

Sehlke

Well Known Riley Young People Are Married Wednesday

Richard Sehlke, son, of Mrs. Rika Sehlke, and Regina Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin, well known Riley township young people, were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon, April 24, at the Riley Lutheran church. Following the ceremony several hundred guests attended a reception for the newlyweds at the home of the groom's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Sehlke will reside on the Sehlke farm. A complete account of the wedding festivities will be published next week.

Many Guests Dine and Dance At Riley Wedding Reception

Schlke

St. Johns Folks Among
Crowd at Martens Home
On April 24th

By G. F. Ottmar

Another of those occasions "that made Riley famous" occurred at the pleasant and hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martens of Riley township Wednesday, April 24, 1920, when their oldest daughter, Regina, was married to Richard Schlke of Riley.

Shortly before 1:00 o'clock p. m. the contracting parties arrived at St. Peter's Lutheran church in Riley where a large assembly of relatives and friends greeted them. The ceremony was solemnized by the Rev. H. Wohler, pastor of the church.

After the wedding they all drove to the home of the bride where they were received in due form by a large gathering of invited guests. About 5:00 o'clock a sumptuous dinner was served, and such eats. Noodle soup, chicken, roast beef, potatoes with brown gravy, cake and such good looking young waitresses.

Ask Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hulse, they were there, Harry and Sam Casteel set at the table side by side. Harry was dug out clean to his toes. Sam tried to keep up with him. Then there was Leo Benson. I thought he never would get full and Rollie Benson thought he was installing a furnace. and Xavier Barnhart tried to demonstrate what effect stockfood had on the appetite. This all made one think of Will Carlton. Well after all these were disposed of, there was lots left.

After supper the bowery was cleared and the dance started. The young people danced until early morning. John Krause's orchestra furnished "Old country music" in the house and all the old Germans danced as they used to do and it was the real stuff and enjoyed by all. The party began to break up after the midnight lunch. Those who could not and those who did not care to dance visited and played cards. When the guests left they all wished the young couple much joy and happiness and left them many valuable presents.

The bridesmaids were Inna Martens, sister of the bride, and Louise McPrangel. Best men, Fred Schlke, brother of the groom, and Herman Hopp, cousin of the bride.

The bride was dressed in white georgette with silver overlace and pearl head trimming. She wore a veil and carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses. The bridesmaids wore light green georgette and peach georgette.

Out-of-town guests were present from Detroit, Lansing, St. Johns, Grand Ledge and Toledo, O. Mr. and Mrs. Schlke will be at home to their many friends after May 1 at their new home in Riley.

But, in whatever company he came,

His appetite stood by him all the same.

No picnic near, in weather foul or pleasant,

But Sam and stomach managed to be present.

And when, with innocent, unconscious air,

He placed himself at table, firm and square,

With one eye partly closed, the other looking

Intently at the different styles of cooking;

And when, with savage-gleaming knife and fork,

He brought himself down seriously to work,

And marched through every dish in conquering glory,

And ravaged all the adjacent territory,

Making the table for some distance round

Look like a fiercely hard-fought battle-ground,

A smile upon his placid face would fall,

As if life wasn't a failure after all.

6/22/65

Serrels



MRS. ROLAND DEAN SERRELS

Valley Farms Church Scene Of Buck-Serreels Wedding

A gown of rosepoint lace and silk organza over taffeta was chosen by Miss Judith Louise Buck for her marriage Saturday evening to Roland Dean Serrels, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Serrels Sr., 4015 N. East St. The couple was wed in the Valley Farms Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams D. Buck, 124 E. Jefferson St., are parents of the bride, whose gown featured a fitted bodice, sabrina neckline, long sleeves, an A-line skirt and a chapel train. The new Mrs. Serrels carried white roses and carnations.

Mrs. Charles DeYoung of DeWitt was her sister's matron of honor and bridesmaids were Miss Diane Miller and Miss Marlene Foster. They wore floor-length, high-waisted gowns of shantastic in shades of powder blue and shell pink and carried bouquets of carnations.

both of DeWitt, seated guests. LaDonna L. DeYoung, bride's niece, and Daniel Ferguson served as flowergirl and ringbearer.

