

Nelson

DEATH OF A. J. NELSON

WELL KNOWN CITIZEN OF ST. JOHNS PASSES AWAY.

Albert J. Nelson died at his home on Oakland street last Thursday morning at the age of sixty-seven.

Mr. Nelson, an old resident of St. Johns, was born in New York State December 5, 1834. He moved with his parents when only a boy to Olive township, where he lived until 1868, then moving to St. Johns. He was married in 1858 to Miss Rachael Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Davis of Victor. They lived in the house now owned by Mrs. Ervin Sherman on State street until twenty years ago, when he built the brick home on Oakland street. In 1872 Mr. Nelson built the store now occupied by F. A. Percy where he and his brother, Corydon, kept a grocery store for ten years. Since then Mr. Nelson has lived a retired life.

Mr. Nelson was a member of the St. Johns Commandery, K. T., and the Blue Lodge, under whose auspices the funeral was held at the house Sunday afternoon, Rev. A. Binkhorst officiating.

Newcombe



DEWITT—The engagement of Miss Patricia Marie Kindel to Gary Lynn Newcombe has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Kindel of DeWitt. Mrs. Muriel E. Newcombe of DeWitt and Maynard E. Newcombe of 1314 N. Larch St., Lansing, are parents of the bridegroom-to-be.

In search of Newcomb's negatives

By KEN COIN

DeWitt had many bands such as the one pictured here - but that's another story. This article is about the photographer, H.J. Newcomb.

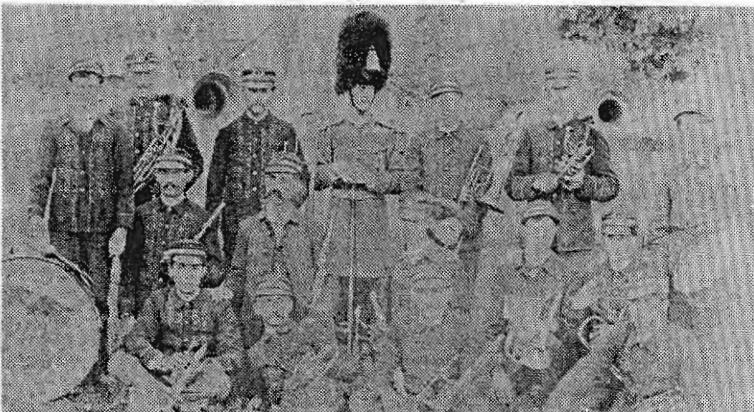
Throughout the past few years I have brought you dozens of century-old photographs taken by a local photographer named H.J. Newcomb. The variety of his work has contributed much to our visual image of DeWitt life 100 years ago.

Now, I would like your help for any clues which might lead to a family member of his who may still have Newcomb's original negatives.

To begin your search, here's what little I know of him:

Herbert J. Newcomb was born in Michigan in 1844. He and his wife Margaret were married about 1873 and had at least three children: Mary, Warren and Laverne (in 1900 their ages were listed as 14, 7 and 3, respectively).

His name first appears in DeWitt in issues of the DeWitt Motor, where it was advertised that his



The DeWitt Cornet Band posed in the front yard of the school on Washington street. Standing (l. to r.) are George Mann, George Myers, Charles Cole, Henry Webb, Bert Mann, Arthur Moses, and Charles Webb (middle row l. to r.) Charles Sipley, William Linn, William Mack, George Gross and George Pike (front row, l. to r.) George Moots, Elmer Mann, and Eddie Lederman. Ca. 1895, H.J. Newcomb, photographer. Photo courtesy of the DeWitt public Library.

"photo car" was in town. In addition to taking portraits, he was offering for sale a large view of the "New Methodist Church". Of his known photographs, all seem to date to the mid-1890's and are simply rubber stamped "H.J. Newcomb, Photographer".

It is not known, if he and his family were residents of the DeWitt area during this period, but by 1899 his name first appears in Lansing city directories, showing the family of Herbert J. Newcomb, photographer, living in that city on South Pine Street. They remained in Lansing until 1910, when

they moved to DeWitt Township. They took up residence on DeWitt Road in the Hurd neighborhood between Clark and Stoll roads. By this time our photographer's occupation had changed to house painter.

It's here that the clues end. The 1920 census does not include the Newcombs, nor do they again appear in the Lansing directories. By this date Herbert Newcomb would have been 76 years old - possibly dead - although there is no burial record for him nor his wife in the area cemeteries.

I have no trace of their children, Mary Leverne,

but the other son, Warren Newcomb (also a house painter) appears in 1920 to be living near Grand Ledge in Oneida Township with his wife Maud and their infant daughters, Barbara and Norma.

Got any clues?

Newman

MRS. W. NEWMAN DEAD

**Funeral Service Held at Methodist
Church Wednesday.**

Mrs. Walter Newman died at her home in Turner, Friday, Dec. 11, at 5 a. m. of a complication of diseases. The remains were brought to St. Johns Tuesday and taken to the home of her sister, Mrs. Riley Howland on Lincoln street. The funeral services were held at the Methodist church, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Alelia Plowman was born in Bengal, Clinton county, in 1869, and had resided in that township until five years ago when with her husband and family she moved to Turner.

Deceased had had poor health for several years but only last week was thought to be seriously sick. Her mother, Mrs. Sarah Plowman, and sister, Mrs. Clark Stowell, were called to her bedside and were with her at the time of her death. Mrs. Newman is survived by her husband and three children, Ethel, John and Clayton, also by her mother and eight brothers and sisters.

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DEWITT—Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dague of rural DeWitt announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Dianne, to Brent Arthur Newman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Newman of DeWitt. No wedding date has been selected.



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Mrs Arthur Newman, left, and her mother, Mrs Glenn Halterman, are shown with some of their completed work in ceramics. A lamp at the left has an outdoor theme of birds. Mrs Newman holds a floral decorated plate that she likes. One of Mrs Halterman's preferences is a decorated tea set. Around the walls may be found hundreds of pieces of greenware awaiting choosing by some would-be ceramics artist.

Mother-daughter team finds fun in ceramics

BY MRS FAYE HANSON

DeWITT — The DeWitt Ceramics Studio puts Santa's workshop to shame on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and on Thursday afternoons when Mrs Arthur (Jean) Newman and her mother, Mrs Glenn (Vedah) Halterman, are giving lessons to students. They have 40 students who come from Lansing, St. Johns and Laingsburg, as well as the DeWitt area.

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THIS ALL came about in 1956 when Mrs Newman with several friends attended classes in ceramics in the Lansing adult evening school. She became fascinated by the art and it rapidly became her hobby.

The following year she established her own studio and in-

stalled a kiln in the basement of her home. Her mother also became engrossed in the art and joined her daughter in this project.

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BOTH continue to take advanced lessons and attend the National Ceramic Shows in various parts of the country. They are continually experimenting with new glazes and paints and are always looking for ways to improve their techniques.

Mrs Newman is office secretary in the DeWitt Public Schools and her husband, Arthur, is postmaster for DeWitt.

