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Sunset and evening stars
 And one clear call for me!
 And may there be no
 meaning of the bars,
 When I put out to sea,
 But such a tide as
 moving waters always
 be full for
 sound and foam,
 When that white dew from
 out the bowdler's deep
 Turns again home.

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Store Owner Dies at DeWitt

(Special to The State Journal)

DEWITT, Sept. 30—Georger Hampton Lankford, 59, W. Main st., owner of the Lankford Variety store, died early Monday morning of a heart attack at his home.

For many years active in DeWitt civic affairs, Mr. Lankford was a member of the DeWitt Lodge F. and A. M. and the Lions club.

Survivors include his widow, June; three sons, Lewis, Gerald and Curtis, and one daughter, Mrs. Jane Schulz, all of DeWitt; two brothers, Clarence and Curtis of McKenzie, Tenn.; two sisters, Mrs. Julie Crawford, also of McKenzie, and Mrs. Edna Pricheppe of Paris, Tenn., and three grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p. m. at the Vincent funeral home. Burial will be in the DeWitt cemetery.

In Memory of

George Hampton Lankford
 August 13, 1898 - Sept. 30, 1967
 69 yrs. - 1 mo. - 17 days

Services from

Vincent Funeral Home
 Wednesday, October 2, 1967
 2:00 p. m.

Clergyman

Rev. LaVerne Brock
 Lansing, Michigan

Casket Bearers

Gordon Perry William Buck
 Charles Branda Fred Ross
 Albert Schulz, Sr. Robert P. Hill

Interment

DeWitt Cemetery

Wanda Richards, Organist

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Prizes at bridge were won by Mrs. Lester Parker, Mrs. Leon Sweeney, Mrs. Thomas Stevens and Mrs. Ralph L. Woodruff.

Church at DeWitt Scene of Wedding

DeWitt Community church was the locale for the wedding of Miss Dorothy Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill of Stoll rd., and Lewis Lankford, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lankford of DeWitt.

The double ring ceremony was performed Sunday afternoon by



MRS. LEWIS LANKFORD

Rev. Laverne Bretz before 100 guests.

The bride wore a gown of white slipper satin with yoke and long sleeves of chantilly lace. The same lace secured her finger-tip illusion veil. She carried a bouquet of white gardenias, sweetpeas and rose buds.

A blue net gown with lace top and picture hat was the choice of Mrs. Eugene Vincent, matron of honor. She had roses, sweetpeas and bachelor buttons.

Eugene Vincent was groomsmen. Ushers were Lee Lankford, Albert Schulz, Howard Woodruff, and Ted Ward.

Mrs. John Dykema, soloist, was accompanied by Mrs. Henry Richards at the organ.

Mrs. J. A. Perry, aunt of the bridegroom, took charge of the bride's guest book.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church parlors. Mrs. Kenneth Hammond and Mrs. William Bradfield, sisters of the bride, assisted as did Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Lee Lankford, Miss Janet Lankford, Miss Greta Perry, Mrs. Albert Schulz and Mrs. Edith Morley.

After a week in northern Michigan, the newlyweds will be at their apartment in DeWitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Miami Beach, Sylvia Ketcham O. Y., announce the their sister, Miss Hass, to Richard W of Mr. and Mrs. Wilner, 820 W. Shawwa. Hass was graduated ford hall, Danville.

Mrs. Lankford Dies Tuesday

3-Year Illness End For Young Mother

Mrs. Dorothy M. Lankford died Tuesday morning in St. Lawrence hospital, Lansing, after a three-year illness. She was 28.

Born in Lansing, June 22, 1931, the daughter of Robert and Fern Hill, Mrs. Lankford attended DeWitt schools. She resided all of her life in Lansing and DeWitt, marrying Lewis Lankford, June 25, 1950 in DeWitt.

SHE WAS A member of the DeWitt Community church, the Ruth circle, Child Study club and was a room mother in the DeWitt PTA.

Survivors include her widow-er, two sons, Martin and Randy; her parents, Mr and Mrs Robert Hill, two brothers, Robert and Carl Hill, DeWitt; and two sisters, Mrs Donna Hammond, Lansing, and Mrs Betty Bradfield, Laingsburg.

Funeral services will be held from Vincent Funeral Home, DeWitt, at 2 p.m. Thursday with burial in DeWitt cemetery.

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Hill-Lankford Wedding Solemnized At DeWitt

DeWitt—Community church, DeWitt, was the setting for the wedding of Dorothy Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill of Stoll Road, and Lewis Lankford, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lankford of DeWitt.

The double ring ceremony was read at 4 p.m. Sunday by the Rev. Laverne Bretz, before one hundred guests.

