and indulged. Maybe so, but at least one, Martha, perhaps just too many years ahead of her time, shocked the county with her out and out suffragette notions. She became an attorney like her father and is said to have been the first woman to appear in a Michigan courtroom as a defense attorney in a murder case. And if that didn't make one's eyebrows arch up to the hairline, when she married she was brazen enough to retain her maiden name. She was also suspected of smoking little cigars, wearing pantaloons and being paid as a public speaker. "Indecent", some said.

As to Olive Gooch — well the history books leave us feeling somewhat sorry for her. Hitched to a dirt farmer in the country, she seems to have missed out on all the fun. But going beyond where the books leave off we find that she and Stephen Hill shared a life together for fifty years. Yes, they too endured personal suffering; they buried two of their young children and a third died in the Civil War. But at the end of their lives' journey they were surrounded by children and grandchildren and every improvement to their farm was a personal triumph.

Their early home was not of mill-cut lumber like the sisters' and even their last home couldn't compare to what the Stricklands had achieved, but a memory written by their son describes the situation best: "a log shanty, its floor of split logs, with but one window and two doors, it was still home and within it hunger and want were never felt."

There's a lesson to be learned here: Things are not always as they appear — even in the history books.

Ken Coin is a DeWitt resident and the area's primary historian.

Goodman

OBITUARY

ELLEN GOODMAN PENNELL

"A perfect woman—nobly planned"

The funeral services for Ellen G. Pennell beloved wife of Mark Pennell and devoted mother of John and Marjorie Pennell were held from her late residence in Dewitt on the afternoon of Sunday, September 18th.

She had lived in this vicinity since early childhood and became the wife of Mark Pennell forty-three years ago. She was born in New York state on the 28th of February, 1860 and died in the Sparrow hospital, Lansing, Michigan, on September 13th, following an operation.

The incidents of her birth and death are fraught with significance, chiefly because of the beautiful womanly life she lived and the strength and sweetness of her character. No eulogy however nobly expressed can speak with the eloquence that do the tears of sorrow in the eyes of countless friends—friends blessed and cheered and helped because her life has touched theirs. Never a one in want or sorrow who came within her sphere lacked the sympathy of her great heart or the help of her loving hands. She loved all things the the Creator made and read his glory in the petals of a flower or the voice of a little child no less than in the majesty of a sunset or the constellations of the heavens. Stability of character, breadth of intellect, greatness of heart—these and more are the foundation stones upon which she built the noble, beautiful structure of her life. Truly it can be said of her, she brought Heaven a little nearer to all who knew her and left this world a better place because she lived.

All hearts go out to her bereaved ones with deep sympathy in their great loss. May the richness of their memories and the promise of a glad reunion be their comfort through the lonely days to come.

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The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me: thy rod and
thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil:
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

AL ROY GORDON

May 27, 1893

January 28, 1976

Services at

The Colonial Chapel
Estes-Leadley Funeral Home

Saturday, January 31, 1976 — 2:30 P. M.

Clergyman

Rev. Howard A. Belknap

Miss Carol L. Broughton, Organist

Interment

DEWITT CEMETERY

Jack Ridenour
Arnold Gordon
Kenneth Dillingham

Rex Ridenour
Donovan Cutler
Ken Tregear

—Bearers

Gordon

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The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me
GORDON, SYLVIA A.
He restoreth my
1713 N. Logan St.
path.

Yea, though I should walk through the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for thou art with me;
thou art my Redeemer.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
thou art my Redeemer.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SYLVIA A. GORDON

April 11, 1900

December 27, 1974

Services at

The Colonial Chapel
Estes-Leadley Funeral Home

Monday, December 30, 1974 — 1:00 P. M.

Clergyman

Rev. Darrell E. Luther

Miss Clara W. Besch, Organist

Interment

DEWITT CEMETERY

Jack Ridenour
Arnold Gordon
Timothy Gordon

Rex Ridenour
Coley Gordon
Stephen Gordon

—Bearers

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Thou shalt anoint my head with oil
My cup runneth over.
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and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

ARTHUR GORDON

September 29, 1888

—
July 21, 1973

Services at

The Colonial Chapel
Estes-Leadley Funeral Home

Tuesday, July 24, 1973 — 1:00 P.M.

