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## 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 Schuyler 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, LaFee Desprez, and Betty Malone of Lansing. In the evening the reception and wedding dance was held at Olive Gragger hall, where music for dancing was furnished by Stevens' orchestra.

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## Couple Speaks Vows Thursday

*June 1942*

Wedding Dance and  
Reception Held at  
Olive Grange Hall

Lucille Moinet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moinet of Dewitt, became the bride of Glenn Hopp, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hopp of Riley, at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the St. Joseph rectory with the Rev. Fr. Vincent Alfes officiating.

The bridal gown was of white mousseLINE de soie and lace. The lace insertion distinguished the bodice and shoulders and was also used on her fingertip-length veil. She carried a bouquet of white tea roses and red rose buds.

Miss Olive Moinet was her sister's maid of honor, and Miss Doris Dennis of Detroit was bridesmaid. Their gowns were fashioned similar of yellow and blue chiffon and lace, respectively, and they wore corsages of rosebuds and sweet peas.

Norman Moinet, brother of the bride, and Don Witt of Riley attended the bridegroom as best man and groomsman.

A wedding supper was served at the home of the bride's parents to the bridal party and immediate families. Decorations were carried out in yellow, blue and white and the bride's table was centered by a lovely wedding cake. Guests were served by Alice Flegler and Gladys Hopp. In the evening a reception and wedding dance was held at the Olive grange hall with about 400 relatives and friends in attendance.

Mrs. Hopp is employed by the E. MacKinnon Co., while Mr. Hopp is employed at the Reo factory in Lansing. They are residing in the Dennis apartments on North Clinton avenue.

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Miss Betty L. Moinet, daughter of Mrs. Cora Moinet of Dewitt and Arnold C. Stevens of St. Johns, a well and favorably known young couple in this vicinity, were quietly married Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. G. S. Northrup at his home here. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Desprez, brother-in-law and sister of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens will reside on the former's farm.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Desprez were hosts to about 300 friends and relatives at a reception in honor of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Doyle Desprez, Thursday evening, June 23, at Bingham Grange Hall. Before her marriage in May, Mrs. Desprez was Miss Cicero Moinet, daughter of Mrs. Cora Moinet. The young couple received many lovely and useful gifts. Music and dancing were the diversion of the evening and refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by Misses Betty Moinet, Rozella Desprez, Mildred, Geneva, and Dorothy Bissell, Dorothy and Irma Easton, Marjorie Peck, Mrs. Dorothy Bulfurd, and Miss Angeline Ingersoll of Lansing.

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Another good old pioneer gone.—We are again called upon to write an account of the demise of a long and useful life. Died, at his home near this place, Friday morning last, Felix Molet, aged 70 years. He was a native of France; came to this country some thirty years ago; about 25 years have been spent in this immediate locality. Old age was the main cause of his death. The funeral at the Baptist church, on Sunday was largely attended by the many friends and neighbors. The sermon by the Rev. Riley of the M. E. church and the text, "Time is short" ably handled by the new pastor. Mr. Molet leaves an aged wife, one son, A. Molet, and six grand children and a host of friends to mourn his death.

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Monroe

Married, in Lansing, Wednesday, Fe-  
b<sup>r</sup>ry 24, 1897, Miss Agelia Winegar, of  
[redacted] John Monroe, of Riley. We  
have a happy life.

# County's Sesqui Celebrate Clinton

## DeWitt Hotel is survivor of past era in Clinton County history

By KEN COIN

The face of the land has changed much since Clinton County's organization in 1839. The pioneers saw to it that the forests were cleared, streams diverted, and marshes eliminated.

In turn, the forces of nature have returned those pioneers to the earth along with their log buildings and split-rail fences. It's a constant battle — man builds up and nature reclaims.

Unique amongst the small list of survivors from 1839 is an imposing, yet unpretentious structure on the south side of the Looking Glass River, now called DeWitt.

The old "DeWitt Hotel" of New Albany Village, smothered in early county history, predates most any building in central Michigan and is unquestionably the oldest structure in Clinton County which can be documented with any amount of certainty.

THE OPENING of the interior of Michigan territory in the 1820's and early 30's was accompanied by countless quick wealth speculations, originating mostly from the drawing rooms and drafting tables of well-to-do New York entrepreneurs.

Clinton County received its ample share of these schemes in the forms of preplanned settlements, paper villages, canal works, plank roads, industrial complexes, and even an university.

The Clinton Salt-Works (Lebanon), Rochester Colony (Duplain), Waterloo Joint Stock Company (Wacousta), New Albany (DeWitt), Middleton (DeWitt), "Old DeWitt" (DeWitt), and Grand River City (Delta Mills-Watertown) were all planned with the intent of lining someone's pockets with western gold. Of these, most have evolved in one form or another to the present day, but with each there is little or nothing remaining from the 1830's, none that is, except at New Albany.

THE INTERESTING history of New Albany's

"DeWitt Hotel" reaches back a few years prior to its actual construction date of Oct. 21, 1833, when Hiram Sheldon, then of Cleveland, Ohio, purchased 107 acres of government land in section No. 8 of DeWitt Township.

This land, on the south bank of the Looking Glass River, was nearly opposite the village of DeWitt, which would be platted several years later by Captain David Scott on the north.

It is not known if Sheldon ever recorded his plat for the village of New Albany. Researchers have been trying to locate its existence for over 100 years. All that can be learned of how it was laid out must be pieced together from clues found in the land descriptions of deeds and early tax assessments.

HOWEVER, IT is known that the village was laid in a common grid with streets running north and south, east and west. Several current streets are known to have originated from this plat — Bridge Street (not by the name) and Webb Drive (still known as Rochester Street, well into modern times).

By 1836, the village had remained undeveloped and on Oct. 1 of that year, Hiram Sheldon sold his "village" to George T. Clark of Albany, N.Y. He sold it "lock, stock, and barrel" so to speak, and reserved for himself only 18 random lots which he later disposed of.

In 1838, Clark took the first steps towards developing his village by hiring a resident agent, Milo H. Turner of Rochester, N.Y., who then came to New Albany with a large stock of merchandise and opened the first store.

However, he was much more than a merchant. His main purpose was to promote and develop the town and sell village lots on Clark's behalf.

DURING HIS first year at New Albany, Turner leased the newly completed saw mill on Prairie Creek from Hiram Wilcox and began construction of the "DeWitt Hotel." Turner was soon joined by his

brother, Jesse Foote Turner, and together they completed the building of the hotel at what is now the southeast corner of Bridge and Webb.