Dorothy, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white slipper satin with yoke and long sleeves of chantilly lace decorated with seed pearls and a court train. The same lace secured her finger-tip illusion veil, and she carried a bouquet of white gardenias, sweet peas and rose buds. Her necklace of matched pearls was a gift of the groom.

A FROCK of blue net with lace top, picture hat and matching mitts was the choice of Mrs. Cynthia Vincent, who acted as matron of honor. Her blue and white flowers were roses, sweet peas and bachelor buttons.

Eugene Vincent was best man. He and the groom were dressed in formal summer attire. The ushers were Lee Lankford, Albert Schulz, Howard Woodruff and Ted Ward.

Mrs. John Dykema of Lansing sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer". She was accompanied by Mrs. Henry Richards at the organ who also played while the guests

were being seated and during the ceremony.

FOR HER daughter's wedding, Mrs. Hill wore a navy blue dress with white accessories and pink and white flowers. Mrs. Lankford was dressed in Navy print with matching hat and her flowers were also of pink and white.

Mrs. J. A. Perry, aunt of the groom, took charge of the brides' book.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church parlors. Mrs. Donna Hammond and Mrs. Betty Bradford, sisters of the bride, opened the gifts.

The wedding cake and groom's cake, which were made and decorated by Mrs. Perry were served by Mrs. Jackie Lankford, Miss Janet Lankford, Miss Greta Perry, Mrs. Albert Schulz and Mrs. Edith Morley.

After a week in northern Michigan, the newlyweds will be at home to their many friends in their apartment on West Main street.

Mrs. Lankford is employed in the office of the Rosevale Packing Company in DeWitt, and Mr. Lankford works as secretary in the Michigan National Guard office in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norris and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Christiansen spent Saturday and Sunday at Houghton lake.

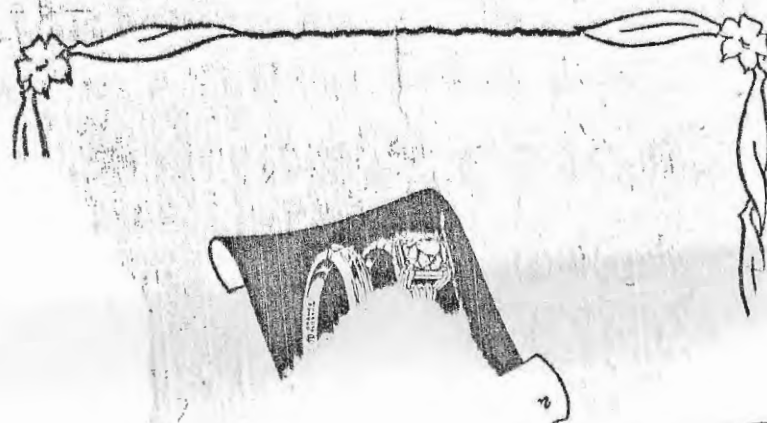
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Mrs. Blake Miller, Correspondent

Vows Are Spoken At DeWitt Church

DeWitt—White tapers, gladioli and palms formed the background for the marriage of Miss Jacqueline Lee McKinney to Gerald Lee Lankford in DeWitt Community church on Saturday afternoon.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Eleanor McKinney, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Lankford, of DeWitt.

Escorted to the altar by her grandfather, Bert Moon, who gave her in marriage, the bride wore a candlelight slipper satin gown with chantilly lace yoke and peplum. A French illusion veil fell from a braided satin crown, and she carried a white prayer book ornamented with a white orchid.

The Rev. Harry Moon read the vows for the double ring ceremony.

Miss Amy McKinney attended her twin sister as maid of honor and wore orchid satin. The bridesmaids were Miss Dorothy Hill, in rose satin, Mrs. Raymond Coin in gold, Miss Beverly Blizzard in green, and Miss Rose Marie Balderson in powder blue. They all wore satin mitts and braided crowns to match their gowns and carried colonial bouquets.

Nanci and Vlekie Alderman were tiny twin flower girls in aqua silk

marquisette. Curtis Lankford was ring bearer.

Miss Helen Moon played the organ and Miss Norma Decker was soloist.

Howard Woodruff acted as best man and ushers were Lewis Lankford, Dick Dague, Ted Ward and Raymond Thayer.

Bouquets of asters were used throughout the church parlors, where the reception was held. Those assisting were Miss Ruth Henning, Miss Janet Lankford, Gretta Perry, Joan Pike, Janet Staub, Margaret Fuerstenau and Mrs. Theodore Ward.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. McKinney wore skipper blue sheer with matching accessories, and Mrs. Lankford wore black crepe with embroidery and black accessories.