Mrs Halterman spends most of her time in the studio and her husband, Glenn ("Dutch" to his friends) is a barber and the Fire Chief of DeWitt Township.

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BOTH WOMEN are members of the National Ceramics Assn., The Firemans Auxiliary and of the DeWitt Eastern Star. Mrs Halterman is a past patron of this group and is active in their club.

They welcome visitors to their studio and are always glad to show them around.

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Citizen of Year



Arthur Newman, DeWitt's Citizen of the Year, knows a little something about putting out fires. He's been doing it in the city since 1941, when he joined the DeWitt Fire Department. He stayed with the department and became fire chief in 1967.

Though Newman has been involved in many community activities throughout the years, he treasures none more than the fire department. "The fire department is the group I'm most dedicated to," said the 60-year-old retired DeWitt postmaster. "I don't give up my fire department activities to go to anything else."

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In DeWitt, firefighting's all in family

By TED KLEINE
Lansing State Journal

DeWITT — Brent Newman's grandfather began fighting fires in 1915 with a bucket.

Now Newman, a third-generation chief of the DeWitt Fire and Rescue Department, puts out the flames in an FMC fire engine that sits in the city's new \$250,000 fire barn.

His grandfather, Glenn "Dutch" Halterman started a family dynasty when he joined the volunteer fire department as a 15-year-old. For 74 years, at least one member of his family has fought fires, and all have been chiefs.

Former Chief Art Newman, Halterman's son-in-law and Brent Newman's father, joined the department in 1941, when he was 18, after years of hanging around Halterman's barber shop, listening to the firemen's stories.

Art Newman's own house had burned down when he was 5, which he says "might have had some influence" in making him a fireman.

But an even more compelling reason to join "Dutch" Halterman's outfit was his daughter, Jean Halterman.

"That probably influenced my being a fireman more than anything," Art Newman admits.

The two had been dating before Art Newman joined the department, and Jean Halterman soon became Jean Newman. Soon Brent Newman was born. Born to fight fires, he said.

The desire to be a fireman burns in most boys for a short time, then fizzles. Not Brent Newman.

"His grandfather would have died if he hadn't been a fireman," Art Newman said.

"I was born on the department," Brent Newman said. "I started out making runs when I was a kid. (My father) had a Jeep and I'd go out with him on grass fires. I held the hose."

Halterman, who became chief in the mid-1940s, would interrupt anything to fight a fire. The siren control was in his house, and Brent Newman remembers his father and grandfather jumping up from Christmas dinners to rescue someone's house or barn.

When Halterman was chief, a fireman had to be married, live in DeWitt, and have done military service. When Chief Halterman died, they drove a fire truck draped in black crepe in his funeral procession.

Art Newman also was honored by his men when the old fire barn was named the Arthur F. Newman Building. That name will be transferred to the new barn.

Brent Newman was named fire chief at last



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Brent Newman (left) and his dad Arthur, second and third generation fire chiefs in DeWitt, take a root beer break.

Monday's City Council meeting. Art Newman, who retired from the department in 1985, pinned his old badge on Brent.

As chief, Brent Newman will face challenges his grandfather could not have imagined when he first picked up a bucket.

Firemen now worry about lawsuits, inhaling dangerous plastic fibers and getting in 120 hours of training.

The department lacks the family spirit of the times when "the fire meetings lasted 10 minutes, and the euchre games lasted three or four hours," as assistant fire chief Louis Nabbeleld said.

Brent Newman hopes to revive that camaraderie, he said.

Will he also keep the family tradition alive? Newman tried to convince his daughter to become DeWitt's first firewoman, but "I couldn't talk her into it," he said. His 16-year-old son has not expressed interest, either.

If the department loses Chief Halterman's descendants, that could be the biggest change since Halterman traded a bucket for a hose.

But some things will always be the same, Brent Newman said.

"Fire's fire. Things burn today just like they have," he said. "Firemen are on call, forever."

VOLUNTEER RETIRES AFTER 44 YEARS

Arthur Newman joined the DeWitt Volunteer Fire Department right out of high school in 1941...and he's seen many changes in 44 years of service with the volunteers.

Why did he join? Possibly because he was going with Jean Halterman then, and her dad, Glenn "Dutch" Halterman, was a volunteer fireman. Art and Jean were married the year after his graduation in 1942...and the volunteer fire department has been part of their life ever since.

They had "fire phones" in the house for years, and every fourth week Art "had to be home" to answer the phone in case a fire call came in. In recent years, the familiar pager has replaced the phone calls. Fire calls go in to the Clinton County Sheriff's office; from there, the person on duty sends out the tone or "beep" alert, then follows up with voice details on the exact location of the fire or emergency.

Forty-some years ago volunteer firemen received \$1 for each run they made, Newman recalls, although they might be out for eight hours on a barn fire. And his wife Jean reminds him ruefully that the \$1 never covered the cost of the clothes ruined while fire-fighting.

"Yup" sez Newman, "I remember the year I got \$55 for fire runs, but I also ruined two suits and a pair of shoes."

OSHA regulations now require firemen to put on fire boots at the station before answering fire calls, but in those days the volunteers took off immediately for the fire destination and had no time to change from Sunday best to work clothing.

After becoming fire chief in 1967, Newman earned the princely annual sum of \$150, but he was responsible for checking the fire trucks and tires each week, making certain that they were ready to run, and that every piece of equipment was in working order.

Volunteers' womenfolk were and are important cogs in the fire department scheme. The Firemen's Ladies Auxiliary put in many active years. In "fire phone" days, each man

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Arthur and Jean Newman of East Dill Drive

have better equipment and better trained personnel."

In addition to having mutual aid pacts with neighboring fire departments to cover emergency situations, DeWitt firemen have agreements to protect Olive and Riley townships and portions of DeWitt and Watertown townships.

Since Newman's June 30 resignation, Louis Nabbeleld has been acting fire chief. Effective October 1, Doug Twiss will officially take over the chief's position.

Newman was born in Olive Township, moving to DeWitt while he was in early grade

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active years. In "fire phone" days, each man who received a call was responsible for calling four more. Usually the wife did the calling, as her husband hustled over to the fire station. First fireman to arrive at the station blew the siren, alerting the town to the fire. The volunteers covered both DeWitt Village and DeWitt Township too, until DeWitt attained city status in 1965 and it became the "City Fire Department."

Dedication is the keyword in volunteer firefighting, both Newmans emphasize. Volunteers answer emergency calls at any time day or night on short notice. Wives, in turn, must cope with the abrupt changes in plans, whether it means entertaining a houseful of company alone or reheating cold dinners.

Before the building boom in city and township, when there were more fields around, seasonal grass fires used to be a headache, the retiring chief points out. "We would have as many as five in a day, one right after another."

Any funny stories connected with his 44 years as a volunteer fireman? Ah yes, Newman reminisces that there were many.

One of the most humorous he remembers was the time they were fighting a barn fire. One of the firemen, leaping over a fence and landing knee-deep in manure, was propelled a few feet further in his stocking feet before he could stop.

"He smelled so bad that the others couldn't stand to ride back to the station with him," Newman says with a chuckle. "They were all for dunking him in the river before they took him back to town."

