

Hubbard

Miss Adalaide Hubbard.

Miss Adalaide Hubbard was born in Henderson, Jefferson county, N. Y., Dec. 26, 1849, and died in DeWitt Nov. 18, 1911. The family moved to Michigan in 1865 and for a time resided in Lansing, when they moved to DeWitt,

she leaves a mother, two brothers, Boyden of Williamston, and Jesse of this place; two sisters, one living in Wisconsin and Mrs. Geo. Fairbanks of DeWitt. She was a faithful friend, and her casket was covered with beautiful flowers, gifts from loving friends. She was laid to rest in DeWitt cemetery Rev. G. T. Fisher officiating.

28

11-23-1911

Hubbard

Funeral Cards from the Scrapbook of C. Harry Moon

Now owned by Eleanor Moon McKinney (1984)

JESSE P. HUBBARD- Oct. 2, 1860 - Oct. 11, 1950
 90 yrs. 0 mos. 5 days

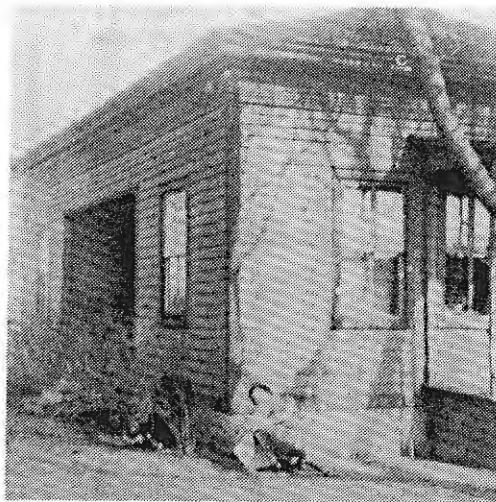
Vincent Funeral Home Fri. Oct. 13, 10:30 a.m.
Rev. C. Harry Moon DeWitt, Mich.
Pallbearers: Howard Courtland, Arthur Courtland,
Alan Kelly, Glen Halterman.

Matson and Skorich office was home to Bradfield family

By KEN COIN

Walter Hubble came to the area in 1837 as an 18-year-old member of the "Waterloo Joint-Stock Co." which founded Wacousta. He was (with perhaps a brother) merchant there for the company until 1840 and remained a resident until 1844 when he moved to some government land he had purchased in 1836 in Essex Township (north and west of present St. Johns). He remained there only a few years before moving back south, to DeWitt, in 1846. Here he established himself in partnership with Courtland Hill in a general store on the northeast corner of Washington and Bridge (on the present site of Terranova's).

That same year (1846), Hubble purchased the lots where the Matson & Skorich offices are now located and, in 1848, built the present building as his home. He apparently arrived in DeWitt with a political reputation for, aside from his vocation as a merchant, he was elected county clerk in 1846 and held the office until 1850. He was also elected justice of the peace in 1848. His political career seems to have offered a sufficient wage for it was also in 1848 that his partnership with Courtland Hill dissolved and Hill (Bengal Township's first settler in 1837) returned to his own substantial homestead in that township.



The old Randolph Strickland home at 202 E. Washington, currently the law offices of Matson and Skorich.

Although this photograph was taken over 50 years ago, the house itself was, at that time, nearly 100 years old. The picture shows a unique feature original to the house, a recessed porch (on the right) which faced the west. Tending to her flower beds in the center is Jessie Bradfield: the house was "home" to the Bradfield family for many years in the middle of this century. Ca. 1939, Helen Hilts, photographer; courtesy of Dan Matson.

For Hubble, what appeared to be a political career on the rise was simply a flash in the pan. He died in the fall of 1851 at the young age of 34 and was buried in the DeWitt Cemetery.

Randolph and Mary (Gooch) Strickland bought this home soon after their marriage in 1851. (You'll remember Mary: it was her mother who had the misfortune of falling off the packet boat along the Erie Canal.) The site was conveniently located for

About 1870, the home was purchased by Elisha and Frances (Marshall) Pike, who remained here until the 1880's when they became part of the large migration of DeWitt families who relocated to the area of Wolverine, Michigan.

Except for the elimination of the porches, the house remains much as it originally did nearly 150 years ago. Several original interior doors, with thumb latch catches, remain intact. The solid structure

was built with post and beam construction and the unique hip-roof is self-supporting, offering a large second floor "chamber",

originally accessed by a tiny closet staircase.