After a trip to northern Michigan, Mr. and Mrs. Lankford will return to their new home in DeWitt, which is nearing completion.

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In honour of the
Twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary of
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Lankford
their son and daughter
request the pleasure of your company
at a Reception
Sunday, the twenty-fifth of August
Nineteen hundred and seventy-four
two until five in the afternoon
St. Anne's Episcopal Church
corner of U.S. 27 and Webb Road
McMill, Michigan

Buffet

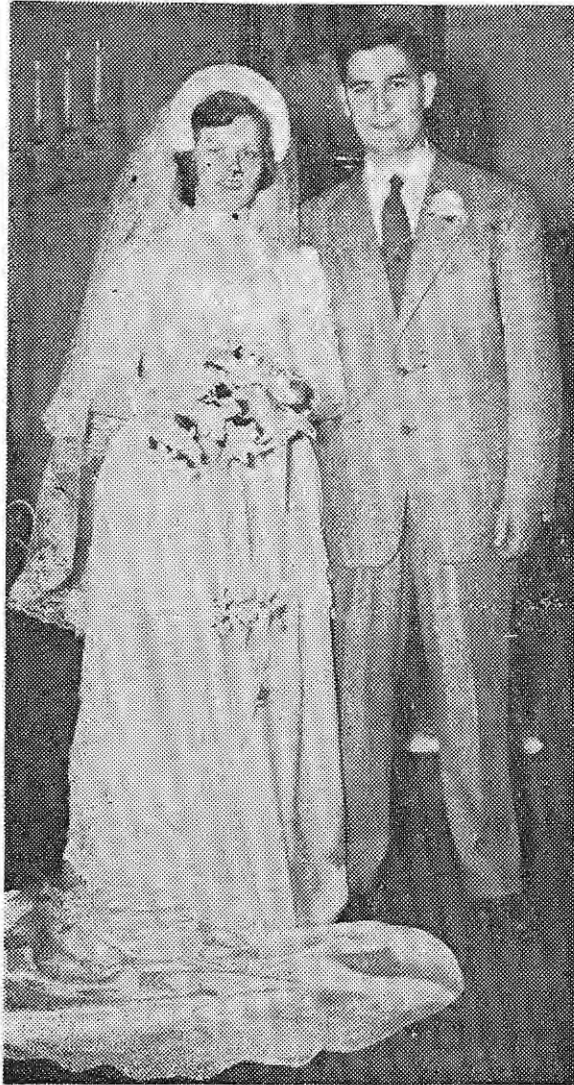
six o'clock in the evening

111 North Logan Street

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Candlelight Service Unites DeWitt Couple Friday



MR. AND MRS. ALBERT SCHULZ

Janet Lynne Lankford, of DeWitt, and Albert Schulz, also of that city, were united in marriage on Friday, October 27, at 8 o'clock in the evening at the DeWitt Community church. The impressive candlelight ceremony was performed by Rev. LaVerne Bretz, before an altar banked with baskets of white chrysanthemums and lighted tapers, in the presence of about 200 guests. The double ring service was used. The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. George H. Lankford, of DeWitt, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schulz, Sr., of DeWitt.

Organ music before and during the ceremony was furnished by Miss Helen Moon. Mrs. Vernon Kowalk and Miss Norma Decker sang "Always" and "O Promise Me."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a gown of white slipper satin, accented by chantilly lace. The full skirt ended in a cathedral length train. A pearl-edged cloche held in place the veil of illusion edged with matching lace. Her only jewelry was a pearl necklace and gardenias and buds topped the white Bible which she carried. All servers wore corsages of yellow, pink and

white mums.

Miss Greta Perry, of Alma, was her cousin's maid of honor. She chose a floor-length dress of hunter's green slipper satin, with matching mitts and a headband of white baby mums. She carried an arm bouquet of yellow and white chrysanthemums. Little Miss Judy Church was the flower girl and she was dressed in a white organdy miniature bridal gown. Curtis Lankford, brother of the bride, was the ring bearer.

Vernon Kowalk, of DeWitt, was groomsman and assisting as ushers were Lewis Lankford, Gerald Lankford, Charles Brown and George Ling.

Mrs. Lankford was attractively attired in a wine colored dress with velvet trim with which she wore a velvet cloche and gray accessories. Her corsage was of yellow and white roses. Mrs. Schulz wore a navy dress with beaded trim, a navy hat and a corsage of red and white roses.

Both the bride and groom graduated from DeWitt high school in 1949. They will reside at the Lankford apartment on West Main, in DeWitt. When the couple left for a week's trip through northern Michigan the new Mrs. Schulz was wearing a black velvet dress with matching accessories and a gardenia corsage.