When finished, the hotel was a monstrous accomplishment for its time and place. Its main two-story portion measures 40 by 32 feet and has a large one-story ell to the rear. The framing is said to be of post and beam construction, much like the common method used for building barns.

Its simple floor plan features a central hall with several rooms leading off from one side and the tavern room or "assembly room" from the other. Upstairs, beside the hall, there were at least six bedrooms for lodgers.

THE HOTEL'S exterior was finished with clapboard siding with only one architectural element, a finely crafted sidelighted doorway with reeded pilasters, capped by a segmented lintel of Greek-key panels.

Although the hotel would soon be superseded by gander and more "refined" area structures to the pioneers then traveling along the Pontiac-Grand River Trail, the hotel at New Albany must have appeared as a palace in the wilderness when they emerged from the surrounding forests.

In 1839, the country went into a devastating economic depression due largely to the results of the "wild-cat" banking practices and overspeculation by eastern investors. Many areas of Clinton County felt the effects of this. George T. Clark was an apparent casualty of this depression for in 1840 he lost much of his New Albany investments.

THE FIRST to go were the undeveloped village lots. Many of these as well as many which he had

sold to other investors were lost for unpaid taxes.

The sale of these New Albany lots and many other affected "paper villages," remained on the county tax records until the late 1840's.

During this period, Clark also lost or sold his interest in the mill complex along Prairie Creek to the Turner brothers. The complex at that time included not only the grist mill and mill pond, but also two known saw mills and numerous carpenter and cabinet shops.

However, Clark was able to retain some of his Clinton County investments. He kept the grist mill and general store at Mapleton (Rochester Colony in Duplain) and the general store and hotel at New Albany.

BY 1847, for reasons unknown, Clark came to Clinton County bringing with him his wife, Jane, and two young children. They took up residence in the hotel, but whether or not the building continued to function as a hotel is not known. No surviving records from the period indicate that he was an innkeeper, but several references state that he was a "merchant."

In May of 1849, both George and Jane Clarke died within days of one another, George on the 23rd at the age of 43, and Jane on the 29th, at 33. By this time, he had evidently managed to amass or recoup a considerable fortune.

The settling of the Clark estate was by far the largest and most complex undertaking the Probate Court had yet faced. Appraised, the estate was estimated at excess of \$10,000 (those were 1850 dollars).

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# Clinton County Sesquicentennial

## Clark's real estate story tells how others operated his local business

By KEN COIN

*Editor's Note: The following article written by Ken Coin is the second part of a two-part story about the DeWitt Hotel and New Albany Store which prospered from the beginnings of Clinton County.*

HE HELD mortgages and promissory notes for nearly half that amount. Rare indeed was the county resident who was not somehow economically affected by Clark's death.

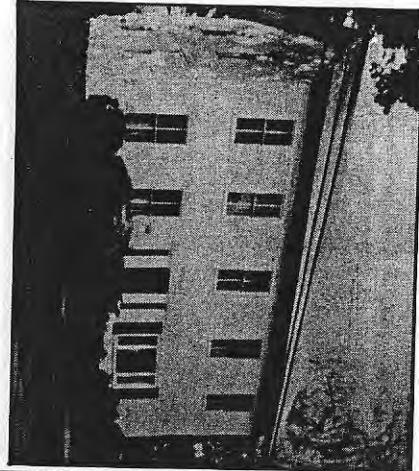
The Clark children, Sarah and Roswell, returned to New York to live with an older brother, Joseph Clark of Albany. And again, Milo H. Turner was left with the power of attorney to act as the agent for the Clark family in sorting everything out.

An inventory of the hotel, taken shortly after the Clarks' deaths gave an interesting look at how the former hotel must have been furnished during and before the Clarks' residency.

Among the outstanding features of the inventory are 45 chairs, seven looking glasses, six beds, and a surprising amount of carpeting.

The auctioning of Clark's real estate began on Jan. 22, 1850, at the courthouse steps on East Main Street in DeWitt. The Mapleton property including the mill and store was let to Benjamin Shepard as the highest bidder on behalf of his brother William.

**DEWITT HOTEL**—Built in New Albany Village, the DeWitt Hotel is an imposing structure left over from the beginnings of Clinton County. The second part of this article written by Ken Coin of DeWitt about New Albany and DeWitt will be featured in the May 22 edition of the Clinton County News.



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**Part II of**  
**this story**  
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**May 23 CCN**



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THE NEW ALBANY STORE was a busy meeting place for Clinton County residents during the early years of the county's history.

In April of 1851, Caroline Turner then living in Monroe County, N.Y., sold the hotel and surrounding land to Rowland VanScoy of DeWitt. She realized a hefty profit on the transaction for after retaining the property for only one year she sold it for \$900.

VanScoy, a native of Kent, Putnam County, N.Y., had first come to Clinton County on April of 1839, purchasing 160 acres of land in southern DeWitt Township. He eventually acquired a substantial amount of land in the DeWitt area.

HIS MOVE to the hotel was his last in the DeWitt area and he remained there only a short time. On April 24, 1854, he moved his family to Essex Township to a newly acquired farm in section no. 9. He continually upgraded his land holdings both in Essex and DeWitt and at the time of his death in 1890, was one of the wealthiest men in central Michigan and owner of well over 1,900 acres in Clinton County alone.

Some of the land which VanScoy did not choose to keep at the time of his departure from Essex Township included a farm in southern DeWitt Township, the hotel, and lands at New Albany. These he sold on March 22, 1854, to his former neighbor, Henry Moon.

Moon, a native of England, had come to America in 1826 and to Michigan in 1833 where he settled near Ann Arbor. There in 1835, he married Susan (Frazy) Place, the widow of David T. Place. Two years later, Moon brought his young family to the wilderness of Clinton County where he purchased 160 acres in section no. 29 of DeWitt Township.

IN 1850, Moon, like many area men, made the hazardous trip to the west seeking his fortune in the tempting gold fields of California. He remained there for three years, returning to his wife and children in 1853 with as his obituary put it, "a snug fortune." He was one of the lucky few, not that he returned with wealth necessarily, but that he was able to return at all.

His riches were invested in land, in particular, the old hotel, then owned by VanScoy. This commodious building was just what Moon needed for his equally large family. He had at the time, six children plus four children of his wife's from her previous marriage.