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

Hubble

Dewitt

WILLIAM C. HUGGETT

Respected and Beloved Dewitt Citizen
Passed Away.

Huggett

William C. Huggett was born in East Grinstead, England, December 31, 1827. He departed from this life at the home of his sister, Mrs. Agnes Scott, in Dewitt village, Tuesday, November 25, 1913. His sickness was of less than a week's duration.

Mr. Huggett accompanied his parents to New York in 1836. He came to Michigan in 1848. In 1850 he was married to Miss Annie Green of Oakland county. The marriage took place at Dewitt. In 1854 he took up 80 acres of land in Berlin township, St. Clair county. At that time the country was a wilderness. Their nearest market was at Romeo.

Mr. Huggett enlisted in Co. H. 4th Mich. Infantry and served two years. He was with General Thomas at Nashville and was in all the battles between Thomas and Hood. After his discharge he followed farming as a business.

Mr. Huggett has always been a staunch republican and has been very active in political matters. He has been delegate to several state conventions. He was postmaster at Belle River during President Harrison's administration. He was a charter member of the Charles S. Travers Post of the G. A. R. at Capac, Mich.

Mr and Mrs Huggett were members of the M. E. church. He was a great lover of flowers as all will testify that passed his yard. He was a great reader and kept posted on the events of the day. Mr. Huggett well knew the hardships and privations incident to the life of a pioneer in a new country. He has witnessed the mighty forest give way to fine farms and beautiful homes. He was a member of the Clinton County Pioneer Society.

Deceased was one of eleven children, six of whom survive him: Jesse Huggett, older than the deceased, of Cincinnati, Ohio; John and Thomas Huggett of Bingham, Mrs. Susan Farrier of Riley, Mrs. Jane Smith of St. Johns, Mrs. Agnes Scott of Dewitt, beside a large circle of other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Huggett died six years ago. After her death he came to Olive, Clinton county and lived with Mrs. Scott, and when she moved to Dewitt about five years ago, he accompanied her there.

A few years ago he made all his arrangements for the great change that awaits us all. He chose the undertaker and the minister and where he wished his funeral to be held, also his burial place and his friends have followed his wishes as best they could.

Mr. Huggett was of a genial disposition, always having a kind word and smile for all. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. Truly we may say of him—"The world is better for his having lived in it."

The funeral of Wm. C. Huggett was held at St. Johns and his body laid to rest in St. Johns cemetery, according to his wishes, Friday, November 28th, 1913. In making his arrangements he requested a special car should be provided to carry the relatives and neighbors. The car was well filled with relatives and sympathizing friends. Rev. J. H. Wilcox, of the M. E. church at St. Johns, officiated. The floral offerings were beautiful. The beautiful oak casket was decorated with the stars and stripes, which he loved so well. The Post and Corps of St. Johns attended in a body, at Mr. Huggett's request. Hacks were waiting to take the funeral party to the cemetery, where the Post took charge of the services and buried him in accordance with their ritual.

Huggett

Thomas Huggett, Sr., well known to older settlers of this section of Rich county, died in the asylum at Seneca, January 15, 1892, aged 87 years. He was a native of England, and had lived in this township since 1852. Death deprived him of his wife in 1881; he was again married in 1889, which wife with several children survive. About a year ago Mr. Huggett lost his reasoning power through the agency of la grippe, and it was found necessary to send him to the asylum for care and treatment.

Huggett

Married, Sept. 23, at the residence
of the bride's parents in Bengal, by
Rev. G. S. Northrup, Miss Emma
Hulsey to Wallace Huggett of Olive.

Huggett

Haagen-Huggett

Miss Grace Huggett, youngest daughter of the late Wallace Huggett of Olive township, and Arnold Haagen of Greenville, were united in marriage at noon Wednesday, August 14, 1929. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. S. Northrup at his residence in St. Johns. After a wedding trip through northern Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Haagen will reside at Greenville where the bride taught in the public schools last year.

Hugulet

Henry Hugulet died at his home in Olive last Sunday after a weeks illness from bowel trouble. He was about 40 years old, just in the prime of life. He was a member of the M. E. church, a good citizen and loved and respected by all. He leaves a wife, two children, an aged mother and a host of other friends to mourn the loss of a husband, father and friend.