Guests were present at the wedding and reception from Muskegon, Pontiac, Perry, Ovid, Jackson, North Star and Lansing.

The reception was held in the church parlors following the wedding. The wedding cake was topped with a bride and groom and wedding bells, was cut by Mrs. J. A. Perry, aunt of the bride, and served by Mrs. Raymond Hamer, of Ovid, and Delores Gray, of Jackson. Serving ice cream were Mrs. Edith Morley and Mrs. Vern Ackerman. The coffee table was attended by Mrs. Lee Lankford and Miss Millie Schulz. Mrs. Jacob Kirchen attended the guest book and Mrs. Lewis Lankford and Mrs. Charles Brown opened the gifts.

Double-Ring Ceremony Unites Pair By Candlelight in DeWitt Church

DeWitt Community church was the scene of the Friday evening candlelight double-ring ceremony uniting Miss Janet Lynne Lankford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Lankford of DeWitt, and Albert Schulz, Jr. Rev. Laverne Bretz read the rites.

Mr. Schulz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schulz, Sr., of DeWitt.

Carrying a white Bible with garter-ties, the bride wore a white slipper satin gown with Chantilly lace featuring a cathedral length train. Her illusion net fingertip veil edged with Chantilly lace was held by a pearl studded cap.

Miss Greta Perry was her cousin's maid of honor wearing a hunter's green slipper satin gown with matching mitts and an arm bouquet of yellow and white chrysanthemums. Her head band was of baby chrysanthemums.

Vernon Kowalt of DeWitt was groomsman. Serving as ushers were Lewis H. Lankford and Gerald Lee Lankford, brothers of the bride, Charles Brown and George Ling.

Acting as flower girls and ring-bearer were Judy Church, wearing a miniature white organdy bridal gown, and Curtis Lankford, brother of the bride.

Miss Helen Beth Moon, organist, accompanied the wedding soloists, Mrs. Vernon Kowalk and Miss Norma Decker.

A reception followed in the church parlors. Assisting were Mrs. Jacob Kirchen, Mrs. J. A. Perry, Miss Delores Ann Gray, Mrs. Ray-



MRS. ALBERT SCHULZ, JR.

man Hamer, Mrs. Edith Morley, Mrs. Vern Ackerman, Mrs. Gerald Lee Lankford, Miss Mildred Schulz, Mrs. Lewis H. Lankford and Mrs. Virginia Brown.

The couple took a week's wedding trip to Perry Post at Harrison.

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Eastminster Church Is Scene of Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest S. Romine of Alma have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Jeannette Rosemary Romine, 205 E. Graham St.,

to Curtis James Lankford of DeWitt.

The bridegroom, who attended Central Michigan University where he was affiliated with Theta Chi fraternity, is the son of Mrs. George H. Lankford of DeWitt and the late Mr. Lankford.

For her marriage in Eastminster Presbyterian Church of Alma, the bride wore a gown of satin and Chantilly lace with a chapel train.

Attendants wearing dresses in shades of yellow and mint green crepe were Mrs. Robert Hill Jr., Miss Kathleen Ellen Romine and Mrs. Joseph Leigh Earegood.

Gerald Lee Lankford was best man and ushers were Albert Schult, Theodore Smith, Joseph Earegood and Robert Hill Jr.

Cindy Earegood and Jay J. Bond were flowergirl and ringbearer.

A reception followed the ceremony at the church.

The newlyweds are now at home in DeWitt.



MRS. CURTIS LANKFORD

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Mr. and Mrs. Ernest S. Romine
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Jeannette Rosemary

to

Mr. Curtis James Lankford
Saturday, August fourteenth
Nineteen hundred and sixty-four
at four o'clock in the afternoon

Eastminster Presbyterian Church
1944 East Michigan Avenue
Alma, Michigan

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Cuolahan-Lankton Wedding Nuptials

One of the prettiest home weddings of the early autumn took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lankton on Madison street, Wednesday, August 31, at 10:30 a. m., when their only daughter, Hazel S., became the bride of Dr. Paul B. Cuolahan of Findlay, Ill.

In accordance with the season, tall baskets filled with pink asters, with a generous touch of green, formed a color scheme of pink and green, which predominated throughout the rooms.



DR. PAUL B. CUOLAHAN.

Preceding the wedding ceremony Miss Mildred Mattoon of Hastings sang "At Dawning" and Mrs. Glen Shipley of Harbor Beach, cousin of the bride, sang "I Love You Truly." To the wedding march played by Mrs. Shipley the bridal party took their places before a bank of flowers. The groom was attended by Ernest Vennum of Findlay, and Miss Frances Fishburn of St. Johns acted as maid of honor. Rev. John C. Willits of the Central M. E. church, of Lansing, read the ring service. Little Beatrice Lankton, cousin of the bride, acted as ring bearer.