The couple departed for a northern Michigan honeymoon after a wedding reception in Veterans Memorial Hall in DeWitt.

Rollman was Raymond Ser-

Serrels



8-16-51
The engagement of Miss Judith Louise Buck and Roland Dean Serrels has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Buck, 124 Jefferson St., DeWitt, Mo. and Mrs. Robert D. Serrels Sr., 4105 N. East St., are parents of the prospective bridegroom.

Shaffley

C.R. July 19, 1917

Dewitt

Obituary.

Druss B. Shaffley died at his home in Dewitt July 8th, 1917. In his death Dewitt is called to mourn one of its most worthy men. Mr. Shaffley was born in Switzerland, May 20th, 1837. At the age of 17 he came with his parents to Wellandport, Canada. In 1859 he was married to Miss Mary Rock and after a short residence in Canada they moved to Ionia county, Mich., remaining there over one year.

They then moved to Clinton county where he has lived about 47 years.

Mrs. Shaffley died in 1880. In 1885, he was married to Miss Sophronia Clark. Mr. Shaffley is survived by his wife, two sons, Emery of Shepard and Paul of Lansing, one daughter, Mary Murphy of Bengal, one son, Levi, died 12 years ago. He also leaves 12 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at his late home Wednesday, Rev. T. H. Wright, officiating. Interment in the Dewitt cemetery.

8-7-1930

VEDS DOUGLAS GIRL AUGUST 2

Ernest L. Shafley of Dewitt
Takes Miss Marguerite
Ekdahl As Bride

Dewitt—The marriage of Marguerite V. Ekdahl of Douglas, Michigan, to Ernest C. Shafley of Dewitt, Michigan, was performed at the home of the bride on August 2, at 3:30. Rev. Egbert Winters of the Congregational church officiated.

The bride wore a lovely gown of white organdie, a tight bodice, full skirt, and bertha collar, with shoes, rose and delicate lace hat to match. Her bouquet consisted of white sweet peas, carnations, baby's breath, and

snap dragons, with dainty streamers adding the finishing touches. The necklace, which was a gift of the groom, was her only ornament.

The bridesmaid, sister of the bride, Miss Alice Ekdahl of Chicago, Ill., wore a delicate gown of orchid chiffon, with a shirred collar and echru lace inserts, a tight bodice with a flared skirt, shoes and hose to match, completing her costume. Her bouquet contained Japanese lillies, carnations and snap dragons of rose color. The flower girl, Ethel Ekdahl, a sister of the bride, wore a fine white organdie dress with pink bows. She carried a small basket of pink blossoms.

The music consisted of "Oh Promise Me," a solo entitled "I Love You Truly," by Miss Barbara Kock of Grand Rapids, "Midsummers Nights Dream" and the Lohengrin wedding march. The best man was Mr. Roy Shafley of Dewitt, brother of the groom. Mr. Clarence Ekdahl of Chicago, Ill., brother of the bride, gave the bride away.

The home was decorated with

ferns and baskets of variety of flowers, the five stemmed candelabra containing green candles completed the simple beauty of the corner in which the sacred ceremony was performed.

The out-of-town guests consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, Harbor, Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Shafley, the groom's parents of Dewitt, Mrs. Sexton and children, Miss G. Hynia, L. Bloise, Miss N. LaBough, all of Grand Rapids, Miss Mable Palm of Fort Wayne, Ind.

A lovely reception was held immediately following the ceremony. They received many beautiful and useful gifts. The young couple have gone on a trip to Niagara and other eastern points and will be at home to their friends at 420 Highland St., S. E. Grand Rapids, after Aug. 18.