He acquired more acreage in the vicinity of the house, built barns, planted orchards, and eventually improved it into one of the showplace farms of Clinton County.

IN 1875, faced with ill health, Henry Moon retired from farming and moved into the village of DeWitt, selling his former home and much of his acreage to his son, Sylvester Moon.

Sylvester and his new bride of two months, the former Jennie Harper (an adopted daughter of

George and Margaret Allen of DeWitt), moved into the house and continued to make it their farm home for over 30 years.

In 1908, after returning from an extended vacation in California, Sylvester and Jennie decided to sell the farm and return to California, permanently.

THE PURCHASERS of the farm were Frank and Pauline "Polly" (Yanz) Klever (now spelled "Klever"). The historic old home has remained in the Klever family since that time, eventually passing into the ownership of the Klavers' son, Charles, and his wife, Mable.

The name of New Albany is now but an unique oddity. The names of its streets have been changed, the mill complex, long vanished. Even the surrounding land is quickly succumbing to the machines of modern development.

Of New Albany of DeWitt in 1839, and perhaps all of Clinton County, only the DeWitt Hotel, a chance survivor of progress and nature, remains as a silent monument and sole witness to the past 150 years of Clinton County heritage.

NOTES ON THE HENRY MOON FAMILY- From the scrapbook of C. Harry Moon, now in the possession of Eleanor (Moon) McKinney (1984).

John, William and Richard Moon, brothers of Henry, stayed in Canada (after coming from England). Nathan Moon (another brother) settled in Olive Twp., Clinton County, where Chas. Henning later lived. Nathan had one boy born 5 months after his death in 1852. John had at least three children. William had no children. Richard had several children: May, Emma, Richard, Kate and Tereasa (who died young).

Henry Moon married a widow by the name of Susan (Frazey) Place. Her children by her first marriage to David T. Place were Rebecca, Mary Kitty and Caroline, the last two being twins. Children born to the union of Henry and Susan (Frazey-Place) Moon included: Harriet, John, Charles, William, Sylvester, Martha and Emma (in this order).

John D. Moon, son of Henry Moon, enlisted in Co. C, 2nd Cav., Oct. 2, 1861 at Grand Rapids. It was a three year enlistment and he was 24 years old. He mustered in Oct. 2, 1861 and died of disease at Rienza, Miss. on Aug. 1, 1862. He was originally buried at Rienza but was later moved to the Union Cemetery at Corinth, Miss., grave #2544.

William Moon, son of Henry Moon, fell into a kettle of hot water and died of injury at the age of 3. He is buried in the Hurd cemetery, DeWitt township.

Henry Moon died in 1884 (July 17), age 78 years. His first wife, Susan, died in March of 1878 in an awful snowstorm period.

An old settler gone.—Died, at his home in this place, Thursday morning, July 17th, Henry Moon, age 77 years. Thus death has at last ended the years of suffering of this noble man and good neighbor. Nearly six years ago he received a stroke of paralysis, from which he never fully recovered, and during the past two years has been a great sufferer and his demise has been looked for at any moment for a long time. Mr. Moon was a native of England, coming to this country when quite young. After a year or two, 1836, locating in the then wild wilderness of Michigan. He came to this country in 1837 and settled on what is now known as the McPherson place on the old Lansing road, then howling wilderness. Shortly after locating there one of his oxen died and often has he yoked himself to the remaining ox and done considerable work and many other like efforts to get a start. A few years after he went to California, at the breaking out of the gold fever, and after three or four years returned home with a nice snug fortune. Those better acquainted with this kind father and neighbor know how well he has succeeded. We can truly say "admirably." His funeral at the Baptist church on Sunday last was largely attended by the many friends and neighbors. He leaves a kind, devoted wife, two sons and two daughters, and a host of friends to mourn his demise. We have no time nor space to give a full report. Rev. Rolfe of Lansing officiated and paid a high tribute to this faithful man and citizen. Iago.

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## Sylvester Moon, 80, Former Resident of Dewitt Passes Away

**Dewitt**—Sylvester Moon, second child of Henry and Susan Moon, was born in Dewitt October 17, 1844, on the Moon homestead which lies south of the village at the head of Bridge street. He received his education in both the public and select schools in this place.

In early manhood he spent several years in the oil regions in New York and Pennsylvania. Upon his return to Michigan he took up the vocation of farming, working his father's farm a few years, then purchased the same.

December 31, 1874 he was united in marriage to Miss Janie Harper of Dewitt township. They continued farming until 1908, when upon Mr. and Mrs. Moon's return from spending several months in California they decided to locate in that state and sold their farm here to Frank Klaver and moved west, locating in Los Angeles, where they have since resided.

Mr. Moon had been in poor health for several years and passed away Wednesday, May 22, 1924, from paralysis, aged 80 years. He is survived by his wife, one sister, Mrs. Mark Scott of Wolverine, several nephews and nieces in this state, Mrs. Floyd Baird, Harry and Bert Moon of this place, being his nephews and niece.

Mr. Moon was a member of the Dewitt Masonic order, O. E. S. chapter, I. O. O. F. and D. of R. lodges, a charter member of Dewitt grange, and a member of Clinton County Pioneer society. His funeral was held at his home in Los Angeles, California, Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, May 31. Mrs. Moon has the sympathy of her many friends here in her bereavement.

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## Rev. Harry Moon And Mrs. Armance Harper Married

Dewitt—A pretty candle light wedding took place in the home of Rev. C. Harry Moon on Wednesday evening, October 10, when Mr. Moon and Mrs. Armance Harper of Lansing were united in marriage by Rev. E. E. Carpenter of Dewitt.

Bert Moon, brother of the groom, acted as best man, and Mrs. Minnie Moon as matron of honor. The bride was attractively attired in a dress of brown wool crepe with sequin trim.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Harper and Loy Harper of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Darnell of Dewitt, children of the bride, also Mrs. Mary Havens of Dewitt.

The house was decorated with fall flowers. After the wedding ceremony, ice cream, cake and coffee were served by Mrs. Havens and a social visit enjoyed.

Rev. and Mrs. Moon will leave shortly for a plane trip to Milwaukee after which they will be at home to their friends in Dewitt.

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Funeral Cards from the Scrapbook of C. Harry Moon

Now owned by Eleanor Moon McKinney (1984)

Mrs. Armance Harper Moon- DeWitt, Mich.

Feb. 24, 1882 Clinton Co., Mich.

Nov. 19, 1951 Lansing, Mich.