MRS. PAUL B. CUOLAHAN.

The bride wore a gown of pink crepe meteor, trimmed with white lace and carried a shower bouquet of Ophelia roses and snapdragons. Her maid of honor was gowned in a green and white peblette and carried a shower bouquet of Russell roses and snapdragons.

Immediately following the ceremony a three-course wedding breakfast was served in the banquet hall of the First Baptist church, where covers were laid for 50 guests. The color scheme of pink and green was carried out by baskets filled with asters, which centered the tables. The wedding breakfast was under the supervision of Mrs. Remus of Lansing. The guests were served by four young lady friends of the bride—The Misses Lois Webb of Lansing, Bertha Staub of Olive, Flossie Eldridge and Margie Pennell of Dewitt.

Dr. and Mrs. Cuolahan are graduates of the Dewitt and Lansing schools. Mr. Cuolahan attended the Northwestern University of Chicago, graduating in 1918. During the late war he was in active service overseas, spending over a year in France. Mrs. Cuolahan is a graduate of the State Normal at Ypsilanti and for the past year has been supervisor of art in the Monroe city schools. They were the recipients of many valuable and useful gifts.

The friends from out of town who were in attendance at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Orin Lankton and two children, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. George Hatchell, and Miss Lucy Lorenz, all of Lansing, and Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Lorenz of Laingsburg. Congratulations from Mr. Cuolahan's relatives and friends from Findlay, Ill., Darlington, Milwaukee and Merrill, Wis., were received.

Dr. and Mrs. Cuolahan left in the afternoon for the east, where they will spend two weeks. They will visit in Bridgeton, N. J., where they will be the guests of Mr. Russell Henderson, a close friend of Dr. Cuolahan, whose acquaintance was formed while they were overseas. Dr. and Mrs. Cuolahan are planning to locate in Lansing where he will open an office for the practice of dentistry.

—ABBIE E. DILLS.

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MR. AND MRS. E. E. LANKTON

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Cuolahan held open house Monday evening at their home, 1515 West Washtenaw street, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Lankton of DeWitt, parents of Mr's. Cuolahan, on their 50th wedding anniversary. About 45 guests were present. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lorenz of DeWitt, who were groomsman and maid of honor at the wedding 50 years ago. A gold-trimmed Christmas tree, flanked by gold candles, constituted table decorations and Christmas greens were used throughout the house.

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one month and 18 days, died at her home in Olive Friday morning, May 2, 1902, after a few hours of terrible suffering from organic heart trouble. The funeral was held at her late home Tuesday; Rev. Baker of Corunna officiating. Relatives present from abroad were Clark Lankton and family of Clinton and Clarence Lankton of Adrian.

Miss Leucetia Webster was born in Parma, Monroe county, N. Y., March 14, 1842. She was married to Wm. C. Lankton Nov. 13, 1860. In 1868, accompanied by her husband and three children, came to Olive. They purchased a tract of land then almost a wilderness. A log cabin was on the place, which they moved into. She has been a continuous resident on this same farm ever since. But the forest soon gave way to wide cultivated fields and by their hard work and economy the farm today is one to be proud of. The log cabin has been replaced by a substantial farm house and other buildings erected to correspond. One son was born to them after coming to Michigan. In 1862 she united with the Baptist church and has been a devoted member ever since. She was president of the Baptist Aid society since its organization in Dewitt, also a teacher in the Baptist Sunday school at Dewitt. She was a member of Dewitt grange until poor health compelled her to stay at home. She was a member of the Clinton county pioneer society. Out of a family of nine brothers and sisters she is survived by one sister, Mrs. Louisa Dyer of Monroe county, N. Y., and four brothers, Frank Webster of Buffalo, Henry, Orren and Frederic Webster of Monroe county, N. Y. A husband, four sons all married, Elmer and Marvin of Olive, Clark of Clinton and Clarence of Adrian and five grand children are left to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and mother. Several years ago her health failed her and at times she has been a great sufferer, but always bore her sufferings with patience and has said many times it was well with her in regard to the future. She was a kind wife, mother, friend and neighbor and truly we may say of her, "She hath done what she could." We trust that the One in whom she had placed her faith will comfort them in their dark hour and that they may find consolation in the following words;

Jesus, while our hearts are breaking,

O'er the spoils that Death has won.

We would at this solemn meeting

Calmly say, "Thy will be done."

Though here, we're not forsaken,

Though afflicted not alone;

Thou dost live and thou hast taken

Thy will be done.