Shafley

Teacher, Superintendent to Be Honored at DeWitt

Sharp

DeWitt school board members, teachers and citizens, many of whom are former students of DeWitt school superintendent Clarence H. Fuerstenau and teacher Loretta Sharp, will gather at the high school gym at 2 p.m. Sunday to pay homage to these two highly respected educators, who have between them a total of 60 years service to DeWitt schools.

The DeWitt board of education decided May 1 that this would be an appropriate time to honor Superintendent Fuerstenau, who will complete his 35th year at DeWitt, and Mrs Sharp, who is finishing her 25th year. Mrs Virgil Zeeb, treasurer of the board, arranged the three-hour program with the help of the other board members' wives.

Born in Memphis, Mich., Fuerstenau attended country schools and was graduated from Richmond high school in 1919. He started teaching at DeWitt in 1923 after receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and business education from Albion College.

AFTER FIVE years as a 9th and 10th grade teacher and head of the 10-grade school, he went to Laingsburg, where he was superintendent three years. Fuerstenau taught night school in Flint one year after leaving Laingsburg, returning to DeWitt in 1932 to take over his present job.



LORETTA SHARP

The superintendent continued his education, receiving a Master of Arts degree in economics and business administration from MSU in 1944. He was married in 1926 to the former Beatrice Bisbing of Flint.

The Fuerstenaus have two daughters, Mrs Duane (Barbara) Davis of St. Johns and Mrs Donald (Margaret) Nelson of Summit, N. J., and a son, William, married to the former Patricia Sowers of Farmington, now living in Trenton, N. J., William is attending Princeton Theological seminary. There are also six grandchildren in the family.



CLARENCE H. FUERSTENAU

FUERSTENAU IS active in professional organizations and community affairs. He is a charter member of the DeWitt Lions club and belongs to the Masons and the Hi-12 club of Lansing. He served two terms on the DeWitt village council. He and Mrs Fuerstenau attend the First Presbyterian church in Lansing.

Mrs Sharp was born in Gratiot county, where she attended country schools and was graduated from Alma high school. After her marriage to LaVern Sharp and the birth of her daughter, Marjorie, she enrolled in County Normal at Ithaca.

She returned to her own country school for her first teaching assignment. She taught there three years, meanwhile attending Ferris Institute and Central Michigan University until she obtained her Life Teaching certificate.

MRS SHARP then went to Wheeler, Mich., where she taught four years and was principal two years. She came to DeWitt in 1937.

She continued her education at CMU, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree. In addition to her classroom duties, Mrs Sharp has conducted the girls glee club for the past 20 years.

Her daughter married Richard Brainerd of Bath. They have three children. Mrs Sharp attends DeWitt Community church.

Shay

Clinton Republican
1-30-1890

Died, Thursday, January 23rd, of consumption, after a long sickness, William Shay, aged 53 years. The funeral was held Friday 24th, under the funeral ceremony of the F. & A. M., of which he was a worthy member, and the remains interred in DeWitt cemetery. Deceased was a soldier in the rebellion, having served three years in the 7th New Jersey Infantry. MERCURY.

Shirts



Kuhn

Shirts

SHIRTS—Thomas A. Shirts, seaman second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Shirts of DeWitt, who recently returned to Great Lakes after spending a nine-day leave at home, has just notified his parents that he has been transferred to San Diego, Cal., where he will continue his training in the hospital corps.

Bridal Book

Shooltz



MRS. MICHAEL SHOOLTZ
... former Michele Keck

Shooltz-Keck

DeWITT—Miss Michele Diane Keck became the bride of Michael Louis Shooltz on Saturday evening in First Congregational Church, St. Johns. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Keck Sr., 311 W. Washington. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Shooltz, 506 W. Washington.

Miss Layne Fisher was the maid of honor. Bridemaids were Miss Susan Shooltz, the

bridegroom's sister, Miss Rebecca Bouts and Miss Suzanne Phillips.

Best man was Richard Reust of Lansing. Groomsmen were Richard K. Keck Jr., the bride's brother, Steven Markham, and Thomas Reust. Ushers were Steven Shooltz, the bridegroom's brother, and Duane Shooltz, the bridegroom's cousin.