The number of DeWitt's volunteer firemen has increased from 14 in 1941 to 26 today. Thirteen are qualified emergency medical technicians and every fireman now gets some EMT training. Likewise, the stipend has gradually moved up to \$8 per run.

There were more fires years ago, Newman says, but no EMT calls. Early volunteer firemen carried only an inhalator in a suitcase to handle heart attack patients. Nowadays, he guestimates that EMT calls have at least quadrupled.

"These days," Newman sums it up, "we

Newman was born in Ohio Township, moving to DeWitt while he was in early grade school. Following high school graduation and 1942 marriage, he served the World War II U.S. Army from 1943 to 1945.

After the arrival of his son Brent, Newman became active in Boy Scouts and Little League, in addition to his other involvements. He was a charter member of DeWitt Veterans Club, DeWitt Commercial Club (predecessor of DeWitt Business Association), DeWitt Lions and DeWitt American Legion post. He's a past president of Lions and past Legion post commander.

Other affiliations include DeWitt Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, the 40 & 8 (for past American Legion officers), DeWitt Masonic Lodge, Michigan Fire Chiefs Association, Michigan State Firemen's Association, Tri-County Fire Chiefs (past president) and International Association of Arson Investigators. He is past president of Alert Firefighters Association and served as its secretary for 15 years.

Newman was acting DeWitt postmaster from 1946 to 1949, becoming postmaster in 1949 and retiring from that position in 1972. He also worked four years for DeWitt Public Schools, but hopes to stay retired this time so that he and Jean can spend more time at their cabin up north.

He was a member of the DeWitt City Charter Committee and later served on the city council. With this impressive array of civic and community activities on his record, it was small wonder that judges selected him as the DeWitt Citizen of the Year in 1983.

The couple now enjoy having their son and daughter-in-law, Brent and Linda Newman, living nearby, as well as grandchildren Tami Newman Ballard and Joshua Newman.

DeWitt people are invited to stop by the Memorial Building Sunday afternoon to greet Art and Jean Newman at an open house which will be jointly sponsored by the City of DeWitt and members of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Tact: Putting it nicely but not quite precisely.

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Historic DeWitt

By Kenneth Coin

A special person

Occasionally it is important for a community to take stock of its human resources and exclaim its gratitude for outstanding contributions. In some instances, this can lead to a very precarious predicament, but for those residents who are familiar with DeWitt area happenings for the past few decades will know that this community owes a great debt of gratitude to Arthur Newman.

His genuine concern, involvement and predictable smile have all helped to make this town a nicer, safer place to live in.

The community will have an opportunity to show its appreciation to Art, on the occasion of his retirement as Chief of the Fire Department, by attending an open house given in his honor. The open house, sponsored by the city of DeWitt and the Fire Department, will be Sunday afternoon, Oct. 6, at the Memorial Building.

Arthur F. Newman was born in Olive Township, Nov. 22, 1922, the youngest son of Newton and Bernice (Pierce) Newman. He grew up in the DeWitt area and graduated from DeWitt High School in the class of 1941. On Valentine's Day of the following year, he was married in Lansing to Jean Halterman, the daughter of Glenn "Dutch" and Vedah (Schifley) Halterman.



Arthur Newman

Art was employed for a time by the Rosevale Packing Co. until January 1943, when he was called into the service of his country. He served in the 35th infantry division in the European Theatre until Nov. 5, 1945. Upon his return to the states and to his home town, he was appointed Postmaster, a position he held until his retirement in 1976.

As an active member of the community, his affiliations and credits are numerous. He is a member of the DeWitt Lodge No. 272 F&AM; a charter member of the DeWitt Lions Club; a member of the former DeWitt Businessmen's Association; the National Association of Postmasters, retired; a former DeWitt councilman; and was a member of DeWitt's Charter Committee which activated DeWitt's change in status in 1965 from a village to a city.

In 1941, Art joined the DeWitt Fire Department and, with exception of his absence during World War II, has remained faithfully active since. He has held the position of chief, with the exception of one year, since 1967.

Not to be overlooked, Jean, too has been very active in community affairs. She is a member of the DeWitt Chapter No. 30 OES; has been chairwoman of the semi-annual DeWitt Bloodmobile; and was formerly active in area Scouts. She is a longstanding member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Department and has served well in all offices of that organization. (Her father will be remembered by older residents as an active member of the DeWitt Fire Department for over 50 years.)

Art and Jean have made their home at 113 Dill since 1946. They have one son, Brent, who following a family tradition, is also with the Fire Department.

Do yourself and your community a favor by stopping in and offering a shake of the hand, a pat on the back, and a sincere thank you to Art for a job well done, Oct. 6, at the Memorial Building.

DEATH CLAIMS AGED PIONEER

Funeral Services Held July 3
For Silas Wheeler
Newman, 78

Dewitt—Silas Wheeler Newman, eldest of a family of six children born to Miles W. and Louise Rose Newman, was born in Olive, Clinton county, Michigan, August 7, 1847. His education was received at the rural schools in his home town. He has always followed the vocation of farming until ten years ago he gave up farming and moved to Lansing where he resided a few years then in 1920 he purchased a home in Dewitt village on West Main street where he has since resided.

When the Civil war broke out he enlisted and entered the service and for three years served in the Civil war as a private of Company H, 2nd Michigan Cavalry. Although he was in 32 engagements, being in the battle of the Wilderness, Fort Sumpter etc., he was honorably discharged at Jackson, Mich., returning home without a scratch but in poor health which he had for a few years.

September 13, 1868, he was united in marriage to Miss Ella Amanda Everett of Olive, living in Olive for a number of years. To this union six children, four boys and two daughters were born. In 1921, the year following his moving to Dewitt village, he had a stroke of paralysis from which time he has always been an invalid until two years ago he recovered sufficiently so he could walk around until two years ago he had the second stroke which left him helpless until four months ago he was taken suddenly worse, unable to eat and this stage of the disease affected his mind. Wednesday evening June 30, he passed on aged almost 79 years of age.

Besides his wife who has stood by him during his long helplessness he is survived by his four sons, Wm. H. of Lansing, Miles J. and Robert E. of Dewitt, Claude M. of Victor, two daughters, Mrs. Sarah Young of Bath and Mrs. Era Jane Owen of Blaine, Washington, 11 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren; Rodney and Dale Schoals of Bath, Billy Kellogg of Detroit and Leslie and Bertha Parks of Lansing, two twin sisters, Mrs. Ada Newman Schoals of Bath and her twin sister, Mrs. Ida Newman Wellington of Missouri, besides many other relatives and friends.