ELMER E. LANKTON

Death Takes Dewitt Man

Elmer E. Lankton, 82,
Former Olive Township
Treasurer, Dies in
Lansing Hospital Feb. 21

Dewitt—Elmer E. Lankton, 82, prominent and highly respected resident of Dewitt, died at St. Lawrence hospital in Lansing Monday, Feb. 21, following a three weeks illness of uremic poisoning. He was a former treasurer of Olive township and had held many offices of importance in the organizations to which he belonged. He was a Golden Sheaf member of Dewitt grange having been a member since April 24, 1880. He was also a member of Clinton County Pomona Grange, the Dewitt Community church, Michigan State Grange and the National Grange, Dewitt F. & A. M. and Dewitt O. E. S. He was also a former business man of Dewitt, having conducted an implement store for several years and also a grocery store at two different times.

Elmer E., oldest of four sons of William and Lucretia Lankton, was born in New York state Aug. 19, 1861. He came to Olive township with his parents at the age of six years and lived there continuously until 1905 when he moved to Dewitt village where he has since resided. On Dec. 25, 1889, he was married to Augusta Lorenz and they celebrated their golden wedding in 1939.

Funeral services were held at the Vincent funeral home Thursday, Feb. 24, at 1:30 p. m., with Rev. Thomas Toy and Rev. Lavern Bretz officiating. The well filled funeral home and beautiful floral pieces attested to the esteem in which he was held. Interment was in Dewitt cemetery and pallbearers were his Grange brothers, William Loesch, Arthur Magsig and Frank Locher

and Masonic brothers, Clarence Fuerstenau, Bert Brinkerhoff and Raymond Locher.

Survivors are the widow; one daughter, Mrs. Hazel Cuolahan of Lansing; three grandchildren, A-C Paul Cuolahan of Columbia, S. C., Barbara Jean Cuolahan, Marine Corps, San Diego, Calif. and Joan

Cuolahan of Lansing; one brother, Clarence Lankton of Pontiac, a number of nieces and nephews and at host of friends.

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Lapham



THE LAPHAM FARM on the east side of DeWitt Road between Lehman and Alward roads, 1908. Pictured (l. to r.) are Mildred (Lapham) Miller, John F. Miller, Bouser (seated) Virginia (Huot) Lapham, Gilbert Lapham and James Lapham. The house was built on lands which Virginia Lapham inherited from her step-father, John P. Russell. Photo courtesy of Dianna (Miller) Haggerty with identifications supplied by Merle (Lapham) Klaver.

Alward Road cemetery was moved near turn of century

By KEN COIN

You'll remember last time we were at the Alward Cemetery and I asked Earl Miller what happened to the cemetery which used to be on the west side of DeWitt road, directly across from the Alward cemetery.

His answer was simple: "They dug it up and moved it." Then he elaborated:

He couldn't remember the year but knew he was a young teenager (and he was born in 1896); he was staying with his grandmother, Virginia Lapham, (at the house pictured above) while his grandfather and some other local men were up in the north woods hunting.

Now, across the road and little north was the farm of Virginia's brother John Huot and his wife, Flora (nee: Wixam). John Huot too was among the group of hunters and while they were away the subject of "their" cemetery came up between Virginia and Flora. Unlike the Alward cemetery which was owned by Olive Township, the west side cemetery was on private land, land which Virginia and her brother John had inherited together from their step father John P. Russell.

Both Virginia and Flora had long expressed concern over the burden of its upkeep, vandalism, and the fact that they could both see it from their homes. In short, they agreed it was an eyesore and a burden and they wished it gone. They had tried before to get their husbands to see to its removal but they got no results. So...while the men were away Earl watched as his grandmother cranked up the phone and made some phone calls to DeWitt.

She found some men with wagons who were willing to come out for a price and do the job. Earl thought this was great! This was exciting! This was something that he and his friends would have gladly done for free! But they weren't asked. In fact, he wasn't allowed to even help but he did go and watch.

The graves which still had monuments were few and far between. Those were to go to the DeWitt cemetery. Of those, the only one now known were moved to the lot 21 of section B in DeWitt and they included: Mary C. Russell, Jean Louis Hout

and Marie (Hout) Lonier. A curious fact about the latter two is that the same death date, April 30, 1866 is given for both. A check of the county newspaper of that week gives a small mention that an outbreak of smallpox had been reported from DeWitt. Additionally, it might be noted that the name here is spelled HOUT instead of the usual HUOT.