Corsline- Runciman Funeral Home, Fri. Nov. 23, 1951 1:00 p.m.

Rev. Thomas Toy Mt. Rest Cemetery, St. Johns, Mich.

Pallbearers: Douglas Harper, Stanley Whitlock, Ray  
Warner, Jr., Walter Viges, Eddie Sonier, Harold Sonier

Moon;

God hath not promised  
Skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways  
All our lives through;  
God hath not promised  
Sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow,  
Peace without pain.  
  
But God hath promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor,  
Light for the way.  
Grace for the trials,  
Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy  
Undying love . . .

In Memory of  
**B E R T V. M O O N**

Date of Birth  
May 24, 1882

Date of Death  
July 25, 1970

## Services

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 1970

## Services

DEWITT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Tuesday, July 28, 1970

2:00 P. M.

Baptists

	Bearers
Phillip Goetz	Vincent Reed
Kendall Goetz	Vincent Moon, Jr.
Paul D. Mulford	David Lankford

## Burial

DeWitt Cemetery  
DeWitt, Michigan

Mrs. Wilma Reed, Organist

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l to      An 8-pound son, Herbert Vincent,  
reg.      was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bert  
eld      Moon Sunday, September 11; 1921.  
    to      Mrs. Agnes Millan is taking care  
    of      of Mrs. Moon and son at this writ-  
            ing.

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LANSING—EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1968



**The State Journal's 4th Extra of Feb. 7 Carried Story of Sinking 48 Hours After It Happened**

# *U-Boat Attack Relived*

## DeWitt Man, Hero of Troopship Sinking in 1918, Recalls Torpedoing of S.S. Tuscania

By NORRIS INGELLS  
State Journal Staff Writer

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County selective service officials. What does he think about today's draft-card burners?

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Moore's father was a member of the Iowa 31st. Infantry in the Civil War and fought in the bloody "Siege of Vicksburg." He was one of only 90 surviving out of a unit of 1,000.

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Half a century later, at his quiet home in DeWitt, Moore relived those most violent and frightening moments of his life, which eventually led to a commendation "for exceptionally meritorious and conspicuous services" from Gen. John J. Pershing.

## FEEL VIBRATION

"We felt an enormous vibration when the torpedo hit, and then tons of water thrown into the air by the explosion were pouring down," Moore recalled.

The troops aboard the ship had been told that in the event of an attack, sailors would lower the lifeboats. But something went wrong, and the inexperienced soldiers had to do it themselves, some perishing when the boats broke loose and crashed into the water, Moore recalls.

More efforts to launch life-boats and rafts ended in failure. The official records of the incident show that at this point a junior officer shouted: "It's every man for himself now."

"I realized there was going to be a stampede. I also realized that the Army had put those stripes on my arm for a reason, so I blew my whistle and got the men to line up. I knew they would be better off on deck than in that icy water. All this time we were sinking lower in the water. We could hear the rivets in the ship cracking and snapping," Moore recalled. Gradually, the stricken vessel began to list, so that it became difficult to stand up.

## LAUDED FOR ROLE

Moore is very modest about the role he played in keeping order during those trying hours. But his commanding of-



Archie E. Moore Views Photo of World War I Engagements

field, Maj. F. S. Kellogg, said this in recommending him for the Distinguished Service Medal:

"Sgt. Moore called the men's attention and for about one hour stood before them, keeping up their morale by talking to them, at first when hope of rescue was good, by reassuring them that their best chance lay in preserving order and preventing all confusion. Toward 9 p.m., when the hope of final rescue was becoming smaller and smaller, minute after minute, he told them that they were Americans and that their duty toward their country was, if their fate was to die, to die like Americans with a smile upon their lips and without fear."

During this time, several British destroyers with the convoy had been trying to sink the submarine with depth charges. Then they turned to the problem of rescuing the men on the stricken transport.

"Just as things were beginning to look hopeless we saw the outline of a destroyer. We marched over to the edge of the deck in perfect order and climbed down ropes to the destroyer," Moore said.

## 265 PERISHED

About 30 minutes after they left the Tuscania, it sank. Of the 2,250 men aboard, 265 per-

ished, 97 from Moore's battalion.

Soon after, the men were put ashore at Buncrana, Ireland.

"Welcome to old Ireland, me boy," a man said as Moore stepped onto dry land for the first time in many days. "I'm sure glad to be here," he replied.

In recounting the sinking of the Tuscania, Moore's commanding officer wrote: "A tribute is due to the Americans who, facing death from which they could see no escape, made no complaint and showed no sign of fear, and credit for their composure and bravery is due the man who by his example and advice made possible the rescue of this platoon intact, Sgt. Archie E. Moore."

Later, Moore went to France as a master engineer, cutting timber and preparing it for use in construction of barracks and docks. As a man who lost many friends during World War I, he was asked what he thinks of the current attitude of French President Charles de Gaulle towards the U.S.

"It is just terrible when you remember the miles after miles of crosses of American boys killed in France in two wars," he declared.

## THIRD NAME DRAWN

When the World War I draft was placed in operation, Moore's was the third name drawn for service by Clinton

County selective service officials. What does he think about today's draft-card burners?

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He still has many souvenirs of the Tuscania's sinking, including the whistle he blew to call the men to attention, the card assigning him to his inflated quarters, and the commendation signed by Gen. Pershing.

Twenty years after the war, the Tuscania survivors held a reunion, and among guests invited was the captain of the submarine that sank the ship.

"He couldn't come to the reunion," Moore recalls, "but he did send a nice letter."

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marched over to the edge of  
the deck in perfect order and  
climbed down ropes to the de-  
stroyer," Moore said.