His funeral was held from his late home on West Main street Saturday afternoon July 3, 1926 at two o'clock, Rev. Dwight A. Rood, pastor of the Dewitt M. E. church officiating. Taking for his discourse these words, "If a man die shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will wait till my change come." Two solos sung by Mrs. Minnie Moon. After the

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James A. Newman.
James A. Newman 74, of the Michigan Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids, died at the University of Michigan hospital, at Ann Arbor, Friday. He is survived by one brother Wheeler Newman of Dewitt, Mich., and two sisters; Mrs. William Schoals of Olive township and Ida, of Missouri. Funeral services will be held at Wood's Funeral home 900 E. Michigan avenue, Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Interment will be in Rose cemetery.

darkest hour and I love to think my Father knows her accompanist being Miss Dorothy Wright of Springport. Undertaker John C. Wood of Lansing and the pall bearers were George Ott, James Rich mond, Eugene Forbes and Charles Wilcox. Interment was made in the Rose cemetery south and east of Bath. Among the relatives and friends from away were Mrs. Sarah Everett of Grand Ledge and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huston and daughter of Grand Ledge, Mr. and Mrs. Loy Schoals and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Starks of Detroit, Mrs. Turner, Miss Jessie Turner and Mrs. Youngs 97 years of Okemos.

Card of Thanks
We desire to thank our neighbors and friends for their many kindnesses shown during the long illness and death of our dear husband and father, especially to Mrs. Minnie Hill, the pastor for his comforting words and the singer and also the beautiful floral tributes.—Mrs. Wheeler Newman and children, adv.

BATH'S OLDEST CITIZEN

SILAS W. ROSE WAS THE PIONEER OF HIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

Special to The State Journal
BATH May 2.—In the death of Silas W. Rose, Bath loses another sturdy pioneer citizen. He was born in Bath, Steuben county, New York, April 20, 1833, and with his parents came to Michigan in 1836. About two years after his father took up a tract of government land on the north shore of what is called Rose lake, where Silas lived continuously until his death April 18, 1911. Out of a family of nine children but two are left, Wm. H. Rose of Bath and Mrs. Caroline Darrow of Mason. On Sept. 14, 1853, Silas was married to Miss Betsey Fletcher who with her son, George A. Rose and Mrs. C. R. Murray survive him. Besides being a successful farmer Silas was a good carpenter and the Rose church, school house and many other buildings in Bath and vicinity stand today as monuments of his work. He was ever a staunch republican and for several years held the office of justice of the peace and other positions of trust.

About three years ago he was stricken with slight paralysis from which he never fully recovered, and had been gradually failing in health ever since. He was buried from the Rose church April 20. Rev. Ralph Barry officiating.

Nine millions per year are spent on the maintenance of roads in England.

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CIVIL WAR VET DIES AT DE WITT

S. W. Newman, 79, Former Lansing Resident, Succumbs After Long Illness

Special to The State Journal

DE WITT July 2.—Silas Wheeler Newman, 79, died at his home on W. Main street, Wednesday night, June 30, at 9:47 o'clock, after a lingering illness that followed a stroke of paralysis five years ago.

He was the oldest of a family of five children and was born in Bath township, Aug. 7, 1847. His parents, Miles and Louise Newman were among the early settlers of this county.

In 1862 Mr. Newman responded to the nation's call for volunteers and enlisted in Company H, Second Michigan volunteer cavalry and participated in 32 engagements under that valiant leader, General Phil Sheridan. After his discharge from the service he returned to his home, and on Sept. 13, 1868, he married Miss Ella Amanda Everett of Olive township. About six years ago Mr. and Mrs. Newman took up their residence at this place, coming from Lansing. He was a member of Charles T. Foster Post, G. A. R. of Lansing and delighted in relating incidences during his service in the sixties.

He is survived by his widow and six children, two daughters, Mrs. Sarah Youry of Bath, Mrs. Eva Owen of Blaine, Wash. Four sons, William of Lansing, Claude of Lansingburg, Miles and Robert of this place; two sisters, Mrs. Ida Wellington of Missouri, Mrs. Ada Schools of Olive and 11 grandchildren. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon at the church with burial in Rose Cemetery, Bath.

Rev.

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Daniel Nicholas Succumbs to Long Illness Tuesday 1896

Funeral services for Daniel Nicholas, 77, of Olive township, will be held at 2 o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon at the Osgood funeral home, with Rev. L. E. Price, of the Dewitt Methodist church, officiating. Burial will be made in Dewitt cemetery.

Mr. Nicholas died at his home Tuesday after a lingering illness. Born in Ovid township in 1863, Mr. Nicholas spent practically all his life in Clinton county. He and Mrs. Nicholas celebrated their golden wedding anniversary only last fall. A former employee of the Red company in Lansing, Mr. Nicholas was a member of the Cleaners.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son and a daughter.

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MARRIED.

Miss Loretta B. Phinney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Phinney, and Mr. Everett L. Nicholas, of Merle Beach, were united in marriage Saturday morning, Nov. 16, at the Methodist parsonage, by Rev. E. A. Armstrong. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zacharias, the latter being a sister of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas will make their home on a farm southeast of the city.

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Allen Nichols, 80, Dies At Son's Home In Dewitt Oct. 17

Allen Nichols was born in Farmington, Oakland county, and died at the home of his son in Dewitt, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 1928, aged 80 years. He married Miss Hattie Fox of Crystal. Most of his life was spent in Bengal except three years in Mt. Pleasant. He had been ill for the past year.

Mr. Nichols is survived by his widow, three daughters, Mrs. Carrie Nyckman of Sheperd; Mrs. Amelia Wings, of Detroit; and Eva B. Nichols of Lansing; and one son, Frank B. Nichols of Dewitt. Another son, Howard, died in the World War.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 o'clock at the Osgood funeral home with burial in St. Johns.

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Old Resident of DeWitt.

Mrs. Hannah M. Niles, one of the oldest residents of this vicinity, died Saturday afternoon at the home of her nephew N. A. Madden, in Lansing, of heart failure. She was born in the state of New York, and had lived in Lansing and DeWitt for about fifty years. For a long time Mrs. Niles lived on Pine street south quite alone in Lansing, but recently had lived with her nephew. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon.

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Oh, deem not they are blest alone
Whose lives a peaceful tenor keep;
The Power who pities man has shown
A blessing for the eyes that weep.

The light of smiles shall fill again
The lids that overflow with tears;
And weary hours of woe and pain
Are promises of happier years.

For God has marked each sorrowing day,
And numbered every secret tear,
And heaven's long age of bliss shall pay
For all his children suffer here.

in memory of
Hazel Norris

date of birth
July 1, 1901

date of death
January 7, 1965

services

VINCENT - RUMMELL
FUNERAL HOME
Wednesday, January 13, 1965
1:00 p.m.

clergyman

Rev. LaVern Bretz
Valley Farms Baptist Church

interment

DeWitt Cemetery
DeWitt, Michigan

bearers

Avery Lee	Kenneth Reed
Jack Lennemann	
Gordon Baldwin	Thomas Staub
Lester Christensen	

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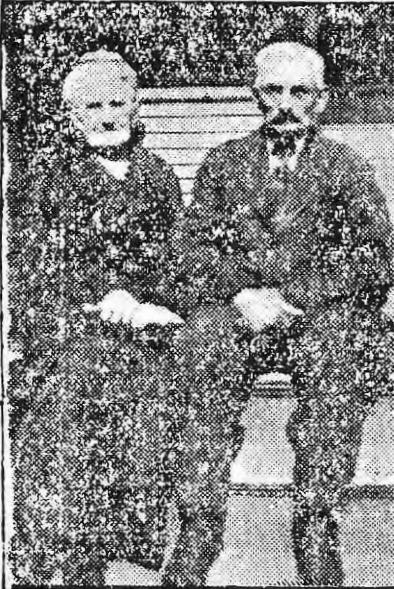
Golden Wedding Anniversary

1871 — 1921

Saturday, November 12, 1921, forty relatives and friends met at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Silas W. Norris, of Olive township, to help them celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary, which was planned and executed by their daughter, Mrs. Grace Decke of Lansing assisted by their son's wife, Mrs. Nettie Norris, of Olive. The event was a complete surprise to Mr. Norris.