There was one additional tombstone which now reposes in a brush pile along the fence row of the Alward cemetery. It matches one of the stones moved to DeWitt but unfortunately the top portion, including the name, is broke off and missing. The date is still legible, "July 17, 1862", along with a verse:

*What glorious peace I now enjoy
Free from pain and earth's alloy
My happy spirit soars away
To live with God in heavenly day*

There were several other graves, either unmarked or marked only with a wooden slab or a mid-size boulder brought up from a nearby field. These, to the best of his knowledge, Earl said, were transferred across the road and later marked with a small cylinders flush with the ground, embossed simply "GRAVE".

Earl recalled that an unusual feature of some of the graves was that it appeared that when originally dug, the holes were lined with brick with no indication that a coffin had been used. His youthful curiosity was somewhat disappointed by the fact that there really weren't a lot of bones to be seen. Several skulls and a few hip bones plus some coffin handles and a few nails were all that remained.

I asked Earl who had been buried in the little graveyard. He sort of shrugged and answered, "Just some Indians and French people." He took me to the DeWitt cemetery and showed me the three graves listed above but, at the time I didn't connect them to the full story. Since that time I've done my homework and discovered that he was right, they were French people and perhaps some Indians too. But what he didn't tell me was that they were his people, his own ancestors. And that's another story.

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

Lapham

OLIVE PIONEER PASSES MONDAY

Gilbert Lapham, 80, Came to
Clinton County Year
Civil War Ended

Funeral services for Gilbert Lapham will be held this (Thursday) afternoon at 1:30 at the Osgood funeral home. Rev. G. S. Northrup officiating. Mr. Lapham had lived for 65 years in Olive township and died at his home there, at the age of 80 years and one day.

Gilbert Lapham was born in Oakland county, Michigan, on December 7, 1850. At the age of 15, he came with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Lapham, to Clinton county. Later he was married and lived in Olive township with his wife, Virginia. His death occurred late Monday night, Dec. 8.

Mr. Lapham is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Mildred Miller, 2 sons, Thomas and Leroy, 2 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren, all of Olive. He also leaves one brother, Morn Lapham.

Laughlin

Died.

Adam Laughlin died at his home in Bengal, about 7 o'clock Sunday evening, July 10, 1898. He was born in Pennsylvania, July 14, 1808, and was therefore 89 years of age at his death. He was united in marriage to Lucy Allen of Oakland county, Mich., and to them was born six children, three sons and three daughters. Two sons, Albert and George, and one daughter, Mrs. Mary Frudy, preceded him. He leaves one son, Charles of Bengal, (with whom he lived until death called him to his reward,) two daughters, Lydia Gilson of St. Johns, and Jane Clark of Portland, one sister, Mrs. Allen of DeWitt, who is the only survivor of his father's family, and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

Deceased was the third settler in Bengal township, having purchased the farm on which he died in 1837, which was then as was the country surrounding, a dense forest and a howling wilderness. In 1840, he with his wife moved on to this farm and began pioneer life and to make for them and their children a home.

The funeral was held from the residence July 12, at 11 o'clock. Rev. J. L. Ickes officiated. The interment was made by the side of his departed wife in the Bengal cemetery. The floral offerings were quite numerous and very handsome, presented by loving hands in kind remembrance of a true friend and a good neighbor. Truly it can be said, a good man has departed out of our midst.

FORMER DEWITT LADY DEAD.

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

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was in the action between the noted guerrilla chief and Gen. Johnson, at Gallatin, Tenn. The Union force was repulsed on the third charge, and while making the onset Mr. Smith received a shot across the right eye, and another in the left leg. A pursuit followed, and after riding seven miles he was captured. He was finally paroled and rejoined his command at Louisville, was sent thence to Indianapolis, where he was discharged as disabled, Dec. 20, 1862. He returned to Noble County, and in the spring of 1863 he went to Newaygo County and purchased the tract of land where he is now established. He delayed entering upon the work of improving, as the facilities for lumber operations seemed to offer paramount attractions, and he availed himself of their advantages until he was ready to settle in life.

He was married June 23, 1867, to Sarah L., daughter of David and Lucretia Law. She was born Sept. 13, 1847, in Noble Co., Ind. Her father was born in Ohio and her mother in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Smith took possession of the farm, 60 acres of which are under good improvements, and in a fine state of cultivation, showing the industry, effort and judgment of its proprietor. Mr. Smith owns in addition one-fourth of section 20, in Ashland Township. To him and his wife the following children have been born: Claude D., Feb. 3, 1871, and Ann, Feb. 13, 1873. Mr. Smith belongs to the Greenback party in politics, and is a member of Blue Lodge, No. 131, F. & A. M., at Newaygo.

William Le Baron, farmer, section 22, Big Prairie, was born in Genesee Co., N. Y., April 8, 1836, and is the son of John and Jane (McCollum) LeBaron. The father was born in Killingworth, Conn., about 1803, and was of French ancestry. He died Nov. 20, 1878, in Olive, Clinton Co., Mich. The mother was born about 1808, in Cherry Valley, N. Y.