Flowergirl was Miss Tammy Shooltz, the bridegroom's cousin. Ringbearer was Richie Reust of Lansing.

Special guests for the ceremony and the reception which followed at King Arthur's Court were Mr. and Mrs. Caryl Gall of Houghton Lake, the bride's grandparents, and Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Risdale and Mrs. Helen Shooltz, the bridegroom's grandparents.

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Shultz

1930

**Funeral Services
Held March 13th
For Arthur Shultz**

Arthur Shultz was born March 16, 1872, in Riley township, and passed away Tuesday morning, March 11, at the Sparrow hospital at the age of 57 years, 11 months and 25 days. In the fall of 1903 he was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Ingram and they resided in Riley township until her death in 1917. He was married to Mrs. Lena Leonard in 1924 and lived the remainder of his life in Lansing.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his widow and three children, Dorothy, George and Mrs. Lyle Norris. He also leaves a brother, Archey Shultz of Lansing and Mrs. Edna McFee of St. Louis. One daughter preceded him in death in 1904.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church in Dewitt Thursday p. m. Burial in South Riley cemetery.

Shumaker

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.

The Republican.

Thursday, January 25, 1894.



TIME TABLE.

.. IN EFFECT ..

NOVEMBER 19th, 1893.

Westward.

Golden Wedding.

Last Monday afternoon, January 16th, 1894, sixty-five relatives and friends met with Mr. and Mrs. Holland Sias, of South Riley, to help them celebrate their fiftieth anniversary or golden wedding. The roads were bad and the day was gloomy, but these difficulties did not stand in the way or prevent the friends from accepting the kind invitation. What nature lacked out doors, love and good will made up in doors, for the sunshine of friendship and good fellowship shone warm and bright. So few couples among thousands are spared to live together until half a century has passed over their wedded lives, that it was a pleasure for all to be there and a pleasure too, that will never be forgotten while memory lasts. I doubt if any one present enjoyed being there more than your humble correspondent. Twenty-three years ago I taught school in South Riley nearly a year and had the pleasure of boarding around. I had the advantage over the teachers of to-day, for I not only knew the pupils well but the parents also, and it was truly a great treat to have the privilege of renewing old acquaintances and forming many new ones. Many of my pupils were there but had grown to manhood and womanhood with families of their own growing up around them, and although my heart is as young as those days I, as well as several others present, had to acknowledge that time is surely bearing us down the stream of life. Among the company present was the tiny babe in its mother's arms and the aged grandmother of 85 years. The bride said that to look ahead fifty years at the time of her marriage it seemed very far away but to look back it seemed only a step.

Mr. and Mrs. Sias came from New York when words were more plenty than cleared fields; but they did not stand idle or turn back as their farm, comfortable home and well tilled ground shows. Time has dealt lightly with them as they look much younger than they are. Since they came to Michigan two daughters have crossed over the silent river and found eternal life; but Mr. and Mrs. Sias have the blessed assurance that all is well and that when the times comes for them to leave this world of care they will be a united family where sorrows never comes and partings are no more. One son is spared them and he lives on the homestead with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Sias were the recipients of several fine presents, the following is a partial list: gold glasses, C. Sias and wife; silver teaspoons, Mrs. A. Filmore; banquet lamp, Charles Forman and wife; picture, S. Jones and wife; lamp, W. Hungerford and wife; silver cake basket, gold lined, Mr. Fenton and wife, and Mr. Conklin and wife; china cups and saucers, H. Molimian and wife; tida, Mrs. Schlimmer; horn; #2, Mrs. Whitaker St.; rose bowl, O. Robinson and wife; mat, Mrs. Doe; cup and saucer, Orrin Stevens; silver souvenir spoon, A. Craun and wife; silver souvenir spoon; Celia Birchard and wife; gold ring, #10 in gold, two silk handkerchiefs, two scarf pins and pineapple cushion, Mrs. Burt; glass fruit dish, H. Stevens and wife; sugar shell and butter knife, J. N. DeWitt and wife; silver nut picks, I. D. Richmond and wife; silver fruit knives, M. Matthews and wife; sugar shake, Mrs. P. Huntly; two picture frames, Mr. Kent and wife; salt and pepper set, Mrs. E. Stevens; gold thimble, A. Robinson and wife; wall pocket, A. Kimball and wife; perfume case, Irma Kimball.