#### 265 PERISHED

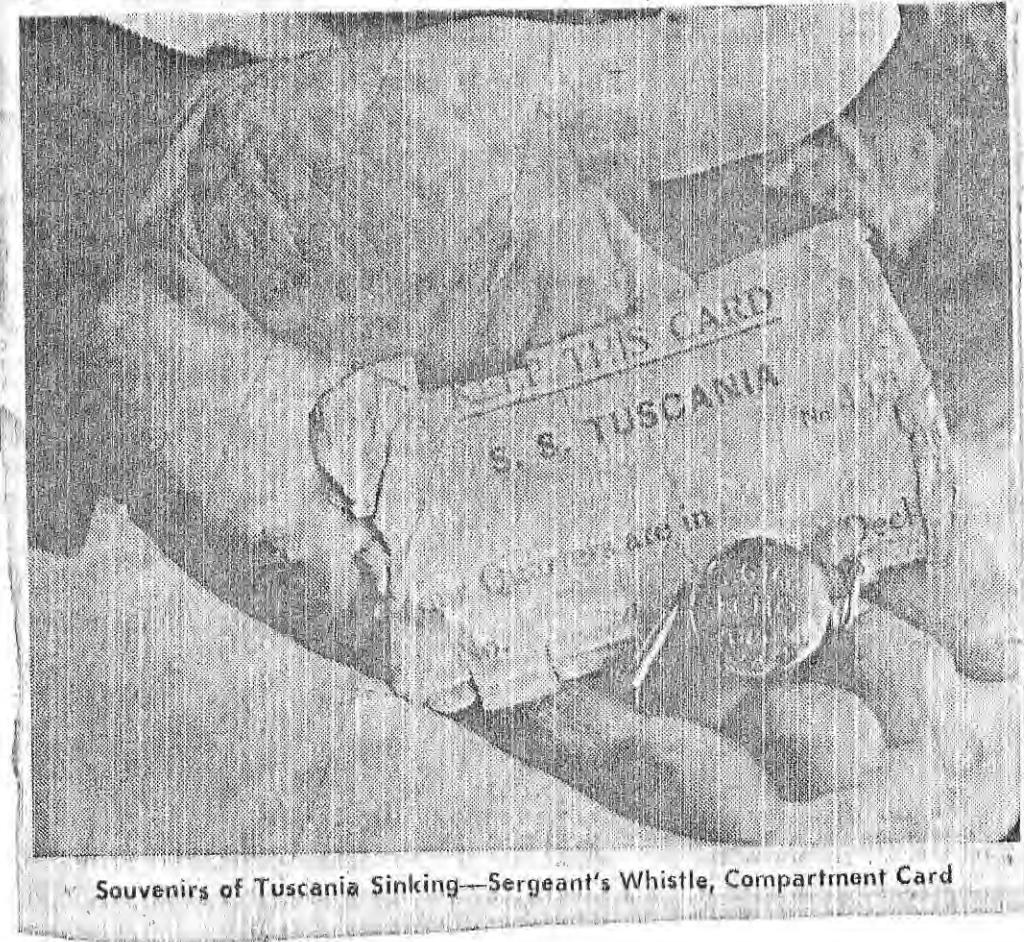
About 30 minutes after they  
left the Tuscania, it sank. Of  
the 2,250 men aboard, 265 per-

ished. Later, Moore went to France  
as a master engineer, cutting  
timber and preparing it for use  
in construction of barracks  
and docks. As a man who lost  
many friends during World  
War I, he was asked what he  
thinks of the current attitude  
of French President Charles  
de Gaulle towards the U.S.

"It is just terrible when you  
remember the mile after mile  
of crosses of American boys  
killed in France in two wars,"  
he declared.

#### THIRD NAME DRAWN

When the World War I draft  
was placed in operation,  
Moore's was the third name  
drawn for service by Clinton



Souvenirs of Tuscania Sinking—Sergeant's Whistle, Compartment Card

Moore

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## Personality Profile

# Tombstones present challenge



Goldie Moore

By Sharon Randall  
Staff Writer  
DeWitt

Genealogy is hard work. It's time consuming. It's obsessive.

For the serious it is a never ending search. As long as there is another clue to unravel, another record to search, the serious genealogist keeps looking.

Goldie Moore of Chadwick Road, DeWitt is a serious genealogist. "She's done a lot of snooping," according to her husband Raymond and it is both his family and her own that she is tracking down.

But Goldie's enthusiasm for genealogy goes beyond the search for her own family history. As chairman of the Clinton County Historical Society's Genealogy Committee she is concerned with everyone's genealogy and with helping others in their search.

The biggest project facing her and her committee right now is recording the burials in the 44 cemeteries in Clinton County. The information will be compiled and recorded in book form. Goldie admits that she doesn't know quite how the committee inherited the enormous job, but as a genealogist she is aware of how valuable the book will be after it is completed.

In 1938 the Daughters of the War of 1812 compiled such a listing. Their book is on file at Bement Public Library, St. Johns. "It is pretty near to being worn out," Goldie acknowledged. Genealogists use it to search for death records of their ancestors when following the family's descent.

The Historical Society's new book on cemetery burials will include the information in the 1938 book and be an update to the present time. "We are starting at the beginning," Goldie said, "so our study will include the information in the 1938 book."

Goldie uses her hands when she talks and wide sweeping gestures show how much help the committee still needs to finish the project.

She is trying to round up a crew to record the St. Johns Cemetery in September, probably the last week of the month. "If we have 20-25 people and go out as a group,

Other cemeteries in the county that still need to be done include Duplain, Riverside (north of Elsie), Gardner, Soule, Jones and Lowe, (in Essex Township), and the south side of Eureka Cemetery.

The committee will supply the cards necessary to record the information available on each burial. The information can be obtained from both the tombstones and records available from township officials or cemetery associations. Goldie said the task is interesting to anyone who is fascinated with history.

Genealogy has always been interesting to Goldie. She remembers the stories her mother told of her family and said that "Ray's mother used to tell me things. She had a wonderful memory." Goldie and Raymond live on the farm where she grew up. They farm 180 acres and raise beef cattle.

The rambling farm home has always been a part of her life and although genealogy takes much of her time, the couple have filled their home with 4-H members and music students over the years. They were leaders in Olive 4-H Club projects for 25 years and Goldie has given piano lessons for a very long time. She has always enjoyed music, starting lessons herself when she was nine years old. She is one of the organists at Hope Lutheran Church, Dewitt.

While the Moores have no children of their own they both have always been interested in the lives and learning of the children who have grown up around them. Goldie would like the Historical Society and her committee to do more with young people and teach them how to record their family histories.

The Genealogy Committee has a room at the Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum and they plan to use it as a research center for those interested in tracing family descent. "We would like to have family histories on file along with other goodies we've recorded," she said.

The room will be a place people can come to get started on their own family search. Members of the committee are willing to work with newcomers to help get them started. "We will start them out on the long search," Goldie said.

The committee will share their knowledge of how and where to find information. The possibilities are inexhaustible according to Goldie. Records used include census, deeds, wills, births, death, naturalization, passenger lists and atlases.

Goldie is now using passenger lists from ships that came to America from Germany, trying to find more of her father's family.