Huguelet

Huguelet-Rust

Newell H. Huguelet and Miss Arvena Irene Rust, Dewitt young people, were united in marriage by Rev. T. S. Cleaver at the Congregational manse at 8:30 a. m. Wednesday, June 19, 1929. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Flownan of Lansing. Directly after the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Huguelet left for northern Michigan and will spend their honeymoon at Beulah. They will reside at Dewitt.

Huguelet

OLIVE RESIDENT 42 YEARS PASSES AWAY

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS.
HENRY HUGUELET HELD
TUESDAY AT DEWITT

Caroline Bell was born in Addison township, Oakland county Feb. 23, 1860, and passed away at her home in Olive township, Clinton county, Dec. 12, 1931, at the age of 71 years, after an illness of three years. She was the youngest of a family of seven children all who predeceased her in death.

On July 4, 1889, she was united in marriage to Henry Huguelet of Olive, and settled on the farm where she had since lived. Her husband died Oct. 17, 1897. She is survived by two sons, Vernon of Lansing and Newell at home and two grandsons Henry and Donovan, also several nieces and nephews. She was a member of the North Olive M. E. church and attended as long as health permitted.

The funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the Community church, Dewitt, by Rev. T. S. Cleaver. Mr. and Mrs. Mac Outler sang and burial was made at the Dewitt cemetery.

Hungerford

Obituary.

W. W. Hungerford was born in South Riley, July 14th, 1844. He was married to Miss Ann Tracy of North Riley, January 1st, 1868. Two sons and one daughter were born to them, Alfred O., of Traverse City, Mrs. Minnie Gall of Dewitt, Wm. B., of Grand Rapids, all of which survive him, besides one grandson, Carl Gall. Several years ago he went to St. Johns to live. About 12 years ago his mind became unbalanced. He was finally taken to the Kalamazoo Sanitarium, where he passed away Sunday, Nov. 30th, 1913, with pneumonia and complication of diseases. His remains were brought to the home of Mrs. Ann Hungerford Mouday. The funeral was held at the house Tuesday at 12 o'clock. Interment in Dewitt cemetery. Rev. G. T. Fisher officiated at the funeral.

Obituary-

HUNGERFORD

W. W. Hungerford was born in South Riley, July 14, 1844. He was married to Miss Ann Aracy (should read Tracy) of North Riley Jan. 1st., 1868. Three children were born to them, all of whom survive. They are Alfred O., who lives in Traverse City; Mrs. Minnie Gall of DeWitt, and Wm. B. of Grand Rapids, also a grandson, Carl Gall, of DeWitt.

Some years ago Mr. Hungerford went to St. Johns to live. Twelve years ago his mind became unbalanced. A few years later he was sent to the Battle Creek sanitarium. His health gradually failed. He passed away Sunday, November 30th, 1913. The immediate cause of his death was pneumonia. His body was brought to the home of Mrs. Ann Hungerford in DeWitt Monday following his death. His funeral was held at the home of Mrs. Hungerford Tuesday. His body was laid to rest in DeWitt cemetery, Rev. G. T. Fisher officiating.

1931

1931

The children of

Mrs. and Mrs. Nelson E. Hunt
request the pleasure of your company

at a Buffet Dinner

in honour of their

Twelveth Wedding Anniversary

Sunday March twenty-second

Nineteen hundred and eighty-one
at two o'clock in the afternoon

DeMille Memorial Building
206 West Washington

DeMille, Michigan

Hunt

sday, April 27, 1950

Ju
Di

of the City

Beverly Hunt Becomes Bride of Richard Kruger

Miss Beverly Joan Hunt and Richard Kruger were united in marriage on Friday evening, April 21, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Purdy in DeWitt. Rev. LaVerné Bretz read the double ring service at 8:00 o'clock before lovely arrangements of plums, sweet peas and daffodils.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hunt, of DeWitt, and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kruger of Hubbardston.

The bride was becomingly attired in a navy blue checked suit with which she wore white and navy accessories. This was complimented by a corsage of red roses.

Miss Barbara Ann Hicks, of DeWitt, the bride's only attendant, also wore a navy blue suit with white and navy accessories. Her corsage was of yellow roses.