Clergyman

Rev. Thomas Toy

Miss Clara W. Besch, Organist

Interment

DEWITT CEMETERY

Richard Morrill
Lyle Nichols
Coley Gordon

Gerald Nichols
Neil Stevens
Tim Gordon

—Bearers

Gordon

SUCCUMBS

He was a member of St. Johns Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 105, and the Ancient Order of Gleaners.

Granger



ORAL W. GRANGER

O. W. GRANGER DIES NOV. 7TH

Short Illness Fatal to Well
Known St. Johns Man;
Funeral Wednesday

Oral W. Granger, lifelong resident of Clinton county and for more than 30 years a well known and well liked St. Johns citizen, died Sunday afternoon, Nov. 7, at Clinton Memorial hospital. He was 67 years old.

Mr. Granger was taken ill a week prior to his death. Pneumonia developed and he failed to rally. Saturday he was taken to the hospital and given special treatment but failed to rally and passed away the following day.

Last rites were conducted Wednesday afternoon at the Eberts funeral home. Rev. Earl F. Collins, officiated and burial was made in Mt. Rest cemetery.

Oral William Granger was born Oct. 28, 1870, in Olive township, the son of Andrew and Anjeanette Granger. His early life was spent in the vicinity of his birthplace.

In 1894 he was married to Kittie Harper of Bengal township and after residing about 10 years in that community they came to St. Johns, which continued to be their home for the past 31 years.

Besides the widow he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. L. O. Titus of Saginaw, Mrs. O. H. Moore of St. Johns and Mrs. E. J. Kueser of Boise, Idaho; two brothers, Arthur E. Granger of Durand, and Elmer H. Granger of Reno, Nevada; four grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Green

GREEN, LUCILLE L.

DeWitt

Age 77, loving wife, mother and grandmother, died Thursday, May 19, 1994. Born on June 18, 1916, one of ten children of Henry and Amelia Penien, she grew up in the Imlay City area, moving to Lansing as a young woman. She worked as a beautician and was employed at Diamond Reo. On August 28, 1948, she married Basil Green and together they raised three children in the DeWitt area. Surviving are her husband, Basil; 2 daughters, Louise (Mike) Giddings of Leonardo, NJ and Jean of Lansing; 1 son, Lynn (Dana) of DeWitt; 3 grandsons, Tom Charnock of Leonardo and David and Dustin Green of DeWitt; 3 sisters, Mildred Spiegl of Portland, Pauline Mitchell of Lansing and Evelyn (Bernard) Wankaski of Tunawanda, NY; 3 brothers, Lawrence and Roy Penzien of Imlay City and Harold (Edie) Penzien of DeWitt; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Funeral services will be held **Monday, May 23, 2 p.m. at the Gorsline-Runciman Co. DeWitt Chapel** with the Rev. Rodney J. Kalajainen, Pastor of Redeemer United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at the DeWitt Cemetery. Friends may call at the Chapel beginning Saturday, 7 p.m. where the family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. and Sunday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Contributions may be made to the Alzheimers Association in memory of Mrs. Green.

Moinet-Green Wedding Vows Spoken August 28

Miss Barbara Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Green of this city, and Norman Moinet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moinet of near Dewitt, were united in marriage on Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 28. The couple spoke their vows at 2 o'clock before Fr. Joseph Whelan in the St. Joseph rectory.

The bride was attractively attired in a gown of white net over taffeta, with which she wore a fingertip veil of net and carried

an arm bouquet of red roses.

Miss Olive Moinet, sister of the bridegroom, as maid of honor, wore pink marquisette. This was complemented by a headband of mixed flowers.

Kathryn Schenck of Lansing and Mrs. Glenn Hopp of Dewitt, were bridesmaids. They were attired in gowns of pink brocaded chiffon and blue marquisette, respectively, and they also wore headbands of mixed flowers.

Joseph Hopko assisted the bridegroom as best man, while Alvin Drake, cousin of the bridegroom, and Glenn Hopp were groomsmen.

Dinner was served at six o'clock at the Moinet residence, where the table was adorned by a decorated wedding cake, flanked by burning tapers and bouquets of seasonal flowers. The 30 guests were served by the Misses Connie Moore, Lafce Desprez, and Betty Malone of Lansing. In the evening the reception and wedding dance was held at Olive Granger hall, where a piano for dancing was furnished by Stevens orchestra.