Among the guests from abroad were Chas. Forman and wife, Mrs. A. Filmore and B. F. Filmore from Fremont, Mich.; M. L. Fenton and Mrs. J. H. Conklin, Marian, Mich.; Hetty Matthews, Reese, Mich.; Mrs. P. Huntly, Kalamazoo; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sias, Toquon, Mich.; J. N. DeWitt and wife, I. D. Richmond and wife, Mrs. S. Jones, Allie Jones, St. Johns. A fine supper was served for which five turkeys and twelve chickens' lives were sacrificed. The tables were loaded down with every delicacy of the season. Huge dishes of oranges also, graced the tables. After supper Charles Forman sang songs very appropriate for the occasion, then Lafayette Fenton read the following letter:

LANSING, Mich., January 15, 1894.

Dear Friends: Mr. and Mrs. Sias' greetings to you and to all upon this happy anniversary of a day long passed. A half a century is a long time to think of crawling along day by day, every hour full of care and work with many joys and blessings crowded in along the way. But doubtless, to-day as you look back to that hour when you began life's journey together the time seems short, in spite of the many changes that have come to you. It is a kind provision of nature that when we look back over the past the trials sink out of sight or if remembered, lose their sharpest stings while pleasures increase as we look at them in after years. May this occasion be one that you will be glad to think of as one of the most joyous of your lives. May you realize the presence of your loved ones who have passed on before and may you realize that only a mist lies between you and that fair land where they dwell, and are only a little in advance of us who are on the homeward way.

May you yet have many more years; enough to bring you to the goal of 75 years of wedded life. Please accept the best wishes of your sincere friend.

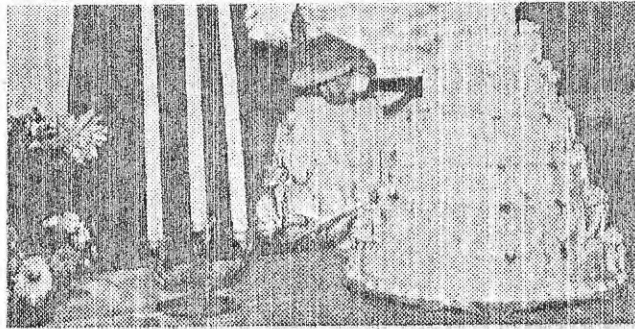
MARY L. DOE.

Sias

June 1962 Sibley
State Grange Sewing Winners



MRS LILLIAH SIBLEY of DeWitt, a real sewing devotee, was named best-of-show winner in the recent State Grange sewing contest at Capitol Grange, East Lansing. She is shown above being presented with a vacuum sweeper as her grand prize. The winning dress is worn by her granddaughter, Diane Sibley, 7 (at left). Mrs Sibley, a member of DeWitt Grange, also received a wristwatch for winning in the class of girls' dresses made by adults.



Sibley

MR. AND MRS. RUSSEL A. SIBLEY

By Mrs. Agnes Steinhardt

Dewitt—A white cross, festooned with pink roses, on the altar, a bank of palms, ferns and baskets of fall flowers, with white tapers in candelabra formed the setting for an impressive candlelight wedding ceremony which united Arda Ione, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Stampfly of Dewitt, and Russel Alger Sibley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alger Sibley, also of Dewitt, in marriage Saturday evening, Sept. 7, at Dewitt Community church.