The decorations throughout the rooms were in yellow with an abundance of large yellow and white chrysanthemums, which were presented by the relatives and friends. The color scheme was used in the dinning room. At the bride's table a tall wicker basket tied with tulle bearing the dates 1871-1921 was filled with yellow chrysanthemums, and the crowning decoration at this table was a large bride's cake, artistically frosted in yellow and white and gold leaves around the top and encircling the bottom. This was presented to the bride by her neice, Mrs. Rizpah Norris Holden, of Lansing. At all the tables were yellow wax candles lighted during the repast. A delicious dinner was served by the daughter and daughters-in-law, assisted by several of the nieces.

At the close of the banquet a short program was rendered. E. A. Holden made very pleasing remarks relative to this fiftieth anniversary and in closing he presented to the bride and groom, in behalf of himself and Mrs. Holden, each a gold



Mr. and Mrs. Silas W. Norris

piece. They each responded with thanks and Mr. Norris remarked, "that this was the happiest day in his life." Mrs. Jerome Dills read a short poem, "Growing Old." "Silver Threads Among the Gold" was sung by the young ladies.

The bride, who was formerly Miss Amelia Rogers, was born in Oneida, Eaton county, July 27, 1854, and the groom, Silas W. Norris, was born in Junius, Seneca county, N. Y., December 20, 1846. On November 12, 1871, they were united in marriage at the home of Rev. Sawyer, of Olive township, a

Norris

Norris-Schultz

Miss Vera Schultz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schultz of Dewitt, and Lyle Norris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Norris of Lansing were married by Rev. G. S. Northrup at his home Saturday evening, July 21, 1928. They were attended by Miss Dorothy Schultz, sister of the bride, and R. G. Bullard. Immediately after the ceremony they were given a reception at the bride's home and received many gifts. After a trip through northern Michigan they will reside in Lansing.

Norris

Mar 28 - 1976

Frank Norris Dies From Long Illness

Frank L. Norris, 71, of Olive township, died in the hospital at Lansing last Thursday, Aug. 2, after a long illness.

Mr. Norris was born in Olive township on May 3, 1874, and spent his entire life in the vicinity of his birth.

He is survived by his wife, Nettie; one daughter, Martha Blizzard, of Olive township; one sister, Mrs. Grace Decke, and one brother, Albert Norris, both of Lansing; and one grandson, Dale Blizzard, besides nephews and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, Aug. 5, at the Vincent funeral home in Dewitt with Rev. LaVern Bretz officiating. Burial was in the Dewitt cemetery.

2 LITTLE GIRLS UNINJURED WHEN INTERURBAN HITS AUTO, KILLING FOUR MEMBERS OF NORRIS FAMILY

MR. AND MRS. L. G. NORRIS INSTANTLY KILLED;
SON AND DAUGHTER DIE

Well Known and Respected
Bingham Family Returning
From Church Service

One of the saddest tragedies to occur in this community in recent years came Sunday afternoon about 12:40 when the southbound interurban car hit an automobile driven by L. G. Norris, well known Bingham farmer, at Morton's crossing. Mr. and Mrs. Norris were instantly killed. Helen, 16-year-old daughter died while being taken to St. Johns hospital. James, 14, died early Monday morning. Two little daughters, Xenia, 12, and Kathleen, 9, were thrown from the car and but slightly injured.

The Norris family was returning from the West Bingham U. B. church, where they were members. Owing to the pastor's indisposition, the services were shorter than usual. The Norris family reached the crossing just in time to meet the interurban car which was a few minutes late. As the front wheels of the Ford touring car in which they were riding reached the tracks, they saw the approaching car. Xenia, the older of the two surviving daughters, says that Mrs. Norris exclaimed, "Here comes the car, Guy." The crash immediately followed.

Helen and James, riding in the rear seat were thrown clear of the car, each suffering fatal injuries and being terribly mangled. Mr. Norris' body was found lying about seven rods south of the crossing near the rear seat of the auto. Mrs. Norris' body was carried about 300 feet south of the crossing and across the creek near the chassis and engine wreckage. Other parts of the auto, clothing and blankets were strewn along the intervening space.

The Norris family were within 80 rods of their home, which is west of the crossing. Immediately after the accident O. A. Davis, a brother-in-law and neighbor, came to the scene with other neighbors. Xenia and Kathleen were taken to the Davis home as soon as Dr. A. C. Heathorn determined that they were not seriously injured. They were not informed of the death of the other members of the family until the following morning. The bodies of the victims were brought to the Ebert mortuary where they remained until the funeral services Wednesday.

The jury, Harold A. Palmer, Lorenzo Churches, John Stillman, Orth A. Davis, Harry Jamill and John D. Reed, after hearing all evidence, found that the tragedy was purely accidental and with Coroner C. W. Lamb, subscribed to a statement to that effect.

The funeral which was held at the Congregational church in St. Johns Wednesday was perhaps the largest attended ever held in the city. It was estimated that nearly one thousand people were inside the church, and many more were unable to get in. Rev. O. S. Northrup, who is pastor of the Bingham U. B. church of which the Norris family were members, officiated, assisted by Rev. Howard A. Blanning. Mrs. Agnes Schoenholz and Mrs. Florence Glaspie sang. Burial was made on the family lot at the cemetery near the little Bingham church.

NORRIS

At the coroner's inquest held Monday at the court house, Motor-man Cyril Crowther, who had known Mr. Norris all his life and who has been on the St. Johns run of the M. U. R. for 23 years, testified that he blew the regular crossing whistle about 1,000 feet before the interurban reached the scene of the accident. When about 800 feet from the crossing, he noticed the approaching Ford with its several occupants. He immediately sensed the possibility of an accident as the driver was apparently not preparing to slacken his speed or stop. Mr. Crowther said he simultaneously shoved on the emergency brakes and gave several short blasts of the whistle. He testified as follows:

"After I blew the whistle I discovered an auto coming I knew we were going to meet on the crossing. If somebody didn't slacken up, and the automobile was about ten rods of the crossing, I could see the car coming west.

"I shut off the power and grabbed the brakes and grabbed the whistle. The machine came up to four or five feet of the truck, and then kind of hesitated, and about the time the front wheels were even with the rail the interurban struck it broadside, and I went on across the creek, probably up to the time I got stopped, 400 feet from the road crossing."