She and a friend are looking through records made available through the Church of Latter-day Saints from an extensive collection in Salt Lake City. "I'm looking, I'm hoping," she said. That's what genealogy is all about.

Moore

Moote

### MOOTE REBURIED.

#### After Two Years of Burial Was Moved to His Former Home in St. Johns.

A number of old friends of the late William H. Moote, who was well known by the earlier residents of St. Johns, cheerfully contributed to a liberal fund which was partially used in defraying the expenses of removing the remains of this once prominent man from Isabella county to the St. Johns cemetery on Monday last. The balance of the fund will be used in caring for the lot from year to year.

Mr. Moote died in Isabella county about two years ago. Osgood & Osgood, undertakers, brought the body to St. Johns and in the presence of a number of the old friends of the deceased, laid them to rest in the family lot, on last Tuesday afternoon. After the interment the grave was strewn with flowers in remembrance of this once generous friend and honored citizen, after which the Rev. J. T. Ewing offered prayer and made a few fitting remarks.

William H. Moote came to St. Johns in 1850 from DeWitt, then the county seat. Prior to that date he had been a school teacher, since 1853. In the same year he was elected supervisor of the township and figured prominently in the removal of the county seat from DeWitt to St. Johns. The village of St. Johns gave the present site, and \$5,000 towards the construction of the present court house, in addition to its proportion of the tax.

The first election in the village of St. Johns was held on the first Tuesday in March, 1858. The voting took place in Hicks' hotel which occupied the site of the present modern Steel hotel, and this election made Mr. Moote the first president of the new village. The number of votes cast at this election was 686.

Mr. Moote was one of the founders of the Episcopal church at St. Johns in 1858, and served as a warden.

In 1862 he was chosen Master of St. Johns Lodge No. 105 F. & A. M. In the fall of 1856 Mr. Moote became the partner of John H. Corbit in the first hardware business established here, under the firm name of Corbit & Moote. After a number of years Mr. Corbit purchased Mr. Moote's interest, and has continued the business to the present day.

In 1858, Mr. Moote became the partner of A. Chilcott Silsbee in the St. Johns foundry, established by Mr. Silsbee the year before. The business has passed through several hands and is now conducted by R. E. Daggett.

At one time Mr. Moote owned the farm now known as the "Seriven Farm," on the western boundary of this city. He also owned nearly one half of the upper business block on the west side of Clinton Avenue, besides some of the best residence property in St. Johns.

He was also one of the organizers of the St. Johns Fire Department which was known as Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, and for a number of years was an active member.

Mr. Moote was intelligent, kind-hearted and generous. He was sociable but unfortunately addicted to drink. His habits finally brought him to ruin financially, and cut off a promising career.

He left a sister in Niagara Co., N. Y. and a son in Jackson, Mich., and a host of old time pioneer friends in this vicinity, in whose memories he will always have a place.

Morgan

CInd. Ind. Mar. 2, 1882

SERIOUS INJURY.—On Wednesday last while William Morgan, a man about 23 years old, living in the east part of the township of DeWitt, was working in a saw-mill, an old iron dog, used to hold logs on the carriage, broke, flew on to the circular saw, and was hurled from thence like a shot, and the piece, which weighed about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pounds, struck Morgan just above the right eye, crushing the frontal bone. Dr. R. J. Shank, accompanied by Dr. McMillan of this city attended the wounded man, and removed the entire right orbital arch from the articulation of the nasal bone to the temporal bone, which was depressed and had to be elevated. The bone removed was crushed into small pieces, and there was left a cavity in the skull about two by three inches in area. Notwithstanding his terrible injury the patient rallied from the shock, and on Thursday his mind was clear and he was quite comfortable. His recovery would be little short of miraculous.  
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Morris



MRS EUGENE MORRIS

## Woodruff-Morris repeat nuptials here Saturday

DeWITT— Now honeymooning in Bermuda are newlyweds, Mr and Mrs Eugene D. Morris, who exchanged wedding vows Saturday morning at St. Gerard Church, Lansing.

The bride, the former Miss Marilyn Ann Woodruff recently of New York City, is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Ralph L. Woodruff, 210 West Webb Drive, DeWitt. The bridegroom is the son of Eugene A. Morris of South Amboy, N. J., and the late Mrs Morris.

THE FORMER Miss Woodruff chose a wedding gown of peau taffeta and re-embroidered Alencon lace featuring a portrait neckline, wide skirt on which were appliqued scalloped lace panels in front and back and a wide chapel train.

She carried a cascade of white roses, stephanotis and ivy.

Mrs Clo Impronta of Norwalk, Conn. served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Ashia Wald of Oak Park, Mrs Richard Lewis of Lansing and Mrs David Koester of Mayfield Heights, Ohio. They were identically gowned in amber color crepe empire sheath gowns and carried cascades of pompons in fall shades.

MRS Ralph L. Woodruff, mother of the bride, wore an ankle length rose colored sheath with a white orchid.

Best man for his brother was Joseph Morris of South Amboy, N. J. Ushers were Russell Woodruff of Pontiac, brother of the bride, Daniel Rodd of South Amboy, Clo Impronta of Norwalk, Conn. and David Carney of Syracuse, N. Y.

Brunch followed the ceremony at the bride's parents' home in DeWitt, and a reception was held in the Michigan Room of the Jack Tar Hotel in Lansing for two hundred guests. Jim Harvin trio played for dancing.

The newly wed Mr and Mrs Morris will reside in New York City.

Special wedding guest was Mrs Edna B. Reed of DeWitt, grandmother of the bride.

Miss Edith Stampfli is ill in St. Lawrence Hospital.

Fred Tucker was taken to Clinton Memorial Hospital Friday, Oct. 24.

Mrs Ernest Shafley underwent surgery at Sparrow Hospital Friday, Oct. 24.

Mr and Mrs Cecil Gearhart of Houghton Lake were Sunday dinner guests of their daughter, Mrs Leo Hanson and family.

Morris



MRS. RONALD J. MORRIS

## *Newlyweds Plan Home In Okemos*

PERRY — Soon to make their home in Okemos are the former Mary Jane Grettenberger and Ronald Joseph Morris who were married Saturday morning in St. Therese Church in Lansing.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marty B. Grettenberger of Perry, the bride attended Lansing Business University. A former student at Lansing Community College, the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Morris of DeWitt.

Details of the bride's Chantilly lace gown were iridescent trim, long sleeves and full skirt with redingote design.