Rev. LaVern Bretz read the double ring service before nearly 200 guests. The bride was gowned in embroidered white satin fashioned with a train. The bodice, which fastened at the back with satin covered buttons, had a sweetheart neckline and the tight fitting sleeves came to a point over the hands. Her fingertip length veil of net was held in place by a tiara of lace and orange blossoms and her only ornament was a single strand of pearls, a gift from the groom. She carried a bouquet of snow white roses and pompoms tied with white satin ribbon.

The maid of honor, Miss Margaret Ranney, wore pink net over taffeta with jersey bodice and a shoulder length veil of net with shirred tiara of net. She carried an arm bouquet of pink roses and camellias tied with pink.

The bridesmaids, Miss Ila Howe, cousin of the bride, and Miss Lorraine Wood, wore identical gowns of blue net over taffeta with bodices of jersey and matching shoulder length veils and carried bouquets of yellow roses with matching ribbon. The flower girl, little Anne Stampfly, cousin of the bride, wore a floor length gown of pink net over taffeta with matching veil and carried a white crocheted basket of flowers.

Gordon Strahle carried the rings on a heart shaped satin pillow. Howard Sibley, brother of the groom, was best man, and ushers were Francis Sibley and Carl Steinhardt, cousin and brother-in-law, respectively, of the groom. Miss Barbara Fuerstenau was pianist and Margaret Fuerstenau sang "Because," "I Love You Truly," and "The Lord's Prayer." They also

furnished music during the reception in the church parlors which followed the ceremony. The mothers of both bride and groom were attired in black with camellia corsages.

The happy couple left immediately for a honeymoon trip to California. The bride's traveling suit was of fuchsia with black accessories. Mrs. Henrietta Ranney was mistress of ceremonies at the reception and was assisted by Mesdames Gladys Strahle, Edna Andrews, Lela Wood, Elfrieda Seeger, Esther Klaver, Marvel Forbis, Julia Volgand, the Misses Helen Moon, Laura Ranney and Helen Shirts.

The six-tiered wedding cake was flanked by white candelabra and a low bowl of flowers with the crystal punch bowl occupying the end of the table.

The bride has a month's leave of absence from the R. E. Olds Company where she has been a secretary for the past three years. Mrs. Sibley graduated from Eastern High School in Lansing in 1942 and attended Lansing secretarial school for one year. She is a talented young lady and has been prominent in musical circles, in 4-H club work, also in church and Grange activities.

Mr. Sibley graduated from Central High School in 1937, then took a post graduate course in 1938. The following year he attended M. S. C. He spent three years and eight months in service in World War II. He was first sent to Camp Wallis, Texas, then to Camp Hulen, Texas, then to Massachusetts. He was then sent to North Africa and Naples, Italy. His occupation was Motor Transportation with a Coast Artillery Battalion. He advanced to staff-sergeant and participated in four battles: Naples, Foggia, Rome-Arno, No. Apennines and Po Valley. He received many decorations and citations: the Victory Medal, American Theater Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Ribbon, 4 bronze battle stars, bronze service arrowhead, 5 overseas service bars, 1 service strip and good conduct medal.

Upon their return they will make their home with the groom's parents for a time where he will engage in farming.

Sibley

Alger R. Sibley, Pioneer

Mr. Alger R. Sibley, 89, of 1210 West Cuthbert Road, DeWitt, died September 17, 1975, at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, after a long illness.

His funeral was held at the DeWitt Area Chapel, Saturday, September 20, with the Rev. LaVern Bretz conducting the service. Interment was at DeWitt Cemetery.

Memorials for Mr. Sibley may be given to the DeWitt Community Church.

Mr. Sibley was born in Olive Township in Clinton County on June 6, 1886, the son of Levi W. and Alzina Carr Sibley, and had lived all his life in the family home.

He and the former Lilah Parkhouse were married at St. Johns on December 8, 1917, and she survives her husband. He was a farmer all his life and a member of the Farm Bureau and the Bingham Grange.