Jacob Kirchen, of Lansing, assisted as best man.

Lohengrin's Bridal Chorus was played by Miss Joy E. Carsten on the phonograph.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Hunt chose a coca colored dress and Mrs. Kruger, the bridegroom's mother, wore a green checked suit. Both mothers wore corsages of carnations.

Immediately following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held. The serving table was lovely centered with a decorated wedding cake and candles. Mrs. Eugene Purdy, Miss Joyce Hunt, Miss Joy Carsten and Mrs. Earl Kruger served the 41 guests.

Upon their return home from a wedding trip to Houghton Lake, the couple are making their home at 2198 Madison street, DeWitt.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kruger graduated from DeWitt high school in the class of 1949.

Guests were present from Alma, Grand Ledge, Muir, Hubbardston, Elwell, Riverdale, St. Johns, Lansing, and DeWitt.

Mrs. Loomis Complimented

Mrs. George Schultz, of DeWitt, entertained 12 girls at a shower in her

Spafford, of
Mr. and Mrs.
16. The vows
in the bride's
ice.

WS
Y

Shipley.
a reception
at

HUNTOON

—Nathaniel Huntoon died at his home in Olive township on Monday, April 24, at the advanced age of 84 years. The funeral was held yesterday from his late home. He leaves a wife, four sons and one daughter. Mr. Huntoon had lived in Clinton county about 40 years and was known to nearly every resident.

Huntoon

Truman Huntoon died at his home, Bingham, Wednesday, August 16th, of what has been called hydrophobia, although this has been disputed. He was a son of the late Nathaniel Huntoon and leaves a wife and several children. The funeral was conducted by Rev. C. G. Thomas at the home of the deceased, under the direction of the L. O. O. F., of which he was a member, and is still existing.

Huntoon

At the home of Mrs. LeRoy in St. Johns, December 9, Miss Patience Huntoon and Fred Devereaux were united in marriage. They left for Fenton where they spent a week with his brother. Mr. and Mrs. Devereaux are highly esteemed young people of this vicinity and their many friends wish them much happiness.

Huot

LIFE-LONG OLIVE RESIDENT PASSES

MRS. J. P. HUOT SUCCUMBS TO
STROKE MARCH 22; LAST
RITES HELD TUESDAY

Mrs. J. P. Huot, aged 75, life-long resident of Olive township and highly esteemed woman, succumbed Saturday evening, March 22, 1930, at her farm home as the result of a stroke suffered that afternoon while she and her husband were preparing to go to Dewitt village. Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday at Dewitt Community church. Rev. G. S. Northrup officiated and Mr. and Mrs. Marc Cutler sang. Burial was made in the Dewitt cemetery.

Flora E. Wixom was born in Olive township March 31, 1855, the daughter of Grover B. Wixom and Ellen Harger Wixom Trowbridge. She was united in marriage to John Peter Huot January 1, 1873. One son, Alfred J. Huot, was born to this union. Besides her husband and son, she leaves one grandson, Lawrence J. Huot; one brother, Frank Wixom of Olive; one sister, Mrs. Arville Swain of St. Johns; and sister-in-law, Mrs. Bertha Wixom of Olive; an aunt, Mrs. Adelaine Wixom of Pontiac, and many other relatives. She was an honorary member of Dewitt Rebekah lodge No. 20.

DIES SUDDENLY AT FARM HOME FRIDAY

MRS. FRED HUOT OF OLIVE,
LIFELONG RESIDENT OF
THIS COUNTY

Death suddenly claimed one of Olive township's well known residents Friday evening, April 1, 1932, when Mrs. Lydia Huot passed away at her home near Alward Lake. Mrs. Huot seemed apparently well on Friday but developed apoplexy and died within a few hours.

Mrs. Huot was born in Dewitt, March 8, 1879, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Tout. She was united in marriage to Fred Huot on April 29, 1896. To this union was born one son, Laurence J. Huot.

Practically all of Mrs. Huot's married life was spent in Olive township on the farm. For 34 years she had lived on the farm where she died.

A brief service was held at the home on Monday and the funeral was conducted from the Community church, Dewitt, by Rev. T. S. Cleaver. Mr. and Mrs. Marc Cutler sang. The church was crowded with relatives, friends and neighbors.