Miss Mae Morris of DeWitt, sister of the bridegroom, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Judy Lowrey and Mrs. Marion Lettner, both of Perry. Their gowns of emerald green taffeta featured embossed roses.

Mike Kristin of DeWitt served as best man. Mike Kowatch of Lansing, James Heckman of Pewamo, Thomas Grettenberger of Laingsburg, brother of the bride, and Robert Pline of Lyons, cousin of the bridegroom, were ushers.

The newlyweds left for northern Michigan after a reception in the church hall.

Morton

Another June Bride.

A very pleasant wedding took place last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shumaker, in North Olive. Their daughter, Ida M., was united in marriage with Mr. George E. Morton, by the Rev. Mr. Coddington, of Laingsburg. The bride was very tastefully attired in a light gown, and the groom in the usual black. Miss Alice Malthouse and Mr. Will Flowers, of St. Johns, acted as bridesmaid and groomsman. About one hundred guests were present. Refreshments were served and some very enjoyable music was rendered after the ceremony. The presents were very beautiful and of a useful character.

The young couple will make their home in Bengal. The bride is well known and is a very estimable young lady, having many friends both in the vicinity of her home and in St. Johns. Mr. Morton is a fine young man, well deserving of the bride he has won. Their friends all join in wishing them a happy and prosperous life.

Mulford

Mrs. Eleanor McKinney  
requests the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of her daughter  
Amaryllis Lee McKinney  
to  
Mr. Paul R. Mulford  
on Sunday, the twenty-fourth  
day of September,  
nineteen hundred and fifty  
at four o'clock in the afternoon  
at the  
DeWitt Community Church  
DeWitt, Michigan

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Mulford

You are cordially invited  
to Apex House  
in honor of the  
Twenty-Fifth Wedding Anniversary  
of Mr. & Mrs. E. B. Mulford

DATE October 5, 1975

TIME 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

PLACE 407 W. Washington  
Bellville, Ill.

Linen by the  
children of Amy & Paul

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*There is never a life without sadness.*

*There is never a heart free from pain;  
If one seeks in this world for true solace,  
He seeks it forever in vain.*

So when to your heart comes the sorrow  
Of losing some dear one you've known  
Tis the touch of God's sickle at harvest  
Since He reaps in the fields  
He has sown.

IN MEMORY OF  
RALPH A. MULL

DATE OF BIRTH  
October 23, 1899  
Isabella County, Michigan

DATE OF DEATH  
June 6, 1979  
Lansing, Michigan

*SERVICES*  
DEWITT AREA CHAPEL  
Saturday, June 9, 1979  
10:30 a.m.

OFFICIATING  
Rev. Murl Eastman

**INTERMENT**  
Richland Cemetery  
Vestaburg, Michigan

James Arthur  
Melvin Butler  
Roy Gilbertson

Marshall Warren  
Paul Mulford  
Lawrence Keck  
Jillips

Mull

This is the day we vow our love;  
Before our friends and God above.  
In years to come as we recall;  
Again we'll thank you one and all.  
All you who came from far and near;  
We're grateful for your presence here.  
And may God bless you, this we pray;  
As He has us this wedding day.

The First Day of Our Life Together

March 22, 1980

2 p.m.

Ginger Marie Mull

and

Jeffrey Robert Holzhausen

Mull

*Our Wedding Party*

*The Wedding Ceremony*

Prelude		Maid of Honor:	Bobbi Ann Mull
Solo	"O Perfect Love"	Bridesmaids:	Rhonda Russell Cathie Holzhausen Lisa Holzhausen
Processional	"For All We Know" The Wedding March	Flower girl:	Jenny Heberroth
The Giving in Marriage		Best Man:	Kevin Russell
Exchanging of vows		Groomsmen:	Randy Cook Joel Holzhausen Michael Mull
Ring Exchange		Ring Bearer:	Ian Mull
Prayer		Ushers:	Joel Holzhausen Kirk Moore
Unity Candle	"Whither Thou Goest"	Minister:	Rev. Murl Eastman
Benediction		Soloist:	Ruth Heberroth
Introduction of the couple		Organist:	Cal Olson
Recessional	"We've Only Just Begun"	Host and Hostess:	Paul and Amy Mulford and family

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Mull



Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Peterson of DeWitt announce the engagement of their daughter, Judy Ann, to Larry L. Mull. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar F. Mull of Airport Road, Lansing. An Oct. 5 wedding is planned.

## Community

## Munroe family makes trek from New York to DeWitt

## Family eventually settles in Eagle

By KEN COIN

In the spring of 1836, Jesse and Harriett (Parker) Munroe, along with Harriett's brother, Hiram Parker, took a rather unusual trip which would later have a great impact on the history of this region.

The Munroe's left their five daughters and two sons at their farm on the Batavia Road east of Buffalo, N.Y. and took a horseback ride of dynamic proportions. In search of a new home they rode west through Ohio and on into Indiana. Not finding anything to their mutual liking they continued on into Illinois and further yet into Wisconsin; still nothing. They purposely avoided the Michigan territory. They had seen enough "Michigananders" who had returned to New York, "their sallow complexion and tales...of shaking with fever and ague."

The travelers decided to conclude their wandering with "look through Michigan, the one state they had no idea of settling in when they left home... Much to their surprise, they found the state satisfactory." They continued north to

the Grand River Valley and there the Munroes and Hiram Parker each found what they had been looking for; the Munroes in Clinton county and Parker in Ingham.

Jesse was "captivated at first sight" with the magnificent forests, reasoning that "land which supported such growth of trees would raise anything (he) planted. There were the black walnut, butternut, hickory, black cherry, bird's eye maple, curled maple, sugar maple, silver-leaf maple, beech, basswood, sycamore, ironwood, white, black and bur oaks - many being three and four feet in diameter."

Returning to New York and disposing of their farm there, Jesse and Harriett Munroe prepared their family for the tedious journey to their new home in the Michigan Territory. Two hired men were sent overland to drive the stock through Ohio and up to Detroit while the family with one additional hired man traveled "up the lake", from Buffalo to Detroit aboard the little steamer "Robert Fulton".

"Detroit was very disappointing to the older members of the family a very uninteresting town... The buildings were low and very unpretentious, right down in the mud, a small old French town." The lake group and the overland

group met there and proceeded on through the frontier.

The first day out of Detroit (they) went only 10 miles. The road was simply terrible. There were places where there were half a dozen tracks where different travelers had endeavored to get around the deep mud holes, but each one seemed equally bad. The wagon wheels would sink below the hubs."