Mr. Crowther further testified that Mrs. Norris was sitting on the ground with some of the wreckage in her lap when he reached her. She was carried farthest from the crossing. He said she died within a minute or two after she was laid on the ground. Mr. Norris was dead when he was reached and it was evident that Helen was unconscious and fatally hurt. James, the 14-year-old son, was able to get to his hands and knees; but was not conscious, Mr. Crowther believed.

Robert Norris
Honored at Dinner 1968
By DeWitt Groups

DeWitt—Mr and Mrs Robert Norris were guests of honor at a buffet dinner at the Memorial building Friday night when many of their friends and business associates gathered to wish them well in their retirement and God speed to their winter home in Florida.

They were presented with two beach chairs and a transistor radio.

They left Saturday morning for Englewood, Fla.

The Blue Star Mothers of DeWitt had charge of the buffet dinner and they presented Mrs Norris a gift from the group.

Norris

NORRIS APPOINTED DEWITT POSTMASTER

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TERM WILL CONTINUE UNTIL
JULY 3, 1934; OFFICE IM-
PROVEMENTS MADE

Mark A. Norris, temporarily appointed postmaster of Dewitt village several months ago, received his official, permanent appointment Monday morning, July 14, to succeed the late Fred Hazel. His term dates from July 3, 1930, to July 3, 1934.

There were several candidates in the field for the postmastership and last March a civil service examination was written by all those who sought the appointment. Mr. Norris received the highest grade and soon afterward was made postmaster pro tem.

Recently the Dewitt postoffice was thoroughly overhauled and repaired and new furniture installed including 200 lock boxes. These changes and improvements add much to the convenience as well as to the appearance of the interior of the office.

Norris

MARK A. NORRIS

Born
March 15, 1882

In
De Witt, Michigan

Died
August 15, 1937

Age
55 Years 5 Months 3 Days

Funeral At
De Witt Cumminy Church

Friday, August 20, 1937
2 P. M.

Minister
Rev. A. Barrs
Rev. Thomas Toy

Interment
De Witt Cemetery

PALL BEARERS

Harry Moon
Homer Braze
Bert Taylor
Bert Brinkerhoff
Carl VanFleet
Levi Sibley

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Norris



MRS HAZEL NORRIS

DeWITT—Mrs Hazel Norris, 63, of Gladwin, a former DeWitt resident, died unexpectedly last Thursday in Englewood, Fla.

Mrs Norris, a resident of DeWitt for 35 years until a year ago when she moved to Gladwin, was a correspondent for the Clinton County News in the DeWitt area for many years.

She was born July 1, 1901, at Lowell.

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MRS NORRIS was a charter member of the Royal Neighbors No. 432 and the Blue Star Mothers No. 99, and was on the original board of the DeWitt Memorial Assn. She was also active in other civic affairs.

Surviving are her husband, Robert; a son, Donald of DeWitt; a daughter, Mrs Reva Bowen of Lansing; a brother, Howard Hawley of Grand Rapids; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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FUNERAL SERVICES were Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Vincent-Rummell Funeral Home, DeWitt, with the Rev LaVern Bretz of the Valley Farms Baptist Church officiating. Interment was in DeWitt Cemetery.

NORRIS

Young Couple Wed March 2nd; Will Make Home on Riley Farm

1938

Martha A. Norris, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norris of Dewitt, became the bride of Arnold B. Blizzard, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Blizzard, of Dewitt, at a quiet ring ceremony at the Baptist parsonage in Lansing on Wednesday, Mar. 2, at 2 p. m., performed by Rev. Thomas Toy. They were attended by Brownie Berlin and Raymond Locher.

The bride was attired in a turquoise blue gown, with dark blue ac-

cessories, wearing a corsage of tailsman roses and white hyacinths. Miss Berlin was attired in an Alice blue gown, with navy blue accessories, wearing a corsage of American Beauty roses and white hyacinths.

A wedding dinner was served to the immediate family, at the home of the bride's parents. Both young people are well known and have many friends. They will be home to their friends on a farm in Riley.

Northrup

ed to find and provide these things for ourselves and for our neighbors. This world is young. We are just beginning to learn how to enjoy many of the things God provided."

Speaking of the church, the institution which he has served so many years, the speaker noted the changed attitude again. "People do not look upon their church as they once did. They do not worship and serve through the church to the extent of olden times. The reason is that there are so many other organizations through which they do a good work and carry on the principles of religion. I am not sure that this is all wrong."

Rev. Northrup recited briefly some of the early history of St. Johns. The upper business block of Clinton avenue was not built when he first came here. He said that he was glad that he lived in St. Johns; that his work and experiences of the years had been happy ones.

Mrs. Northrup was present and spoke briefly, as did Dewitt H. Hunt who had known the aged pastor since boyhood. At the conclusion of the program Mrs. Northrup was presented with a huge bouquet by R. G. Allison who had charge of the

program. Two vocal numbers were given by Hila Mabel Axtell, granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. Northrup, accompanied by Mrs. Thomas Cleaver. She sang, "Let Me Live In a House by the Side of The Road" and "Trees."

Sunday morning after services at the Bath Baptist church, where he has preached the past five years, Rev. Northrup was the guest of honor at a surprise anniversary observance. In addition to his Bath congregation a large number were present from other churches he has served. A pot-fuck dinner was enjoyed in the church parlors after which talks were made by Rev. T. S. Cleaver of St. Johns, Rev. Curry of Okemos, Carl Northrup of Detroit, and several others. Miss Hila Mabel Axtell sang several numbers. The church was beautifully decorated with spring flowers.

Rev. G. S. Northrup Celebrates 50th Anniversary As Minister

May 26-1932



REV. G. S. NORTHRUP

St. Johns Rotary Club, Bath Church Pay Tribute To Esteemed Man

Fifty years ago yesterday, (Wednesday) Rev. G. S. Northrup of this city was ordained a minister at a little church in Sebawa in Ionia county. Tuesday the St. Johns Rotary club devoted its program to the honor of the veteran minister and heard him interpret his philosophy of the "Changing Attitudes" of life, while on Sunday morning his congregation at Bath conducted a surprise anniversary observance of him.

"In the early days of my ministry," Rev. Northrup told the Rotarians Tuesday, "it was theologically correct to assume that the world belonged to the devil, and the sooner one could pass on to the Land of Eternal Day the better. People look at it differently nowadays and I'm glad of it.

"God gave us the world to enjoy. There is music, good fellowship, food, clothing, shelter and we are supposed

OBSERVE 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



REV. AND MRS. G. B. NORTHRUP

GOLDEN WEDDING DAY RECEPTION

Friends Honor Rev. And Mrs.
G. S. Northrup Monday;
Receive Many Gifts

Fifty years of wedded life—fifty years of service for the church together.

Friends of Rev. and Mrs. G. S. Northrup—and there are many—called upon them at their home here Monday afternoon and attended the reception in their honor sponsored by the O. E. S. at the Masonic Temple Monday night to help make their golden wedding day a happy one. There was an elaborate mock wedding at the reception and besides the good wishes of their friends Mr. and Mrs. Northrup received many gifts including a purse of gold.