She leaves to mourn her loss her husband and one son, Laurence J., one sister, Mrs. Lillian Yanz, one niece, Mrs. Pearl Beach, two nephews, Harold and Lyle Norris all of Lansing besides a host of friends and relatives.

Huot

OLIVE PIONEER DIES JULY 12

John Peter Huot, 84, Settled
In Clinton County In
1868; Rites Friday

John Peter Huot, who 85 years ago settled on the Olive township farm where he had since resided, died Wednesday morning, July 12, 1939, at his home after three months' illness. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Friday by Rev. W. R. Prescott at the Osgood funeral home with burial in the Dewitt cemetery.

Born in France 84 years ago, Mr. Huot came to this country at an early age and after spending some time in Ohio came to Clinton county, Michigan in 1868. He took as his wife Flora E. Wixom, who passed away three years ago after they had been married more than half a century. To them was born one son, Alfred J. Huot, who with the grandson, Lawrence, survives.

Mr. Huot was well and favorably known throughout the entire community. Besides his son and grandson he leaves several nephews, a sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Swain of St. Johns, and many old friends.

Julius Huot Dies Of Heart Attack; See Services Monday 1990

Dewitt—Julius Huot died at the home of his brother-in-law, Frank Pettier Friday morning of a heart attack. His funeral was held at the Oorsline-Kunciman funeral home at 3 p. m. Monday with interment in Dewitt cemetery.

He was born in Shelby county, O., Sept. 15, 1864 and had spent most of his life in this vicinity. He is survived by two sons, Clarence Huot of Lansing and Francis Huot of Park Lake. Full bearers were Frank and Lee Dety, Albert Young, Charles Schneeburger, Orq. Andrews and Charles Henning.

A cloud of gloom was cast over the pleasant village of De Witt when the sad intelligence of Mrs. Topping's untimely death became known; a gloom which the melancholy manner of her death served greatly to increase. On Friday, the 17th inst., Mr. Wallings, a student in the office of Dr. Topping, was startled by shrieks proceeding from the house. On looking out, he saw Mrs. T. in the yard, enveloped in flames.—Before he could reach her, however, her clothing was entirely consumed—scarcely a fragment being left; and she had fallen to the ground, insensible. Assistance being procured, she was taken into the house, where she showed signs of life. Messengers were at once dispatched for Dr. Topping, who was absent on professional business, and for Dr. BARTHOLOMEW, of Lansing. Dr. T. soon arrived, but the flames had done their fatal work too surely; nothing could save her life. She lingered about three hours, in a state of apparent insensibility, and then her spirit took its flight to the better land. Mrs. Topping was alone in the house at the time of the accident; hence how it happened, is unknown. It is supposed her clothes caught fire from the stove while she was engaged in her household duties, and that she attempted to extinguish it before rushing from the house; for when first seen she was completely enveloped in flames. Mrs. Topping was the daughter of one of our old citizens, DANIEL HORN, Esq., who resides near De Witt. She was born at Castile, Wyoming county, N. Y. When quite young her parents removed to Alleghany county, N. Y., where her early childhood was passed. Upon her parents emigrating to Michigan, when she was ten years of age, she was adopted by her uncle, ZIBA HURD, Esq., of Castile, with whom she lived until his death, in 1855, when she came to Michigan and resided with her parents until her marriage with Dr. Topping, in 1860. She leaves two little daughters, aged four and six years, thus suddenly bereft of a mother's care and love. It is seldom we have to mourn the departure of one whose loss will be more severely felt than that of Mrs. Topping. Only those who know her self-sacrificing spirit, her earnestness and truth in all the relations of friend, wife and mother, can fully realize the affliction that has come upon us. In every good work she was looked to for counsel and support; and her many deeds of unostentatious charity will long be cherished in the hearts of the recipients. Her uniform kindness and gentleness had endeared her to all, and her conscientious, cheerful performance of every duty could not fail to be an example and a help to those who came within the sphere of her influence. But if her loss will be thus deeply felt in the community, how must it be in that home where her presence was a constant joy—a continued blessing? No more will her bands be busied there in deeds of wifely and motherly kindness; no more will she soothe her infants to rest with the tenderness of a young mother's love; no more in that home circle will her voice, and smile, and all thoughtful deeds for those who are so dear to her, shed light and joy. She has gone; but God hath power to save what he hath made. Surely, one whose life was so spotless, who had learned to look with unfaltering faith to the dear Father of us all, and who showed her faith by her works, will dwell for aye upon the beautiful hills. Thus may the friends in that stricken home, and all to whom she was dear, know that though parted from her now, there cometh a time when they will meet again. Thus may they know

"She is not dead, but gone before
To that unknown and silent shore,
Where we shall meet as heretofore,
Some summer morning." C.