Greene

Mr. and Mrs. Don J. Greene
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Sharon Marie

to

Mr. Michael Jeffrey Nolen
on Saturday, the fourth of September
nineteen hundred and seventy-one
at seven o'clock
DeWitt Community Church
Bridge Street
DeWitt, Michigan

Reception
immediately following ceremony
The Steinhaus
6025 West Saginaw
Lansing, Michigan

Greene

Mr. and Mrs. Don Jacob Greene
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Gail Lee

to

Mr. Wayne M. Lukacsko
Sunday, the thirty-first of August
at seven-thirty in the evening
DeWitt Community Church
DeWitt, Michigan

Reception
immediately following ceremony
King Arthur's Court
2201 East State Road

Respectfully

Greenfield



Norman Dale Greenfield, G. M. 3/c, is serving with the Navy somewhere in the Atlantic. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Greenfield of Dewitt. His brother-in-law, Prof. Sylvester C. Higbee is stationed with the Coast Artillery division somewhere in the Aleutians.

1964

Greenfield

CLINTON COUNTY NEWS, St. Johns, Michigan

Brothers Greenfield on same ship in Pacific

They're both in the same boat.

Brothers Kenneth and Lyle Greenfield, sons of Mr and Mrs John Greenfield of R-2, DeWitt, are presently serving together aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk with the 7th Fleet in the western Pacific.

AN 3 Lyle, 18, had requested brother duty shortly after entering the Navy following graduation from St. Johns high school in 1963. After his training at Memphis, Tenn., and a month at San Diego, Calif., the Navy flew him to Japan via Anchorage, Ala., about a month ago. He joined his brother there.

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THE YOUTHS' mother reported ATN 3 Kenneth, 20, a 1961 graduate of St. Johns high, was surprised to see his brother and "hardly knew him at first." Kenneth's tour of duty with the Navy is to expire in August, but his mother said she is not sure yet whether he will stay in.

Kenneth has been aboard the Kitty Hawk since last September. The ship is presently sailing in waters near troubled Laos. Mrs Greenfield said it was scheduled to sail for home June 3, but a last report was still in the Laos area.

Both Greenfield brothers received their training at the Naval training station near Memphis.

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Army Pfc. Bruce R. Woodman, 20, son of Mr and Mrs Robert C. Woodman, R-1, DeWitt, participated with other members of 3d Armored Division units in a week of annual training tests (ATT) at Wildflecken, Germany, ending May 29.



KENNETH GREENFIELD



LYLE GREENFIELD

LOCAL HISTORY
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☐unset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

For though from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

... ALFRED TENNYSON

In Memory of
L. J. (Pete) GRISWOLD

Date of Birth
November 2, 1891

Date of Death
April 7, 1970

Services
LEE R. RUMMELL FUNERAL HOME
Friday April 10, 1970
2:00 P. M.

Masonic Services
Thursday April 9, 1970
8:00 P.M.

Clergyman
Rev. Averill Carson
St. Johns Congregational Church

Honorary Bearers
Ralph Woodruff P. J. Carris
Harry Bollinger Jack Lennemann
Robert Balderson Glenn Halterman
Clifford Loesch Carl Grinold
Earl Coryell William Dalman
Lawrence Feightling Roy Decker

Active Bearers
John Hiatt Donald Reed
Lyle Barks Kenneth Reed
Lee Lankford Hershal Parks

Organist
Mrs. Margaret Lietzke

Burial
DeWitt Cemetery

Griswold

GROSS

A Pleasant Wedding.

Married, at the home of the bride's parents in Dewitt, Wednesday evening, June 28th, 1899, at 8:30, Lucile, only child of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Scott, and George Gross, of Dewitt.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Buell and witnessed by 150 invited guests. Miss Merle McLouth played Mendelssohn's Wedding March. At the sound of the piano six young ladies dressed in white appeared carrying white ribbon, and formed an aisle through which the bridal party marched in the parlor and took their places before a large mirror decorated with water lilies, callas and vines. The bridesmaids were Esther Webb and Olive Gross. The groomsmen were Clifton Reynolds and Frank Gross. The bride was attired in white silk trimmed with Mousseline De soie, and carried cream roses; the groom in the usual black. The bridesmaids wore white Swiss muslin, and carried pink roses. After congratulations, young lady and gentleman waiters served a feast fit for a king, consisting of choice cakes, oranges, bananas, ice cream, etc. The morning hours were near before the last good byes were said. All present declared this event one of the most pleasant of the season. Mr. and Mrs. Gross were the recipients of many beautiful and useful presents.