On Oct. 18, 1876, G. S. Northrup and Miss Belle E. Mead were married by Rev. Biram Elmer at Kalamazoo, Eaton County, Michigan. Eight years later they came to St. Johns where Rev. Northrup was called as pastor of the Baptist church. They remained three years, during which time the present Baptist church was erected, and then took up the work of the

Monday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Northrup received their friends at their home and the house was filled throughout the afternoon. In the evening the program given at the O. E. S. reception consisted of solos by Clara Whaley, Mrs. Agnes Schoenhals, Mrs. Bert Glaspie and Miss Axtell, an original poem by Mrs. J. C. Flynn, a dance by Miss Elizabeth Coon and a mock wedding. Principals in the wedding ceremony were Mrs. Roy Williams, bride; A. B. Bullard, groom; J. E. Bancroft, minister; Chas. Flynn, best man; bride's father, Fred Jacobs; maid of honor, Mrs. Minnie Abbott; brides maids, Mrs. J. E. Bancroft and Mrs. Fred Jacobs and ring bearer, Kenneth Launce—all appropriately attired. The wedding march was played by Mrs. G. H. Grace.

Three little girls dressed in yellow and drawing a wagon of the same color, brought the gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Northrup. Miss Sue Durkee made the presentation speech for the O. E. S. and Mr. Bancroft presented a gift from the friends and neighbors. E. S. Andrews represented the Williamston church and Mrs. Ethel Cressman the Bingham church. The guests of honor were also remembered by the Dowitt church.

There were many present from St. Johns and vicinity, Dewitt and Williamston. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served and Mrs. Northrup cut the bride's cake.

Northrup

church at Mt. Morris for three years and again returned here for a like period.

The next five years saw the Northrups at Traverse City where Rev. Northrup continued his ministry. From there they were called to Mt. Morris again and during their three years there a fine stone church was built. Leaving Mt. Morris they went to Mt. Pleasant for three years where their children attended school and then were called back to St. Johns for six years. Rev. Northrup's next charge was at Williamston where he served for eight years, returning to St. Johns in 1917. Since that time he has served as supply pastor at Dewitt until his retirement from ministry a few months ago. Rev. Northrup is 73 and his wife 70.

Mr. and Mrs. Northrup have three children, Hubert of Milwaukee, Karl of Detroit and Mabel (Mrs. M. E. Axtell) who at present is living here with them. The children and grandchildren were present at a family dinner in the Northrup home Sunday together with W. A. Northrup of Grand Rapids, Rev. Northrup's only brother, Mrs. Carrie Graves of Detroit, Mrs. Northrup's only sister, Mrs. Graves' daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Novak of Detroit together with their children and several cousins of Mr. and Mrs. Northrup who were with them at their wedding 50 years ago.

Northrup

Traces Family History Back 800 Years To "Wild Young Irishman"

Rev. G. S. Northrup Honored By Institute of American Genealogy

"Pink elephants on the ceiling, pink elephants on the wall." So goes the song relating the illusions of a man who had quaffed the flowing bowl too often and too deeply.

The particular nightmare of most newspaper workers is the bushels of "free publicity" or propaganda that daily comes to their desks. Each letter should be opened for, occasionally—once in a blue moon—there comes something of value of interest.

Monday afternoon one of these letters was headed for its last resting place, the wastebasket, when the name "Reverend Guilford Smith Northrup" caught the reader's eye. The typewritten sheet said that this Rev. Northrup had been given a place in "Who is Who in Genealogy" by the Institute of American Genealogy of Chicago.

A phone call verified the suspicion that Rev. G. S. Northrup of St. Johns was the man honored, and his story of how it all came about is interesting. Rev. Northrup was surprised to know of this recognition for he had had no word of it before the phone call came from the Republican-News.

Back in 1912 when Rev. Northrup held a pastorate at Williamston, Michigan, he became interested in the war record of his Grandfather Munroe, his mother's father, who was a soldier in the War of 1812. He decided to find out more about his fighting granddad. From various sources, mainly in Connecticut and Massachusetts, he got a pretty complete history.

One of the interesting facts uncovered was that the original Munroe came to America in 1651 as a prisoner of a civil war in England. He was one of the 14,000 Scots who invaded England under Charles II and was defeated by Cromwell. Prisoners from this battle were shipped to America to be sold as slaves to American planters.

In England from the Baron of Pouls Rev. Northrup uncovered another history of the family which took it back 800 years. The first an-

cestor in the line, it was established, was "a wild young Irishman." He with a group of followers were given a plot of ground which is now the city of Inverness.

After completing the whole history of the family following many weeks of correspondence and search, Rev. Northrup did not know what



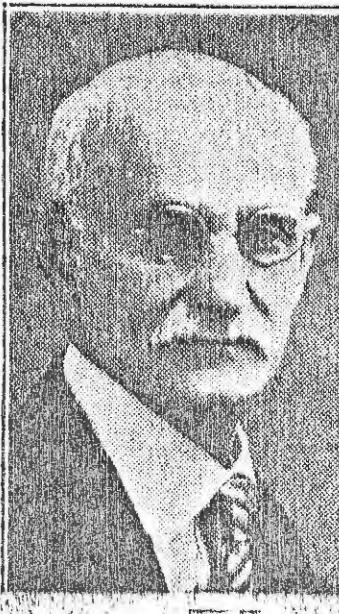
REV. NORTHRUP

to do with it. Herbert Thompson, publisher, at Williamston urged him to have it printed in book form and sell it to the many members of the Munroe family, one of whom became a President of the United States—ne of Munroe Doctrine fame.

Thompson finally agreed to print the book on a royalty basis, to sell it for \$2.00 a copy, he to share equally with Rev. Northrup. This was done and Rev. Northrup says that he received about \$1,000 for his share from interested descendants of the Munroe family. Books were mailed to France, England, Canada and many other parts of the world.

This week the place in "Who's Who in Genealogy", coming into the Republican-News office revived this almost forgotten incident in the life of the busy and aged St. Johns minister.

DIES THURSDAY



REV. G. B. NORTHRUP

RETIRED PASTOR DIES SUDDENLY

REV. G. S. NORTHRUP. 85,
SUCCUMBS TO HEART
ATTACK FEB. 23

Held Pastorates in 8 Cities
Over 50-Year Period;
Rites Monday

Stricken with a heart attack, Rev. G. S. Northrup, widely known and well beloved St. Johns minister, died suddenly Feb. 23, 1939. He would have been 86 years old on the 18th of next month.

Rev. Northrup had suffered with a heart ailment several years, but had rallied from each prior attack and was feeling fairly well when he drove from his home on S. Ottawa street to the Congregational church to attend a public supper Thursday evening. After being served he chatted with friends for a few moments and then left the dining hall and returned to his automobile that was parked on Maple avenue, near the church. He got into the machine

10,000 SERMONS

Rev. G. S. Northrup, 85, who died at St. Johns Feb. 23, preached approximately 10,000 sermons during his more than 50 years in the ministry. He performed the marriage ceremony for 504 couples, baptised 620 persons, and officiated at more than 1,000 funerals.

without difficulty, but as he attempted to turn on the ignition switch he was observed to slump forward over the steering wheel. Assistance came almost immediately but he was beyond aid.