Hurd

Clinton Republican 1864

JULY 13 1905

Hurd

DANIEL C. HURD

Prominent North Lansing Merchant
Died June 19th

Monday afternoon, June 19, D. C. Hurd, a well known merchant of North Lansing, was suddenly taken ill at 2 o'clock in Hollister block with heart disease from which he had been suffering for a number of months past. A physician was called, who injected a hypodermic of srychnine. He rallied from this attack, but not sufficiently to be removed to his home. His brother Edgar, who resides in the city, was notified and arrived at once, when a more serious attack occurred. The physician administered more of the heart stimulant, but before an ambulance could be procured, he died at 4:15 o'clock. His remains were removed to the home of Nathan Boosinger, Seymour St., north, at which place the funeral occurred Wednesday afternoon, June 21, at 2 o'clock. Rev. H. B. Bard, of the Church of Our Father, conducted the services and interment was made in Mt. Hope cemetery. Relatives from out of the city who attended the funeral were Dr. R. D. Hensel and wife,



DANIEL C. HURD

of Detroit, Mrs. Fred Boosinger, of East Jordan, Mrs. E. L. Walbridge, of St. Johns, D. H. Hutchins and Mrs. Lizzie F. Smith, of Gaylord, F. L. Hurd and family and Egbert Hurd, of South DeWitt, Mrs. O. B. Dills, of Riverside

Daniel C. Hurd was born in Pewitt township, January 22, 1847, being one of a family of eleven children born to Daniel and Eliza Hurd, pioneers of Dewitt. His early life was spent on his father's farm, where he attended the district school summers and winters until his eighteenth year, when he attended school in Dewitt village for a while, thence to Lansing, where he finished his education, making it his home with his sister, Mrs. Helen Hutchins, of North Lansing. In the year of 1868, he was employed as clerk in general store of Charles Robson, of North Lansing, which position he occupied for five years when he purchased the dry goods stock of a Mr. Kern and entered business for himself, which he conducted for twenty-five years. As his business increased he removed his stock into the Schofield block now occupied by T. Rork. Mr. Hurd was twice married. In October, 1873, he was united in marriage to Miss Augusta L. Ingersoll, who died in September 1881, leaving a young daughter, Bessie. His sister, Mrs. Helen Hutchins, of Dewitt, having broken up housekeeping resided with him, keeping up his home and caring for his little daughter until her death which occurred December 20, 1884.

In April, 1885, he was united in marriage with Miss Clara Boosinger, who died the year following, 1886, leaving a little daughter, Clara, who still resides in Lansing with her aunt, Miss Luella Boosinger. Besides his two daughters, Mrs. R. D. Hensel, of Detroit, and Miss Clara Hurd, of Lansing, he leaves three brothers, Edgar, of Lansing, Egbert and Frank L., of South Dewitt and several nephews and nieces to mourn his death. The deceased was a prominent member of the Royal Arcanum and Modern Woodman lodges. He was twice elected alderman from the fourth ward and had held other city offices from time to time. He was a popular and honorable business man and by his genial manner made a host of friends, being widely known