Two daughters and two sons survive, Mrs. Doris Steinhardt of DeWitt, Mrs. Delene Schutheiss, Sandusky, Michigan, Russell Sibley of DeWitt and Howard Sibley of Washington. He had twelve grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Sibley

Christ's presence is here among us.
He reaches down His consoling hand
He is here beside us. But, most of
all, He wants us to know that He
has not taken our loved one. He
has given back that fullness of
life promised . . . and one day, He
will give our loved one back to us.

Dying, you destroyed our death,

Rising, you restored our life.

In Memory Of
LILAH R. SIBLEY

Date Of Birth
May 17, 1897
Riley Township

Date Of Death
April 16, 1981
Lansing, Michigan

Services
DeWitt Community Church
Saturday, April 18, 1981 -- 1:00 PM

Officiating
Barney Ford

Interment
DeWitt Cemetery

Sibley

cemetery.

Former Lansing Woman Dies on Dewitt Farm

DEWITT, May 15.--Mrs. Levi W. Sidley who has resided on a farm one mile north of Dewitt for the past 55 years died at her farm home early Monday morning. Funeral services will be held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Donald Grey, pastor of the Lansing Olivet Baptist church will officiate. Interment will be made in Dewitt cemetery.

Alzona Carr was born in Clinton county New York January 19, 1848. She came with her parents to Lansing in 1856. In 1867 she was married to Mr. Sidley. They began at once to keep house on the farm where she died.

Mrs. Sidley is survived by her husband, one daughter Emilene who lives at home, Luther of California, Levi of Dewitt and Alger R. who lives on the homestead.

Signs

Mrs. Jane Sigus died at her home in Riley last Thursday morning. She was about 75 years old and leaves several children.

Silm

MRS. CHARLES SILM DIES AT RILEY HOME

FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE
HELD AT RILEY CHURCH
FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. Caroline Silm, 71, widow of the late Charles Silm, died at her home in Riley township Wednesday, August 2, 1944. She had spent most of her life in Clinton county. Prayer service will be held at the home in Riley Friday at 2 o'clock and services will be held at the Riley Lutheran church at 2:30. Burial will be held in Riley cemetery.

Caroline Shoemaker was born Sept. 20, 1873, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Shoemaker. She was married to Charles Silm Nov. 10, 1892. To this union were born two sons, Arthur, who died in 1919, and Martin, who survives. Her husband passed away on Aug. 29, 1935.

Besides the son, Arthur Silm, Mrs. Silm is survived by two brothers, John and William Shoemaker of Riley township; and a sister, Mrs. Mary Burgwhat of Fowler, and two grandchildren.

DEATH CLAIMS

CHAS. F. SILM

Silm

Well Known Riley Township
Farmer Dies Aug. 29th;
Rites Held Saturday

Charles F. Silm, 66, well known and highly respected Riley township farmer, died Thursday, Aug. 29, 1935, at his home after an illness of more than two years. He had been a resident of Riley practically all his life and was both prominent and well liked in the whole community.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and a half hour later at the Riley Lutheran church, of which he was a member. His pastor, Rev. F. Coellner, officiated and burial was made in the Riley Lutheran cemetery.

Charles Frederick Silm, son of Karl and Wilhelmina Silm, was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, March 3, 1869, and came to this country with his parents when only three months old. The family settled in Riley township where he grew to manhood. He was instructed and confirmed by the Rev. Witte, in the Lutheran church.

He was united in marriage with Carolina Schumaker, on Nov. 15, 1892, and at once moved to the farm in Riley where he spent the remainder of his life, over 43 years. This union was blessed with two sons, Arthur, who passed away in 1916; and Martin, living at home, who with his wife and mother, so tenderly cared for him the past two years.

He is survived by his widow, Carolina, one son, Martin; two brothers, William of St. Johns, and Henry of Riley; two sisters, Mrs. Carolina Mankey of Traverse City, and Mrs. Henry Bleis, Jr., of Riley; and many other relatives; together with a host of friends who mourn their loss.

Silsbee

SEVENTY-THREE YEARS OLD.

Mrs. Liddia Silsbee Lived to be
That Age.