Guilford Smith Northrup, son of Jabez Smith and Mary Anne Northrup, was born March 18, 1853, in Jefferson township, Hillsdale county, Michigan. During his young manhood he spent some years teaching school, but on May 25, 1882, he was ordained as a Baptist minister at Sebewa, Michigan, and began his life work. In 1932 he observed the 50th anniversary of his ordination. He was a life member of the Masonic lodge at Williamston, and was a member of the Eastern Star chapter at St. Johns.

On Oct. 18, 1876, he was united in marriage to Belle E. Mead at Kalamazoo, Michigan. She preceded him in death April 14, 1935, after they had been together nearly 60 years. They were the parents of three children: Mrs. Mabel Axtell of St. Johns; Hubert M. Northrup of Milwaukee, Wis., and Karl D. Northrup of Lansing. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Rev. Northrup served pastorates at Sebewa, Mt. Morris, Traverse City, Mt. Pleasant, Williamston, DeWitt, Bath and St. Johns. During his pastorate in this city he assisted in building the Baptist church on the present site of St. Johns high school. Before construction of the school was started the church was moved to the location it now occupies and remodeled.

He filled the pulpit in the local Congregational church in the interim between the pastorates of Rev. Thomas Cleaver and Rev. Earl F. Collins. In 1937 the Congregationalists conferred upon him the title of Pastor Emeritus, and later joined the church and taught the adult Bible class in the church school until his death.

In all, Rev. Northrup served local churches as pastor at three different periods during the long ministry. He was also pastor at Mt. Morris twice, and a new church was erected while he was there. For two years he served as state missionary for the Baptist denomination, and had his headquarters at North Star.

voted their lives to the teaching of Christ, administering to the sick, comforting the bereaved, and commanding the love and respect of the many people who knew them. His passing came as he would have planned it, quickly and quietly, and the last place he visited was the one he loved—his church.

He served his Master long and faithfully, both giving and receiving much.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Congregational church where the body lay in state from noon until 2 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. Earl F. Collins, officiated, assisted by Rev. Leo B. Niles, and a number of Clinton county ministers attended in a body. Mrs. Eliza Stone and Mrs. Bert Glaspie sang. Burial was made in Mt. Rest cemetery.



MRS. G. S. NORTHRUP

DIES SUDDENLY AT HOME HERE

Mrs. G. S. Northrup Passes
Away April 14th; Hold
Funeral Wednesday

Suddenly stricken soon after arising Sunday morning, Mrs. G. S. Northrup, 78, highly esteemed St. Johns woman, passed away here at her home on South Ottawa street, April 14. She had been in failing health several years.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Congregational church. Rev. Earl F. Collins officiated and the sermon was preached by Rev. Frank Curry of Lansing. Mrs. Grace Coon sang, accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Albert Alaby. Members of the O. E. S. assisted in the rites and burial was made in the mausoleum at Mt. Rest cemetery.

Mrs. Northrup had been a resident of this city about 25 years. She was active in church, Women's Club and O. E. S. affairs and had many friends.

* Belle E. Mead was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 28, 1868. She was united in marriage to G. B. Northup in October, 1876, at Kalamazoo and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1926.

In 1882 Mr. Northrup was ordained and began preaching at Sebewa. Two years later he accepted a call to become pastor of the Baptist church at St. John's. The ministry, and during all that period Mrs. Northrup was at his side to assist whenever she was needed in church work, besides at

residence to her children as a wife and mother. She is survived by her husband George, three children, Hubert, Mabel and Bernice, of Milwaukee, Mrs. Mabel Northrup of Lansing. She also leaves several grandchildren and a number of other relatives.

Norton

HOLD FINAL RITES FOR EMINENT LOCAL LAWYER



William A. Norton

The funeral of William A. Norton, former member of the legislature, member of the Ingham County Bar association and prominent as a public speaker was held Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the home, 1213 W. Hillsdale st. Interment was in Mt. Hope cemetery. Members of the Ingham County Bar association acted as pall bearers. Thane Norton, son of Mr. Norton, arrived Monday from Los Angeles, Cal., to attend the funeral.

Nuffer

Republican-News

12-18-30

DEATH CLAIMS AGED PIONEER

Rites Held for John Nuffer;
Born in Dallas Township
75 Years Ago

BENGAL RESIDENT

John Jacob Nuffer Passed Away Tuesday, February 3.

John Jacob Nuffer passed away at his home in Bengal Tuesday, February 3, from cancer of the stomach. Funeral services were held Thursday at 1:00 o'clock at the house, Rev. J. H. Wilcox of the St. Johns Methodist Episcopal church, officiating.

John Jacob Nuffer was born in Wernburg Germany, March 30, 1855. He came with his parents to America in the same year and settled on a farm in Dallas township, four miles south of Fowler. He resided here until November 29, 1880, when he was united in marriage to Frederika Burgwhat of Riley. They then settled on a farm in Riley township, where they resided until four years ago, when they sold that farm and purchased one in Bengal township. To this union was born one child, Wilma, who lives at home.

Besides his wife and daughter, he leaves to mourn their loss, four brothers and four sisters: Peter of Bengal, Mathias of Dallas, George of Pewamo, Fred and Mrs. C. Behrens of Riley, Mrs. F. S. Tolles and Mrs. Philip Barnhart of Bingham and Mrs. Rosina Bray of Dewitt.

Interment was made in the St. Johns cemetery.

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John Mathias Nuffer was born on section 36, in Dallas township, Clinton county, Michigan, August 25, 1855, and departed this life December 5, 1930. His parents, Jacob and Anna Nuffer, came from Germany in the early 50's and settled on section 36, Dallas township, then a dense wilderness.

The subject of this sketch was the fourth of a family of 11 children. This made him undergo and endure the hardships of the early pioneers. Yet in spite of all this, he accumulated a comfortable fortune, after he had attained his majority. He remained at home and assisted his parents with the farm until he married, September 28, 1880, Lena Spearbreaker of Riley township. To this union four children were born, Helen Martin of Bengal township, Anthony and Walter Nuffer of Lansing, and Paul, who died in infancy.

He lived on the old homestead until the fall of 1915, when they sold the farm on which he had lived for sixty years, and moved to Lansing. In 1920 they bought the Temple farm in Riley township. They lived here three years when they again moved back to Lansing to remain until the Grim Reaper garnered him to his celestial home beyond.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 8, 1930, with short prayer services at his late home at 522 North Walnut street at two o'clock with regular Lutheran rites at the Riley Lutheran church. Interment in the church cemetery, with the Rev. H. Wohlert, pastor of the church officiating. He is survived by his widow, the three children mentioned above and one grandson, Johnie Nuffer; two brothers, George of Pewamo, and Fred of Dewitt; and four sisters, Mrs. Philip Barnhart, and Mrs. Tolles of St. Johns, Mrs. Bray of Dewitt, and Mrs. Behrens of Lansing; and a host of friends. To show the esteem in which Mr. Nuffer was held it was the largest funeral in this community.