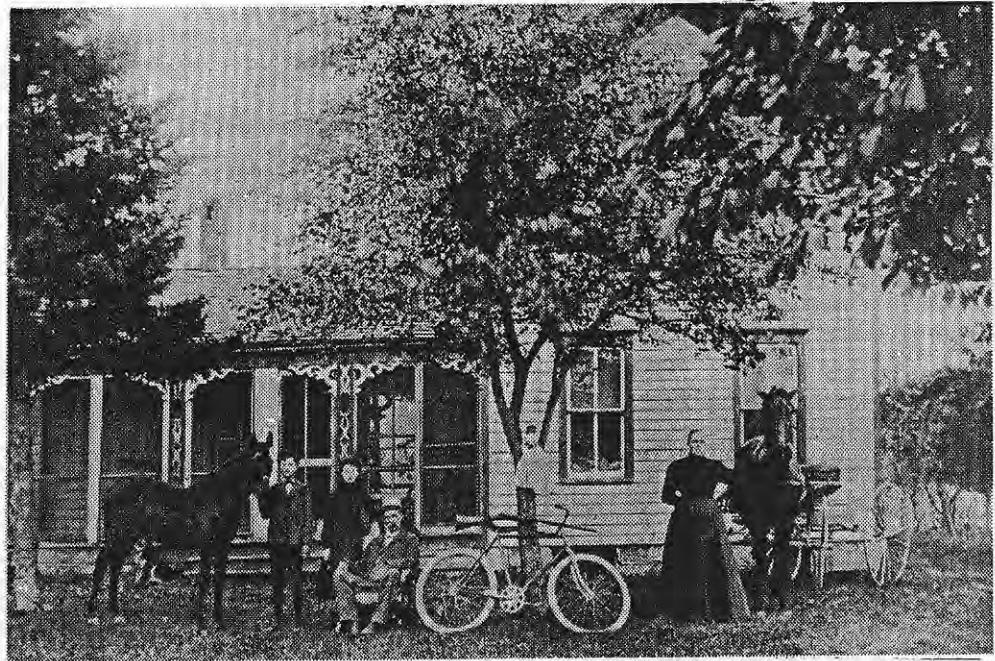
Huston

Death of Mrs. Arabella Huston.

Mrs. Arabella Huston died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Hicks, in St. Johns, Tuesday morning at 5:30 o'clock, of old age, aged 83 years and four months. She had been in feeble health for a number of years, and confined to the bed most of the time during the past few months. She was born in Shelby, Vermont, in 1808, where she spent the early part of her life and was married to Matthew Huston in 1828, removing to Olive township, this county, at an early day.

Mr. Huston died about thirty-six years ago, Mrs. Huston removing to St. Johns soon after. Thirteen children were born to deceased, five of whom are living—David T. Huston, of Ludington; Henry B. Huston, of Grand Rapids; Mrs. E. G. Bement, of Maple Rapids; Mrs. M. A. Kniffin and Mrs. John Hicks, of St. Johns. Since Mrs. Huston gave up housekeeping, about twenty-three years ago, she has made her home with Mrs. Hicks, except two winters spent with Mrs. Kniffin. Deceased was a strong woman, mentally and physically, widely known and generally beloved. She was a member of the M. E. church, of St. Johns, and a consistent christian. The funeral will be held at the residence of Mrs. Hicks at 2 p. m. to-day, Rev. James Hamilton and Rev. C. G. Thomas officiating.

DeWitt remembered:



Hutchins

The Omar and Abbie (Hutchins) Dills family in front of their home, Riverside Farm, on Dill Road, ca. 1906. It was typical in that era for every portable possession of any importance to be brought out for inclusion in the photograph. Note the rifle, doll, bicycle, horse, and rig. Courtesy photograph.

Abbie Dills queen bee of 'local brevities'

By KEN COIN

My wife has a tendency to read every word of any newspaper put in front of her. When we're on vacation, why she cares to read the Bugtussle Bugle is beyond me. I rarely read the newspaper myself. "No news is good news," that's my motto.

But, stick an old Clinton Republican under my nose and it will keep my attention for hours. Often when I'm doing history research one of the last sources I use is old newspapers. Not because they are a bad source; on the contrary, they're excellent. The problem is, I'm prone to become lost in the abyss known as..."local brevities."

If you don't know what the local brevities are, you must have grown up in a cave. Picture "Chatter by Char," and add a report of everyone who visited anyone or anyone who was visited by anyone, for a whole week plus what everyone had for Sunday dinner; throw in anyone who painted a room, bought a horse, installed a toiler or fell off a roof and you have "local brevities." They were the mainstay of local society. If it wasn't printed in the paper it wasn't worth knowing (unless of course it was gossip just too delicate to print).

The undisputed Queen Bee of DeWitt's correspondents was Abbie (Hutchins) Dills. Other correspondents came and went but it was Abbie who kept the local switchboard operator hopping throughout her many decades as correspondent to The Clinton County Republican News as well as the North Lansing Record, the State Republican, and the Lansing Press.