Grove



DEWITT — A May 8 wedding is planned by Miss Kathryn Ann Grove and Dale Allen Blizzard. Miss Grove is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grove of rural DeWitt who announce her marriage plans. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Blizzard of rural DeWitt are parents of the prospective bridegroom.

Development is covering the real old stuff in DeWitt

By KEN COIN

Who would've ever thought we'd live to see cross-walk signals at the intersection of US-27 and Clark Road? And a mall? And five (count'em, five) traffic lights between Clark and Round Lake roads?

I can't handle it.

So what did we give up in exchange for this progress at the four corners? Well, not too much in recent years, but it's the old stuff, the very oldest, which concerns me. What time and nature have been so carefully burying over the past 150 years is now being plowed away by earth movers.

Some of DeWitt's oldest residents will remember when Clark and US-27 was known as Livermore Corners. That was a rather recent name, given after US-27 was opened in the 1920's and a gas station sprung up. Prior to the turn-of-the-century, it was not a four corners at all. What is now US-27 was only open between Webb and Clark. The mile and half south of Clark Road, though the marsh, was merely a section line on the map. And north of Webb Road, the road did not pick up again until north of Round Lake Road.

DeWitt Road was the main thoroughfare and stage route which connected Lansing to St. Johns, via DeWitt. That is why it is called "DeWitt Road."

A few of the earliest settlers to this intersection

commented (without giving any detail) that Indians used the northeast corner for a camp. This was somewhat substantiated 20 years ago by the extraordinary amount of stone and pottery artifacts which were unearthed when the highway department was kind enough to carve out the road bed for US-127. Whatever may have been left at the corner itself has now been pretty much hauled away or paved over by the mall's parking lot.

I believe the Samuel Smith family were the first settlers to occupy that corner. Later, and for nearly 100 years, it was known as the Livermore farm.

The southwest corner was first settled about 1850 by the Hockenbury family. Their house and barns faced Clark Road and were located on the small rise just west of the corner. This was later to be the Edwin Hewitt farm before it was split into small parcels. Later still came the Northway Sporting Goods store which remained in business until recent years.

Both the northwest and southeast corners were settled in the 1840's by Edward A. Gunderman. The southeast corner offered little except a sharp decline into the marsh. The northwest corner, come to think of it, didn't offer much better prospects. Perhaps that's why it took the federal land office nearly 20 years to unload it.

The property on the southeast corner eventual-

ly became part of Paul Dunham's substantial (albeit untillable) farm. His house and barns were actually much further east on Clark Road near Gunnisonville. The old four-square house currently at the corner (in front of the mobile home park) was built about 70 years ago and became the Bradley filling station after US-27 was put through.

Gunderman's property on the northwest corner was eventually split into smaller parcels and perhaps 40 years ago, a motel was built on the corner. This went through several ownerships and under several names. All traces of it, including the old Gunderman homestead, were removed several years back.

A one-time feature of this intersection was a cemetery. Its exact location I have not been able to pin-point, but Alta Gunnison Pierce mentions in her 1939 essay of the area: "There was once a cemetery at Livermore corner, across from where Bradley's Oil Station is now..." This would indicate the site where the old Northway store is now, but as there was no road there in pioneer times, I would tend to shove the location a bit further north to the vacant area between the former store and Clark Road.

Those graves which could be identified were dug up probably 90 years ago and some were moved to the Gunnisonville Cemetery and others

to DeWitt. (But that's another story..)

And so, the reality that time races on. Though we humans tend to build things with the idea that it will last forever, like the cars which fly through that intersection a mile a minute, nothing remains the same - gone in a heartbeat.

Ken Coin is a DeWitt resident and the area's primary historian.



Courtesy photograph

I recognize some of the people but I can't place the house. Perhaps you can identify the location. Postmarked Sept. 30, 1911, it is a meeting of sorts of the DeWitt Rebekah Lodge No. 20 I.O.O.F.

Gunderman

. DECEMBER 15, 1921.

GUNDERMAN

OBITUARY.