Mrs. Liddia Silsbee died at her home
403 Lausing street south, Saturday
morning, of old age. She was born in
Putnam county, New York, October 5,
1803, and in company with her husband
moved to Eagle, this county, in 1850,
where they resided eight years. In 1858
they moved to St. Johns where she has
since lived. Her husband, Archibald
Silsbee, is remembered by all the old
residents in St. Johns. He built the
foundry on Ottawa street soon after
moving here. Mrs. Silsbee came from a
very long lived race of people, her mother,
Tamer McCabe, having lived to be a
hundred years old. She died in this place
in 1867. Mrs. Silsbee was an aunt of
Mrs. S. W. Ingraham and H. D. McCabe.
She has a sister, Elizabeth Smith, and
one daughter, Kate Silsbee. The funeral
services were held at the family residence
at two o'clock Monday afternoon.

Lifestyle

323-1711

Long-ago veterans had local ties

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

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

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

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

Col. Thomas Lee was born Dec. 20, 1774, in Hudson, N.Y. He came to DeWitt at a relatively early date but no information concerning his life here has been confirmed. His wife's maiden name was Asenath Willets and they had at least one son, George W. Lee. Col. Lee died at DeWitt, Dec. 2, 1832, and is buried in the DeWitt cemetery.

Barna Allen (also recorded as Burma or Barney Allen) was born in Washington Co., N.Y., Nov. 12, 1786 (?). He settled south and west of DeWitt in 1837 and was among the earliest members of the DeWitt Baptist Church in 1842. He died March 4, 1847, and is buried in the DeWitt cemetery beside his wife, Betsey (Heath) Allen who died in 1841. Their son George W. Allen became a prominent settler of section 19, this township.

The tombstone of Enos Silsbee in the DeWitt cemetery has been engraved (at a later date) "PVT. N.Y. Militia, War of 1812." He died Nov. 7, 1845, at the age of 48. He is buried with his wife, Abigail, and two daughters who died at an early age. Other than these facts, nothing fur-

ther is known.

David Olin Sr. came to DeWitt at an early date, reportedly in 1837. His name is frequently mentioned in the early histories of this area but as he had a son by the same name it is nearly impossible to distinguish who is being credited. David Sr. is credited with building the Baptist Meeting House on north Bridge street and one of the early schools at Gunnison's corners. He is also listed among the early owners of DeWitt's Clinton House hotel. He died here on August 25, 1857, at the age of 62, and is buried in the DeWitt cemetery.

Henry Chappell (also spelled Chappel) is believed to have been an early settler south and west of DeWitt. He died here on May 2, 1861, at the age of 72 and was originally buried in the former Goodrich cemetery on Schavey road. His grave, along with several others, was removed to the DeWitt cemetery at a later date.

James Stickles, an early settler of southern DeWitt township, died August 26, 1876, at the age of 79. He is said to have been buried in the Hurd cemetery beside his wife Lucy.

Daniel Ferguson Jr. (1794-1864) is believed to have come to the DeWitt settlement in 1834 along with his father, Daniel Sr. and several brothers. Most of this large family, including Daniel Jr., eventually settled in Olive township near Muskrat Lake. Specific references to him are confusing due to he and his father having the same name. He was probably buried in either the Alward or Merrihew cemeteries, though no connection to either has been located.

Dr. Hiram Stowell (whose veteran status has not yet been firmly established) was a native of Cayuga Co.,

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N.Y. He and his family came to DeWitt in 1837 and settled on the Looking Glass river, several miles upriver from the Scott settlement. He was elected Clinton county's first Judge of Probate in 1839 and afterwards came to the village of DeWitt where he built an impressive home on the northeast corner of Main and Franklin. He died here on August 25, 1857, at the age of 62 and was buried in the DeWitt cemetery.

According to records of the Daughters of 1812, Porter Briggs is said to have lived in the DeWitt area but this has not been confirmed by local records. It is possible that he was connected with the later Briggs family of southern DeWitt township.

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