I have not been able to determine how far back she became a correspondent. In the late 1800's, DeWitt's correspondents used pseudonyms such as "Nonsense" (Charity Pearce), "Mercury," "One-Who-Was-There," etc. Personally, I believe "Mercury" was Abbie but that's just a guess.

Abbie Eliza Hutchins was born in DeWitt July 22, 1857, the eldest daughter of Ezra M. and Helen (Hurd) Hutchins. With the exception of only a few years, her entire life was spent in the DeWitt area. In 1880 she was married to Omar B. Dills. Following their marriage they purchased "Riverside Farm" on what would later be named Dill Road in their honor. Abbie died Feb. 27, 1941. Several descendants, including great-granddaughter Sue (Sibley) Powers, still reside in the DeWitt area.

The following is a sampling of Abbie's brevities from Aug. 25, 1921:

- Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Brooks ride in a new Ford coupe.
- An 8-pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Wilcox Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 23. He will answer to the name of Clifton Carl. Mrs. Wilcox was formerly Miss Doris Beach.
- Harry Reed is having his meat market shingled.
- The Chautauqua held in the village for three days last week was very much enjoyed, at the close of which arrangements were made to hold a similar event next year.
- C.C. Woodruff and son, Ralph in company with Mr. and Mrs. W. Brown of Lansing started for Detroit Tuesday morning for a few days' visit.
- Mrs. Celia Lorenz and Mrs. Eva Cole spent Thursday at the home of Dr. Wheeler in Lansing, it being the ninth birthday anniversary of Elizabeth who has been ill some time. Elizabeth will spend the last of the week at the home of these ladies and would be glad to see her former playmates.

(A thank you to Thelma Grinold and her sister, Ada Dieter, for proving the old copies of the "Republican".)

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

DEWITT GIRL BECOMES BRIDE

Miss Alice Padgett Marries
Menlo C. Hyde of
Lansing May 7

(By Abbie E. Dills)

Dewitt — An attractive spring wedding was quietly solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Padgett at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, May 7, 1927, when their only daughter, Alice Ruth, was united in marriage to Menlo C. Hyde of Lansing, with Rev. G. S. Northrup of St. Johns officiating.

The pink and white apple and quince blossoms with the wandering Jew vine made a springlike border before which the bridal party stood. The bride was attended by Miss Wilhelmina Easton of Ypsilanti as matron of honor and R. C. Hyde of Greenbush, cousin of the groom, assisted as best man. The bride was charming in her gown of tan georgette over satin back crepe carrying a large arm bouquet of sweet peas with leafy fern tied with baby ribbon in knotted streamers.

To the strains of the wedding march played by Mrs. Neva Padgett the party entered the room. The bride with her father who gave her in marriage, the ring service being said by her former pastor, Rev. G. S. Northrup. Miss Easton wore a green georgette over satin back crepe. The rooms were decorated in pink and white with large baskets of larkspur, snap dragons and narcissus with the green. The same color scheme was carried out in the dining room and table decorations. Just 40 years ago August 25th the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. John Padgett, were married by the same pastor, Rev. G. S. Northrup.

Following the ceremony the bridal party and guests were served a fine three course wedding supper with places for 65 guests, at the home of Mrs. Marie Hurd. The caterer, Mrs. Bunce of Lansing, was assisted by Mrs. Frank Easton and Mrs. Elmer Lankton. The guests were served by six of the bride's intimate young friends of Lansing, the Misses Virginia Gage, Thelma Page, Hazel Tuck, Ruth Briggs, Kiltie Vowles and Mildred Egleston. A beautiful pink and white three tier wedding cake made by Mrs. Glen Padgett graced the bride's table.

The bride attended the St. Johns high school and graduated from the Acme Business College in Lansing, accepting a position in the Capitol National bank in Lansing where she has been for five years. The groom was a student of the St. Johns school and a graduate of the Lansing L. B. U. and still holds a position in Bean Spraying factory in Lansing, a position he has held for five years. Both young people have been very prominent in society. Guests from Jackson, Lansing, Elm Hall, Carson City and St. Johns

were present. For the pleasure of the bride several delightful affairs have been given by her many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyde are enjoying a honeymoon trip by motor to points in northern Michigan for one week. They will be at home to their friends after July 1st at 221 Virginia street, Lansing.

Hyde