By early October the Munroe party reached the Scott settlement at DeWitt. The Scott's "were prepared to take care of travelers, having a double log house provided with appetizing food." The log hotel mentioned here was located in the middle of the block bounded by Main, Scott, Bridge and Washington streets.

Harriett Munroe and her five daughters stayed on at Scott's for the next three weeks while Jesse and the men went on into Eagle to construct the family's log house. The size of the Munroe cabin was so unusually large for its wilderness setting that a curious neighbor, who followed the sound of the construction through the dense forest, asked upon discovering it, "Are you intending to keep hotel?"

At the end of October, Jesse returned to Scotts to collect his family and take them to their new home in

Eagle township. "The rains had raised the Looking Glass River so that it could not be forded, we were all taken across the river in an Indian canoe. A pole was used instead of a paddle."

And so, the five Munroe girls, ages 3 to 18 years, left DeWitt, for the time being. But they'd be back. In the meantime they were off on an adventure in their new home where "each one found something interesting" and each left their mark on the history of mid Michigan.

*Note - the quotations used in this piece are all those of the Munroe women, several of whom later wrote of their pioneer experiences. In the next*

*installment I'll expand on who these Munroe girls became and why they had so much to say about the history of this area.*

*Ken Coin is a DeWitt resident and the area's primary historian. His column appears every other week in this newspaper.*

Munroe

# Coin continues story of DeWitt's Munroe sisters

By KEN COIN

In the last installment, its autumn of 1836 and the Munroe sisters, their brothers and parents are leaving Scott's hotel at DeWitt and being ferried across the Looking Glass River by Indian canoe in the last stretch of their journey to their new home in Eagle township.

Marion, the eldest sister, became a teacher for the neighborhood school. She was also recruited by her uncle, Hiram Parker to teach near Mason at a settlement called Jefferson City.

Her travels between Eagle and Mason took her on a route along the Grand River, including the site where Lansing would later be established. A favorite resting spot for her was the high bluff on the north bank of the Grand and she often rested her horse there dreaming of someday having a lovely home high above the river.

She married a Mason merchant, James Turner in 1843. The couple lived at Mason until 1847 when the state capital was moved from Detroit to Lansing. They then moved to the new town of Lansing and built a small house (pictured here) on a site purchased several years earlier. Marion had planted trees on the site anticipating her eventual residence. It was, after all, only a few hundred yards south of the high bluff that she dreamed of years earlier.

James Turner prospered as a merchant and land agent in Lansing and outlying communities. He became actively involved

in many business enterprises including plank roads and railroads. In time, the Turner's purchased Marion's bluff to the northwest of their home and later built an impressive brick home which still stands as the nucleus of the Turner-Dodge mansion in North Lansing.

James Turner died in 1869 at the young age of 49. Marion continued to live in their home on the bluff for nearly 50 more years; saw its transformation into the mansion we see today and died in 1912.

Betsey, also an early school teacher in Clinton and Ingham Counties, was the first Munroe girl to be recruited to teach at the Jefferson City settlement.

In 1840, while teaching at the Waterloo settlement (Wacousta), she married a local miller, Parker Webber. They moved to DeWitt in 1848 and purchased the Stowell home at the northeast corner of Main and Franklin and converted it into a "Temperance Tavern". Selling the tavern in

1850 they purchased the DeWitt Grist Mill on Prairie Creek and also the former New Albany Store (110 E. Webb Dr.) which was converted into their family home. Parker Webber became DeWitt's miller, a position he kept about twenty years until his death.

Although she retained ownership of the DeWitt mill (even after it burned in 1902), Betsey moved about 1880 to Lansing where she remained until her death in 1912.

Harriett was also a teacher in Clinton and Ingham counties. In 1849 she married John W. Longyear, an attorney who had come to Mason from New York in 1844 and had resettled in

Lansing when it became the capital.

Longyear was one of Lansing's earliest and most successful lawyers. He was elected to Congress in 1862 and reelected in 1864. Following an appointment to the U. S. District Court in 1870, the Longyears moved to

Detroit but following Judge Longyear's untimely death in 1875, Harriett returned to Lansing where she died in 1917.

Adelia married Daniel L. Case, an attorney and merchant who had established himself at Lansing in 1847. Case became involved in politics by

being elected to the State House of Representatives in 1850. In 1858 he was elected to his first term as Michigan's Auditor General.

Throughout the Civil War he was actively engaged in enlisting troops in the Lansing area. It is

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## Business



**Constructed at Mason, but shipped to North Lansing where it was assembled, the first home of James and Marion (Monroe) Turner, located near the corner of Turner and Clinton streets, is said to have been the first frame house in Lansing. Ca. 1910, Emery Hamilton, photographer.**

### Monroe

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also noteworthy that Case along with two of his fellow brothers-in-law, James Turner and John Longyear were the founders of the Michigan Female Institute (also known as Miss Roger's Institute), a woman's college located where the School for the Blind now stands.

Unlike her other sister, Adelia died relatively young in 1887 at the age of 55. Her husband died in 1898.

Eliza, the youngest went to Lansing about 1847 to live with her older sister Marion. She later married Dr. Charles Turner, a younger of Marion's husband.

Dr. Turner had established his first practice in

DeWitt in 1848. He also dabbled in politics, being elected Clinton County Sheriff in 1850. He married Eliza Munroe in 1855 after his return from a three year excursion to Panama and the California gold fields where, it was said, he made a sizeable fortune.

Dr. Turner was involved in several different business enterprises in Lansing (often in connection with other family members). In 1876, in partnership with his nephew Amos Turner, they constructed the "Union Block"

a series of five brick stores still standing in the 1200 block of Turner Street in N. Lansing.

About 1880 the Turners came to DeWitt where Dr. Turner resumed his medical practice.

In 1887 he retired and they returned to Lansing. Dr. Turner died there in 1901 and Eliza, the last surviving Munroe girl, died in 1919.

*Ken Coin is a DeWitt resident and the area's leading historian. His column appears twice monthly in the DeWitt-Bath Review.*

Monroe

Murphy

Florence, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob VanAuken, was born in Dewitt, Clinton county, May 28, 1874, was married to John Murphy, of Watertown, Clinton county, October 1892. One son was born to them, Louis B. They moved to Breckenridge in the spring of 1898, where she has been in failing health ever since and died to her rest September 18, 1899.