Mr. LeBaron was three years old when his parents came to Michigan. They settled at Saline, Calhoun County, in 1839, where they resided until 1845, when they removed to a farm in Wayne County; thence they removed to Farmington, Oakland County, five years later. The family resided there

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on a rented farm until 1855, when they removed to Clinton County. The son acted as assistant to his father previous to that time, and obtained a good common-school education, with the intention of going to a higher institution of learning, but changed his plans and enlisted in the regular army of the United States. He enrolled at Detroit, April 8, 1858, in Co. A, Second U. S. Light Artillery, and served five years, receiving his discharge in April, 1863. He returned to Olive, Clinton County, and worked his father's farm until his marriage, when he bought 80 acres of land in the same township. After a short residence there he bought a farm in Alpine, Kent County, where he pursued agriculture until the fall of 1873, when he came to Newaygo County and entered a claim of 74 acres of land under the Homestead Act. As his circumstances warranted he has continued adding to this until he now owns 250 acres. Mr. LeBaron has made a great achievement by unremitting labor. He has 50 acres of land cleared and improved, all by his own unaided efforts; has worked at lumbering and harvesting, and practiced every economy to place himself and family in comfort and independence.

Mr. LeBaron was married Feb. 21, 1867, to Cornelia, daughter of Eddy and Ann (Burtch) Burtch. She was born at Newport, Province of Ontario, Aug. 27, 1844, and her parents were natives of Mt. Pleasant, Ontario, Canada. They were of English and German descent, born respectively in 1819 and 1824. The father died in 1857 and the mother married Julius Rouse, and is now living at Lowell, Kent County. The children of Mr. and Mrs. LeBaron are: Arthur F., Charles, Edith and Eddy. The two last named are twins.

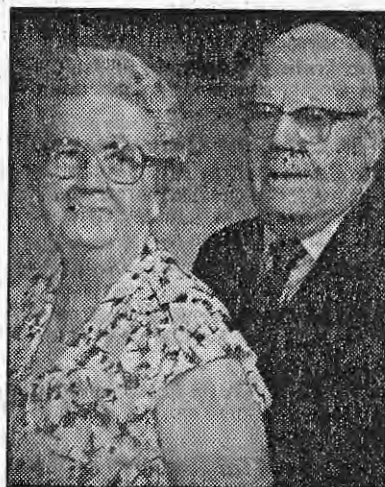
Alter L. Whipple, farmer, section 12, Monroe Township, was born Feb. 9, 1835, in Genesee Co., N. Y., and is a son of William M. and Sarah A. (Thompson) Whipple, the former a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of New York.

Mr. Whipple was bred to the vocation of farmer, and in 1864 came to Michigan with his father, locating in Ingham County. He enlisted in the late

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The Lees

Avery and Mabel Lee of Cortez, Fla., formerly of DeWitt, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with a buffet luncheon given by their children from 2-5 p.m. March 27 at Sunny Shores Club House, 115th St., W. Bradenton, Fla. This will be the first time in 31 years that the entire family has been together at the same time.

He is a retired Oldsmobile tool maker. She is a homemaker.

The couple, married March 24, 1934, in St. Johns, have six children, Phyllis, Keith, Vernon, Audrey, Margery and Ruth, nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

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Long-ago veterans had local ties

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

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

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

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

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

Barra Allen (also recored 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 Merrihe- 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.,

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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.

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Lansing, Michigan



The DeWitt Community church was the scene Saturday of the wedding of Miss Audrey Jean Lee and Joseph Leslie Miller.

MRS. JOSEPH LESLIE MILLER

Miss Audrey Jean Lee, Joseph Leslie Miller Wed

DEWITT—A reception in the DeWitt Community church parlors followed the wedding of Miss Audrey Jean Lee and Joseph Leslie Miller.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Avery J. Lee of DeWitt. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Hilda Miller of Park Lake.

The former Miss Lee chose a cocktail length dress of peau de soie with a bell skirt and a lace bodice.

Miss Margery Lee was maid of honor. John Mackrie served as best man. Norman Waterman

and Loren Matteson seated the guests.

After the reception the couple left for a northern Michigan honeymoon. They will make their home in Lansing.

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MISS MARGERY ANN LEE

Mr and Mrs Avery Lee of DeWitt announce the engagement of their daughter, Margery Ann, to Ronald Ray Keel, son of the late Mr John Keel and Mrs Melvin F. Howse, of DeWitt. The prospective bridegroom is presently stationed in Norfolk, Virginia with the United States Navy.

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