Sarah Jane Gunderman was born near Dewitt, Mich., October 4, 1854, and passed her early life there and at Lansing. After her marriage to J. A. Gunderman they removed to the northern part of the state. Her husband died two years ago, and she passed away quite suddenly at the home of her sister, Mrs. Perkins near Bath, Dec. 6, 1921. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. G. S. Northrup December 9th at the Baptist church in Bath, and interment was made in the Hurd cemetery.

She leaves to mourn her death three sisters, Mrs. Helen VanOstram of Bath, Mrs. Catherine Dunham of Lansing, and Mrs. Anna Perkins of Bath; one brother, Sylvester Gunderman of Lockport, N. Y., and many other relatives and friends. She was a kind and loving sister, greatly beloved by all who knew her and a faithful and consistent member of the Baptist church.

- November 7, 1929

AGED PIONEER DIES

Alfred Grant Gunnison was Member of First Class at M. A. C.

Alfred Grant Gunnison, the eldest child, and one of a family of five sons and three daughters of Elihu and Ruth Anne Gunnison was born June 18, 1835, in Green Oak township, Livingston Co. Michigan and while still an infant his parents moved to Gunnisonville, Dewitt township in 1835, where he resided at the old home until he reached young manhood.

After receiving a common school education at his home town school, he attended the State Normal at Ypsilanti. When he was twenty-two years of age he entered the first class at the Mich. State Agricultural College at East Lansing in 1857, where he remained for two years. President Williams of Detroit being the first president of the college and the college was in its infancy or beginning. Mr. Gunnison followed the teacher's profession for several years. He then took up farming for his vocation, residing upon a farm south of the Gunnisonville school house for a number of years. He lived alone until reaching the age of thirty-six years when he was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Thomas, a teacher of Lansing but formerly of New York state, on March 21, 1871. To this union three daughters were born, Bessie, Gertrude and Ruth. When the daughters had completed their common school education at their home school Mr. Gunnison, with his family, moved to Lansing where his daughters could complete their education. In later years, both Mr. and Mrs. Gunnison being in poor health, they sold their property here and moved to Los Angeles, California, where they have since resided. Mr. Gunnison had been very feeble for the past year, passing away at his home Friday, January 18, 1918, aged 82 years and 7 months.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Mrs. John Lucas of London, England, and Miss Gertrude Gunnison who resides with her parents. Mrs. Arthur Conklin of Oregon died in 1916. He leaves two brothers, James, of Lansing, and J. Warren of Dewitt, three sisters, Mrs. Albert Clark of Kalamazoo, Mrs. Arthur West of Lansing, and Mrs. Lovina Willard of Los Angeles, Calif., besides other relatives and many friends.

His funeral was held Monday, Jan. 21, 1918 at 10:30 a.m. at H. K. Willard's undertaking rooms in Los Angeles, Cal. Interment in California.

Mr. Gunnison was a member of the Masonic Fraternity, being affiliated with Lansing Lodge No. 33 of Lansing. He was also a charter member of Capitol grange in Lansing, and also a member of Clinton County Pioneer Society. He was a kind and affectionate husband and father, a good neighbor, and upright citizen and thus it can be said: Thus a good man has gone to his reward. Abbie E. Dills.

Chas. Rep.

1-24-1918

AGED DEWITT PIONEER DIES

Last Rites Held Tuesday For Mrs. Hannah Gunnison Clark, 86

Dewitt—Hannah Ellen Gunnison was one of a family of five sons and daughters of Elihu and Ruth Ann Preyor Gunnison, was born in Gunnisonville, Dewitt township, December, 1842. During her girlhood she attended the school in her home district, later she finished her education at the Misses Rogers Seminary in Lansing where the school for the blind now stands. Miss Gunnison then followed teaching school in various places in Clinton and Ingham counties in the sixties. Among some of her pupils in Clinton county who still reside in Clinton county are Omar and Jerome Dills and Mallard Pike and his brother Wm. Pike, formerly of Clinton county but now of Newaygo county.

October 14, 1865, Miss Gunnison was united in marriage at her parent's home in Gunnisonville to Albert Clark of the Clark Carriage Factory of Lansing. After a short wedding journey they settled in their new home in Lansing where Mrs. Clark had always resided until her husband's death in 1905. Two children, son and daughter, were born, Frank with whom Mrs. Clark has lived with since 1905, and May Clark, who passed away the year she graduated from the Lansing high school, was a severe shock to Mrs. Clark. In 1915 Mrs. Clark and son moved from Lansing to Birmingham where she had since resided. Mrs. Clark was in this community keeping house one year for her brother, Warren Gunnison, on his farm after his wife's death. Mrs. Clark then renewed the acquaintance of her old time friends. Although Mrs. Clark was past 87 years of age she always kept up her letter correspondence, only the week she passed away her brother received a long well composed and written letter from her. Mrs. Clark passed quietly away at the home of her son Saturday afternoon, October 26, 1929. She is survived by one son, Frank G. Clark, two grandsons, Albert A. Clark of Birmingham, and John J. Clark of Lansing, one granddaughter, Kathleen Clark of New York City, two great grandchildren and one brother, J. Warren Gunnison of Dewitt, and several nephews and nieces.

Mrs. Clark was the oldest charter member of the O. E. S. No. 45 and also of the White Shrine. She was also a member of the Universalist church in Lansing. Her body was brought from her late home in Birmingham to the Jarvis-Estes Funeral Home in Lansing where the funeral was held Tuesday at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. Robert Owen officiating. Interment was made in Mt. Hope cemetery. Her grandsons and nephews acted as pall bearers.

Mrs. Clark's demise leaves her brother, J. Warren Gunnison of this place, the sole survivor of Elihu Gunnison family. Warren will be 83 years old Armistice Day, Nov. 11.

reading, Mrs. Mary Case; question, "What benefits do we derive from the county fair and what departments could be improved?" answered by Elmer Lankton; instrumental solo, Laura Ranney; reading, Ernest Stampfy; question, "Is the cafeteria system of hog feeding a success and what is the best ration for economical pork production?" answered by Frank Steinhart; "What is a Volcano?" James Ranney; tableaux, Mrs. Agnes Steinhart and Mrs. Henrietta Ranney; closing song, by the grange.

1964

DeWitt Pioneer Succumbs at 86

DeWitt— The last member of a pioneer DeWitt family, Eddy J. Gunnison, 86, died in Grand Rapids and was buried there on Wednesday.

Mr Gunnison was a former DeWitt resident and graduated from the DeWitt school about 1894.

HE ATTENDED MSU when it was MAC and was a veteran of the Spanish American War. He is the last member of the J. W. Gunnison family who were among the first settlers of DeWitt. The Gunnison farm is now platted and is known as the Rose subdivision.

June 21
1964

Gwilt



MRS. JAMES E. GWILT

Janz-Gwilt

DEWITT—Sweetheart roses and white carnations were carried atop a white Bible by Miss Carolee Janz as she became the bride of James E. Gwilt Saturday afternoon in the Valley Farms Baptist Church.

Parents of the pair are Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Janz and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Gwilt, all of DeWitt.

Appliques of re-embroidered Alencon lace distinguished the bride's gown of silk organza, designed with a detachable chapel train. A Swedish crown held her veil.

Mrs. Richard Arthur of Lansing, sister of the bride, was matron of honor wearing a dress of light blue and carrying a nosegay of white carnations tipped in blue.

In identical costumes were the bridesmaids, Miss Barbara Trudeau of Lansing and Miss Dorothy Polakiewicz of Flint, cousin of the bride.

Brent Newman of DeWitt served as best man. Ushers were Larry Mull of Lansing, Douglas Holstein of DeWitt, Gary Janz of DeWitt, brother of the bride, and Sam Barnett of DeWitt.

Carol and Cheryl Gwilt, twin sisters of the bridegroom, were flowergirls. Kirk Armstrong of DeWitt carried the rings.

A reception in the church parlors followed the ceremony. That evening, another reception was held at the DeWitt Memorial Hall.



MRS JAMES E. GWILT

Carolee Janz bride of J.E. Gwilt

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Mrs Woodrow Armstrong served the cake. Miss Sandra McCrum served punch and Miss Judith Phillips presided at the coffee service. Miss Dawn Johnson and Miss Lela Wardell were in charge of the gift table and Mrs Brent Newman registered the guests.

SPECIAL guests were the bride's grandmother, Mrs Natalie Stevens of Flint and the bridegroom's grandparents, Mr and Mrs Irwin Gwilt of Mackinaw City.

The bride is a 1962 graduate of DeWitt high school and graduated from Rachelle Beauty College. Her husband is a 1961